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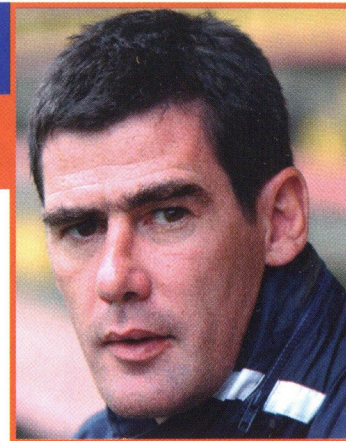
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The Manager's Message



HELLO, and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Colchester.

After the disappointment of the FA Cup exit at the hands of Tranmere, it would be easy to feel sorry for ourselves and let the fact that we still can't add to our squad affect the rest of our season. That is not going to happen.

It will require an enormous effort between now and May, but we believe in the players, and see no reason why their contribution so far cannot be continued.

There will be more obstacles to overcome, such as the loss of our goalkeeper two

weeks ago. By the time The Football League had given us the go-ahead to sign him until the end of the season it was

too late, and we paid the price again.

It's a pity that the individuals making the decision are not taking into consideration what agents can get up to.

We have, however, managed to secure the services of Morten Hyltdgaard for the rest of the campaign and we hope he settles quickly and turns out to be our 'Great Dane.'

The postponement of our match at Hartlepool last week was annoying to say the least, and I felt for the supporters who made the trip. A coachload arrived right behind us at 1.30pm, and I am sure there were many others who made the journey by train and car. The expense involved and wasted time is obviously something the League and certain clubs don't consider.

Welcome to Phil Parkinson and his staff, players, directors and supporters from Layer Road. They have progressed to the next round of the FA Cup this week, and have comfortably held their own in Division Two this season, and today will be another good test for us.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.



EMERGING TALENT: Michael Leary put in an impressive performance in the FA Cup-tie against Tranmere, and is pictured in close competition with Rovers' skipper Micky Mellon.

Mike Newell

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The Town Captain's View



WE'RE all raring to go this afternoon, glad to have a game after the disappointment of the postponement at Hartlepool. We were in the dressing room getting changed when the game was called off, and we were not very happy about it. The referee had declared the pitch playable earlier, and although it was very wet I felt he should have at least started the game and given it a chance.

Both teams wanted to play. We did not want another game in hand and felt in the right frame of mind to go for three points. The fans were there and looking forward to the game, and I felt sorry for all who made that long journey in vain.

We have had our moments with referees this season, and we were all delighted when the official who gave a red card to Adrian Forbes against Stockport had his decision overturned by the FA. He accused Adrian of violent conduct, but the video proved what we all said at the time – it was nothing like violence, and the FA decided it was not even a yellow card, let alone a red.

I wonder if anything will be done about that referee who got it so wrong? The FA's decision has not given us fair compensation for the ref's mistake.

We were without Forbes again for the cup-tie against Tranmere, and what a disappointment that game was. As the boss said, with no Forbes or Howard, and despite the best efforts of big Enoch, we had plenty of possession but no cutting edge. Take out your two best attackers and you are bound to have problems.

For me, it was a pleasure to be back on the field for the first time in four months, but the result made it a miserable return.

We had battered Tranmere when they came down here in the league, but they are a very different outfit now. With an experi-

enced manager they were much more organised, and I had the impression they came looking for a 0-0 draw and a

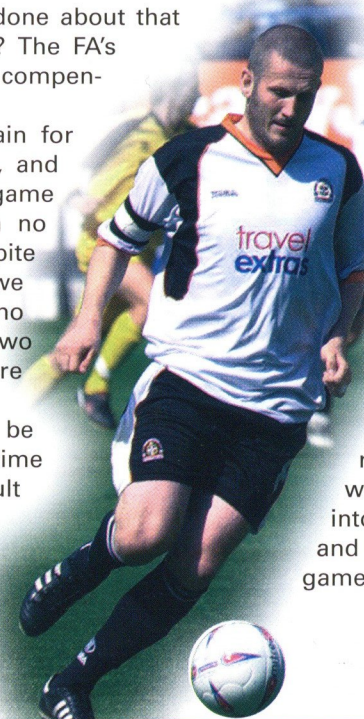
replay. On the day we were unlucky not to get at least a draw, and to lose was a huge disappointment. It was a massive game for both clubs, with the chance to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup, which is probably as far as many players will ever get.

But our main priority has to be to go all out to try to win promotion, and it has been seen before that good runs in the FA Cup can be a distraction from the league. Think back to last season: Sheffield United did so well to reach the FA Cup semi-final, and doubtless enjoyed the experience. But I suspect that cost them their chance of promotion.

I expect Colchester are aware of that danger, and they did very well to beat Coventry to reach the fifth round. They need to concentrate on the league to have a chance of pushing back up the table, but we intend to make things difficult for them today.

After a fortnight without a game we are all looking forward to the opportunity to build on our decent home form. A look at the fixture list tells you this is the start of a very important month, and it is a reminder that games in hand are worthless unless you turn them into points. We need three today, and then three more from Tuesday's game against Brighton.

Kevin Nicholls



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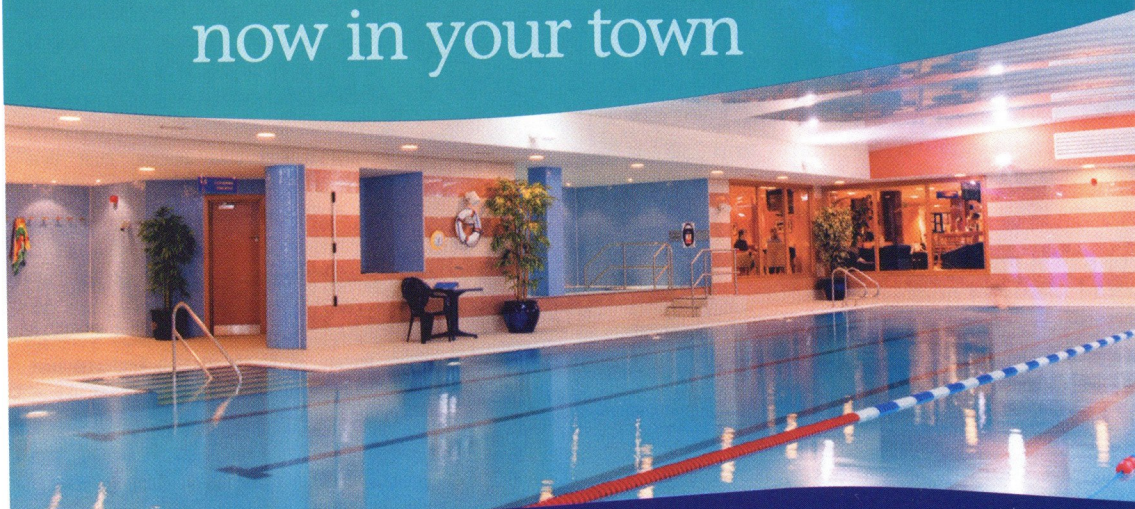
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From The Chief Executive



GOOD afternoon. Firstly, I most go back to the FA Cup game with Tranmere, and thank every supporter for the fantastic backing given to the team. As I said in my column that day I expected you to raise the roof, and you certainly did just that.

While we were all disappointed not to make further progress in the cup, everyone's efforts must now be concentrated on the league, and making a play-off position ours. I had supporters in mind again a week ago. I felt the postponement of the match at Hartlepool at such late notice was totally unacceptable, and I really felt for all the fans who had made the very long journey. Again, our thanks to you all.

We had been in regular contact with Hartlepool from midweek, when the heavy snow first fell. My journey north on Friday was made through atrocious weather conditions, and when it was still pouring with rain on Saturday morning it became clear to us that there could be problems with the match. We kept in telephone contact with Hartlepool all morning and were assured there was no problem with the pitch, with the referee having given the all-clear at 1pm and again half an hour later. I found this very hard to understand, as it was still pouring cats and dogs! It was therefore no real surprise to find at 2pm that the game had been called off – one had only to look at the pitch to see why.

We have made representations to The Football League regarding the late decision, for although we all want to see matches go ahead, with the weather conditions as they had been all week, and the continuing bad weather, we feel an earlier decision should have been made.

We might not have been able to prevent our supporters setting out on the long journey, but we could certainly have reduced some of their wasted time and money, and possibly given supporters the chance to go to another game which I know has happened previously when matches have been called off.

So, our apologies to you all – I am afraid the decision does lie with the referee.

On a brighter note, supporters will have seen that we were successful with our appeal against the sending-off of Adrian Forbes at the Stockport match. The FA's Video Advisory Panel agreed with us that it was not a sending-off offence, nor was it even worth a yellow card. What upsets me is that we played needlessly for 54 minutes with ten men – one wonders what the result would have been if we had had eleven on the pitch all game.

The Merit Division of the Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance for our under-19 squad has just been finalised, and we will be in Southern Division Two, along with Portsmouth, Swansea, Swindon, Oxford, Torquay, Brentford and Cheltenham. Full details of the fixtures will be in Tuesday evening's programme, but you might like to know that the first one is away to Portsmouth next Saturday and the first home game for Marvin Johnson's team will be against Swansea on February 28.

Speaking of youth football, we are still waiting to hear from the football authorities regarding the new scheme for young players which is due to come into effect next season, replacing the three-year scholarship. I hope to be able to give more information in the near future.

In the meantime, enjoy the game, and see you again on Tuesday.

Cherry Newbery



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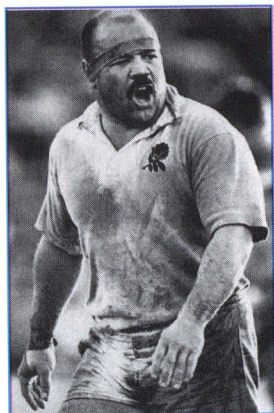


Sporting Dinner

Thursday 19th February 2004

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with special guests

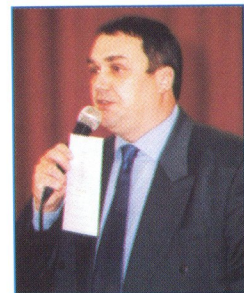


GARETH CHILCOTT

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.

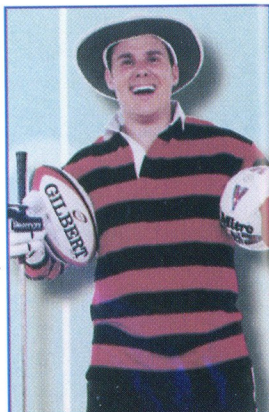
AARON JAMES

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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Fans On The Road

TRANMERE supporters showed their feelings about an FA Cup run when they became only the second team this season to bring a four-figure following to Kenilworth Road. It was in stark contrast to the 170 who came in October, although that was for a Monday night game being shown live on TV. Latest figures for awayday fans:

Town Travellers

Stockport	671
Brighton	727
Notts Co	1,215
Plymouth	449
Charlton (CC)	2,407
Oldham	487
Swindon	412
Stevenage (LDV)	1,028
Brentford	1,468
Bournemouth	462
Bristol City	496
Rushden (LDV)	876
Thurrock (FAC)	509
Sheffield Wed	1,462
Rochdale (FAC)	562
Southend (LDV)	216
Blackpool	458
Colchester	941
Bradford	1,620
Rushden	2,319
Total:	18,785
Average:	939

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
Notts County	363
Stockport	364
Tranmere(FAC)	1,344

8,697
544

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News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Brighton & Hove Albion



Tuesday February 10, 2004,
kick-off 7.45pm

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.



Nationwide League Division Two Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town



Saturday February 14, 2004, kick-off 3pm

Prices: Adults £15, Senior Citizens and
Students £12, Juniors £11

This is not an all ticket match for Luton supporters, but tickets are available in advance from Kenilworth Road, and we strongly advise supporters who wish to attend the game to book early. We have 2,000 tickets available.

Tickets are now on general sale.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Brentford



Saturday February 21, 2004,
kick-off 3pm

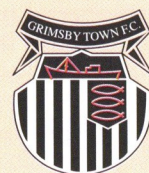
Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.

