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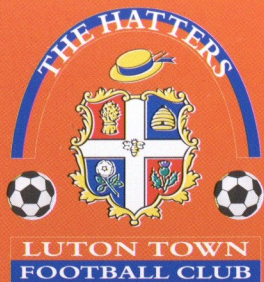
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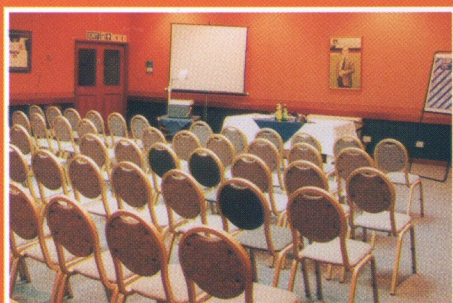
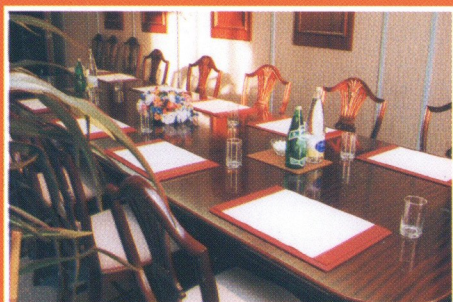
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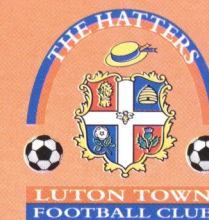
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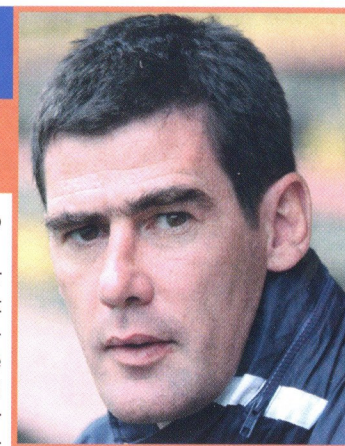
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The Manager's Message



HELLO and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another important home game. If we can achieve a result similar to Saturday's we will all be delighted, because games in hand are worth nothing if you do not get points from them.

I said in my column on Saturday that Colchester would be a tough test, and so it proved. Not having played for a fortnight, I expected us to look much fresher than we did, but for some reason some of the players looked a little tired. Perhaps the break in routine did us no favours. We did not play as well as we can, particularly in the first half when we could easily have fallen behind.

We were better after the break and I felt we deserved to win, if only for our determination to stick at it. The major requirement, of course, was to score a goal, and our winner was excellent – good build-up and a tremendous strike from the edge of the box.

We were all delighted for Enoch Showunmi. His first goal in league football was one to remember, and all the more welcome for him because it followed an incident a few minutes earlier when he missed a much easier chance from close range. I won't criticise him for that – I missed a few in my time! The important thing was that he didn't let his earlier misses put him off, and his

goal was one to be proud of.

Colchester deserve credit for their contribution to the game, and I could feel for their manager

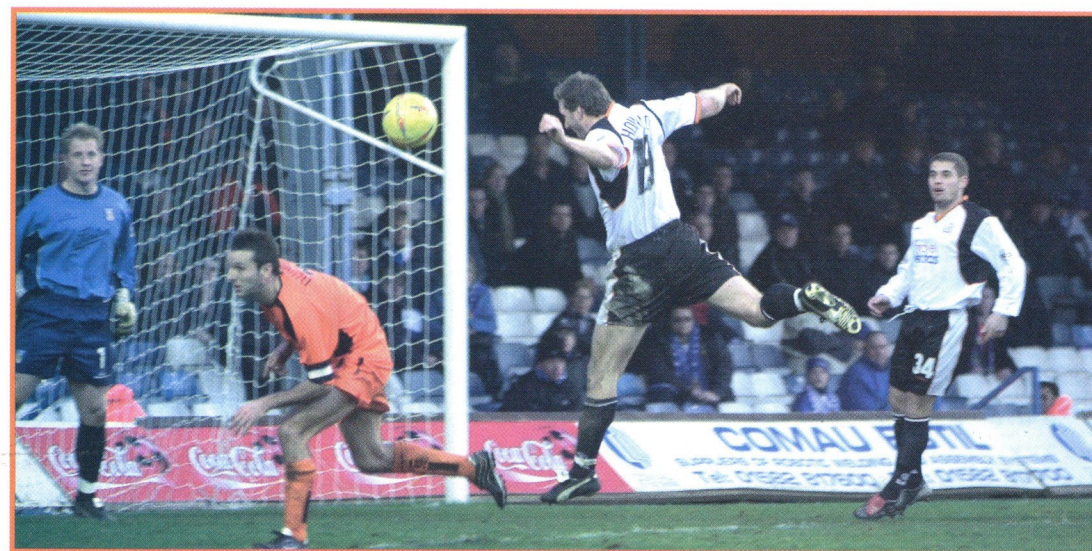
when he said they had enough of the ball to have won. We have all had days like that, but it is the sign of a good team that they can fail to hit top form but still grind out a result.

Hopefully we can collect three more points tonight, although we know it won't be easy. Welcome to Mark McGhee, his players, directors and supporters. Brighton are having a good season as they strive to return to the First Division at the first attempt, and tonight's game is as important for them as it is for us.

We were well beaten at their place in August, one of only two games so far in which I felt we let ourselves down, so we want to avenge that result tonight.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell



NEAR MISS: Steve Howard was unlucky not to be on the scoresheet against Colchester, with this one of several efforts that went close.

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The Town Captain's View



HAVING got three points on Saturday, we want to make it six out of six tonight, and hopefully give you good football entertainment as well. I felt that against Colchester we were below par in the first half, although not playing really badly. We put in a lot of work and commitment in the second half, and I thought we deserved our win. To be honest, I don't really care a lot how we play so long as we win, although obviously your pride prefers to see good performances as well as good results.

We took a while to get going, which was a little surprising after having no game a week earlier. Perhaps the training ground being so heavy after recent rain took more out of us than we realised, but I felt that in the second half we were more like our old selves.

Both defences rode their luck, and as we expected Colchester were a difficult side to break down. I knew they would not be allowed to have their minds on their two cup games this week – when I was at Wigan I played against Reading in the play-off semi-finals when Phil Parkinson was at the Madejski Stadium. He is manager of Colchester now, and a lot of their play reflected the ideas of Alan Pardew. I had another good reason to know what to expect from Colchester – Joe Keith, who played on their left flank directly against me, is my second cousin. We enjoyed pitting our wits against each other, although it was of course no holds barred. The three points is all I care about, and that goes for tonight as well. It is a massive game for both teams, perhaps the biggest match of our season so far. Brighton beat us fair and square at their ground in August, on a day when we were poor. They have had a change of manager since then, but have kept close to the play-off places, so they will be very keen to get something out of tonight's match.

We know we are capable of beating anybody in this division on our day, and we realise how important this

game is.

February is a big month for us: a six-pointer tonight, and then Wycombe away, Brentford at home and Grimsby away, three teams battling for survival.

Saturday's result has given us a good start, and we need to be consistent and above all stay unbeaten for the rest of the month and beyond. At long last the manager has more players to choose from, and the return of Matthew Spring has increased the competition for midfield places. Adrian Forbes looks like being available again shortly, which is another bonus.

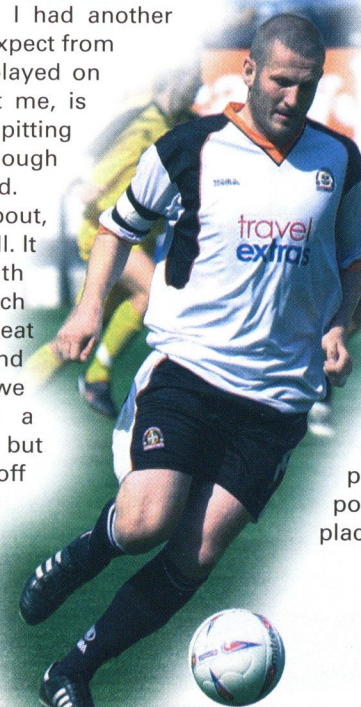
Having said that, the young lads who have come in deserve the thanks of everyone for their efforts. Boys like Keith Keane, Michael Leary and Curtis Davies came in to do a job, and didn't let anyone down. And Enoch Showunmi deserves a special mention – what a cracking goal to open his league account!

Morten Hyldgaard kept a clean sheet on his debut, and he has settled into the dressing room quickly.

We need strength in depth as we approach the final third of the season, and I can promise you we are all determined to do well for the club and for ourselves. If you want to succeed you have got to work hard for the team, and we have a great team spirit.

We all believe we have a good chance of being involved in the promotion shake-up and three points tonight will leave us nicely placed to break into the top six.

Kevin Nicholls



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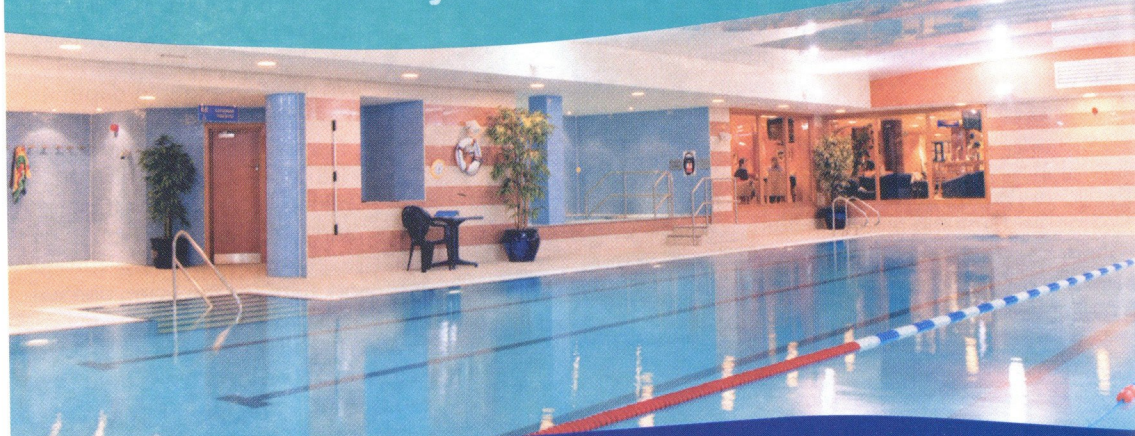
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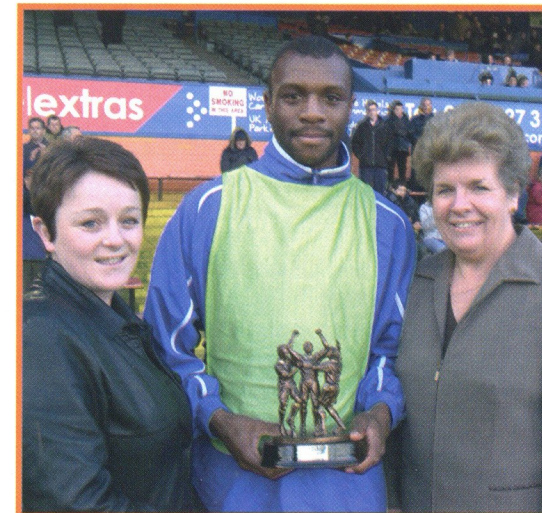
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Around The Town: Top Hatter's Prize

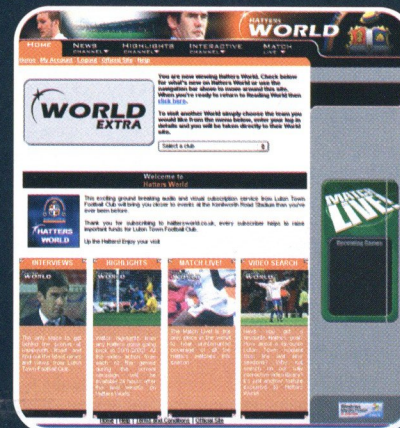
THE LATEST winner of the Town's player of the month accolade receives his award before the game with Colchester. Emmerson Boyce is pictured with Cherry Newbery and Claire Mathieson, marketing manager of travelextras, our shirt sponsors who also sponsor the player of the month competition.

