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#### Littlewoods Cup

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Finalists 1988-89

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Finalists 1958-59

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Finalists 1987-88

#### Division 2

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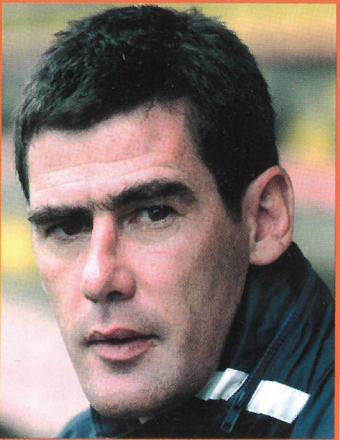


The authority...

The Quality of the Football

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## The Manager's Message



HELLO, and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the second time this week. Monday's night's result against Tranmere Rovers was a satisfying one. Watching it at the time, I didn't feel as though we had played well over the 90 minutes, and said so afterwards.

But having seen it again in the early hours of Tuesday morning I was possibly a bit unfair on the lads. It just shows how high the standards have been at home so far this season.

We have just completed the first quarter of the season, and are relatively happy with the way things have gone so far, considering the turmoil of the summer and the restrictions on us concerning bringing in players.

The way the players have performed, and the commitment they have shown, is pleasing to say the least, but in an ideal world we would like to add to the squad. Injuries and suspensions are inevitable in the modern game, and cover in every area is essential.

On the topic of suspensions, I may be facing one myself soon, having been sent to the stands at Swindon.

The game can be frustrating at times, especially when it means so much to us. I can accept that referees have a difficult job, but can't accept complete incompetence, and definitely can't accept arrogance.

In the days of fourth officials we get treated like schoolboys at times. What they seem to forget is we are professionals doing our job, and people can lose their temper, as any person can when things go against you at work.

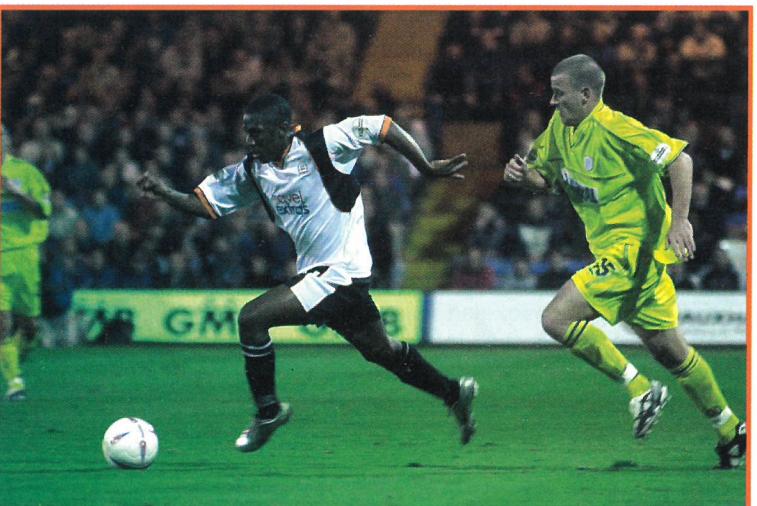
It is basically a hobby for officials, and a good opportunity to make a name for themselves. It is no coincidence that the best referees go unnoticed.

We all make mistakes, but if you keep on making them back Ryan Taylor during Monday's game at Kenilworth Road.

trouble. It seems to me that this is not the case for officials, and to make things worse some believe they can treat us with complete contempt. They may well know the rules, but knowing the game is a different matter, and the best referees are those who do know the game.

Welcome to Wycombe Wanderers, John Gorman, his players, directors and supporters. It is the second time this week we have faced a club without a manager. It is that time of the season when managers seem to run out of time. It is a hard job, and we will always be judged on results at the end of the day, but next to playing, it is the best job in the world, and gives great satisfaction when things go your way. That is not always the case, unfortunately. Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

*Mike Newell*





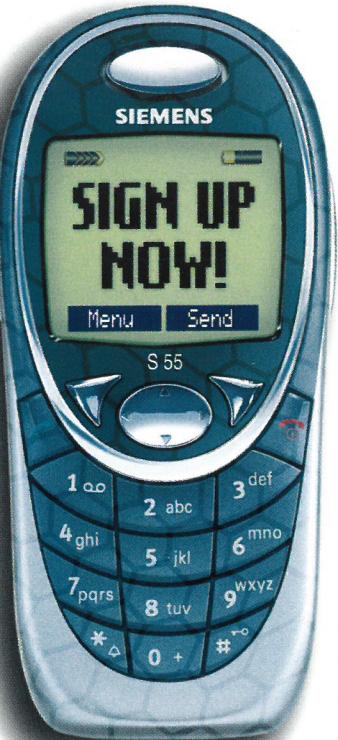
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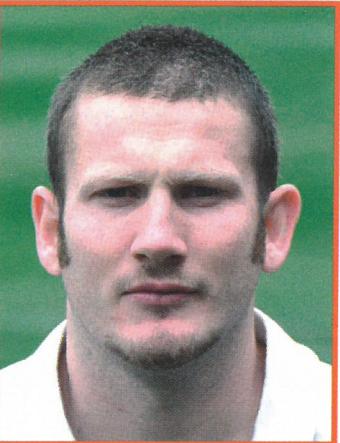
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## The Town Captain's View



THREE more points in the bag and a well-deserved victory over a team that had frustrated us when they last came to Kenilworth Road – not a bad night, Monday, was it?

The gaffer said afterwards that it was nice to get the result against Tranmere when we had not been at our best. I take his point, but the lads were well pleased with the way things went. It was certainly good not to concede a goal in the last minute.

It was ironic that there nearly was a goal in stoppage time, and it was a pity Chris Coyne's effort was ruled out because I think a 4-1 result would have been about right.

We have had bad luck with injuries, and we are bound to miss Steve Howard. I wish him a speedy recovery. We will miss his strength and height, in defence as much as in attack, because we are not a massive team, and at set pieces when opposing defenders come forward the strikers' duty is to drop back to mark them.

We are lucky that Adrian Forbes has come back to form, and I am pleased to see him back on the goal trail. He is also remarkably good defensively, because while he is not the tallest man in the team, I think he jumps higher for headers than anyone else.

Fortunately, Russ Perrett has returned at just the right time, and with no disrespect to our other defenders, I think he and Chris Coyne are as good a central defensive partnership as anything in our league. Russ underlined the point about defenders going upfield for set pieces, and his goal was brilliant. It changed the game, forcing Tranmere to be more positive, so in that sense it was invaluable.

Like all our supporters, I was up celebrating each goal, which gave my knee a bit of a fitness test!

My recovery is going well. I feel ready to start running again, but have been told that I must wait a little longer, but at least I am now able to go to the club

each day for my rehab work. It's good to be around with the rest of the lads, and enjoy the crack with them.

I will be in the stands again this afternoon hoping to cheer on the lads to another win to give us another shove up the table.

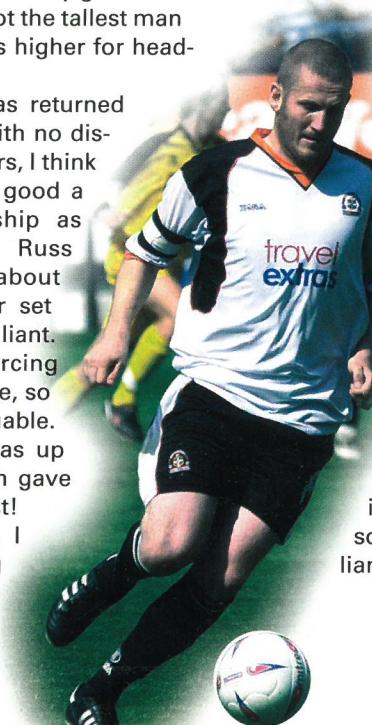
Wycombe are having a poor season, but we know from experience that you under-estimate any opposition at your peril. I still shudder when I think back to the points we lost last season to teams we should have beaten. We seemed to turn it on for the so-called better sides, only to throw away silly points against three of the four relegated sides.

On our day we can beat anyone, and that has to include teams from the lower reaches of the table.

We can do it, and I would like to finish by wishing all the lads the best of luck, but especially Dean Brill, who could be starting the first league game of his career today. It will be a big occasion for him, but he has the character to deal with it. We work with him in training, and everyone has full confidence in him. He has got just about everything a goalkeeper needs, including a loud mouth, and won't be shy of telling the men in front of him what he expects of them.

I hope he and rest of the team make it a match to remember. And if it's a case of grinding out a result, so be it – rather than play brilliantly and get beaten.

*Kevin Nicholls*



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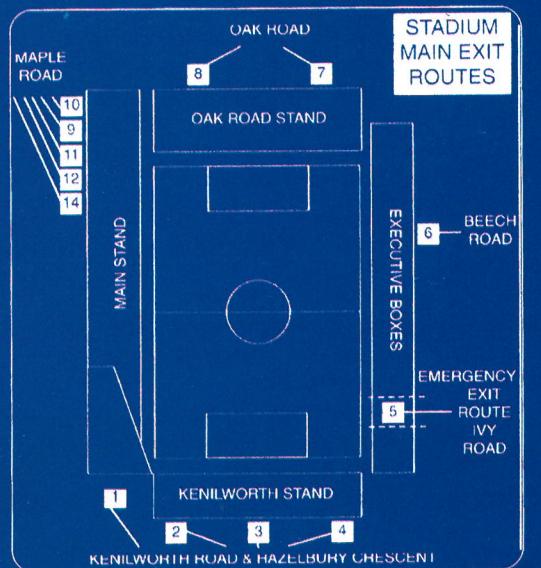
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



## From The Chief Executive



GOOD afternoon and welcome, particularly to the directors, players and supporters of Wycombe Wanderers.

I need to deal first with the problems that were encountered at last Monday's match, the success of which was marred by the three people who went onto the pitch. Much of the attention that should have focused on the team success was taken away by their actions.

The regulations are quite clear, and as already stated we have banned these people from attending football at Kenilworth Road, and the new "fast track" system used by the courts meant that the adult was dealt with on Tuesday morning, receiving a £100 fine and a three-year ban from all football grounds. At the time of writing we have not heard regarding the two youths who entered the pitch.

Today sees a bucket collection, the first of many fund-raising activities by the official Supporters Club to raise funds for a new minibus for the youth department.

Several supporters have spoken to me in the past and said they would be happy to give, if they knew what the money would be used for. So here it is, a £20,000 minibus to be paid for by donations from the supporters. Please see page 43 for more details. Needless to say, any help you can give will be much appreciated.

Our next home match sees a new half-time competition in which supporters will be able to win a brand new Ford Ka, on FOUR occasions at home matches during the season. Details appear on page 16 of the programme, and I would like to record my personal thanks to Chris Green and Paul Hancock, Directors of Sky Ford Hemel Hempstead, for the sponsorship of this great competition.

I know that many supporters who went to the Carling Cup match at Charlton Athletic were disappointed at not being able to pur-

chase a matchday programme on the night, and I am pleased to advise supporters that Charlton have offered to have additional programmes printed. If you would like a copy, please don't contact Charlton direct, but simply send in a cheque for £1.50, payable to Luton Town FC, together with an s.a.e. to us here at the club, and we will make the necessary arrangements to send you the programme.

Congratulations are due to our the Club Chaplain Catherine Moss and her husband Anthony on the birth of their baby daughter Esther. Mother and daughter are both well. Which brings me to the annual carol service, which this year will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church in Church Street Luton on Thursday December 18, with a 7.30 kick-off. As always all are welcome, so please put this date in your diary.

Last Wednesday I attended a disciplinary hearing at the Football Association headquarters in Soho Square regarding the our club's disciplinary record for the past two seasons. We will have to wait for ten days to hear the outcome.

Finally, I expect like me you will be cheering on England tonight when they play Turkey (kick off 6pm), and after everything that has gone on this week in the England squad I just hope it is a good match and a good result. It is good for football as a whole when the national team does well, and I am sure you, like me, want to see England reach the finals of Euro 2004.

