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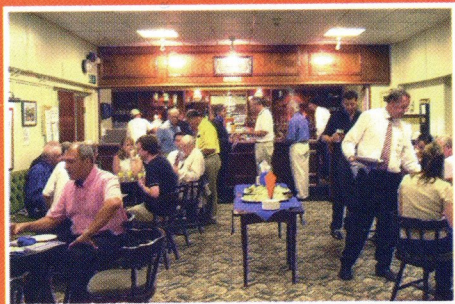
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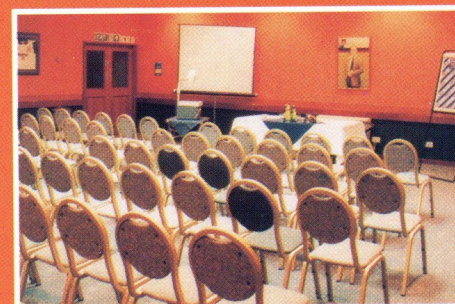
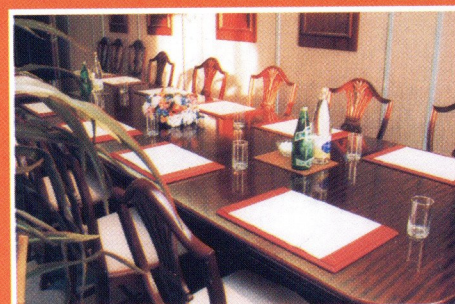
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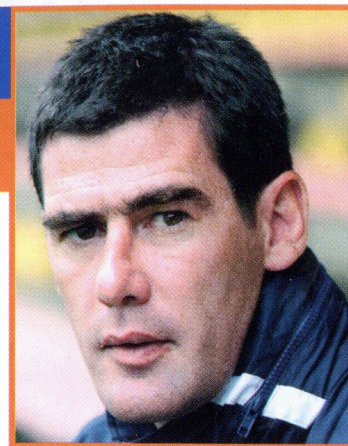
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The Manager's Message



HELLO and welcome to today's game against
Notts County. Due to Christmas deadlines
and pressure from the programme editor I
find myself writing these notes the day after
our defeat by Barnsley.

It goes without saying that we were not
happy with the result, but also the performance.
It looked for a long time that we would
have to settle for a point, and considering all
things and the way Barnsley played we
would have taken that, but it wasn't to be,
and so a chance to go into the top three was
missed.

Because of the standards we have set, particularly
at home, it follows that it's a major disappointment
to lose, but it may just be a reminder of how short
we are and how far away from the sort of squad and
competition for places that we want.

Hopefully we had a result against Colchester
on Boxing Day, and can get back to winning
ways at home today.



**Action from Saturday's game against
Barnsley, with Adrian Forbes using his
pace to go for a gap between two opponents.**

Notts County's
problems have
been well documented,
and it's an indication
of the state the game
is in presently
that the oldest

club in the league, with a great history, has
had such a bad time.

Welcome to Billy Dearden, his players, staff,
directors and supporters. He has had his
hands full since taking over, but is a fella that
will never make a fuss, but just get on with
his job.

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas,
and hope the new year brings success and a
change in the club's fortunes we are all wishing
for.

Personally I would like to thank you all for the
support and patience you have shown me
over the last six months. It has flown by, but
I have to say I have enjoyed working here
immensely. It is, of course, made easier when
you are working with good people, and I am
fortunate on that score. The help I have had
from my staff and everyone else in the club
has been invaluable. When you have people
who are good at their jobs it makes yours so
much easier.

We would hope to be out of administration in
the near future, and so I would like to take
this opportunity to thank Barry Ward and his
team for all their help since the summer.
Although there have obviously been restrictions,
never once have they interfered or
questioned us on football matters, and have
actually gone out of their way to back us at
times. It is much appreciated, and I also know
that in selling the club they had its future
wellbeing very much at heart.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell

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From The Chief Executive



WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas, and I am sure you share my optimism that after last year's problems we are now assured of a brighter New Year for our club.

You may have read last week, or perhaps seen TV coverage, of a gathering at Highbury when HRH the Prince of Wales attended a reception to honour clubs who have supported the Prince's Trust. I was privileged to represent Luton Town at the event, on a day when we were reminded about the valuable work the trust does all over the country, not least within our own community.

There is a detailed explanation on the Trust's work, and an invitation to take part if you want help from the Trust, on page 9 this afternoon.

We have always been pleased to offer support to the Trust locally, and allow the participants to use our premises for presentations and so on. At the reception at Arsenal's stadium it was wonderful to see how young people, who had either dropped out of school, offended, or had other problems, had been able to volunteer to go on the courses run by the Trust, and then been able to find a direction and make a new life for themselves.

As a football club keen to help the local community in any way possible, we are delighted to be involved in this invaluable work. The local branch of the Prince's Trust is co-ordinated by Mark Golby, an ardent Luton Town supporter.

Hopefully, 2004 will see moves made towards our dream of a new stadium, but in the meantime thank you to everyone who has taken an interest in our "Buy Your Seat" offer. For a minimum donation of £15 you can put your name on the seat of your choice for however long we remain here at Kenilworth Road, and eventually keep the seat as a permanent memento when this stadium is finally demolished. The response has been tremendous. Full details are given elsewhere in this programme, but the idea has struck a chord with supporters, and we have already had pur-

chases from as far afield as Australia, Belgium and Denmark.

Today's programme had to be prepared ahead of Christmas, so at the time of writing we were still awaiting news of our exit from administration.

The Football League is leading a campaign to end the "Transfer Windows" policy imposed by FIFA. The idea has its merits, but it imposes a restriction on player trading which has been bad news for many clubs at the lower levels of the professional game.

Since windows were introduced, the value of the domestic transfer market has dropped by 47 per cent, a sign that money is not filtering down through the game like it used to. Many clubs need to sell players to survive, and the windows system restricts their ability to do that.

Football League Chairman Sir Brian Mawhinney has promised that The League will act strongly to have the restrictions lifted for domestic transfers, and we at Luton Town agree with him. I will keep you up to date with progress on a story which looks like running for some time yet.

As has been stated elsewhere in the programme John Moore, a stalwart of the club, retires at the end of the year and all the staff wish him a very happy retirement and thank him for everything he has done for Luton Town over many years.

Finally today, we were very sorry to hear of the death of life-long supporter Geoff Smitham, who had followed the Town since the FA Cup semi-final in 1959. We offer our sympathies, and send our condolences to his family.

Cherry Newbery

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ALWAYS keen to play its full part in the local community, Luton Town is delighted again to be going into the New Year by supporting the Prince's Trust Team Programme. Like many other clubs up and down the country, the Town have been backing the scheme for some years. Under the patronage of HRH the Prince of Wales, the project is running nation-wide, but the accent is on local participation, with volunteers up and down the land giving their services to help young people improve their prospects.

Luton Town is delighted to offer whatever facilities it can, and today invites anyone interested to become involved.

The next Prince's Trust Team Programme starts in Luton early in the New Year. Local team leader Mark Golby said: "If you are between 16 and 25, and enjoy rising to a challenge then a Prince's Trust Team is for you. The programme is an action-packed twelve-week course which enables young people to work together as a team, and help others in the local community."

"By taking part you will make new friends, grow in confidence, develop your personal talents, and increase your chances of getting into further education, training or work." Team members will:

- Spend a week at an outward bound centre.
- Gain two weeks' work experience.
- Develop practical skills and confidence that help you in a job and through life.
- Make new friends and have a lot of fun.
- Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- Obtain career advice and help with your CV.

- Complete community projects that benefit the local community.

Elsewhere in today's match programme Town secretary and chief executive Cherry Newbery discusses her thoughts on the project. The Team programme members will get the opportunity to visit Kenilworth Road and see behind the scenes. Said Cherry: "I am pleased that we are able to support local young people who are making an effort to improve their lives. The programme really fits in perfectly with the club's own profile and aims of helping the local community."

Some of the most commonly-asked questions about the scheme are:

Who can team up?

UK residents aged 16-25 who are unemployed.

How much does it cost?

It's free! You can even keep your benefit while on the programme.

How can you join the team?

The Luton Prince's Trust Team Programme runs from The Luton Youth House in the Town Centre. If you want to be part of Luton Team Four, you need to get the ball rolling by contacting either Team Leader Mark Golby on 01582 401204 or 07815 733720, or Jane Leather on 01582 410011 or 07717 207103.

The Prince's Trust exists to help young people overcome barriers and get their lives working. Through a range of practical support including training, mentoring and financial support it helps young people to achieve their potential. If you would like further information, or advice about how The Prince's Trust could help you, call the Bedfordshire office on 01582 410011, or visit the Trust's website at www.princes-trust.org.uk



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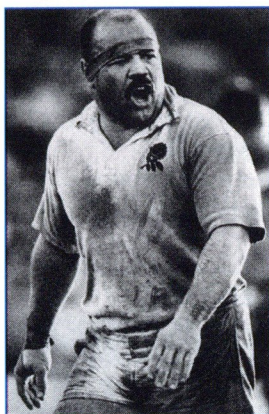


Sporting Dinner

Thursday 19th February 2004

at the Riverside Suite, Vauxhall Recreation Club, 20 Gypsy Lane, Luton LU1 3JU

with special guests



GARETH CHILCOTT

As one of Rugby Unions and the sporting medias greatest characters, Gareth "Cooch" Chilcotts, achievements are legendary. With over 400 1st Team Games for Bath and with 5 League Winners Medals, plus 7 Cup Winners Medals, this England International and British Lions player, was guaranteed to strike terror into the opposition. The demand for Gareth's service's within the game, particularly from the media, continue unabated, where his BBC, ITV Sport, Sky and radio work, including his role as front-line commentator during the 2003 Rugby World Cup in Australia have made him an International Celebrity. As an after dinner speaker you could not be entertained by a funnier or warmer individual.

AARON JAMES

Sporting impressionist and comedian extraordinaire, Aaron is without doubt one of the funniest men ever to grace the after dinner speaking circuit. He is regarded by fellow professionals as a "top drawer" speaker and one of the finest sporting and celebrity impressionists around today. Aaron is a regular on TV after he first appeared on the original "Big Breakfast Show" and his hilarious video ranks as one of funniest of its style ever produced.

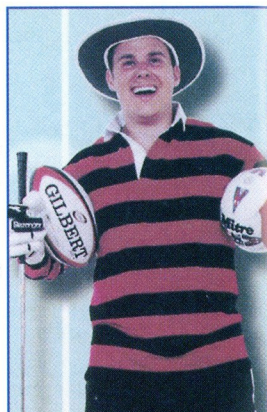


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STEVE TANDY

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Hatters Away In The FA Cup

WINNING through to the third round of the FA Cup has given the Town their first trip to Bradford in 13 years on Saturday, instead of a home league game against Brighton, which will now be played later in the season.

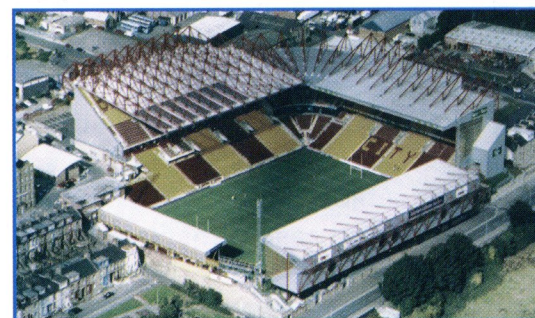
A week later, we are away again, but much nearer to home, seeking a third win of the season in the all-ticket Second Division game at Rushden.