Players appreciate the prize, because it is voted for by Town supporters, through the website or by text message.

Emmerson was the January winner, and the February award will be decided in three weeks' time. Any supporter is welcome to join in the vote. For more information visit the club's official website, www.lutontown.co.uk



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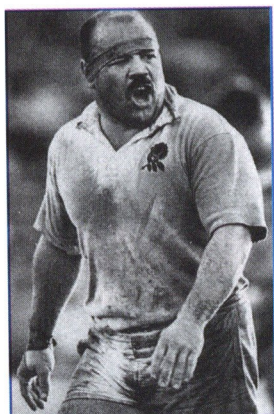
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with special guests

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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

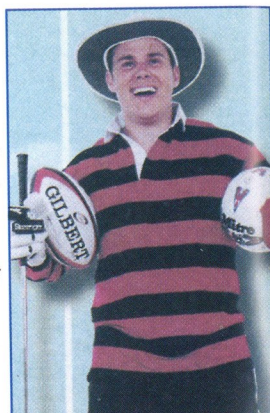
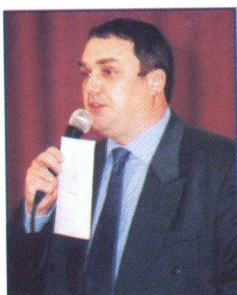
Sporting impressionist and comedian extraordinaire, Aaron is without doubt one of the funniest men ever to grace the after dinner speaking circuit. He is regarded by fellow professionals as a "top drawer" speaker and one of the finest sporting and celebrity impressionists around today. Aaron is a regular 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.

Welcome return of our Master of Ceremonies and Host for the Evening

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Fans On The Road

THE BEST fans in the world could be forgiven for feeling a bit peeved after our experiences at Hartlepool ten days ago, and free meat pies were little consolation. Phone checks all morning while we were travelling produced confirmation that the Town's game would go ahead.

Fans had helped clear snow off the pitch a couple of days earlier, and despite heavy rain between then and kick-off referee Frazer Stretton, from Nottingham, was happy with the pitch two and a half hours before the game was due to start. The Third Division groundsman of the year award went to Hartlepool's David Brown last season, and he and his staff worked hard to try to beat the water.

"It is obviously wet, but there shouldn't be a problem," was the referee's view at 12.30 according to the Hartlepool website. "The game should go ahead."

Just before 2pm Mr Stretton tried to bounce a ball on the sodden surface and decided to call the game off, to the dismay of the players, who were getting changed at the time, and to the travelling supporters.

Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club both took full coachloads on the round trip of nearly 500 miles. Some fans never even got off the buses as the rain hammered down. Others made it for a brief sojourn in a nearby pub, or in the Hartlepool Supporters Club. Hartlepool had, of course, already ordered the day's meat pies, and several dozen were sent out, with compliments, to the fans' coaches. "Most of us were pretty stoical about it," said Paul Deason of the Bobbers. "It was just one of those things."

Latest figures for awayday fans who have seen Town games this season:

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 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.
Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability.
Remember there are **no concessions** available on cash turnstiles.



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.



**Match tickets can be ordered on credit or debit cards by
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News From The 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
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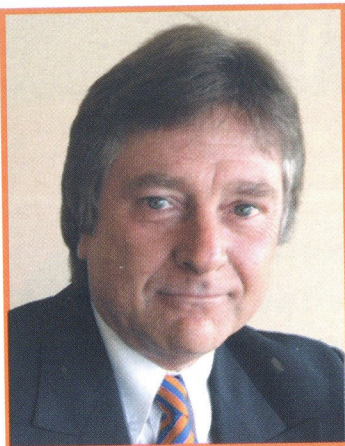


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**10am to 5.00pm, except on Fridays before Saturday
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SATURDAY

**9am to 5.15pm on match days; 10am until the away
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Kenilworth Road.**



Commercial Corner

MAY I bid a warm welcome to all of our sponsors and commercial partners to this evening's

match against Brighton & Hove Albion. This match, which is our second evening game in the Nationwide League this season, is the rearranged fixture from January 3, when instead of entertaining the Seagulls we travelled to Bradford for the third round of the FA Cup.

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It's with great pleasure that we welcome to Kenilworth Road this evening as principal match sponsors, our shirt sponsor and commercial partner travelextras. Their support of the club continues to grow, and from the commencement of their major

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We also welcome this evening for the first time at Kenilworth Road one of the UK's leading accountancy companies Grant Thornton, represented tonight by Martin Ellis and Jon Deverick. Their guests here this evening are Seagulls fans John Osborne and his son Sam. Martin and Jon are based within Grant Thornton's Recovery & Reorganisation team. This specialist service within Grant Thornton's portfolio is dedicated to preserving value in business, in a way that recognises the interests of all stakeholders. We thank them for their support here this evening and wish them an enjoyable evening.



Dean Hardware - Commercial Mascot receiving his certificate from Chris Coyne and other squad members

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Peter Davis



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Drawn: 3
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Conc: 6
Points: 9
Goal Diff: 2
Last 6: LDWDDW

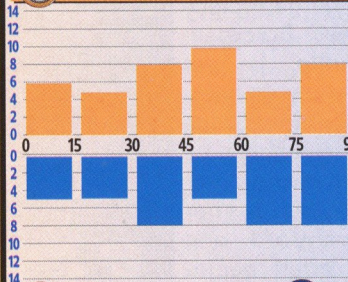
Last 5 Home: WLWDW
Last 5 Away: DDWDD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 33
Clean Sheets: 6
Failed to Score: 4

The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Howard, Perrett	2
Long range shots	Forbes, Robinson	1
Inside 6 yards	Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	Robinson, Boyce	1
Penalties	Nicholls	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard, Forbes	3
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	8

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	155
Goals conceded	39
On target/goals scored	3.97
Division 2 rating	18

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	163
Goals scored	42
On target / goals	3.88
Division 2 Rating	5

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	7
Goals Against, last 10	1
Points lost	8

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.85
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	16
Average Offsides per game	4.63
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

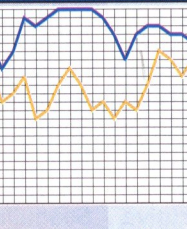
Aggregate	84,285
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,020

Where Goals		
8	Close Range	13
30	Inside Area	22
4	Outside Area	7

How Goals

24	Shots	19
11	Headers	4
3	Volleys	9
2	Penalties	6
0	Free Kicks	1
2	Own Goals	3

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	4
Conceded from C	4
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	5
Conceded from FK	4

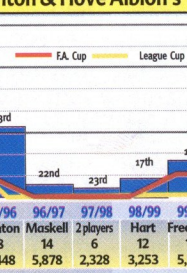
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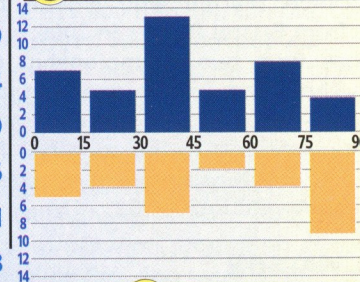
WON BY:	1 Goal	5
LOST BY:	1 Goal	3
2 Goals	5	2
3 Goals	2	2
4 Goals	1	4
5+ Goals	0	0

Brighton & Hove Albion's 10-Year Record



The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Knight	3
Long range shots	Carpenter	2
Inside 6 yards	Knight	6
Shots from 6-18 yards	Knight	8
Volleyed shots	Knight	4
Penalties	Knight	4
Scored 1st Goal in match	Knight	5
Most goals in last 10	3 players	1
Points gained from goals	Knight	22.33

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	142
Goals conceded	31
On target/goals scored	4.58
Division 2 rating	13

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	177
Goals scored	42
On target / goals	4.21
Division 2 Rating	10

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	3
Points won	0
Goals Against, last 10	7
Points lost	3

Fouls & Offsides

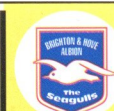
Average fouls per game	12.93
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	18
Average Offsides per game	3.55
Div 2 Rating	12

Swings

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

Attendances

Aggregate	93,617
Highest	6,604
Lowest	5,642
Average	6,241



Seagulls



Form Guide:

Won: 2
Drawn: 2
Lost: 2
Scored: 6
Conc: 6
Points: 8
Goal Diff: 0
Last 6: LDWDDW

Last 5 Home: DWDWW
Last 5 Away: WLLLD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 29
Clean Sheets: 10
Failed to Score: 8

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Welcome to Tonight's Visitors

1. MICHEL KUIPERS

Former Dutch Marine who signed for the Seagulls from Bristol Rovers in 2000. Michel has won two championship medals (Division Three and Two) during his time with the Albion. A superb shot stopper - arguably one of the very best in the country - he was runner-up to Bobby Zamora in the Player Of The Season Award in 2001/02.

2. PAUL WATSON

Sussex-born set-piece expert Paul Watson signed for Albion from Brentford in 1999. The right-back has won promotion from the Third Division with three separate clubs - Fulham, Brentford and Albion - and collected a Division Two winners medal in 2002. Paul hardly missed a game during his first four years with the club and came close to breaking the club record for consecutive appearances.



3. KERRY MAYO

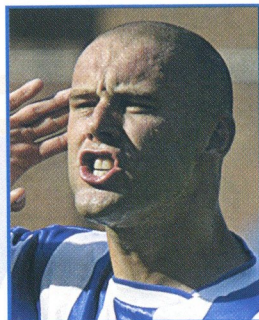
Christened the Ginger Prince by the Albion faithful, Kerry has continued to confound his critics season after season. After collecting consecutive championship medals, the Cuckfield-born left-

back was a revelation for Brighton in Division One in 2002/03, and was runner up to Danny Cullip in the Player Of The Season vote. He is the club's longest-serving player, having signed professional in the summer of 1995, and he will be rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial - due to take place in 2005. He is also one of the few players who have appeared for Albion at the Goldstone, Gillingham and Withdean.

4. DANNY CULLIP

Club captain and huge influence on the team. Danny's £50,000 transfer from Brentford in October 1999 - after an impressive loan spell -

has proved to be an absolute bargain piece of business. Bracknell-born Cullip is yet another who won back-to-back championships with the Seagulls; he also celebrated promotion with his former clubs Brentford and Fulham, after beginning his career at Oxford United. Player of the Season in 1999/2000 and again in 2002/03.



5. DEAN BLACKWELL

Signed by Steve Coppell in October 2002, initially on a month-to-month deal, Dean made a distinct impression in his first season with the Seagulls. The former England under-21 international was previously with Wimbledon for over ten years, and has wealth of experience at the top level. He has also played on loan at Plymouth Argyle during the early part of his career.