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News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Grimsby Town v Luton Town



Tuesday February 24, 2004,
kick-off 7.45pm

Prices: Adults £16, Senior Citizens and Juniors £10

No student concessions available.

This match is pay on the night only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance at Kenilworth Road. Please note that adults should pay at the turnstiles, but supporters wishing to buy concessionary tickets should obtain them from the Grimsby Town ticket office.



Nationwide League Division Two Peterborough Utd v Luton Town



Saturday February 28, 2004,
kick-off 3pm

Prices – Terracing: Adults £11,
Senior Citizens, Students and Juniors £8

Seating: Adults £16,

Senior Citizens, Students and Juniors £8

This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance at Kenilworth Road. We have been allocated 3,500 terracing places and 775 seats.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Bournemouth

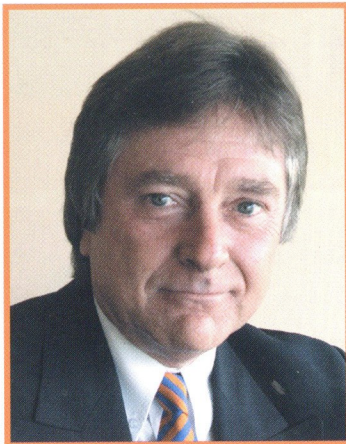


Tuesday March 2, 2004, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal
matchday prices.

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

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Commercial Corner

IT IS with a very warm welcome that we say good afternoon to all of our commercial partners and sponsors for this afternoon's

game. Warm (I hope) being particularly apt after the gales, snow and icy conditions that have played havoc with everyone's routines, including the football fixtures, over the past couple of weeks.

MATCH & MATCHBALL SPONSOR **Hays Logistics**

We welcome back this afternoon Stuart Kay together with the management team and guests of Hays Logistics. Based in Brinklow, Milton Keynes, Hays Logistics, a division of Hays Distribution Services Ltd, provides a warehouse and distribution service for Waitrose Stores. From its distribution centre, Hays Logistics currently employs 800 personnel. Committed to a programme of continuous improvement and staff development, Hays Logistics offers excellent career opportunities to all members of staff. Their message to us today is: "Hays Logistics are

delighted to be today's match sponsors and wish the Hatters every success, not only today, but also for the rest of the season" All of us at the club thank Hays Logistics for their support, and hope that they all have an enjoyable and successful day with us.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Dean Hardware

The commitment and support to the Hatters from the Hardware family continues unabated today, as we welcome Dean Hardware as our commercial mascot. Dean, whose birthday was on January 5, is the older brother of Ryan, who was our commercial mascot for our match with Rushden & Diamonds. Dean attends Whitefield Junior School and plays football for Hitchin Town under-11's, and is also a keen swimmer and bowler. A regular visitor to Kenilworth Road, with his brother, uncle and father David, Dean nominates Chris Coyne as his favourite Town player, and hopes he will have the opportunity to meet today. We all hope that Dean and his family have a memorable day with us and thank them for their support.



Beechwood Shirts and Litho Ltd receiving their certificate and match ball as sponsors at the Tranmere game.



Guests of Anachem pictured receiving their joint match sponsors award from Town squad members

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With only a matter of a few working days to go, we can still accommodate one or two last-minute bookings for our VIP Trip to Wycombe next Saturday, and our Sporting Dinner on Thursday February 19. Full details can be found elsewhere

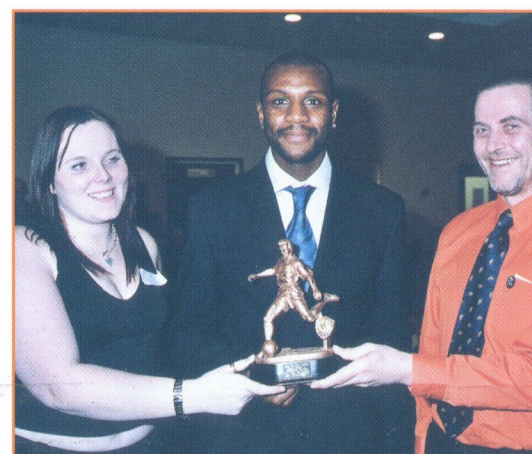


Mad as a Hatter editor Keith Hayward, joint match sponsor, together with friends on the hallowed turf of Kenilworth Road prior to the Tranmere match.

in today's match programme, or by visiting our web site www.lutontown.co.uk Or just contact the commercial department for an update on availability and details with a quick phone call to Luton 411622.

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Peter Davis



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Won: 2
Drawn: 3
Lost: 1
Scored: 8
Conc: 6
Points: 9
Goal Diff: 2
Last 6: WLDWDD
Last 5 Home: WWLWD
Last 5 Away: DDWDD

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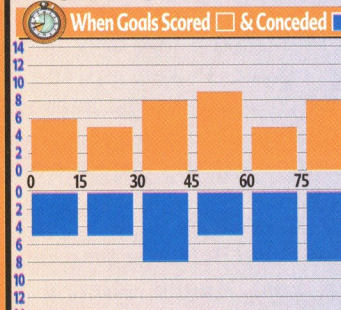
Players Used: 32

Clean Sheets: 5

Failed to Score: 4

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	3 players	1
Penalties	Nicholls, McSheffrey	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard, Forbes	3
Most goals in last 10	6 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	8



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	150
Goals conceded	39
On target/goals scored	3.85
Division 2 rating	17

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	158
Goals scored	41
On target / goals	3.85
Division 2 Rating	5

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	6
Points won	3
Goals Against, last 10	7
Points lost	8

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.00
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	18
Average Offsides per game	4.73
Div 2 Rating	23

Swings

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	4
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	5
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	4
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	5

Attendances

Aggregate	78,623
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,048

Where Goals

Close Range	7
Inside Area	17
Outside Area	5

How Goals

Shots	17
Headers	6
Volleys	5
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	170
Goals conceded	36
On target/goals scored	4.72
Division 2 rating	9

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	149
Goals scored	29
On target / goals	5.14
Division 2 Rating	22

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	5
Goals Against, last 10	4
Points lost	1

Fouls & Offsides

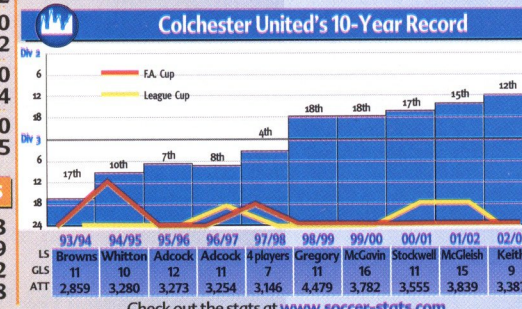
Average fouls per game	13.07
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	20
Average Offsides per game	3.79
Div 2 Rating	14

Swings

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

Attendances

Aggregate	51,683
Highest	5,083
Lowest	2,897
Average	3,692



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(1) SIMON BROWN

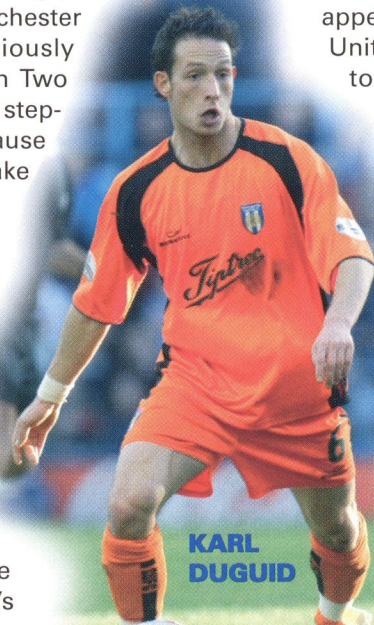
Big Chelmsford-born keeper who was signed from Tottenham Hotspur in the summer of 1999 at the age of 23. Failed to make the first team at White Hart Lane, but had spells on loan at Lincoln and Fulham. Established himself in his first season at Layer Road, making 41 appearances in all competitions. Having faced a battle to regain the first team shirt from Andy Woodman in the 2001/2 campaign, Simon has been in possession of the spot between the sticks for much of the time since and was voted Player of the Season by supporters at the end of the 2002/3 term despite making just 26 appearances.

(2) ANDY MYERS

Phil Parkinson's third summer signing of the close season, Andy Myers previously played around 100 goals for Chelsea in the Premiership before moving on to Bradford City. The hard-working defender has played the majority of matches for the U's at left back and is forming part of a strong back four at Colchester United. Myers had previously only played above Division Two but made it clear he was stepping down a division because he felt Parkinson could take Colchester to promotion.

(3) JOEY KEITH

Talented left sided player who has played many games at full back and wing back for the U's but has recently been used as a midfielder. Signed from West Ham in the summer of 1999 and despite having no first team experience he went straight into the U's



KARL
DUGUID

side and missed only one of the 50 first team games in 1999/2000 a feat only equalled by one other player. Picked up the Player's Player of the Year award last season, finishing the campaign as joint top scorer with nine goals and poses a threat from set-pieces.

(4) GAVIN JOHNSON

Polished left sided defender who returned to his native East Anglia after a spell in Scotland. Has experience at the top level with Ipswich, plus spells at Luton and Wigan, and has now well over 200 League games to his credit. Won divisional championship medals while with Ipswich and Wigan, and his versatility means he often plays in midfield as well as at the back. Recently returned to action after suffering a broken leg at Port Vale in September 2002 and has now made four appearances this season.

(5) SCOTT FITZGERALD

A former Irish Under-21 international defender who started with Wimbledon for whom he made 125 first team appearances before joining Sheffield United on loan in 1995. He returned to the capital and signed for Millwall for £50,000, making around 100 appearances for The Lions before Steve Whitton recruited him for Colchester at the age of 31 in October 2000, and became club captain after the shock departure of Simon Clark in January 2002. At the heart of the U's defence, Fitzgerald has been one of the most consistent performers for Colchester so far this season.

(6) THOMAS PINAULT

A young Frenchman who



Colchester United FC



signed in the summer of 1999 at the age of 17 and after a long time on the sidelines, has now established himself a regular midfield place in the U's line-up. His first taste of senior action came as a sub in August 1999, but he had to wait another eight months for his full debut. His Gallic artistry opened up many a defence during the past two seasons and he has a knack of popping up with a spectacular goal every now and again. Thomas now has more than 100 first team appearances to his name.

(7) KARL DUGUID

The Player's Player of the Year in 1999/2000, Karl regained his title – and that of the Colchester United supporters – after a superb 2001/2 campaign. Having spent much time as a speedy front-runner, Karl has also served the club at right back and usually features on the wing. The Hitchin-born 25-year-old now has more than 250 games for the U's under his belt and typifies the club's fighting spirit in the Second Division, now in his tenth year at Layer Road.

(8) WAYNE ANDREWS

Was Phil Parkinson's first summer signing in 2003, and scored 12 goals from 28 appearances at Oldham Athletic last season. Started his career at Watford before dropping out of League football, the striker has incredible pace and most defenders struggle to deal with this threat. Wayne has quickly become a crowd favourite at Layer Road and has eleven goals to his name so far this campaign.

(9) SCOTT MCGLEISH

The U's top scorer in the last two seasons, Scott was born in

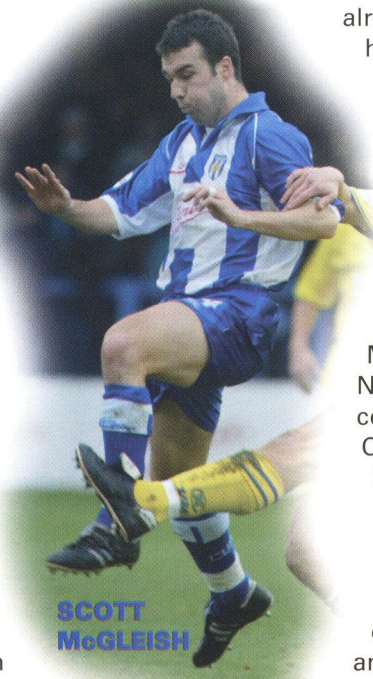
Barnet. He is a lively striker who joined Charlton from non-league Edgware at the age of 20 in May 1994. After six Division One appearances as a sub and a loan spell at Leyton Orient, he moved to Peterborough United briefly. The goals began to flow in a 1996 loan spell at Colchester where he helped the U's into the Division Three play-offs. After a £50,000 move to Leyton Orient in November 1996, Barnet paid £70,000 for his services and he scored nearly 40 senior goals before new Steve Whitton snapped him up for Colchester in January 2001.