Cherry Newbery

Comebacks		Fouls conceded/game		Caught offside/game		Throwaways ahead by	
behind by	-2 -1	Port Vale	10.67	Wrexham	13.00	Barnsley	1.75
Blackpool	1 2	Rushden	10.83	Wycombe	13.17	Brentford	1.92
Port Vale	0 3	Stockport	11.42	Grimsby	13.25	Grimsby	3.92
Wrexham	0 3	Blackpool	11.64	Chesterfield	13.33	Notts County	1.92
Bournemouth	0 2	Oldham	11.83	Barnsley	13.42	Bournemouth	2.00
Hartlepool	1 0	Brighton	12.00	Plymouth	13.50	Port Vale	2.75
Brentford	0 1	Hartlepool	12.17	Plymouth	2.83	Wycombe	3.09
Brighton	0 1	Swindon	12.25	Notts County	13.67	Stockport	4.25
Bristol City	0 1	Bournemouth	12.33	Bristol City	14.00	Bristol City	4.75
Luton	0 1	Sheff Wed	12.42	Luton	14.00	Hartlepool	3.67
Plymouth	0 1	Colchester	14.58	QPR	3.67	Chesterfield	4.75
Rushden	0 1	Tranmere	16.50	Sheff Wed	3.67	Luton	4.83
Swindon	0 1	PQR	17.00	Oldham	4.92	Notts County	0.00
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Rushden	12.75	Tranmere	16.50	Luton	4.83
Swindon	13.00	PQR	17.00	Notts County	0.00

Caught offside/game		Throwaways ahead by	
Barnsley	1.75	Wycombe	3.67
Brentford	1.92	Grimsby	3.92
Grimsby	3.25	Tranmere	4.17
Notts County	1.92	Blackpool	4.18
Bournemouth	2.00	Colchester	4.25
Port Vale	2.75	Peterborough	4.25
Wycombe	3.09	Stockport	4.25
Stockport	4.00	Bristol City	4.75
Bristol City	4.00	Hartlepool	3.67
Luton	4.00	Chesterfield	4.75
Notts County	0.00	Luton	4.83
Port Vale	0.00	QPR	0.00
QPR	0.00	Sheff Wed	0.00
Sheff Wed	0.00	Stockport	0.00
Swindon	0.00	Swindon	0.00
Tranmere	0.00	Tranmere	0.00

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Grimsby	0 2
Oldham	0 2
Rushden	0 2
Peterborough	1 0
Wycombe	1 0
Blackpool	0 1
Colchester	0 1
Luton	0 1
Notts County	0 1
Port Vale	0 1
QPR	0 1
Sheff Wed	0 1
Stockport	0 1
Swindon	0 1
Tranmere	0 1

### Goals Per Game - The Division's Most Consistent Strikers

Minimum of 5 goals

Player: Peacock  
Lge Gls: 7  
CC Gls: 2  
Games: 10  
Gls/Game: 0.90

Lowe  
1 1  
9 0.89

Parkin  
5 0.67

McSheffrey  
6 0.64

Mooney  
7 0.62

Thorpe  
5 0.60

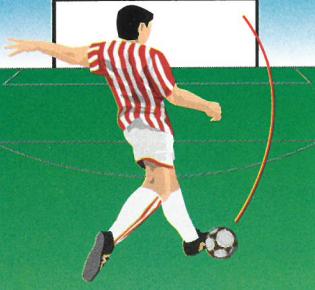
Knight  
8 0.57

Taylor  
4 0.54

Robinson  
6 0.50

Paynter  
6 0.50

### Goals from Outside Area



Strachan Hartlepool 3  
Anderson Grimsby 2  
Padula QPR 2  
Ainsworth QPR 2  
Furlong QPR 2  
Lowe Rushden 2  
Currie Wycombe 2

### Headed Goals



Knight  
Peacock  
Coughlan  
Evans  
Paynter  
Lowe  
Kuqi  
Mooney  
Jones  
Lawrence  
Betsy  
Boulding  
Frii  
Owusu  
Beckett  
Barlow  
Dadi  
Patterson

Brighton  
Bristol City  
Plymouth  
Plymouth  
Port Vale  
Rushden  
Sheff Wed  
Swindon

Tranmere  
Wrexham  
Barnsley  
Grimsby  
Plymouth  
Sheff Wed  
Stockport  
Stockport  
Stockport  
Wycombe

Heffernan  
Murray  
Frii  
Evans  
Collins  
Furlong  
Lowe  
Nicholson

Notts County  
Oldham  
Plymouth  
Plymouth  
Port Vale  
QPR  
Rushden  
Tranmere

### Goals in last 10 mins



On T Gls Ave

Hartlepool 64 24 2.67  
Oldham 70 23 3.04  
Port Vale 64 20 3.20  
QPR 83 24 3.46  
Sheff Wed 66 19 3.47  
Luton 68 19 3.58  
Brighton 78 21 3.71  
Swindon 89 22 4.05  
Grimsby 67 16 4.19  
Stockport 58 13 4.46  
Colchester 69 15 4.60  
Peterborough 67 14 4.79

On T Gls Ave

Rushden 96 19 5.05  
Plymouth 107 21 5.10  
Bristol City 82 16 5.13  
Blackpool 73 14 5.21  
Wycombe 68 13 5.23  
Bournemouth 76 14 5.43  
Barnsley 79 14 5.64  
Brentford 58 10 5.80  
Tranmere 79 13 6.08  
Wrexham 67 11 6.09  
Notts County 68 11 6.18  
Chesterfield 60 7 8.57

On T Gls Ave

Hartlepool 83 13 6.38  
Bristol City 51 8 6.38  
Barnsley 89 14 6.36  
Brighton 61 10 6.10  
QPR 54 9 6.00  
Sheff Wed 79 14 5.64  
Grimsby 106 19 5.58  
Wrexham 64 12 5.33  
Bournemouth 65 13 5.00  
Rushden 106 22 4.82  
Colchester 76 16 4.75  
Brentford 87 19 4.58

On T Gls Ave

Plymouth 72 16 4.50  
Notts County 88 22 4.00  
Chesterfield 75 19 3.95  
Wycombe 89 23 3.87  
Luton 69 18 3.83  
Tranmere 63 17 3.71  
Blackpool 77 21 3.67  
Swindon 55 15 3.67  
Oldham 65 18 3.61  
Port Vale 53 15 3.53  
Stockport 68 21 3.24  
Peterborough 61 19 3.21

### Most Potent Attack - Shots On Target: Goals

Team On T Gls Ave  
Hartlepool 64 24 2.67  
Oldham 70 23 3.04  
Port Vale 64 20 3.20  
QPR 83 24 3.46  
Sheff Wed 66 19 3.47  
Luton 68 19 3.58  
Brighton 78 21 3.71  
Swindon 89 22 4.05  
Grimsby 67 16 4.19  
Stockport 58 13 4.46  
Colchester 69 15 4.60  
Peterborough 67 14 4.79

### Best Goalkeeping - Shots On Target: Goals Conceded

Team On T Gls C Ave  
Rushden 96 19 5.05  
Plymouth 107 21 5.10  
Bristol City 82 16 5.13  
Blackpool 73 14 5.21  
Wycombe 68 13 5.23  
Bournemouth 76 14 5.43  
Barnsley 79 14 5.64  
Brentford 58 10 5.80  
Tranmere 79 13 6.08  
Wrexham 67 11 6.09  
Notts County 68 11 6.18  
Chesterfield 60 7 8.57

# Hatters Away Three Times

THE TOWN have three away games on the trot in the next ten days. Tuesday's short trip to Stevenage in the LDV Vans Trophy is followed by visits to Griffin Park on Saturday and Bournemouth on the following Tuesday.

The game at Stevenage has not caught the imagination like it did a year ago, when for many it was a new ground on the Town's itinerary, and as we went to press Town on Tour were not sure if they would be running a coach to the game – it depends on bookings. It's worth checking at the Supporters Club kiosk this afternoon.

If there is a Town on Tour coach, it will leave Bletchley at 5.30 and Luton an hour later, and fares will be £7.50 for LTSC members, £6.50 concessionary members, and £8.50 for others. The Bobbers Travel Club will leave Cranfield at 4.45 and Luton at 5.45 and the fare will be £6.50, with £1 off for senior and junior citizens.

### Easy Road To Stevenage

DRIVING to Stevenage Borough is easy and quick, 17 miles from ground to ground. Leave Luton on the A505 to Hitchin, then take the A602 to Stevenage. On the approach to Stevenage you come to a roundabout where the A602 continues to Stevenage, while the A1(M) is signposted to London and the south. Take the motorway towards London and leave at the first turn-off, junction 7, making a left turn to follow the A602 towards Stevenage and Ware, and you will see the football ground signposted. It is about half a mile from the motorway exit: go straight on at two roundabouts and after the second Stevenage Borough FC is on your right, and the car park is on your left.

FOR the all-ticket match at Griffin Park the Bobbers set off from Cranfield at 11am before a 12 noon departure from Kenilworth Road. The fare is £8.50 for adults, £7 for concessions.

Town on Tour will leave Bletchley at 11.30 and Luton at 12.30, and the fare is £10 for LTSC members, £9 for concessions and £12 for non-members.

**Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC or Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after home games. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose service includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1.**

**Town on Tour offers LTSC members the best deals, and seats can be reserved at the Supporters Club kiosk or by phoning 07960 567465. They offer additional pick-ups at Bletchley, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis, as an experiment which will be run until the turn of the year. Its future will depend on demand.**

### Choice Of Routes To Griffin Park

IF YOU want to drive to Brentford, it's a matter of taking pot luck on choosing a route. The shortest distance, about 40 miles, but liable to traffic congestion, is via the M1 south, to the very end, then turning right onto the A406, the North Circular Road. Follow that to Chiswick roundabout, which is the junction with the M4. For directions from there see below.

Our man takes the M1 and then M25 west, before turning towards London on the M4, past Heathrow. Turn off at the Chiswick roundabout, 8.4 miles after joining the M4.

There take the A205, the South Circular Road (the continuation of the North Circular) towards Kew Bridge. After a third of a mile, the road divides: go straight on, which means not going over Kew Bridge, but instead go into Kew Bridge Road. After half a mile, turn right at the traffic lights just beyond the Red Lion, and you are in Ealing Road, which runs past Griffin Park.

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

FOR both coach services to Bournemouth, departure time from Luton is 3pm. Town on Tour prices are £14 for LTSC members, £12 concessionary members and £16 for others. The Bobbers will charge £12 adults, £10 concessions.

### Motorway To Bournemouth

IT'S AN easy drive to Bournemouth if the motorways are running smoothly. Leave Luton on the M1 south, then make a right turn onto the M25 west. Just beyond Heathrow leave M25 to join the M3. Follow that to near Southampton where you join the M27 west. That road becomes the A31 and at Ashley Heath, 23.2 miles from the M3 turn-off, turn left onto the A338 towards Christchurch. After 7.7 miles, turn left on the A3049 towards Boscombe, and then immediately turn left at a roundabout and the ground is ahead of you.

**Mileage from Luton: 132.**

# News From The Ticket Office

## LDV Vans Trophy, Southern Section First Round Stevenage Borough v Luton Town

Tuesday October 14 2003, kick-off 7.45pm

Prices: Adults £12, under-18s and senior citizens £9.

This is an ALL-TICKET match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the evening of the match. Our allocation is 1,300 tickets, and they are now on general sale.

Telephone bookings are being accepted



## Nationwide League Division Two Brentford v Luton Town

Saturday October 18, 2003, kick-off 3pm



This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game. Luton Town have been allocated 2,216 uncovered terrace spaces and 616, seats and they are on general sale at the following prices.

### TERRACING

Adults: £11, senior citizens and students £5, juniors £3

### SEATING

Adults: £16, senior citizens and students £11, juniors £3

# 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**

# News From The Ticket Office

## Nationwide League Division Two Bournemouth v Luton Town

Tuesday October 21, 2003, kick-off 7.45pm

Prices: Adults £15, over-65s £7, under-18s £5.

This is not an all ticket match for Luton Town supporters. However tickets are available to purchase in advance from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road for either the East Stand (unreserved seating) or the Family Section (reserved seating – groups of adults and children only).



## Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Peterborough United

Saturday October 25, 2003, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



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

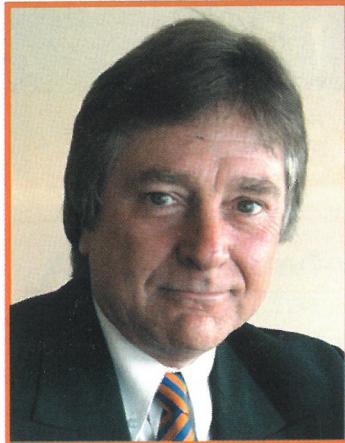
# Ticket Office Opening Hours For October

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

10am to 5.30pm, except on Fridays before Saturday home games when it is 10am to 6pm

### SATURDAY

9am to 5.15pm on match days; 10am until the away coaches depart on days when there is no game at Kenilworth Road.



# Commercial Corner

MAY I wish a warm welcome to all of our corporate guests and match sponsors to today's game. We again have a full house of commercial partners who include, some old and some new friends, and we hope that they all have a very enjoyable afternoon with us.

## JOINT MATCH SPONSOR

**FFP Facility Services Limited**

WE FIRST welcome Frank and Peter McIntyre, and the guests of FPM Facility Services Ltd as today's joint match sponsor. Based in Luton, their primary business is electrical contracting and engineering, with their sister company, FPM Maintenance, providing building service installations and maintenance.

The two companies naturally overlap in the providing of their respective services, and therefore joint ventures are not uncommon. The gains for your own business by using the services of FPM are numerous, with their portfolio of service providing a one-stop company, hence reducing considerably your own sourcing time and allowing you more time to concentrate on own core business and strategies. By producing simple solutions to what may appear to be complicated problems, all at cost-effective competitive



**Player of the Month: Gary McSheffrey, the first of this season's winners, receiving his award from Adrian Duthie, managing director of Travel Extras**

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## JOINT MATCH SPONSOR

**"Don't Wait Up"**

WE ALSO welcome back today Grant Janes and the members of "Don't Wait Up" a dedicated group of Luton Town fans who by the very nature of their collective title present themselves as the epitome of consideration to their respective wives and girl friends. This consideration to their partners is vital, as this dedicated band of supporters live, eat and breath Luton Town. For the record the line-up consists of John Allen, Phil Connah, John Creasey, Tony Foley, Adam Freeman, Dick Janes, Cliff Large, Brian Leggetter, Keith Norris and of course Grant Janes. Have a great day with us, lads.