Town on Tour, part of Luton Town Supporters Club, and the Bobbers Travel Club will be running coaches to both games.

For the trip to Valley Parade the Bobbers leave Cranfield at 8.30am and Luton an hour later, and fares are £14.50 for adults, £12 concessions. Their service to Rushden leaves Cranfield at 11.30 and Luton at 12.30, the adult fare is £8.50, with junior and senior citizens' fare at £7.

Town on Tour's service to Bradford will leave Leighton Buzzard at 9.30am, Houghton Regis at 9.40, Luton at 10 and Milton Keynes Coachway at 10.30. Fares: LTSC members £16, senior and junior members £14, non-members £18. For Rushden Town on Tour will charge £10 for adult members, £9 concession members and £12 for others. Their service starts at Leighton Buzzard at 11.10am and Luton at 12.30, with a pick-up at MK Coachway at 1pm

By Road To Valley Parade

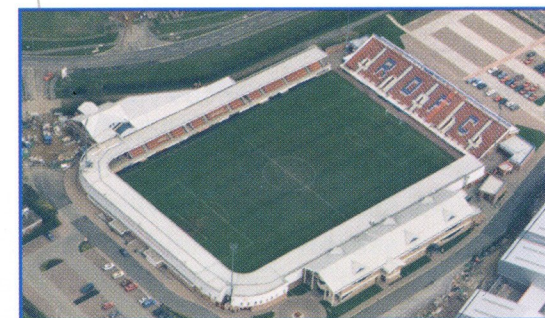


IF THE motorway is running freely, you can drive to Bradford in about three hours, and at least there is no need to suffer the M6 or pay to use its new toll road. Leave Luton on the M1 and keep going north beyond Sheffield, Barnsley and Dewsbury to junction 41. There turn left onto the M62, and at junction

26 turn right onto the M606. At the end of the M606 take the fifth exit at the roundabout onto the ring road, the A6177. Go straight on at one roundabout, then left at the next, to take the A650, sign-posted towards the city centre. Follow the City Centre signs straight over the next two roundabouts, and after the second move into the outside lane to follow the signs towards Keighley and Skipton and keep going on the dual carriageway for a mile and three-quarters. Take a left turn, signposted to Valley Parade, into Station Road, and within 20 yards make a left turn into Midland Road, and you will soon see the ground on your right. But parking near the ground is a nightmare.

Mileage: 170

Easy Ride To Rushden



THE road to the home of Rushden & Diamonds could hardly be easier for Luton fans. It's not even worth using the motorway because you will get there as quickly on the more direct route. Leave town on the A6 going north, and head for Bedford. You need to keep your wits about you to negotiate Bedford's one-way system, but follow the signs, still on the A6, towards Kettering.

Go through and beyond Rushden, and within five minutes or so, near Irthlingborough, you will see Nene Park on your right. It is far cry from the old Irthlingborough Diamonds ground, which used to stand there. There is a 750-space car park next to the ground, but as there is only one road in and out, getting away after the game can be tedious. A lot of fans park elsewhere.

Mileage: About 40.

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.

Log on to Luton Town's official website at
www.lutontown.co.uk

News From The Ticket Office



FA Cup, Third Round Bradford City v Luton Town

Saturday January 3 2004, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £15, Senior Citizens £8,
Juniors £5.



This match is not all ticket for Luton Town supporters, however there will be tickets available to purchase in advance from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road

If supporters wish to pay on the day, the prices are the same.

IN THE EVENT OF A REPLAY

The replay would take place at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday January 13, 2004, kick-off 7.45pm.

Normal matchday prices will apply and tickets 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 Sunday January 4 until 12 noon on Saturday January 10 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 Sunday January 4, and any unclaimed season ticket seats from 10am on Monday January 12. Cash turnstiles would be open on the night subject to availability. Remember there are no concessions available on cash turnstiles.

Ticket Office Holiday Opening Hours

Today: As for normal match days

Tomorrow, December 29: Closed

Tuesday December 30: 10am-5pm

Wednesday December 31: 10am-1pm

Thursday, January 1, 2004: Closed

News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Rushden & Diamonds v Luton Town

Saturday January 10, 2004, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £14, Senior Citizens,
Students



and Under-16s £9, Under-12s accompanied by an adult £4

This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game.

Luton Town have been allocated 2,300 seats and tickets will be sold as follows.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season Ticket holders can purchase one ticket per season ticket on production of Special Match Voucher C until 3pm on Sunday December 28, 2003, when we are at home to Notts County, subject to availability. No telephone bookings will be accepted.

GENERAL SALE

If any tickets remain, they will go on general sale directly after the game versus Notts County on Sunday 28th December 2003.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Stockport County

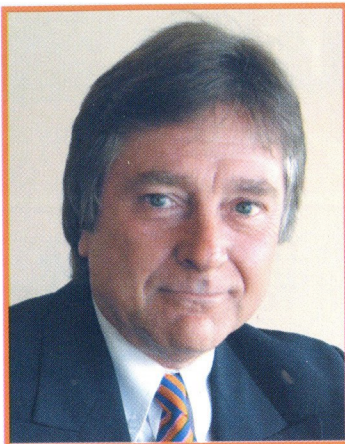
Tickets are now on sale at
normal matchday prices.

Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject
to availability.

Remember there are no concessions available on cash turnstiles.



**Match tickets can be ordered on credit
or debit cards by telephoning the ticket
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Commercial Corner

WITH the festive period now in full swing, what better opportunity could we want for all of our commercial partners than for everyone to enjoy an after-

noon, blowing away the party cobwebs, with a high excitement match here at Kenilworth Road. Welcome to everybody, and we hope that you all have a great time.

MATCH SPONSORS Critical Research Ltd

IT'S A very warm welcome back today to Derek Farr, managing director, and the management and guests of Critical Research, as today's joint match sponsors. Established in 1990, Critical Research is a Luton-based market research company, with additional offices in Watford and Reading. They have sponsored many Luton Town matches over the years, as well as supporting the club via the sponsorship of our sporting dinners. Well established as the region's leading market research company, they employ many staff locally, working from telephone interview centres. They are always on the lookout for people who want to train as telephone interviewers, who are able to work



MATCH BALL SPONSORS: The MacDonald Humfrey (Automation) Ltd party at the Barnsley match.



TOP MAN: Marlon Beresford collects his man of the match award on Saturday from some of the kit sponsors.

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OUR mascots this afternoon were selected via a prize draw competition, held in conjunction with Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd and Sainsbury's supermarkets in Hitchin, Biggleswade and Milton Keynes, together with Tesco stores in Flitwick and Baldock.

Today's winners won their prizes at Sainsbury's Milton Keynes, and together with their families are our guests today. This competition is the first of a series of regional promotions that have been arranged between LTFC and Coca-Cola Enterprises. We would like to take the opportunity of thanking Coca-Cola for their support, and hope that their guests and prize-winners have a memorable afternoon with us.

MATCH BALL SPONSOR

Colin Keeley

WE ALSO welcome back this afternoon as our match ball sponsor Colin Keely, together with his family and friends, with a special mention to his two nephews, Conor and Liam. Colin has frustrat-

Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests

ing memories of a 0-0 draw with Macclesfield the last time he sponsored the match ball, late in the 2001-02 season, and with the Town netting 95 goals in the League that season he felt a bit deprived! He therefore is desperate to see the Town score a goal or two this afternoon. Colin also wishes to pass on the best of the season's greetings to everyone, and looks forward to a Happy New Year for all at the club, and all of its supporters.



COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Jordan Robbins, sponsored by Stanley Casino

WITH great pleasure we welcome today Jordan Robbins as our commercial mascot. Twelve-year-old Jordan comes from Shefford and attends Henlow Middle School. His hobbies include rugby and basketball, as well as football, with

his favourite Town player being our rising star, Kevin Foley. Jordan, who regularly attends matches here at Kenilworth Road with his dad David, has been sponsored today by our good friends at Stanley Casino. We hope that Jordan and his family, together with our guests from Stanley Casino, have a wonderful afternoon with us.

Happy New Year

Peter Davis



MEMETO: Brian Hall, surrounded by players, with a signed match ball he won as one of the kit sponsors



FANS AND HERO: Alan Neilson meets his kit sponsors.

TRAVEL EXTRAS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

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Win the chance to present the trophy!

Have your say on the Hatters' Player of the Month for December and you could find yourself presenting the trophy, along with a representative from the club's official shirt sponsor Travel Extras.

You can vote via the official website free of charge, but if you vote by text and correctly nominate the winner you will be entered into a prize draw to win two main stand tickets and the invitation to present the trophy on the pitch before the next home match.

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 result. The total cost for voting via text is 50p. The vote will close at 3pm on December 30, and the winner will be announced on the website in the new year



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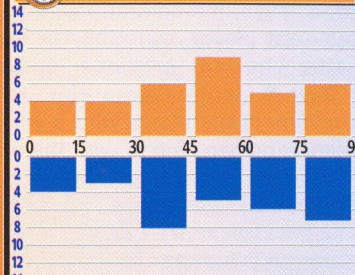
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Lost: 0
Scored: 7
Conc: 4
Points: 12
Goal Diff: 3
Last 6: DDWDWW
Last 5 Home: WWDWW
Last 5 Away: LLDDW

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 32
Clean Sheets: 4
Failed to Score: 3

The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Howard, 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	3
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	7.5

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	119
Goals conceded	33
On target/goals scored	3.61
Division 2 rating	22

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	126
Goals scored	34
On target / goals	3.71
Division 2 Rating	3

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	13.19
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	18
Average Offsides per game	4.76
Div 2 Rating	22

Swings

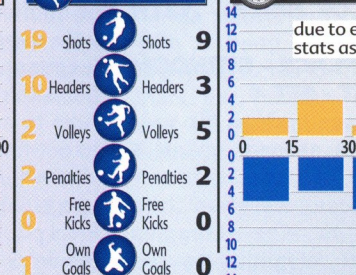
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DRAWN when behind	2
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	4
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	2
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	4

Attendances

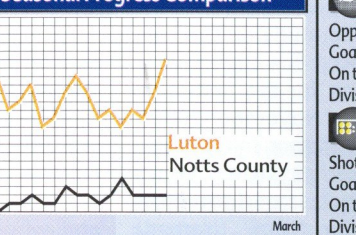
Aggregate	59,360
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	5,936

Where Goals		
6	Close Range	3
25	Inside Area	12
3	Outside Area	4

How Goals



Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	4
Conceded from C	2
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	4
Conceded from FK	4

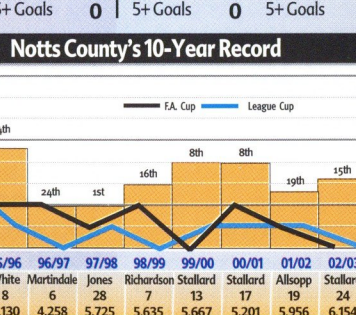
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Margins

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

Notts County's 10-Year Record



The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Platt	2
Long range shots	4 players	1
Inside 6 yards	3 players	1
Shots from 6-18 yards	Heffernan	4
Volleyed shots	Stallard, Heffernan	2
Penalties	Stallard, Heffernan	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Stallard, Heffernan	2
Most goals in last 10	Heffernan	2
Points gained from goals	Heffernan	7

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	132
Goals conceded	31
On target/goals scored	4.26
Division 2 rating	16

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	122
Goals scored	19
On target / goals	6.42
Division 2 Rating	24

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	4
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	3
Points lost	0

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.90
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	21
Average Offsides per game	2.19
Div 2 Rating	2

Swings

WON when behind	0
DRAWN when behind	5
LOST when ahead	1
DRAWN when ahead	2
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	0
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	1
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	5
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	2

Attendances

Aggregate	53,742
Highest	7,505
Lowest	4,145
Average	4,886

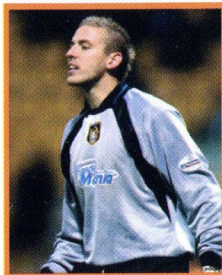


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Welcome to Today's Visitors



1. STEVE MILDENHALL
DATE OF BIRTH - 13TH MAY 1978
BIRTHPLACE - SWINDON
HEIGHT - 6FT 4

Steve was back to his very best last season, giving a number of impressive performances between the sticks as The Magpies escaped relegation to the

Third Division.

