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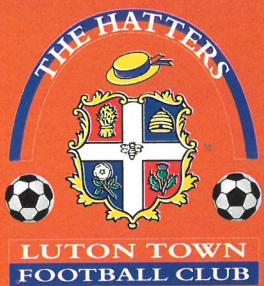
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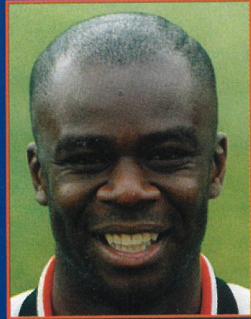
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Ticket prices are £3 for members of LTSC, £6 for others, but supporters can qualify for the discount if they join LTSC at the time they buy their tickets.

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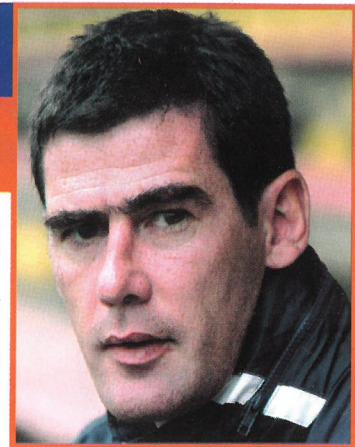
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The Manager's Message



HELLO, and welcome to everyone, including Barry Fry and his staff and players. I haven't been in management long, but if there's one fella you can be sure of for a word of support, it is Barry. He's been there and done it, in his own style, and you can't help liking him for his sheer enthusiasm and honesty.

Plenty has happened since we were last here. We finished the game well against Wycombe after being frustrated for much of the game, and we then went to Stevenage with a lot of youngsters in the side, and got the job done.

Then came Brentford and Bournemouth, which brought us back down to earth in no uncertain terms. Losing games is bad enough, but conceding ten goals in two matches hurts.

However, there will be no panic buttons pressed by us. We realise the efforts the players have made so far, and there comes a time when things catch up with you.

In an ideal world we would not select players with little or no match practice when returning from injury, and it is inevitable that young players will suffer dips in form or confidence. But it is a good learning experience for both us and them.

It can be a cruel game at times, as I am sure those who travelled to Brentford and Bournemouth will

testify. It is a game of ups and downs, and you will never succeed if you can't take the bad times on the chin and learn from them.

That's why we take the good results and any plaudits with a pinch of salt. If we had not created any chances in those two away games I would be seriously worried, but that was not the case. In the two matches we scored five goals, and had numerous other opportunities.

The bottom line is that individually and collectively we defended badly and made bad decisions. That is something we will work on.

Keeping goals out and being hard to beat is vital, and the best sides are good at it. And at the end of the day that's what we want to be – the best side.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell



NEW PITCH: Mike Newell did the honours, alongside his coaches and players, at the Vauxhall Recreation Club's official opening of Pro-Zone 2, the latest all-weather pitch to go into use at The Brache. The rubber-filled artificial grass surface is FIFA approved, and a similar one was used at this year's Under-17 World Cup in Helsinki.

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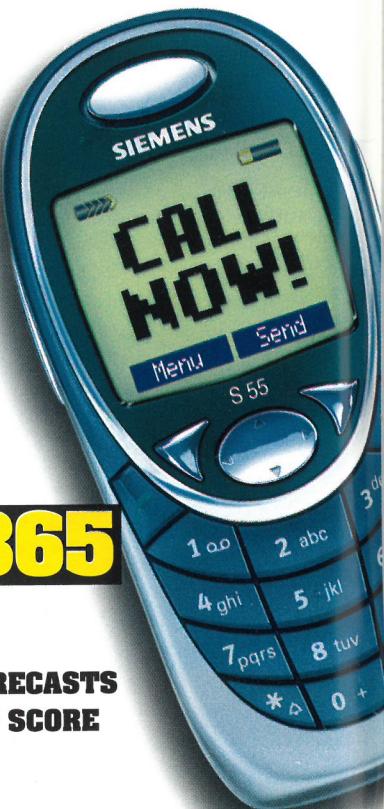
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The Town Captain's View

FRUSTRATION at being on the injured list has been all the greater this week after the results at Brentford and Bournemouth. Professional footballers don't make mistakes on purpose, and you can be sure that we have put in plenty of hard work on the training field to ensure we get things right today. Hard work will also be needed in the game. The team will have to work their socks off, and play with a great feeling of togetherness.

Before we shouldn't forget the two games before this week's. We were delighted with the results against Wycombe and Stevenage, and I would like to congratulate two young players in particular, Dean Brill on making his full debut against Wycombe, and Mathew Judge for his cracking winning goal at Stevenage.

And well done Adrian Forbes, an emergency striker who has got five goals in five games. I was also pleased to hear that Gary McSheffrey has signed on for another month

We did good professional jobs in both those games, and it was a pity we could not build on those successes at Griffin Park and Dean Court. Perhaps our result at Brentford was not as bad as it might appear, having seen Brentford thrash league leaders Brighton 4-0 on Tuesday night. And Bournemouth are having a good season, unbeaten at home and with a win against Brighton to their credit four days before they played us. But it is a concern that we have won away from home only once. The league table adds to my frustration: even after

two bad defeats we are only three points short of the play-off zone. We're in the bottom half of the table – just – but only six points worse off than the leaders.

If we get our act together we can win this league. It is weaker than it was last season, with no-one likely to run away with the championship like Wigan did. A lot fancied Bristol City and QPR to be right up there, but City lost at bottom club Wycombe on Tuesday, and QPR were beaten at Port Vale.

And for all this week's disappointments, we are in a better position now than we were a year ago. We are also a lot better than the last two results might suggest, but we have got to go out and prove it. We need to be meaner, and make opposing teams think we are horrible to play against. Hard work, self-belief and a determination to play for each other can get us back on track. A run of good results can get us moving up the table again, and we will want to do the business today against Peterborough.

We owe them one – I still haven't forgotten how much it hurt just over a year ago when they came to Kenilworth Road and beat us. I don't expect the same to happen this afternoon.

Kevin Nicholls



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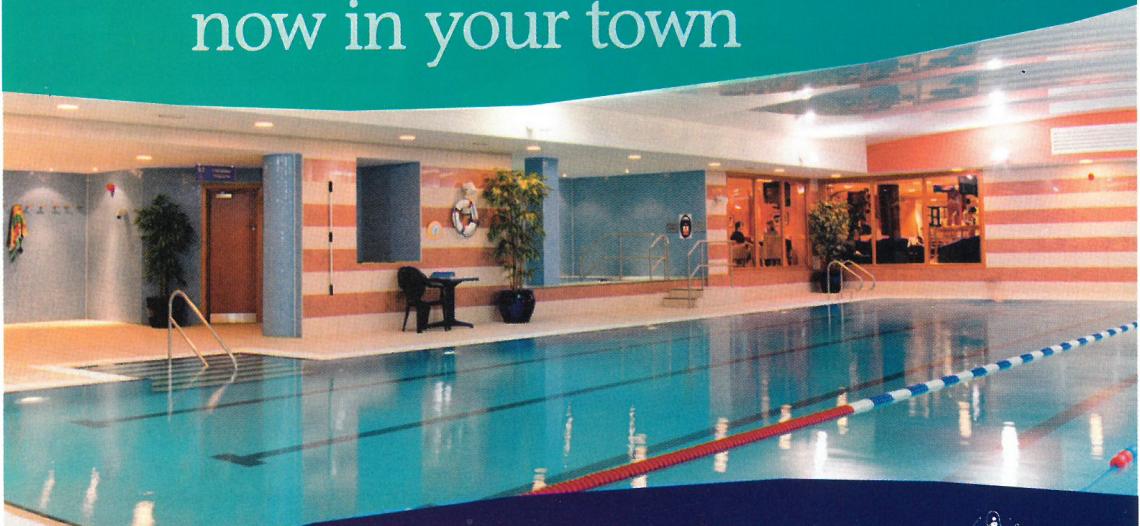
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From The Chief Executive



GOOD afternoon and welcome. Firstly, apologies to all supporters regarding the situation recently when away clubs have made matches all ticket for our supporters and then changed it to pay on the day once the tickets have been on sale. I know how frustrating this is for supporters, but would advise you that the decision to make the match all ticket is made by the home club together with their police.

The Supporters Club raised a magnificent £858.66 from the bucket collection held recently towards the youth teams' mini bus, and I know they have other fund-raising events in the pipeline.

Speaking of the youth team, I watched them play in the FA Youth Cup at Bognor FC against Brighton last Thursday, and although the result was not favourable, the boys worked extremely hard all match, and were a credit to Luton Town Football Club. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so we have a bucket collection here today for this very valuable cause. Cancer Research UK is the leading funder of research, and improvements in treatment have seen mortality rates fall by 22% in the last ten years.

We are also in National Kick Racism Out Week, which we are pleased to support. Our Community Department will be putting on a five-a-side match prior to today's game, and have also distributed tickets for today's match to the local community. The Club is totally committed to supporting the Kick it Out campaign, and will take action against anyone found guilty of racial discrimination.

The Football Association have this week written and advised me that the Disciplinary Committee have agreed to continue suspension of £12,500 of the £15,000 fine relating to seasons 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 until the end of the current

season, when they will review our disciplinary record. However we have to pay the remaining £2,500.

Several supporters have asked about the use of the "orange" balls for the winter period. They come into play at Football League matches from November 1 until the end of February.

The second round draw of the LDV Vans trophy match sees us drawn away to Rushden and Diamonds, and the match will be played on Tuesday November 4, kick off 7.45pm. As the ticket office news pages report, it will be pay on the night only.

The FA Cup is also just around the corner, and the draw for the First Round Proper takes place this evening and will be televised live on BBC1 at approximately 5.05 in the final score programme of Grandstand. Full details of ticket arrangements will be publicised on the web and local press as soon as we are able to make contact with our opponents and the police. We appreciate that there is only two weeks between the draw and match taking place, so we will do everything we can to assist supporters.

Where has the month of October gone? I cannot believe it is nearly over and this is a reminder that the Club will stay open on Monday November 3 until 8pm, so if you have any concerns, ideas etc, or simply want to have a chat and a drink, all are welcome.

