

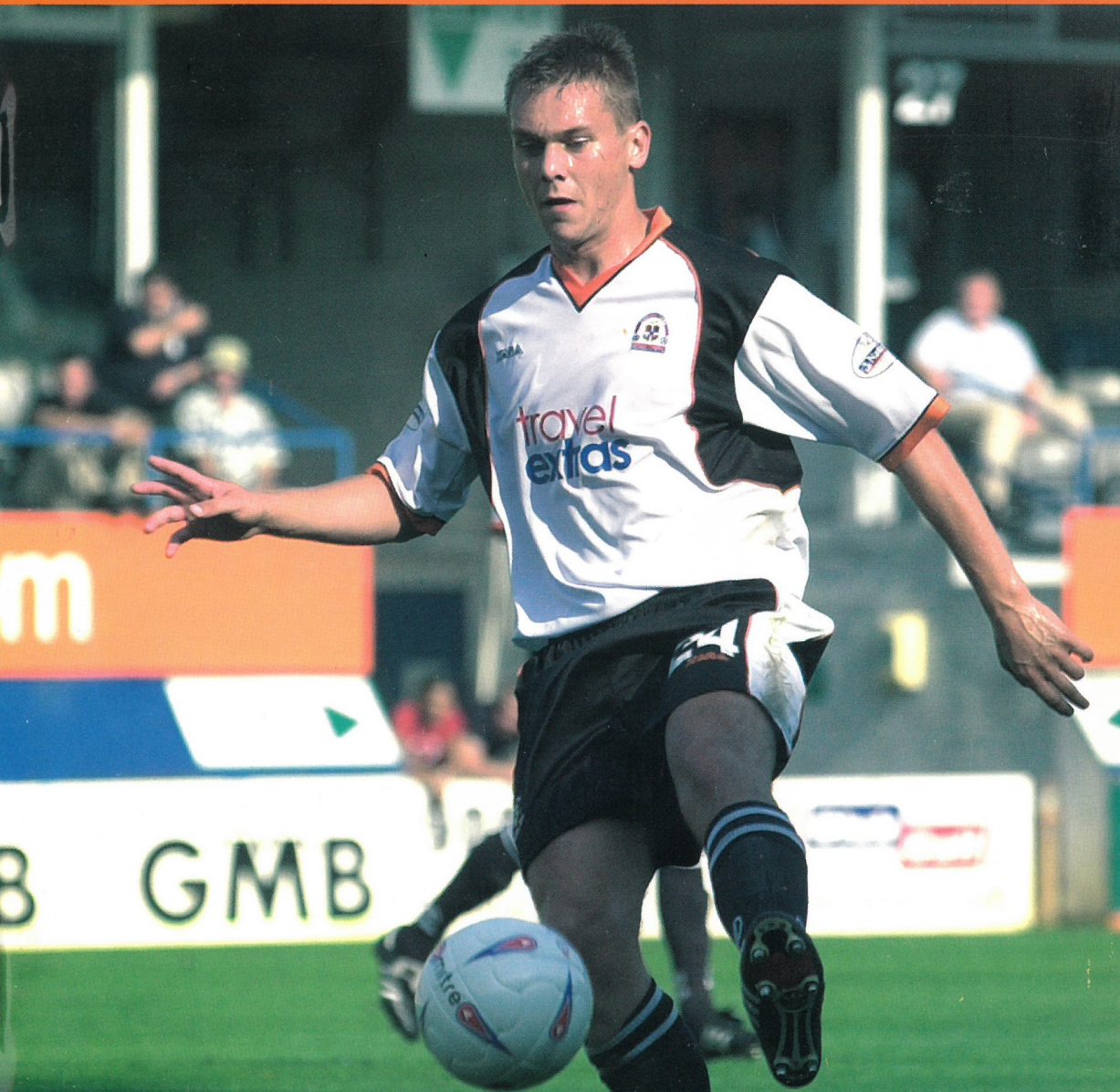


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## Come and Join Us!

The annual Luton Town Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Mary's Luton Parish Church on Thursday December 18, 2003, starting at 7.30. Players, management and other members of the staff of Luton Town will be in attendance, and all supporters are cordially invited to join us, for a traditional Christmas celebration suitable for all the family. And please join us for coffee and hot mince pies after the service.

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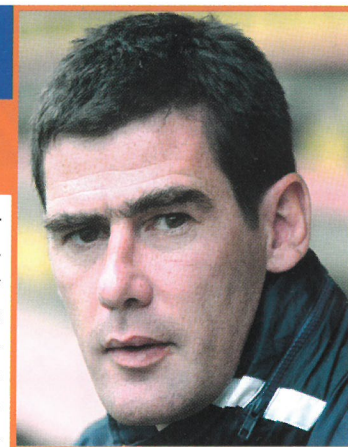
Two adults and one child: £376

One adult and two children: £313

Extra child: £65

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## The Manager's Message



HELLO, and welcome to Kenilworth Road. Last week's performance at Sheffield Wednesday was pleasing, to say the least. Having been forced to make a number of changes because of injuries and suspension, and having to use players out of position, we were delighted with the lads' effort and commitment, and also the backing from the enormous following we had at Hillsborough. You are still surprising me at times!

The least said about the Thurrock game the better, except well done to Forbsey on his hat-trick. We can now look forward to going to Rochdale in the second round of the cup next week.

Today we welcome Chesterfield, their supporters, directors, players, staff and Roy McFarland. It is dangerous to look at their league position and expect. Roy is an experienced manager, and will make things difficult for us.

Off the field, finally there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel with regards to new owners of the club. All being well, we should be out of administrative receivership soon. Following that we would hope the Football League would lift the transfer embargo and allow us, at long last, to strengthen our squad.

I understand that there are rules that clubs in administration have to abide by, particularly in light of certain clubs who have, shall we say, "bent" those rules in the past, but it appears to me that after being told one thing at the start of the season about the size of the squad (professionals only) and having been forced to use nine YTS players so far, then we are expected to continue relying on those youngsters. The fact that since those restrictions were placed on us we have had

five senior players undergo surgery and one more suffer a fracture, with no allowance to bring in replacements, seems to carry no weight.

We have been quite fortunate in that the two players we have brought in on loan, and the goalkeeper we have been allowed to sign recently, have all delivered.

There is never a guarantee with players on short-term deals, but they have shown great application, and, obviously, ability. We hope to have secured Marlon Beresford's services for another month by today, with a view to a longer-term contract when it's possible.

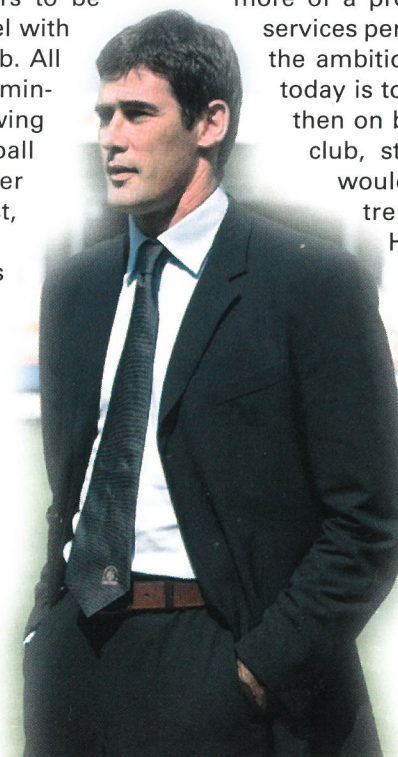
Regarding Gary McSheffrey, there might be more of a problem, and securing his services permanently will depend on the ambition of the new owners. If today is to be his last game for us, then on behalf of everyone at the club, staff and players alike, I would like to thank him for his tremendous contribution.

He has been a pleasure to work with, and his attitude has been first class.

I am sure you will thank him and show your appreciation this afternoon in the way only supporters can.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

*Mike Newell*







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# The Town Captain's View



SEVEN games unbeaten, including four in the League, and through to the next round of the FA Cup – not doing too badly, are we? And if you bear in mind the long injury list, with a suspension or two added, I think we have shown that we are still capable of doing well this season.

I have to admit, however, that we had a bit of luck in the two cup games against Thurrock. We knew that we could easily have been knocked out at their place in the first game, and we enjoyed a lucky break when we got the first goal in the replay. But well done Adrian Forbes – his first senior hat-trick could hardly have come at a better time. If the first goal was fortunate, his second was a great header, real class.

Thurrock felt a bit sorry for themselves, having done well against us over two games, but that's football – if you don't take your chances you are unlikely to win, and they missed their big opportunity in the first game. And while Forbsey took the limelight for his goals, we were also very grateful to Marlon Beresford for a great save to prevent a second Thurrock equaliser. He has settled into the club quickly and comfortably, and with no disrespect to our younger goalkeepers, his experience is proving very valuable.

Everyone did well again at Hillsborough, and while we want to win every match, the draw against Sheffield Wednesday was a very good result on a day when we had only two recognised first-team defenders available. Steve Howard was pitched in at centre-half, and we fielded an unfamiliar back three formation, but despite lack of practice with that line-up, it did the job.

The point left us in 13th place in the table, but if we can keep our run going, and turn draws into victories, we have an excellent chance of moving up to much nearer the top. It's an amazing division, with so many teams in with a chance of the top six places. Anyone who puts together a run of three or four consecutive victories could start to run away with it, and with things off the

pitch showing signs of improvement I don't see why we shouldn't be the team to do it. Injuries are slowly clearing up, and it gave us all a boost to see Howie back in action in the last two games. He has the right physique to be a centre-half, and did brilliantly in his unaccustomed defensive position at Sheffield despite not being fully match fit. The good professional does whatever job he is given, and we have proved that we have players with the right attitude, with Forbsey shining as a striker and Howie ready to blot them out at the other end. With luck they will both be in their normal positions today.

Our approach to this afternoon's game has to be the same as it was a week ago. This is a big game for both sides, perhaps for Chesterfield more than us because of their league situation. Last season we gave away too many points to teams from the lower end of the table, and there must be no slip-up this afternoon. Players, and fans, might have to be patient, but we will go out looking for three points.

Then it's back on the cup trail at Rochdale. We owe them – in our promotion season they were the only team to do the double over us. I expect us to see them off this time, and then look forward to a big one in the Third Round. Or else someone we can be pretty sure to beat... say, Watford again!

But there is serious business to be done before then, with league points to be gathered. We need a run of victories on the field, as things look more optimistic off it. We want to be able to impress the new owners when they come in!