He missed the opening months of the season by acting as Stuart Garden's understudy, but following his excellent performances for the reserve team he was called into action for the first team for the 1-1 draw at Blackpool in November 2002. Steve was first choice until a finger injury ruled him out for the rest of the season in March, which was a major blow as his high class performances were one of the reasons for Notts' dramatic change around in form.

2. NICKY FENTON
DATE OF BIRTH - 23RD NOVEMBER 1979
BIRTHPLACE - PRESTON
HEIGHT - 6FT

Signed from Manchester City in September 2000 for £150,000, Nicky was actually in his second term with Notts after a loan spell the previous season.

A very quick and composed defender who slotted back into his regular position at centre half in the side last season with consummate ease and is hugely popular with the fans.

His performances belie his young years and as one of the club's main performers, able to operate in the centre or on the right hand side of the defence with great ability.

A rock at the back for the team, many will be hoping that his obvious talent is ignored once again by clubs in the top flight.

3. IAN BARACLOUGH
DATE OF BIRTH - 4TH DECEMBER 1970
BIRTHPLACE - LEICESTER
HEIGHT - 6FT 1

Experienced midfielder who returned to Meadow Lane for the 2001/02 season after a spell with QPR.

Ian is able to play in any left-sided role in defence or midfield, or even in a central position. He is a very experienced player, especially in the lower leagues after having previous spells with Mansfield Town & Lincoln City.

Able to supplement the attack with a willingness to get forward, and can chip in with the odd goal, and when he does find the net they are usually spectacular strikes, such as his fine free kick at Blackpool last season in a 1-1 draw.

His work rate made him a regular in the side last season, despite being held back by a couple of injuries.

4. STEVE JENKINS
DATE OF BIRTH - 16TH JULY 1972
BIRTHPLACE - MERTHYR TYDFIL
HEIGHT - 5FT 10

Notts boss Billy Dearden had been a long time admirer of the Welsh International for many years, and when he came available on a free transfer during the summer following his release by Cardiff City, Dearden swooped to sign the defender.

Able to play anywhere across the backline, he will be a vital member of the squad this season, while he has 16 International Caps to his name for his native Wales.

5. TONY BARRAS
DATE OF BIRTH - 29TH MARCH 1971
BIRTHPLACE - BILLINGHAM
HEIGHT - 6FT

Billy Dearden swooped to sign the experienced defender following his release from Walsall in August 2003 on a month's contract after performing well in pre-season.

Is a well known figure in the lower leagues, and his experience will be vital in The Magpies' squad this season, he could well be Nicky Fenton's ideal partner in the centre of defence.

6. IAN RICHARDSON
DATE OF BIRTH - 22ND OCTOBER 1970
BIRTHPLACE - BOLTON
HEIGHT - 5FT 10

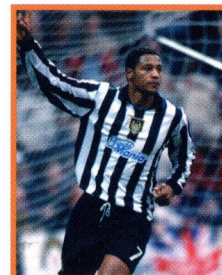
Richo is the club's longest serving player, having been with The Magpies since 1996 when he arrived from Birmingham City.



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Was reverted from a midfielder to a centre half by Sam Allardyce, where he has been a regular for many seasons, although he was used in midfield on a number of occasions by Billy Dearden last season. A tough tackling defender, as well as having a good turn of pace and an excellent heading ability.



7. CLIVE PLATT
DATE OF BIRTH - 27TH OCTOBER 1977
BIRTHPLACE - WOLVERHAMPTON
HEIGHT - 6FT 4

After his release by Rochdale during the summer, Billy Dearden fought tooth and nail to secure Clive's services, although

at the time of writing only on a monthly basis. His height will provide Notts with a different outlet, something Notts have been lacking up front in recent seasons.

A quick forward for his height, he will battle it out to dislodge Mark Stallard and Paul Heffernan's fine partnership up the front.

8. DARREN CASKEY
DATE OF BIRTH - 21ST AUGUST 1974
BIRTHPLACE - BASILDON
HEIGHT - 5FT 8

Arrived at Meadow Lane with a lot of expectation on his shoulders, and it might be fair to say that Darren took a while to settle in before his obvious talent came to the fore.

Took on the captaincy late in the season and his ability to dictate a game came to prominence during his first season at Meadow Lane.

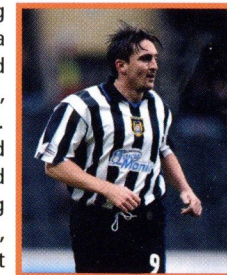
Caskey's creative flair and dangerous set-pieces always cause opposing teams problems, and he is always at the heart of the Magpies' creative play. Scored three goals from midfield last season, including a stunner against Mansfield Town.

9. MARK STALLARD
DATE OF BIRTH - 24TH OCTOBER 1974
BIRTHPLACE - DERBY
HEIGHT - 6FT

After a season in which he proved his reputation as one of the finest strikers in Division Two,

Stallard spent a frustrating 2001/02 trying to shake off a hernia injury, but returned with a bang last season, returning to his form of old. Mark has recently entered into the goal-scorers record books at Notts after passing the fifty league goal mark, with a superb strike at Wigan Athletic on New Years Day 2003.

His strength, creativity and finishing prowess show just how vital he is to the team, and hit the 25 times last season, finishing the club's top scorer and Player of the Season, while is also a huge favourite with the fans.



10. PAUL HEFFERNAN
DATE OF BIRTH - 29TH DECEMBER 1981
BIRTHPLACE - DUBLIN
HEIGHT - 5FT 10

Has been touted for two years as a star of the future, and when Mark Stallard suffered from a hernia injury during the 2001/2002 Heffernan grabbed his chance with both hands.

Despite his age, Heffernan possesses maturity far beyond his years and is as cool as they come in front of goal.

Heffernan's frightening pace and eye for goal made him a regular alongside Mark Stallard last season, and "Heff" finished second top goal scorer, and fired home some superb strikes, none better than his goal against Luton Town after weaving his way through the defence before firing home.

11. KEVIN NICHOLSON
DATE OF BIRTH - 2ND OCTOBER 1980
BIRTHPLACE - DERBY
HEIGHT - 5FT 8

Notts were able to nip in to secure Kevin's signature after he impressed against the Magpies in a game at Meadow Lane for Northampton back in 2001.

A player who can deputise anywhere on the left hand side of the team, Kevin was in and out of the team last season, but seems to have found his more settled position at left back in the side.

Kevin scored the goal that secured Division Two safety for The Magpies at the end of the 2001/2002

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season, a superb effort against Huddersfield Town.

12. STUART GARDEN

DATE OF BIRTH - 10TH FEBRUARY 1972

BIRTHPLACE - DUNDEE

HEIGHT - 6FT

Another keeper brought to the club by former manager Jocky Scott when both Darren Ward and Paul Gibson left the club in the summer of 2001.

Was expected to fill a supporting role at the club to Steve Mildenhall, but when called upon Garden made a string of impressive displays, especially during the Great Escape towards the end of the 2001/2002 season.

Began last season as first choice, before Mildenhall took over just before Christmas as Stuart had a knee operation on a long standing knee problem.

Will be battling it out with Mildenhall and Saul Deeney this season for the number 1 spot.

14. PAUL BOLLAND

DATE OF BIRTH - 23RD DECEMBER 1979

BIRTHPLACE - BRADFORD

HEIGHT - 5FT 11

After spending another season ravaged with injury during the 2001/2002, he returned to the side last season and showed once again that few can match his work rate and commitment to the side.

Paul's never-say-die attitude has made him popular with Billy Dearden and the supporters and if he can avoid the injury problems which have dogged him recently, he will remain a firm figure in the first team. Bolland has also impressed at right-back recently, as well as on the right wing and in his normal role of centre midfield.

15. MICHAEL BROUGH

DATE OF BIRTH - 1ST AUGUST 1981

BIRTHPLACE - NOTTINGHAM

HEIGHT - 6FT

Nottingham born and bred, Michael is another player who will give his all for the side.

Brough was once again impressive when called upon last season, making himself a regular on the team sheet and despite a few injuries, and has also impressed when representing the Welsh Under 21 side during the last year.

Rarely on the score sheet, but when he is his goals turn out to be spectacular efforts.

16. SIMON BALDRY

DATE OF BIRTH - 12TH FEBRUARY 1976

BIRTHPLACE - HUDDERSFIELD

HEIGHT - 5FT 11

One of a number of players signed on monthly contracts in August 2003 after some impressive pre-season performances.

A natural right sided player, Simon could be the winger that manager Billy Dearden is looking for, as the Huddersfield born player looks for a fresh start after a number of injury problems over the past few seasons.

17. TONY HACKWORTH

DATE OF BIRTH - 19TH MAY 1980

BIRTHPLACE - DURHAM

HEIGHT - 6FT 1

Arrived at Meadow Lane with a lot of expectation in June 2001 but was the odd man out with Paul Heffernan developing such a good understanding with Danny Allsopp, and last season when Heffernan linked up well with Mark Stallard.

Performed consistently in the reserves but was never able to dislodge the striking duo. Has been ravaged by injuries during his time at Meadow Lane, but is coming back to his best, and will be challenging for a first team spot this season.

18. PAUL RILEY

DATE OF BIRTH - 29TH SEPTEMBER 1982

BIRTHPLACE - NOTTINGHAM

HEIGHT - 5FT 9

A product of the club's youth system, Paul forced his way into the first team during the 2001/2002 after an injury to Ian Baraclough.

The young defender is very composed on the ball and has confidence with the ball at his feet. Highly-rated by Billy Dearden, the youngster is beginning to establish himself in the squad after recovering from injury, and it will not be long before he is challenging for a regular first-team spot at left back.

19. SAUL DEENEY

DATE OF BIRTH - 23RD MARCH 1983

BIRTHPLACE - DERRY

A fine young talent, Saul has been touted as a



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promising goalkeeper for many years, although he was only just made the breakthrough at first team level.

He was handed his debut against Huddersfield in March 2003 due to an injury sustained by Steve Mildenhall, and gave a good account of himself in a 3-2 victory.

Started the final 7 games of the season and will look to push Steve Mildenhall and Stuart Garden all the way once again this season.

Has a superb kicking ability, which has already assisted Notts for a number of goals.

21. ADAM MURRAY

DATE OF BIRTH - 30TH SEPTEMBER 1981

BIRTHPLACE - BIRMINGHAM

HEIGHT - 5FT 8

Former Derby County midfielder signed on a non-contract basis at the end of November 2003, making his debut in a 1-0 win at Oldham Athletic.

Has spent the past few weeks training with the Magpies following his release from Derby.

22. SHANE MCFAUL

DATE OF BIRTH - 23RD MAY 1986

BIRTHPLACE - DUBLIN

Shane, still a youth team player, has impressed greatly since his arrival at Meadow Lane in the summer of 2002 and has already been called up for selection in the first team.