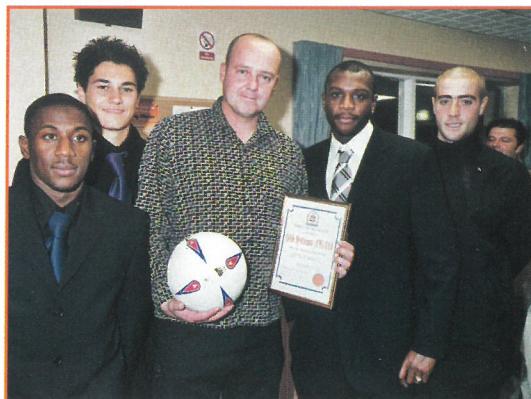
**Elliot Lord, commercial mascot at the Tranmere game, receives his commemorative certificate.**

## MATCH BALL SPONSOR

**John Chatterley**

IT'S WELCOME back today, to John Chatterley, for the first of his sponsorships this season. John is the licensee of the Fox and Hounds at Clapham, and a lifelong Town fan, and has been a member of our Century Club ever since its inauguration some 30 years ago. He regularly uses our sponsorship facilities to entertain his friends and business colleagues. His guests today include Mr Derek Vere, a Wycombe

# Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests



**Steve Tattam Managing Director of DAS Systems receiving the matchball at our Tranmere game.**

Wanderers Director. We thank John for his support and hope that he and his guests have a tremendous afternoon with us.

## HATTERS TRAVEL CLUB

TODAY also sees the launch of the Hatters Travel Club as part of our promotional programme with our shirt sponsors Travel Extras. This special initiative will generate £1 to the club for every registration, plus 10% of every booking made thanks to the generosity of Travel Extras. Please give this promotion all the support that you can muster. We all, business people in particular, travel, so please book your hotels, car hire, travel insurance, airport parking and lounge upgrades



**Adrian Duthie of Travel Extras presenting the Man of the Match Trophy to "Joint" winners Courtney Pitt and Emmerson Boyce**

via the Hatters Travel club. You will be assured of great rates, superb service and the knowledge that you will also be helping the club.

## COMMERCIAL MASCOT

**Ben Barnard**

THE CLUB extends a warm welcome to 14-year-old Ben Barnard, who with his family joins us today as our commercial mascot. Ben attends Putteridge High School and lists tennis and computers amongst his hobbies. He regularly attends matches at Kenilworth Road in the company of his dad. Ben's favourite Town players are Steve Howard and Sol Davis, both of whom he hopes to meet today. We all wish Ben and his family a great day with us today.



## STOP PRESS: WIN A Ka - SPONSORED BY SKY FORD AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

STARTING with our match against Peterborough in a fortnight's time we are launching a fabulous opportunity to win a Ford Ka.

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*Peter Davis*



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# HALF TIME CHALLENGE WIN A Ka



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Starting at our home match with Peterborough United on the 25th October the club together with Sky Ford of Hemel Hempstead will be offering the opportunity to four Luton Town fans to show us their football skills and the chance to each win a fabulous FORD Ka.

Three lucky match day spectators who each purchase a match programme at our selected matches to the end of the season that contains the special message:

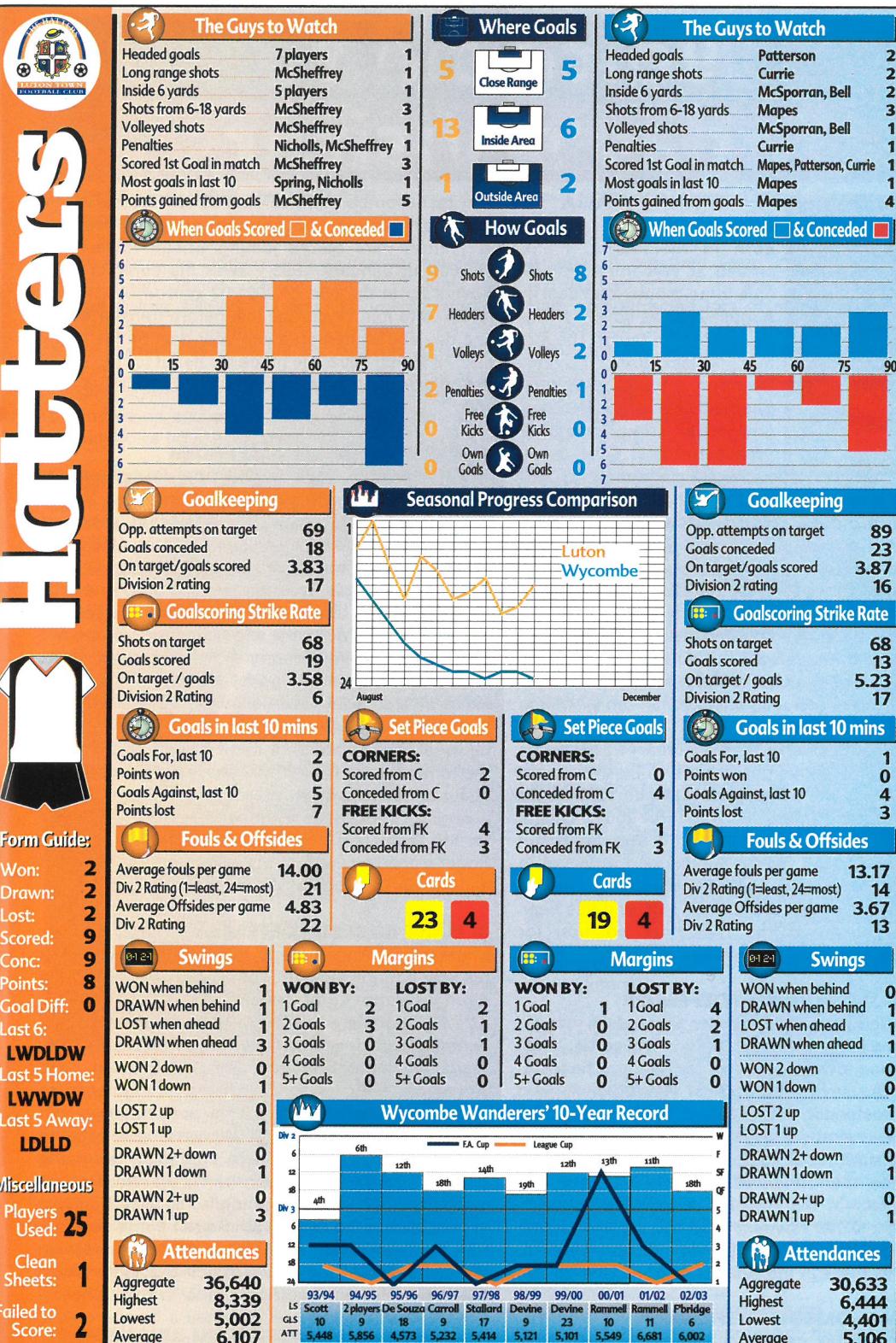
**"TODAY'S COMPETITOR, I WANT TO WIN A FORD Ka"**

will be invited onto the pitch at half time to compete in a penalty shoot out eliminator. The winner will then go forward to the final, where he or she will meet the winner of two other rounds. The three finalists will then take part in a penalty shoot out against each other. The winner of this contest will then be given opportunity of proving their football skills with a final test for the car. Succeed and they will be given the keys on the spot and drive themselves triumphantly home in the brand new Ford Ka.

There are 4 Ford Ka's to be won over the next sixteen league home matches until the end of the season, so make sure you purchase your match programme from the 25th onwards if you want a chance to be the proud owner of a brand new Ford Ka.



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Miscellaneous  
Players Used: 26  
Clean Sheets: 3  
Failed to Score: 3

# Welcome to Today's Visitors



## 1. FRANK TALIA - GOALKEEPER

Born in Melbourne, Frank arrived at Wycombe initially on a three-month loan deal in August 2002 as cover for the injured Martin Taylor. The former Blackburn Rovers, Swindon Town, Wolves, Sheffield United and Reading goalkeeper earned himself a permanent deal after some excellent performances and

kept his place between the sticks despite three-times-Player-of-the-Season Taylor's return to fitness towards the end of last season. Now firmly established as the Blues' Number 1, having come 3rd in the Player of the Season for 2002/03.

## 2. DANNY SENDA - DEFENDER

Danny started his career as a striker but was converted by Lawrie Sanchez to right-back. He made his Football League debut against Oldham on 27 March 1999, when he came on as a sub. His first full start came against Chesterfield on 3 January 2000 and he scored his first league goal for the club at Wrexham on 5 February the same year. Despite receiving a nasty ligament injury in January 2001, Danny returned to play an important part in Wanderers run in to the end of the season and his performances in the first team have been steadily improving. He has played for the England Under 17 side and has been a valued player in the right-back position for Wanderers over the last few seasons.

## 3. CHRIS VINNICOMBE - DEFENDER

Chris started as a YTS at Exeter City before moving to Glasgow Rangers for £150,000 in November 1989. After making few appearances for Rangers, he transferred to Burnley for £200,000 in May 1994. A good left-sided defender, Chris made over 90 appearances for Burnley before joining Wycombe on a free transfer in the summer of 1998. A regular choice at left-back, Chris' performances in 2001/02 earned him second place in the Player of the Season awards. However, 2002/03 saw him sidelined for a long period through injury but he returned to action late on to reclaim his place in the side.

## 4. ANDY THOMSON - DEFENDER

Andy started his career with his birth town club, Swindon Town, but he was unable to play regular

first team football and so moved to Portsmouth in December 1995 for £75,000. He spent four seasons at Fratton Park before joining Bristol Rovers for £60,000 in January 1999. With his contract with Rovers up at the end of 2001/02 season, Andy was released to join Wycombe just before transfer deadline day and signed on a two-year deal on his birthday, 28 March 2002. He made his debut for the Blues at Sixfields against Northampton on 6 April that sea-

## 5. ROGER JOHNSON - DEFENDER

A 6'3" defender, Roger joined from Portsmouth in 1998 and gave outstanding performances in the Youth Team. He made his first team debut at Cambridge United in the last game of the 1999/2000 season and his home debut the following season against local rivals Reading. He signed a one-year pro contract in June 2001 and became a regular when both Paul McCarthy and Mark Rogers were out of the side during January and February of 2002. Unfortunately, just as 'Big Woz' was beginning to settle in at first team level, showing Lawrie Sanchez how mature he is in his play, he collected a nasty injury at Bournemouth in mid-February and missed the remainder of the 2001/02 season. He impressed again on his return last season to the extent that he was given the Captain's armband by Lawrie Sanchez for the home game against Stockport in April 2003. Roger signed a new contract in February 2002, which will see him through at Wycombe until 2005.

## 6. MARK ROGERS - DEFENDER

Mark arrived from Canada in July 1998 and fought his way into the side after good displays in the then Avon Insurance Combination Reserve side. 'Ted', as he's affectionately known, can play as a right-sided defender but does prefer a more central role. He made his football league debut at Oldham on 2 November 1999, going on to secure a regular place in the side owing both to his performances and injuries to fellow defenders. He was first selected to play for Canada v Panama in Winnipeg, becoming the first full international for the Wanderers. Despite a long period out through injury, collected against Wimbledon in the FA Cup 5th Round home tie, Mark has been consistent with his performances earning himself several Man of the Match accolades along the way. He represented Canada in the Concacaf Gold Cup in 2001/02 and collected a bronze medal, together with four further caps taking his tally to five.



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## 7. DARREN CURRIE - MIDFIELDER

Darren signed from Barnet for £200,000 on a three-year contract in July 2001 becoming Blues' joint most expensive signing with fellow former-Bees' striker Sean Devine. 'Ruby' scored 11 goals for Barnet during 2000/01 but was still unable to save the club from relegation to the Conference. He was a real favourite at Underhill and attained a place in the PFA Division Three team of the season in 1999/00. Darren's undoubted skill causes opposing defenders no end of problems and free-kicks are a speciality – a bit like Beckham!

## 8. KEITH RYAN - UTILITY

Keith arrived from Berkhamsted Town during the 1990 close season after making some reserve appearances the previous year. He is a versatile player, contributing in all areas of the outfield for the Blues at various times but his usual position is in the centre of midfield. 'Rhino' scored on his debut for Wycombe and was an FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993, and a play-off winner in 1994. He made two successful comebacks from career threatening knee injuries and, fittingly, scored the only Wycombe goal in the 2-1 defeat by Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park in 2001. Signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until the summer of 2005.