Sadly Dean injured his knee in pre-season training and is expected to be sidelined for around eight months, meaning he is unlikely to see action again until March 2004.

6. ROBBIE PETHICK

Tavistock-born Robbie is one of the jokers of the dressing room, keeping everyone smiling. The former Bristol Rovers and Portsmouth defender signed for Albion in the summer of 2001, and proved to be an excellent acquisition.

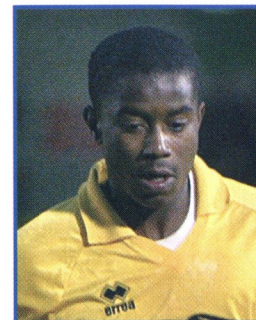
He won a Division Two championship in his first season, and has proved a dependable servant in variety of midfield and defensive positions.

7. LEON KNIGHT

Pint-sized striker Knight graduated through the youth ranks at Chelsea, but spent the early part of his career on loan at QPR, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday. The Hackney-born

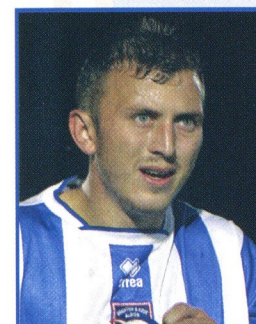


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8. SIMON RODGER

Sussex-born Simon was another player who was brought to the club by Steve Coppell early in his reign as manager. The left-footed midfielder played under Coppell at both Crystal Palace - where he was with the club for 12 seasons - and Manchester City. Simon has also seen service with Bognor Regis Town, Stoke City and Woking.



9. GARY HART

After being turned down by Leyton Orient, Gary was famously signed by Brian Horton for a £1000 plus a set of playing kit in 1998, from Essex League Stanstead, Gary has been arguably one of the best-value buys in the club's history.

Initially starting out as a forward, he finished joint top scorer in his first season. However, Micky Adams used him more as right winger, which has become his more frequent position. He has now played more than 200 games for Albion.

10. CHARLIE OATWAY

From a QPR-mad family, Charlie grew up within a stone's throw of Loftus Road, and is named after the 1972 promotion-winning Rangers side. His own football career kicked off at non-league Yeading, from where he was

Londoner was yet another professional footballer who played youth football for the now-famous Senrab boys club - based in Barnes. He also appeared for England at under-17, under-18, under-19 and under-20 level.

picked up by Cardiff City. In 1999 he arrived at Brighton via Torquay, Brentford and Lincoln (loan) in a £15,000 transfer. Charlie, combative midfielder, has been popular with supporters at all of his clubs. He has collected two championship medals during his time with Albion.

12. RICHARD CARPENTER

Former Gillingham, Fulham and Cardiff midfielder, who has won promotion at every club he has played for - and twice at Brighton. Born in Kent, Carpenter began his career at his local club Gillingham and has developed into an excellent midfielder. Signed for Brighton by Micky Adams on a free transfer in the summer 2000, Richard has now played over 400 career games.

14. GUY BUTTERS

Hillingdon-born centre-half who kicked off his professional career with Spurs in the late 1980s, playing in the same side as Paul Gascoigne. A loan spell with Southend in early 1990 was followed by a permanent move to Portsmouth - for £375,000 in September of the same year. Six years later he joined Gillingham for £150,000, before signing for Albion in August 2002.

Guy has also seen service at Oxford (loan) and Barnet (loan) and has played over 450 senior League and Cup matches.

15. NATHAN JONES

Energetic left-sided player, who began his career with Cardiff City as a trainee. After being rejected as a pro by the Bluebirds, Nathan linked up with non-league Merthyr, before returning to the League with Luton Town. Despite having never played a league game for the Hatters, the Welshman was signed by Spanish La Liga outfit Numancia in 1996, then



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managed by Colin Addison. After a season in Spain, Nathan returned to England to join Southend, where he spent three years, before joining Albion on a Bosman-style free transfer in 2000. He has won two championship medals during his time with Albion.

16. GEOFF PITCHER

Sutton-born creative midfielder, who can also operate on the left or right flanks. Geoff signed for Albion for £55,000 from non-league Kingstonian. He has previously played for Millwall, Watford and Colchester United. Since signing for Albion, Geoff has spent time on loan with Woking, Dagenham & Redbridge and Farnborough Town.

17. TREVOR BENJAMIN

Currently on loan from Leicester City. Born in Kettering on 8th February 1979 - making him 24 years old. He began his career with Cambridge, where he signed professional forms in time for the start of the 1995/96 season. He went on to play 146 senior matches for Cambridge and scored 46 goals, and became a firm favourite with the Abbey Stadium faithful. In July 2000, Peter Taylor paid £1.5m to sign him for Leicester City, and he has since 77 times for the Foxes, scoring ten goals. Since signing for Leicester, he has also spent time on loan with Crystal Palace, Norwich, West Brom, Gillingham and Rushden & Diamonds.

18. DAN MARNEY

Signed professional in 2001, after graduating through the youth team ranks, Dan had to wait until the opening game of the 2002/03 season, against Burnley in Division One, before making his debut as a substitute. After drifting out of the first-team picture during that season, he spent three months (December 2002 to March 2003) on loan at Southend United. Has spent two months on loan at nearby Crawley this season.

19. ADAM VIRGO

Brighton-born centre-back who signed profes-

sionally in 2000, at the relatively young age of 17, Adam made his first-team bow at the same age against Brentford, in January 2001 in an LDV Trophy match. He went on to make six League appearances during his first season, and helped Albion clinch the Division Three Championship. A year later Adam won a Second Division championship medal, although he found his opportunities limited due to the excellent form of Danny Cullip and Simon Morgan. Adam spent three months on loan with Exeter City during the winter of 2002/03.

20. JOHN PIERCY

Former Spurs winger, who despite being made reserve-team captain by Glenn Hoddle, turned down a new contract at White Hart Lane in the summer of 2002 to seek first-team football elsewhere. Sussex-born John eventually signed for Brighton in September 2002. John played for Tottenham against Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal, and has also being capped by England at youth level.

21. CHRIS MCPHEE

Sussex-born youth-team graduate who made his first-team debut at 16 years of age against Swansea City in December 1999, and became one of the club's youngest-ever players. Centre-forward Chris has been a prolific scorer at youth and reserve level during his ascent to the professional ranks, and made a good impression on manager Steve Coppell during the pre-season of 2003/04.

22. DEAN HAMMOND

Midfielder Dean has graduated through the club's youth set up, and made his first team debut at 17 in December 2000, helping Albion to a 2-0 victory over Cardiff in the LDV Trophy. Born in Sussex, Dean signed professional in the summer of 2002, and headed his first goal in the 3-1 League Cup defeat at Ipswich in September 2002.



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23. DAVID LEE

Formerly with Spurs, Southend and Hull, David signed for Albion in a swap deal that saw centre-half Matthew Wicks join Hull in January 2002. The Basildon-born right-sided forward or midfielder has found first-team opportunities limited, but has scored prolifically in the reserves. David spent a month on loan at Bristol Rovers in the winter of 2002.

24. ADAM HINSHELWOOD

Signed professional in the summer of 2003, Adam already had seven Division One League appearances under his belt. He made an impressive opening day debut in August 2002, helping Albion to a 3-1 win at Burnley. The Oxford-born defender is the nephew of the club's Director of Youth Martin Hinshelwood.

26. DANIEL HARDING

Gloucester-born midfielder who signed professional in the summer of 2003, having come through the club's youth system. Dan made his debut in August 2002 as a trainee against Norwich City at Withdean. The left-sided player left a marked impression on manager Steve Coppell and supporters after an impressive pre-season, most notably in the 3-2 victory over Premiership Leicester City - in which he made two of Albion's goals.

27. DAN BECK

Midfielder Dan has graduated through the club's youth set up, who made his Albion debut at Brentford in October 2003.

28. ADAM EL-ABD

Third-year scholar who has recently been promoted to the first-team squad. Made his debut in the 2-1 win at Notts County.

29. BEN ROBERTS

Ben signed for Albion on a Bosman-style free from Premiership Charlton, and in spite of interest from Ipswich and Coventry, after rejecting the offer of a new contract at the

Valley in order to seek first-team football elsewhere. The former Middlesbrough keeper had spent a month on loan with Albion during January and February of 2003, and left a lasting impression - Ben never ended up on the losing side during that time. While with Middlesbrough the Bishop Auckland-born six footer played in the 1997 League and Cup finals, both at Wembley. He has also spent time on loan with the following clubs: Hartlepool, Wycombe, Bradford, Millwall, Luton (twice) and Reading.

33. JAKE ROBINSON

Sussex-born Jake is a first-year scholar, but has made a distinct impression in a very short space of time. He made his full debut in September, against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium, and became Albion's fourth youngest player in peace time. He scored his first-ever senior goal on his first home appearance, after coming on as a substitute against Forest Green Rovers in the LDV Vans Trophy. In doing so he became Albion's youngest-ever goalscorer at just 16 years of age.

MARK MCGHEE - MANAGER

After a successful playing career that included spells at Aberdeen, Celtic, Newcastle and Hamburg, Mark McGhee started out in management with Reading in 1991. He led the Royals to the Second Division Championship in 1994, before heading to Premiership strugglers Leicester City in December of the same year. McGhee couldn't keep the Foxes in the top division and a year later switched to their Division One rivals Wolves. After a three-year spell at Wolves, that included an FA Cup Semi Final appearance, McGhee had two years away from the game, before returning to management with Millwall in November 2000 and during three years with the Lions he led them to the Second Division title in 2001. McGhee joined Brighton in October 2003.



Blast From The Past

The Hatters got off to a mixed start to the new campaign following their promotion to the top flight in 1982 with goals flying in at both

ends of the field to keep the neutral supporter as well as the television companies in seventh heaven.

On the opening day, an entertaining 2-2 draw was played out at Tottenham before West Ham showed us how Division One strikers took their chances when winning 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. We learnt quickly and a hat-trick from new boy Paul Walsh saw off Notts County in a 5-3 thriller before it was back to square one following a 1-4 hammering at Aston Villa.

By now the Luton supporters did not know what to expect but spurred on by the thrill of the unknown over 2,000 travelled to Anfield the following week to witness an amazing 3-3 draw with Liverpool managing to score against three different Luton goalkeepers.

Despite this wonderful performance we only gained a point for our efforts leaving us hovering just above the drop zone. Perhaps we need-

ed a couple of gritty and mean 1-0 victories to push us up the table starting with the visit of Brighton to Kenilworth Road on 18th September 1982.

The Seagulls had lost nine consecutive games on the road but given our up and down form it was still a difficult result to call. We welcomed back to Kenilworth Road ex-Hatters Don Shanks and Tony Grealish while current Luton skipper Brian Horton was looking forward to sparring with his old mates.

Brighton set out with a defensive formation, which was completely the wrong thing to do against the cavalier 4-3-3 of the Town. Once Brian Stein opened the scoring after 20 minutes there was only going to be one winner and it was a surprise that it took until the second half for the floodgates to open.

The Brighton defence was pulled all over the place by David Moss switching wings at will while Stein and Walsh were too quick and clever for the flat-footed defenders, latching on to through balls from Ricky Hill, Wayne Turner and Horton.

Turner netted with a spectacular overhead kick, Stein crossed for Moss to head home and then returned the compliment shortly afterwards. Stein's hat-trick goal and the Town's fifth came in the closing seconds after he outpaced a



David Moss nets with a rare header during the 5-0 win over Brighton in 1982.

dispirited defence to get on the end of a clever through ball from Mal Donaghy.