Cherry Newbery

You can e-mail Cherry Newbery on
clubsec@lutontown.co.uk

TwoStats

Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

Blackpool	3	Hartlepool	1	Stockport	1	Notts County	0
Bournemouth	3	Barnsley	1	Swindon	1	Oldham	0
Port Vale	3	Brentford	1	Tranmere	1	Peterborough	0
Wrexham	3	Brighton	1	Chesterfield	0	QPR	0
Luton	2	Bristol City	1	Colchester	0	Sheff Wed	0
Rushden	2	Plymouth	1	Grimsby	0	Wycombe	0

Nationwide Division 2 2003-2004 Season - The Stats So Far

Highest Attendance	24,630	Sheff Wed v Oldham
Lowest Attendance	3,079	Colchester v Bristol City
Average Gate	6,945	
Aggregate Attendance	1,222,318	
Biggest Home Win	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Biggest Away Win	Port Vale 1-5 Plymouth	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Bournemouth 6-3 Luton, Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Total Games	176	
Home Wins	76 (43%)	
Away Wins	47 (27%)	
Draws	53 (30%)	
1-1 Draws	19 (11%)	
0-0 Draws	14 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Colchester	4
Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	11
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield	6
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield	13
Total Yellow Cards	568	
Total Red Cards	44	
Current Winning Sequence	Bournemouth, Barnsley	3
Current Unbeaten Sequence	Bournemouth, Sheff Wed	5
Current Losing Sequence	Swindon	4
Current Winless Sequence	Peterborough	11

Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

	Scored	All For	%	Conc.	All Agt	%	
Hartlepool	7	27	25.9	Bristol City	4	12	33.3
Stockport	4	18	22.2	Brighton	3	15	20.0
Swindon	5	23	21.7	Colchester	3	20	15.0
QPR	5	24	20.8	Stockport	4	27	14.8
Luton	4	27	14.8	Brentford	3	21	14.3
Plymouth	4	32	12.5	Luton	4	29	13.8
Peterborough	2	17	11.8	Grimsby	3	22	13.6
Brentford	2	18	11.1	Sheff Wed	2	15	13.3
Wycombe	2	18	11.1	Peterborough	3	23	13.0
Barnsley	2	19	10.5	Tranmere	3	24	12.5
Colchester	2	19	10.5	Bournemouth	2	16	12.5
Grimsby	2	20	10.0	Blackpool	3	25	12.0
Sheff Wed	2	20	10.0	Oldham	3	25	12.0
Blackpool	2	21	9.5	Rushden	3	25	12.0
Bournemouth	2	22	9.1	Barnsley	2	17	11.8
Brighton	2	24	8.3	Wycombe	3	28	10.7
Port Vale	2	24	8.3	Swindon	2	21	9.5
Rushden	2	24	8.3	Port Vale	2	22	9.1
Chesterfield	1	12	8.3	Chesterfield	2	23	8.7
Oldham	2	26	7.7	Wrexham	1	12	8.3
Notts County	1	13	7.7	Notts County	2	27	7.4
Tranmere	1	16	6.3	Plymouth	1	17	5.9
Bristol City	1	17	5.9	Hartlepool	1	19	5.3
Wrexham	0	15	0.0	QPR	0	11	0.0

Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

Oldham	3	Rushden	2	QPR	1	Brighton	0
Peterborough	2	Swindon	2	Sheff Wed	1	Bristol City	0
Wycombe	2	Barnsley	1	Stockport	1	Chesterfield	0
Blackpool	2	Colchester	1	Tranmere	1	Hartlepool	0
Grimsby	2	Notts County	1	Bournemouth	0	Plymouth	0
Luton	2	Port Vale	1	Brentford	0	Wrexham	0

Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

	Scored	All Gls	%	Conceded	All Gls	%	
Bournemouth	10	22	45.5	Brentford	8	21	38.1
Plymouth	14	32	43.8	Rushden	9	25	36.0
Port Vale	9	24	37.5	Barnsley	6	17	35.3
Tranmere	6	16	37.5	Bournemouth	5	16	31.3
Sheff Wed	7	20	35.0	Luton	9	29	31.0
Luton	9	27	33.3	Oldham	7	25	28.0
Wrexham	5	15	33.3	Brighton	4	15	26.7
Stockport	5	18	27.8	Peterborough	6	23	26.1
Barnsley	5	19	26.3	Stockport	7	27	25.9
Swindon	6	23	26.1	Bristol City	3	12	25.0
Rushden	6	24	25.0	Blackpool	6	25	24.0
Bristol City	4	17	23.5	Plymouth	4	17	23.5
Brentford	4	18	22.2	Hartlepool	4	19	21.1
Wycombe	3	18	16.7	Tranmere	5	24	20.8
Chesterfield	2	12	16.7	Colchester	4	20	20.0
Colchester	3	19	15.8	Sheff Wed	3	15	20.0
Notts County	2	13	15.4	QPR	2	11	18.2
Grimsby	3	20	15.0	Wycombe	5	28	17.9
Brighton	3	24	12.5	Chesterfield	4	23	17.4
QPR	3	24	12.5	Wrexham	2	12	16.7
Oldham	3	26	11.5	Notts County	4	27	14.8
Hartlepool	2	27	7.4	Swindon	3	21	14.3
Peterborough	1	17	5.9	Grimsby	3	22	13.6
Blackpool	1	21	4.8	Port Vale	3	22	13.6

Goals Scored & Conceded from Corners as % of all corners for & agt.

	Scored	Corn For	%	Conc.	Corn Agt	%	
Port Vale	5	71	7.0	Wycombe	5	72	6.9
Sheff Wed	4	61	6.6	Chesterfield	5	93	5.4
Brentford	4	98	4.1	Brentford	6	120	5.0
Grimsby	3	76	3.9	Bournemouth	3	64	4.7
Wrexham	3	78	3.8	Bristol City	3	68	4.4
Rushden	3	80	3.8	Notts County	3	78	3.8
Brighton	3	81	3.7	Blackpool	3	80	3.8
Plymouth	3	84	3.6	Stockport	3	83	3.6
Luton	3	87	3.4	Oldham	2	62	3.2
Bristol City	3	89	3.4	Brighton	2	69	2.9
Tranmere	3	91	3.3	Rushden	3	105	2.9
Blackpool	2	67	3.0	Plymouth	2	73	2.7
QPR	2	71	2.8	Barnsley	2	76	2.6
Colchester	2	81	2.5	Colchester	2	81	2.5
Bournemouth	2	86	2.3	Grimsby	2	91	2.2
Stockport	2	87	2.3	Port Vale	2	96	2.1
Oldham	2	91	2.2	Peterborough	1	71	1.4
Hartlepool	1	57	1.8	Sheff Wed	1	73	1.4
Barnsley	1	59	1.7	Hartlepool	1	74	1.4
Chesterfield	1	72	1.4	Wrexham	1	83	1.2
Peterborough	1	81	1.2	Luton	1	84	1.2
Swindon	1	90	1.1	Tranmere	1	85	1.2
Notts County	0	89	0.0	QPR	0	62	0.0
Wycombe	0	81	0.0	Swindon	0	65	0.0

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The Bobbers Travel Club will leave Cranfield at 9am and Luton an hour later, and their fares are £12 for adults and £10 for pensioners and under-16s.

Town on Tour's journey begins at Bletchley Bus Station at 9am, leaving Luton at 10, and their fares are £14 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £12 for concessionary members and £16 for others.

The Road to Ashton Gate

THE journey to Bristol is an easy motorway drive of

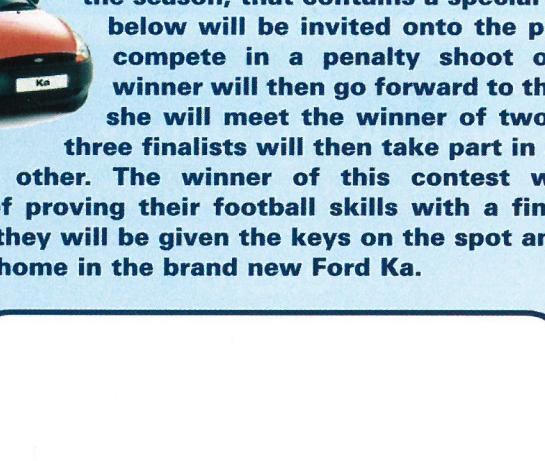
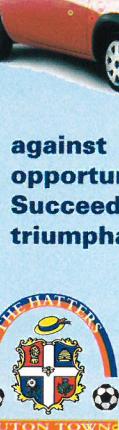
just over two hours. Leave Luton on the M1 south, then take the M25 west. Near Heathrow turn onto the M4 heading west. Leave M4 at junction 19, onto the M32. Nearly five miles after leaving the motorway turn left to follow the signs to Broadmead and Temple Meads, and then get into the right hand lane to follow signs towards Bristol Airport. At the next two roundabouts go left to follow the signs towards Taunton A38. After leaving the second roundabout stay in the left hand lane, still following the A38 signs, into Brunel Way, the A3029. This swings left into Winterstoke Road, and Ashton Gate is on your left.

Mileage from Luton: About 150.

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.

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News From The Ticket Office

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Not forgetting the kids, we are offering:

"Kid A Quid for Christmas"

For our home game against Notts County on Sunday December 28, under-16s can purchase a ticket for just £1, provided a paying adult accompanies them.

These offers are subject to availability, and we advise supporters to book early.

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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.

News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Bristol City v Luton Town

Saturday, November 1, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £15, Senior Citizens £12,
Under-19s and Students £10, Under-16s £5

This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance from Kenilworth Road.



LDV Vans Trophy, Southern Section, Second Round Rushden & Diamonds v Luton Town

Tuesday, November 4, 2003, kick-off 7.45pm
Prices: Adults £9, Senior Citizens and Under-18s £4,
Under-12s £1.

This match is pay on the night only,
with no tickets available at Kenilworth Road.



The FA Cup, First Round Weekend beginning Saturday, November 8, 2003

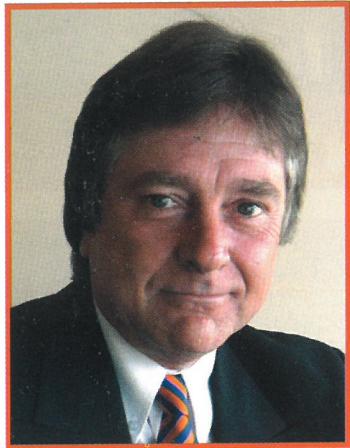
The draw for this cup-tie will be made this evening, and match arrangements and ticket prices will be announced as soon as possible through the normal media channels, including the official club website, www.lutontown.co.uk



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Wrexham

Saturday November 15 2003, kick-off 3pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices,
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Ben Barnard, commercial mascot at the Wycombe game, receiving his commemorative certificate.