(10) KEM IZZET

Exciting and combative midfielder who joined the U's on transfer deadline day in 2001 after being released by Premiership side Charlton. Initially brought to Layer Road on a month's loan, Kem impressed manager Steve Whitton and earned a permanent move. Brother of Leicester's Muzzy, 21-year-old Kem has already attracted interest from higher division clubs with his dynamic performances. Scored eight goals from his midfield position last season and came a close second in the Player of the Year votes.

(11) JAMIE CADE

Was signed from Middlesbrough in November 2003 after a successful spell on loan at Chesterfield. Jamie was born in Durham and was regarded as one of the most promising players coming through Boro's academy. The forward has represented England at Youth level and at just 19-years-old Phil



SCOTT
MCGLEISH

Welcome to Today's Visitors

Parkinson brought him to Layer Road as a player for the future.

(12) CRAIG FAGAN

Signed on loan from Birmingham City just before the start of the present season, Craig has speed and skill in abundance. The 20-year-old scored on his first appearance at Layer Road in the 2-1 Carling Cup first round win over Plymouth Argyle and has recently extended his loan until the end of the present season. Craig looks like he could really make a name for himself in Division Two this season.

(13) DEAN GERKEN

Young Southend-born goalkeeper who is currently in the third year of his apprenticeship in the Layer Road youth set-up. The 18-year-old impressed against Arsenal in the third round of the FA Youth Cup at Highbury last season, encouraging England's under-18 scouts to take a look at him. Highly thought of by the Colchester United coaching staff, Dean has been on the bench frequently for the first team since injury to Simon Brown in March and Richard McKinney this season.

(16) ROWAN VINE

Signed just a couple of days before the present season got underway on a season-long loan from Premiership side Portsmouth. Scored 12 goals in Division Two while on-loan at Brentford last season and Phil Parkinson had to compete with six or seven other clubs to capture his signature. Although predominantly a striker, Rowan has played on the left wing for



CRAIG FAGAN

Colchester United and already has eight goals to his name this season.

(17) BOBBY BOWRY

Signed from Millwall in July 2001, Bobby was signed to fill the role vacated by Aaron Skelton's departure to Luton Town. An experienced midfielder with Crystal Palace and the Lions, Bobby's passing ability can provide a spark for the likes of Kem Izzet and Thomas Pinault to feed off in the centre of the park, whilst his defensive strengths allow his team mates to push forward. Bobby's first team starts have been less frequent recently but he is an important member of the Colchester United squad.

(18) LIAM CHILVERS

Joined the U's on a three-month loan from Arsenal at the end of August having also played for the U's January and February this year. Quickly became known as The Rock around Layer Road and has been a commanding figure at the heart of the U's defence. The Chelmsford-born 21-year-old has a considerable physical presence and real quality on the ball.

(19) ALAN WHITE

Released by Luton in May 2000, this tall central defender joined Colchester in the summer for his second spell at Layer Road, following a month's loan midway through the previous season. Made nearly 100 first team appearances in all competitions at Luton, where Lennie Lawrence had recruited him for £40,000 from Middlesbrough in



Colchester United FC



1997. Hailing from Darlington, the crowd favourite signed a year's extension to stay with the club for the 2003/4 season.

(22) GREG HALFORD

A versatile 18-year-old made his first team debut in the 0-5 home defeat by Luton Town in April. Greg is a product of the Colchester United youth programme, having played as a centre back, wing back, in midfield, and up front for the U's youth and reserve teams. The tall youngster is armed with a very long throw and was a key component of the U's under-19 championship winning team two years ago. Has made a series of appearances at right back and in midfield, impressing the U's supporters.

(24) PAT BALDWIN

Joined Colchester United in the summer of 2002 after being released by Chelsea's Academy. Pat is a tall footballing centre half who is equally comfortable at full back. Made his debut at Coventry City in last season's Worthington Cup first round and has stepped up to first team duty regularly with confidence when called upon. Dubbed 'Rio' by Colchester United fans because of his class on the ball, the defender is highly rated by the U's coaching staff.

(25) SAM STOCKLEY

Arrived at Layer Road on the last day of August 2002 on loan from Oxford United, Sam is a right-sided full back, who has played an important part in the first team since his arrival. His crossing ability and high work rate won him a place in the 2000/1 Division Three team of the year, while he

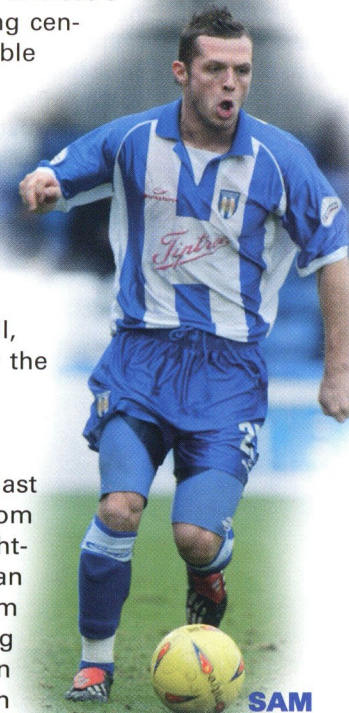
was at Barnet where he made over 200 appearances. Stockley has become another crowd favourite in one year at Layer Road and will soon have made 50 appearances for the Essex outfit.

(26) PAUL TIERNEY

21-year-old left back signed on a month's loan from Premiership giants Manchester United, Paul is returning to Division Two having spent time on loan to Crewe Alexandra last season. Showed in his debut against Tranmere Rovers at the end of January that he is an accomplished player on the ball who is not afraid to venture forwards.

(31) RICHARD MCKINNEY

Signed a year-long deal at Layer Road at the beginning of 2002/3 after impressing Steve Whitton in a number of pre-season matches, starting the season in goal with Simon Brown injured. Richard has played for Northern Ireland at Under-21 and Under-18 level, commands his area with a considerable vocal presence. The 23-year-old was formerly at Manchester City and Swindon Town where he failed to make the breakthrough. Performed with distinction during the latter stages of last season, earning a contract extension but has been kept out with a knee injury since the end of August.



SAM STOCKLEY



Blast From The Past

At the end of the 1964/65 season we suffered relegation to Division Four for the first time in our history. Quite naturally we took

some time to get used to the rigours of football at basement level, especially as we had been in the top flight only five years before, were battered and bruised from the drop and probably felt a little sorry for ourselves.

After a poor start, with the first three away games lost, we gradually began to find our feet aided by the return to full fitness of mercurial striker John O'Rourke. The quick and clever O'Rourke had burst onto the scene two years before but had spent most of the relegation season on the treatment table.

Now with a complete close season behind him building up his fitness he began to prove a handful to Fourth Division defences and as summer turned to autumn the goals started to flow at Kenilworth Road. Five were netted against Barnsley and Notts County while four were hammered in against Doncaster, Crewe and Halifax but the away record still gave cause for concern and prevented us breaking into the

promotion positions.

After Christmas we notched up seven straight home wins and even managed a couple of victories on our travels and as Easter approached a glance at the league tables showed that if we were to win our games in hand promotion at the first time of asking was a strong possibility. The Easter holiday period, with three games in four days, was likely to be a make or break period. A home game against Darlington, one place above us, was sandwiched between two clashes with table-toppers Colchester.

Many Luton supporters travelled to Layer Road on Good Friday 1966 to boost the attendance to 10,200, the best in the league for six years. The game was initially held up after Town goalkeeper George Ramage pointed out that a hole had mysteriously appeared in the middle of his penalty area.

After frenzied efforts by ground staff who, I seem to remember, shovelled many buckets of sand into the hole it was the Town that started the brighter although we had to wait until the 44th minute before taking the lead through Dick Edwards. O'Rourke then had the ball in the net but the effort was disallowed as the referee had already whistled for half-time.

The game seemed to be over when Ray Whittaker netted from the spot after being fouled by Duncan Forbes but Reg Stratton took

advantage of a slip by Luton defender Gordon Riddick to reduce the deficit. As the match drew to a close the Hatters appeared to become over confident and were punished when Stratton narrowly beat the offside trap to run on and send a scuffed shot bouncing over the hands of the diving Ramage.

Although the Town would have been happy with a point before the start, the nature of the events leading up to equaliser had manager George Martin in cup



The Hatters line up at the start of the 1965/66 season.

Easter Struggles With The U's

throwing mode although he eventually decided to make no changes to the side for the visit of Darlington the following day.

Darlington had not played on Good Friday and had watched the Town in action at Layer Road and for the first 20 minutes were all over us as they sprayed the ball about on the muddy surface. Gradually we forced them back and then witnessed another side to the Quakers who were, to put it politely, uncompromising in the tackle.

O'Rourke was on the receiving end of several scything tackles but refused to hide and produced the right wing centre which was converted by Whittaker to open the scoring.

Back came Darlington but they could not find a way past Ramage who put in probably his best performance in a Luton shirt. It was left to O'Rourke to seal an important victory when, with his back to the goal, he flicked home a Whittaker free-kick past a bemused Quakers goalkeeper Tony Moor.

We could now see that promotion was very much on and a crowd of 15,309, the best in the league for two years, turned up at Kenilworth Road on Easter Monday for the return with Colchester. Ex-Hatter Ted Phillips was missing from the 'U's line-up probably due to the fact that he had not been allowed a kick by John

Moore three days earlier while we recalled winger Graham French in place of Billy Harber. The Hatters got off to the worst possible start, conceding a goal after only 90 seconds. The normally reliable Matt Woods completely missed a through ball leaving Stratton with a simple opportunity and it was only an acrobatic goal-line clearance from Fred Jardine that prevented the same player from scoring again three minutes later.

Again the Town gradually fought back but found the Colchester defence in no mood to cave in and as the game drew towards a close an air of desperation crept in. The match seemed to be over when O'Rourke had to limp out to the wing after receiving a kick on the foot and with the substitute already on he was left a passenger. A dramatic reprieve did arrive, however, when with eight minutes left substitute Tom McKechnie put over a cross that was headed home by Riddick who had been moved upfield following the injury to O'Rourke. The point was enthusiastically received by the big Luton crowd but ultimately proved useless as Colchester won promotion, inching the Town out on goal average.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



The programme for the visit of Colchester on Easter Monday 1966 was obviously produced prior to the holiday period but a glance at the league table shows that the Town were hovering nicely on the edge of the promotion places. Unfortunately a row over promotion bonuses as the season reached its finale together with ten games in a month meant that we missed out on a quick return to the old Division Three.

Spare a thought for our youth team competing in the South East Counties League where they were rock bottom with six points from 26 games. The goals against figure was a staggering 111.

Half Term Soccer

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SPORTS MATCH

I AM delighted to welcome to today's game our newest Community Department sponsors. Specsavers have given us a very generous sponsorship from the Luton and Bedford branches of the company, and have asked us to spend the money on maintaining and developing our curriculum time coaching in the Luton and Dunstable area, and to extend it to the Bedford area, where at the moment we have little presence.

I am keen to raise increase our curriculum time activities in Bedford so that we can start to reduce the amount of activities that Northamptonshire clubs are undertaking in an area that is mainly populated by Luton Town supporters.