He was named amongst the substitutes on three occasions last season despite not making an appearance he learnt a great deal from the experience and was eventually handed his debut in August 2003 at Swindon Town.

A tall versatile player, he can perform in defence as well as central midfield, he was a member of the Midland Youth Cup winning side last season, while he has also been called up to the Republic of Ireland U16 and U18 sides recently.

23. WILLIS FRANCIS

DATE OF BIRTH - 26TH JULY 1985

BIRTHPLACE - NOTTINGHAM

With Notts' squad wafer thin all last season, it was certain that at some stage some of the youth team players would be called up for first team action, and Willis was the first of them to make his debut for the first team when he came on as a substitute at Blackpool in November after ten minutes.

He gave a good account of himself that day, and could well have scored just minutes after coming off the bench but his goal bound effort was well blocked by a Blackpool defender.

The hardworking midfielder made a few more brief appearances from the bench before making his first start against Luton in February, which lasted just ten minutes because of a hip injury sustained early on in the game.

He returned to make a few more sub appearances and made one other start in the 5-0 loss at Swindon, while he also helped the youth team win the Midland Youth Cup, and was named "Youth Players Player of the Season".

A promising midfielder who can play in the centre of midfield or on the wing, if he continues to progress in the way he has done during the past year, he will be a first team regular for years to come.

Still a member of the youth team squad at the time of writing.

24. SHAUN HARRAD

DATE OF BIRTH - 11TH DECEMBER 1984

BIRTHPLACE - NOTTINGHAM

After suffering from a back problem during the 2001/2002 season, Shaun returned with a bang last season, making some impressive performances for both the reserve and youth sides before being called up for first team duty.

Following injuries and suspensions over the Christmas period, Shaun was drafted in as cover up front and made brief appearances from the bench against Tranmere, Barnsley and Plymouth.

A few more appearances from the bench followed against Wycombe and Crewe before he returned to the reserve and youth sides, but showed enough in those five appearances to show he could make the step up to first team football, and was rewarded for his efforts by being named "Reserve Team Player of the Season".

He showed he has good skill, and plenty of pace during his appearances in the first team, and will be hoping for another successful season this time around.

Still a member of the youth side, he recently joined Gresley Rovers on a 'work experience' basis.



Blast From The Past

During the summer of 1976 Luton manager Harry Haslam took an imaginative trip into the transfer market and presented

soon back to the drawing board for Harry Haslam as inconsistent performances failed to live up to the bright start.

Fine away wins at Burnley and Wolves, with Deans scoring in both, had to be compared with defeats at home to Fulham and Southampton by 0-2 and 1-4 respectively.

Frustrating certainly, but for a neutral supporter the football was quite often of the highest order even if the defending sometimes left a little bit to be desired.

Although Deans scored five goals in his first seven games, it became fairly obvious that both he and the returned Ron Futcher could not lead the attack together, and it was also obvious that Haslam favoured the latter.

After being injured in an away game at Plymouth, Deans found it difficult to force his way back into the side wearing the number nine shirt and turned out in a variety of forward positions where he was not so effective.

He had one last appearance in the particular shirt however, which proved to be his most memorable performance.

The Town travelled to Notts County in late November 1976 in 13th position to take on a team who were four places higher and fresh from a 5-1 win at Fulham the previous week.

John 'Dixie' Deans to the Kenilworth Road faithful. Deans, who was an ex-Scotland international, was signed from Glasgow Celtic for what appeared to be a bargain £20,000.

The first game of the new season was against newly-relegated Sheffield United at Kenilworth Road and an interested crowd of 10,687 turned up to look at the new boy.

Our first impression was that he did not look like a footballer. Small and dumpy with long hair and seemingly unfit, he was an unlikely hero but our prayers were answered when he scored two goals with his head to sink the Blades.

Considering that the Town were without Alan West, Ron Futcher and Jimmy Ryan, who were all still playing summer football in the USA, it was a good performance against one of the bookies' favourites for promotion. But it was



Dixie Deans heads home against Sheffield United on his debut.

Tiny Goalkeeper Leaves Notts Bemused

The first half gave little clue as to the fireworks ahead, and the only incidents of note were the loss to County of their skipper Dave Needham after only seven minutes with a groin strain, and the Hatters taking the lead shortly before the interval – Alan West hitting a fierce 25 yard drive that Notts goalkeeper Eric McManus could not hold and was first to the ball to hammer in the rebound.

The Hatters increased their lead soon after the break when Ron Futcher and John Aston combined in a defence-splitting move which Aston finished off with an accurate left-foot shot.

With the Town apparently coasting to a well earned victory, disaster struck with 20 minutes to go when goalkeeper Keith Barber was stretchered off with broken ribs after a clash with County's Mick Vinter.

To the great surprise of everyone in the ground the unlikely volunteer for the goalkeeping position was the diminutive Deans, who cut an amusing picture wearing a shirt several sizes too big for him.

Unorthodox was a word invented for Deans as he threw himself around the box, and the situ-

ation so bemused the County players that the Town broke away twice in the final minutes to score through substitute Jimmy Husband and full-back Steve Buckley.

Harry Haslam was obviously pleased after the game, and commented: "At last I have found a position for Dixie! I told him that I had been trying to get Keith Barber to fust out corners like that all season."

Unfortunately Haslam's pleasure disappeared a fortnight later when Deans was sent off at Bolton, an indiscretion that effectively lost us the game. Deans did not turn out for the Town again and, after a spell at Carlisle, returned to Scotland where he was last heard of running a pub in Airdrie.

Luton: Barber (Husband), Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Fuccillo, West, Deans, Ron Futcher, Aston.

Notts County: McManus, Richards, Mann, Probert, Needham (Sims), Stubbs, Carter, Vinter, Bradd, Busby, Scanlon.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages

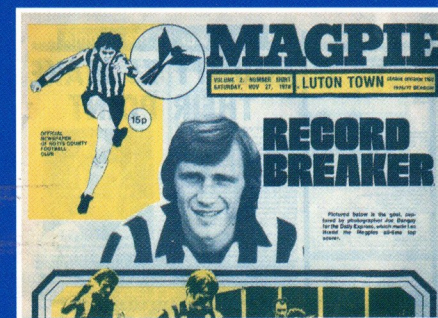
For the visit of Luton in November 1976, Notts County, in common with several other clubs at the time, issued a newspaper type programme. There were obvious savings in production costs but to collectors they were difficult to store and newspaper never did age well!

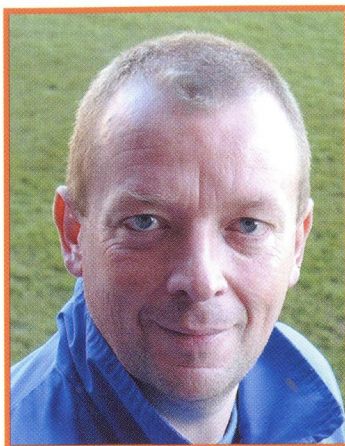
In view of the large page size rather more was fitted in compared to a conventional programme but there were a lot of adverts dominating the pages.

Much was written about the Hatters financial plight of a year before with Peter

Anderson and Andy King being sold to stave off the creditors but it was also pointed out that the Hatter's home attendances had actually improved over the period.

A lot has been written recently about the Town's first win at Blackpool since 1971. You can therefore understand why the centre pages of the Notts County programme were taken up with a celebration of their previous week's 5-1 win at Fulham – after 43 years of trying!





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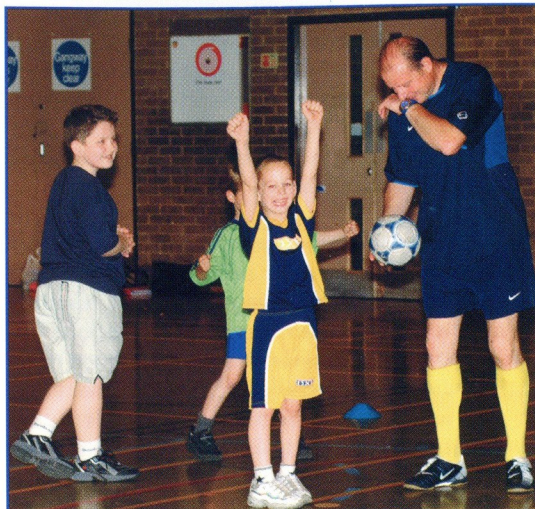
I HOPE you have all had a great Christmas, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very

happy and prosperous New Year.

I have been delighted with the progress the Community Department has made over the last 12 months. Our courses, both evening and holiday, are thriving. We can't satisfy the demand for curriculum time coaching, and with the support both physical and financial of Luton Borough Council our disability programme is starting to blossom.

We have reached the stage in this project where in February we will be taking two groups of children to Northampton to participate in matches against their Community Departments teams. I will tell you more about this project nearer the time.

In the last few days I have managed to secure sizeable sponsorship from both the Luton and Bedford branches of Specsavers, who have stipulated that the money must be used to develop



Children enjoying one of the Community Disability Football Coaching Sessions

curriculum time work in schools in these two areas.

This is great news, as along with the Sportsmatch funding this sponsorship will generate, we will be able to continue the continue all the work we are doing locally, and also move into Bedford and offer the same curriculum service there.

We have already taken the first booking, which is very pleasing. I want our support base in Bedford to be able to benefit from the work of this department and this club rather than that of



non-Bedfordshire clubs who are currently active in the area.

Early in the new year I will be implementing a programme in conjunction with the local education authority and Trust in Luton that will go into schools locally and help children with their reading, and I am looking for volunteers who would like to work with us on this programme. If you are interested, all it takes is a phone call to me, two very short training courses and a huge amount of satisfaction at being able to help the children. If you would like to help call me on 01582 391927 for more information.

I would like to update you on one of this year's successful projects, which has now come to fruition.

As you are aware FLAG kindly donated £20,000 to Farley Hill Junior School to help build their



Multi-Use Games Area. This facility is now up and running, and is an integral part of the local community.

As a department we are using it at least one night a week, soon to be a minimum of twice, for no cost. We also use it every holiday at a much-reduced rate.

This massive saving on venue costs allows me to invest the money into other activities, such as the curriculum time schoolwork. The venue is also being used by Luton Borough Council to deliver a host of other activities such as netball and hockey, for which the school receive hiring costs. Additionally it is now being hired out to local clubs for training purposes. A portion of this income will be retained by the school to keep the facility in good condition, thus extending the facility's lifespan.

The feedback from the people of the estate is brilliant. They are extremely grateful to our club for the funding and the opportunity for the kids to have somewhere to go and play.

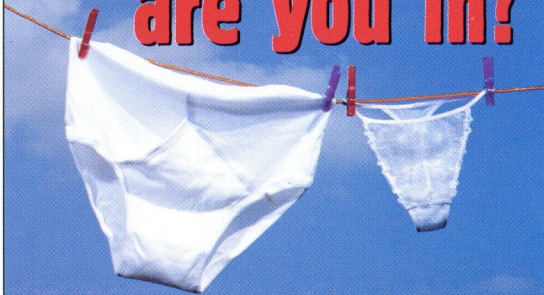
In the very near future we will be erecting boards around the area, highlighting the contribution of Luton Town FC, and, most importantly, its supporters.