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Karl Moy

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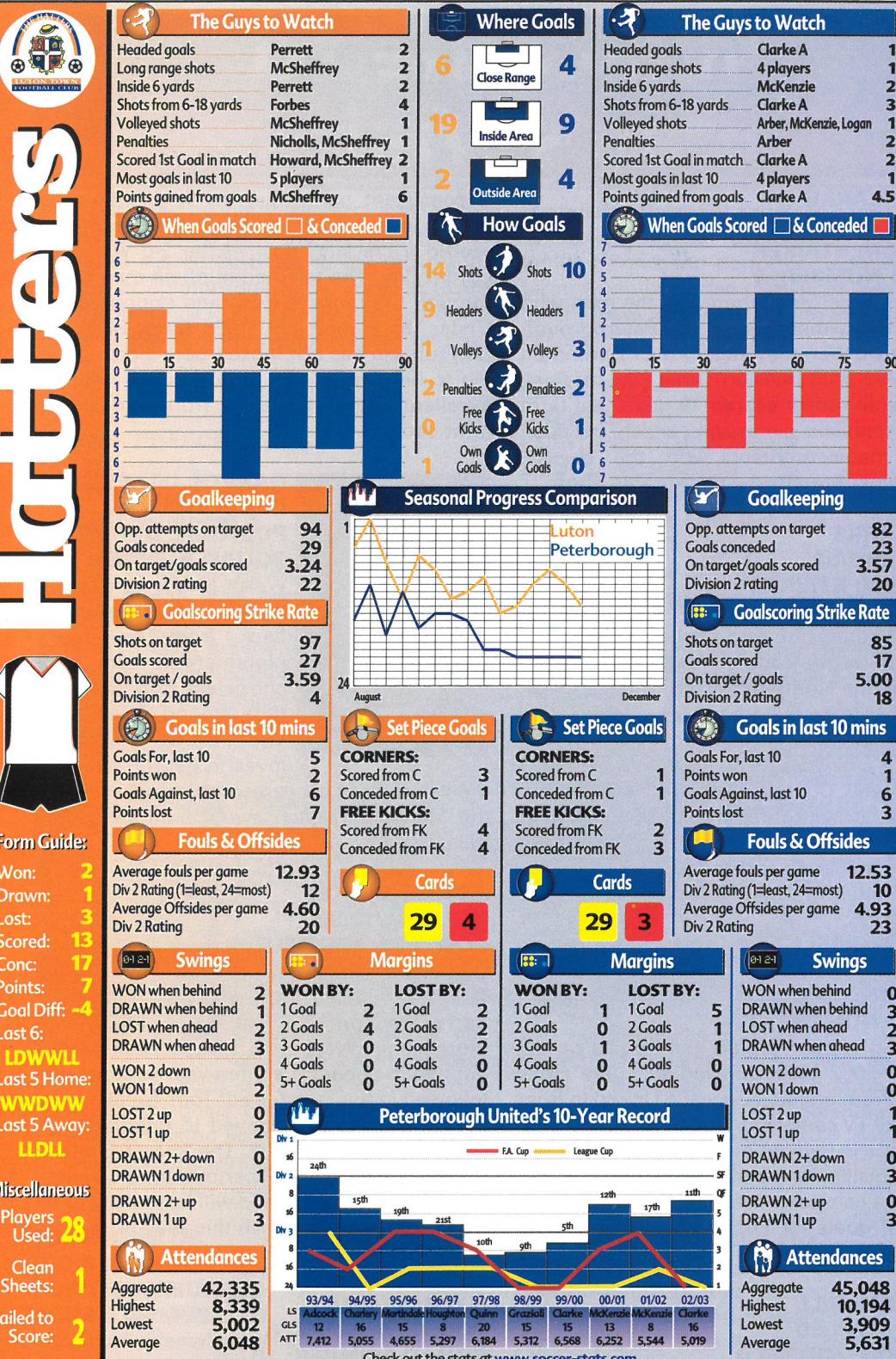
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Welcome to Today's Visitors

ANDY CLARKE

D.O.B: 22/7/67

POSITION: STRIKER

SQUAD NUMBER: 9

Will always be remembered as the man who scored the winning goal in Peterborough United's 1-0 Wembley victory over Darlington in the 1999-2000 Division Three Play-off final. The veteran striker scored 19 goals last term after a fantastic campaign, which included several magic moments, with the 'cheeky' goal against Brentford a memorable effort.

LEE CLARKE

D.O.B: 28/7/83

POSITION: STRIKER

SQUAD NUMBER: 18

Talented youngster who capped a rapid rise from non-league football last season being named in the Northern Ireland Under 21 side. Son of former Peterborough United and Northern Ireland striker Colin Clarke, he signed a one-year deal in November 2001 from United Counties League outfit Yaxley after a successful three-month trial period at London Road. Scored plenty of goals for the Posh second string and ended last season on-loan at Kettering Town, scoring once.

DAVID FARRELL

D.O.B: 11/11/71

POSITION: MIDFIELD

SQUAD NUMBER: 7

The flying winger scored eight goals during the 2001-2002 season including a fine strike against Premiership Newcastle United in front of the Sky TV cameras in the FA Cup. The midfielder was in and out of the side last term and became disillusioned with the game, but 'Faz' ended the campaign well and is keen to score plenty of goals for Posh, probably in attack, for Barry Fry's men this season.

MATTHEW GILL

D.O.B: 08/11/80

POSITION: MIDFIELD

SQUAD NUMBER: 12

A consistent performer, the midfielder was always in the first team when fit last term and scored a cracking goal in the 2-0 win over Cardiff City. The talented midfield man came through the ranks at Posh and skippered the Under 18s in their 1997-1998 Times FA Youth Cup run. He has not looked back since, proving to be comfortable in possession with an excellent range of passing from midfield or right back.



GARETH JELLEYMAN
D.O.B: 14/11/80
POSITION: DEFENDER
SQUAD NUMBER: 19

Welsh Under 21 international, who bounced back from an injury nightmare to turn in a consistent campaign last time around at left-back. The skilful defender loves to get forward and the highlight of his career so far was winning the 'Man of the Match' award at the 1999-2000 Wembley Play-off final.

ADAM NEWTON
D.O.B: 04/12/80
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
SQUAD NUMBER: 11

Talented midfield man who was signed by Barry Fry on the 1st May 2002 from Premiership West Ham United. The winger put pen to paper on a three-year contract and followed in the footsteps of Tom Williams and Jimmy Bullard who moved to Peterborough United from Upton Park. The former England Under 21 international performed in a variety of positions last term and will be looking to be more consistent for Posh this season.

LEON MCKENZIE
D.O.B: 17/5/78
POSITION: STRIKER
SQUAD NUMBER: 10

Highly rated powerful striker whose season

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was disrupted by injury last term after suffering a dislocated ankle in pre-season. The fans' favourite scored 20 times in his second full season at London Road after moving to the club from Crystal Palace. He has scored 38 goals in just 72 starting appearances for Posh and has been described as the 'best striker in Division Two' by manager Barry Fry.

DENNIS PEARCE
D.O.B: 10/9/74
POSITION: DEFENDER
SQUAD NUMBER: 3

Tough tackling full-back has had a nightmare time of it due to injuries. The 26-year-old moved to the club from Second Division rivals Notts. County on a free transfer and his pace and power proved to be an asset in the early games, but he has failed to hold down a regular place in the side and will be hoping he can stay fit and force his way into Fry's thinking.



SIMON REA
D.O.B: 20/09/76
POSITION: DEFENDER
SQUAD NUMBER: 5

Strong central defender won several awards at the Supporters Club Player of the Season evening last term. The consistent performer has been a rock at the heart of a three-man Posh defence and he scored some crucial goals when going forward at set-pieces. It is no surprise he finds the back of the net several times a season - he played up front in his days at Birmingham City.

TONY SHIELDS
D.O.B: 4/6/80
POSITION: MIDFIELD
SQUAD NUMBER: 20

Irish midfielder who was on the verge of quitting Posh and returning to his homeland following a season of frustrating injuries, but to

the relief of Barry Fry and Posh supporters the tenacious tackler committed himself to London Road and performed admirably last term. A wholehearted midfielder with a clever touch, he is not afraid to bite into the tackle despite his diminutive size.

MARK TYLER
D.O.B: 2/4/77
POSITION: GOALKEEPER
SQUAD NUMBER: 1

The fans favourite and Posh number one was again in superb form last season after recovering from a broken arm sustained in the early part of the campaign. Rated by many as one of the best goalkeepers outside of the Premier League, he was rewarded by his fellow professionals with selection into the PFA Division Two team of the year a few seasons back.

SAGI BURTON
POSITION: DEFENDER
D.O.B: 25/11/77
SQUAD NUMBER: 30

Powerful defender who was signed on a one-year contract from Crewe Alexandra. The versatile performer has settled quickly at London Road with a string of impressive performances and he was a tower of strength alongside Simon Rea and Mark Arber in the Posh defence. A strong centre back, the former Port Vale defender is well-liked by the Posh faithful.

ANDREW FOTIADIS
POSITION: STRIKER
DOB: 6TH SEPTEMBER 1977
SQUAD NUMBER: 16

Peterborough United manager Barry Fry swooped to sign the 25-year-old on loan in February 2003 from Second Division rivals Luton Town and the pacy front man soon put pen to paper on a permanent deal. Fotiadis is

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a quick, strong front man and scored five goals in eight games for the Hatters before moving to London Road.

MARK ARBER
POSITION: DEFENDER
DOB: 9TH OCTOBER 1977
SQUAD NUMBER: 4

Left sided defender who performed admirably in his first season at Posh after joining from Nationwide Conference outfit Barnet. The talented South-African born defender is comfortable on the ball and has a good eye for goal and has consolidated his position as the club's penalty taker. Arber has already shown he is capable of playing at a higher level and the former Tottenham Hotspur trainee will be hoping for another fine season this time around.

BRADLEY THOMAS
POSITION: DEFENDER
DOB: 29TH MARCH 1984
SQUAD NUMBER: 25

Powerful centre-back who has a promising future in the game after being placed on standby for the England under 19 squad for a training camp. The defender was a regular in the Posh reserve team last season and produced some impressive displays, both at the heart of the defence or at right-back. Was called up by the Jamaican under 23 squad last term.

SEAN ST. LEDGER
POSITION: DEFENDER
DOB: 28TH DECEMBER 1984
SQUAD NUMBER: 12

Birmingham-born centre-back who has produced some calm, composed displays for the Posh under 19 side and has recently broken into the reserve side. Was the joint-captain for the youth cup campaign and leads by example with commendable performances. Made a substitute appearance in the first team last term, playing at the heart of the defence

against Wycombe Wanderers.

ADAM FRY
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 9TH FEBRUARY 1985
SQUAD NUMBER: 8

Young midfielder Adam Fry had a memorable 2002 summer, which saw him sign professional at London Road, and spend two weeks with one of the biggest clubs in the world, Manchester United. Fry put pen to paper on a four-year professional deal for Peterborough United alongside team-mate Ryan Semple. The youngster joined Posh from his local side Bedford as a 14-year-old and has not looked back. He has been a regular in the Under 19 side at London Road and started the opening reserve team game of the 2002-2003 season against Cambridge United. Injury has disrupted the pre-season campaign of this term though, but the youngster is on the road to recovery.

RYAN SEMPLE
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 4TH JULY 1985
SQUAD NUMBER: 22

Just a few days after starring for Manchester United in an international Under 17 tournament in Portugal, Peterborough United youngster Ryan Semple returned to earth with a bump when appearing for the London Road second string against Cambridge United Reserves.

The talented winger spent two weeks with the Premiership giants in the summer of 2002, where he trained at the £15 million Carrington complex and took part for the Red Devils' under 17 side in a tournament in Portugal, playing against the young stars from FC Porto and Real Madrid.

ANDY LEGG
SQUAD NUMBER: 3
POSITION: DEFENDER
DATE OF BIRTH: 28/7/66

Experienced Welshman who joined



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Peterborough United in the summer of 2003 as player-coach after helping Cardiff City to promotion from Division Two. The long-throw expert is a keen fitness fanatic and has kept himself in good shape - appearing in the veterans tournaments held across the country during the summer.

CHRISTOPHER KANU
SQUAD NUMBER: 26
POSITION: DEFENDER

Exciting full-back who is currently on-trial at London Road after his release from Alavas in the Spanish League. The brother of the Arsenal striker has settled in at the club after appearing in several pre-season friendly matches and is already a fans favourite at the club.

RORY HUTTON
SQUAD NUMBER: 28
POSITION: DEFENDER
WEIGHT: 10ST 9LBS

Irish youngster who is aiming for big things in the game after appearing for his country at youth level. The versatile performer is best suited to left-back and will be hoping to push for a place in the first team squad after being handed a squad number this season.

JAMIE DAY
SQUAD NUMBER: 29
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
WEIGHT: 10ST 7LBS

Exciting winger who spent several weeks training with Manchester United during the summer months where he played in the Milk Cup against some of the best young talent in Europe. 'Pasty' as he is known at Posh, was impressive in the pre-season games for Posh and will be pushing for a first team place this term.

PAUL BURTON
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
WEIGHT: 11ST 5LBS

Combative midfielder who was a regular in the Posh under 19 side in the 2002-2003 campaign. The youngster will be hoping to hold down a regular place in the reserve team this time around.