## 9. CRAIG FAULCONBRIDGE - FORWARD

Craig signed a three-year contract to join Wycombe on a Bosman from Wrexham in June 2002. He started his career at Birmingham City as a junior before commencing his professional career with Coventry City. He had loan periods with Dunfermline

Athletic and Hull City before joining Wrexham in August 1999. 'Faulco' is a hard-working front man who is good in the air and holds the ball up well on the ground. A proven goalscorer, Craig found the net 14 times in his final season with the Welsh club but, despite his impressive record, it wasn't enough to prevent them slipping into Division Three. He scored on his League debut for the Chairboys and, despite ending the season sidelined with a knee injury, finished as Wanderers' top scorer with 6 in the Second Division that season.

## 10. JERMAINE MCSPORRAN - FORWARD

Jermaine signed for Wycombe on a three-year con-

tract from non-league Oxford City in November 1998. He moved from Oxford to Abingdon Town before re-joining Oxford in 1996. He played for Arsenal in the then Avon Insurance Combination scoring two goals. He was offered a trial at West Ham and attracted lots of attention from Premier League and Division One sides. 'Jocky' made his debut for Wycombe at Northampton Town on 7 November 1998 and brought attention to his game after scoring twice against Wolves at Molineux in the Worthington Cup in 1999/2000, finishing the season with 12 goals.

## 11. DANNIE BULMAN - MIDFIELDER

Dannie joined local club Ashford Town at the age of 15 and made his first team debut at 16. He was spotted by John Gregory during his reign at Wycombe and played four games for the Reserve side. 'Bullie' signed at the start of the 1998/99 season for £10,000 and made his first team debut against Bristol Rovers on 31 August 1998. Dannie forced his way into the side during the 1999/00 season and became a permanent fixture the following season with some excellent performances.

## 12. RICHARD HARRIS - FORWARD

Richard signed for Wanderers from Crystal Palace, whom he had joined when he was just 7 years old. After coming through the YT scheme, Richard was a regular in the Reserves and made 18 appearances in the first team. He was spotted by Sanchez whilst playing for Palace Reserves, when he scored a hat-trick against the Blues, and also scored in his first appearance for Wycombe against Brentford in the then Avon Insurance Combination. Richard possesses a prodigious long throw that causes havoc in opposition defences.

## 14. STUART ROBERTS - MIDFIELDER

Born in Wales, Stuart joined Swansea City as a trainee and became a regular in their first team squad during the 2000/01 season. He showed his versatility in a wide role before moving into the middle with real success. Five goals in seven games at the start of 2001/02 brought a £100,000 move to the Wanderers in October 2001. He became an instant hit with the fans after supplying six assists in his first eight starts. Despite injury problems during the 2002/03 season, Stuart featured in 28 league matches finding the net 4 times.

## 15. JONNY DIXON - FORWARD

Spanish-born Jonny graduated through the Youth and Reserve Teams at Wycombe. He is a quick and

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lively striker who can play through the middle or in wide positions. Following regular Reserve Team appearances during 2001/02 Jonny was given a squad number by Lawrie Sanchez at the beginning of last season and made his debut against Northampton in August 2002. Despite suffering a knee injury he still managed to knock up 5 goals in 7 starts for the Blues, earning himself a contract through to 2005.

**16. LEWIS COOK - MIDFIELDER** Lewis came up through the youth ranks, having joined the club at the age of 14. He was awarded the number 35 shirt for his Reserve Team performances during 2002/03 but was the hero of the hour when he scored the golden goal against Cheltenham that took Wanderers through to the third round of the LDV Vans Trophy. This marked his debut goal for the first team in all competitions. Lewis' current deal takes him to the end of 2003/2004 season.

**17. LUKE OLIVER - DEFENDER** At 6'7", 'giant' Luke dominates the defence and is a great presence in both penalty areas. 'Lurch', as he's affectionately nicknamed, made the first team squad in 2002/03, taking the number 37 shirt, and made his

debut on 19th April 2003 against Cheltenham. His current deal takes him to the end of the 2003/04 season.

## 18. STEVE WILLIAMS - GOALKEEPER

Steve was another player who joined the club at the age of 14, after having trials at Chelsea. He signed as a scholar for Wycombe in July 1999 and was the regular goalkeeper in the Youth Team for the 2000/01 season; he also featured during the 2001/02 season alongside Tom Gott. The young keeper made his league debut against Stockport County on 9 August 2003 after having a successful pre-season campaign ahead of first choice Frank Talia. He made his cup debut against Wimbledon the following Tuesday (12 August) in the Carling Cup.

## 19. CHARLIE MAPES - MIDFIELDER

Signed for the Blues in the summer of 2003 from Berkhamsted Town. The 21-year-old midfielder spent time at the Spurs Academy before being released at the end of season 2001-02. Joined Ryman League side Berkhamsted where he was spotted by Wanderers. His first season will be a big one for Charlie as he takes his chance to establish himself in the pro game. He made his league debut against

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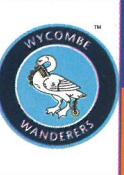
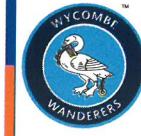
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Stockport County on 9 August 2003 at Causeway Stadium and just three days later made his cup debut against Wimbledon in the Carling Cup First Round. Charlie is proving quite useful to the Blues, having scored three goals in his first five appearances.

## 20. GAVIN HOLLIGAN - FORWARD

Gavin signed just prior to the start of 2001/02, having been released by West Ham during the summer. He spent just one season at Upton Park, where he'd signed from non-league Kingstonian. He was given a one-year contract initially with a view to improving it if he performed well and, despite making just 1 league start (9 as sub) last season, earned another year's contract with the Blues. Gav will now be at the club until 2004.

## 21. ANDY BELL - FORWARD

A former Blackburn Rovers trainee since the age of 10, Andy is the son of Norman Bell, who played at the back for the same club. He came to Wycombe on trial at the end of last season but the Chairboys held off from committing to signing the striker. Andy was then released by Blackburn in the summer of 2003 and was offered a chance to play in Blues' friendly against Tottenham by Lawrie Sanchez but had to turn it down through injury. He made two reserve appearances before signing a 3-month contract for the Bucks club and made his debut in the 5-2 home defeat against Oldham, scoring both of Wanderers' goals.

## 22. GUY BRANSTON - DEFENDER

24-year-old Guy has signed on a month's loan from First Division Rotherham to aid the Blues in plugging their leaking defence. He was an influential figure in the back three at The Millers and played a major role in the club's battle for a second successive promotion. Very strong in the tackle and excellent in the air, Guy is rarely perturbed by his opponents and is even capable of scoring goals at vital times. Because of his commitment at the back, he does tend to be one who picks up the yellow cards and this is one area of his game that he needs to improve on.

## 24. BILLY HARDING - FORWARD

Billy joined Wycombe at the age of 16. Now a third year scholar, he was spotted whilst playing for Fulham and has also played at county level for Surrey. At 6'1" he is handful for defenders with his robust physical power and has a good right-foot shot. Bosh' featured in the pre-season friendlies of 2003/04 having been given the number 24 shirt and

will be hoping to stay injury free during the final year of his scholarship. Billy made his league and cup debuts at the beginning of the 2003/04 season, against Stockport on 9 August and Wimbledon in the Carling Cup on 12 August respectively.

## 25. STEVE DELL - DEFENDER

Former Beaconsfield SYCOB right-back Steve joined Wanderers on a three-month contract in August 2003, just before the start of the new campaign. He had impressed on trial at the end of the previous season and has featured in several reserve games for the Blues.

## 26. TOM GOTTL - GOALKEEPER

Tom is a promising young keeper with good agility and reflexes and, at 6'2", he commands his area well. A lower back injury kept Tom out for seven months during the 2000/01 season but he recovered well to become a regular in the Youth Team side. First choice Youth Team keeper for the 2001/02 and 2002/03 seasons, Tom will be looking to build on his previous performances between the sticks to take him through to his third year of scholarship.

## 28. MICHAEL SIMPSON - MIDFIELDER

Michael signed from Notts County by tribunal in January 1997, having been a trainee with the Magpies from 1992-97 and made his debut for Wycombe against Chesterfield on 14 December 1996. 'Simmo' had a great season in 1999/00 with some sterling performances in midfield and continued his form throughout 2000/01, so much so that he signed a new three-and-a-half-year contract at the start of January 2001 that will keep him at Wycombe until June 2004.

## 30. STEVE BROWN - MIDFIELDER

Martin O'Neill signed Steve in February 1994 for a fee of £40,000 from Northampton Town, where he was team captain. He made over 200 appearances for the Cobblers and by the end of 2001/02 season had made 335 full appearances for the Wanderers, together with 38 sub appearances, scoring 35 goals. 'Brownie' scored the important equaliser against Wimbledon at Adams Park in the 2-2 draw in the fifth round of the FA Cup and became a very influential figure during Wanderers' infamous run to the semi-finals. A crowd favourite,





## Blast From The Past

Having narrowly missing out on promotion from Division Two in 1997, Luton supporters were hopeful of another push for the top in the new campaign.

The season was, however, a disaster with long term injuries to key players the major reason why the Hatters remained at the wrong end of the table for the majority of the campaign. It was only the fortuitous loaning of Rory Allen from Tottenham with eight games to go that eased the Town out of the relegation positions when all had seemed lost. Allen's influence helped the Town to win five of these games and earn himself a place in the hearts of all Hatters fans.

Unfortunately, Tottenham were not prepared to let Allen move to Luton permanently and so manager Lennie Lawrence spent the summer trawling the divisions looking to bolster his squad.

Both Darren Patterson and David Oldfield left Kenilworth Road during that summer of 1998 on Bosman transfers to Dundee United and Stoke respectively while Gavin McGowan and Ray McKinnon came in the other way. Lawrence, however, badly needed more bodies in the forward line and although he had high hopes for



Herve Bacque shows his skills at Wycombe in 1998.

youth prospect Liam George he could not visualise a teenager lasting a full season of Division Two football.

His prayers seemed to be answered with the signing of the unknown Frenchman Herve Bacque who had apparently been understudy to David Trezeguet and Thierry Henry at Monaco. Bacque (or Bactuet as he was known initially) scored in pre-season home games against Premiership sides Arsenal and Coventry and was looked on by Lawrence as "Tony Thorpe in disguise."

Boosted by 'Hervemania' a good number of Luton supporters made the short trip to Wycombe on the opening day of the new season to see if their new French hero could show his undoubted talent in the rough and tumble of Division Two football.

On a blazing hot day the Town certainly looked the fitter of the two sides but effort alone does not win games and a piece of skill from Wycombe's Dave Carroll, when he threaded an inch perfect pass through to Keith Scott, left the big forward with an open goal but he contrived to shoot against a post instead.

The breakthrough came on 36 minutes after Matthew Spring was fouled outside the area giving the dependable Steve Davis the chance to arrow an unstoppable free-kick into the top corner.

Understandably, due to the heat, the game died in the second half although George, brought on to replace the tiring Bacque, showed some sprightly footwork towards the end and threatened to double the Town's lead on a couple of occasions.

Lawrence was obviously happy with the Town's first opening day away win since 1980 which kick-started the campaign while Bacque blamed the heat for his lacklustre performance and commented that it had been much hotter than at any game he had played in France!

**Luton:** Kelvin Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, Steve Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Bacque (George), Gray, Marshall (McGowan).

**Wycombe:** Taylor, Kavanagh (Cornforth), Vinnicombe, Ryan, Cousins, McCarthy, Carroll, Scott, Stallard, Harkin (Read), Brown.

By the middle of October the Hatters had forced

## Hervémania: An All Too Brief Phenomenon

their way up to a top three position on the back of some solid performances which included a brilliant 3-1 win at title favourites Fulham. The Town were also enjoying an extended run in the Coca Cola Cup which would see them through to eventual quarter-final defeat at Sunderland after seeing off higher league opposition in all previous rounds including Premiership Coventry.

Unfortunately, the cup run seemed to affect league performances and a string of injuries and suspensions, together with the sale of the talismanic Steve Davis to Burnley left the Town with an unhappy run of eight games without a win leading up to the return with Wycombe in early January. Bacque, after his bright start, had long been discarded!

Wycombe, after propping up the table during the early part of the season, had managed to pull themselves up a little but were still in the relegation positions as they came to Kenilworth Road still looking for their first away win of the campaign.

Sean Dyche, on loan from Bristol City, made his league debut for the Town as a direct replacement for Davis and together with another debutant, L'andry Zahana-Oni must have wondered what they were letting themselves in for as refer-

ee Matt Messias sent off three players and booked six others in an eventful game.

Spring fired the Hatters into the lead on 16 minutes before Paul McCarthy and Phil Gray were dismissed for a bout of fisticuffs. Keith Ryan followed early in the second half for a professional foul before the Town made the one man advantage count and steamed into Wycombe missing several opportunities before Sean Evers shot home.

Stuart Douglas netted a glorious third with 15 minutes to go latching on to a clever pass from Evers before slamming the ball home without breaking stride and although Wycombe netted from the spot in the final seconds the game was all over by then.