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Stuart Smith



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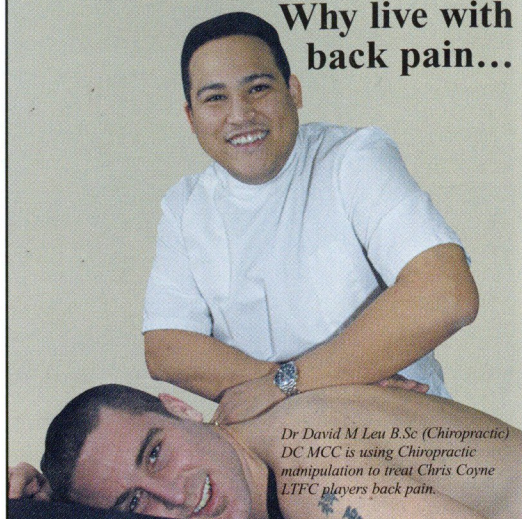
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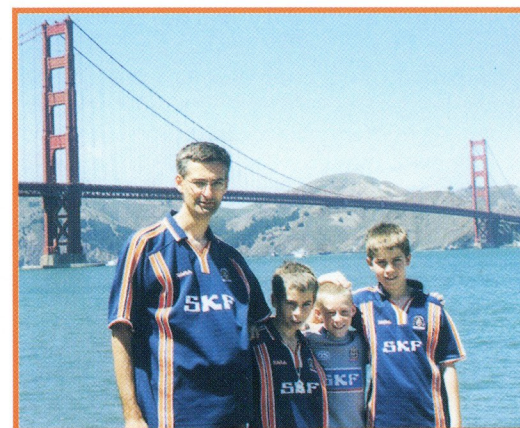
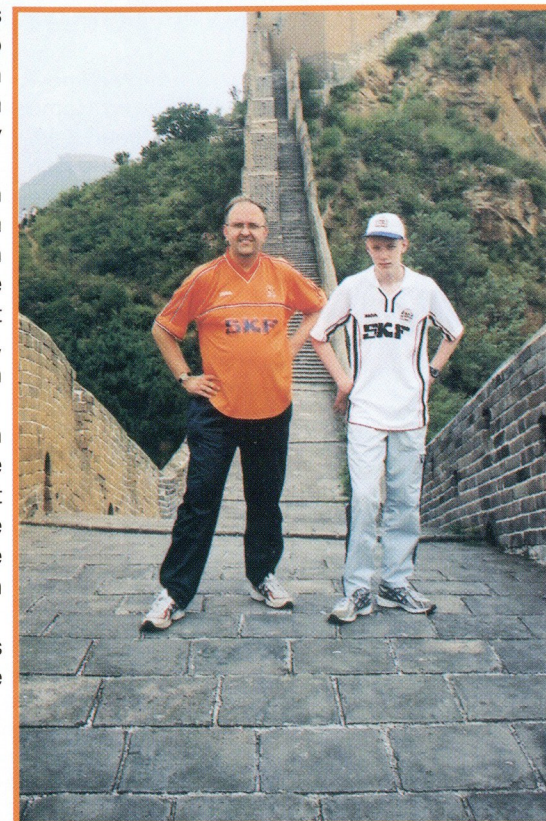
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Hatters Abroad Go To The Wall!

HATTERS fanatics Russell Bulkeley and his 14-year-old son Peter clock up the miles to cheer on the Town, travelling to matches from their home in Walsall. And when they went a lot further afield on holiday they made they packed their Town kits, as you can see.

Russell explained: "The picture was taken in August on the Great Wall of China (Jinshanling) on the day we discovered Luton were top of the table, and as you can see we were the only people on the wall. We did not meet any Luton fans in China, but, bizarrely, met a Chinese boy wearing a Watford shirt in the middle of nowhere (the right place - Ed!)" "Peter and I are both season ticket holders in Block B of the Kenilworth Road stand, have been attending matches together for the past ten years, travelling 92 miles each way. We also attend most away games as well. I have supported the Hatters since their Division Four championship season in 1968.

"Peter's favourite player in today's squad is Emmerson Boyce, although his all-time favourite remains Marvin Johnson."



ANOTHER world-famous landmark provides the backdrop for the picture sent in by Andy Young, from Ashley Gardens, Harpenden. Two families who are Town fans were on holiday in California together. Posing in front of the Golden Gate Bridge are, left to right, Andy and Dan Young, Luke Mallett and Matt Young. Said Andy: "As season ticket holders, we never miss the opportunity to wear Luton Town shirts while we are away."

WE ARE always pleased to receive photographs of Hatters supporters in their club colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap you would like to see published please send it, with a few details, to the editor, by post to Luton Town FC, or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com

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Late Goal Gives Tykes The Points

Luton Town 0 Barnsley 1

BY THE time this report appears, you will know how the Town reacted to their second home defeat of the season. A very late goal gave Barnsley a win they deserved, leaving Town players and management gutted, and all the more determined to set the record straight on the Boxing Day visit to Colchester.

As always, it was impossible to pin down reasons why too many men had an off day together on an afternoon when the Town kicked off with the possibility of snatching third place in the league. Instead it was hard-working and well-organised opponents who enjoyed that pleasure at the start of the Christmas programme, while the Town dropped a place, to seventh.

The Tykes, according to their followers in the press box, turned in one of their best performances of the season, and Mike Newell said they had looked a much better side at Kenilworth Road than they had done at Oakwell a few days earlier when disposing of Bristol City in the FA Cup.

Thus it was one of those occasions when the Town could not afford to be carrying too many players who were out of form. It happens in football, and if the crowd was restive rather than festive, we should not forget that the very same team had played superbly a week earlier to win at Blackpool.

Against Barnsley, our best hope was that having got to the interval still on level terms, we could enjoy the let-off and make amends in the second half. The overall performance did indeed

improve, but not enough to faze the visitors.

They arrived feeling that a draw would be a good result, only to turn it into a win when the Town failed to deal with an 88th-minute corner to the near post and Antony Kay bundled home the winner.

The nearest Town effort had been a free kick by Steve Robinson which hit the top of the cross-bar late in the first half, by which time Barnsley had created and spurned several better chances.

"Over the 90 minutes Barnsley deserved to win," said the Town manager. "We didn't cause them any problems in the first half, although we had plenty of the game in the second. But it wasn't going to be our day, and we didn't play well. And if you keep giving away corners like we did, sooner or later you are going to pay for it.

"Too many lads had off days, and you can never know why. We had had a decent run so we should have been full of confidence, but we didn't play confidently. But it was only our second home defeat, and while I am never happy to lose, this might be a wake-up call to us."

Barnsley boss Gudjon Thordarson said: "It was always going to be very tight, but I thought right to the end that we could win it. We left it late, but it doesn't matter when you win the game. We were stronger in the first half and could have had a good lead by half-time. We knew Luton would come out strongly in the second half, and they caused us a few difficulties, but we managed to sort it out."

Match Details

TOWN: Beresford; Foley, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Mansell, Robinson, Spring, Brkovic; Forbes, Howard. Subs, all unused: Crowe, Hillier, Holmes, Showunmi, Brill.

BOOKED: Steve Howard.

BARNSELEY: Ilic; O'Callaghan (Warhurst 36 mins), Ireland, Monk, Austin; Burns, Hayward, Kay, Carson (Neil 89 mins); Betsy, Walters (Rankin 73 mins). Unused subs: Alcock, Lumsdon.

BOOKED: Steve Hayward.

REFEREE: Paul Armstrong, Berkshire.

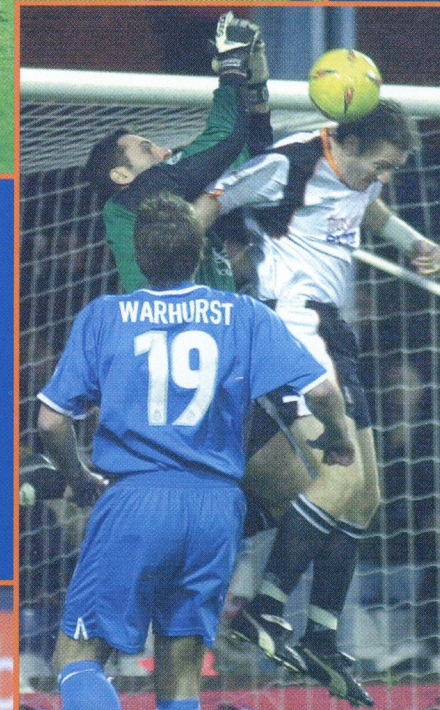
ATTENDANCE: 6,162, including 358 Barnsley fans



DRIVING ON: Sol Davis gets moving into attack, competing with Jon Walters, with Ahmet Brkovic in support.

RIGHT: Steve Howard rises well, but is unable to get the better of Sasa Ilic.

BELOW: Antony Kay, who scored the winner later, puts in a handy "tackle" on Matt Spring in a crowded midfield.



Hatters Pic of the Week



HAPPY NEW YEAR: After five traumatic months, which started with doubts as to whether Luton Town might survive, we all look forward to better days in 2004, with the end of receivership in sight. A promotion push is still on the cards, hopefully with more of our players coming back after injury, and making the sort of return Steve Robinson has enjoyed. Pictured in action against Barnsley, he missed the first 12 games of the season because of a back problem, but has come back to play brilliantly after regaining match fitness, and his winner at Blackpool a couple of weeks ago must be a contender for our goal of the season.

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Army Of Fans On The Road

DESPITE the alleged attractions of Christmas shopping, and a miserable cold and wet day, the attendance for the Barnsley match was the third highest of the season so far, with 358 visiting fans pushing the total beyond 6,000. But the figures show that the Town's away following is still higher than the average. Printing deadlines prevent us from including the Boxing Day details, but the figures until then were:

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
Rochdale (FAC)	562
Southend (LDV)	216
Blackpool	458
Total:	13,905
Average:	818

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
Chesterfield	168
Barnsley	358

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Town Teaser

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TODAY'S QUESTION

TWO Marks made debuts, or rather a "second debut" in the case of one of them, when we entertained Notts County at the start of the 2000/2001 season. Who were they?

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point: Sally Main, in the blue top, and Maureen Ingram, in the white Town strip, were the first two winners this season. When we played Barnsley, the 50/50 lottery had paid out £7,230 to a dozen winners, an average of £603 each, and we expect today's jackpot to be at least that amount. The size of the prize depends on how many tickets are sold: each costs £1, out of which half goes to the jackpot prize and the other half to club funds

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Youth Soccer: The under-19s

Luton Town 1 West Bromwich Albion 0

IT WAS a slightly sad day for me as I took charge of the side for the last time before retirement. I wanted to go out with a win, so the result was pleasing. It was a tight and hard-fought game, with several of our players returning after injury lay-offs, and all credit to all of them for the way they performed against one of the top sides in the division. We battled well, and had the better of the first half, and on run of play we ought to have been a goal up by the interval. But we also enjoyed a lucky break just before the interval. Dean Brill, who is inevitably a bit rusty through having played hardly any football recently, while he has been a sub for the first time, raced out of his area to stop a West Brom break, and fouled the oncoming striker. I thought he might get a red card, but the ref settled for a yellow. At half time we impressed on the boys the importance of getting the first goal in such a tight match, and for a spell we had to defend hard to avoid conceding as West Brom started the half better than us, and caused us a few problems from corners. But we stuck at it, and crept back into the game. We

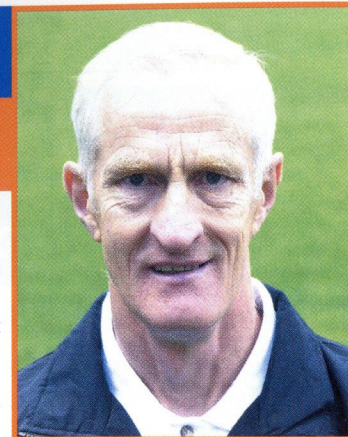
thought we had scored when Matthew Judge netted following a corner, but that effort was ruled out for hands.

