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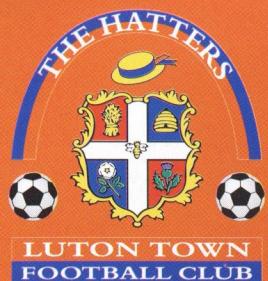
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## The Manager's Message

HELLO and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Blackpool. Welcome also to Steve McMahon and Mark Seagraves and the players, staff, directors and supporters from Bloomfield Road.

Steve and Mark are good friends of mine and Blackpool was my last club before retirement. The people there were great to me, and although I didn't play as many games as I would have liked because of injury, I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

Blackpool have had a mixed season so far, with another cup final appearance at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium awaiting – their third trip in four years – and on their day they can beat anyone. They play the game in the right manner, but as the old saying goes 'you have no mates in this game' so here's hoping we can complete the double over them.

The cancellation of the Bournemouth game, and the timing of it, was a bitter blow. When you are on a bit of a roll you just want to keep playing, and having got ourselves into a good position we were looking forward to cementing it. It was not to be, however, and we are

now playing c a t c h - u p again.

I know there will be people who travelled long distances and took time off work to get

here, and as a club we were desperately disappointed with the timing of the decision. It was out of our hands, unfortunately, but one thing that shocked me was the referee's statement that it was in the interest of the players' safety and the officials' safety. Quite what that meant I don't know. Common sense would prevail now and again, you would think. I don't know quite how games were played in the past. We seem to need the perfect pitch and a game with no tackles or good old-fashioned competitiveness. The slightest touch now, or misplaced word, is penalised. It is supposed to be a man's game, and if we are not careful we are going to end up playing a non-contact sport.

You will have read, no doubt, that Kevin Foley has signed a new contract on professional terms for two and a half years, which is great news for everybody concerned. We have been on at the league all season, and were certainly in danger of losing him at the end of the season.

His performances so far have merited the contract, and if he continues to improve we will have a top player on our hands.

As far as negotiating with the other lads who are out of contract, we are unfortunately non the wiser as to when we can start. Their patience and attitude has been commendable, and with their futures in the balance their performances have been first class. You might think that's a good thing, but uncertainty affects different players in different ways. Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell



OLD PALS MEET AGAIN: Marlon Beresford and Kevin Nicholls, former team-mates but on opposite sides at Barnsley a week ago.





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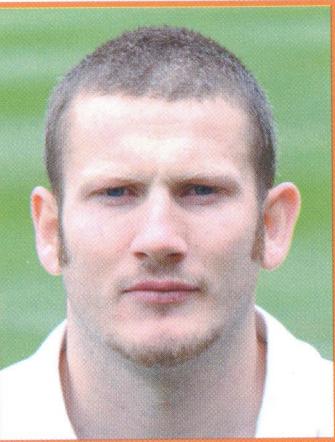
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## The Town Captain's View



IT HAS been frustration twice over for us in the last ten days or so, firstly with the Bournemouth match being postponed and then with the draw at Barnsley, a game we should have won. Even so, we are still on track for our play-off target, and pleased to be at home again this afternoon at the start of another run of important games.

It was a real anti-climax for everyone when the referee made his late decision to postpone the Bournemouth match. We were ready to play, up for it, and looking forward to the chance to put ourselves into the Second Division's top four.

But no blame attaches to the referee. The pitch was fine an hour and a half before kick-off. But then one corner became bone hard with the frost. It would have been dangerous for players, and it was not worth risking serious injury.

I suspect Bournemouth were not too bothered by the decision, because Warren Feeney, one of their best attackers, would have missed the game through injury. But we felt bitterly disappointed. We were on the back of a good win at Peterborough, and we are doing well at home this season. We owed Bournemouth one after our poor result at their place and we felt confident in our ability to do the job. We had warmed up, were changed and ready for kick-off, and if given the chance we would have played. I can't remember a game ever being called off right on kick-off time, although of course we suffered something a bit similar at Hartlepool when the decision was made an hour before the scheduled start time. My feeling on both occasions was that we could have started the game, to see how it went.