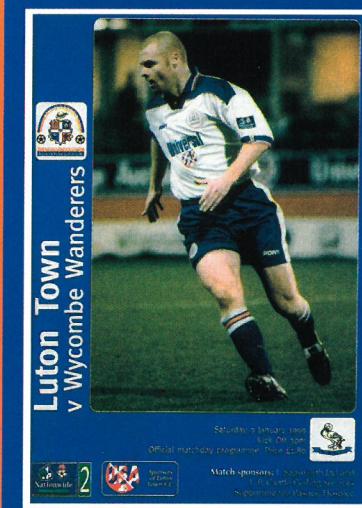
Lennie Lawrence remained philosophical over the referee's performance but his opposite number, Neil Smillie, was rather less than pleased as the defeat had cost him his job.

**Luton:** Davis, Harrison, White, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Evers, McLaren, Douglas (Scarlett), Gray, Zahana-Oni (Doherty).

**Wycombe:** Westhead, Lawrence, Kavanagh, Ryan, Cousins, McCarthy, Simpson, Emblen, McSporran, Scott, Carroll.

*Roger Wash*

## Yesterday's pages



The programme for the visit of Wycombe to Kenilworth Road in January 1999 featured new loan signing Sean Dyche on the cover. Although Dyche was making his league debut for the Town that afternoon he had featured in a 0-3 home thrashing by Walsall in the AWS trophy a few days before.

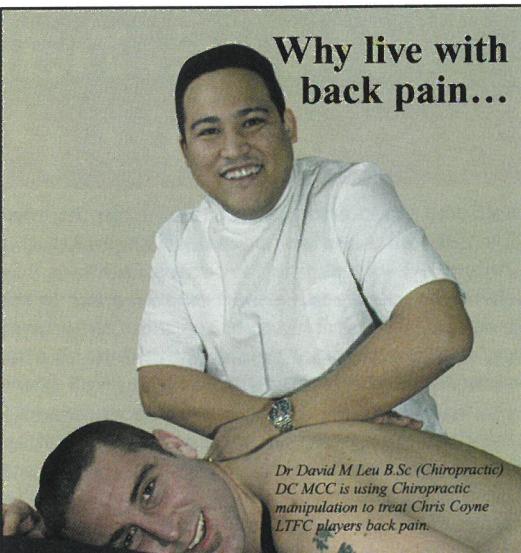
Elsewhere in the programme were reports of the deaths of Syd Owen and Brian Lewis. Owen, who skippered the Hatters to the 1959 F.A.Cup final, was remembered as a brilliant centre-half and a gentleman while Lewis, a clever goalscorer from the late 1960's, was just as fondly remembered although his style of play was somewhat different!

## Town Teaser

IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you could win a pair of match tickets in our Town Teaser competition. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go. On Monday we asked who was the teenager who made his league debut for us at Oldham, and the answer was Dean Brill. We go further back into the past for today's brain-teaser.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

NOT many players have turned out for both Luton Town and Wycombe Wanderers, but one who made the move from Wycombe to Kenilworth Road spent three successful years here, including a spell in which he played in attack alongside Malcolm Macdonald. Who was he?



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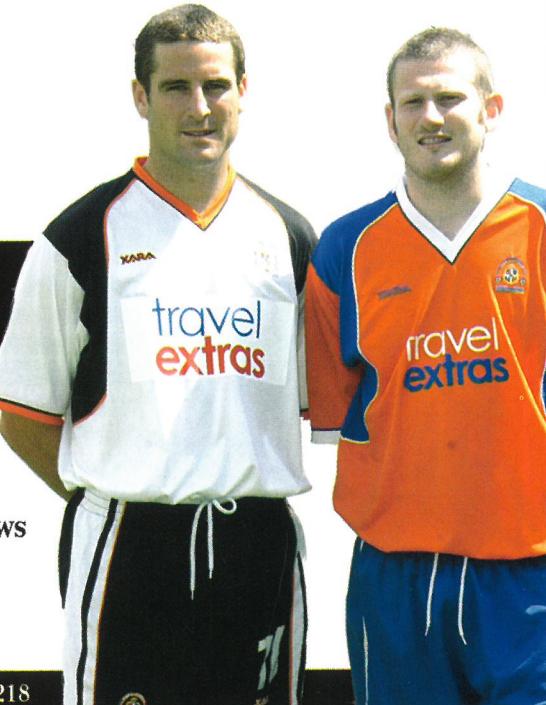
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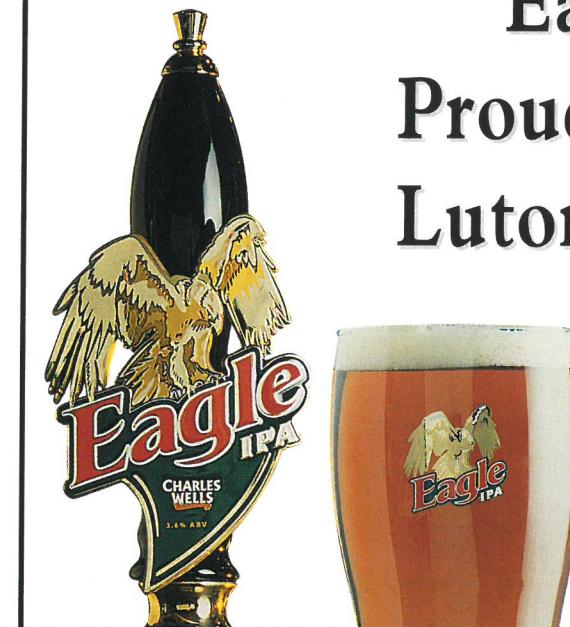


## Fans on the Road

WITH the match televised live, Monday's attendance at Kenilworth Road was the smallest of the season, partly because the away end was almost unused. But Tranmere have some real fans, with 170 making the 400-mile round trip to be there in person. Latest away support figures:

Town Travellers	Visitors to Luton	
Stockport	671	Rushden
Brighton	727	Yeovil (CC)
Notts Co	1,215	Grimsby
Plymouth	449	Hartlepool
Charlton (CC)	2,407	Port Vale
Oldham	487	QPR
Swindon	412	Tranmere
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,368</b>	<b>1,872</b>
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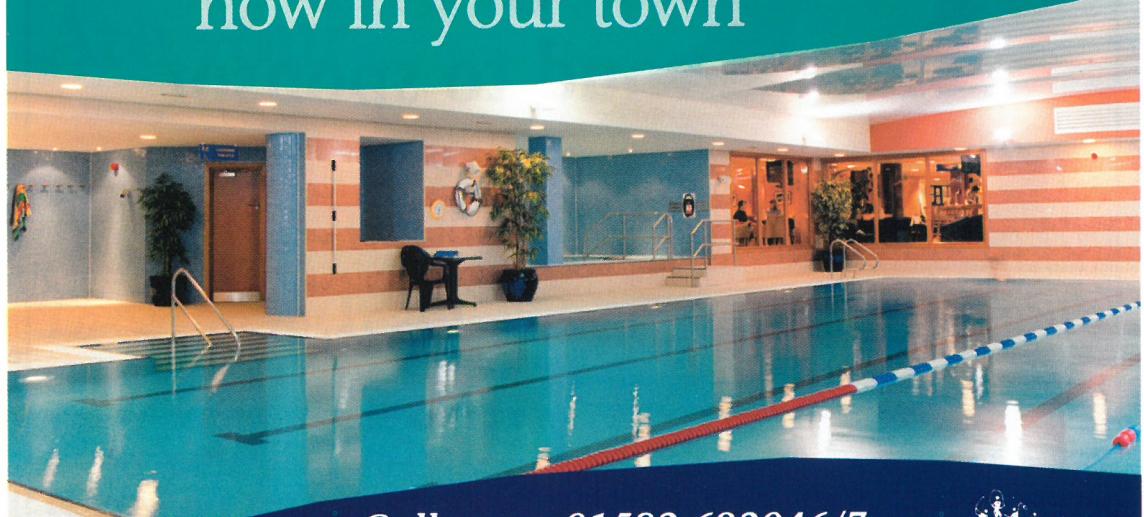
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# Happy Harry Makes A Fan Happy Too

PETER Alexander had every reason to smile almost as broadly as Happy Harry during the interval at Monday's game - 515 reasons, in fact.

Mr Alexander, from Cemetery Road, Houghton Regis, was the night's Golden Gamble winner, and his ticket was picked out of the drum by the Town mascot and cheer-leader.

The £515 jackpot made it £4,140 already paid out to seven winners so far this season, an average of £591 each. Mr Alexander watches the Town from the Kenilworth Stand, but Golden Gamble sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground, and another jackpot is on offer this afternoon.

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# Referee Takes Centre Stage



## Swindon Town 2 Luton Town 2

BOTH managers, as well as the crowd, were less than happy with decisions made by referee Paul Danson in a dramatic match at the County Ground. As well as four goals, we saw nine yellow cards, two players sent off, a twice-taken penalty, and Town manager Mike Newell banished from the dugout for calling Mr Danson a rude name.

Newell and his opposite number Andy King were both scathing in their after-match comments about the referee, but also appreciative of the efforts their players made to produce an entertaining game. Mike Newell admitted he used "industrial language" to describe the official. The fourth official heard him and reported him to Mr Danson, who ordered the boss to watch the rest of the game from the stand. It was certainly well worth watching, as two teams went for it as the Town came from behind to score twice in three minutes, only to concede an unlucky equaliser in the last minute.

Andy King said: "I hope the referee looks at the match video to see how many mistakes he made. He was incredible. It made the match a lottery. But I thought it was a very good game, and it would have been a shame if either side had lost."

Mr Newell said that criticism of the ref should not detract from a Town performance that made him feel proud.

Swindon were unbeaten in the league since the first game of the season, but he thought they could consider themselves fortunate to take a point against a side which was under strength because of injuries. Steve Howard was the latest to be confined to the treatment room, because of a groin strain. Adrian Forbes partnered Gary McSheffrey in attack, and in midfield, where Ahmet Brkovic was on compassionate leave, Steve Robinson came in for his first game of the season, and made a huge contribution to a display which was worth three points.

The Town fell behind on seven minutes to a goal by James Milner, who was making his final appearance for Swindon at

the end of a loan spell from Leeds. The cross for his header was delivered by Sammy Igoe, who was on loan here last season, and who was ready to stay until the summer's upheavals intervened.

Mr Danson had a host of difficult decisions to make. His first came three minutes after the opening goal, when Gary McSheffrey went sprawling in the box. Both managers said later they expected it to be a penalty to Luton. But Mr Danson thought otherwise, and booked McSheffrey for diving.

Swindon's Stefani Miglioranzi was booked for a foul in the last minute of the first half, then yellow-carded again, which made it a red, in the first minute of the second half for delaying a free kick.

Eight minutes later both sides were down to ten men when Sol Davis, back on his old ground, was given a straight red card for a foul on Milner.

But both managers were surprised when Luton were awarded a penalty on 63 minutes, for a foul by Adrian Viveash on McSheffrey. Swindon thought justice was done when McSheffrey's spot kick was saved by Rhys Evans, but Mr Danson ruled that the keeper moved early, and McSheffrey scored at the second attempt, after Evans had been yellow-carded for his protests.

The Town went ahead three minutes later with a tremendous strike by Adrian Forbes, only for their old problem of conceding very late goals to strike again, with Swindon sub Brian Howard netting an 89th-minute equaliser. It was another case of a referee's decision being crucial. Russ Perrett was adjudged to have fouled Howard just outside the box. It looked harsh, to say the least, and Perrett was booked for dissent. Andy Gurney's free kick was parried by Rob Beckwith and cleared to the edge of the area, where Howard tried his luck with a thundering first-time drive and saved a point for Swindon. The ref still had the last word – he booked Howard for his goal celebration.

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Beckwith; Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Davis; Foley, Robinson, Hughes, Pitt; McSheffrey, Forbes (Leary 85 mins). Unused subs: Hillier, Mansell, Showunmi, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Gary McSheffrey, Paul Hughes, and Russ Perrett.

**SENT OFF:** Sol Davis for violent conduct, a foul on James Milner.

**SWINDON:** Evans; Ifil, Heywood, Viveash; Miglioranzi, Gurney, Igoe (Howard 80 mins), Hewlett (Robinson 80 mins) Duke (Reeves 82 mins); Mooney, Milner. Unused subs: Stevenson, Griemink.