David Pleat reminded his players afterwards that the rest of the season would not be so easy and he was proved correct as by the time of the return, in January 1983, we were still just above the relegation positions.

Brighton, however, were below us having won only once in the previous eleven games and put out a much changed side to the one that appeared at Kenilworth Road and included future

Hatters v Seagulls: The Last Time

Hatters legend Steve Foster.

The Town took an early lead when Hill ghosted through to head home a Horton free-kick and went further ahead when Brighton defender Gary Stevens, under no real pressure, deflected the ball into the net following another Horton punt into the area.

The Seagulls fought back and battered the Luton defence without showing much invention although Neil Smillie did hit a post with the ball rebounding back into the arms of Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay.

The pressure finally brought a reward in the 69th minute when Andy Ritchie scored but within two minutes, and before the Brighton crowd could work up a head of steam, the best move of the match saw Hill lob his second at the end of a piece of intricate play.

Brighton would not give up, however, and two minutes later Grealish hit a corker from 25 yards to reduce the deficit. Again they were not allowed to push for an equaliser as almost from the restart Moss crossed from the left and with no Luton player in sight Jimmy Case met the ball with a thumping header past his astonished goalkeeper.

Brighton had therefore scored four times yet

had still lost the game and it was this type of luck that was to see them relegated at the season's end while the Town clung on to their Division One status following a last gasp win at Manchester City.

Although both sides have moved up and down the divisions over the ensuing years this will be Brighton's first visit to Kenilworth Road since 1982 and perhaps a return to the regular meetings of the 1920's and 1930's when, according to my late grandfather, the Seagulls were looked on as major rivals as opposed to Watford and Northampton. Unfortunately, I never found out why!

Luton (first game): Judge, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Money, Hill, Horton, Turner, Stein, Walsh, Moss.

Luton (second game): Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Thomas, Hill, Horton, Turner (Kellock), Walsh, Bunn, Moss.

Brighton (first game): Moseley, Shanks, Stevens, Gating, Nelson, Case, Grealish, Stille, Smith, Ritchie, (Ring), Ryan.

Brighton (second game): Moseley, Ramsey, Pearce (Ritchie), Foster, Stevens, Case, Grealish, Smillie, Ward, Smith, Robinson.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



The Town produced a 32-page programme for the visit of Brighton in September 1982 and with a fair amount of reading material and colour it was one of the better offerings on the market at the time.

In manager David Pleat's column he put forward his views as to the main way to halt the decline in attendance figures which was causing concern at the time. Basically it was 'attack and be damned' which was the system he instructed his Town team to play. Although it caused a few heart attacks along the way it was ultimately very satisfying and boosted our profile with no end of television exposure.

An excellent spread of photos from our 3-3 draw at Liverpool is featured, including a shot of substitute goalkeeper Kirk Stephens looking pensive. 'There's only one Shakin Stevens' was the chant from the Kop!

Half Term Soccer

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Mon 16/2/04. Cost £10:00.
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Mini Soccer Tournaments and Team Competitions.

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To: Stuart Smith LTFC Football in the Community, 1 Maple Rd, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

Name Of Child.1. _____ Age. _____
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Contact Name and Number _____
Please List Any Health Problems or Medication _____

CHEQUE Payment Must Be Enclosed. (Please write child's name on back of cheque).

I acknowledge and accept that Luton Town FC, their football in the community scheme or the organisations providing the facilities and their respective agents, servants and employees, are not under liability whatsoever in respect of personal injury, loss or damage however caused whilst in attendance on the above course. Additionally I authorise the coaches employed by Luton Town Football in the Community to administer First Aid Treatment should it be required.

If you are unwilling for your child's photo to be used in our publicity please tick box. ☐

Signed (Parent Guardian) _____ Course Ref You Are Booking: _____

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I WOULD like to congratulate Dunstable Colts under-13s, who under the guidance of John Ellingham were chosen as the January 2004 winners of the youth football fair play award, an initiative of the Beds FA and Luton Town FC under the 'Back The Ref' banner.

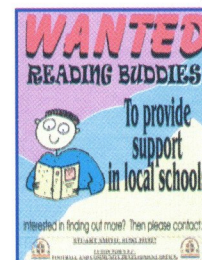
They were presented with their award on the pitch before Saturday's game against Colchester, when the club provided them with tickets as part of their prize. Our picture shows December winners Bushmead Wanderers under-11s receiving their award.



Reading Buddies Wanted

We are now looking for volunteers to become 'Reading Buddies'. If you feel that you are able to assist us with our reading programme which aims to provide vital help in areas where parents are unable to provide additional support for their children, maybe through lack of literacy or language skills, please call me on 01582 391927.

After that all you have to do is attend a training session, which lasts approximately one and a half hour's at which you would also be asked to complete a CRB Disclosure (this is a police clearance which is required for anyone who works with children). You will also be required to complete a Child Protection course, which will take 3 hours over one evening. Then you would need to be able to give up an hour or two a week to go into a local



school and work alongside children to improve their reading skills- in one hour 4 children could receive 15 minutes of one - to -one help which could make a real difference to their enjoyment of reading.

Competition Time

This is an item of interest to all children between five and 15. To coincide with our half term holiday coaching courses, we are running a competition to give away two places completely free of charge, worth £50, on our three-day course at Barnfield College. This course runs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, starting on February 16, and includes structured coaching from our FA and UEFA qualified Coaches. Subject to availability the price also includes one free child's ticket for a Luton Town home game of your choice, and one for an adult, at the discounted price of £8. Children also receive LTFC course certificates presented by a Town player and there are medals for player of the week, the most improved player and a skills challenge award. To enter answer the following question: Who is leading scorer in our first team squad?

Post your answer to: Stuart Smith.

Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium
1 Maple Rd, Luton Beds LU4 8AW.

Please include your name, age and address.

February Half Term Soccer Courses.

On the facing page are details of the courses we are running over the February half term. We are bringing in a new idea, a 'World Cup Day' which involves a tournament day based on mini soccer tournaments and team competitions. Why not give it a try?
To book on any of the courses ring the Community Office on 01582 391927.

REMEMBER LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY COURSES ARE THE ONLY ONES WHERE YOU GET TO MEET THE LUTON TOWN PLAYERS

Stuart Smith



To contact the Community Department call
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Golden Gamble Breaks Record

PRINTING deadlines prevent us from showing you Saturday's Golden Gamble winner, but we can be pretty certain that at last one Town fan went home feeling happy. A few hundred quid is always welcome, after all, and that is what is on offer again this evening in our 50/50 lottery. At the Tranmere game the Golden Gamble paid out a record £895 to Lee Archer, of Flitwick. And that was for a stake of just £1, the price of each Golden Gamble ticket. Before Saturday's match, the average



pay-out was £650, to 16 winners who between them collected £10,395 in ready cash.

The prize depends on ticket sales: out of each £1 staked, half goes to the jackpot fund and the other half to Luton Town FC, so your support is very much appreciated.

Golden Gamble sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground again this evening, and as usual the draw will be made at half-time, and the prize, in cash, will be available there and then. You've got to be in it to win it!

Hatters Away

THE TOWN face a testing spell over the next couple of weeks, with three away games in the next four fixtures, starting with Saturday's trip to meet struggling Wycombe. We then have the home game with Brentford a week later, followed by a midweek trip to Grimsby before rounding off February with a match at Peterborough.

Coach services to take fans to all the away games will be operating as usual, thanks to the efforts of Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club.

We hope to see history repeated at Wycombe – it will be the Town's seventh visit to a ground where they

have never lost – it's four wins and two draws so far. For Saturday's game 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.

Town on Tour will set off from Leighton Buzzard at 11.45am and depart from Maple Road at 12.30. Fares are £10 for adult members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £9 for junior and senior citizen members, and £12 for others.

Quick And Easy By Car

MOTORWAY connections make Wycombe a local derby, and you can get there in about an hour from Luton. It might take longer coming home – there is only one road out of the stadium.

Leave town on the M1 going south, and then take the M25 west, towards Heathrow. Leave M25 at junction 16, to join the M40, taking care to head west, signposted towards Birmingham. 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.

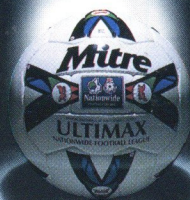
BOOKINGS for away games travel can be made at the LTSC or Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after home games. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose service includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the 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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Show Time Picks Up The Points

Luton Town 1 Colchester Utd 0

THE BEST touch of class in the whole of the 90 minutes gave the Town a vital victory to keep them well in the race for the play-offs, making tonight's game crucial for both sides.

Enoch Showunmi, the 21-year-old Londoner who had never played at any level higher than Saturday afternoon parks football, stole the show with a sublime finish, converting a difficult chance after he had spurned far easier ones.

As Mike Newell says, he is still a raw talent, but the crowd have taken to him for his obvious enjoyment of the game, and his huge determination to do well.

His 52nd-minute match-winner came as he collected a short pass by Peter Holmes, then turned and shot in one smooth movement to send the ball whipping into the bottom corner of the net.

It left Colchester boss Phil Parkinson moaning that if his strikers had done anything like it they would have had the game won by half-time.

After an enforced week off from competitive football, the Town had the luxury of a stronger squad than has been available for some time. Matt Spring returned from injury and Steve Robinson and Steve Howard were back after suspensions. Kevin Nicholls, who made his comeback against Tranmere, played wide right of midfield, but for most of the first 45 minutes Colchester held the upper hand.

But Craig Fagan, whose pace could have made him man of the match, wasted two decent chances, including shooting against a post when it looked easier to score in the sixth minute. Later he put a free header wide, and Kem Izzet hit the bar with a header.

For the Town, Howard headed wide from a Nicholls cross and Showunmi delivered an angled

ball in which clipped the top of the bar.

But after being on the back foot for so much of the first half, the Town had the better of the second. Debut goalkeeper Morten Hyldgaard kept a welcome clean sheet as it became clear that one goal was probably going to be enough.

Showunmi got it, his first in the league – the other a cracker in the LDV at Rushden – to send the fans home happy.

The visitors made substitutions to play four up front for the last 25 minutes, but the Town defence, with Chris Coyne superb again, was rarely in trouble.

Colchester manager Parkinson was pleased with the way his side played, apparently with no thoughts about two big games coming up – tonight they entertain Southend in the first leg of the southern area final of the LDV, and on Saturday they go to Sheffield United to seek a place in the last eight of the FA Cup.

"We did everything, except put the ball in the net," he said. "We should have been two up at half-time, and if we had been the game would have been over. But credit to Luton – they did better in the second half, and got the all-important goal."

Mick Harford did not disagree. "The points were well earned, although we haven't played particularly well, especially in the first half," he said. "But we have ground out a result, and we were delighted with the effort the players put in."

"Before the game we reminded the players that this was the first of two important matches, and we needed to get the points to keep ourselves in the play-off frame. So we are delighted with their efforts and the clean sheet – I would settle for 1-0 every game!"

Match Details

TOWN: Hyldgaard; Foley, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Nicholls, Robinson, Spring, Holmes; Showunmi (Crowe 84 mins), Howard. Unused subs: Brkovic, Leary, Davies, Brill.

BOOKED: Steve Howard.