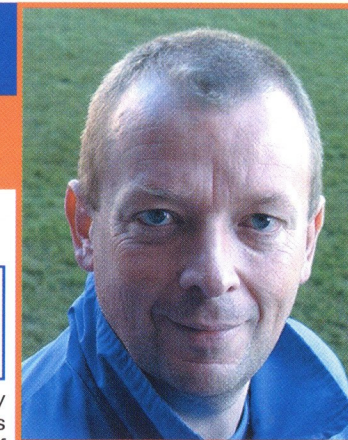
I would particularly like to thank David Brett-Williams the director in charge of the Luton branch and Phil Morgan, his counterpart in Bedford, for their generosity in offering us this money. I can assure them it will be spent wisely.

As with all our sponsorships, we applied for Sportsmatch funding under a scheme through which they offer pound for pound support which doubles the value of sponsorships. This is administered by the Institute of Sports Sponsorships on behalf of the government and Sport England to boost grass roots sport. I am delighted to report that the application was successful, as were the previous three. Today on the pitch before the game there will be presentations of two Sportsmatch cheques to the department.

The first will be made by David and Phil, of Specsavers, and the second by Neon Lane of GLO Hire and Justin Horne of A.M.A. Austin. They have been invited to the club to show our appreciation of their generosity which led to the Sportsmatch grants.

Under-8 Development Group

OVER the last 18 months the department has been running an under-8 development group, supported



by Mark Ridgway and the club's Centre of Excellence. The main aim is to give the more talented children of that age who participate in community courses a progression to learn and play with children of similar ability. The group is recruited by invitation, and the children receive coaching for one hour a week over a six-week period. If they do well they might well be invited to return for a second spell of coaching.

The added benefit for the children is that if they excel over the period of time they are with us, I might recommend the child to Mark Ridgway as a possible player for the following season's under-9 Centre of Excellence squad.

We piloted this scheme last season, and through it the Centre signed 7 players who are currently representing the club at under-9 level. The early signs for this year are good, and I am optimistic that we will be able to offer Mark at least the same number of players at the end of this season.

I hope that in following seasons we will be able to provide this facility to other age groups. Last Saturday we were invited by Dean Rastrick, the club's former Youth Development Officer, to take our under-8 group to the Derby County academy, and play a game against their group. The children and parents had a brilliant afternoon out, and enjoyed the marvellous facilities that Derby are able to offer and the players were a credit to our club.

Half Term Soccer Courses

ON THE facing page are details of courses we are running over the February half term. To book, ring the Community Office on 01582 391927. And don't forget Luton Town's Football in the Community courses are the only ones where you get to meet and learn from Town players

Stuart Smith



To contact the Community Department call Stuart Smith on 01582 391927

Golden Gamble Breaks Record

WE DIDN'T get a lot of pleasure out of the FA Cup-tie against Tranmere, but for Town fan Lee Archer there was some consolation: he picked up £895 in cash in our Golden Gamble competition, the highest jackpot of the season so far. And all for an outlay of just £1. The jackpot depends on how many tickets are sold, and Mr Archer, from Queen's Close, Flitwick, bought his in the Main Stand. Happy Harry drew out his winning ticket. Your support for the Golden Gamble, whether you win or lose, is very much appreciated



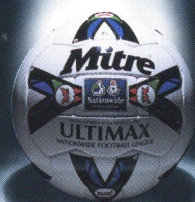
by the club. Half of each £1 goes to the jackpot and the other 50p to club funds. The draw is made at half time, and the cash is paid out there and then.

Sixteen prizes totalling £10,395 have been paid out so far this season, an average of £650 each. As usual sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground today, offering a chance to win a fistful of cash for a very modest outlay.

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Hatters Away Travel Deals

THE TOWN chase a double and try to extend an unbeaten sequence at Wycombe on Saturday, against the Second Division's bottom club. It will be their seventh visit to a ground now known as The Causeway, and the previous six trips to Adams Park have brought four Town wins and two draws.

As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will be offering coach travel to Saturday's game. An offshoot of the Luton Town Supporters Club, Town on Tour will set off from Leighton Buzzard at 11.45am depart from Maple Road at 12.30. Fares are £10 for adult members of LTSC, £9 for junior and senior citizen members, and £12 for others.

The Bobbers Travel Club leave Cranfield at 11.30am and Kenilworth Road an hour later, and their fares are £8.50 for adults and £7 for pensioners and under-16s.



going south, and then take the M25 heading west, signposted towards Heathrow. Leave M25 at junction 16, to join the M40, taking care to head west, signposted towards Birmingham, and not towards London. Leave M40 at junction 4. Follow the signs towards Aylesbury A4010 for 2.3 miles, over three roundabouts. After going down a long hill you come to a mini-roundabout where you turn left into Lane End Road. After half a mile turn right at a roundabout, signposted to the industrial estate, into Hillbottom Road, and that leads you to the ground.

Mileage from Luton: about 45.

DIY travellers

THE road journey to Wycombe is one of the easiest and quickest of the season, although it can be frustrating trying to leave the ground after the match because of the limited access to the main roads from the industrial area in which the ground stands. There is only one way in and out.

You can do the journey from Luton in an hour comfortably. Leave town on the M1

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.

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Penalty Blunder As Cup Run Ends

Luton Town 0 Tranmere Rovers 1

INJURIES and suspensions in a club banned from signing replacements finally caught up with the Town and wrecked their chances of reaching the last 16 of the FA Cup. It was cruel on a team that gave of its best, was robbed of a lead when a penalty should have been given, and then beaten by a late strike.

The fans were sympathetic, while visiting manager Brian Little was delighted that Tranmere had been lucky to meet under-strength opposition. A training ground injury that ruled out Adrian Forbes was perhaps the final blow to the Town's chances. They went into the game with Steve Howard and Steve Robinson suspended, and five other senior players still injured. Kevin Nicholls, well short of match fitness, returned for the first time in four months, and on the bench were Dean Crowe, still not fully fit, and four youth team players.

The match hardly caught fire: Tranmere played five at the back, and the Town, with ever-willing Enoch Showunmi as a lone front man, used five in mid-field, although four pressed forward when the Town went onto the offensive.

Long before half-time it looked certain Tranmere had come for a 0-0. They failed to get a shot on target for the first 45 minutes. The Town had early penalty shouts rejected when Lee Mansell was held back by his shirt, but did not make best use of their greater possession. Mansell unluckily diverted a goal-bound shot by Emmerson Boyce over the bar, and Sol Davis grazed the top of the bar with an angled drive.

After the break Tranmere were a little more positive. Their experienced skipper, Micky Mellon, was booked for a foul which forced Mansell to be subbed, and with 20 minutes to go his replacement, Keith Keane, was brought down on the edge of the box by Gary Jones. Matt Messias waved play on, to general disbelief. On 81 minutes, Danny Harrison

won a midfield tussle with Nicholls, and the ball broke in Tranmere's favour, to Eugene Dadi, who fed Mellon to set him up for a surging run and an excellent finish for the winning goal. He should have scored again in stoppage time, but Marlon Beresford, on his farewell appearance, saved well at his feet.

Mike Newell said: "We have had the majority of the game but didn't have the cutting edge. Injuries and suspensions were always going to catch up with us. I have never been able to fault the lads for effort, but we needed that little bit of magic to win the game. We would have been happy to go up there for a replay with our players back, but it wasn't to be. Tranmere made it very difficult for us, and it has worked out for them. They restricted us to not many chances even though we had plenty of the ball."

The big talking-point was about the penalty that was not given. "It was a penalty," said the Town boss. "The lad tried to stay on his feet and got penalised for being honest. If he goes down the referee gives it." But he added he was not making that an excuse for the result - "We lost because we didn't keep a clean sheet."

Brian Little was relieved to see Jones get away with his challenge on Keane. "It made me wince a little bit. It could have been given, but it wasn't, so we had a break on that score," he said. "I wouldn't have liked it to be given, but could have understood if it had been."

He added: "On the second half performance we have won it deservedly. Micky Mellon should have had a second goal in stoppage time, but 2-0 would have been harsh on Luton. We have been a bit lucky because it was a good day to play them with so many players missing, and I told our players they should not miss the opportunity. You have to take advantage of these things, and we did."

Match Details

TOWN: Beresford; Foley, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Mansell (Keane 60mins), Nicholls (Crowe 85 mins), Leary, Holmes, Brkovic; Showunmi. Unused subs: Leary, Crowe, Brill.

BOOKED: Michael Leary and Peter Holmes.

TRANMERE: Achterberg; Taylor, Allen, Sharps, Jones, Roberts; Mellon, Harrison, Beresford; Dadi (Hay 90 mins), Hume. Unused subs Connelly, Navarro, Linwood, Howarth.

BOOKED: Micky Mellon, Ian Sharps, Ryan Taylor.

REFEREE: Matt Messias, South Yorkshire.

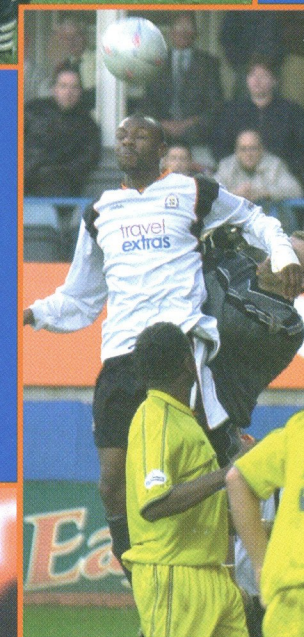
ATTENDANCE: Season's best so far, 8,767, including 1,344 away fans.



BACK IN BUSINESS: Kevin Nicholls returned to the team after four months on the injured list, and was soon in typical action, on this occasion competing with Tranmere skipper Micky Mellon.

RIGHT: Emmerson Boyce shows his ability to rise higher than anyone to repel a Tranmere attack.

BELOW: Kevin Keane on the start of the run which ended with him tumbling under the challenge of Gary Jones, and even the visiting manager admitted he winced because he thought the referee would give the Town a penalty, and the chance to take the lead.



Hatters Pic of the Week



LUCKY ESCAPE: Tranmere Rovers nicked an FA Cup win against an under-strength Town side, aided by a little good fortune. This was one of their lucky breaks – Lee Mansell, in the first minute, deflects the ball inches over the bar after Emmerson Boyce had hammered it goalwards.



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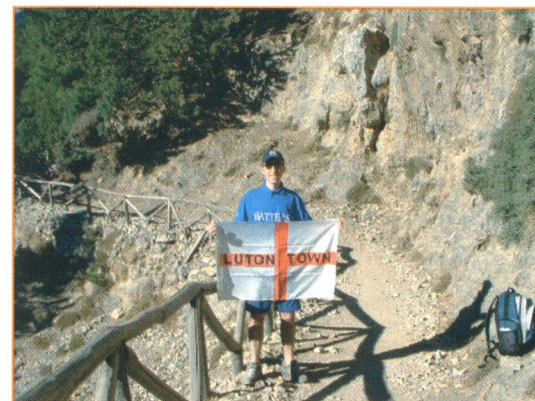
Hatters Abroad Meet By Chance

WE USUALLY ask that Town fans who appear in this occasional series should be showing off their Town kits, but the story behind this picture persuaded us to make an exception this time. The photograph was taken on the other side of the world, and is the result of an amazing coincidence.

The picture was sent to us by John Newland, from Chaucer Way, Hitchin, and many fans might recognise him. "The photograph is of myself and Audrey Bray, and was taken in New Zealand," he said. "I have been a life-long Town fan, and worked on the gate for 20 years. Audrey is also a life-long fan, and current season ticket holder.



"It just so happened that we sat next to each other quite by chance at a restaurant in Rotorua, New Zealand. We started talking about football, and imagine how surprised we were to discover that we both supported the Town. Needless to say, we reminisced all evening, and then agreed that we should meet up at a home game rather than 12,000 miles from home!"



OUR other picture was e-mailed by Dean Fox, and is a snap taken while he was on holiday with girl friend Faye Swords in Crete. Dean said: "I am a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end, and come to matches with my friends Martin Spratt and Martin Firth.

"The picture was taken in the Samaria Gorge, one of Europe's longest, deepest and most picturesque canyons, at the start of a 16km walk through the national park. It was a good idea to take the picture at the start of the walk because by the end we were so tired, and our legs and feet ached so much, that I don't think I would have been able to raise a smile for the camera!