**BOOKED:** Stefani Miglioranzi twice, on 44 and 46 minutes; Tommy Mooney, Adi Viveash, Rhys Evans and Brian Howard.

**SENT OFF:** Stefani Miglioranzi for two yellow cards.

**REFEREE:** Paul Danson, Leicestershire.

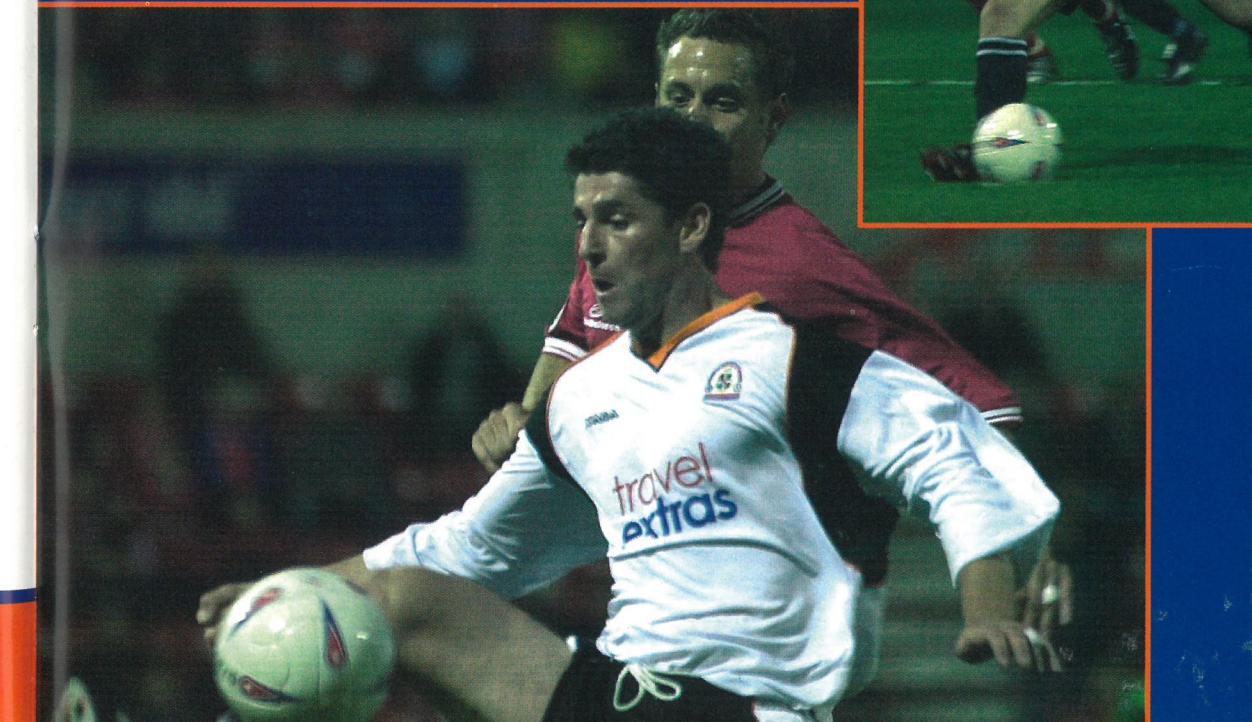
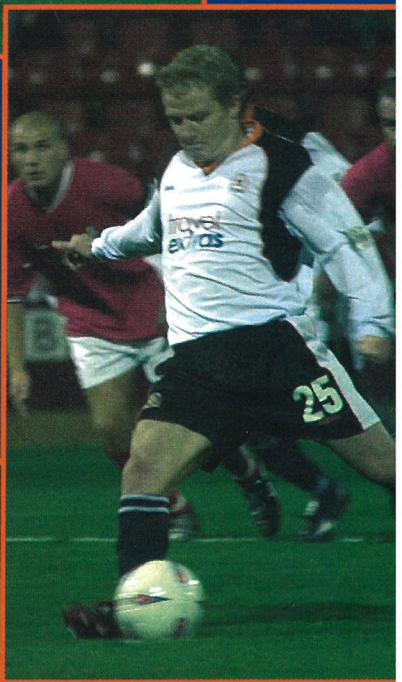
**ATTENDANCE:** 7,573 including 412 Town supporters. The only bigger gate at the County Ground so far this season, was in August, when 3,300 Sheffield Wednesday fans boosted the attendance to 10,573.



**CLOSE CALL:** Adrian Forbes scored a stunning goal to give the Town the lead, and this was nearly another. But Andy Gurney, the Swindon skipper, managed to get a foot in to deflect the drive away for a corner.

**RIGHT:** Gary McSheffrey keeps his composure to slot in the twice-taken penalty

**BELOW:** Midfielder Steve Robinson, who made an impressive first appearance of the season after surgery to overcome his back injury.



# Hatters Pic of the Week



**HAPPY LOAN STAR:** Gary McSheffrey has just tucked away his sixth goal of the season to regain the lead against Tranmere. First in the rush to congratulate him is Emmerson Boyce, who did most to create the opening with a typical run deep into the opposition's half..



# TV Stars See Off Tranmere



## Luton Town 3 Tranmere Rovers 1

A SPARKLING second-half performance swept the Town into the top half of the Second Division, but manager Mike Newell believes his men can play better than they did in front of a live TV audience. The fans gave the team a rousing reception after seeing them outclass managerless Tranmere, but the boss felt that one of the best features of the night was that the Town had ground out a result without being at their best.

The supporters were certainly not complaining, and however good it might have looked on telly the smallest crowd of the season managed to inject a bit of atmosphere into Kenilworth Road as fortunes swayed both ways before class told.

Tranmere, with only two wins this season, came with a game plan devised by caretaker boss John McMahon, their youth team coach. He doesn't want the top job caused by the sacking of Ray Mathias, and after seeing his team in action you can't blame him. Rovers worked hard in the first half to blunt the Town's attacks – at least nine men behind the ball and almost no pretence of threatening the Town goal.

We needed to score to force Rovers to be more positive, but they survived, with occasional good luck and the odd decent save, until stoppage time at the end of the first half. Tranmere were ready to concede free kicks to stop the Town, but that backfired when Matt Spring, back after injury, sent one to the far post and man of the match Russell Perrett rose above everyone to head his first goal in over a year, a

nicer way to mark his second start following surgery.

At that stage, Tranmere had tried only one shot at goal, a long-range effort deflected over the bar, but at the start of the second half they came out ready to have a go.

For ten minutes they looked a decent side, and forced the Town back, and it was no surprise when their efforts brought a tap-in goal for Chris Dagnall, after Simon Howarth knocked the ball back across the face of the goal from a far post free kick.

With Perrett and Chris Coyne in commanding form – Coyne even had an overhead kick cleared off the line in the first half – the Town defence regained its composure, and Tranmere's brief spell of supremacy came to an end.

Emmerson Boyce put the skids under them, combining well with Paul Hughes on a swift run and pass move to set up Gary McSheffrey to regain the lead on 63 minutes, and the victory was completed nine minutes later by Adrian Forbes, scoring for the second consecutive game after Coyne headed a deep corner by Spring back into the danger area. Tranmere were lucky to escape with only three goals put past them. In stoppage time, when the Town have too often been pressed back in nervous defence, Coyne netted from another far post free kick played in by Spring, but was denied a goal for using hand as much as head. It mattered little, because the visitors were already well beaten.

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Davis; Foley (Robinson 83 mins), Spring, Hughes, Pitt; McSheffrey, Forbes. Unused subs: Leary, Mansell, Showunmi, Brill.

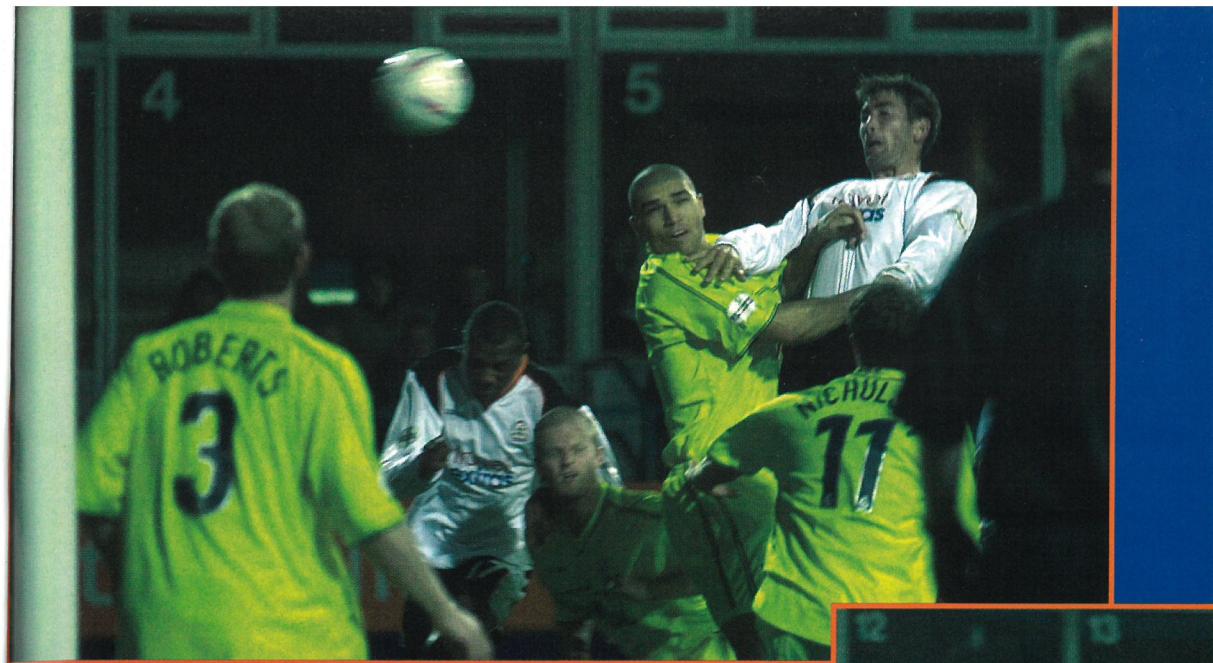
**BOOKED:** Adrian Forbes and Russ Perrett.

**TRANMERE:** Achterberg; Taylor (Allen HT), Loran, Connolly, Roberts; Hume, Mellon, Harrison, Nicholson (Hay 73 mins); Dagnall, Simon Haworth. Unused subs: Jones, Navarro, Russell Haworth.

**BOOKED:** Ryan Taylor, Simon Haworth, Tyron Loran, Danny Harrison, Micky Mellon and Graham Allen.

**REFEREE:** Grant Hegley, Hertfordshire.

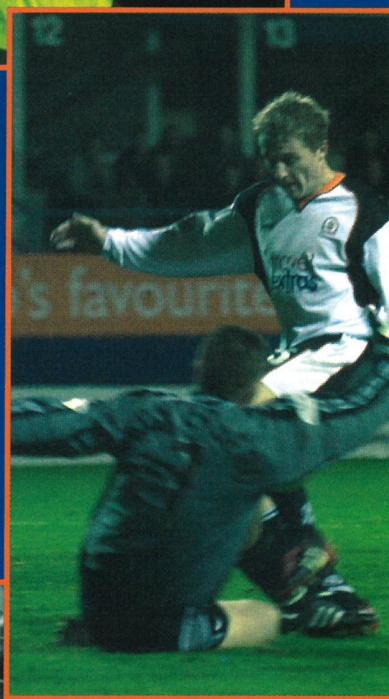
**ATTENDANCE:** 5,002, including 170 visiting supporters.



**TOP HATTER:** Russell Perrett is a long way above everyone else to head the Town's opening goal.

**RIGHT:** Damage limitation by goalkeeper John Achterberg, who nearly made a mess of dealing with a back pass, but recovered to deny Gary McSheffrey a first-half goal. But the striker had the beating of the keeper later.

**BELOW:** Chris Coyne beats Tyron Loran in the air to net in the last minute, but his effort was ruled out for handball.



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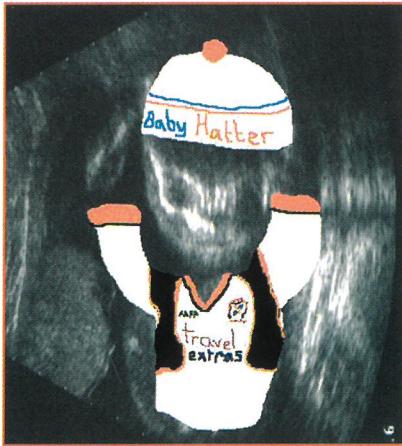
# Mini-Hatters: Town Fans Of The Future

OVER the years we have had a lot of contenders for the unofficial title of youngest-ever Luton Town fan. Proud fathers have been known to race straight from the maternity hospital to Kenilworth Road to enrol newly-born babes as Junior Hatters.

But Town fanatics Emma and Lee Adams, from Stapleford Road, Stopsley, have gone one better, thanks to computer technology.

Lee craftily doctored a scan of their first child, due to be born within the next month and e-mailed his artistic masterpiece to us to show just how smart an unborn child looks in Luton Town kit. He and Emma expect to be in their usual seats in the main stand this afternoon, hoping that baby Adams stays put until well after the final whistle.

They are happy to wait for the birth to discover if they have a son or a daughter, with Charlie and Lucy the names in the frame. And boy or girl, you can be sure the layette will include a Baby Hatter strip from the club shop. We send our best wishes to mum and dad to be, and of course applaud their good sense in bringing another Hatters fan into the world.



THE Chandler family, of Hatfield Road, St. Albans, are bringing up Town fans two at a time, as you can see from the picture of six-year-old Kayleigh and her young brother. Jack was two days old when the photo was taken a couple of weeks ago, and looks very comfortable in his Baby Hatter kit, complete with a Luton Town teddy bear.