But another corner led to the winner, on 74 minutes. West Brom failed to get in a decisive clearance, a shot was hammered back into the box, and from a ricochet Calvin Andrew netted.

Overall we deserved the goal, and we had bits of good play without being completely convincing, and Brill had to make a god save in the last few seconds to preserve the lead.

Luton Town: Brill, Howell, Mansell, 'Leary, Davies, Barnett, Keane, Ridgway, Judge, Andrew, Okai.

WE ARE now on our mid-season break, with the next schedule league game at home to Cambridge United on January 10, when Marvin Johnson will be in charge of the side.



John Moore

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central 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	2-0	Andrew, Ridgway

December

6	West Brom	H	1-0	Andrew
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January

10	Cambridge	H		
17	Rushden	A		
17	Alliance Cup 3			
24	Kidderminster	A		
31	Merit Division starts			

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Mountford 15, Ridgway 14, Deeney 13(2), R. Mansell 13(1), Barnett 13, Keane 13, Howell 13, O'Leary 12, Davies 11(1), Okai 9, Andrew 8(1), Judge 7(1), Freeman 6(1), Eade 6, Jones 5, Barrett 4, Maitland 3, Magadah 2(5), Brill 2, Godfrey 2, Hanley 1(1), Pendleton 1(1), Beckwith 1, Green 1, Lambu 1, S. Sinclair 0(2), Wright 0(2), Burrows 0(1).

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

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
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West Brom	13	8	2	3	30	16	14	26
Cambridge Utd	14	7	3	4	29	15	14	24
Luton Town	13	7	3	3	25	19	6	24
Oxford Utd	15	5	4	6	34	31	3	19
Cheltenham	14	4	2	8	23	38	-15	14
Rushden & D	13	4	0	9	21	25	-4	12
Northampton	13	2	3	8	19	42	-23	9
Kidderminster	13	2	2	9	15	28	-13	8

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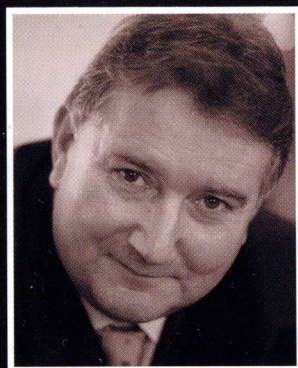
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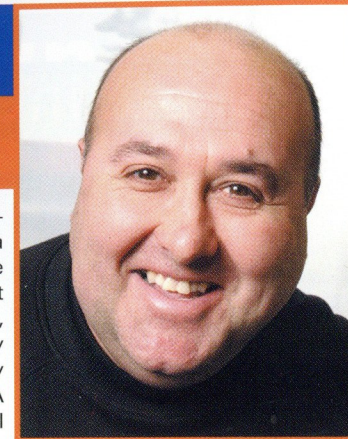
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Youth Soccer The under-17s



Luton Town 6 Oxford Utd 1

WHEN we can field our best side we are always capable of scoring goals, and this proved the point - we were five up at the interval and it should have been ten! Each of our four midfielders scored in the first 37 minutes, on a day when the only blemish was that too many chances were allowed to go begging. We had been beaten 1-0 at Oxford a couple of months ago, but our recent form bodes well for next year, when the youth set-up is likely to feature games at under-16 and under-18 level rather than today's under-17 and under-19. The majority of this squad will qualify for the under-18s next season. We had already wasted one good chance before we scored after ten minutes, with Keith Keane rolling a short free kick to Sean Ridgway, who hammered in his shot from just outside the area. Five minutes later the roles were reversed, with Keane scoring from a similar sequence.

We were outplaying Oxford, and a sweeping move led to the best goal of the game, taken with a very cool finish by Stuart Sinclair. A terrific diagonal ball by Chris

Pendleton set up Ross Hanley to volley in our fourth goal, and a minute before the break Josh Green smashed in another volley following a corner. We knew that Oxford would change things for the second half, and they opted to flood midfield to try to avoid humiliation. It worked to some degree, but our failure to finish off good football let them off the hook - Mutsa Magadah should have had a hat-trick and two or three other good chances went astray before we conceded a goal with 20 minutes to go, when we were caught on the break and paid for sloppy defending.

We had strong claims for a penalty turned down when Hanley was upended, but a decision did go our way in the 85th minute, when a ball over the top put Danny Jones clear to score, with no sign of the off-side flag we expected.

Luton Town: Barrett (Eade HT), Smyth, Pendleton, Keane, Tague (Asafu'Adjaye 75 mins), Green, Hanley, Ridgway, Magadah (Preston 65 mins), Jones, S. Sinclair.

WE ARE now on our mid-season break, and our next home game is on January 17, when we entertain Gillingham at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, kick-off 11am.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Smyth 15, Green 15, Pendleton 14(1), S. Sinclair 14, Tague 12(1), Hanley 12, R. Sinclair 11(1), Preston 9(4), Barrett 9, Burrows 8, Richardson 5(1), Goodchild 5, Clark 5, Ridgway 4, Magadah 4, Asafu'Adjaye 3(6), Mountford 3, Jones 3, Freeman 2, Andrew 2, Keane 2, Kenneford 1(3), Charles 1(1), Deeney 1, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNally 1, Robinson 0(3), Eade 0(2), Cowley 0(2), Maitland 0(1), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsiligo 0(1),

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

Mark Ridgway

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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
			R. Sinclair, Burrows, Richardson, Preston

December

6 Colchester	A	0-1	
13 Oxford	H	6-1	Ridgway, Keane, S. Sinclair, Hanley, Green, Jones

January

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

February

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

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6 Southend	A		
13 Northampton	H		

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Hot-Shot Belles Are Top Of The Table

TWO home wins moved Luton Town Belles to the top of the table over the festive break. Town had a stuttering start, but nonetheless took the lead against Burnham when Sam Mather shot home from the edge of the area. Burnham quickly equalised, but Luton regained the lead just before the break when an innocuous shot from Fay Howell was spilt by the keeper and Kim Hide followed up to score.

The second half was a scrappy affair, and Town were grateful to keeper Sarah Gaitely for an excellent block to deny Burnham an equaliser. With 15 minutes left Fay Howell settled the nerves with a shot into the far corner of the net, only for Burnham to reduce the deficit to one goal again two minutes later. With five minutes left Becky Clark was pushed up front following a blow to the face, and immediately found herself put through on goal from the halfway line. She ran onto the ball and thundered an unstoppable shot into the top corner to make it 4-2 with her first senior goal in three years.

MK Wanderers were last week's visitors, and arrived on the back of a shock away win over promotion rivals Portsmouth. Town were on top form as they

ripped the Wanderers defence apart with a five-goal first half salvo. Kim Hide opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a neat lob and another left-foot strike made her the first Luton player to score 20 goals in a season in senior football.

Rhiannon Morgan added the third with a cross-shot and then jinked past her marker and fired in a powerful drive to make it 4-0 in 40 minutes. Town rounded off an excellent half when Fay Howell slid a cross into the danger area and an MK defender shot into her own net under pressure from the Luton attack. Kaylee Owen made it 6-0 within five minutes of the restart, but Belles had to wait until ten minutes from the end to score again. The move began with the Town keeper and swept down the right wing with a succession of first-time passes and was finished off by Sam Mather with an 18-yard drive to round off an excellent 7-0 win.

The under-15s did not have far to travel taking on local side St Martins. Town were poor by their standards, but were still 2-0 up at half time. The second half was far more productive as they roared to a 9-1 win, with hat tricks from Michelle Byrne and Rebecca Kane. Janine Daly (2) and Shelly Miller were the other scorers.

Belles under-12 Saturday squad extended their lead at the top of the table by completing the league double over Leighton United. Robyn Wilfort opened the scoring, and further strikes from Jade Mansfield and Jade McEntaggart gave Town a 3-0 win.

The under-10 and under-12 squads were both in action against Stevenage Borough, and both remained at the top, with 5-0 and 4-0 wins respectively. Under-10 scorers were Olivia Dacosta (2), Bethany Smith, Lily Knowles and Tricia Gould.

The under-12s put in an excellent first-half performance, with two long range strikes from Livi Robinson and Jasmine Hall finishing off a superb move to give them a 3-0 advantage. The second half brought a further goal from Jasmine Hall, who converted the rebound after the keeper saved well from Lauren Bruton.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: Jasmine Hall scoring the final goal, her second of the game, in the under-12s' 4-0 win over Stevenage Borough.

Dave Baker

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

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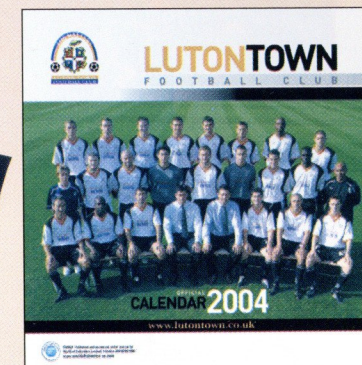


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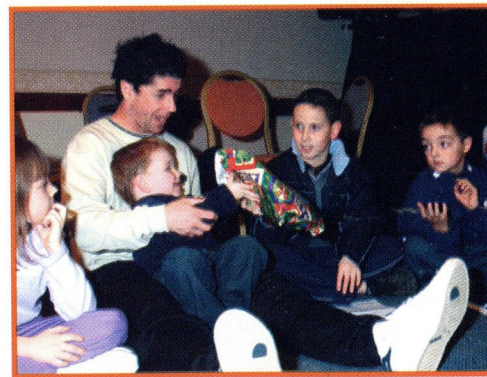
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Players Make Sure Christmas Party Is



The Junior Hatters Another Big Winner



VISITS by Town players ensured that the annual Junior Hatters Christmas party was as big a success as usual. The Eric Morecambe Suite was packed as boys and girls enjoyed themselves with traditional fun and games, and Father Christmas put in a popular appearance.

Welcome though he was, the loudest cheers were for the Town stars who came along to join in the fun, chat to the young supporters, and sign autographs.

Fans always get a kick out of meeting their favourites, and our thanks go to all the players who gave up some of their spare time to make the party extra special.

You can get a flavour of the atmosphere from Gareth Owen's picture above, which shows how much everyone, of every age, enjoyed themselves.

The picture on the left was taken during the disco, with yours truly trying to keep up with the energetic pace set by dancers who are more athletic as well as considerably younger than me!

In the other pictures on the facing page, Matt Spring gets into the swing of things during a pass the parcel game, and Steve Robinson is also trying to win.

Alan Neilson is pictured with young admirers, the winners he chose in a keenly-contested dancing competition.

It all added up to a fabulous night to remember, and our thanks go to everyone who helped to make it such a roaring success.