"The picture contains both of my footballing loves, England and the Hatters, and was taken on the day that the Town beat Wycombe and England drew with Turkey to qualify for the European Championships. A great day!"

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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Town Teaser

IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you could win a pair of match tickets in our Town Teaser competition. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go.

At the last home game we asked who had been involved with both Tranmere Rovers and Luton Town in the past couple of years, and the answer was Mike Newell, who used to be on the coaching staff at Prenton Park.

Today we try to answer complaints from fans who want the teaser to be a little more difficult.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Which Luton Town player got special enjoyment out of our game against Colchester at Layer Road last season, and why?

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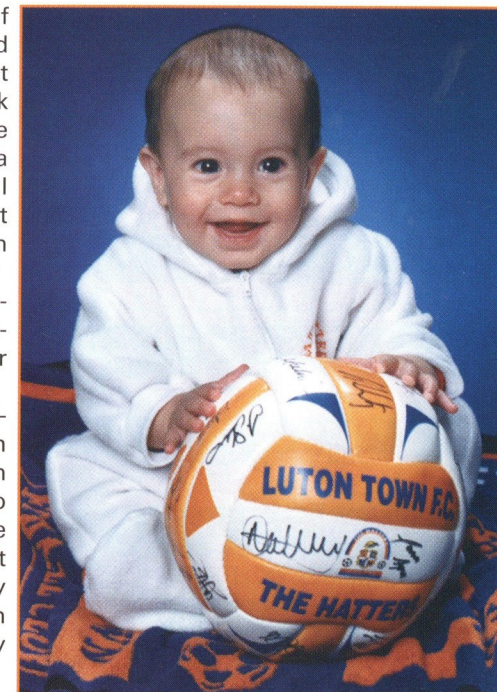
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Mini-Fans Are All Over The World

AN E-MAIL from Australia brought us a picture of one of the Town's youngest fans. Six-month-old Lochlan Harry Newman lives in Perth, the latest addition to a real Luton Town family. His father, Mark Newman, is married to Louise, and explained: "We moved here six years ago because Louise is a Skippy, and it is a lot more sunny than Stopsley. I used to be a season ticket holder, and went to a lot of away games as well. I have just got my name on a seat, not my old season ticket, but close enough." Most of the Newman family, including Mark's parents Clive and Agnes, live in Stopsley and generations of Newmans have supported the Town over many years.

Mark added in his e-mail to the editor: "I met two fellow Luton fans over here, Steven Day from Marsh Farm and Phil Oliver from Lilley, both via the Luton message board. We all link up via the net to listen to the matches on Hattersworld. "Not too many people support the Hatters over here, although we have met a few on holiday or at the cricket and the rugby World Cup, which was fantastic, flying the Luton Town colours at both. I am trying to convert as many Skippies as possible."



PROUD father P. W. Lunn, from Briar Close, Stopsley, submitted a picture of his young daughter, Hannah. He said: "As you can see, she seems to look and feel quite cosy in her Luton Town outfit. I am sure you will agree, a definite supporter for the future!"

IF YOU have a nice photo of a very young Town fan, and would like to see it published in this occasional series, please get in touch with the programme editor. Please send it, with a few details, either by post to Luton Town FC, or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com Whatever method you use, please include your home address and a day-time phone number. If sending by post, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but don't offer anything which is irreplaceable, just in case letters go astray.

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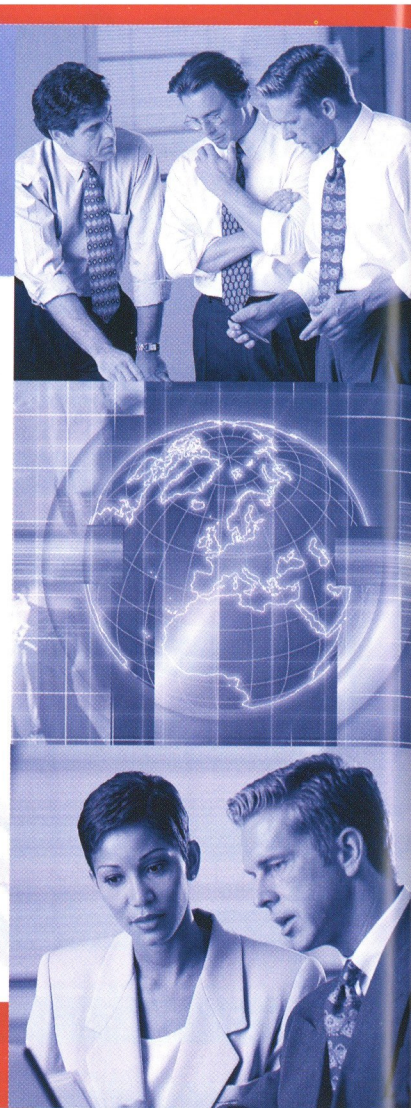
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Youth Soccer The under-17s

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FIELDING a decent side, including our best schoolboys and a couple of non-contract lads, we were good value for three more points.

Wycombe included several trialists, including boys released by Watford, Tottenham and Chelsea, and naturally they were trying hard to impress. For the first 15 minutes or so Wycombe looked really lively, but they caused us few worries, and we got hold of the game after that opening burst. Our teamwork was excellent.

Our first two goals were almost identical as Ross Hanley caused all sorts of problems for the home side on our right flank and Calvin Andrew was always a handful for their central defenders. He has the ability to leap high, and even got above the keeper's outstretched arms a couple of times.

The combination struck on 22 minutes, with Hanley crossing from the wing for Andrew to head in. Ten minutes before the break we were awarded a free kick, and the result was a carbon-copy goal, Hanley hanging the ball up for Andrew's header to make it 2-0.

At half time the orders were to keep it going, and stay alert. We wanted a clean sheet, the midfield to defend and create at the right times, and the strikers to get the next goal. We dominated the game, but had to wait until the 80th minute for our third goal, and it was a case of Andrew repaying Hanley for his creative work – the striker had a

shot blocked and Hanley got in quickly to tap in from close range.

It was a result the lads deserved. Josh Green was outstanding at centre-half and Zach Barrett had a comfortable game in goal. Perhaps we should have scored more goals, but it was not a good pitch and all credit to the boys for doing so well on a poor surface. The clean sheet was very pleasing – I would always rather win 3-0 than 5-2.

Luton Town: Barrett, Asafu'Adjaye, Burrows (Reynolds 85 mins), Pendleton, Tague, Green, Hanley, S. Sinclair, Andrew, Preston (R. Sinclair 60 mins), Magadah (K. Quinn 70 mins).

OUR match against Brentford was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. We were due to travel to Brighton this morning, and next Saturday we will be at home to Rushden, with an 11am kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Pendleton 16(1), Smyth 15, Green 16, S. Sinclair 15, Tague 14(1), Hanley 13, R. Sinclair 12(2), Preston 11(4), Barrett 11, Burrows 10, Clark 6, Asafu'Adjaye 5(6), Richardson 5(1), Magadah 5, Goodchild 5, Ridgway 4, Andrew 3, Mountford 3, Jones 3, Freeman 2, Keane 2, Kenneford 1(4), Reynolds 1(1), Charles 1(1), Deeney 1, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNally 1, R. Quinn 1, Port 1, Robinson 0(3), Eade 0(2), K. Quinn 0(2), Cowley 0(2), Maitland 0(1), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsiligo 0(1).

Goals: Preston 7, Burrows 6, Freeman 4, Andrew 4, S. Sinclair 3, Richardson 3, Hanley 3, Maitland 2, Magadah 2, Tague 1, Smyth 1, Kenneford 1, R. Sinclair 1, Keane 1, Ridgway 1, Green 1, Jones 1.

Mark Ridgway

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

August

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

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

15 L. Orient	A 4-0	
6 Colchester	A 0-1	
13 Oxford	H 6-1	Ridgway, Keane, S. Sinclair, Hanley, Green, Jones

January

17 Gillingham	H 3-1	Preston 3
24 Wycombe	A 3-0	Andrew 2, Hanley
31 Brentford	H	Postponed

February

7 Brighton	A	
14 Rushden	H	
17 QPR	H	
21 Cambridge	H	

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Brighton	20	16	0	4	60	22	38	48
QPR	19	14	5	0	68	19	49	47
Cambridge	20	12	3	5	43	21	22	39
Colchester	20	10	6	4	47	32	15	36
Portsmouth	21	8	7	6	38	34	4	31
Luton Town	17	9	0	8	42	25	17	27
Rushden	19	6	8	5	34	39	-5	26
Southend	18	7	4	7	39	33	6	25
Brentford	19	5	6	8	28	37	-9	21
Gillingham	20	5	5	10	33	53	-20	20
Oxford	20	6	2	12	28	51	-23	20
Wycombe	19	4	7	8	29	54	-25	19
Northampton	20	3	2	15	26	58	-32	11
L. Orient	20	2	3	15	29	66	-37	9

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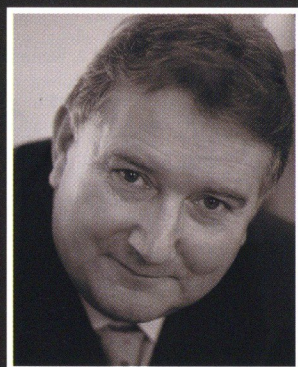
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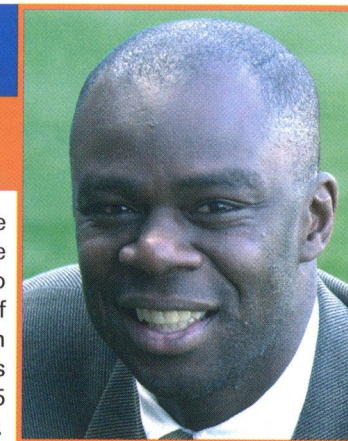
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Youth Soccer: The under-19s



THE postponement of our final match in the Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance South Central Conference has delayed the compilation of our fixtures for the rest of the season. Three teams from three conferences go into new merit divisions, and they are compiled according to finishing places - the top three of each conference go into one merit league, the middle three in another and the bottom three in a third.

We were unable to field a team to travel to Kidderminster for our final conference game because too many of our players were with the first team squad. With the final league table depending on last-day results it meant that our merit division fixtures could not start as planned last Saturday.

Several times in recent years the Football League has not bothered about all fixtures being completed, but I hope that this time they will delay the merit division compilation until we dispose of our game at Kidderminster.

We should have a decent chance of winning

because the Harriers are already sure to be bottom of the table, with only two wins from their 15 matches so far.

But even a win might not lift us up from fourth place. We needed a win to have a chance of finishing third, hoping that Cambridge were beaten by Northampton. A draw would almost certainly be enough for Cambridge to retain third place, unless we win at least 11-0 at Kidderminster! And in view of the problems the club has had this season, to finish fourth is still pretty good.

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets):

Mountford 17, Ridgway 16, Deeney 15(2), R. Mansell 15(1), Howell 15, Barnett 13, Keane 13, O'Leary 12, Davies 11(1), Okai 11, Andrew 10(1), Judge 9(1), Eade 8, Freeman 6(1), Jones 5, Maitland 4(1), Barrett 4, Magadah 2(7), Hanley 2(2), Brill 2, Godfrey 2, Green 2, Pendleton 1(1), Tague 1, Beckwith 1, Lambu 1, S. Sinclair 0(3), 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, Green 1.

Marvin Johnson

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

January

10 Cambridge H 0-1
17 Rushden A 1-1 Green
24 Kidderminster A postponed

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Walsall	16	13	1	2	41	22	19	40
West Brom	16	9	2	5	37	24	13	29
Cambridge	15	8	3	4	30	15	15	27
Luton Town	15	7	4	4	26	21	5	25
Cheltenham	16	6	2	8	27	39	-12	20
Oxford	16	5	4	7	35	34	1	19
Rushden	16	5	1	10	26	31	-5	16
Northampton	15	4	3	8	23	42	-19	15
Kidderminster	15	2	2	11	16	33	-17	8

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WELCOME to all young supporters for today's game, including our visitors from Colchester, and we hope everyone enjoys the day's entertainment.