*Kevin Nicholls*



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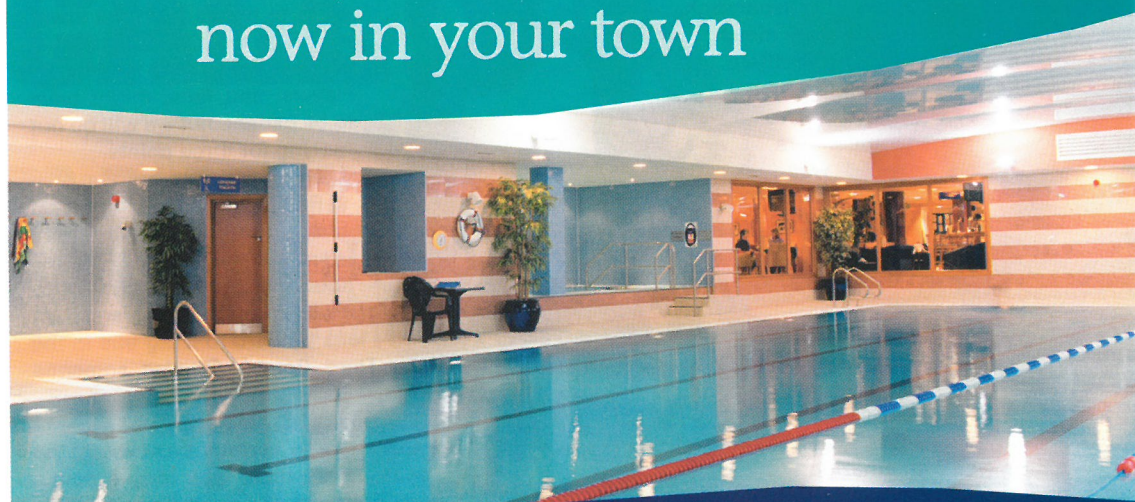
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## From The Chief Executive



GOOD afternoon. I expect like me all supporters were delighted to hear the good news last Friday regarding the future of the Club.

Hopefully we will shortly be able to close the chapter on the dreadful dark days of the summer, and look forward to a secure future under our new owners, and in due course, a new stadium!

As has already been said, the supporters of the club are the ones who played a major part during the summer, in particular Trust in Luton. Without all of you, I wonder where we would be today? I for one would certainly not like to see those days ever again.

While talking about supporters, yet again what magnificent backing we had at Hillsborough last Saturday. The weather made travelling conditions awful, and the Rugby World Cup on TV was a counter-attraction, but 1,462 of our supporters in the stadium did Luton Town credit.

With everything else going on behind the scenes, we do still need to be focused on the every day business of the club. As you know we have trialled opening the ticket office until 5.30pm each weekday, but the figures clearly show this has not been utilised. But a 5pm closure time has been, so in future the ticket office will remain open for business until 5pm in the week, except on Fridays before home matches, when it will be 6pm.

Elsewhere in the programme today you will be able to read about our exciting new offer to supporters, to have your name put on a seat, and when we do eventually move you will be able to have the seat as a lasting memento of Kenilworth Road. We are also offering

part-season tickets for sale, and by combining the two you could have a unique Christmas

present for any Luton supporter.

Our seventh annual Christmas carol service will take place on Thursday December 18 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, starting at 7.30pm, and we do hope that you will be able to join us at the church, and afterwards for coffee and mince pies.

And although we are talking of Christmas, I know people will soon be looking ahead to next summer, and the starting dates for next season. The League programme will kick off on Saturday August 4, 2004, and finish on Saturday May 7, 2005. The play-off weekend is scheduled for May 28-30, 2005.

You might like to know of some other football dates for next summer. The draw for the European Championships finals takes place in Lisbon tomorrow. The opening games of Euro 2004 are on June 12, with group games continuing through until June 23. The quarter-finals are on June 26 and 27, with the semi-finals on June 30 and July 1, followed by the final on July 4.

Meanwhile, I hope you all enjoy today's match. Your support at Sheffield was tremendous, and please get behind the team again this afternoon.

*Cherry Newbery*



# Hatters Away: Make It Three

THE LUCK of the draw means that fans who want to see the Town's next three games will clock up over 900 miles in eight days, to Rochdale on Saturday, Southend the following Tuesday and then to Blackpool in a fortnight's time.

The Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will both be on the road to Lancashire on the next two Saturdays. For the FA Cup trip to Rochdale the Bobbers will begin their journey from Cranfield at 8.30am, leaving Luton an hour later. The fare is £14.50, concessions £12.

Town on Tour's first pick-up will be at Leighton Buzzard at 9.30, with a call at Houghton Regis before leaving Luton at 10am and MK Coachway at about 10.20. Fares for Luton Town Supporters Club members are £16, and £14 for concessions, and £18 for non-members.

## Driving To Spotland

THERE is a choice of route to Rochdale, and with the M6 so often subject to delays our man will take the slightly longer route, up the M1 and over the Pennines. The alternative is taking M1 and M6 north, and in Lancashire, after crossing the Thelwall viaduct over the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal, take M62 east, towards Leeds.

Our preferred route ignores the M6. Stay on the M1 into Yorkshire, to junction 42, and join the M62 heading west.

Either way, leave M62 at junction 20 to follow the signs towards Rochdale on the A627(M). Watch for a roundabout, with the A644 signposted towards Bury. Take that left turn, into Edinburgh Way. At the next roundabout take the second exit, towards Blackburn and you come to the ground in about a mile and a half.

**Mileage:** Around 200 via M1 and M6, about 220 via M1 and M62.



## Army Of Fans On The Road

FOR the fourth time this season the Town had a four-figure following for a Second Division match, when nearly 1,500 fans made the trip to Hillsborough. It was all the more remarkable in view of the atrocious weather and the Rugby World Cup final being on television on Saturday morning.

Thurrock were pleased with their trip to Kenilworth Road: their following for the FA Cup replay was bigger than they have had for some of their home games. They had 239 fans in the Oak Road end, and three of their home gates have been smaller than that. Their highest league attendance so far this season is 442, and five times matches at Ship Lane have attracted under 300 fans.

### Town Travellers

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
Bristol City	496
Rushden (LDV)	876
Thurrock (FAC)	509
Sheffield Wed	1,462

**Total:** 12,669  
**Average:** 905

### Visitors to Luton

Rushden	922
Yeovil (CC)	493
Grimsby	318
Hartlepool	573
Port Vale	344
QPR	1,872
Tranmere	170
Wycombe	414
Peterborough	579
Wrexham	176
Thurrock	239

**6,100**  
**555**

# Cup And LDV Trips In Eight Days

ONLY the Bobbers Travel Club intends to run a service to Southend for the LDV Vans Trophy game on Tuesday week. Town on Tour blamed lack of interest for scrapping their plans to go to Roots Hall. But both organisations will be very much in business for the Second Division game at Blackpool a fortnight today. For the Southend match the Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 3.15 and Luton at 4.15, and fares will be £10 for adults and £8 for concessions.

The Bobbers service to Blackpool will set off from Cranfield at 7.30am, and from Luton an hour later, and fares will be £17 for adults, £14 for concessions. Town on Tour will make their first pick up at Leighton Buzzard at 8.15, calling at Houghton Regis before a 9am departure from Luton. There is another pick-up at MK Coachway at about 9.30. Their fares are £18 for members of LTSC, £16 for junior and senior members, and £20 for others.

## Road to Roots Hall



YOU CAN usually drive to Southend in an hour and a half comfortably, subject to the usual proviso about the motorways running smoothly, but parking in the side streets near the ground can be a little difficult. Leave Luton on the M1 going south, and then take the M25 east through Hertfordshire and into Essex. Leave M25 at junction 29 to follow the A127 to

Southend, 19 miles further on. Follow the signs towards the town centre, and you should pick up signs directing you towards the football ground. At a roundabout near a large Tesco the road turns right, and within half a mile, at the next roundabout, make a right turn, still on the A127 signposted to central Southend, and the ground is just ahead of you, on the right.

**Mileage:** 80

## D-I-Y to Bloomfield Road



YOU can drive to Blackpool comfortably in less than four hours if the roads are reasonably clear, and at this time of year even the M6 is not too bad. You can avoid the midlands stretch of the M6 by driving up the M1 to junction 23a, near East Midlands Airport. There, turn left to take the A50, around Derby and Stoke, to join the M6 going north. A shorter journey is to join M6 at its beginning, junction 19 of the M1. Either way, leave M6 at junction 32 and take the M55 into Blackpool. Stay on that road, going straight ahead at a roundabout after 13 miles, and you are on the A5230 Yeadon Way. Carry on past Blackpool South railway station and the ground is just ahead. There is plenty of council pay and display parking within easy reach of Bloomfield Road.

**Mileage:** 220.

**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 Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis. The Bletchley service has been dropped due to lack of demand.



# News From The Ticket Office



## FA Cup, Second Round Rochdale v Luton Town

Saturday December 6, 2003, kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road. Luton supporters have been allocated the Wilbert Lane Stand.

Prices: Adults £14, Senior Citizens and Under-16s £8.

There is no concessionary rate for students.

Disabled supporters wishing to attend the game should contact Rochdale direct, on 01706 644648



### POSSIBLE REPLAY

If a replay is needed it will be at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday December 16, 2003 kick-off 7.45pm.

Tickets would be priced at normal matchday prices and would be sold as follows:

### Season Ticket Holders

Season ticket holders who completed a cup match authorisation form in the close season would have their tickets forwarded to them automatically.

All other season ticket holders would have from 10am on Monday December 8 until close of business on Saturday December 13 to claim their seats.

### Non Season Ticket Holders

Non season ticket holders would be able to purchase any other seat not held by a season ticket holder from 10am on Monday December 8, and any unclaimed season ticket seats from 10am on Monday December 15.

Cash turnstiles would be open on the night subject to availability. Remember there are no concessions available on cash turnstiles.

# News From The Ticket Office



## LDV Vans Trophy, Southern Section quarter-final

Southend Utd v Luton Town

Tuesday December 9, 2003, kick-off 7.45pm

Prices: Adults £10, Senior Citizens, Students (with ID) and Juniors £5

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



## Nationwide League Division Two Blackpool v Luton Town

Saturday December 13, 2003, kick-off 3pm

Prices: Adults £14, Senior Citizens £10, Juniors £7.

This is not an all ticket match for Luton Town supporters, but tickets are available in advance from the ticket office at Kenilworth Road. Prices in advance are the same as on the day at Bloomfield Road.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STAND ALLOCATED TO LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS IS ALL UNCOVERED.**



## Ticket Office Opening Hours

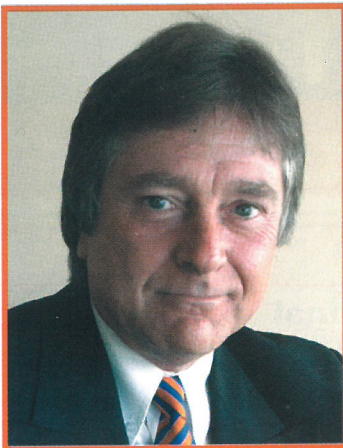
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## Commercial Corner

GOOD afternoon and welcome to all of our commercial sponsors and partners for today's match against Chesterfield.

We hope that you and all of your guests enjoy the game, and we thank you all for your support.

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**HATTERS LOVERS:** Danny and Elsie Clubb, match sponsors at the Wrexham game, pictured renewing their wedding vows with Club Chaplain Catherine Moss.