STEVEN THOMSON

Scottish-born midfielder who agreed a move from Crystal Palace until the end of the current season. A box-to-box player, Thomson has spent nine years at Selhurst Park, scoring one league goal in over 100 appearances. The 25-year-old is looking forward to the challenge of Second Division football.

'I have signed until the end of this season and I am hoping to help Posh improve on last season and push for the play-offs.' Thomson went straight into the squad for his debut against Grimsby Town at Blundell Park in September.

CURTIS WOODHOUSE

Energetic midfielder who signed a three-year deal at Peterborough United after a long-winded transfer from Birmingham City. The former England under 21 star was once a £1 million pound player after moving to the Blues from Sheffield United.

The 23-year-old gets up and down the pitch and has a good eye for goal and manager Barry Fry believes it to be one of his best ever signings. Woodhouse made his debut for Posh in the LDV Vans Trophy win over Torquay United at London Road.

CALUM WILLOCK

Young striker who is currently on a one-month loan from Premiership outfit Fulham and the quick front man made his debut against Torquay in the LDV Van clash in October. Willock is exceptionally quick, but has yet to score a goal in the first team for Fulham or Bristol Rovers or QPR where he has spent a time on-loan.



Blast From The Past

Following relegation from Division One in 1996 the close season was expected to feature a major clear out of playing staff which never actually materialised.

Although Scott Oakes was transferred to David Pleat's Premiership side Sheffield Wednesday and the unlucky Vidar Riseth moved to Linz, a couple of on-off deals seemed to take up much of the summer.

Ceri Hughes was taken by Crystal Palace on trial but after what seemed an age it was decided he should return to Kenilworth Road. Also, Julian James was on the verge of signing for Gillingham but in the end decided to stay with the Hatters.

On the incoming side was Paul Showler, signed from one of manager Lennie Lawrence's old sides Bradford City, while another forward, Steve McCormick, had been targeted after playing for and against the Town during a pre-season tour of Scotland. Unfortunately another forward had to be sacrificed first and, after Lincoln withdrew from signing John Taylor at the eleventh hour, McCormick had to be left to ply his trade with Stirling Albion.

After a mixed bag of pre-season results, which included a 4-2 win over a full strength West Ham side in Julian James' testimonial and a 1-4 defeat at Stirling, it was back to Division Two football for the first time since 1970.

The opening league game did not quite go the way the supporters, who felt that a quick return to Division One was a divine right, expected.

Burnley, the visitors to Kenilworth Road, not only won, but their scorers were Luton old boys Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan. Although the Town were not particularly bad

they had to swiftly learn that to gift the opposition a two goal start left you with a mountain to climb whichever division you were in. A penalty miss by Bontcho Guentchev did not help the Hatters cause very much either. The Town's visit to Brentford attracted a large Luton following who thought that, with ten minutes left, a lead of 2-1 meant three points in the bag. Unfortunately the Bees had other ideas and two goals at the death aided by some generous defending meant that the season was beginning to look like a follow on from the previous campaign.

Worse was to follow in an embarrassing 0-5 midweek defeat at Bristol City which brought about a public apology from Lennie Lawrence as the Town sank to the foot of the table. Obviously the Hatters had to learn fast that the division was not likely to be a cakewalk.

After a certain amount of soul searching the Town finally got off the mark with a narrow 1-0 home win over Rotherham courtesy of a



Paul Showler looks for his hat-trick.

Showler Shatters The Posh

rare goal from Mitchell Thomas. No-one was about to get carried away, however, as the Millers were a poor outfit as proved by their eventual relegation, so it was probably a blessing that we met them when we did.

Next up was a first ever visit to Wycombe and another 1-0 victory. This time though the fans could see the first glimmer that the Hatters were acclimatising themselves to their new level and adapting themselves accordingly. The game was fairly turgid and settled by a scrappy goal but another clean sheet proved that lessons from the early season disasters were being learned.

The players were now beginning to enjoy themselves as proved by their reaction following a 2-1 home victory over a tough Gillingham outfit. A 0-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road at the hands of Chesterfield brought them back to earth however as they were shown that at this level teams could make up for any lack of skill by sheer hard work and dogged defending so the Town tried those tactics in the next game at Bury and returned with a point following a 0-0 draw.

Blackpool were next up at Kenilworth Road and for the first time in the campaign the Town truly imposed themselves on the opposition, especially in the first half when they had the Seasiders on the rack for long peri-

ods. Despite this superiority they only had one goal to show for their domination which came after a Blackpool defensive mistake. The Hatters were now moving up the table and supporters were in a much happier frame of mind after successive wins over Walsall and Shrewsbury together with a fighting 1-1 draw at Stockport.

Barry Fry's Peterborough were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road and the best attendance since the opening day gathered to watch the resurgent Hatters. The Town set about Posh, who had lost their last three games, from the opening whistle and it was no surprise when Steve Davis headed the Hatters into the lead after ten minutes following a corner.

The Peterborough defence was all over the place once more shortly afterwards when another corner was only partly cleared, leaving Paul Showler to touch in Tony Thorpe's goal bound shot.

Showler made the game safe just after the interval leaving Posh, who had brought on three subs at half-time, chasing shadows. "We must pull our fingers out," said Fry afterwards while Lawrence could only enthuse over the talents of Paul Showler who "needs to be kept physically right!"

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages

In the programme for the visit of Peterborough in October 1996, the Town were gearing up to the forthcoming trip to Premiership Wimbledon in the Coca Cola Cup which was set to produce a couple of memorable games. Manager Lennie Lawrence, in his column was stressing the importance of concentrating on the league. He was satisfied with the clubs league position after a terrible start but was warning the players not to have one eye turned towards the cup-tie. He need not have worried! It is interesting to note that seven years on only Marvin Johnson and John Moore remain from the first team playing and coaching staff.

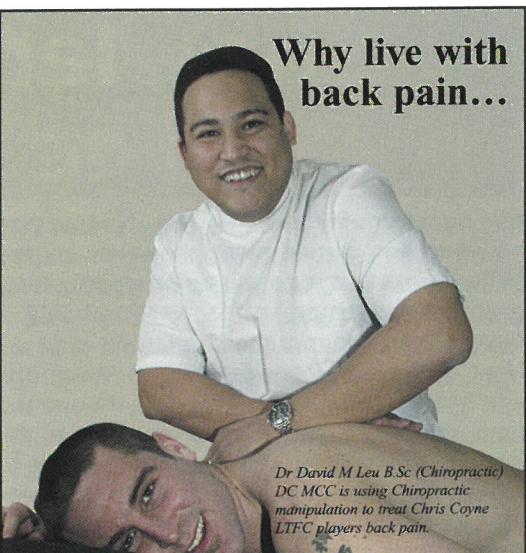
Town Teaser

A PAIR of match tickets will be won by a lucky supporter this afternoon. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go in our Town Teaser competition. At the last home game we asked who was the man who played for Wycombe and for Luton, alongside Malcolm Macdonald. The answer was Viv Busby, who was a striker at Kenilworth Road for three years in the early seventies.

TODAY'S QUESTION

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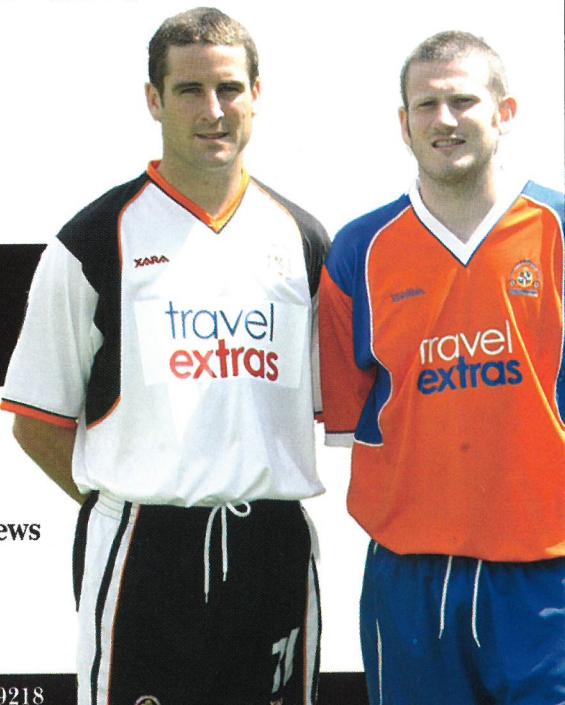
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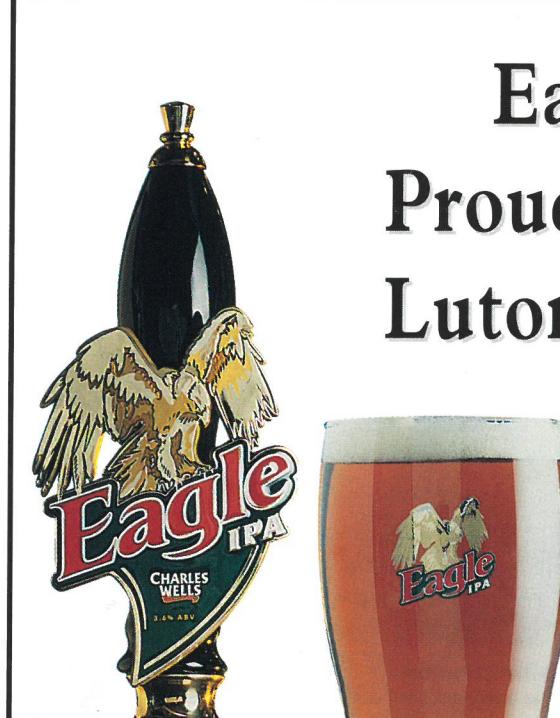
Fans on the Road

OFFICIALS of Stevenage Borough were baffled when an incorrect attendance figure at the LDV Vans Trophy game was published. When the game ended club officials were still totting up the figures, and could not provide an official attendance. Mysteriously, teletext and the following morning's newspapers said the gate was 1,754. But at around 11pm the official figure was released, showing that the attendance was in fact 2,412, with the Town taking another four-figure following, as they did to Griffin Park on Saturday.

Town Travellers

	Visitors to Luton
Stockport	671
Brighton	727
Notts Co	1,215
Plymouth	449
Charlton (CC)	2,407
Oldham	487
Swindon	412
Stevenage(LDV)	1,028
Brentford	1,468
Bournemouth	462
Total:	9,326
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	5,106
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Late Treble Takes Points

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THREE goals in the last 24 minutes gave the Town a comfortable win over visitors who had not tasted victory since the opening day of the season. But we had to sweat a little before Gary McSheffrey's equaliser knocked the stuffing out of a side which had nicked a dodgy lead. The Town were convinced the referee made a mistake when he ruled that Courtney Pitt had fouled Daniel Senda four minutes after the break, but the penalty stood and Steve Brown converted. It was one of only two occasions when 17-year-old debut boy Dean Brill looked like being beaten. Russell Perrett rescued him in the first minute with a wondrous goal-line clearance from Michael Simpson's clever 40-yard lob.

The penalty reverse stung the Town into action, but they were looking out of sorts until a double substitution put fresh legs into the action on a day when Perrett and Steve Robinson were playing despite not being 100 per cent fit.