COLCHESTER: Brown; Stockley (McGleish 65 mins), White, Chilvers, Tierney; Duguid, Izzet (Cade 82 mins), Pinault (Andrews 65 mins), Keith; Fagan, Vine. Unused subs: Halford, McKinney.

BOOKED: Rowan Vine.

REFEREE: Eddie Ilderton, Newcastle on Tyne.

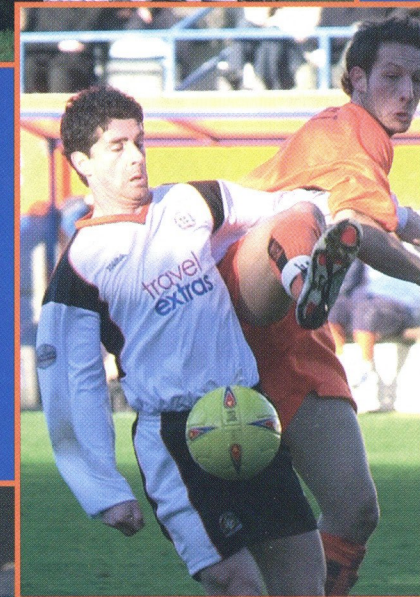
ATTENDANCE: 5,662, including 367 away fans.



ONE THAT GOT AWAY: Enoch Showunmi, Peter Holmes and Steve Howard in an incident early in the second half when the Colchester goal had a miraculous escape, with Showunmi and Holmes both unable to put the final touch to a cross by Steve Robinson.

RIGHT: Going in where it might hurt is Steve Robinson, facing a challenge from visiting skipper Carl Duguid.

BELOW: The winner on its way as Showunmi shoots the decisive goal, with former Town man Alan White powerless to intervene.



Hatters Pic of the Week



HAPPY HATTERS: Sol Davis and Emmerson Boyce greet match-winner Enoch Showunmi at the end of Saturday's game against Colchester. The big striker was substituted late on, but had already settled the game with his first goal in The Football League.



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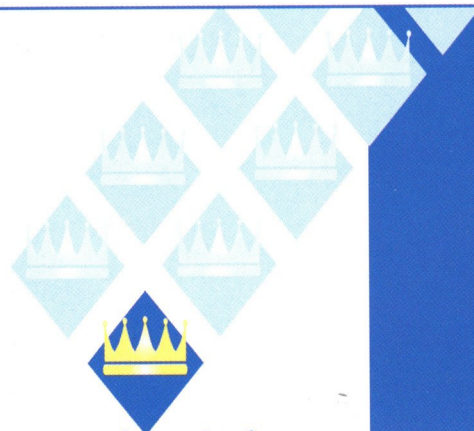


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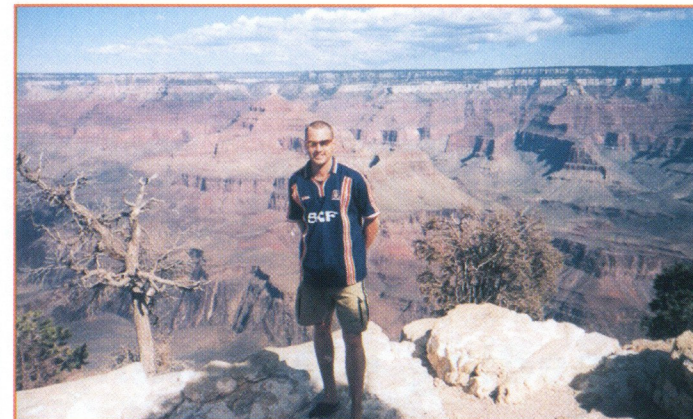
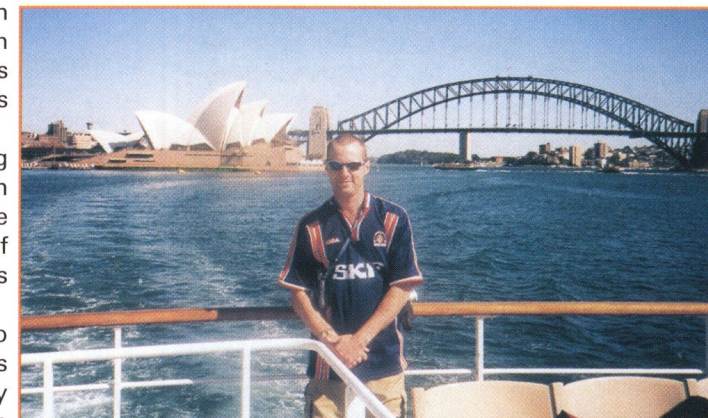
WE WERE spoilt for choice when Town fan Tony Allbones, from Kempston, got in touch with his contributions to our Hatters Abroad page.

Not content with just going abroad, he and his Luton Town strip have been right round the globe, and we have used three of the pictures he offered from his trip of a lifetime.

"I hope you can print these to show all the other Hatters fans that wherever in the world they go, they're never far from Luton Town FC!" he said.

"Obviously my first port of call on arrival in Sydney was the harbour, a really glorious setting. Most of the Aussie folks were trying to work out which Premiership club I supported.

"After venturing through Fiji and New Zealand, the Grand Canyon, Nevada, was next, the most awe-inspiring setting you could think of. I came home via New York, and my Luton Town strip made its appearance in Central Park. Circumnavigating the globe meant that the Hatters colours were well and truly paraded, across all the continents."



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

A PAIR of match tickets will be won by a lucky supporter this evening. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go in our Town Teaser competition. On Saturday, for the Colchester game, we asked which Luton Town player got special enjoyment out of our game at Layer Road last season, and why? The answer was Steve Howard, who bagged a hat-trick in our 5-0 win. We go back a little further in time this evening.

TONIGHT'S QUESTION

DANISH goalkeeper Morten Hyldgaard has just signed for the Town. Who was his fellow countryman who was the Town's leading scorer in season 1990/91?

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Around The Town

A TOP Fleet Street sports journalist, and Luton Town fan for more than 60 years, Roy Bentley has died at the age of 77, and the club sends its condolences to his family.

Brought up in St. Albans, Roy first came to Kenilworth Road just before the last war with his father, and the love of Luton Town stayed with him for the rest of his life. Fans who travelled on the charter trains to away games, in Harry Haslam's day, may remember Roy as being a regular. He and Happy Harry were kindred spirits, and occasionally Roy was known to take over from Harry to deliver "team talks" on long journeys.

Starting as an apprentice journalist on the Herts Advertiser at St. Albans, Roy worked for many of the national and Sunday papers, and had the distinction of being one of the last men to complete 50 years in journalism.

That included 20 years as sports news editor of The Sun, during which time he covered just about every Luton Town game. His duties included deciding which sports reporter should attend which match, and the first line on the duty roster every time ensured that the name Bentley appeared against the Town's fixtures.

The highlights, of course, included the Second Division promotion season, the Maine Road showdown 12 months later, and the Littlewoods Cup final of 1988. He rarely missed a match, nor indeed, a non-match – he was one of those who made it to Liverpool on the occasion in the 1986/87 season when the Town team were snowed in at Heathrow. That was in the FA Cup third round, and Liverpool's then manager Kenny Dalglish was furious, mainly because his club had already bought the meat pies.

Roy wrote a short critical piece in the Sun, and took considerable delight a week or two later when the teams met for the third time to settle the tie. Liverpool were seen off 3-0, with goals by Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Mike Newell. As a journalist and as a man who was always cheerful, Roy was a popular figure throughout Kenilworth Road. A succession of chairmen made him welcome in the boardroom, but he was just as happy talking football with his col-



leagues and friends in the Press bar. When he gave up his full-time job on The Sun he received generous gifts from his employer and his workmates. The Town issued him with a Press ticket for life, which delighted him even more than all the other presents. It was an honour that meant much to him, and which was utilised regularly until ill health kept him away in the last few months.

Roy ended his career as a part-time pools writer for The Sun, and no-one was in any doubt about his football allegiances. If the Town were at home, the forecast was always a Luton win. Quite often he put them down as winners at away games as well. Just occasionally he would forecast an away draw.

His sunny personality, deep knowledge of football in general and Luton Town in particular, made Roy a popular figure in just about every Pressbox up and down the land.

For many years he travelled to away games with our programme editor, who paid his own personal tribute to a remarkable man at the funeral service. The church at Wheathampstead was packed, with newspaper people honouring a highly professional journalist, and Luton Town folk remembering also his unflinching support for the club, in every division of the Football League, for well over half a century.

Brian Swain

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

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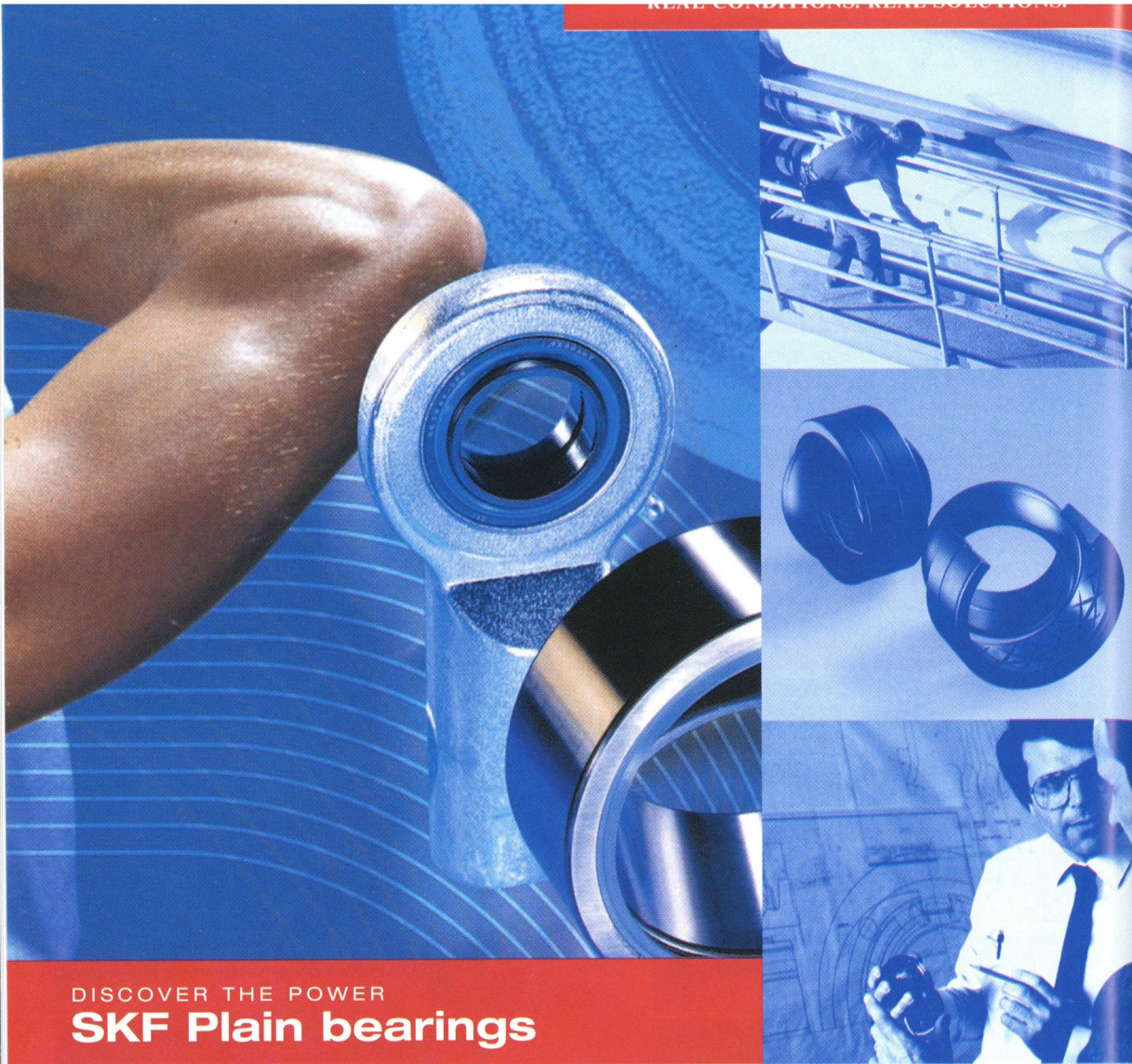
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Around The Town: Namesakes Meet

READING the match programme eight years ago caused Town fan Geoff Spring "a bit of a double take." He was the father of two boys, the youngest called Matthew, and an article that caught his eye was about the reserves, and another Matthew Spring.