**Ad Connect Media sponsored the match ball against Wrexham, and our picture shows Peter Davaney and his guests.**

### MATCH BALL SPONSOR

**Tom Bambrick**

ANOTHER very special occasion is being marked today, as we are privileged to help Tom Bambrick, a Hatters supporter for 46 years, celebrate his 70th birthday. Supporting the club for nearly five decades has provided vivid memories of the 1959 FA Cup Final and the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final, together with recollections of favourite managers and players including Harry Haslam, David Pleat, Malcolm Macdonald, Steve Foster and Mick Harford. This message comes with love and birthday wishes from his family to a husband, dad, and grandfather, who is considered by them all to be "simply the best"

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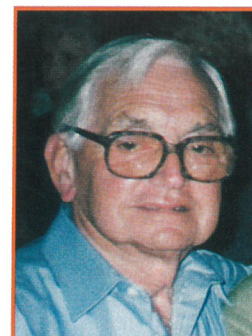
**Timothy Owen**



WE also welcome 11-year-old Timothy Owen as today's commercial mascot. He regularly comes to Kenilworth Road with his dad Geoffrey, and attends Campion School in Bugbrooke, Northampton. His favourite town player is Paul Hughes, and he hopes to meet him this afternoon. All at the club hope that Timothy and

## Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests

his family have a tremendous and memorable afternoon with us.



### 80TH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**Bob Dean**

WE could not let this opportunity pass without recognising the 80th birthday of Century Club member Bob Dean. Born on this day in 1923, Bob attended his first Hatters match at just five years of age. During the war he was a naval man stationed in Durban, South Africa, returning to marry his childhood sweetheart Rita. They had one child, Alison, who in turn produced two grandchildren, Emma and Bradley, who being a rugby player, was like all of us enthralled with England's World Cup triumph in Australia. Rita sadly passed away six years ago. Despite having had three knee replacements, Bob can still be seen at Kenilworth Road enjoying his life-long passion for the Hatters.

### BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

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OUR well-documented partnership with Bedfordshire Police, and their crime awareness and prevention web-site [www.scorpion.org.uk](http://www.scorpion.org.uk), was further cemented at our Wrexham match, with the launch and wearing of our stewards'

new security jackets. Highly visible, they are designed specifically to ensure the identification of our matchday stewards and thereby ensure the safety for everybody attending Kenilworth Road on match days, and were generously sponsored and provided by Bedfordshire Police. In excess of 150 winter and 150 summer jackets have been supplied, for which the club offers its thanks and for this magnificent and generous gesture.

*Peter Davis*



**Shawn Borrett, grandson of Danny and Elsie Clubb, was the day's commercial mascot.**



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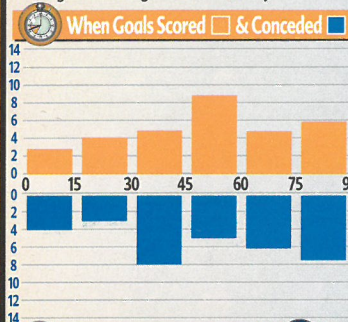
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Conc: 14  
Points: 6  
Goal Diff: -4  
Last 6: LDDWD  
Last 5 Home: DWWDW  
Last 5 Away: DLLDD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 32  
Clean Sheets: 2  
Failed to Score: 3

**The Guys to Watch**

Headed goals	Perrett	2
Long range shots	McSheffrey	2
Inside 6 yards	Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	McSheffrey, Robinson	1
Penalties	Nicholls, McSheffrey	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard, McSheffrey	2
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	McSheffrey	7



**Goalkeeping**

Opp. attempts on target	116
Goals conceded	33
On target/goals scored	3.52
Division 2 rating	22

**Goalscoring Strike Rate**

Shots on target	114
Goals scored	32
On target / goals	3.56
Division 2 Rating	2

**Goals in last 10 mins**

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	2
Goals Against, last 10	6
Points lost	7

**Fouls & Offsides**

Average fouls per game	13.42
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	18
Average Offsides per game	4.68
Div 2 Rating	23

**Swings**

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	2
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	4
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	2
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	4

**Attendances**

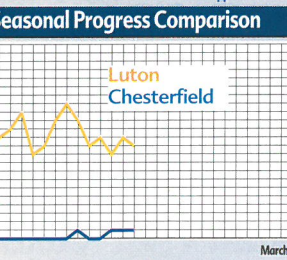
Aggregate	53,907
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	5,990

**Where Goals**

Close Range	8
Inside Area	6
Outside Area	0

**How Goals**

Shots	6
Headers	4
Volleys	3
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0



**Set Piece Goals**

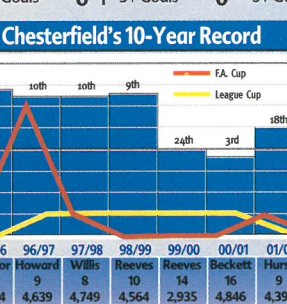
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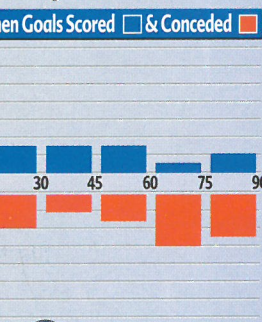
**Margins**

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



**The Guys to Watch**

Headed goals	Robinson	2
Long range shots	no long range goals	
Inside 6 yards	Robinson	3
Shots from 6-18 yards	Brandon, Robinson	2
Volleyed shots	3 players	1
Penalties	Payne	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Robinson	3
Most goals in last 10	Rushbury	1
Points gained from goals	Robinson	6



**Goalkeeping**

Opp. attempts on target	112
Goals conceded	26
On target/goals scored	4.31
Division 2 rating	14

**Goalscoring Strike Rate**

Shots on target	88
Goals scored	14
On target / goals	6.29
Division 2 Rating	23

**Goals in last 10 mins**

Goals For, last 10	1
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	2
Points lost	1

**Fouls & Offsides**

Average fouls per game	13.16
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	15
Average Offsides per game	3.84
Div 2 Rating	15

**Swings**

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

**Attendances**

Aggregate	39,321
Highest	5,605
Lowest	3,131
Average	3,932



**Spireites**



Form Guide:

Won: 2  
Drawn: 1  
Lost: 3  
Scored: 6  
Conc: 5  
Points: 7  
Goal Diff: 1  
Last 6: WLLWLD  
Last 5 Home: DWLWD  
Last 5 Away: LDLLL

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 25  
Clean Sheets: 4  
Failed to Score: 9

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# Welcome to Today's Visitors



## THE MANAGER - ROY MCFARLAND

ROY MCFARLAND watched Chesterfield's last couple of matches last season from the stands before being appointed Dave Rushbury's successor in the close season. A former England

International Centre Half and Derby County captain when they won the League title, Roy's playing career reached the heights most only dream of.

Took Bradford City up in his first season as a Manager before returning to Derby as Assistant Manager. Became their Manager before having spells at Bolton, Cambridge United and Torquay United. In his spell at Cambridge he saw them win promotion despite being a selling Club and he remains one of their most popular ever Managers.

Was working with Sunderland before getting the call to lead Chesterfield this season.

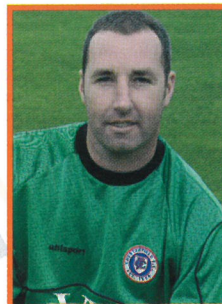
## GOALKEEPERS

### 1. CARL MUGGLETON (D.O.B.13.9.68)

The Club's first choice keeper, Carl's played for a host of Clubs, Leicester City, Celtic, Stoke City and Cheltenham Town permanently plus a host of loans, including a spell at Chesterfield in 1987-88 during which he made his League debut. He's one of the more experienced men at Saltergate. Was in brilliant form last season until breaking his leg at Brentford just before Christmas, his absence one of the main reason The Spireites previously solid defence began to leak a few goals. A former England Under 21 International.

### 17. ANDY RICHMOND (9.1.83)

Did well in most of his few appearances last season, thrust into the limelight after a season and a half on the bench when Muggleton broke his leg but he was soon back as sub behind then on loan from Manchester United keeper Ben Williams.



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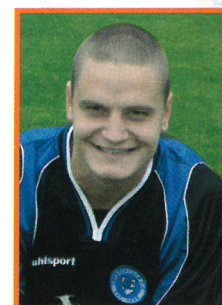
## DEFENDERS

### 6. STUART HOWSON (30.9.81)

A free transfer signing from Blackburn Rovers, Stuart didn't miss a match for ages before breaking an ankle towards the end of last season. A knee problem meant he missed a proper pre season build up. A left sided central defender, Stuart has occasionally appeared at left back and in midfield. Strong in the air and good distribution are his main strengths.

### 3. ALAN O'HARE (31.7.82)

O'Hare, signed by Dave Rushbury from Bolton Wanderers, had a tough start and took much stick from the terraces but his pedigree shone through and he was named Young Player of the Season for last term. At 21 the young Irishman will be looking forward to continuing his improvement under one of England's most celebrated defenders of the last generation, Roy McFarland. Centre half or left back.



### 4. KEVIN DAWSON (18.6.81)

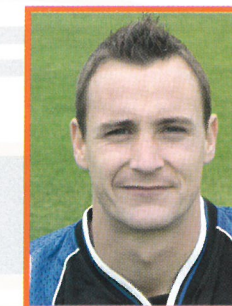
Was diagnosed as being diabetic last term after coming back from a 3 month absence following an injury received in the same match that Muggleton broke his leg. A no nonsense centre

half or right back who joined a year ago from Nottingham Forest where his younger brother Richard took many of the plaudits last season.

### 5. STEVE BLATHERWICK (20.9.73)

A regular winner of the sponsors Man Of The Match award at Saltergate, Blatherwick, bald head and none stop battling at the heart of the rearguard, forms a familiar bar-

rier in the Spireites defence. A former Player of the Year, like Dawson he's an ex Forest man who's been at Saltergate for 5 years. The man signed from Burnley is the longest continually serving player at the Club.



### 7. STEVE PAYNE (1.8.75)

Signed from Macclesfield Town, won England Semi Pro honours whilst at Moss Rose, was Spireites skipper for most of last season which was punctuated with a number of ankle problems, the first and most serious coming at Plymouth. A solid centre back, the 28 year old began as a youngster with Huddersfield Town. Player of the Year two seasons ago.

### 11. MARK INNES (27.8.78)

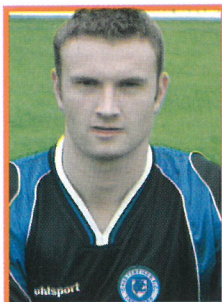
Signed from Oldham Athletic, his only previous Club. A left sided player, either at left back, wing back or midfield, he scored in both of his first two Chesterfield games adding to his only previous goal, which helped prevent Athletic being relegated. Missed much of last term through injury and his pre season was plagued by more minor problems, he'll be hoping to get a few more games this term after regularly being left out when fit last term.

### 2. GUS UHLENBEEK (20.8.70)

Joined the Club a week before the start of the season, this experienced Surinam born Dutchman was a regular for Bradford City last season. Played for Cambuur, Ajax and Tops SV before joining Ipswich Town in 1995. Since then he's appeared at right back for Fulham, Sheffield United and Walsall. Sent off twice this season already.



# Welcome to Today's Visitors



**23. IAN EVATT (19.11.81).**

Manager Roy McFarland's first signing for the Club, Evatt is a versatile performer who has also played in mid-field, at the back and up front for Derby County, he even was an emergency keeper for them in

a game against Oldham. Had a loan spell at Northampton Town in 2001. He's tall and strong, just the type of player The Spireites lacked last season. Also plays in midfield.