McSheffrey's persistence and eye for a half

chance brought the equaliser on 76 minutes. Sol Davis had crossed low from the left, and Andy Thomson belted a clearance which would have gone half way to Watford had not McSheffrey anticipated brilliantly. He stuck out a boot and the ricochet shot down Wycombe. They were second best after that, with Perrett converting a far post header from Matt Spring's corner on 84 minutes, and McSheffrey adding a classy third in the last minute, with a curling shot from the edge of the box.

"Wycombe frustrated us, as visiting teams will," said Mike Newell. "But we stuck at it, and finished the game well."

John Gorman, caretaker boss at Wycombe, said: "We capsized in the last 15 minutes. We should have taken a second goal when Richard Harris got through soon after going on. That would probably have been game over." Brill, needless to say, made the save look easy, as he did with just about everything else that came his way.

LUTON TOWN: Brill; Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Davis; Robinson (Mansell 73 mins), Hughes, Spring, Pitt; McSheffrey, Forbes (Showunmi 73 mins). Unused subs: Hillier, Leary, Abbey.

BOOKED: Russell Perrett for a foul.

WYCOMBE: Talia; Senda, Thomson, Branston, Vinnicombe; Bulman, Simpson, Brown; Curie, Holligan (Harris 66 mins), Ryan (Bell 80 mins). Unused subs Johnson, Mapes, Williams.

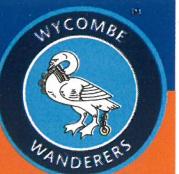
BOOKED: Steve Brown, Keith Ryan, Guy Branston, Richard Harris, all for fouls.

REFEREE: Richard Beeby, Northamptonshire

ATTENDANCE: 5,695, including 414 in the away end.



REVIVAL KICK-STARTED: Gary McSheffrey begins to celebrate his equaliser, with Lee Mansell also enjoying the moment that turned the game the Town's way.



Sub Nets Winner In Last Minute

Stevenage Borough 0 Luton Town 1

EIGHTEEN-year-old substitute Matthew Judge fired the first senior goal of his career to send the Town through to the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy. His ferocious 20-yarder in the last minute settled a cup-tie which the Town should have wrapped up earlier.

Mike Newell took the opportunity to rest some of his seniors, and youth team player Leon Barnett took the chance to shine at centre-half against a Stevenage team which was up for it, but rarely had the chance to look anything more than its current Conference mid-table position.

Much of the action was midfield stalemate, but the Town always looked the more threatening in attack, with Ahmet Brkovic seeing three chances escape. A first-half header was saved by the goalkeeper's legs, and after the break, on the ground where he netted a hat-trick a year ago, he had one shot cleared off the line and another come back off the inside of a post. A year ago we enjoyed a seven-goal thriller, but this time defences were well on top, with the Stevenage forwards promising to make

something of quick breaks, but running offside time and time again as the Town's well-disciplined back four held the line further and further upfield. Dean Brill had a comfortable evening as the Town controlled most of the game.

"It would have been an injustice if we had not won," said the Town boss. "We created chances and felt at half-time that we needed to convert just one. It took a long time, but over the 90 minutes we deserved the result.

"We have put a few kids in, and they acquitted themselves very well. Leon Barnett did quite well at the back, but all the lads have worked hard, and approached it in the right manner. And it was a fantastic strike by Judge to win the game."

A downside was that the Town collected four yellow cards, including a fourth of the season for Chris Coyne, with his manager complaining that the referee had been fooled by a Stevenage dive, but there were no other complaints on a night when a steady professional performance did the business.

LUTON TOWN: Brill; Hillier, Coyne, Perrett, Davis (Deeney 88 mins); Mansell, Robinson, Leary, Okai (Judge 68 mins); Showunmi, Brkovic. Unused subs: Forbes, O'Leary, Beckwith.

BOOKED: Mansell, Leary, Coyne, Robinson, all for fouls.

STEVENAGE: Westhead; Travis, Costello (Maamria 89 mins), Laker, Gould (Flynn HT); Holloway, Warner, Wormull; Richards (Cook 48 mins), Battersby, Elding. Unused subs: Brennan, Perez.

BOOKED: No-one.
REFEREE: Mark Cooper, West Midlands.



THE WINNER: Matthew Judge unleashes the drive which gave the Town a last-minute win, with Stevenage centre-half Barry Laker powerless to intervene.

One Of Those Days At Griffin Park

Brentford 4 Luton Town 2

UNUSUAL hesitancy in the normally reliable centre of defence was one of the reasons the Town tumbled to their fourth away defeat of the season against a team struggling to pull away from the danger area.

But the Town's showing was not as bad as it might sound. Down to the bare bones because of injuries, the suspension of Sol Davis and the transfer embargo it was perhaps a day which circumstances caught up with the Town.

Men who are not match fit have been rushed into action, and as Mike Newell said perhaps the fans had been kidded a little by how well the Town have done in previous games. On Saturday, too many men had an off day, yet the Town created more chances than Brentford and might have got something out of the game. But Mike Newell agreed: "That's not to say we deserved anything - we were second best on the day.

"We didn't start the game properly, and if you don't compete you will be out-fought, and there were various areas of the pitch where we did not dominate, including right down the middle of the side."

We can only wonder what might have happened if Brentford keeper Paul Smith had not pulled off a smart second-minute save to keep out a crisp drive by Paul Hughes.

Ten minutes later the Town were caught square when Tommy Wright dinked the ball over the top into empty space near the edge of the penalty area, and Steve Hunt nipped in to lob Brill for the opening goal.

Adrian Forbes, full of enthusiasm and energy, looked the Town's most likely lad, and was unlucky when he charged down a free kick and burst into the box, only for his shot to be cleared off the line by Matt Somner.

Brentford lost Wright with an ankle injury on 37 minutes, and his replacement, Jay Tabb, who is fighting for a starting place, did his chances no harm by becoming the day's star striker.

We expected the Town to improve in the second half, and it looked good when Courtney Pitt, Matt Spring and Gary McSheffrey combined with an incisive passing move which ended with Forbes lashing in a 48th-minute equaliser.

But it was Brentford who raised the pace after that, with Tabb allowed to power through the middle to regain the lead on 59 minutes, before being set up by Stephen Hunt's left-wing run and short pass to make it 3-1 six minutes later. He could have had a hat-trick when the Town were punished again for failing to clear a corner, because Tabb's cross-shot looked goal-bound until Ben May made sure with a close-range tap-in before any defender put in a challenge.

Forbes had the last word with his second goal three minutes from time, punishing a poor back pass by Michael Dobson and going round the keeper to score, but it was not much consolation for the Town on a day when they were well short of their usual form.

Said the manager: "You expect to be put under pressure away from home and you have to be competitive. We have brought this result on ourselves - we made Brentford look good. But perhaps that is harsh on the lads. We have set high standards, and supporters' expectations have been high. You can't expect the team perform week in, week out, when you consider the lack of depth in the squad and the injuries we have suffered. You're bound to get your bad days, and this was one of them. We have done well despite carrying injuries and having to put in kids."

Match Details

TOWN: Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Hillier; Foley, Spring, Hughes, Pitt (Judge 78 mins); McSheffrey, Forbes. Unused subs: Robinson, Brkovic, Mansell, Beckwith.

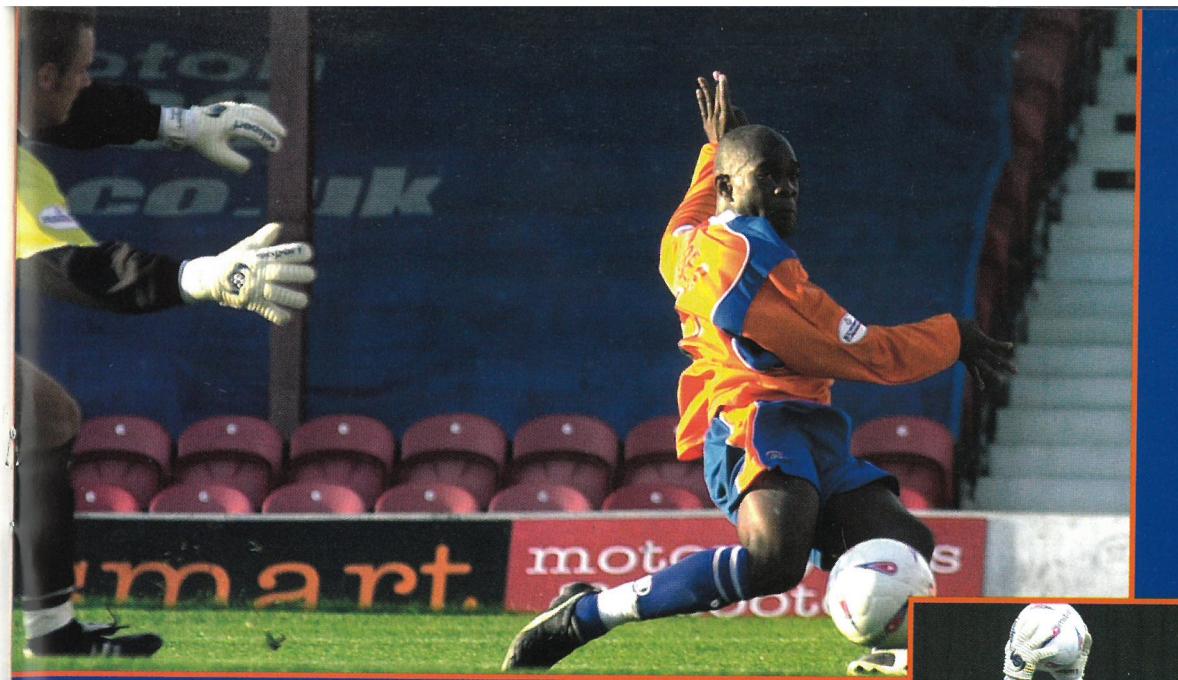
BOOKED: Adrian Forbes, Matt Spring and Paul Hughes.

BRENTFORD: Paul Smith; Dobson, Roget (Sonko HT), Kitamirike, Somner; Rougier, Evans (Jay Smith 55 mins), O'Connor, Hunt; May, Wright (Tabb 37 mins). Unused subs: Peters, Julian.

BOOKED: Leo Roget, Tony Rougier and Ben May

REFEREE: Clive Penton, Sussex.

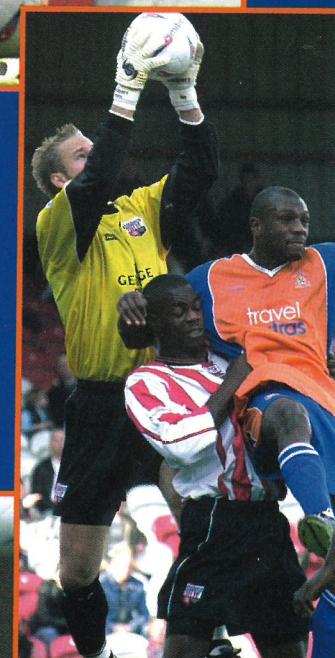
ATTENDANCE: 5,579, including 1,468 Town supporters.



ON TARGET AGAIN: Adrian Forbes nets his second of the game at Brentford after leaving goalkeeper Paul Smith grasping thin air.

RIGHT: Smith at full stretch to make a catch under pressure from Emmerson Boyce.

BELow: Attacking defenders Chris Coyne and Russell Perrett go up for a corner in competition with Leo Roget.



Hatte's Pic of the Week



BRIEF HAPPINESS: Adrian Forbes has just netted his first goal at Griffin Park on Saturday, to make it 1-1 early in the second half, with Matt Spring and Courtney Pitt the first to celebrate with him. But Brentford netted three more before Forbes struck with his second goal of the game three minutes from time.