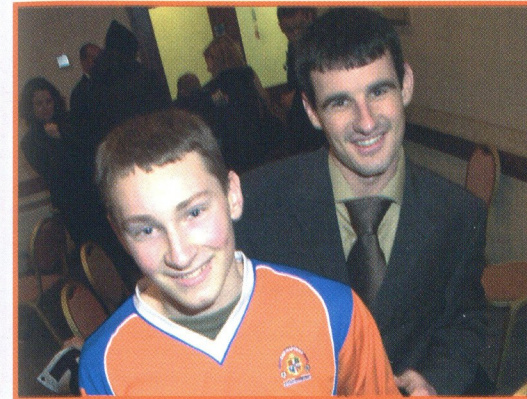
On Saturday, the two Matt Springs finally met, with the 15-year-old delighted to have the chance

to chat to his namesake.

"It was amazing, and we got on very well," said the schoolboy Matt Spring, who lives at Sherington, Buckinghamshire. "I have always liked him as a player, and now I know he is a nice man as well."

Geoff Spring said: "I have been following the Town since the late sixties, just after Malcolm Macdonald left.

"I remember a day in 1996 when we came as a family to watch Luton play Peterborough. We won 3-0 and at half time I was reading the reserves page and saw that Luton had a young player called Matt Spring, the same as my youngest son. It was a real double-take moment." The Spring family watch Town games from the Main Stand, and a few weeks ago Mr Spring sent an e-mail to the club asking if it might be possible for his son to meet the Town midfielder. Cherry Newbery organised it, and as a souvenir club photographer Gareth Owen snapped the moment when the two Matt Springs met in the Eric Morecambe Suite after Saturday's game.



Luton Town are pleased to announce that a VIP day out to Wycombe's Causeway Stadium has been arranged for Saturday 14th February.

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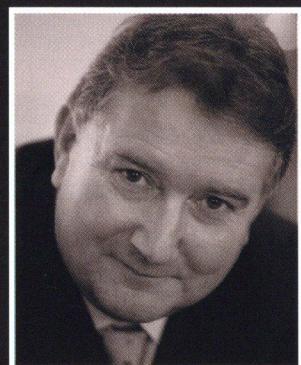
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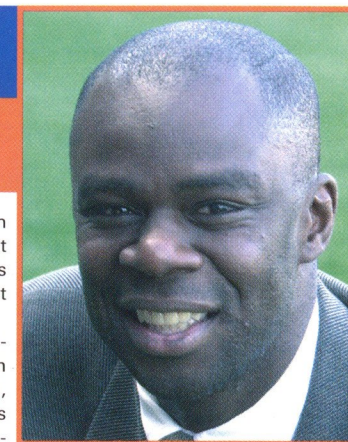
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Youth Soccer: The under-19s



WE WERE due to complete our fixtures in the Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference on Saturday. But it was all an anti-climax, because we went into the game at Kidderminster knowing the result made no difference to our finishing place in the league.

The reason was that postponements had extended the Conference for us and Cambridge United, and as was reported in this column on Saturday we had to hope that Cambridge were beaten at Northampton. We would then overtake them to finish third in the table if we could beat Kidderminster.

Cambridge had every incentive to do well at Northampton, because they were chasing runners-up honours, and duly achieved it with a 6-1 win to edge West Brom into third place.

Printing deadlines prevent us reporting our result on Saturday, but whatever it was, we finished fourth in the table, and as a result have gone into Division Two of the

Southern Section for our Merit Division games which begin next week.

We have to be pretty happy with fourth place, because the club's off-the-field difficulties percolate all the way down. Because of injuries and the transfer embargo the youth team has regularly been asked to provide players for the first team squad - check the number of under-19s who have figured regularly on the substitutes' bench in the Second Division.

That in turn has meant that boys in Mark Ridgway's under-17 squad have often been promoted to our team, with the under-17s relying heavily on schoolboys.

The old cliché is that we are here to develop players more than to win medals, and we have had to do that at Luton Town, so far with pretty good results.

We are now starting our Merit Division fixtures, and they should all be close games, because the leagues have been formed on the basis of Conference results - the top three from each of three Conferences formed Merit Division One, with the next three in our division.

As usual our home games will be played at Luton Rugby Club, at Newlands Road, Farley Hill, with kick-off at 11am. Spectators will be very welcome. Our Merit Division fixture list is printed alongside, and we will have full reports in match programmes.

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
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January

10	Cambridge	H	0-1	
17	Rushden	A	1-1	Green

February

7	Kidderminster	A		
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Merit Division S. Section Div II

February

14	Portsmouth	A		
28	Swansea	H		

March

13	Swindon	A		
27	Oxford Utd	H		

April

10	Torquay	H		
17	Brentford	A		
24	Cheltenham	H		

Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
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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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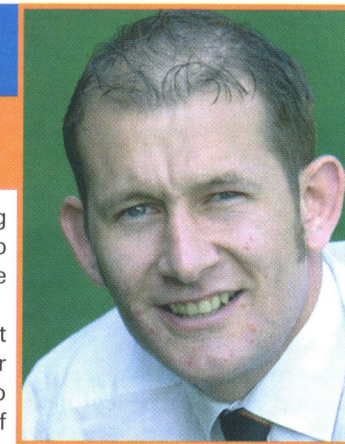
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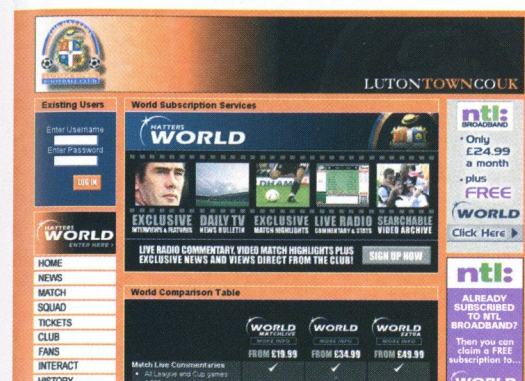


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Chris Rivett



The performance of club's official websites are monitored across the Premium TV network every three months. December marked the end of our second quarter this season, and the total revenue that the Hatters made during this period saw us ranked 25th in the country and top of Division Two.

We are already up on this time last year, and the Club has made more money through www.lutontown.co.uk in recent months than the likes of many First Division sides including Derby County, Preston North End, Walsall and Wigan Athletic.

The bottom line figure comes from profit made through a variety of disciplines. There are thirteen in total, with the main ones being the text alert service, the audio subscription site and the betting portal.

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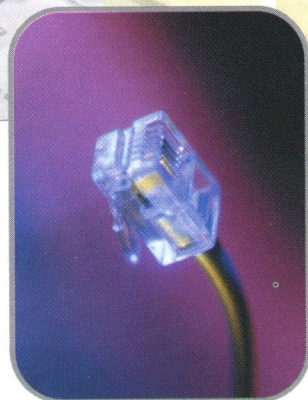
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Luton Belles Are National Winners

WITH all the squads inactive last weekend, this is a good opportunity to take a slightly belated look back at the most successful year in the history of Luton Town Belles.

It brought many trophies on the field, but perhaps the most significant awards came from the Football Association. The club is a Charter Standard Club, and was pleased to be nominated by Bedfordshire FA as the County CS Club of the Year. That was quickly followed by the Regional East of England CS award and we were then considered for the National award. There were over 950 similar clubs in England, and we were very honoured to be invited to Old Trafford to be presented with the National Charter Standard Club of the Year award for 2003.

The presentation took place during the interval of the England match, and was made by Sir Geoff Hurst, FA Chief Executive Mark Palios and National Game Manager Steve Parkin.

The senior squad have performed admirably, losing just two league matches during the year

and narrowly missing out on promotion as losing play-off finalists. They also narrowly lost the Four-County Final to a higher-placed team and again reached the first round proper of the FA Cup before narrowly being eliminated. All this for a team that still has an average age of around 17. The ladies have learned quickly, bouncing back from earlier experiences, and are now just two wins away from promotion to the Southern Region Premier League.

Belles' long-term youth policy is also paying dividends. Last season's under-14s strung together 18 consecutive wins to carry off the Hertfordshire Girls League championship and they are again in the running for honours this season. Already this group is providing players for the senior squad, and the two squads are expected to combine next season to form first and reserve teams.

Honours came thick and fast with the younger sides. The under-12s rampaged to the CJS League and Cup double, with 26 consecutive wins. Incredibly, their run has continued into the Hertfordshire League, where another run of 13 wins in succession has extended the club record.

Belles under-11s were the major trophy winners in 2003, becoming the first to complete the treble. Having run away with the league title by 12 points over nearest rivals Watford, they also won both cup competitions and many friends with their open attacking football.

The future looks very bright for the young Belles. The new under-12 squads are enjoying great and the under-10s are already looking a formidable outfit as they sweep all before them. If you are aged from 7 upwards and are interested in joining Luton Town Belles then simply make contact via the details listed below.



PRIZEWINNERS: The awards presentation at Old Trafford

Dave Baker

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

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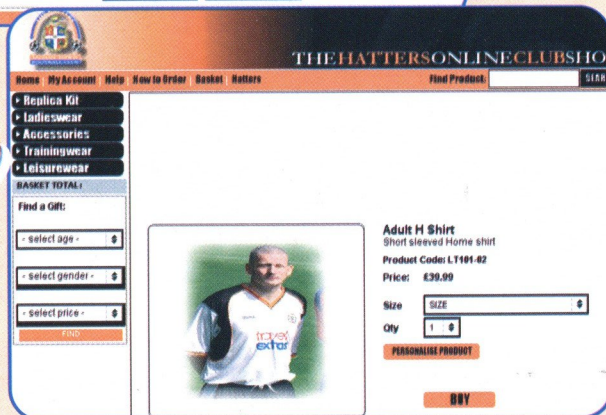
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ALTHOUGH it is an evening game, there will probably be quite a lot of Junior Hatters in the crowd tonight, so it might be worth reminding them that time is running out if they want to go on our trip to Wycombe on Saturday. The Wanderers are unable to offer us entertainment facilities, so we will not be leaving Maple Road until 12.30. The price is £12 for Junior Hatters and £20 for adults, and that includes a match ticket as well as the

seat on the coach. Bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by phone to the Community Department, which is also Junior Hatters headquarters, on Luton 391927.