## MIDFIELD

**10. MARK HUDSON (24.10.80)**

Joined the Club on loan in August 2002, was unable to agree terms to join permanently, went back to Middlesbrough, then was loaned to Carlisle United along with Spireite Jamie Burt but returned to Saltergate permanently towards the end of the season, ending it as Captain despite only being 22. A stylish central midfielder, much will be expected of him this term.



**14. CHRIS BRANDON (7.4.76)**

The outstanding performer last season, winning every Player of the Year Award going, a former Torquay United player when McFarland was Manager there. A running raider with an eye for goal, his best

strike was against Port Vale, a magnificent overhead kick. Broke his wrist and missed the last couple of crucial games last term and he had a few hamstring problems in the pre season build up.



**12. GARETH DAVIES (4.2.83)**

Made a great impression when unexpectedly drafted in to the side last year, crossing for Brandon's overhead spectacular on his debut and following that up with a goal at Mansfield the following week.

Gareth graduated through the Club's link with the Town's Technical College and can play in midfield or at full back.

**18. ANDY RUSHBURY (7.3.83)**

A player who took more stick than anyone should have to face last season, Andy is the son of ex Manager Dave. A nippy left sided attacking midfielder, his back tracking, energy and non stop commitment was great to watch. Needs a few goals to give him that extra bit of confidence to push his career forward.

**19. STEPHEN WARNE (27.2.84)**

A first year professional who made a few first team appearances last season, he almost scored on his debut at Barnsley. The move from scholar to pro has seen Stephen's confidence grow, his pre season performances indicated that he's ready to make regular contributions to the team. Currently on loan at Unibond Premier side Worksop Town.

**21. MARK SMITH (4.11.83)**

Another first year pro, Mark was a non playing sub last term on a couple of occasions, he's small and quick with plenty of skill but needs the experience of first team action to improve his game further.

**28. PAUL WARHURST (26.9.69)**

Signed on a short term contract from Bolton Wanderers, his wages being paid for by



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Printability 2000 Ltd, Chesterfield's Matchday Programme printers! A former England U21 International, Paul has appeared for Manchester City, Oldham, Sheffield Wednesday, Blackburn, Crystal Palace and Bolton, moving for transfer fees totalling over £5.5m. Can also operate in defence as well as a striker.

## STRIKERS

**8. MARK ALLOTT (16.3.78)**

Joined from Oldham, his local Club and spent much of last season playing in mid-field. Scored the extra time goal at Grimsby that gained the Club the lucrative televised League Cup tie with West Ham but failed to register a League goal all last season. A great first touch, Chesterfield fans will be hoping for more goals this term.

**15. DAVID REEVES (19.11.67)**

In his second spell at the Club after a move to Oldham. Dave's played for Sheffield Wednesday, Scunthorpe, Burnley, Bolton, Notts County, Carlisle and Preston. Strong, good in the air and a particularly good set piece defender, Reeves's character is also great in the dressing room and he is very popular on the terraces at Saltergate.

**9. GLYNN HURST (17.1.76)**

A former Spurs trainee, he joined Barnsley before dropping out of the League with Emley with whom he came to attention in their Cup tie with West Ham. Moved North with Ayr United, scored hatfuls of goals for them, Stockport signed him but he soon moved to Chesterfield when Luke Beckett went the other way. Very quick, he struggled in front of goal last season but helped to contribute to others' goals.

**16. CALEB FOLAN (26.10.82)**

Signed in 2003 from Leeds United, Caleb is a quick player who loves running onto the

ball rather than being a target man type. Scored his first goal at Notts County, his strengths are bringing his colleagues into play and running with the ball. Broke an ankle at Grimsby in September 2003.

**22. JEZ MITCHELL (5.10.84)**

Played reserve football before getting a full contract this summer, like Gareth Davies, Jez is a product of the successful link between the Club and Chesterfield college. Quick and skilful, Jez will be hoping to establish himself as a squad member this season.

**26. ADAM SMITH (20.2.85)**

Played in the LDV game at Port Vale last season and, then just 17, was confident enough to take a successful spot kick in the shoot out. Was non playing sub a few times in League games. Strong and quick, like Mitchell and his namesake Mark, Adam will be aiming for a regular spot on the bench in his final year as a scholar. Made his League debut as a sub against Notts County in September 2003.

**25. MARVIN ROBINSON (11.4.80)**

Joined Chesterfield in September 2003 after being released by Derby County in the summer. A strong, bustling centre forward, Marvin has had loan spells at Tranmere and Stoke, he broke his leg badly whilst at The Britannia Stadium. Scored his first Chesterfield goal against Bournemouth in his 3rd game.

**27. JAMIE CADE (15.1.84)**

On loan from Middlesbrough, a nippy striker who made a single substitute appearance for Boro, in the League Cup against Ipswich. His speed and low centre of gravity makes him a tricky package for defenders in Division Two. An England Youth International.





## Blast From The Past

Clashes with the Spireites began during the Victorian era following Chesterfield's elevation to the Football League

Division Two in 1899.

Unfortunately this was to be our own final season at this level and we were probably relieved to be getting out as the Spireites achieved the double over us with the Town putting up a couple of "poor displays" according to the newspaper reports.

We then went almost forty years before catching up with each other again following our promotion to the old Division Two in 1937.

The first game, at Luton, finished 1-1 with Bill Fellowes on target for the Hatters, but we suffered a hammering at Saltergate later on in the campaign going down 2-5 in a match marking the last appearance for long serving full-back Tom Mackey.

We made up for this heavy defeat in the following season when four goals from new

scoring sensation, Hugh Billington, earned us a 5-0 victory at Kenilworth Road.

By the time of the return, in April 1939, both ourselves and the Spireites were neck and neck fighting for promotion and a crowd of 14,925 turned up at Saltergate to see Bill Redfern score twice in a 2-1 win for the Town. Although we went up to second position in the table following this victory we were unable to hold on and were ready to clash with the Spireites once more after the war.

In 1946/47 we went down 1-2 at Saltergate to record our fifth straight defeat and could only manage a 1-1 draw in the return.

Over the next two seasons both sides won their home games but in 1949/50 a George Stobbart goal earned us both points in a 1-0 win at Saltergate. A parting of the ways followed at the end of the next campaign with Chesterfield's relegation to Division Three (North) but, in looking back, our 3-0 home win over the Spireites at the end of March 1951 was vital as we ended a poor season only two points ahead of them!

Paths crossed again in 1965 with our relegation to Division Four, and in an early season clash at Kenilworth Road we only managed to

put away one chance from half a dozen opportunities, with Billy Stark on target, then letting in the Spireites to steal both points for their first ever win at Kenilworth Road.

Ex-Hatter Gareth Salisbury was one of the Chesterfield goalscorers that afternoon but he was missing from the line-up when the Town avenged this defeat with a 3-1 victory at Saltergate later on in the campaign.

The following season was the worst in our history with only one win and four draws recorded on our travels, so our 0-0 draw at Saltergate was greeted with people dancing in the



**Matthew Taylor creating havoc in the Chesterfield defence on Boxing Day 1999, exactly 100 years after our first ever meeting.**

## Searching for a double over the Spireites

streets of Luton! Earlier on in the campaign we had won 3-2 at home in a match marking the debut of Max Dougan who had been signed from Leicester for £7,000 in the wake of our 1-8 hammering at Lincoln the previous week.

Two goals from 19 year old Bruce Rioch helped seal the victory but at the other end Billy Stark, who we had transferred to Chesterfield the previous summer, did his best to spoil our day by netting twice for the Spireites.

Season 1967/68 saw us win the Division Four title, with Chesterfield up among the leaders throughout most of the campaign.

A solitary Ian Buxton goal earned both points in the game at Kenilworth Road, while at Saltergate a crowd of 14,075 turned out to see an entertaining 0-0 draw to maintain our position at the top of the table.

Meetings eventually resumed in 1996, after a long break, with Chesterfield winning all three points in a 1-0 win here while in the return at a fog shrouded Saltergate we drew 1-1 although precious few Hatters supporters witnessed the Tony Thorpe penalty which lev-

elled the score as it was netted at the far end of the ground!

In the following campaign the Hatters were dead and buried as the season drew to a close but the inspired signing of Rory Allen on loan brought about an incredible revival and five wins from the final eight games, including a 3-0 home victory over the Spireites, secured safety at the death.

Our home match with Chesterfield on 26th December 1999 came exactly 100 years after our first ever meeting although this time we managed a point from a 1-1 draw, with Adam Locke on the scoresheet.

We parted company at the end of that season with Chesterfield's relegation but met up once more last year with Russ Perrett, Steve Howard and Dean Crowe netting in an emphatic 3-0 victory at Kenilworth Road in August. We could not make it our first double over the Spireites since before the war, however, as despite an interval lead at Saltergate in the return we contrived to lose 1-2.

*Roger Wash*

## Yesterday's pages



The Hatters had gone five home games without a win prior to the visit of Chesterfield in December 1938 but new scoring sensation Hugh Billington soon put that right when bagging four goals in a 5-0 victory. This made it nine goals from only six starts for the Ampthill born striker.

The programme for the game makes interesting reading not least because of the adverts it contained. A new Ford 'Eight' could be bought from Luton Motor Co for £115 while a recently built three bedroom semi (with bathroom!) could be rented for 16/9d (84p) per week through Hatters Chairman Charles Jeyes' building firm.

The forthcoming Boxing Day trip to Nottingham Forest was also advertised with the train fare priced at 5/9d (29p).



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OUR December programme includes three six-a-side indoor soccer competitions at Luton Regional Sports Centre which will be open to all schools and clubs. The dates are December 18th for under-9s, 19th for under-10s and 22nd for under-11s. They will run from 9.30am until 4pm, depending on the number of entrants, and the entry fee is £20 per team. To register a team and obtain a copy of the tournament rules call me on 01582 391927. You will need to provide us with your appropriate FA registration number.

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Friday January 16, 2004, starting at 3.30pm.

The other tournament is the Adidas Community Cup for girls, which is open to year 8 (Under 13) girls

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To register your team for either of the tournaments and to obtain a copy of the tournament rules, call me on 01582 391927. You will need to provide us with your appropriate FA registration number.

**Stuart Smith**



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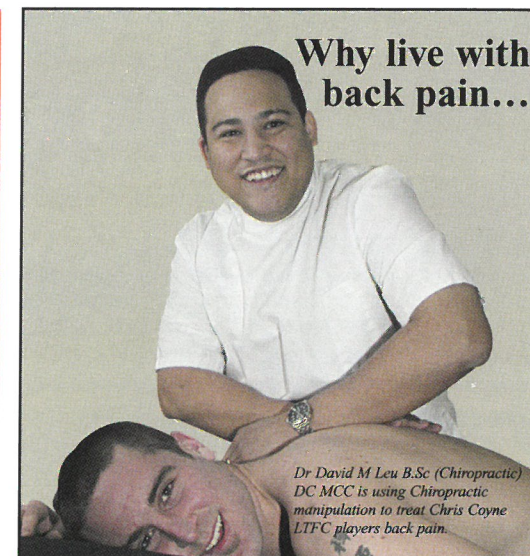
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## TODAY'S QUESTION

It was a first for the Town when Chesterfield last came to Kenilworth Road, in August last year. The first what?