Two Dodgy Defences Suffer At Dean Court

Bournemouth 6 Luton Town 3

IT'S A fair bet that Peterborough won't score many goals this afternoon as the Town look to bounce back after conceding ten in two outings. On a wet night on the south coast, the Town were hit for six in the league for the first time in nine years, leaving Mike Newell to complain that each of the half dozen could and should have been prevented.

"Every time Bournemouth went forward we looked likely to concede," he said. "I could recognise where we could have stopped all the goals, but defensively we were not dealing with situations individually or collectively."

"I am obviously very disappointed with the result, but I would be more worried if we didn't look like scoring ourselves. When you score three goals away from home you would expect to get something out of the game, but we didn't deserve anything because of the way we defended."

It was galling for the boss and the travelling fans because the Town had led midway through the first half, and Bournemouth's unbeaten home record was in serious danger. But three goals in nine minutes made it 4-2 to the Cherries at the break, and when the Town pulled it back to a one-goal deficit they again seemed to be on the verge of recovering, only to concede the night's most important goal within 60 seconds.

Cherries boss Sean O'Driscoll was not entirely happy with his team either, slating his side's defensive frailties – it was the first time this season they had let in three goals.

Steve Fletcher headed the home side into the lead after seven minutes, but three minutes later Steve Purches, who had crossed for Fletcher's goal,

tried to clear a centre by Courtney Pitt and headed into his own net.

Paul Hughes put Luton ahead with his first goal of the season on 25 minutes, but Bournemouth punished woeful defending to make it 4-2 by the interval, with goals by Brian Stock, 34 mins, Gareth O'Connor 42 mins, and Steve Fletcher again, from another Purches cross, in the last minute of the first half.

Adrian Forbes, with his third goal in two games, made it 4-3 on 60 minutes and the manager said he thought then that the Town would then go on to equalise. Instead, within 60 seconds Stock fired in his second goal of the game and five minutes later Wade Elliott got the sixth.

As the manager said, Bournemouth looked menacing every time they attacked, with decent pace on the flanks and Steve Fletcher a bustling handful down the middle.

Gary McSheffrey and Bournemouth's James Hayter both had goals ruled out for offside, and Robert Beckwith made a brave save at Warren Feeney's feet after the striker had burst through at pace.

Hughes and Forbes took their goals well, Hughes showing great determination as Bournemouth struggled to deal with a quick free kick, and Forbes heading carefully across the keeper from a left wing centre by Pitt.

There were a few other encouraging moments, notably when Kevin Foley sent a thundering drive narrowly off target when it was 2-2 and a late 20-yard free kick by Gary McSheffrey which curled a little too much.

Match Details

TOWN: Beckwith; Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Hillier; Foley (Mansell 82 mins), Spring, Hughes (Robinson 82 mins), Pitt; McSheffrey, Forbes. Unused subs: Brkovic, Neilson, Brill.

BOOKED: Russell Perrett and Paul Hughes.

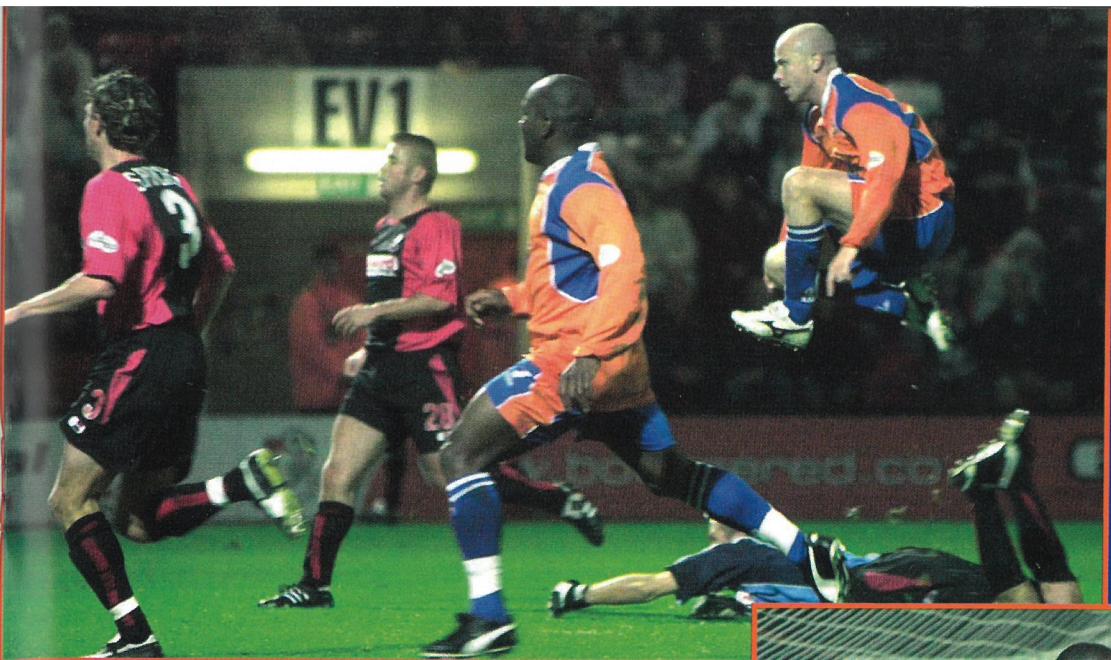
BOURNEMOUTH: Moss; Purches, Broadhurst, Carl Fletcher, Cummings; Elliott (Thomas 80 mins), Hayter, Browning (Stock 32 mins), O'Connor (Tindall 85 mins); Feeney, Steve Fletcher.

Unused subs: Connell, Stewart

BOOKED: Carl Fletcher.

REFEREE: André Marriner, Warwickshire.

ATTENDANCE: 6,388, including 462 Town supporters.



HATTERS AHEAD: Paul Hughes pokes in his first goal of the season to put the Town into the lead midway through the first half.

RIGHT: Embarrassed defender Stephen Purches is grounded after his header makes it 1-1, with Gary McSheffrey congratulating Courtney Pitt, who delivered the left-wing cross.

BELOW: Matthew Spring at full stretch for a shot which went over the bar.



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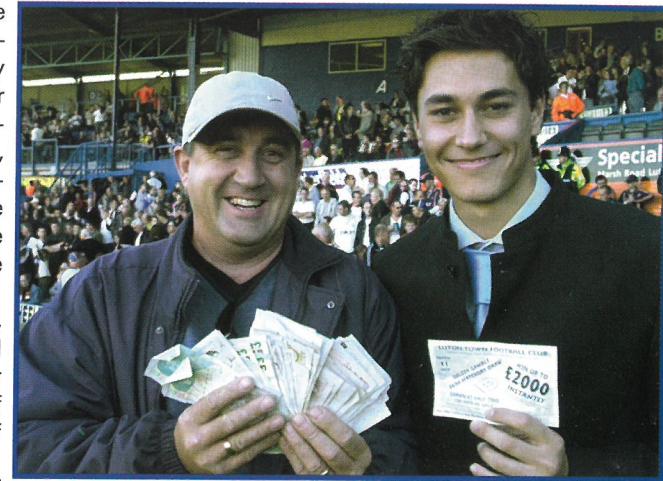
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ROB BECKWITH had to sit it out at the last home game while he served a one-match suspension, but so far as Ray Flitton is concerned the goalkeeper played a crucial part in the day's success. Ray, from Chestnut Avenue, Sundon Park, enjoyed the Town's victory over Wycombe, and the half-time break was also highly enjoyable because Rob made the Golden Gamble draw, and Ray collected £670 in cash. He watches games from the main stand, but Golden Gamble tickets are sold in all parts of the ground, and today another lucky supporter will pocket a fistful of fivers and tenners for an outlay of just £1.

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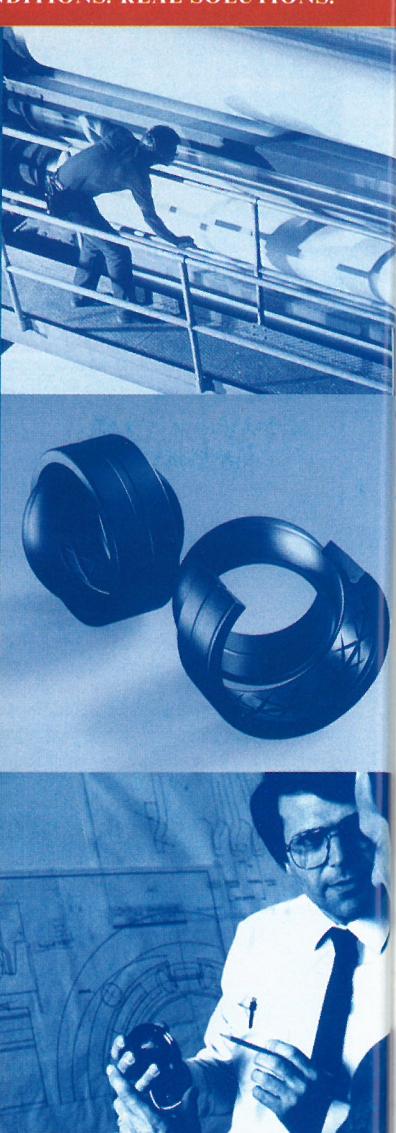
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Luton Town 0 Colchester Utd 2

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Colchester were older and more experienced, but we matched them for much of the game. Trialist Danny Jones did well, but missed two good chances, and Rob Sinclair wasted another.

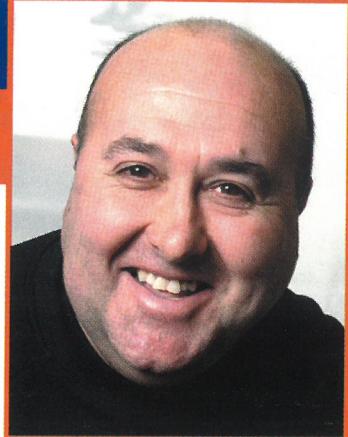
We paid for it when a scuffed clearance led to a corner from which Colchester were allowed a free header to score on 25 minutes.

We looked bright, and early in the second half Rob Sinclair saw the keeper off his line and lobbed him, but hit the bar, and when we thought we had equalised on 65 minutes the referee ruled out Russ Preston's strike for offside, a decision which mystified everyone. We peppered the Colchester goal for a spell, only to be caught out from another corner, when poor marking led to the home side's second goal on

75 minutes.

Luton Town:

Barrett, Pendleton, Asafu'Adjaye, Green, Tague (Marsiligo 50 mins), Smyth, Hanley, S. Sinclair, Jones, Preston, R. Sinclair.



Oxford Utd 1 Luton Town 0

NOT FOR the first time this season we had to let some of our better players join John Moore's under-19 squad, so our main objective in terms of developing young players is being met. But our performance was not good enough against a team who looked little better than we were, except that they had a touch more imagination about their play.

It was a very scrappy game, on a bone hard bumpy pitch, and no-one would have been surprised if it had finished 0-0. A lot of the play was schoolboyish, and neither side created much. Our major problem was that we lacked quality on the ball, and failed to pick out the right final pass.

Chris Pendleton put an early free header over the bar, and while we looked reasonable at the back we were caught out in the final minute of the first half when a nippy winger got to the by-line and pulled back a good pass.

We had one decent chance to equalise, but Ben Robinson volleyed over the bar from about six yards.