Happy Harry

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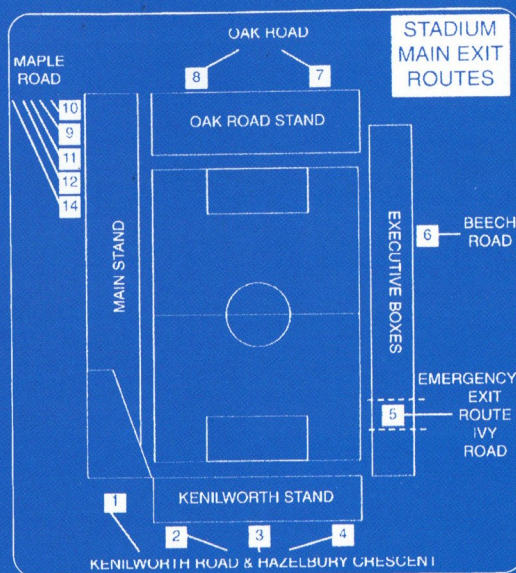
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



TwoStats

Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

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

Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

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

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

Highest Attendance	24,630	Sheff Wed v Oldham
Lowest Attendance	2,897	Colchester v Oldham
Average Gate	7,066	
Aggregate Attendance	1,780,736	
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	252	
Home Wins	107 (42%)	due to print deadlines, stats as at December 18th
Away Wins	67 (27%)	
Draws	78 (31%)	
1-1 Draws	35 (14%)	
0-0 Draws	19 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Plymouth, Colchester	4
Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	11
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield	6
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield, Peterborough	13
Total Yellow Cards	817	
Total Red Cards	63	
Current Winning Sequence	Plymouth	3
Current Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	7
Current Losing Sequence	Oldham, Swindon	2
Current Winless Sequence	Sheff Wed	9

Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

Scored	All Gls	%	Conceded	All Gls	%
Plymouth	18	45.0	Brentford	13	41.9
Bournemouth	10	28.3	Barnsley	9	26.3
Bristol City	9	26.3	Brighton	8	24.3
Port Vale	9	27.3	Sheff Wed	9	27.3
Sheff Wed	8	24.3	Luton	10	30.3
Tranmere	7	22.3	Blackpool	8	28.6
Luton	10	34.3	Oldham	9	27.3
Brentford	7	24.3	Rushden	9	27.3
Wrexham	7	24.3	Hartlepool	7	25.0
Rushden	10	36.3	Wycombe	9	25.0
Chesterfield	4	16.3	Chesterfield	7	24.1
Swindon	7	29.3	Peterborough	7	22.6
Grimsby	6	25.0	Stockport	8	22.2
Stockport	6	28.1	Bournemouth	5	21.7
Peterborough	5	24.0	Colchester	6	21.4
Barnsley	6	29.0	QPR	3	20.0
QPR	8	39.0	Bristol City	3	18.7
Notts County	3	19.5	Tranmere	5	16.7
Colchester	4	26.5	Plymouth	4	16.0
Wycombe	3	22.3	Port Vale	4	15.4
Oldham	3	31.7	Wrexham	3	13.6
Brighton	3	32.9	Notts County	4	12.9
Hartlepool	2	33.6	Swindon	3	11.1
Blackpool	1	25.4	Grimsby	3	10.7

Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

Scored	All For	%	Conc.	All Agt	%
Stockport	8	28.6	Bristol City	6	33.3
QPR	9	39.3	Colchester	6	21.4
Hartlepool	7	33.1	Bournemouth	4	17.4
Swindon	6	29.7	Brighton	4	16.7
Barnsley	5	29.7	Stockport	6	16.7
Peterborough	4	24.6	Brentford	5	16.1
Plymouth	7	45.6	Peterborough	5	16.1
Bournemouth	4	28.3	Barnsley	4	15.4
Wycombe	3	22.3	Oldham	5	15.2
Sheff Wed	3	24.3	Blackpool	4	14.3
Blackpool	3	25.0	Grimsby	4	14.3
Luton	4	34.1	Luton	4	12.1
Oldham	3	31.7	Rushden	4	12.1
Brighton	3	32.9	Plymouth	3	12.0
Brentford	2	24.3	Sheff Wed	3	11.1
Wrexham	2	24.3	Wycombe	4	11.1
Grimsby	2	25.0	Tranmere	3	10.0
Bristol City	2	26.7	Wrexham	2	9.1
Colchester	2	26.7	Port Vale	2	7.7
Port Vale	2	27.4	Swindon	2	7.4
Chesterfield	1	16.3	Hartlepool	2	7.1
Rushden	2	36.5	Chesterfield	2	6.9
Notts County	1	19.5	Notts County	2	6.5
Tranmere	1	22.4	QPR	0	0.0

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

Scored	Corn For	%	Conc.	Corn Agt	%
Rushden	6	10.1	Wycombe	7	7.00
Port Vale	5	9.3	Oldham	5	4.76
Brentford	6	13.4	Bournemouth	4	4.04
Bristol City	5	12.0	Chesterfield	5	4.03
Sheff Wed	4	9.8	Colchester	4	3.67
Plymouth	5	12.9	Barnsley	4	3.64
Wrexham	5	13.0	Plymouth	4	3.51
Grimsby	4	10.8	Brentford	6	3.47
Luton	4	11.2	Bristol City	3	3.37
QPR	4	11.7	Blackpool	4	3.25
Tranmere	4	11.7	Hartlepool	3	3.03
Colchester	3	11.5	Notts County	3	2.94
Brighton	3	12.3	Sheff Wed	3	2.86
Oldham	3	12.4	Rushden	4	2.82
Stockport	3	12.4	Wrexham	3	2.36
Chesterfield	2	9.2	Stockport	3	2.24
Blackpool	2	9.6	Brighton	2	1.96
Swindon	2	13.0	Luton	2	1.68
Bournemouth	2	13.2	Port Vale	2	1.60
Hartlepool	1	8.0	Grimsby	2	1.56
Barnsley	1	10.8	Peterborough	1	0.98
Peterborough	1	11.8	QPR	1	0.98
Notts County	1	13.6	Tranmere	1	0.79
Wycombe	0	11.9	Swindon	0	0.00

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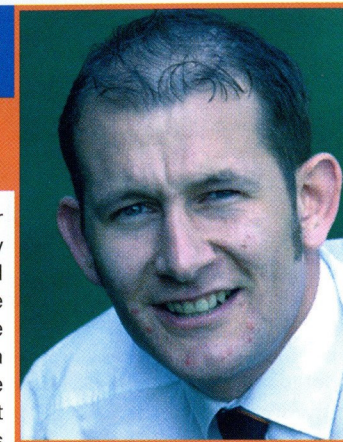
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World-Wide Interest Via The Internet



AS REGULAR readers of this column will know, we passed the one-million page impressions mark at the end of November, and we would like to thank you for making that happen. Looking at those statistics in detail makes interesting – and occasionally – bizarre reading.

Many won't be surprised to learn that the majority of our traffic comes from countries whose first language is English, but the order of the countries which make up the top five might not be as you had expected.

Rather than give you the answers now, we've provided them at the foot of the page, should you want to while away some hours over the festive period working them out, or if you fancy challenging your friends with these alternative Town Teasers.

Since the start of the season the website has been visited by people from 76 different countries. As you would imagine the UK, USA and Australia are the source of most of our visitors, and make up the top three but what of the bottom trio? If you manage to come up with the three countries at the opposite end of the scale, in the right order, you can give yourself a very deserving pat on the back!

Google remains the number one referring search engine, but the most popular phrase that surfers use to find their way to the Hatters official website isn't 'Luton Town Football Club' as you would expect. The search words in question are actually four times more popular than that, and you will

be further amazed to know that 22% of all people who've got to the site through a search engine have accessed it using this phrase. I'll give

you a clue to help you out because I can tell you're struggling: it's a famous name from the Hatters past.

Many people, and certainly your boss at work, will already know this one, but the most popular time to log on to www.lutontown.co.uk is during the lunch hour. But which particular part of the site do you think attracts the most attention? The top five sections are confirmed below and, of the new pages we've recently added, the Hatters Bet Challenge just edges the Man of the Match voting. The significant theme for their success appears to be the interaction that they've created and it seems an appropriate

note for me to finish on. In the new year we will be looking to develop the site further and we are grateful for all the feedback we've received since the start of the season. Please keep it coming. You can contact me at the club or via email at chris.rivett@lutontown.co.uk

Chris Rivett



Don't forget to have your say on December'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. Full details are at www.lutontown.co.uk or see today's Commercial Corner, pages 14 and 15.

All The Answers:

Top five referring Languages: English, Swedish, German, Norwegian and Spanish.
Bottom three referring countries: Lithuania, Costa Rica and Tanzania
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End Of An Era As John Moore Retires

A SHY but very determined young wing-half who came to Kenilworth Road as a 22-year-old, and stayed for most of the next 38 years, gives up his formal connections with the Town this week, after incredible, and probably unique, service to the club. John Moore has done it all: inspirational player, master-developer of young talent, knowledgeable coach, and the most successful manager in the Town's history.

Now, having reached 60, he is retiring, and we will be very lucky if we ever see his like again. The Town needed a lift when he came. We were relegated to the old Fourth Division in 1965, and manager George Martin faced a huge-rebuilding job. He could not have guessed how important would be one of his first decisions that summer – to sign the young John Moore on a free transfer from Motherwell. Left footed, he was a left half, soon becoming a central

defender as today's 4-4-2 formation took over from the old 2-3-5. He was rugged, utterly reliable, passionate about football, and dedicated to ensuring he made the best of what he had. Born in Harthill, near Glasgow, he recalled this week: "I was honoured and privileged to be a footballer. I wasn't the best player in my village, but I had the best career. I think it was down to my upbringing and love of football."

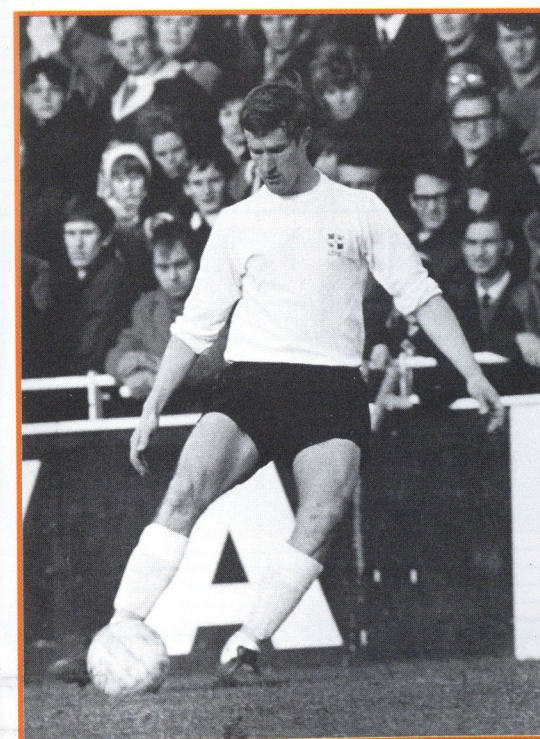
In eight years John made 306 appearances for the Town, scoring 14 goals (and the occasional corker into his own net!) and played his part in two promotion campaigns. Second Division status had been regained by the time he played his final match, in an FA Cup quarter-final defeat at Sunderland.

He was released a year later and had brief spells at Brighton and Northampton before becoming manager of Dunstable Town. David Pleat brought him back to Kenilworth Road as youth and reserve coach in 1978, and in the summer of 1986 when Pleat left to go to Spurs John became manager. He said at the time: "David Pleat is a hard act to follow, but I'm confident I can project this team to a higher level next season."

He did, and seventh place in the old First Division is still the highest the Town have ever finished in the Football League. But the lime-light as the Town faced the likes of Arsenal and Manchester United was not to his liking, and John resigned after just one year in charge. His assistant, Ray Harford, took over, and typical of the man John Moore announced that it would be unfair on the new boss if he were still in the club, so he left.

Three years later Jim Ryan brought him back as youth coach, and John says: "My greatest delight since I gave up playing has been to see boys coming through the ranks and progress into the first team. Helping others to achieve their potential is very rewarding."