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# Patched-Up Squad Is Magnificent

**Sheffield Wednesday 0 Luton Town 0**

WITH six first-team men on the injured list, and two more suspended, The Town had to adopt a new formation at Hillsborough. Emmerson Boyce and Ian Hillier were the only defenders available, so Steve Howard became an emergency centre-half as we saw the Town use a back three for the first time since Terry Wesley tried the idea with disastrous consequences eight years ago.

This time it was a wonderful, near-unbelievable success, and while the Town rarely looked like winning, their backs-to-the wall determination and teamwork made it a day to remember on our first visit to Hillsborough for 11 years.

Pick who you like for the Town's man of the match – there were 11 real heroes playing their parts with tremendous professionalism. It made a mockery of the pre-match odds so heavily stacked against them as the second clean sheet of the league season was accomplished by a patient and stubborn refusal to be cowed by an attack-minded team roared on by the division's best-supported team.

Sure, we lived dangerously at times, and there was little opportunity for the Town to figure as an attacking unit, but the resolute bravery at the back was tremendous. Howard showed he can do it on the ground as well as in the air, and some of the tackles by Boyce were breathtaking. Marlon Beresford, playing against the club where he began his career, made the necessary saves, some of them top class, when Wednesday got through to the last line of defence.

Although it would have been a steal, the Town might have nicked all three points, because

Adrian Forbes had a 25-yarder held at the second attempt, then saw an angled drive deflected inches over the bar, while Howard went upfield to meet a low pulled-back corner by Matt Spring and fired in a drive which flew narrowly wide.

Mike Newell said later he did not think the Town created enough chances to offer a valid claim that they might have won, but added: "With the re-shuffle that was forced on us, and not having a recognised defence, we are quite happy with a point, particularly as Hillsborough is a difficult place to come to. Some of our players were quite simply outstanding, although I felt we could have passed the ball better at times."

Wednesday boss Chris Turner was not so happy. He felt two points had been thrown away in a season which is rapidly becoming a bit of a disaster for a club which still has the sniff of Premiership about it, yet is no more than mid-dling Second Division.

"We totally dominated the game," he said. "We threw everything at Luton, created things and got into the 18-yard box. But then we made wrong decisions – players electing to shoot when they should have passed to somebody in a better position."

Wednesday favour a 3-5-2 formation, but Turner changed to 4-3-3 to try to get more variety into his attack. The Town responded by augmenting their back three, with Lee Mansell on the right and the returning Peter Holmes on the left, dropping back to cover the danger so well that eventually the home crowd was jeering Wednesday's failure to break through. The cheers on the final whistle all came from the visiting fans.

## Match Details

**TOWN:** Beresford; Boyce, Howard, Hillier; Mansell, Robinson, Spring, Brkovic, Holmes (Leary 80 mins); McSheffrey, Forbes. **Unused subs:** Crowe, Keane, Davies, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Matt Spring for a foul, his fifth yellow card of the season.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pressman; Lee, Bromby, Smith; Geary, Reddy, Mustoe, Haslam, Barry-Murphy (Antoine-Curier 80 mins), Owusu, Proudlock. **Unused subs:** Poulter, Wood, Beswetherick, Ndumbu-Nsangu.

**BOOKED:** Steve Haslam, foul on Ahmet Brkovic.

**REFEREE:** Paul Robinson, East Yorkshire

**ATTENDANCE:** 21,027, including 1,462 Town supporters.



**BATTLING:** Steve Robinson, who like the rest of the team got through a tremendous amount of work, mixes it with Wednesday skipper Dean Smith.

**RIGHT:** Centre-half for the day, Steve Howard found time to have a go in attack as well.

**BELOW:** Gary McSheffrey close to pinching a goal, only to be foiled by Kevin Pressman.







It was a case of putting your back into it when the Town went to Hillsborough with a depleted team and stood up to everything Sheffield Wednesday could throw at them. It was a tough physical at times, as illustrated by Graeme Lee's unorthodox challenge on Adrian Forbes.

# Hatters Pic of the Week



# Forbes Is The FA Cup Treble Top

## Luton Town 3 Thurrock 1

THE RESULT was all that mattered in an FA Cup replay against a non-league side which had come very close to delivering a knock-out blow in Essex. So while he was disappointed in a below-par performance, Mike Newell was delighted to see his team ease past the Ryman League visitors thanks to a hat-trick by Adrian Forbes.

The midfielder-turned-striker was by some distance the man of the match, although both managers pointed out afterwards that a wonderful save by Marlon Beresford, to prevent Tresor Kandol pulling it back to 2-2, was a crucial moment.

The part-timers from Essex gave it a real go, and the Town were never able to relax until professional training and fitness told in the end.

There was a touch of luck about the first goal, with Forbes benefiting twice in one incident, first when a defender's clearance hit another Thurrock man to leave Forbes with a near-open goal. His shot was blocked by the goalkeeper, only for the ball to rebound back off Forbes into the net. Lucky, maybe, but footballers make their own luck, and sheer determination had done the business.

The goal followed a flick-on by Steve Howard, returning after a hernia operation which had forced him to miss 11 games. Having had only a few days of full training, he was inevitably short of match fitness, but his very presence, especially his height in defence as well as attack, was an asset.

Seventeen-year-old Leon Barnett played at left back in place of suspended Sol Davis, and the manager was pleased with his showing. Kevin Foley was unfortunate to suffer a recurrence of his thigh strain early in the game, but Ian Hillier was back on the bench after suspension, and slot-

ted in at right back.

Thurrock were pleased to be only one down at the interval, with manager Colin McBride telling his men they still had a good chance of causing an upset. The chance got even better four minutes into the second half, when Cliff Akurang, a former Town youth player, surged down the middle after Barnett missed a clearance, and calmly slotted in the equaliser.

"I thought Luton wobbled a bit after that, but we couldn't get the second goal we needed," said McBride.

For the last 24 minutes the Town changed formation, sending on Dean Crowe as an extra attacker, with Ahmet Brkovic dropping back in place of Barnett. Within ten minutes the change paid off, with Forbes acrobatically heading his second goal of the game from a cross by Steve Robinson. Beresford denied Kandol a goal a few minutes later, and four minutes from the end Forbes took his season's tally into double figures, converting the penalty after Brkovic's jinking run had been illegally ended by Dave Collis.

The Pressbox was over-subscribed as Fleet Street piled in, hoping to have a dramatic cup upset story to tell. Denied that pleasure, they settled for suggestions that the scoreline was flattering. Perhaps it was, but no-one in the Town camp is in the least bit worried about that. More flattery at Rochdale will do nicely.

The Town manager said: "I have mixed emotions – very happy that we have won, which was the most important thing, but not so happy with the performance. Thurrock deserve credit – they have done the Ryman League proud over the two games, and gave us a real fright."

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Beresford; Foley (Hillier 9 mins), Boyce, Coyne, Barnett (Crowe 66 mins); Mansell (Okai 89 mins), Spring, Robinson, Brkovic; Forbes, Howard. Unused subs: Leary, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Ian Hillier, Leon Barnett, Matt Spring

**THURROCK:** Gothard; Collis, McFarlane, Purdie, Goodfellow; Bowes, Linger, Heffer, Howard (K. Lee 81 mins); Akurang, Kandol. Unused subs Basham, Lawrence, Allen, Broom.

**BOOKED:** Jimmy McFarlane, Paul Linger, Steve Heffer.

**REFEREE:** Mike Thorpe, Suffolk.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,667, including 239 away supporters.



**ACROBATIC HEADER:** Adrian Forbes airborne to head his second goal, to regain the lead. Steve Robinson provided the cross.

**RIGHT:** There was no happy return for Tresor Kandol, with Chris Coyne on top in this confrontation



**BELOW:** Matt Spring on a run, slicing through the Thurrock midfield.





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The two jackpots amounted to £1,025, with £660 paid out at the Wrexham game and £365 for the Thurrock match. The prizes reflected the size of the attendances: ticket sales were less at the Cup game because it was a smaller gate than usual.

This afternoon the prize will probably be back up around the £600 mark, but as always it will depend on how many tickets are sold. The Golden Gamble is a 50-50 lottery – each ticket costs £1 out of which half goes to the jackpot prize and the other half to club funds. As the Town still need every penny's worth of income possible, your support is very much appreciated.

The winner on the day of the Wrexham match was Martin Sear, from Oakwood Drive, Bletchley. His lucky £1 ticket was picked out of the drum by a young supporter selected at random from the crowd, Michael Gliottone.



**Martin Sear, who went home £660 richer from the Wrexham game, thanks to young Michael Gliottone.**



**Dave Armstrong, with his 11-year-old son Aaron, after Matthew Judge turned his £1 ticket into £365 cash on the night the Town beat Thurrock in the FA Cup.**

Striker Matthew Judge did the honours at the Thurrock game, and Dave Armstrong, of Warminster Close, Luton, was the winner of £365.

Mr Sear watches the Town from the Kenny end, while Mr Armstrong prefers the Enclosure, but wherever you sit you are bound to find a Golden Gamble seller eager to offer you the chance to collect another bundle of money today. The draw will be made, as usual, at half-time, and the money will be handed over there and then.

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


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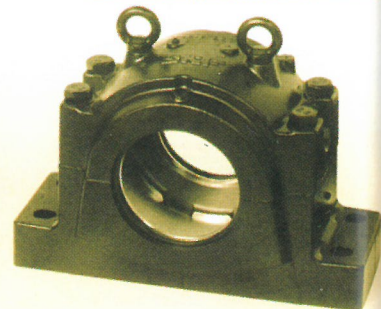
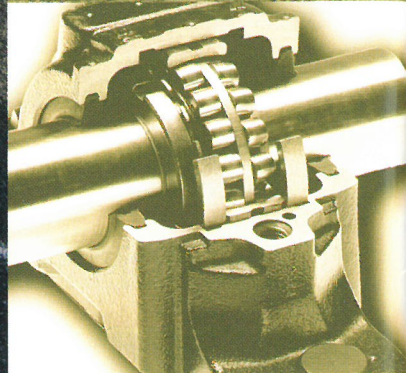
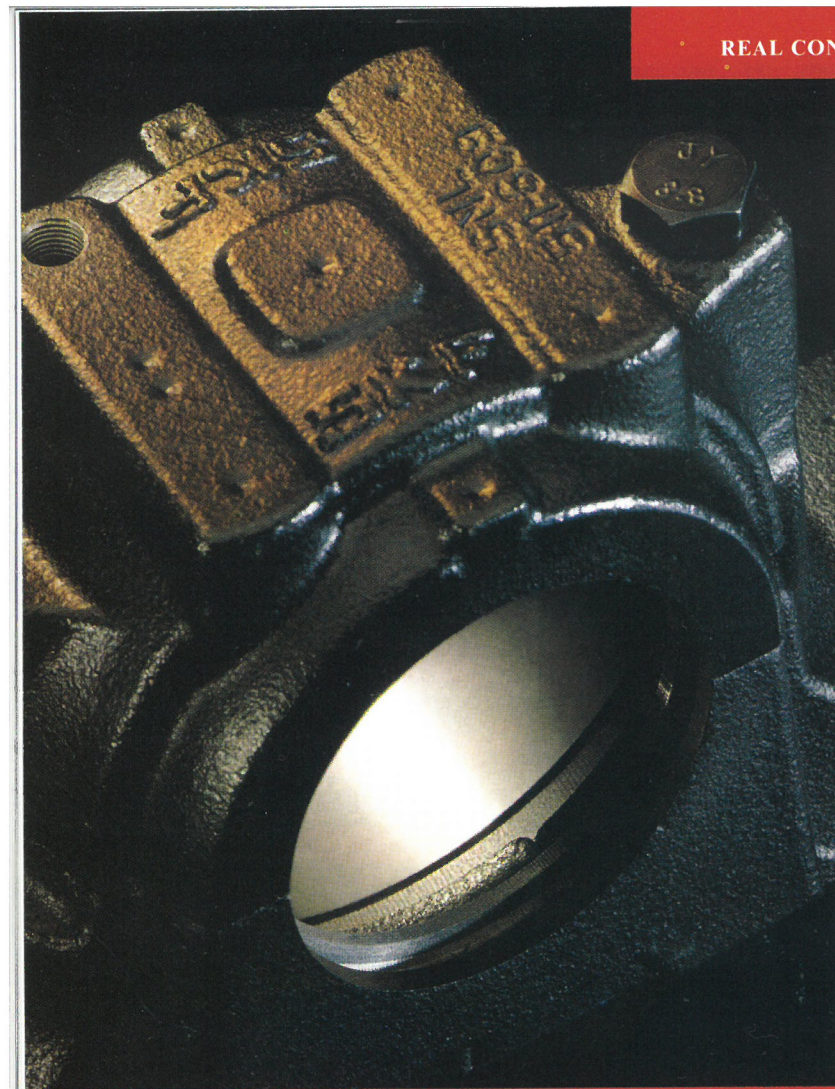
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# Youth Soccer: The under-19s