Luton Town: Barrett, Smyth, Asafu'Adjaye, Hanley, Pendleton, Green, Clark, Burrows, Kenneford (Robinson 60 mins), Preston, R. Sinclair.

OUR NEXT home game is a fortnight today, November 8, with Wycombe Wanderers our visitors. Kick-off at Luton RFC is at 11 am, and spectators are welcome.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Smyth 10, Green 10, Pendleton 9(1), Tague 9, S. Sinclair 9, R. Sinclair 8(1), Preston 7(3), Burrows 7, Hanley 7, Goodchild 5, Clark 5, Barrett 4, Richardson 3, Asafu'Adjaye 2(4), Charles 1(1), Mountford 1, Deeney 1, Keane 1, Ridgway 1, Freeman 1, Andrew 1, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNaly 1, Magadah 1, Jones 1, Kenneford 1, Robinson 0(3), Cowley 0(2), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsiligo 0(1),

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WHEN a group of Town fans found themselves near one of the world's most famous breweries they couldn't resist the temptation to take a guided tour, and sample its delights. The picture came in by e-mail from Dean Fox, who explained: "It shows me and my friend Lavinia Barnes, and it was taken in the Gravity Bar, which is at the top of the Guinness brewery in Dublin, and which gives fantastic views of the Irish capital.

"I am a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road stand with two friends, and Lavinia gets to as many games as she can.

"There were 20 of us on a weekend trip celebrating a friend's birthday, and a trip to Dublin wouldn't be the same without a visit to the Guinness brewery. As part of the tour you get a complimentary pint of Guinness, and during the tour it is suggested that you toast the creator of the pint, Arthur Guinness, but of course there's only one toast possible here, and that's to the Hatters!"



ANOTHER example of where you should drink a toast to Luton Town came from Mrs Pauline Swann, and we thought it was interesting even though it is not really a Hatters Abroad photo. She says her husband is a Luton fanatic and she knows he will be well pleased, as well as surprised, when he sees his picture in the programme. She wrote from Buttermere Close, Kempston: "This is my husband Andy, outside a pub in Bognor Regis. He is a life-long fan and season ticket holder, and no holiday is complete without a Luton Town shirt being worn, and this photo was the icing on the cake for him.

"Not being a football fan myself I was rather embarrassed to be taking the photo as time was running out before the pub opened. - Pauline Swann, long-suffering wife."



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Luton Town Belles On The Goal Standard

TOWN returned to the joint league leadership with a fine 5-1 away win against MK Wanderers. MK took a third-minute lead but Luton fought back to equalise through Kim Hide and went in for the break 2-1 up courtesy of a first goal of the season by Vicky Moody.

Belles stepped up the pace after half-time and Kim Hide fired a hat-trick, finishing two excellent moves before Michelle Byrne chased an apparently dead ball into the corner and sent in a superb cross to the far post where Fay Howell arrived to head home number five.

Last weekend Luton had a break from league action, entertaining National League side Langford in the County Cup. Langford fielded a very strong team, including four internationals, and Town put up a very creditable performance going down 2-0, even scoring one of the goals themselves. There is more cup action tomorrow when Luton travel to Loughborough to take on the country's elite PE students in the First Round Proper of the FA Cup.

The under-15s ground out a 1-0 win against London side Belmont United through a



HOT-SHOT: Tricia Gould knocks in one of her seven goals in the Belles' 17-0 hammering of Stevenage Vixens.

Dave Baker

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Junior Hatters With Happy Harry



LIKE everyone else around Kenilworth Road, we are eagerly awaiting this evening's FA Cup draw, to find out if we will be having a home game in a fortnight's time, and our usual Saturday Club, or perhaps a Junior Hatters trip to an away ground.

It might be difficult to arrange an awayday at short notice, but we can now confirm details for our trip to Bristol next Saturday, where we always enjoy a good day out.

We are also able to offer a real bargain: the cost for Junior Hatters will be £12, or £15 for their young friends. For adults the price will be £18, and the price includes a match ticket, which costs £15 for adults.

As with all our events, you can book, or find more information, by contacting Junior Hatters headquarters at the Community Office.

Our Saturday Club continues to go from strength to strength, offering a full day's enjoyment built around the match. We start 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, a Junior Hatters newsletter is in the course of production, and 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.

VIP PARTY: Two mascots joined the match

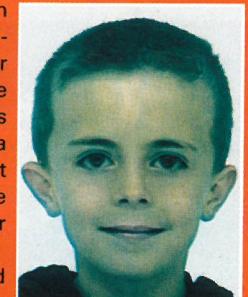
JUNIOR Hatters membership is open to any boy or girl aged from 0 to 16 who supports Luton Town, and if you want to know more please contact the Community Department. There are lots of advantages, including value for money trips to away games, and the chance to be picked out as mascot at home matches - 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.



officials and skippers for the toss of the coin before the game against Wycombe. Jack Gifford represented the Junior Hatters, while Ben Barnard was the commercial mascot.

Happy Harry

Today's Mascot



CONOR Smith, from Beech Avenue, Biggleswade, is a keen Junior Hatter, and a regular in the Kenilworth Stand with his dad, but today he has a very special day out at Luton Town, because he has been chosen to be our mascot. Conor is eight, and attends St. Andrew's Lower School, Biggleswade, and as well as playing and watching football he enjoys his PlayStation. Today his duties as mascot include a pre-match visit to the Town dressing room to meet the players, including his favourite, Matthew Spring.

Today's ball girl is Emer Wood, of Woolpack Close, Dunstable, and the ball boy is Matthew Ledgerd, of Hart Lane, Luton.

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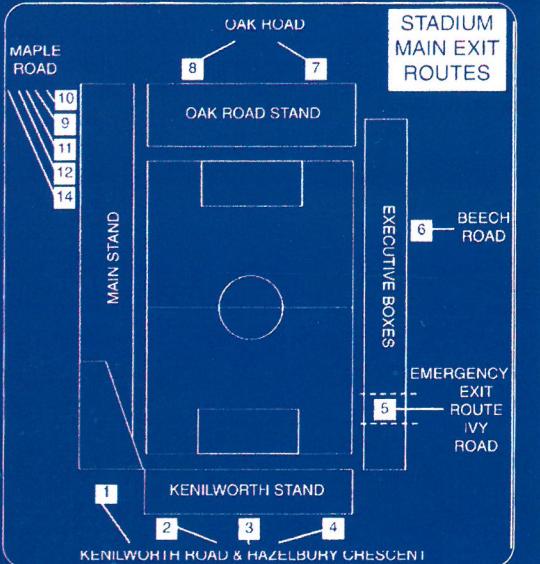
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We have been promoting anti-racism at all of our Soccer Schools, and within local schools, and today we are holding an anti-racism day at Kenilworth Rd. To mark the occasion we have invited in a group of teenagers from a variety of ethnic backgrounds to play a short 8-a-side game on the pitch before the league match kicks off.

The week of action has been co-ordinated by football's anti-racism campaign, Kick It Out, as part of the game's ongoing contribution to tackle racism. Events are taking place involving over 400 organisations, including all the profes-

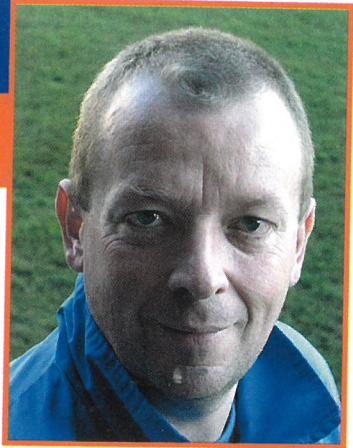
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sional clubs. There is also a series of events across Europe through the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network.

Every single person at Luton Town wishes to make clear our abhorrence of racism, and we are sure that our supporters agree with us.

We are pleased to be supporting the Kick It Out initiative, which is in keeping with football's pledge to tackle racism in all its forms. We intend to ensure that Kenilworth Road remains a welcoming place for all fans regardless of colour of skin, ethnic origin or culture.

Any supporters who are caught racially abusing players or other fans will face arrest and prosecution.

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Stuart Smith

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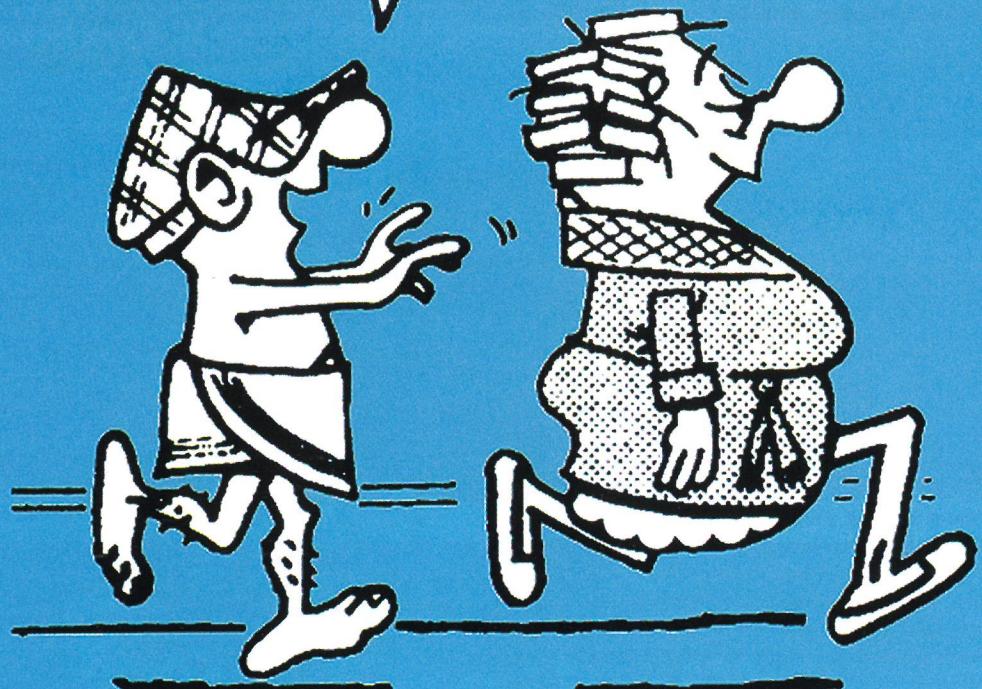
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Back Of The Net

WE ARE delighted to confirm that the new online club shop – in conjunction with Snow Valley – has now been launched.

The store, accessible via the official website and www.hattersshop.com, is very easy to use, and the added features and versatility of the site make the shopping experience one for you to enjoy.

We have been inundated with enquiries since the start of the season about the availability of purchasing the new strip on the internet and unfortunately the project has taken longer than we originally planned, due to reasons beyond the control of the football club.

We appreciate the frustration that this has caused supporters, but hopefully you'll agree it was worth the wait when you log on to the new site. The user-friendly shop will only contain replica kit at this stage, although we will develop the range that is available through the new store as soon as we can.

The site contains a visible help guide which is available 24 hours a day and is sure to be of assistance to those needing it. In the future the handy gift-finder function and keyword search facility will become very useful, and we hope this will make the purchase of Luton Town merchandise a very straightforward procedure for you.

Those of you who have registered for www.lutontown.co.uk will be able to access your account via the same email address and password. And to make it simpler, you can store any number of addresses, so you can have your goods delivered at home, at work, or direct to a friend or relative.