Fans always like going to away games, and our plans are now complete for our next Junior Hatters trip, to see the Town play at Wycombe on

Saturday.

Unfortunately we do not have a reciprocal deal with our near-neighbours, so we are unable to offer pre-match hospitality at the Causeway Stadium. And because we have to buy match tickets, our prices will have to be higher than we would like.

We have kept them as low as possible, and we think we are still offering very good value for money: the cost of the trip and match ticket will be £12 for Junior Hatters, £20 for adults.

We will set off from Maple Road at 12.30 and places on the coach are sold on a first come, first served basis. Bookings should be made through the Community Department, which is the Junior Hatters headquarters, telephone Luton 391927.

Meanwhile, for home games, don't forget the Saturday Club, which makes going to Luton matches an all-day treat, with a 12 noon start. The price is a bargain: £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket. Our next home game is a fortnight today, when we play Brentford.

To book please call Junior Hatters headquarters 01582 391927 before 12 noon on the day before the match.

Happy Harry



Today's Mascot

WE KNOW that boys and girls picked to be Junior Hatters mascots for home games always enjoy the experience, and for today's lucky young fan it might, we hope, help make up for a big football disappointment.

Ten-year-old Emily Lynch, from Orpington Close, Luton, is a dedicated supporter, just like her dad, and a couple of months ago she went to Yorkshire to see the Town take on Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. Unfortunately she was taken ill ten minutes into the game, and missed the rest of the match while she was being treated.

So today's chance to get very close to the action at Kenilworth Road is sure to be a real tonic for Emily, who is a pupil at St Vincent de Paul School, Stevenage.

She comes to games with her dad, and sits in the Main Stand, and she loves sport – netball is her second-choice hobby after football.

As mascot, her duties begin long before kick-off, meeting the players in the dressing room, and that will give her the chance to chat with her favourite, Steve Howard. Then she will go out onto the pitch for the pre-match rituals, including joining the skippers and match officials for the toss of the coin.

We also have two ballboys on duty this afternoon, Joe Smith, from Katherine Drive, Dunstable, and Andrew Jackson, of Putteridge Road, Stopsley.



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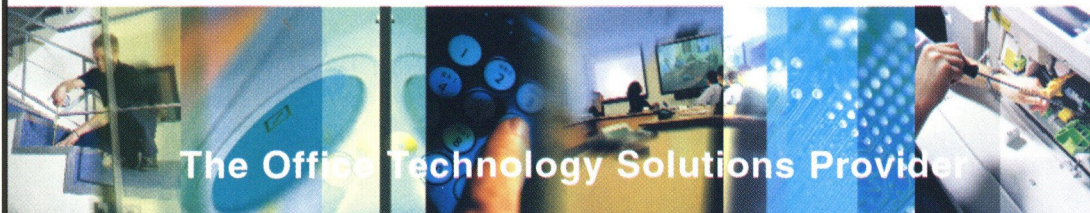


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Bournemouth Jinx Hits The Belles

WITH the Belles now leaders of the Southern Region First Division, promotion rivals AFC Bournemouth were the visitors in a match that Town needed to win to give them a realistic chance of being crowned league champions.

In a fiercely-fought battle Luton started the brighter and almost took the lead when Rhiannon Morgan shot against the crossbar from a tight angle, but the ball broke unkindly and was cleared. The visitors were stretched at times, but Town seemed unable to support the strikers quickly enough and Bournemouth were allowed too much time to play their way out of trouble.

Town keeper Sarah Gaitely pulled off an excellent block when Bournemouth seemed destined to score, but two minutes before the break the away side took the lead when Town failed to deal with a far-post cross and the ball was fired in from close range to threaten Luton's unbeaten home league record.

That record was under more serious threat early in the second half when a mistimed challenge in the corner of the box resulted in a penalty being awarded to the Cherries. In a repeat of the duel earlier in the season Luton keeper Sarah Gaitely faced a vital spot kick from Bournemouth's Lanaghan. The penalty was well struck low to the keeper's left, but she had remembered where the kick was placed in the earlier match and threw herself low to push the ball

away and keep Town's hopes alive.

Belles had been thrown a lifeline, and they quickly took advantage when Kaylee Owen burst through the middle, won a challenge with the centre half, and went on to stroke the ball past the keeper to equalise. Luton then piled on the pressure in search of a winner, and were unlucky not to take the lead when Kaylee Owen shot against the outside of the post. Further half-chances fell to both sides, but none were taken and in the end a point each was a fair reflection of the match and a continuation of Luton Town's sad record against AFC Bournemouth at all levels.

Town now need a maximum of six points from four matches to gain that much sought-after promotion place.

Luton Under-15s were also pitched against a top two side in Cambridge United, who boasted a 100% record so far this season. Town were well in control for most of the match and rarely gave free-scoring United a sight of goal until they were also awarded a penalty with the game finely balanced at 0-0. The Cambridge skipper pulled her kick wide of the post much to the relief of keeper Alice Burbury. United were soon made to pay for their lapse when Rebecca Kane brought a full length diving save from the keeper and Michelle Byrne was on hand to net the rebound for the winning goal. The title race now looks to be between these two sides and Leyton Orient.

The Under-13s were in cup action this week, taking on second-placed Stevenage Borough Vixens. In another high-octane encounter they too came out on top, winning by the only goal of the game through a 20-yard Micky Taylor volley.

Completing another successful weekend, the Under-10s began their cup campaign with a 3-0 win over Barking. The Londoners keeper was in outstanding form but could do nothing about Olivia Dacosta's strike just before half time. Two late goals from debutante Katie Davis capped a promising start to her Belles career.



GOING CLOSE: Sam Mather's shot is narrowly off target in the draw with Bournemouth

Dave Baker

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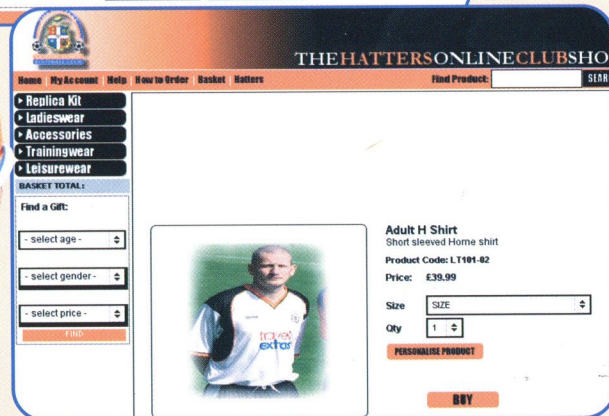
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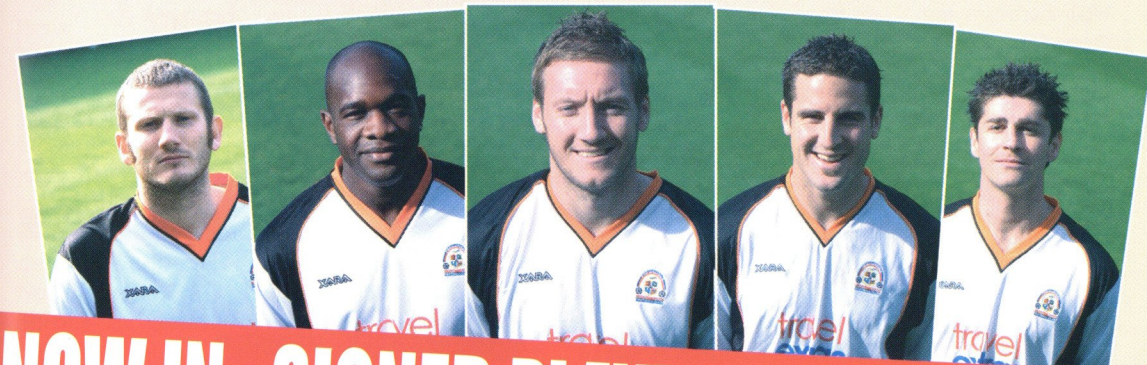


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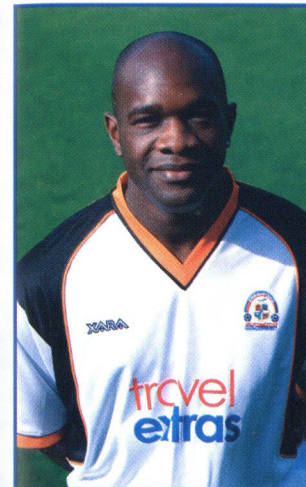
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Hatters Chatter



IT WAS a case of the good news then the bad as Adrian Forbes prepared for the FA Cup-tie against Tranmere. As is reported in Cherry Newbery's column today, the Town's leading scorer has had his red card against Stockport rescinded. But he had little time to enjoy the verdict because he twisted a knee in training the day before the Tranmere game, and was unable to play in the cup-tie.

Having come back from a cruciate ligament injury which kept him out of action for almost a year, Forbes at least had the satisfaction of knowing this injury was nothing like as serious. A specialist confirmed it, and the verdict was that the injury would clear up naturally, just a matter of time.

The FA's decision to rescind the red card was welcomed by Mike Newell, but the injustice of it still rankles with the Town boss. He said: "We won the appeal, but it was too late. Forbes should not have been sent off, but we had to play with ten men for 50-odd minutes. It's decisions on the day that are important, not watching videos. That decision during the game might have cost us." Nottinghamshire referee Alan Butler accused Forbes of violent conduct against Stockport defender Danny Jackman. He and his teammates were as nonplussed as the Town at the referee's decision, which would have led to a three-game ban for Forbes.

The FA's Video Advisory Panel looked at the pictures, read letters from the Town and from Forbes, and quashed the red card. It was scrapped completely, not even reduced to a yellow.

RADDY Antic, who will always be a big favourite with fans who remember his stunning goal in the Maine Road showdown game in 1983, has found a new job after being sacked by Barcelona in the summer. Now 54, the Serb has been one of the most consistent managers in Spain over the past two decades. He retired as a player in 1984 after four years with the Town.

He has just taken charge of Celta Vigo, where he has an unusual double objective: to get them into the next stage of the European Champions League, and to avoid relegation from the Spanish First Division. Vigo have reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League and face Arsenal next month. In their domestic league, Vigo are 17th, just a point above the relegation zone.

Antic's credentials as a coach are impressive. In one of his three stays at Atletico Madrid he took them to the league and cup double in 1996. Antic took over from Louis Van Gaal at Barcelona in January last year, and guided the Catalan giants away from the threat of relegation. In the summer he was all set to welcome David Beckham into his squad, but Barcelona's president was voted out of office, Beckham went to Real Madrid instead, and Antic was sacked and replaced by Frank Rijkaard.

Jean-Louis Moves To Spain

FORMER Town winger Jean-Louis Valois, a cult figure at Kenilworth Road during the 2001/02 season before refusing new terms and moving to Hearts in Scotland moved on again in the transfer window. The SPL club are deep in debt and manager Craig Levein said he was under orders to cut the wages bill. Valois, one of their biggest earners, was told that he would not be offered a new deal at the end of the season, and accepted a free transfer to Spanish second division club Almeria.

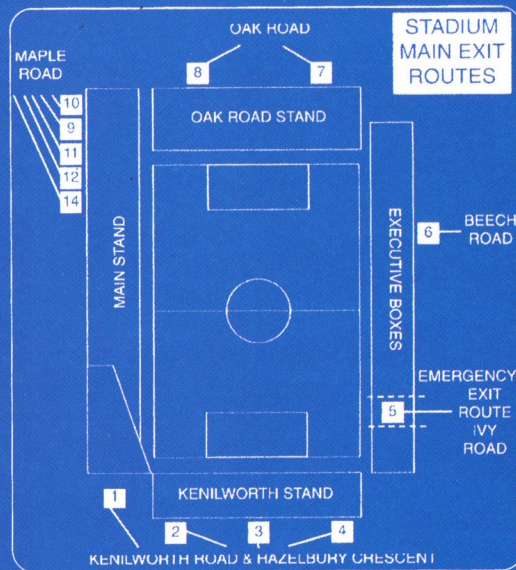
The Edinburgh club's manager added: "If it was the Jean-Louis Valois who was playing for us a year ago we would not let him go. But his performances this season have not been up to what they were."