## Oxford Utd 1 Luton Town 1

I WAS disappointed that we did not win this game because we created more and better chances, on a day when both sides suffered from a poor refereeing performance. He sent off two players, which would have been totally unnecessary if he had done the right thing at the right time earlier.

The game had some unsavoury moments. One was when the home goalkeeper came out of his area to challenge Calvin Andrew. The lad is 6ft 2in tall, and the fact that the keeper kicked him in the throat explains what sort of challenge it was. Incredibly the player was not sent off.

Parys Okai was our best player, showing calmness and imagination on the ball, and Oxford targeted him. He suffered a diabolical two-footed challenge and the ref stood back to let an incident develop. It led to a flare-up, after which he sent off both players. He could have nipped it in the bud if he had acted at the start of the incident.

By then we were one up with Curtis Davies claiming the last touch as the ball went into the air off a pile of bodies. That was on 36 minutes, with the two red cards shown on the hour mark. We looked quite comfortable, but paid for not being ruthless enough in front of goal when a rare breakaway led to Oxford scoring eight minutes from time.

**Luton Town:** Eade, Deeney, Mountford, Mansell, Davies, Howell, Keane, Ridgway, Andrew, Maitland (Magadah 83 mins), Okai.

## Luton Town 0 Swindon 4

WE DIDN'T deserve to win this league cup-tie, but I was disappointed by the result because for the first hour it looked as though one goal at either end would settle it. Unfortunately Rob Beckwith, returning after injury, had a nightmare.

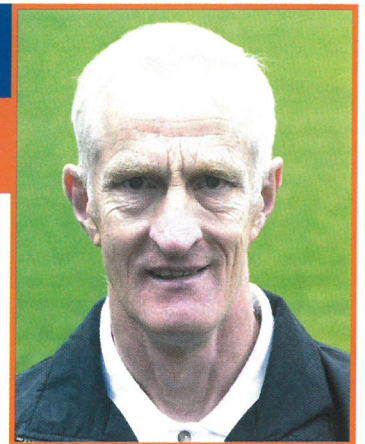
With six youth players needed to bolster the first team squad, we had to field a very young side, including two second year boys and seven first-years, one of them a schoolboy and three of them tri-als.

I was pleased with the effort and commitment, and there was not much between the sides until a shot from the edge of the box went under the goalkeeper to give Swindon a 62nd-minute lead. They had their best spell of the game after that, and ten minutes later a snapshot went in, with the keeper leaving it in the belief that it was going wide. A free header from a free kick, and another shot that should have been saved completed the scoring. On the day a lot of lads did their best, but it wasn't quite good enough against stronger and more experienced players.

But it was a nice return for Viv Busby, now youth coach at Swindon, who has come back after recovering from a serious illness, and I wish him and his lads all the best in future rounds of the cup.

**Luton Town:** Beckwith, Deeney, Mountford,

Mansell, Green, Howell, Jones (Hanley 69 mins), Ridgway, Andrew (S. Sinclair 69 mins, inj, Pendleton 74 mins), Freeman, Magadah.



WE WILL be at home to West Bromwich in the Alliance next Saturday, with an 11am kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill.

**APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets):** Mountford 14, Deeney 12(2), Barnett 12, Keane 12, Ridgway 12, R. Mansell 11(1), Howell 11, O'Leary 10, Davies 9(1), Okai 8, Judge 6(1), Freeman 6(1), Andrew 6(1), Eade 5, Barrett 4, Jones 4, Maitland 3, Magadah 2(5), Godfrey 2, Pendleton 1(1), Brill 1, Beckwith 1, Green 1, Lambu 1, S. Sinclair 0(2), Wright 0(2), Burrows 0(1), Hanley 0(1),

**GOALS:** Judge 5, O'Leary 3, Barnett 3, Magadah 2, Okai 2, Freeman 2, Davies 2, Andrew 1, Mansell 1, Deeney 1, Ridgway 1.

*John Moore*

## Football League Youth Alliance Under-19 South East Conference

### August

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

### September

6	Cheltenham	H	2-0	Mansell, Davies
13	Walsall	A	1-4	O'Leary
27	Oxford	H	3-3	O'Leary 2, Okai

### October

4	Northampton	H	3-0	Judge 2, Okai
11	Southend (LC)	A	1-0	Barnett
16	Brighton(FAYC1)	A	0-2	
18	West Brom	A	3-1	Freeman, Deeney, Barnett
25	Cheltenham	A	4-2	Freeman, Ridgway, Magadah 2

### November

1	Walsall	H	0-3	
15	Oxford	A	1-1	Davies
22	Swindon (LC)	H	0-4	
29	Northampton	A		

### December

6	West Brom	H		
13	Rushden	A		

### January

10	Cambridge	H		
17	Alliance Cup 3			
24	Kidderminster	A		
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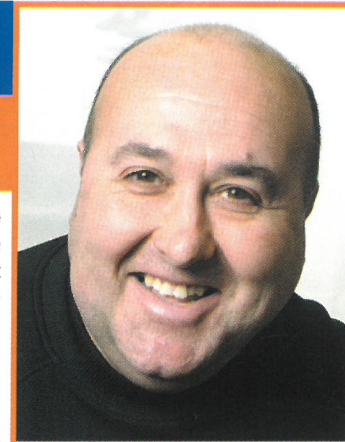
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# Youth Soccer The under-17s



## Leyton Orient 0 Luton Town 4

WE COMPLETED a satisfying double, and the only disappointment was that having gone four up in 50 minutes we should have helped ourselves to more goals.

Orient looked bright early on, but we took them apart after Rob Sinclair side-footed us into a sixth-minute lead from a cross to the back post. Our second was a penalty after a strange decision by the ref: the keeper clattered Russell Preston as they went up together, and the ball bounced into the net. The advantage law should have been applied, which meant it was a goal, but the ref awarded a penalty instead. Fortunately Paul Burrows converted it. That was after 18 minutes, and 12 minutes later we broke with pace from an Orient corner and from a throw-out by goalkeeper Zach Barrett Stuart Sinclair was through one on one with the keeper, and showed real composure to score.

Three up at the interval, our half-time message was

to make sure we did not concede a goal that might have lifted the opposition, and instead get the next one ourselves. Within five minutes Preston obliged, showing quick reaction in a goalmouth scramble. With Ross Hanley causing Orient all sorts of problems on our right wing, we looked like scoring every time we went forward after that, and were so much on top that I was disappointed we did not rattle up double figures. But credit to Orient for refusing to throw in the towel: they changed their formation twice to contain us, switching to 4-3-3 for a time, and then to 4-5-1, which was a damage limitation line-up.

**Luton Town:** Barrett, Smyth, Pendleton, Burrows (Asafu'Adjaye 70 mins), Preston, Tague, Hanley, S. Sinclair, Richardson (Kenneford 70 mins), Green, R. Sinclair.

OUR game at Southend on Saturday was postponed because the pitch was waterlogged, and we hoped to be back in action this morning, at home to Northampton. Next Saturday we are away to Colchester, and our next home fixture is the week after that, December 13, when we entertain Oxford United, with an 11am kick-off at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill.

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Smyth 13, Green 13, Pendleton 12(1), S. Sinclair 12, Tague 11(1), R. Sinclair 10(1), Hanley 10, Preston 9(3), Burrows 8, Barrett 7, Richardson 5(1), Goodchild 5, Clark 5, Asafu'Adjaye 3(5), Mountford 2, Ridgway 2, Freeman 2, Andrew 2, Magadah 2, Kenneford 1(3), Charles 1(1), Deeney 1, Keane 1, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNaly 1, Jones 1, Robinson 0(3), Cowley 0(2), Maitland 0(1), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsilio 0(1),

**Goals:** Burrows 6, Preston 4, Freeman 4, Maitland 2, Magadah 2, S. Sinclair 2, Richardson 3, Andrew 2, Tague 1, Smyth 1, Kenneford 1, Hanley 1, R. Sinclair 1,

*Mark Ridgway*

## Football League Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

### August

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

### September

6	Cambridge	A	0-2	
13	Portsmouth	A	0-3	
20	L. Orient	H	3-1	Andrew 2, Freeman
27	Southend	A	2-6	Magadah, Tague

### October

4	Northampton	A	4-1	Preston 2, S. Sinclair, Burrows
11	Colchester	H	0-2	
18	Oxford	A	0-1	

### November

1	Gillingham	A	4-1	Richardson, Smyth, Kenneford, Hanley
8	Wycombe	H	8-0	Freeman 3, Maitland 2, S. Sinclair, Magadah, Richardson

15	L. Orient	A	4-0	R. Sinclair, Burrows, Richardson, Preston
22	Southend	A	Postponed	

### December

6	Colchester	A		
13	Oxford	H		
20	QPR	H		

### January

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

### February

7	Brighton	A		
14	Rushden	H		
21	Cambridge	H		
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This is a tremendous achievement, and we would like to thank you for your support in reaching this magnificent milestone so early in the season.

We have lots of plans to develop the website over the remainder of the season, and we will shortly be announcing details of how you can promote your business through

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**TOP HATTER:** Adrian Forbes was the fans' choice as player of the month for October, and is pictured collecting his award. With him, left to right, are Claire Mathieson of Travel Extras, Graham Winterbone, the SMS competition winner and guest, and Cherry Newbery.