"Kayleigh and her dad Mark are regular visitors to Kenilworth Road," said Mrs Chandler. "Mark would be honoured if you could publish the photo in the official matchday magazine."



FANS of the future, for sure, and perhaps one player in the making too, is suggested by the picture of two-year-old Oliver Tilbrook and his sister Ella, who has just celebrated her first birthday. Their father, Andrew, from Birch Avenue, Chatteris, in Cambridgeshire, explained: "I have been a Luton Town supporter for over 20 years, having been born and brought up in Harpenden. I'm hoping that Oliver will soon start coming to matches with me – he already insists on wearing his Town shirt whenever I am wearing one of mine.

"But we've a bit of a way to go teaching him football skills. In the garden, playing football, I said 'Watch the ball, Ollie,' when he missed an easy half-volley. He picked the ball up, took it over to the watering can, and sprayed it, saying 'Wash the ball, wash the ball...'"



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I reminded the young players before they went out that they played for a club rich in tradition for producing players, and I wanted to see confidence and a little swagger in our play.

We started with 13-year-old Ryan Charles partnering 14-year-old Russell Preston up front, and 14-year-old Rob Sinclair on the left.

From the start we played brightly, passing the ball well, and competed against a bigger and stronger side, which is vital.

We went in front when we switched play outside and got in an early cross, with Stuart Sinclair arriving late in the box to side-foot home from 12 yards.

A carbon copy goal made it 2-0 ten minutes later, this time Paul Burrows providing the finish.

This was no more than we deserved, and I was quietly delighted at half-time with the way things were going. Not that I let the players know that.

Their instructions were to go out for the second half and not change anything. Keep playing the way they were, and don't switch off, because you know the opposition will change something so the challenge was to score the next goal and keep a clean sheet.

It went according to plan when we scored five minutes after the restart, with Ross Hanley driving down the right flank and crossing low for Preston to finish inside the six-yard box.

From then on we were in complete control, and made it 4-0 on 70 minutes when Chris Pendleton hit a long diagonal pass and the ball was played into the box where Preston was on hand again with a good finish.

I was really disappointed when we conceded a goal after that. We need to be more determined to keep clean sheets, but were trying to win 5-0 instead of making sure we kept the ball in the last five minutes. A long ball caught us out, and a forward won a 50-50 with Zach Barrett to score.

Even so, this was a pleasing team performance with everyone doing well, and I was especially pleased with the really young ones. The icing on the cake was boss Mike Newell ringing while we were still in the changing room to check on how we got on, as he always does, and us being able to give him some positive feedback.

**Luton Town:** Barrett, Smyth, Pendleton, Green, Tague, Burrows, S. Sinclair, R. Sinclair, Hanley, Charles (Cowley 80 mins), Preston.

WE ARE away to Oxford next week, but at home on the following Saturday, October 25, to QPR. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, will be at 11am, and spectators are welcome.

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Smyth 8, Green 8, Tague 8, S. Sinclair 8, Pendleton 7(1), R. Sinclair 6(1), Burrows 6, Preston 5(3), Hanley 5, Goodchild 5, Clark 4, Richardson 3, Barrett 2, Charles 1(1), Mountford 1, Deeney 1, Keane 1, Ridgway 1, Freeman 1, Andrew 1, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNally 1, Magadah 1, Asafu'Adjaye 0(4), Robinson 0(2), Foley 0(1), McGuiness 0(1), Cowley 0(2)

**Goals:** Burrows 5, Andrew 2, Preston 3, Freeman 1, Magadah 1, Tague 1, S. Sinclair 1.

*Mark Ridgway*



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# Drive For A New Minibus



IN MONDAY'S programme we announced the launch of an appeal to raise around £20,000 in a project organised by Luton Town Supporters Club, and today we ask you to help kick off the venture.

LTSC members will be rattling collecting buckets in all parts of the ground, and we ask you to give generously as they try to fund the replacement of the football club's seven-year-old minibus.

It still gives sterling service, but is beginning to show its age, because it is a real workhorse. It is used mainly to take youth squads to away games, and also for day to day journeys carrying players and kit between Kenilworth Road and the training ground.

The Supporters Club contributes cash to Luton Town FC in various ways, but is particularly keen on the minibus appeal because it feels fans like to know exactly where their cash donations are going. Proceeds from this appeal will be ring-fenced and put into a separate bank account.

Mark Chapman, chairman of LTSC, said: "When we heard that the minibus needed replacing we were delighted to take on the task of raising the money for a new one. We have had a lot of general fund-raising efforts in the past, but we're pleased that in this instance we have a specific project. If you support the appeal you know exactly how your money will be spent. The old minibus works hard and keeps going, but it is more and more expensive to maintain to keep it in service."

The hope is that today's bucket collection will see the fund go well past its first £1,000. The special account was opened with £418, the result of a raffle and programme sales from a fund-raising game organised by Hitchin Town Supporters Club FC against Loyal Luton. They wanted to help the club, and were delighted to accept the suggestion that the cash should be the first to go to the minibus appeal.

Various other money-raising ideas will be on offer as the season progresses, including a chance for fans to help sponsor the new vehicle, and have their gesture acknowledged on the minibus itself.

It will, of course, carry the Luton Town livery, but that will leave plenty of room on the sides, and doors, for adverts.

Individual fans are invited to "buy" some of that space. For a donation of at least £200 – more if you can afford it – your name will appear on the vehicle as one of the sponsors. Commercial organisations are also welcome – offer £1,000 at least, and your company can be advertised on the minibus. All donations will also be acknowledged, as they come in, in future editions of the programme.

Mr Chapman said: "Other fund-raising schemes will be announced in due course, and I am sure that with the backing of Luton Town supporters we will reach our goal before the end of the season. We will then look for another project which will enable supporters to help the club."

Meanwhile, please give generously to the bucket collection this afternoon, and if you want to be among the sponsors, please make your cheque payable to Luton Town Supporters Club, and send it, with your details, to LTSC, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, LU4 8AW.

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# The Luton Town Belles Set Today's Example!

Wycombe Wanderers 2 Luton Town Belles 3

For the third consecutive season Luton Town's name appears in the first round proper of the Ladies FA Cup as Belles took another Premier level scalp with a superb display of attacking football at The Causeway Stadium.

Wanderers struck first after ten minutes when a cross was converted following a defensive error in clearing the ball. Luton were soon level when a free kick on the left from Fay Howell nestled into the far corner of the net, having skipped past several Town attackers en route.

Minutes later Kaylee Owen burst through the middle of the Wycombe defence and shot into the top corner from 25 yards to give Town the lead.

Luton could have finished the tie in the first half, but were denied by the woodwork as Fay Howell struck the crossbar with a shot from the left and then Kim Hide headed onto almost the same spot, so it remained 2-1 at the break.

Wanderers tried to push Luton back in the second half and succeeded early on, until Rhiannon Morgan chased down the middle and just beat the keeper to the ball, before rounding her and rolling the ball into the empty net.



**EQUALISER:** Fay Howell's free kick cancels out the Wycombe opener, and sets up Belles for an FA Cup win.

That should have been game over, but Wycombe clawed their way back with a clever free kick as the Town defence reacted too slowly. As the home side pushed for the equaliser Luton continued to look dangerous going forward, and again struck the post through Michelle Byrne.

The home keeper was in inspired form and made three excellent saves to twice deny Kim Hide and push another strike from Fay Howell around the post. On another day Town could have won by a much bigger margin, but their reward is a trip to play Loughborough Students who are currently placed two levels above Luton in the pyramid.

Returning to league action, Belles visited Burnham and soon set about demolishing them with a Fay Howell goal after just four minutes, when she drifted past three players and planted a 20-yarder low across the keeper into the net. Three minutes later Rhiannon Morgan broke free and finished well and Stacey Connell produced an excellent headed goal for the third after 15 minutes.

Sam Mather then curled in a free kick from the left and Kaylee Owen rose above everyone to flick her header in to make it 4-0 midway through the first half. Kaylee Owen scored again, and Rhiannon Morgan finished off a flowing move and completed her hat trick. In spite of Belles being seven up at half time they were well below their best on the day, and conceded two second-half goals to finish 7-2 winners.

The highlight of the week for the youth section was the under-13s 2-1 win over QPR to go top of their league. Chloe Reeves was on target for the second successive week, and Michela Taylor netted the winner.

*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](mailto:lutonbelles@hotmail.com) The Belles also have a website - pay a visit to [www.lutontownbelles.com](http://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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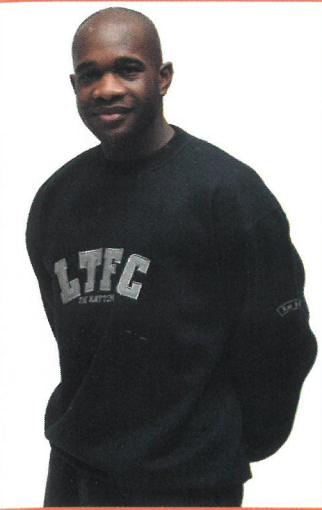
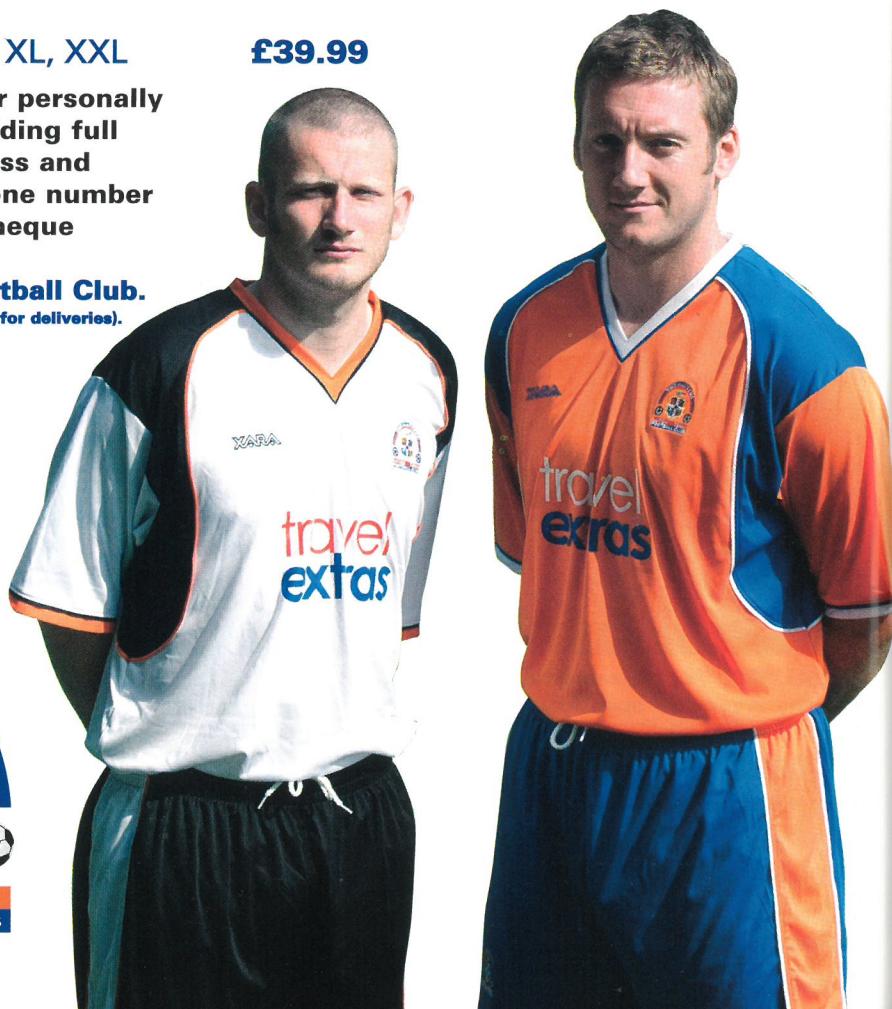
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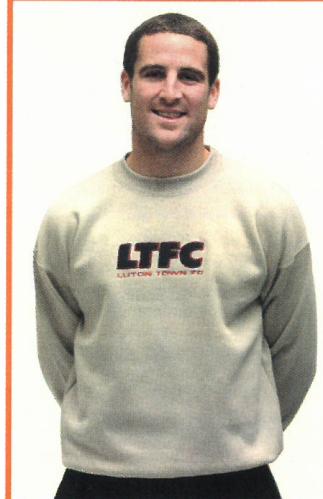
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# Junior Hatters With Happy Harry



THERE WILL probably be a lot of young Wycombe Wanderers fans here this afternoon, so we would like to give them a warm welcome and hope they enjoy their visit, even if they have to go home feeling disappointed about the result.

Over the years we have built up friendly relationships with our opposite numbers from a lot of other clubs, and one of our most enduring links is with Bristol City. They have invited a Junior Hatters party to visit them again when we play at Ashton Gate in

three weeks time, and if there is enough response from our members we will take up the invitation. We know we will have an enjoyable trip.

More details, including the price, will be given in the next programme, but if you want to make a provisional booking please contact Junior Hatters headquarters.