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Nationwide Division 2 Statistics



Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	3	9	2	1	2
QPR	7	2	4	1	1
Bristol City	9	2	1	1	1
Brighton	5	5	2	1	0
Wrexham	9	3	0	1	0
Port Vale	8	2	1	1	0
Swindon	7	4	0	1	0
Barnsley	7	4	1	0	0
Hartlepool	5	4	1	0	1
Blackpool	8	1	1	1	0
Rushden	4	5	1	1	0
Bournemouth	9	0	1	0	0
Colchester	8	2	0	0	0
Luton	5	5	0	0	0
Brentford	7	1	0	1	0
Sheff Wed	5	2	1	0	0
Tranmere	7	0	1	0	0
Grimsby	2	4	0	1	0
Oldham	4	1	2	0	0
Chesterfield	4	1	1	0	0
Notts County	4	1	1	0	0
Peterborough	3	1	2	0	0
Stockport	4	1	0	0	0
Wycombe	1	1	2	0	0



Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Bournemouth	0	0	4	4
Port Vale	0	0	4	4
Blackpool	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	1	2	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	3	3
Barnsley	0	0	2	2
Bristol City	0	0	2	2
Chesterfield	0	0	2	2
Swindon	0	0	2	2



Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Peterborough	0	1	2	3
Grimsby	0	0	3	3
Oldham	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wycombe	0	1	1	2
Blackpool	0	0	2	2
Brentford	0	0	2	2
Luton	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
Sheff Wed	0	0	2	2
Swindon	0	0	2	2



Scorer's Points Gained & Scoring Run

	Gls	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	1st Gl
Leon Knight	19	0.70	17	3	5
Scott Taylor	15	0.52	16	3	5
Tommy Mooney	13	0.45	12	4	6
Lee Peacock	12	0.50	12	3	7
Wayne Andrews	10	0.38	11	4	6
Steve McPhee	14	0.50	10	3	6
Warren Feeney	9	0.35	10	4	2
Kevin Betsy	9	0.31	10	1	3
Michael Boulding	12	0.46	9	4	4
Kevin Gallen	12	0.43	8	3	6
Aaron Wilbraham	7	0.27	8	2	3

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



Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
QPR	29	468	16.14
Tranmere	28	417	14.89
Barnsley	29	405	13.97
Notts County	29	392	13.52
Colchester	28	366	13.07
Plymouth	29	378	13.03
Luton	26	338	13.00
Bristol City	28	363	12.96
Brentford	29	375	12.93
Wycombe	29	374	12.90
Brighton	28	360	12.86
OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Rushden	28	141	5.04
Luton	26	123	4.73
Hartlepool	28	123	4.39
Peterborough	29	126	4.34
Chesterfield	29	124	4.28
Bristol City	28	119	4.25
Oldham	29	119	4.10
Grimsby	27	109	4.04
Stockport	29	113	3.90
Tranmere	28	107	3.82
Blackpool	29	110	3.79

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



Headed Goals

most goals from headers	Player	Club	Goals
	Frio	Plymouth	7
	Coughlan	Plymouth	5
	Mooney	Swindon	5
	Dadi	Tranmere	5
	Lawrence	Wrexham	5
	Peacock	Bristol City	4
	McKenzie	Peterborough	4
	Evans	Plymouth	4
	Lowe	Rushden	4
	Barlow	Stockport	4



Shots from Long Range

Most goals from outside 18 yd box	Player	Club	Goals
	Wotton	Plymouth	5
	Peacock	Bristol City	3
	Anderson	Grimsby	3
	Strachan	Hartlepool	3
	Padula	QPR	3
	Lowe	Rushden	3
	Jack	Rushden	3



Late Goals Scored

Most goals in LAST 10 mins of match	Player	Club	Goals
	Boulding	Grimsby	3
	Frio	Plymouth	3
	Evans	Plymouth	3
	Parkin	Swindon	3
	Taylor	Tranmere	3



Scoring Chances per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	8.66	6.07
Bristol City	6.89	5.11
Oldham	5.83	5.83
Swindon	6.24	5.24
Notts County	5.59	5.59
QPR	6.03	5.10
Bournemouth	5.71	5.36
Wrexham	6.21	4.82
Rushden	6.68	4.29
Blackpool	6.28	4.48
Brighton	6.25	4.43
Colchester	5.32	5.29
Luton	6.08	4.46
Peterborough	5.79	4.72
Grimsby	5.81	4.52
Barnsley	5.97	4.31
Port Vale	5.29	4.68
Tranmere	5.71	4.14
Hartlepool	5.32	4.29
Stockport	4.90	4.45
Sheff Wed	4.86	4.45
Chesterfield	4.83	4.41
Wycombe	4.72	4.10
Brentford	4.76	3.79



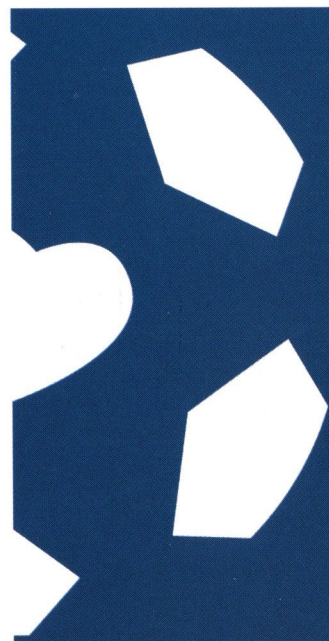
Scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Bristol City	13	40	33
Tranmere	10	32	31
Peterborough	10	35	29
Swindon	11	42	26
Grimsby	8	31	26
Plymouth	15	65	23
Chesterfield	6	27	22
Stockport	8	38	21
Hartlepool	9	43	21
Colchester	6	29	21
Against	76-90	Total	%
Brentford	16	43	37
Sheff Wed	11	36	31
Brighton	9	30	30
Notts County	12	49	24
QPR	6	26	23
Peterborough	9	41	22
Chesterfield	10	46	22
Wycombe	11	51	22
Luton	8	39	21



Set Piece Goals

Scored from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Plymouth	9	10	19
QPR	4	9	13
Stockport	4	9	13
Hartlepool	5	7	12
Port Vale	6	6	12
Brentford	8	3	11
Bristol City	7	4	11
Rushden	7	4	11
Conceded from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Brentford	10	5	15
Wycombe	9	6	15
Chesterfield	8	5	13
Stockport	4	9	13
Bournemouth	5	6	11
Bristol City	5	6	11
Oldham	6	5	11
Colchester	4	6	10
Rushden	5	5	10



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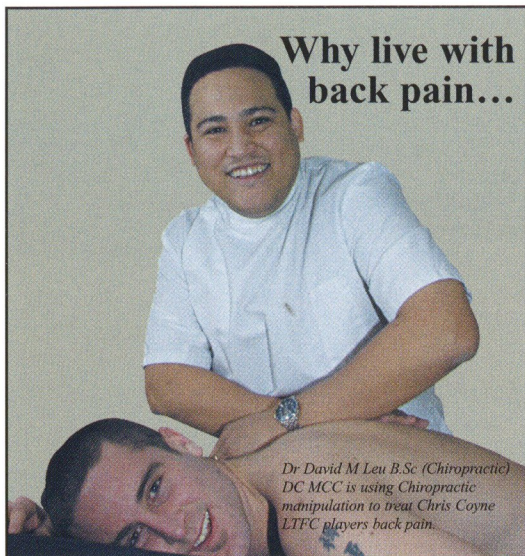
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Scene On Two: A Cup Distraction?

ALTHOUGH their recent league results have tailed off a little since the turn of the year, Colchester come to Kenilworth Road today after celebrating a tremendous FA Cup win on Wednesday. They joined Tranmere as the only Second Division survivors by beating First Division Coventry City 3-1 in a replay at Layer Road, having drawn 1-1 at Highfield Road a couple of weeks ago.

It was a memorable occasion for Rowan Vine, who hit a hat-trick. He is on a season's loan from Portsmouth, after a similar deal took him to Brentford for last season.

Colchester beat Oxford, Aldershot and Accrington Stanley before Wednesday's success earned them a trip to First Division Sheffield United in the fifth round of the cup. But their league results have dipped, and they come to Luton today needing a win to re-ignite hopes of a play-off place.

The chasing pack was given a little hope last week when top two Plymouth and QPR were both beaten. Brighton, who come to Luton on Tuesday, took care of Plymouth with a 2-1 win. Trevor Benjamin, on loan from Leicester, drew first blood, the first league goal Paul Sturrock's men had conceded in eight games.

QPR's defeat was a bigger surprise, with relegation battlers Chesterfield seeing them off 4-2 at Saltergate.

It meant that Bristol City, whose game at Grimsby was called off because of the rain, came within one victory of overhauling QPR, with the Blundell Park match becoming the game in hand. And Danny Wilson picked up the Divisional manager of the month award. City won all four of their games in January, including a 1-0 home success over Colchester.

The Town's day off cost them one place in the table, overhauled by Rushden, who beat Oldham 4-1 at Nene Park. It was their first win since the turn of the year.

Colchester were also knocked down a peg by Rushden's win, because they could manage only a home draw against Tranmere on Saturday. Micky Mellon, the Rovers skipper and match-winner here a fortnight ago, was sent off for his second yellow card a minute before the interval and Kemal Izzett saved a point for Colchester with an 89th-minute equaliser.

United were in the play-off frame in late October and early November, and were back there on Boxing Day when the Town drew 1-1 at Layer Road. But they have not won a league game since a 2-1 home success over Oldham in mid-December.

Their away form shows four victories, two draws and eight defeats. The wins were at Wycombe and Peterborough in September, and at Stockport and Wrexham in October. The draws were at Tranmere and Hartlepool, and defeats came at Barnsley, Port Vale, Notts County, Grimsby, Rushden, QPR, Swindon and Bristol City.

Colchester's last six league results: Luton H 1-1, QPR A 0-2, Barnsley H 1-1, Swindon A 0-2, Bristol City A 0-1, Tranmere H 1-1.

	Nationwide League Division Two													
	HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Plymouth	29	10	3	1	38	10		7	5	3	27	17	38	59
QPR	29	11	3	0	31	4		4	6	5	20	22	25	54
Bristol City	28	9	4	1	24	7		5	6	3	16	14	19	52
Barnsley	29	6	7	1	19	10		6	3	6	19	22	6	46
Brighton	28	10	3	2	26	10		3	3	7	15	20	11	45
Swindon	29	7	4	3	25	15		5	5	5	17	20	7	45
Wrexham	28	5	4	5	16	12		8	0	6	19	18	5	43
Hartlepool	28	6	6	2	21	8		5	3	6	22	26	9	42
Port Vale	28	9	3	2	30	21		3	3	8	14	21	2	42
Rushden	28	7	4	3	30	19		4	2	8	17	24	4	39
Luton Town	26	8	3	2	25	14		2	6	5	16	25	2	39
Bournemouth	28	7	5	2	21	15		3	4	7	12	18	0	39
Blackpool	29	6	2	7	19	18		5	3	6	17	24	-6	38
Colchester	28	6	6	2	17	13		4	2	8	12	23	-7	38
Sheff Wed	29	3	8	4	17	17		5	4	5	17	19	-2	36
Tranmere	28	7	5	2	20	13		1	7	6	12	26	-7	36
Oldham	29	6	3	5	19	17		1	9	5	21	28	-5	33
Brentford	29	6	2	7	22	36		3	4	7	9	17	-12	33
Grimsby	27	4	4	5	19	15		3	5	6	12	28	-12	30
Peterborough	29	2	6	6	21	22		4	5	6	14	19	-6	29
Chesterfield	29	5	6	4	22	19		1	4	9	5	27	-19	28
Stockport	29	2	6	7	18	25		3	6	5	20	24	-11	27
Notts County	29	3	5	7	18	20		3	2	9	10	29	-21	25
Wycombe	29	4	2	8	20	24		0	7	8	11	27	-20	21

Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

Barnsley v Hartlepool
Bristol City v Brentford
Peterborough v Chesterfield
Plymouth v Bournemouth
Port Vale v Sheffield Wednesday
QPR v Notts County
Swindon v Rushden & Diamonds
Tranmere v Blackpool
Wrexham v Stockport
Wycombe v Brighton
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Around The Town: Goalkeeper Signed

MIKE Newell moved quickly to solve a potential problem after Marlon Beresford changed his mind about signing a contract until the end of the season. Morten Hyldgaard, 6ft 6ins tall, is set for his debut in goal for the Town today after joining on a free transfer from Scottish Premier League side Hibernian.