*Chris Rivett*

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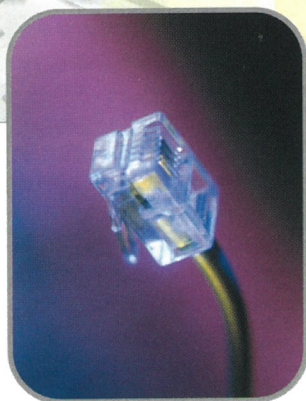
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# Doubles Put Belles In Promotion Spots

TOWN completed their first league double of the season at Oxford, with an excellent first-half performance in which they scored three times without reply. Kaylee Owen opened the scoring after 15 minutes, latching onto a through ball from Kim Hide and finishing hard and low just inside the far post. Just before half time Kim Hide chested in a Fay Howell cross after arriving late in the danger area, and then powerfully headed in from a far post corner from the same player to put Belles three up at half time.

Luton dominated the second period and made it 4-0 when Fay Howell leapt above the keeper to win a header and then reacted the quickest to knock the loose ball over the line. But the home keeper was in inspired form, and twice denied Kim Hide her hat trick with superb saves. Rhiannon Morgan volleyed narrowly over the bar and Luton were unable to add to their tally, and conceded a goal in injury time from City's only serious effort of the match.

Thatcham were the visitors last week, and Luton completed another league double, but it was not without a hiccup or two on the way. The away side took the lead in the seventh minute, scrambling in a rebound from a free kick, and then set out their stall to defend their advantage.

Luton were strangely hesitant in their approach, and stuttered towards half time until

with just a minute left in the half Nikki Baker sent a cross into the danger area and Fay Howell struck a well-timed volley into the roof of the net to level things up.

For a time Town were unable to press home their territorial advantage in the second half and went on all-out attack in search of the winner. Twice the ball was cleared off the line as Luton pushed forward, but the introduction of Vicky Moody proved to be decisive.

With 12 minutes left Fay Howell went past her marker and rolled the ball across the area where Vicky Moody arrived to stick the ball into the far corner, scoring with her first touch. With Thatcham's resistance at last broken, Kim Hide made sure of the points in the 85th minute, cutting inside to drill her shot low into the net.

### Performance Of The Week

The under-15's produced the performance of the week, defeating a highly-rated Denham United side 7-0. Janine Daly opened the scoring early on, and hat-tricks from Michelle Byrne and Shelly Miller completed the scoring. The week before they had also put Hatfield to the sword, hammering them 9-0 with braces from Janine Daly, Tanya Blacksley, Rebecca Kane and Michelle Byrne and the other goal from Kelly Halsey.

Having been on the suffered a couple of defeats recently, the under-14's bounced back to rout Buntingford 9-0. Ann Folan led the way, scoring four, and Nina Hale notched her fourth hat-trick of the season to add to Rebecca Dimmock's double.

Town's under-12s returned to the top of their table, fighting back from a goal down to beat Enfield 2-1, with Lauren Bruton scoring two top-draw goals. Last week Luton over ran Harvesters with a 6-2 away win. Lauren Bruton again led the way with a hat-trick, Jasmine Hall added another two and Yasmin Hickling got on the score sheet herself having provided the passes for Town's other goals.

**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.**

Dave Baker



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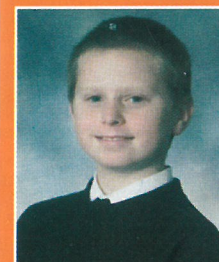
WE HAVE two big announcements to make today, about a couple of very special events coming up for Junior Hatters. First is confirmation of our annual Christmas Party. It will be on December 15, from 7-9pm, at the Eric Morecambe Suite, and all the usual entertainment, including visits by the players and Father Christmas, will be included. This is always a very popular occasion, and tickets, at £3 each, are on sale now, on a first come, first served basis. We will open the Century Club on the night for the benefit of parents. The other big event is on December 20, an extended version of our very popular Saturday Club on the day the Town play Barnsley. It will be a Christmas shopping fun day, with the entertainment starting for Junior Hatters at 9.45am and lasting for seven hours - giving Mum plenty of time to go Christmas shopping knowing that the youngsters are safe

and having a good time. There will be football coaching from FA-qualified experts thanks to help from the Community Department, and a sausage and chips lunch. This event is for Junior Hatters only, and the price is £10 for those who already have a match ticket, or £15 with a ticket included. Only 50 places will be available, so again if you want to be there for a very special day out at Kenilworth Road, early booking is advised, through Junior Hatters headquarters at the Community Office.



**JUNIOR Hatters membership is open to boys and girls aged from 0 to 16 who support Luton Town. There are lots of advantages, including the Saturday Club, organised trips to away games, and the chance to be a mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list. For more information call Junior Hatters headquarters in the Community office, on 01582 391927.**

## Today's Mascot



STEVEN Wallis, from Holliers Close, Thame, is today's Junior Hatters mascot. Aged 13, he is part of a real Hatters family, coming to games with his mum, dad and brother. They sit in the Kenny End. Steven attends the Lord Williams School, Thame, and his hobbies are football, playing drums and model railways. His duties today include meeting the players before the game and joining them for the pre-match kick-about, and he will be particularly pleased at the chance to meet his favourites, Matthew Spring and Steve Howard. Today's ball boys are Puntran Mistry, from Hayton Close, Luton, and Jonathan Stynes, from Daubeney Close, Harlington.

WE ENJOYED our visit to Hillsborough last week, and Sheffield Wednesday kindly allowed us to send on a mascot. The choice, as usual, was made on the coach journey, and fell on ten-year-old Antony Foreman, from Whitehall, Lidlington, and he is pictured at the toss of the coin ritual, with a Luton pennant to be presented to his opposite number from Sheffield. Below is a similar scene from our home game with Wrexham, where Tyler Smith, 8, was the Junior Hatters mascot, and two-year-old Shawn Borrett, being held by Chris Coyne, was the commercial mascot.



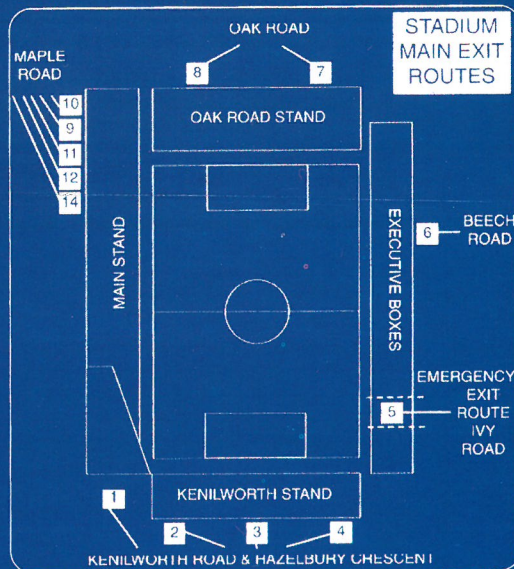


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## Nationwide Division 2 Statistics

### Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	2	5	0	1	1
QPR	4	1	2	1	1
Barnsley	5	4	0	0	0
Brighton	3	4	2	0	0
Colchester	7	2	0	0	0
Port Vale	6	2	1	0	0
Blackpool	6	1	0	1	0
Brentford	6	1	0	1	0
Rushden	4	3	0	1	0
Wrexham	7	0	0	1	0
Bristol City	4	1	1	0	1
Hartlepool	4	2	0	0	1
Grimsby	2	4	0	1	0
Swindon	4	2	0	1	0
Bournemouth	6	0	1	0	0
Luton	3	4	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	4	1	1	0	0
Oldham	2	1	2	0	0
Tranmere	4	0	1	0	0
Notts County	2	1	1	0	0
Stockport	4	0	0	0	0
Peterborough	2	0	1	0	0
Chesterfield	1	0	1	0	0
Wycombe	1	0	1	0	0

### Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Blackpool	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	1	2	3
Bournemouth	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	3	3

### Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Grimsby	0	0	3	3
Oldham	0	0	3	3
Peterborough	0	1	1	2
Wycombe	0	1	1	2
Blackpool	0	0	2	2
Luton	0	0	2	2
Rushden	0	0	2	2
Swindon	0	0	2	2

### Scoring Chances per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	9.53	6.58
Notts County	5.95	5.95
Rushden	7.42	4.42
Bournemouth	6.16	5.58
Swindon	6.37	5.37
Blackpool	6.58	5.05
QPR	6.21	5.37
Grimsby	6.21	5.21
Colchester	6.11	5.21
Oldham	5.68	5.63
Wrexham	6.11	4.95
Tranmere	6.26	4.68
Brighton	6.00	4.79
Port Vale	5.21	5.42
Luton	6.00	4.47
Bristol City	5.84	4.58
Wycombe	5.32	4.63
Stockport	4.95	4.95
Barnsley	6.11	3.68
Sheff Wed	5.42	4.32
Peterborough	5.47	4.11
Brentford	5.21	3.79
Chesterfield	4.63	4.21
Hartlepool	5.16	3.68

### Scorer's Points Gained & Scoring Run

Player	Gls	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run 1st Gl
Scott Taylor	11	0.58	13	2
Leon Knight	15	0.79	12	3
Wayne Andrews	9	0.53	10	4
Steve McPhee	9	0.47	9	3
Michael Boulding	11	0.58	8	4
Warren Feeney	8	0.47	8	4
Aaron Wilbraham	7	0.41	8	2
Dennis Lawrence	5	0.26	7	2
Lee Peacock	8	0.53	6	3
Gary McSheffrey	8	0.47	6	3
David Frio	8	0.62	6	3
Tommy Mooney	8	0.42	6	4
Dean Gorre	6	0.40	6	3
Shefki Kuqi	5	0.71	6	3

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

### Headed Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Frio	Plymouth	5
Lawrence	Wrexham	5
Peacock	Bristol City	4
Evans	Plymouth	4
Fletcher S	Bournemouth	3
Hutchinson	Brentford	3
Knight	Brighton	3
Keith	Plymouth	3
Coughlan	Plymouth	3
Paynter	Port Vale	3
Lowe	Rushden	3
Kuqi	Sheff Wed	3
Mooney	Swindon	3
Jones	Tranmere	3

### Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
QPR	19	315	16.58
Tranmere	19	298	15.68
Barnsley	19	269	14.16
Colchester	19	268	14.11
Brentford	19	258	13.58
Luton	19	255	13.42
Notts County	19	255	13.42
Bristol City	19	253	13.32
Wycombe	19	253	13.32
Chesterfield	19	250	13.16

OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Rushden	19	94	4.95
Luton	19	89	4.68
Peterborough	19	88	4.63
Bristol City	19	82	4.32
Oldham	19	80	4.21
Stockport	19	77	4.05
Tranmere	19	77	4.05
Blackpool	19	74	3.89
Chesterfield	19	73	3.84
Grimsby	19	73	3.84

Average is number of Fouls/Offsides per game. Clubs are ordered by highest number of Fouls/Offsides per game.