In the meantime our Saturday Club is still very popular and it will of course be in business again in a fortnight, when we play Peterborough. It starts at 12noon and the price is only £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket. To book your place please call 01582 391927 before 12 noon on the Friday before the match.

Meanwhile, keep an eye open for a Junior Hatters newsletter, which will be sent out to all members. It's

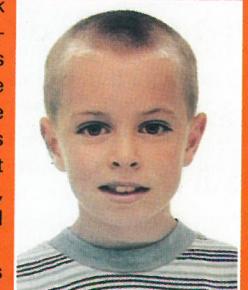
YOUR magazine, so if you would like to send in any letters, articles, or questions for any of the players, we will be pleased to consider them for publication. And as we are always keen to make the Junior Hatters the best possible club for young supporters, we are keen to hear any ideas you may have on how the club can be improved still further.



**OFFICIAL PHOTO:** Two mascots were on duty on Monday, for the Tranmere game, and are pictured with the match officials and skippers at the toss of the coin before kick-off. Jordan Bowden did the honours for the Junior Hatters, and the commercial mascot was Elliot Lord.

*Happy Harry*

### Today's 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.**

ATEN-year-old Jack Gifford has been fortunate enough to have his name picked out of the membership list to be today's Junior Hatters mascot. He lives at Chaucer Road, Flitwick, and attends Woodland Middle School. His favourite player is Steve Howard, and when he is not cheering on the Town Jack likes playing football and rugby. He comes to games with his dad, and they sit in the Kenilworth stand. We have two ball girls on duty this afternoon, Emma and Dawn Read, from Minster Drive, Cherry Willingham, Lincoln.

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## Back Of The Net



THIS IS a new feature in the matchday programme, where I intend to keep you up to date with developments concerning the website. For those who don't know too much about me, which is probably most of you outside of the press box, I have joined the club from Northampton Town, where I spent the last two years designing and developing their website. I have been at Luton for just over a month now, and I hope that the improvements you've seen in that short space of time have been well received. There is still a lot of work to do to develop the website but like a lot of things happening behind the scenes at the moment we are getting there.

When I started at the beginning of September we provided the facility for you to let us know what you thought of the website in its current format. Regular feedback from supporters is something that I am keen to establish, because it is important that we develop a site that you will want to visit time and time again.

In the next programme I will provide a run-down of some of the comments I received, but I felt that there were two areas that required a response before then.

### Orange Is The New Black

Firstly, the site underwent a bit of a makeover at the start of October. Almost everyone who contacted me said they wanted to see a lot more orange on the site and a bit less black. I hope recent visitors to [lutontown.co.uk](http://lutontown.co.uk) will have been pleased to see the background and main banner reflecting this. As I said earlier in this column there are lots of changes in the pipeline,. This is the first, but it will be a case of

evolution rather than revolution. The other topic of conversation was the subject of the online Club Shop. You will be delighted to hear that we are currently developing a site with Snow Valley, the suppliers of an e-commerce solution for the Football Association through England Direct. I will bring you further news about this in the Peterborough programme.

### Vote For The Man Of The Match

Finally, thanks to everyone who has taken the trouble to register their vote for the supporters' Man of the Match since the section was introduced. The concept has proved very successful and we have developed the model to allow you to vote for your Travel Extras Player of the Month in this way as well.

Before Monday's kick-off Josh Tidy, who was one of many who chose to text in their vote, presented the trophy to Gary McSheffrey. Next

month it could be you, so keep an eye on the official website for further information.

If you ever have any questions regarding the site, please feel free to contact me at the club, or e-mail me at [chris.rivett@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:chris.rivett@lutontown.co.uk). I might not always have the answer that you want to hear, but you can rest assured I will try my best to help you where I can.

*Chris Rivett*

# LTFC in the Community

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rosie Spence, who is carrying the name of Luton Town into the finals of a national football skills competition, the Supernova Goal Striker Challenge. It involves using a high tech piece of equipment that measures the speed and accuracy of shots hit at an electronic goal. The data is then converted into a points score, based on how hard the ball was struck and which part of the goal it hit.

Rosie won our local heat comfortably, and progressed to the regional final at Birmingham City's training ground in August. She managed to score 4,520 points from her six shots taken from the penalty spot. To put that in perspective, the girl in second place achieved fewer than 3600 points. Rosie will now go into the national finals at Manchester City's training ground later this month. This promises to be a fantastic day out for her – not only will she participate in the tournament, but she will also get the opportunity to participate in a tour of the new City of Manchester Stadium.

She is officially representing our club on this trip, so I would like to take the opportunity to wish her well on behalf of all Luton Town supporters. I will inform you of her progress at a later date.

Also today I would like to offer my congratulations to our very own Luton Town Belles, who have won County, Regional and National Charter Standards Awards. The Belles triumphed over nine other counties to win the county award, and 950 other clubs around the country to win the



national award. These honours are evidence of the fantastic set-up Dave Baker has established. The awards mean that the quality of opportunity for girls to play football at Luton Town is second to none in the country. It is also an example of good practice that all other clubs should be following. Here in the Community Department we are particularly proud of what the Belles have achieved. While certainly not trying to steal any of Dave's glory, hopefully our contribution of coaching staff and expertise has helped a little towards the achievement of these awards. The fruits of this work are now starting to show, because a number of the Belles players have passed their Level 1 coaching award and are now delivering sessions for the Community Department.

Luton Belles are an integral part of our club, so I feel this should not only be recognised as a magnificent achievement for the Belles but also for Luton Town FC.

*Stuart Smith*



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# Scene In the Second: Unhappy Family

WHILE The town were putting themselves within one win of the Division Two play-off zone on Monday night, it completed an unhappy weekend for the brothers McMahon.

Tranmere caretaker boss John McMahon was scathing in his criticism of their performance, which left them hovering a couple of points above the relegation places.

At Brighton, Steve McMahon was no happier about Blackpool's showing as they slumped to a 3-0 defeat which put the Seagulls back on top of the table for the first time since early August. It took Brighton's run to nine games with only one defeat, a sequence that started with their victory over the Town at the Withdean.

Port Vale were deposed because they were beaten at Wrexham, with Brian Horton furious over a disputed penalty which enabled Lee Jones to net the winner after Vale had led with a goal by Billy Paynter. It was their first defeat since their visit to Kenilworth Road a month ago.

Queens Park Rangers slipped into second place by making history – their 1-0 win over Grimsby was their first-ever success on their 18th visit to Blundell Park.

Sheffield Wednesday, the biggest crowd-pullers in

the division, are beginning to justify the pre-season odds as title favourites. Tenth in the table a month ago, they moved up to fourth with a 3-0 win at Brentford.

Two former Town midfielders who are now managers met at Ashton Gate, with Andy King admitting that Danny Wilson's Bristol City had a bit too much for his Swindon lads. Tommy Mooney gave Swindon the lead, but without James Milner, the Leeds player on loan who looked a class act against the Town, Swindon were seen off 2-1. That took City's sequence to one defeat in their last eight, since Brian Horton plotted their downfall at Ashton Gate last month.

Today's visitors to Kenilworth Road are more concerned about what is happening at the other end of the table. After four consecutive league defeats Wycombe announced the sacking of Lawrie Sanchez, and with John Gorman in charge they stopped the rot by holding Plymouth 0-0 at home.

The point was not enough to prevent them slipping a place, to 23rd, because Notts County finally ended their home jinx, perhaps aided by the traditional manager of the month curse. County's first home win of the season, after two draws and three defeats, came at the expense of Colchester, who should have been full of confidence. They went to Meadow Lane on the back of eight games without defeat, and with Phil Parkinson newly crowned the division's manager of the month, but were seen off 3-0.

Chesterfield are still bottom, the only league team in the country without a win to their name. Tranmere and Wycombe are the only others without an away win so far. The Wanderers picked up creditable draws at QPR (0-0) and Port Vale (1-1) but lost their four other away matches, at Blackpool, Grimsby, Rushden and Tranmere.

## Nationwide League Division Two

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*Hartlepool	12	3	3	0	12	1	2	2	2	12	12	11	20
*Bristol City	12	4	1	1	11	3	1	4	1	5	5	8	20
Swindon	12	3	2	1	13	7	2	3	1	9	8	7	20
Barnsley	12	3	3	0	7	3	2	1	3	7	11	0	19
Plymouth	12	3	2	1	12	8	1	4	1	9	8	5	18
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>
Colchester	12	3	2	1	7	5	2	1	3	8	11	-1	18
Oldham	12	3	1	2	12	9	1	4	1	11	9	5	17
Bournemouth	12	2	4	0	9	7	2	1	3	5	6	1	17
Wrexham	11	2	2	2	5	6	3	0	2	6	6	-1	17
Grimsby	12	2	1	3	10	7	2	2	2	6	12	-3	15
Rushden	12	2	2	2	10	10	2	0	4	9	12	-3	14
Blackpool	11	2	0	3	6	8	2	2	2	8	13	-7	14
Brentford	12	2	1	3	5	11	1	3	5	8	-9	14	
Tranmere	12	2	2	2	9	7	0	3	3	4	10	-4	11
*Peterborough	12	0	2	4	9	13	2	2	2	5	6	-5	10
Notts County	12	1	2	3	7	8	1	1	4	4	14	-11	9
Stockport	12	0	3	3	6	10	1	2	3	7	11	-8	8
Wycombe	12	1	2	3	8	12	0	2	4	5	11	-10	7
Chesterfield	12	0	3	3	4	8	0	3	3	3	11	-12	6

\*Not including last night's games, Bristol City v Peterborough, Hartlepool v Sheffield Wednesday

## Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

**Brighton v Grimsby**

**Colchester v Blackpool**

**Notts County v Bournemouth**

**Oldham v Port Vale**

**Plymouth v Tranmere**

**Rushden v Chesterfield**

**Swindon v Stockport**

**Played last night**

**Bristol City v Peterborough**

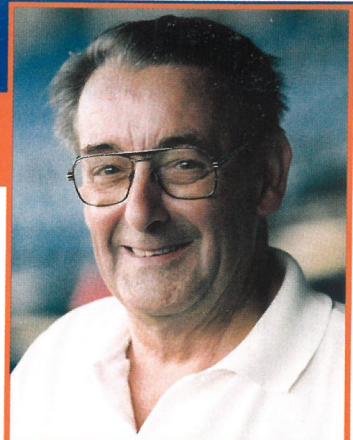
**Hartlepool v Sheffield Wednesday**

**Postponed**

**Barnsley v Wrexham**

**QPR v Brentford**

# Chattering Hatter



SEVENTEEN-year-old Dean Brill is ready to go into the firing line this afternoon. Unless a late loan signing was made – and the manager felt under no huge pressure to do that – the young goalkeeper was set to start the first league game of his career. Like Beckwith, he trains with the first team squad, and has earned their respect, as skipper Kevin Nicholls points out in his column today.

Robert Beckwith is serving a one-match suspension for his red card at Oldham, and youth team coach John Moore had no hesitation in confirming the general view that Brill is ready to grab his chance.

Brill, who has been with the Town since he was at junior school, will not be 18 until December, but is already 6ft 3ins tall, and weighs in at just over 12 stone.

"He can handle it," said Moore, when the question arose about the Brill's ability to play league football. "When he was only 15 he played almost a full season for us in the under-19s, and did really well. He has matured quickly, and at the start of the season it must have been a difficult choice between him and Robert Beckwith for the first team place. They are both excellent young keepers."

Brill enjoyed a bonus on Saturday. Until he played briefly as a sub at Oldham a fortnight ago he had been well short of match practice, sitting on the bench as Beckwith's understudy. But with the Town's league game against Tranmere postponed until Monday he was able to turn out for the youth team on Saturday, for the first time this season, and helped them to a 3-0 win over Northampton.

A former pupil of Lea Manor High School, Brill has been with the Town since he was nine years old, and made his under-19 debut as a 15-year-old in April 2001. Last season the under-17s were unbeaten in the 13 games in which he played. And he is confident enough to shout his head off throughout games.



**Dean Brill**

KEVIN Foley has lost the chance of his first under-21 cap because of a slight ankle injury received in Monday's game against Tranmere. Irish officials thought it was wiser for him to undergo treatment at Kenilworth Road this week, rather than travel with them to Switzerland.

The Town are about to lose the services of fullback Sol Davis. He has received a three-match suspension for his red card at Swindon, and will be unavailable for the away games at Brentford next Saturday and Bournemouth on the following Tuesday, and for the next home match, against Peterborough in a fortnight's time.

*Brian Swain*

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# Today's Squads



Manager: Mike Newell

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4	Matthew SPRING	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell PERRETT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian FORBES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Today's Officials

Referee: Richard Beeby, Northamptonshire

Assistants: Simon Beck, Essex (red and yellow flag)

John Pearce, Essex (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Tony Conn, Hertfordshire



Manager: John Gorman

1	Frank TALIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Danny SENDA	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Chris VINNICOMBE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Andy THOMSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Roger JOHNSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Mark ROGERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Darren CURRIE <small>MBE</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Keith RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Craig FAULCONBRIDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ray Mulford, Travel Extras Group Managing Director with Chris Coyne and Kevin Nicholls wearing the new Luton Town home and away strips

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