We do not have official mascots for evening games, but this evening we would like to say thank-you to 12-year-old James Dickinson, of Tameton Close, Luton, who did the honours at the FA Cup-tie with Tranmere.

As you might recall the choice of mascot for that match was made from the youngsters who attended our Cup Special Saturday Club that day, so the selection was made too late for details of the mascot to be published in that day's programme.

James really enjoyed the experience, and our picture shows him meeting one of his favourite players, Emmerson Boyce. His other favourite is Steve Howard.

James goes to Wigmore Primary School, and



VIP VISITORS: Mascots enjoy a close-up view of the players and the pre-match rituals, and this was the scene before the Tranmere match when one lad representing the visitors and our own James Dickinson joined the skippers and match officials for the toss of the coin.

plays football for Luton Borough Dragons youth team. He also likes swimming.

Our next home game is a week on Saturday, against Brentford, and as usual our Saturday Club will be open for all Junior Hatters. It starts at 12 noon, with plenty of entertainment, and a sausage and chips lunch. The price is only £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket. You can book a place any time up until 12 noon on the day before the match.

Happy Harry

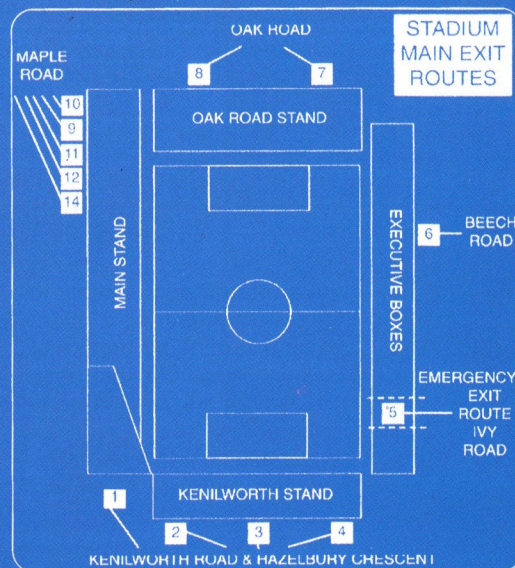
JUNIOR Hatters membership is open to boys and girls aged from 0 to 16 who support Luton Town. There are lots of advantages, including the Saturday Club, organised trips to away games, and the chance to be a mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list. For more information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

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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	8	2	4	1	1
Bristol City	9	3	1	1	1
Brighton	5	5	2	1	0
Port Vale	8	2	2	1	0
Swindon	7	5	0	1	0
Wrexham	9	3	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
Luton	6	5	0	0	0
Bournemouth	9	0	1	0	0
Colchester	8	2	0	0	0
Brentford	7	1	0	1	0
Oldham	4	1	2	0	1
Sheff Wed	5	2	1	0	0
Tranmere	7	0	1	0	0
Grimsby	2	4	0	1	0
Chesterfield	4	2	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	0	3	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	0.68	17	3	5
Scott Taylor	16	0.53	17	3	6
Tommy Mooney	14	0.47	12	4	7
Lee Peacock	12	0.48	12	3	7
Wayne Andrews	10	0.37	11	4	6
Steve McPhee	15	0.52	10	3	6
Warren Feeney	9	0.33	10	4	2
Kevin Betsy	9	0.30	10	1	3
Michael Boulding	12	0.44	9	4	4
Kevin Gallen	12	0.41	8	3	6
Aaron Wilbraham	7	0.26	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	30	487	16.23
Tranmere	29	429	14.79
Barnsley	30	419	13.97
Notts County	30	409	13.63
Colchester	29	380	13.10
Brighton	29	375	12.93
Plymouth	30	388	12.93
Wycombe	30	386	12.87
Luton	27	347	12.85
Brentford	30	385	12.83
Bristol City	29	372	12.83

OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Wycombe	30	96	3.20
Wrexham	29	96	3.31
Tranmere	29	107	3.69
Swindon	30	94	3.13
Stockport	30	116	3.87
Sheff Wed	30	99	3.30
Rushden	29	142	4.90
QPR	30	102	3.40
Port Vale	29	69	2.38
Plymouth	30	92	3.07
Peterborough	30	133	4.43

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
	Friio	Plymouth	7
	Coughlan	Plymouth	5
	Mooney	Swindon	5
	Dadi	Tranmere	5
	Lawrence	Wrexham	5
	Hutchinson	Brentford	4
	Peacock	Bristol City	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
	Lita	Bristol City	3
	Boulding	Grimsby	3
	Friio	Plymouth	3
	Evans	Plymouth	3
	Mooney	Swindon	3
	Parkin	Swindon	3
	Taylor	Tranmere	3

Scoring Chances per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	8.47	6.20
Bristol City	6.93	5.21
Oldham	6.00	5.90
Swindon	6.27	5.10
QPR	6.13	5.13
Notts County	5.50	5.50
Wrexham	6.21	4.79
Bournemouth	5.62	5.34
Rushden	6.62	4.28
Peterborough	5.90	4.77
Luton	6.04	4.56
Colchester	5.31	5.28
Blackpool	6.13	4.43
Brighton	6.10	4.38
Barnsley	6.00	4.20
Grimsby	5.71	4.43
Tranmere	5.69	4.45
Port Vale	5.48	4.59
Hartlepool	5.34	4.24
Sheff Wed	4.90	4.47
Chesterfield	4.83	4.43
Stockport	4.77	4.33
Wycombe	4.67	4.07
Brentford	4.70	3.83

Scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Bristol City	15	43	35
Tranmere	10	33	30
Peterborough	10	35	29
Swindon	13	46	28
Grimsby	8	31	26
Chesterfield	7	29	24
Plymouth	15	65	23
Stockport	8	38	21
Colchester	6	29	21

Against	76-90	Total	%
Brentford	18	46	39
Sheff Wed	12	39	31
Brighton	9	31	29
Notts County	13	52	25
QPR	7	28	25
Peterborough	10	43	23
Chesterfield	10	46	22
Swindon	8	37	22
Rushden	10	47	21
Wycombe	11	52	21
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
Brentford	8	4	12
Bristol City	8	4	12
Hartlepool	5	7	12
Port Vale	6	6	12
Rushden	7	4	11
Brighton	6	4	10

Conceded from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Brentford	11	5	16
Wycombe	10	6	16
Chesterfield	8	5	13
Stockport	4	9	13
Bristol City	5	7	12
Bournemouth	5	6	11
Oldham	6	5	11
Colchester	4	6	10
Rushden	5	5	10

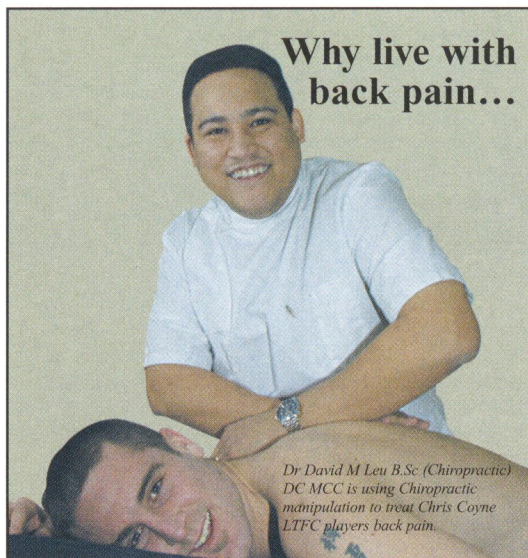
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Scene On Two: Crunch Time

THE stakes are high for both sides in tonight's match, with the Town seeking a win to go within a point of the play-off places, and Brighton needing a point to regain fifth place, or three to moved up to third.

They dropped a notch on Saturday when they were held to a draw away to the bottom club, Wycombe Wanderers, who entertain the Town on Saturday. Trevor Benjamin, on loan from Leicester, gave the Seagulls a lead they were unable to hang onto. Wanderers hit the woodwork twice and claimed they should have won the game. It was Brighton's fourth away draw of the season, and took their recent sequence to seven points out of the last nine.

Town fans who made the trip will remember how well Brighton played to win 2-0 in the bank holiday sunshine at the Withdean in August. That put Brighton into third place, and they have been in the top eight ever since. They were the league leaders for most of October, despite the departure of Steve Coppell to Reading. Experienced manager Mark McGhee, previously with Millwall, Wolves, Leicester and Reading, replaced him.

Leon Knight was the star of the show in August against the Town, shortly after being signed from Chelsea reserves, and leads the score-chart with 19

goals, including three penalties. Last month Trevor Benjamin was signed on loan from Leicester to partner the young striker, and Mr McGhee has been delighted with the way they have clicked, with Benjamin netting twice in two games.

While Plymouth and QPR have looked odds-on favourites for automatic promotion, the chasing pack received a little more encouragement on Saturday.

Plymouth were held 0-0 at home by Bournemouth to let QPR, winners at home to Notts County, close the gap to three points. But the Loftus Road men must be looking over their shoulders at Bristol City. Danny Wilson, manager of the month for the Second Division after guiding City to a 100 per cent record in January, refused to bow to the curse of the M-o-M and they made it eight wins on the trot with a 3-1 home win over Brentford. It leaves City two points behind QPR, but with a game in hand, away to Grimsby.

The battle at the other end of the table is just as tight, with Chesterfield suddenly finding form. They climbed out of the relegation zone for the first time since August in a six-pointer at Peterborough. Chesterfield's 2-0 win made it 10 points from the five games since they were stuffed 7-0 at Plymouth. The result shoved Peterborough back into the bottom four for the first time this year.

It means that after this evening, the Town's next four games are against clubs in the bottom five places, including a game in hand at Grimsby. But sights are set firmly on the upper levels of the table tonight, with the Town hoping to inflict the eighth away defeat of the season on their visitors. One little worry is that Brighton are due for an away win – they have not won on the road since late November.

Their away record shows three victories, four draws and seven defeats. The wins were 3-1 at Oldham on the first day of the season, 3-1 at Rushden in late September and 2-1 at Notts County in November. And Knight scored five of those eight goals. Draws were 3-3 at Plymouth, 0-0 at Hartlepool, 2-2 at Peterborough and 1-1 at Wycombe. The pointless trips were to Barnsley, Colchester, Bournemouth, Brentford, Tranmere, Swindon and QPR. It was a 4-0 thrashing at Griffin Park, but the other six defeats were all by one goal. Brighton's last six league results: Swindon A 1-2, Oldham H 0-0, Queens Park Rangers A 1-2, Barnsley H 1-0, Plymouth H 2-1, Wycombe A 1-1.