October Player of the Month

TODAY'S match is the last game for the Hatters in October, and that means it is Travel Extra's Player of the Month time again. Gary McSheffrey picked up the supporters' award for September before the game with Tranmere Rovers, and it's up to you to decide who will follow in his footsteps this month.

There are two ways to have your say. You can vote via the official website free of charge, or via a text vote, and you stand a chance of winning a great prize. Those of you who vote via the latter method and correctly nominate the player who

wins the award will go into a draw to present the trophy, along with a representative from the club's official shirt sponsor, Travel Extras.

To vote via text send a message to 88442, stating "LUTON" and then the surname of the player of your choice. You will receive two text messages, one to confirm your vote has been received and one when the draw has closed to inform you of the results.

The total cost for voting via text is 50p and you will be entered into a prize draw to win two main stand tickets, as well as presenting the trophy on the Kenilworth Road pitch before the next home match.

Further details are available on www.lutontown.co.uk. The vote will close at 3pm on Tuesday 28th October and the winner will be announced on the website next week.

If you ever have any questions regarding the site, please feel free to contact me at the club, or email me at chris.rivett@lutontown.co.uk.

Chris Rivett



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

Log on to Luton Town's official website at
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Scene In the Second: Still In With A Shout!

PAINFUL defeats at Brentford and Bournemouth have not hurt the Town as much as they might have, and as club captain Kevin Nicholls points out elsewhere today, the play-off zone is still not too far away.

The Second Division is wide open this season, with no really big guns picking off everyone else the way Wigan did a year ago.

The leadership has changed hands eight times already since the Town had a brief spell at the top in August. Plymouth became the fifth to hold first place with their midweek 3-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday, showing how a good run can work wonders. Their October results so far three wins and a draw, took them up from ninth place to the pinnacle, and could well win the Second Division manager of the month award for Paul Sturrock. They also have the best goals difference figure anywhere in the Nationwide League, with October's romps including 6-0 at home to Tranmere and 5-1 at Port Vale. They also hammered Bristol City 4-0 in the LDV.

Two consecutive defeats helped knock Brighton off the top. One goal by Warren Feeney did for them at Bournemouth on Saturday, and on Tuesday our defeat at Brentford looked a little less disastrous when the Bees hammered Brighton 4-0.

Nationwide League Division Two											
	HOME					AWAY					Pts
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Plymouth	15	4	2	1	18 8	3	4	1	17 10	17	27
Brighton	15	6	1	0	15 3	2	2	4	9 12	9	27
Bournemouth	15	4	4	0	16 10	3	1	3	6 6	6	26
Port Vale	15	6	1	1	17 11	2	1	4	7 11	2	26
Barnsley	14	3	3	0	7 3	4	1	3	12 14	2	25
OPR	14	4	2	0	14 1	2	4	2	10 10	13	24
Hartlepool	15	3	4	0	13 2	3	2	3	14 17	8	24
Sheff Wed	15	2	4	2	11 11	4	1	2	10 7	3	23
Bristol City	15	4	2	1	12 4	1	5	2	5 8	5	22
Colchester	15	3	3	1	8 6	3	1	4	11 14	-1	22
Wrexham	13	3	3	2	9 6	3	0	2	6 6	3	21
Rushden	15	3	2	2	12 11	3	1	4	12 14	-1	21
Luton Town	15	5	1	1	16 8	1	2	5	11 21	-2	21
Grimsby	15	4	1	3	14 7	2	2	3	6 15	-2	21
Swindon	15	3	2	2	14 9	2	3	3	9 12	2	20
Oldham	15	4	1	2	14 10	1	4	3	12 15	1	20
Brentford	14	4	1	3	13 13	2	1	3	5 8	-3	20
Blackpool	14	3	0	4	12 11	2	3	2	9 14	-4	18
Tranmere	15	4	2	2	12 8	0	3	4	4 16	-8	17
Peterborough	15	0	3	5	11 16	2	3	2	6 7	-6	12
Stockport	15	0	4	4	9 15	2	2	3	9 12	-9	12
Wycombe	15	2	2	4	12 14	0	2	5	6 14	-10	10
Notts County	15	1	2	4	7 9	1	2	5	6 18	-14	10
Chesterfield	15	1	3	4	8 10	0	3	4	4 13	-11	9

Bournemouth's win over the Town put them into second place on the night, but they were pushed down to third 24 hours later when Plymouth jumped from fifth to first with their win at Hillsborough.

The Town's 13th place is closer to the top than the bottom in terms of points, while today's visitors are looking over their shoulders as they face the danger of dropping into the relegation places. The odd thing about Peterborough's record is that they have done better away from home than on their own pitch.

They share with fellow strugglers Stockport the unwelcome distinction of being the only club in the Nationwide without a home win so far. They nearly made it on Tuesday, when they were twice ahead against Barnsley, only to lose 3-2.

Peterborough have been hovering just above the relegation zone for the past month, and come to Kenilworth Road today without a win in their last 11 league outings. At some clubs that would put the manager's job in danger, but the ebullient Barry Fry is one who can cheerfully accept a vote of confidence from the board, having bought a controlling interest in the club last month. "I must be mad," he said at the time.

On the road, Peterborough have won two, drawn three, and lost two. The victories were in their first two away games of the season, 3-0 at Brentford and 1-0 at Notts County. The draws were 1-1 at Grimsby in early September, 0-0 at Tranmere a week later and 1-1 at Bristol City three weeks ago. The defeats were 2-0 at Swindon a month ago and 3-0 at Port Vale four days later.

Peterborough's last six results: Port Vale A 0-3, Oldham H 2-2, Bristol City A 1-1, Torquay H (LDV) 3-2, QPR H 0-0, Barnsley H 2-3.

Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

Barnsley v Grimsby

Brighton v Stockport

Bristol City v Sheffield Wednesday

Colchester v Chesterfield

Hartlepool v Wycombe

Notts County v Brentford

Oldham v Bournemouth

Plymouth v Blackpool

QPR v Tranmere

Rushden v Wrexham

Swindon v Port Vale

Chattering Hatter

IN AN agreement which was welcomed equally by all three parties involved, the Town have extended the loan of Gary McSheffrey from Coventry City into a third month. But unless the club comes out of administration in the meantime, the striker will have to return to Highfield Road when the temporary contract expires on November 22.

Supporters have been asking why the Town had not gone for a longer-term deal, knowing that other clubs have taken players on season-long loans. The regulations are a touch complicated, but the general rule is that any player under 23 in June can go on an extended loan.

At 21, McSheffrey qualifies on that score. But being in receivership since the summer prevented the Town from signing him for the whole season, and the Football League's transfer embargo includes a restriction not only on the number of players who can be brought in, but also the standard 93-day maximum on all loan deals except for under-23 players.

The young striker has been a Godsend to the Town, especially since injury robbed them of the services of Steve Howard. McSheffrey has also brightened his own prospects by looking very lively in first team football which was not available to

him on a regular basis at Coventry. His club is delighted that he has done well, with scouts from a lot of clubs having watched him in action for the Town.

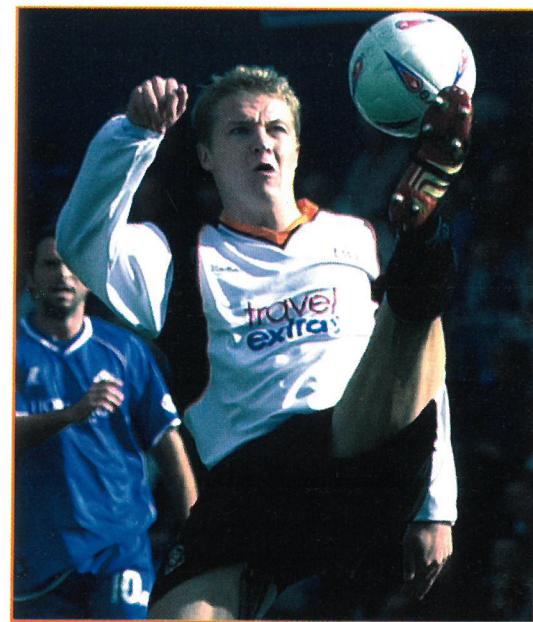
McSheffrey goes into today's game as the Town's leading scorer, with eight goals from 14 matches. Mike Newell said: "He has done well here, and is enjoying his football with us. I am delighted to reach agreement for another month's loan, and that's impossible at the moment. Hopefully, we will be out of administration, and the embargo will be lifted before too long, and then we might be able to do something."

Casualties On The Way Back

STEVE Howard is making good progress after a hernia operation a couple of weeks ago, but it is too early to say when he might be fit enough to return to league football. The original estimate was that he might make it by Christmas, and the manager said: "There is a possibility he could be training again within three weeks. But things don't always work out like that, and we will not be surprised if it takes six weeks, or possibly eight." Club captain Kevin Nicholls is already champing at the bit as he works to regain fitness after his knee operation in late August. The surgery shows every sign of being 100 per cent successful and this week he was pushing himself as hard as he dare as he resumes running. His hope is that he will beat the original estimate – that he would be out for three months – by a week or two.



Steve Howard



Gary McSheffrey

Brian Swain

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Statistics & Fixtures

NEXT AT KENILWORTH ROAD
The FA Cup draw is being made this evening, which means we could have a home game in the weekend beginning November 8.
Next home league fixture:
Luton Town v Wrexham,
Saturday November 15,
kick-off 3pm.

Player of the Month

Have your say on October's Top Hatter. Send a text message to 88442, stating "LUTON" and then the surname of the player of your choice. Each vote costs 50p and you could win the chance to present the trophy. Or vote on line: visit www.LutonTown.co.uk

Today's Squads



Manager: Mike Newell

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

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Manager: Barry Fry

1 Mark TYLER
2 Mathew GILL
3 Andy LEGG
4 Richard SCOTT
5 Simon REA
6 Mark ARBER
7 David FARRELL
8 Adam FRY
9 Andy CLARKE
10 Leon MCKENZIE
11 Adam NEWTON
12 Sean ST. LEDGER
13 Luke MCSHANE
14 Matt NOLAN
15 Chris KANU
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18 Lee CLARKE
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20 Tony SHIELDS
21 Sagi BURTON
22 Ryan SEMPLE
23 Richard LOGAN
24 Mark COULSON
25 Bradley THOMAS
26 Dennis PEARCE
27 Bertram BOSSU
28 Rory HUTTON
29 Jamie DAY
30 Calum WILLOCK
31 Shane HUKE

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Today's Officials

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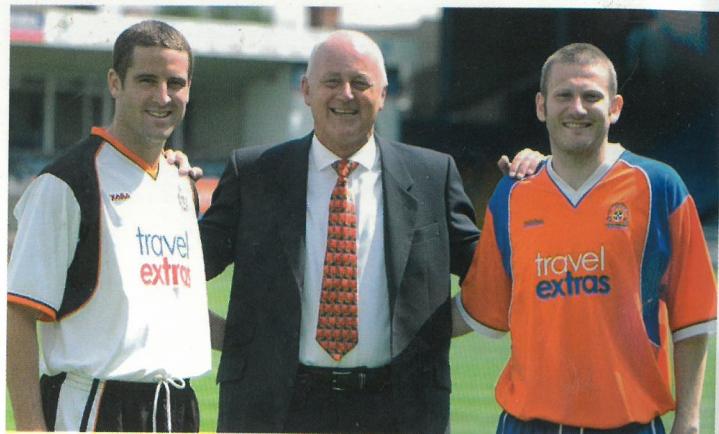
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