### Close Range Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Knight	Brighton	6
Taylor	Blackpool	5
Keith	Plymouth	5
Lowe	Rushden	5
Wilbraham	Stockport	5
Paynter	Port Vale	4
Feeney	Bournemouth	4
Hutchinson	Brentford	3
Peacock	Bristol City	3
Robinson	Chesterfield	3
Robinson	Hartlepool	3
Gabbiadini	Hartlepool	3
McKenzie	Peterborough	3
Coughlan	Plymouth	3
Frio	Plymouth	3
McPhee	Port Vale	3
Ainsworth	QPR	3
Kuqi	Sheff Wed	3
Barlow	Stockport	3
Jones	Tranmere	3

### Set Piece Goals

Scored from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Plymouth	5	6	11
QPR	2	7	9
Stockport	3	6	9
Brentford	6	2	8
Hartlepool	1	7	8
Luton	4	4	8
Rushden	6	2	8
Port Vale	5	2	7
Sheff Wed	4	3	7
Conceded from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Brentford	6	5	11
Wycombe	7	3	10
Oldham	4	5	9
Bournemouth	4	4	8
Blackpool	4	4	8
Bristol City	3	5	8
Colchester	4	4	8
Rushden	4	4	8
Stockport	3	5	8
Chesterfield	5	2	7

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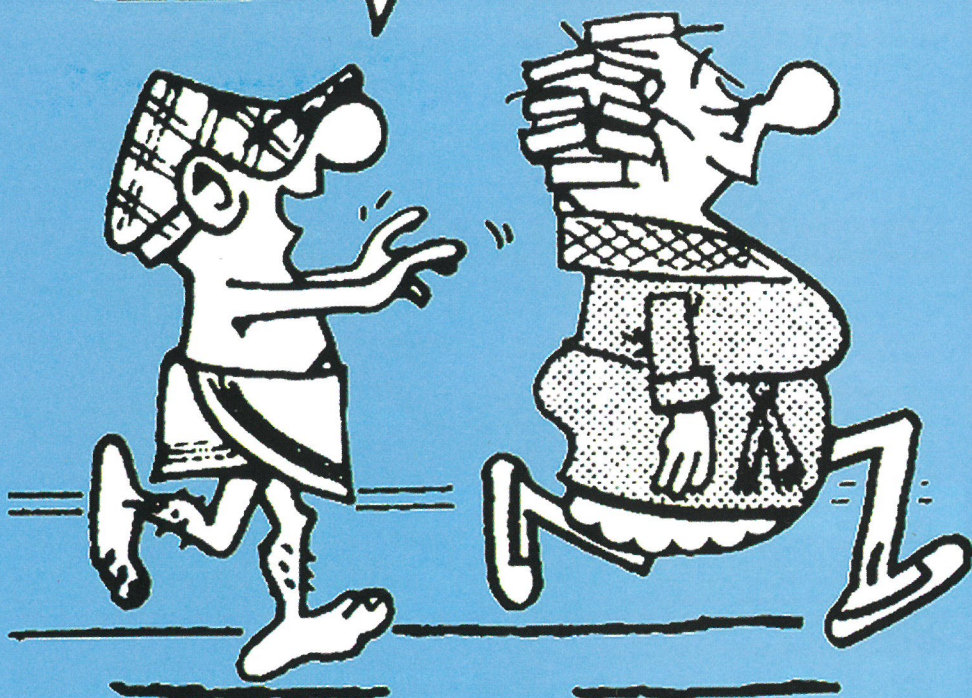
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## Scene In the Second: Still In Touch

THE WIN over Wrexham pushed the Town up two places in the league, to 12th, but the visit to Hillsborough saw a one-notch drop. Even so, in a division where no-one has been consistent, the Town are still just three points adrift of the play-off frame.

The Town and QPR can claim to be the most consistent teams in the division over the past month, with Rangers becoming the sixth club to hold the league leadership after a crucial home win over second-placed Plymouth a fortnight ago and a 1-1 draw at Swindon on Saturday leaving them unbeaten in the league in November, with ten points gathered from the 12 available.

Previous leaders who have found it hard to stay with the pace are Port Vale, who were top through most of September, and Brighton, who enjoyed the leadership under the management of Steve Coppell for the first three weeks of October. He left to go to Reading, and new boss Mark McGhee celebrated his first win in four attempts with a 2-1 success at Notts County.

That was good news for Chesterfield, who come to Kenilworth Road today more worried about the relegation zone, and still seeking their first away win of the season. The Spireites were bottom for most of September and October until Wycombe

dropped below them at the beginning of this month.

Tony Adams is the new boss at Wycombe after the departure of Lawrie Sanchez, and in his second game they earned a good point in a goalless draw at Wrexham. Frank Talia was their man of the match, with a penalty save from Hector Sam, who scored for Wrexham at Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago.

Chesterfield stayed a point ahead of the Chairboys with a 1-1 draw at home to Oldham. Defender Steve Blatherwick enjoyed his header to put Chesterfield into the lead – it was his first goal for two and a half years.

The Spireites are six points adrift of the safety mark, having been in the bottom four since late August. Chesterfield were the last team in the Nationwide to notch their first win of the season, 3-0 at home to Swindon in mid-October, after 13 previous attempts had yielded only six points. Having disposed of Andy King's men they followed up with a home victory over Brian Horton's Port Vale to suggest they are on a bit of a revival.

But they have taken only three of the 27 points at stake in their away games so far, with a 0-0 at Wrexham on the opening day of the season, a 3-3 at Wycombe a fortnight later and a 0-0 at Stockport in early October. Defeats were 3-0 at QPR, 2-0 at Brighton, 4-0 at Grimsby, 2-1 at Rushden, 1-0 at Colchester and 1-0 at Blackpool. And while only two defeats have seen more than two goals conceded, their four away goals scored in nine games is the lowest in the division.

Chesterfield's last six league results: Swindon (H) 3-0, Hartlepool (H) 1-2, Colchester (A) 0-1, Port Vale (H) 1-0. Blackpool (A) 0-1 and Oldham (H) 1-1

	Nationwide League Division Two											
	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
QPR	19	6	3	0	19	2	3	5	2	13	12	18
Plymouth	19	6	3	1	23	10	3	4	2	17	13	17
Barnsley	19	5	4	0	11	4	4	1	5	14	18	3
Brighton	19	6	1	2	16	8	3	3	4	13	15	6
Colchester	19	5	3	1	12	7	4	1	5	12	18	-1
Bristol City	19	5	4	1	16	7	2	5	2	9	9	9
Port Vale	19	7	1	1	18	11	2	2	6	7	13	1
Hartlepool	19	4	5	0	16	4	3	2	5	14	20	6
Swindon	19	4	4	2	17	10	3	3	3	10	12	5
Bournemouth	19	4	4	1	17	12	3	3	4	10	11	4
Wrexham	19	3	4	3	9	7	5	0	4	13	13	2
Rushden	19	5	2	3	21	15	3	1	5	13	16	3
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>27</b>
Blackpool	19	4	0	5	13	12	4	3	3	11	15	-3
Grimsby	19	4	2	3	15	8	3	3	4	10	19	-2
Brentford	19	5	1	4	16	17	3	1	5	7	12	-6
Sheff Wed	19	2	5	3	11	12	4	2	3	12	11	0
Oldham	19	4	2	3	15	12	1	6	3	15	18	0
Tranmere	19	5	3	2	14	9	0	4	5	5	19	-9
Stockport	19	1	4	5	13	19	3	3	3	11	13	-8
Peterborough	19	0	4	6	13	19	3	4	2	9	9	-6
Notts County	19	3	2	5	11	11	1	2	6	6	19	-13
Chesterfield	19	2	4	4	10	11	0	3	6	4	15	-12
Wycombe	19	2	2	5	13	16	0	4	6	7	17	-13

### Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

**Barnsley v Stockport**  
**Blackpool v Bristol City**  
**Bournemouth v Brentford**  
**Brighton v Wrexham**  
**Colchester v Plymouth**  
**Grimsby v Tranmere**  
**Hartlepool v Swindon**  
**Oldham v Notts County**  
**Port Vale v Rushden & Diamonds**  
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## Receivership: Press Statement

LUTON Town hope to be out of administrative receivership within the next two or three weeks, following a Companies Court hearing in Birmingham eight days ago.

The following statement was issued on behalf of Barry Ward: "The administrative receiver is pleased to announce that following the court's ruling that he has the power to sell the Club to an appropriate purchaser, it is intended to effect that sale next month.

"Meetings of members and creditors are to take place on December 5 to approve terms of settlement with trade creditors. Subject to that approval, and approval by the Companies Court, the sale of the business can then be achieved.

"The purchaser of the business will have to seek the approval of both The Football

League and The Football Association. The administrative receiver understands that Bill Tomlins Sports Management, the only bidder to have submitted a properly-formatted bid to purchase the business of the Club, has arranged a meeting with the appropriate authorities to take place next week.

"The administrative receiver is hopeful that the sale will be completed by the middle of December, assuming no further bids are received.

"The sale will safeguard the continuation of the Club, and allow the players, the staff and the fans to concentrate on success on the field, knowing that the future financial stability of the Club has been secured."

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# Today's Squads



**Manager: Mike Newell**

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



**Manager: Roy McFarland**

1	Carl MUGGLETON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Gus UHLENBEEK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan O'HARE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Kevin DAWSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Steve BLATHERWICK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Stuart HOWSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Steve PAYNE	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Mark ALLOTT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Glynn HURST	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Mark HUDSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Mark INNES	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Gareth DAVIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Chris BRANDON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	David REEVES	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Caleb FOLAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Andy RICHMOND	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Andy RUSHBURY	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Stephen WARNE	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Mark SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Jez MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian EVATT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Marvin ROBINSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26	Adam SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Jamie CADE	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Paul WARHURST	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Today's Officials

Referee: Ray Olivier, West Midlands

Assistants: Darren Deadman, Hertfordshire (red and yellow flag);

Mark John, Surrey (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Tony Conn, Hertfordshire

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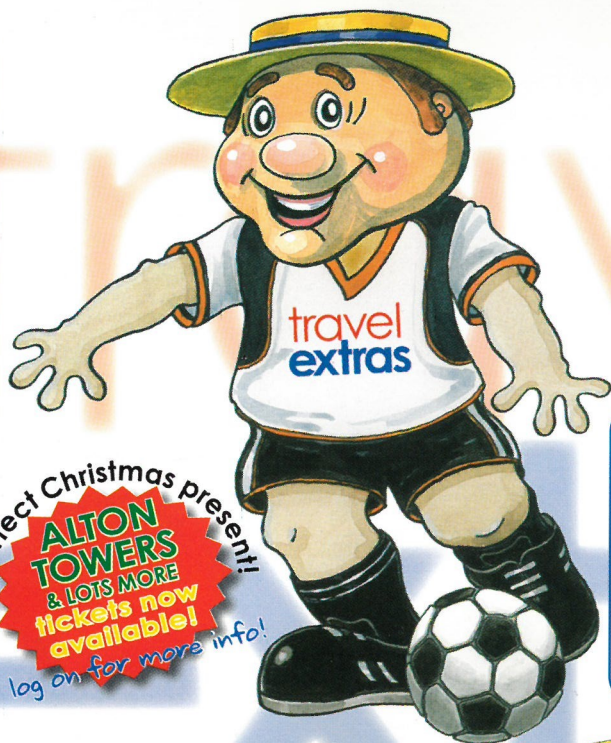
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