Nationwide League Division Two																
	HOME					AWAY					GD		Pts			
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A						
Plymouth	30	10	4	1	38 10	7	5	3	27	17	38	60				
QPR	30	12	3	0	34 6	4	6	5	20	22	26	57				
Bristol City	29	10	4	1	27 8	5	6	3	16	14	21	55				
Swindon	30	8	4	3	29 17	5	5	5	17	20	9	48				
Barnsley	30	6	8	1	21 12	6	3	6	19	22	6	47				
Brighton	29	10	3	2	26 10	3	4	7	16	21	11	46				
Port Vale	29	10	3	2	33 21	3	3	8	14	21	5	45				
Wrexham	29	5	5	5	16 12	8	0	6	19	18	5	44				
Hartlepool	29	6	6	2	21 8	5	4	6	24	28	9	43				
Luton Town	27	9	3	2	26 14	2	6	5	16 25	3	42					
Bournemouth	29	7	5	2	21 15	3	5	7	12	18	0	40				
Rushden	29	7	4	3	30 19	4	2	9	19	28	2	39				
Blackpool	30	6	2	7	19 18	5	4	6	18	25	-6	39				
Colchester	29	6	6	2	17 13	4	2	9	12	24	-8	38				
Tranmere	29	7	6	2	21 14	1	7	6	12	26	-7	37				
Oldham	30	7	3	5	25 17	1	9	5	21	28	1	36				
Sheff Wed	30	3	8	4	17 17	5	4	6	17	22	-5	36				
Brentford	30	6	2	7	22 36	3	4	8	10	20	-14	33				
Chesterfield	30	5	6	4	22 19	2	4	9	7	27	-17	31				
Grimsby	28	4	4	5	19 15	3	5	7	12	34	-16	30				
Peterborough	30	2	6	7	21 24	4	5	6	14	19	-8	29				
Stockport	30	2	6	7	18 25	3	7	5	20	24	-11	28				
Notts County	30	3	5	7	18 20	3	2	10	12	32	-22	25				
Wycombe	30	4	3	8	21 25	0	7	8	11	27	-20	22				

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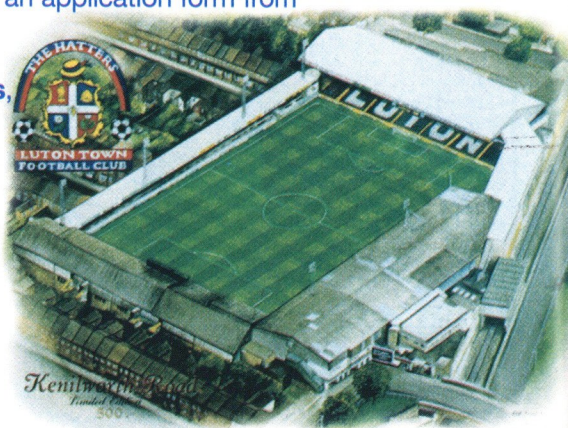
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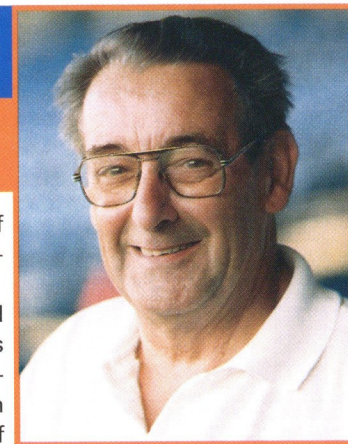
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Around The Town - By The Editor



THE Town came through Saturday's game with no more injury worries, and with Adrian Forbes getting close to a return to fitness. There is even a possibility that he could figure in tonight's game, although Mike Newell stressed that he would not take any risk of bringing the leading scorer back too quickly.

Forbes has been out since a training ground injury to his knee just over three weeks ago. A scan suggested that there it was not a serious problem, and could be cured by treatment and exercise. He has resumed training, and the boss said: "There is a possibility, but no more, that he will be able to figure against Brighton. But we will have to be 100 per cent sure that he is completely OK."

Meanwhile Forbes has received a tonic with the news that he has been voted Second Division player of the month for January by fans from all over the country. It is an official PFA award, with supporters casting votes via the PFA's website www.givemefootball.com

Announcing the result, the PFA said: "Adrian Forbes has become a firm favourite with his followers as Luton stake their claim for a promotion place. His two superbly-taken goals in the FA Cup against Bradford shot him even further up the popularity stakes at Kenilworth Road." While no-one doubts the importance of Forbes to the Town's ambitions, the manager's pool of players is improving. Kevin Nicholls has now played two games without adverse reaction after his long lay-off, and Matthew Spring was back to help the Town beat Colchester after being out for a month.

Three other long-term absentees are also back in training: Paul Hughes, Ian Hillier and Alan Neilson, leaving Rob Beckwith, David Bayliss and Russ Perrett as the only three still confined to the treatment room.

Mick Cheers Striking Success

SATURDAY'S stunning goal by Enoch Showunmi has confirmed his status as a cult hero with fans, and Mick Harford, no mean striker himself, is one of those who appreciated

the quality of the match-winner.

The 21-year-old Londoner is waiting patiently for the Town to come out of administration

so that he can be offered a contract. At present he plays without pay and for expenses only. He had never played at professional level until he made a somewhat chequered debut at Plymouth in September, but has improved dramatically since then, thanks to full-time training.

Mick Harford felt for Showunmi on Saturday when he missed "chances you dream about" before smashing in the winner with a left-foot shot on the turn. "He is improving all the time and we are delighted for him. He wants to learn, and works really hard. He has a great appetite for the game and we are more than happy with him. We hope he keeps improving and goes on to be a very good player."

That, naturally, is Showunmi's ambition. He completed his business studies degree at the University of London before considering his football ambitions. He was playing Saturday afternoon parks football for a local team at Willesden when he was recommended to the Town.

He came on trial at the start of the season, and has been here ever since, determined to make the best of the opportunity that has been given to him.

Playing for no wages is no problem to him – "I am single, with no kids, and living at home with my mum and dad, so we manage," he said. "I like being here, and am enjoying myself, and I hope the club will offer me a contract when it is possible."

Brian Swain

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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																					
Sat 23 Aug	GRIMSBY TOWN	D1 Team	H	L	1-2	5,827	7	G Cain	1/2	0/0																					
Mon 25 Aug	Brighton & Hove Albion	D1 Team	A	L	0-2	6,604	12	P Crossley	3/1	1/0																					
Sat 30 Aug	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	D3 Team	H	W	3-2	5,515	6	B Curson	2/1	0/0																					
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	Stenage 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	BARNLEY	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	W	1-0	5,662	10	E Iderton	1/1	0/0																					
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	Grimsbey 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	Chesterfield	L 1-2	A	3:00pm			D2																								
TBA	Hartlepool United	D3 Team	A				D2																								
Penalties												Attendance Statistics																			
5 (5)scored 2 (Missed) = 71% Success												(All Competitions)																			
23 Aug K.Nicholls (S); 1 Oct G.McSheffrey (S)												Highest Home										8,767									
4 Nov M.Leary (S); 18 Nov A.Forbes (S)												Average Home										5,944									
6 Dec S.Robinson (S); 6 Dec S.Robinson (M)												Lowest Home										3,667									
3 Jan A.Forbes (M)												Highest Away										21,027									
												Average Away										6,613									
												Lowest Away										1,551									
												Key																			
												X Substituted 1 Goal																			
												SUS Suspended																			
												Started Match										15	4	0	17	1	7	35	32	7	25
												Substitute (Used)										0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
												Total 2003/2004 Apps										15	5	0	17	1	8	35	32	7	28
												Total 2003/2004 Goals										0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0
												Substitute (Unused)										2	32	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	2
												Single Yellow Card										1	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	4	6
												First YC leading to RC										0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
												Second YC = RC										0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
												Straight Red Card										1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
												Total LTFC Career Apps										19	5	67	17	1	46	110	195	39	66
												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									

Red Card rescinded following appeal

Luton Town FC Statistics Chart designed and updated by David Newman

2003-2004 Statistics & Fixtures

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Tonight's Squads



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Manager: Mike Newell

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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"/>
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23	Ian HILLIER	<input type="checkbox"/>
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32	Lee MANSELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
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38	Michael LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
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43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Manager: Mark McGhee

1	Michel KUIPERS <i>STUARTS SERIES</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Paul WATSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Kerry MAYO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Danny CULLIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Dean BLACKWELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tonight's Officials

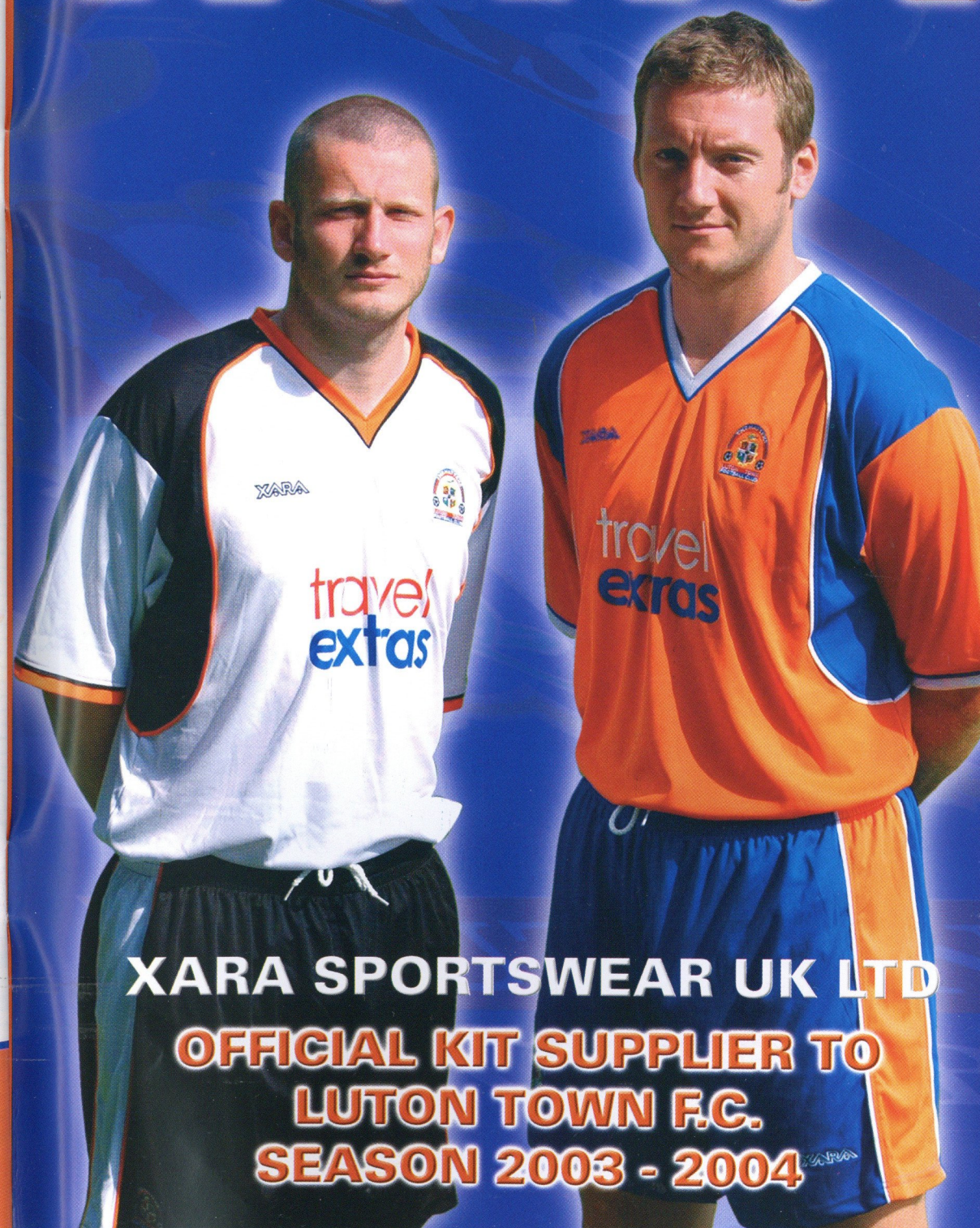
Referee: Trevor Parkes, Birmingham

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Steve Rubery, Essex (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Mark Scholes, Buckinghamshire

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