Fittingly, as is reported elsewhere in this programme, John's final match in charge of the under-19s was a victory. He always was a winner, and everyone at Luton Town wishes him a long and happy retirement.



STAR PLAYER: John Moore pictured in action against Leicester City at Easter, 1971.

Luton Town League & Cup

2003/2004 Date	Opponents	D2 Last Season (LT first)	Venue	Kick Off Time/Result	Score (LT first)	Attendance	Competition/Position	Referee	Yellow Cards (LT first)	Red Cards (LT first)	Goalkeepers	47	33	35	29	3	12	17	22	24
Sat 9 Aug	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	D3 Team	H	W	3-1	6,878	5	I Williamson	3/0	0/0	Rob BECKWITH									
Tue 12 Aug	YEOVIL TOWN	-	H	W	4-1	4,337	CC1	L Cable	3/2	0/0	Dean BRILL									
Sat 16 Aug	Stockport County	W 3-2	A	W	2-1	4,566	1	P Joslin	1/1	0/0	Nathan ABBEY									
Sat 23 Aug	GRIMSBY TOWN	D1 Team	H	L	1-2	5,827	7	G Cain	1/2	0/0	Marlon BERESFORD									
Mon 25 Aug	Brighton & Hove Albion	D1 Team	A	L	0-2	6,604	12	P Crossley	3/1	1/0	Alan NEILSON									
Sat 30 Aug	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	D3 Team	H	W	3-2	5,515	6	B Curson	2/1	0/0	Chris COYNE									
Sat 6 Sep	Notts County	L 1-2	A	D	1-1	7,505	8	C Webster	3/3	1/0	Emmerson BOYCE									
Sat 13 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	A	L	1-2	9,894	12	A Bates	3/1	0/0	David BAYLISS									
Tue 16 Sep	PORT VALE	D 0-0	H	W	2-0	5,079	11	J Ross	1/1	0/0	Sol DAVIS									
Sat 20 Sep	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	D 0-0	H	D	1-1	8,339	9	U Rennie	3/4	0/0										
Tue 23 Sep	Charlton Athletic	-	A	L (7-8 pens)	4-4	10,905	CC2	P Armstrong	2/0	0/0										
Sat 27 Sep	Oldham Athletic	W 2-1	A	L	0-3	6,077	14	M Pike	0/1	1/0										
Wed 1 Oct	Swindon Town	L 1-2	A	D	2-2	7,573	13	P Danson	3/5	1/1										
Mon 6 Oct	TRANMERE ROVERS	D 0-0	H	W	3-1	5,002	10	G Hegley	2/6	0/0										
Sat 11 Oct	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	W 1-0	H	W	3-1	5,695	8	R Beeby	1/4	0/0										
Tue 14 Oct	Stevenage Borough	-	A	W	1-0	2,412	LDVVT1	M Cooper	4/0	0/0										
Sat 18 Oct	Brentford	D 0-0	A	L	2-4	5,579	10	C Penton	3/3	0/0										
Tue 21 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	D3 Team	A	L	3-6	6,388	13	A Marriner	2/1	0/0										
Sat 25 Oct	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	L 2-3	H	D	1-1	6,067	12	D Crick	2/1	1/0										
Sat 1 Nov	Bristol City	D 1-1	A	D	1-1	9,735	14	A Leake	3/2	0/0										
Tue 4 Nov	Rushden & Diamonds	-	A	W	2-1	2,746	LDVVT2	I Williamson	3/2	1/0										
Sat 8 Nov	Thurrock	-	A	D	1-1	1,551	FAC1	M Thorpe	2/4	0/0										
Sat 15 Nov	WREXHAM	D3 Team	H	W	3-2	5,505	12	T Kettle	2/0	0/1										
Tue 18 Nov	THURROCK	-	H	W	3-1	3,667	FAC1R	M Thorpe	3/3	0/0										
Sat 22 Nov	Sheffield Wednesday	D1 Team	A	D	0-0	21,027	13	P Robinson	1/1	0/0										
Sat 29 Nov	CHESTERFIELD	W 3-0	H	W	1-0	5,453	10	R Oliver	3/2	0/0										
Sat 6 Dec	Rochdale	-	A	W	2-0	2,807	FAC2	A Hall	2/2	0/0										
Tue 9 Dec	Southend United	-	A	L	0-3	2,027	LDVVT3	D Crick	0/0	0/0										
Sat 13 Dec	Blackpool	L 2-5	A	W	1-0	5,739	6	M Warren	2/2	0/0										
Sat 20 Dec	BARNSELEY	L 2-3	H	L	0-1	6,162	7	P Armstrong	1/1	0/0										
Fri 26 Dec	Colchester United	W 5-0	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sun 28 Dec	NOTTS COUNTY	D 2-2	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 3 Jan	Bradford City	-	A	3:00pm			FAC3													
Sat 10 Jan	Rushden & Diamonds	D3 Team	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 17 Jan	STOCKPORT COUNTY	D 1-1	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 24 Jan	Grimsby Town	D1 Team	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 31 Jan	Hartlepool United	D3 Team	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 7 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	L 1-2	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 14 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-1	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 21 Feb	BRENTFORD	L 0-1	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 28 Feb	Peterborough United	D 1-1	A	3:00pm			D2													
Tue 2 Mar	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	D3 Team	H	7:45pm			D2													
Sat 6 Mar	Barnsley	W 3-2	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 13 Mar	BLACKPOOL	L 1-3	H	3:00pm			D2													
Tue 16 Mar	Port Vale	W 2-1	A	7:45pm			D2													
Sat 20 Mar	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	W 1-0	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 27 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	L 0-2	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 3 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	D 0-0	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 10 Apr	Tranmere Rovers	W 3-1	A	3:00pm			D2													
Mon 12 Apr	SWINDON TOWN	W 3-0	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 17 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	D 2-2	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 24 Apr	Wrexham	D3 Team	A	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 1 May	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	D1 Team	H	3:00pm			D2													
Sat 8 May	Chesterfield	L 1-2	A	3:00pm			D2													

2003-2004 Statistics & Fixtures

Defenders	23	5	45	36	37	31	4	8	21	41	14	18	44	38	32	11	39	27	9	19	34	25	7	16	43	Own Goals
Ian HILLIER																										
Russell PERRETT																										
Leon BARNETT																										
David DEENEY																										
Keith KEANE																										
Curtis DAVIES																										
Matthew SPRING																										
Kevin NICHOLLS																										
Paul HUGHES																										
Kevin FOLEY																										
Courtney PITT																										
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Matthew JUDGE																										

NEXT AT KENILWORTH ROAD

IF OUR FA Cup game at Bradford on Saturday is drawn, the replay will be at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, kick-off 7.45pm. Please see pages 12/13 today for ticket sales information.

Our next scheduled home game:
Nationwide League Second Division
Luton Town v Stockport County
January 17, 2004, kick-off 3pm.

Today's Squads



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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"/>
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41	Kevin FOLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Manager: Billy Dearden

1	Steve MILDENHALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Nick FENTON	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Ian BARACLOUGH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Steve JENKINS	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Tony BARRAS	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Ian RICHARDSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Clive PLATT	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Darren CASKEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Mark STALLARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Paul HEFFERNAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Kevin NICHOLSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Today's Officials

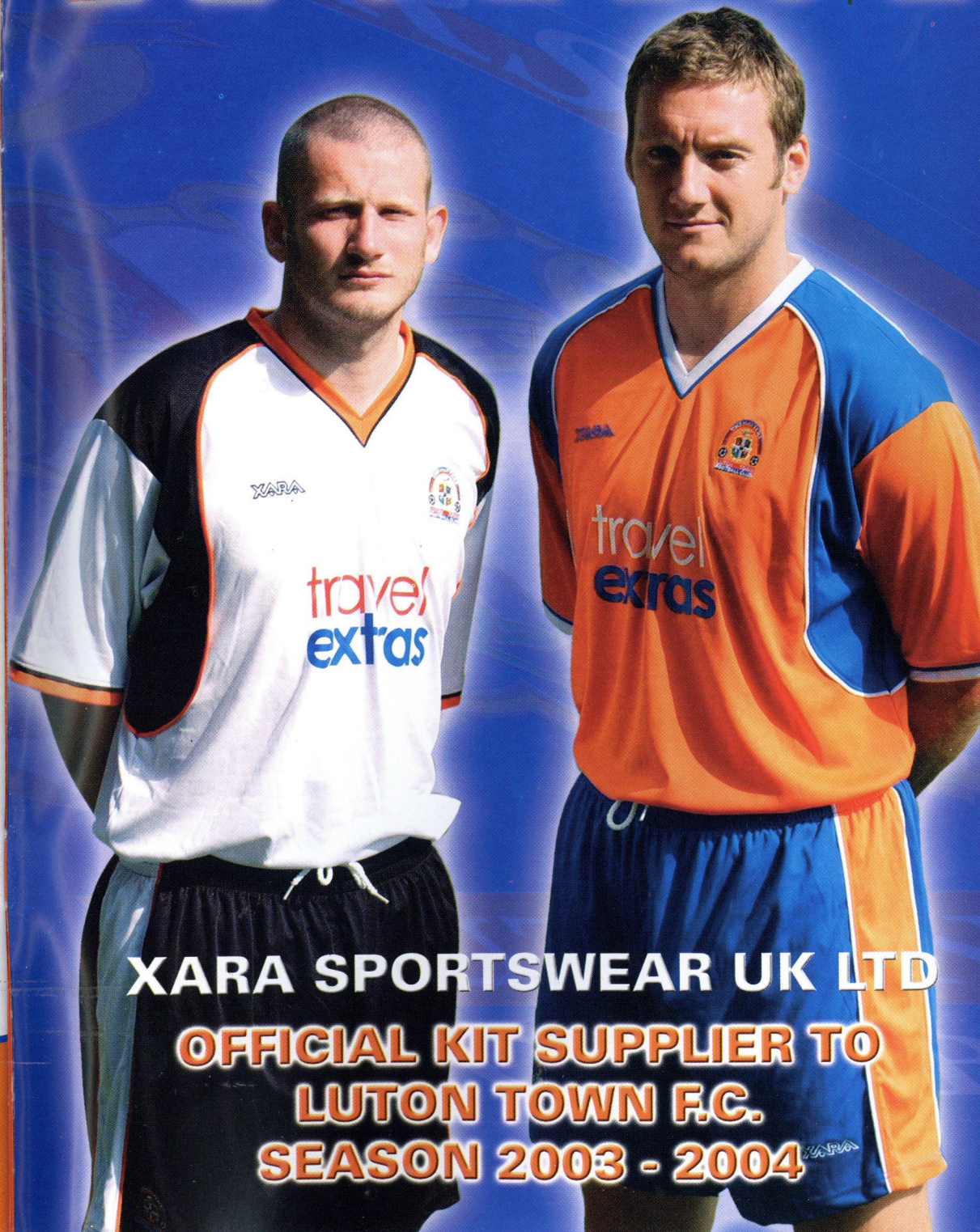
Referee: Lee Probert, Bristol

Assistants: Tim Howes, Norfolk (red and yellow flag);

Geoff Russell, Buckinghamshire (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Mark Ives, Bedfordshire.

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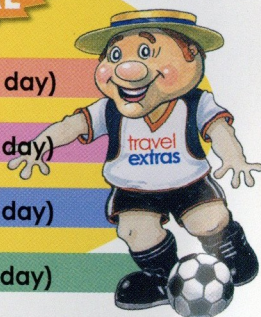
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