Fans might remember the big Dane better for the four years he spent at Coventry City, and as the Town were checking out Hyldgaard's credentials Magnus Hedman, who competed with him for the No.1 shirt, gave a glowing reference. Before joining Coventry Hyldgaard, who has just turned 26, had played regularly in the Danish First Division.

He has signed for the Town until the end of the season. During his time with Coventry he experienced Premier League football, and also spent time on loan at Scunthorpe and Grimsby. He joined Hibs last summer, and although he

was not able to claim a regular place in their SPL side, he had the luxury of regular competitive football with weekly reserve team games. And last week's postponement at Hartlepool, while a big disappointment for a man expecting to make his debut, had a silver lining. Having been signed only 48 hours earlier, he has had an extra week to train with his new colleagues and get to know them and the team's soccer style.

Mike Newell was delighted to land Hyldgaard. "He's a big strong lad with good presence," he said.

As one goalkeeper came in, the manager shook hands with the one leaving. Beresford had spoken of his hope that with the transfer embargo being relaxed slightly to enable him to move from loan player to full contract man, he would stay at Kenilworth Road for the rest of the season at least.

His comments were reported on this page a fortnight ago, but between giving the interview on Thursday and completing his third one-month loan on the Saturday, Beresford was persuaded to join Barnsley instead.

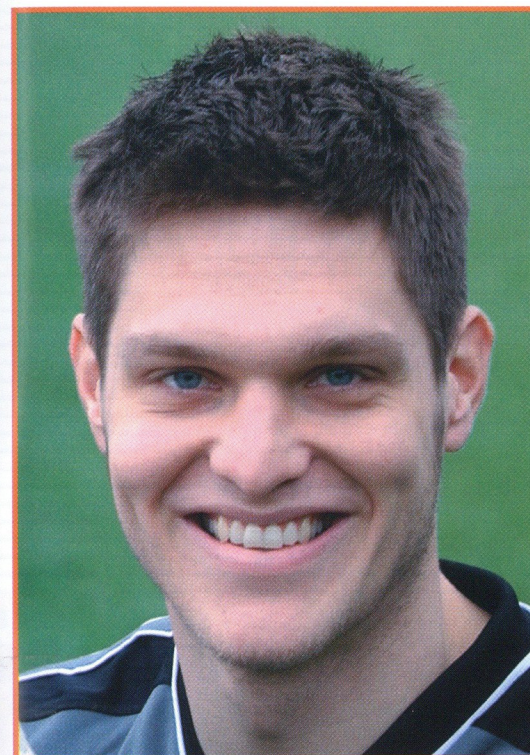
Mike Newell said: "I can understand it. His family, including two young children, are still in Middlesbrough, and he wanted to be nearer to them. He goes with our best wishes, and with thanks for what he has done for us.

"We were sorry to lose him, but there was an agent involved, and we weren't helped when the Football League took so long to give us permission to offer a contract longer than a month's loan."

Only A Draw?

IF THE Town's game at Hartlepool had gone ahead, the experts think we would have seen plenty of goals. The pools panel was called in to consider what the result of the game would have been, and their verdict was that the Town would be winning at half-time, but that by 90 minutes the result would be a high-scoring draw.

Brian Swain



Morten Hyldgaard

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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	1	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																						
Sat 16 Aug	Stockport County	W 3-2	A	W	2-1	4,566	1	P Joslin	1/1	0/0	Dean BRILL																					
Sat 23 Aug	GRIMSBY TOWN	D1 Team	H	L	1-2	5,827	7	G Cain	1/2	0/0	Nathan ABBEY																					
Mon 25 Aug	Brighton & Hove Albion	D1 Team	A	L	0-2	6,604	12	P Crossley	3/1	1/0	Marlon BERESFORD																					
Sat 30 Aug	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	D3 Team	H	W	3-2	5,515	6	B Curson	2/1	0/0	Morten HYLDOGAARD																					
Sat 6 Sep	Notts County	L 1-2	A	D	1-1	7,505	8	C Webster	3/3	1/0																						
Sat 13 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	A	L	1-2	9,894	12	A Bates	3/1	0/0																						
Tue 16 Sep	PORT VALE	D 0-0	H	W	2-0	5,079	11	J Ross	1/1	0/0																						
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	SUS																					
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 Olivier	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	BARNSELY	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	D	1-1	5,083	9	J Ross	5/1	0/0																						
Sun 28 Dec	NOTTS COUNTY	D 2-2	H	W	2-0	7,181	7	L Probert	1/0	0/0																						
Sat 3 Jan	Bradford City	-	A	W	2-1	8,222	FAC3	M Clattenburg	1/1	0/0																						
Sat 10 Jan	Rushden & Diamonds	D3 Team	A	D	2-2	5,823	8	S Tanner	3/1	0/0																						
Sat 17 Jan	STOCKPORT COUNTY	D 1-1	H	D	2-2	5,920	9	A Butler	1/3	1*0																						
Sat 24 Jan	TRANMERE ROVERS	-	H	L	0-1	8,767	FAC4	M Messias	2/3	0/0																						
Sat 7 Feb	COLCHESTER UNITED	L 1-2	H		3:00pm		D2																									
Tue 10 Feb	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	D1 Team	H		7:45pm		D2																									
Sat 14 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-1	A		3:00pm		D2																									
Sat 21 Feb	BRENTFORD	L 0-1	H		3:00pm		D2																									
Tue 24 Feb	Grimsbly Town	D1 Team	A		7:45pm		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	Chersterfield	L 1-2	A		3:00pm		D2																									
TBA	Hartlepool United	D3 Team	A				D2																									
- Penalties 5 (S)cored 2 (M)issed = 71% Success 23 Aug K.Nicholls (S); 1 Oct G.McSheffrey (S) 4 Nov M.Leary (S); 18 Nov A.Forbes (S) 6 Dec S.Robinson (S); 6 Dec S.Robinson (M) 3 Jan A.Forbes (M)											Attendance Statistics (All Competitions) Highest Home 8,767 Average Home 5,962 Lowest Home 3,667 Highest Away 21,027 Average Away 6,613 Lowest Away 1,551											Started Match Substitute (Used) Total 2003/2004 Apps 15 5 0 17 0 8 34 31 7 27 Total 2003/2004 Goals 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 2 1 0 Substitute (Unused) 2 31 1 1 0 2 0 0 4 2 Single Yellow Card 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 5 4 6 First YC leading to RC 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 Second YC = RC 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 Straight Red Card 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 Total LTFC Career Apps 19 5 67 17 0 46 109 194 39 65 Total LTFC Career Goals 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 6 1 0 Squad Number 47 33 35 29 1 3 12 17 22 24 Position Goalkeepers										
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Luton Town v Brighton & Hove Albion

Tuesday February 10, 2004,

kick-off 7.45pm

Today's Squads



Manager: Mike Newell

1	Morten HYLDGAARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan NEILSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew SPRING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell PERRETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian FORBES	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin NICHOLLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve ROBINSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris COYNE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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19	Steve HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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41	Kevin FOLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Parys OKAI DAVIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>



Manager: Phil Parkinson

1	Simon BROWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Andy MYERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Joe KEITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Gavin JOHNSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Scott FITZGERALD	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Thomas PINAULT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Karl DUGUID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Today's Officials

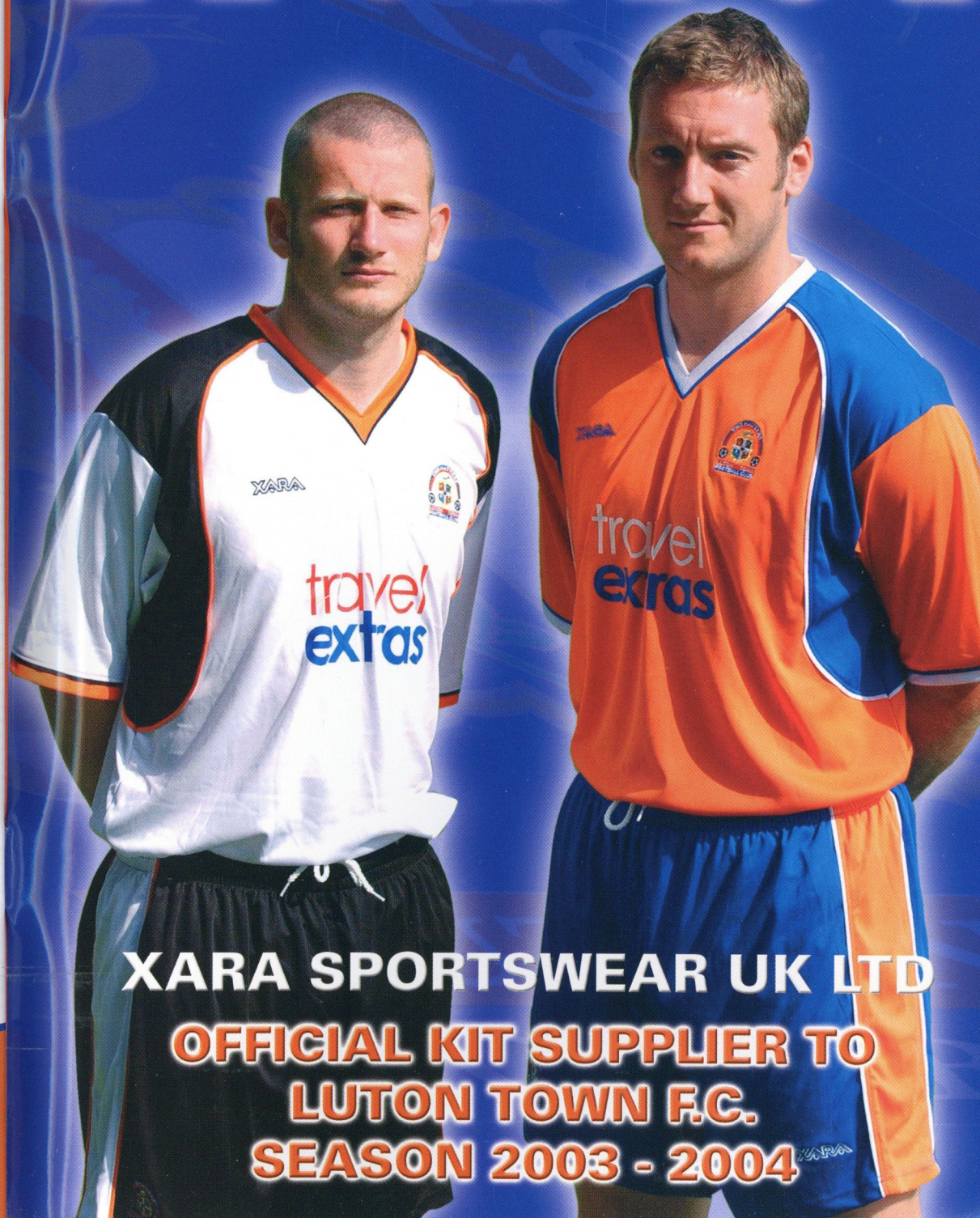
Referee: Eddie Ilderton, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Assistants: Martin Harris, Lincolnshire (red and yellow flag);

Mark Ives, Bedfordshire (yellow fla)

Fourth official: Mark Scholes, Buckinghamshire

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