But the ref has to call it as he sees it. We felt sorry for the supporters of both teams. Those from Bournemouth must have taken time off work, and spent good money to get here. That's not to say that I have special feelings for away fans, but I recognise their value. Our away followings have been fantastic, and are appreciated, and at Kenilworth Road a good following at the Oak Road end adds to the atmosphere.

The only consolation is that although the postponement cost us our place in the top

six, we still have to play the game, and we will still fancy our chances of getting three points from it. We have a challenging run-in over the last couple of months of the season, with games still to come against all but one of the teams above us. We were reasonably pleased with our performance at Barnsley, but most unhappy with the result. At the end of the season we may look back on the game and be grateful for the point, but I came off the pitch feeling as though we had lost. We had so much possession and created so many chances that to get only a draw was a huge disappointment. It's encouraging to keep another clean sheet, and it was good to see the quality of our attacking play, except for the final finish. I suppose it was only to be expected that Marlon Beresford would have a blinder. He was named man of the match, and he deserved the award, but it proves how well we played. Fortunately,

Morten Hyldgaard proved that he too could make saves when he had to, without being called on as often as his opposite number.

If we can keep that attacking momentum going, we will be all right, and in the next few weeks the games will be coming thick and fast. After Blackpool, we face Port Vale, Plymouth and QPR in quick succession, so fasten your seat belts for the roller coaster ride towards promotion! Our team spirit is good, we are working really hard in training, and there is a terrific air of optimism about the place. We expect another hard game today, but with your help we can put three more points in the bag if we get going quickly, and add the finishing touch to the sort of play we produced a week ago.



*Kevin Nicholls*

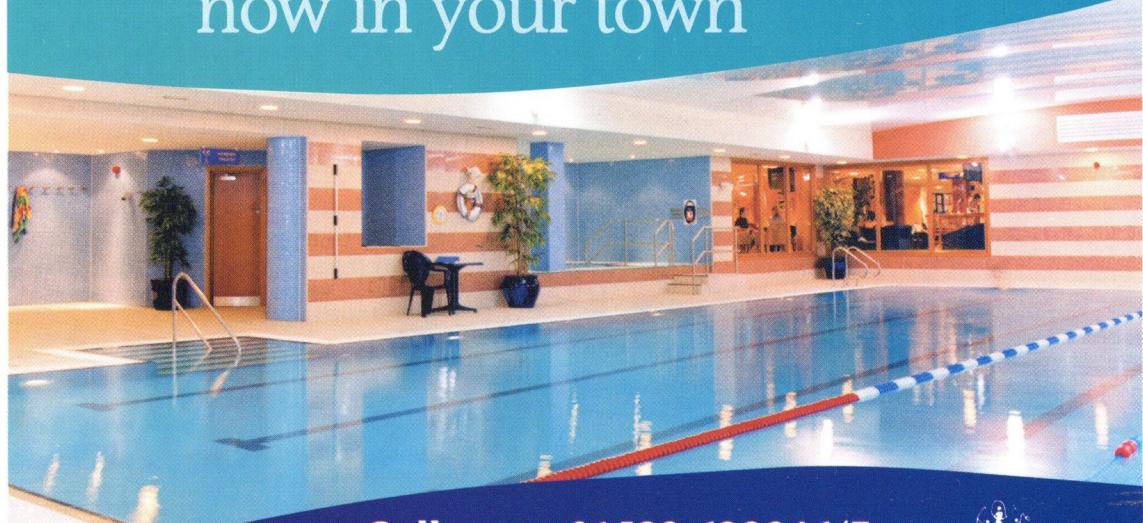
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## From The Chief Executive



Good afternoon, and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. Firstly today I must apologise to supporters for the very late postponement of the Bournemouth match on March 2. I was very surprised to be called down to the pitch at approximately 7.20pm to be advised of a problem with an area of the pitch on the corner nearest the New Stand, and that the referee had asked for it to be sanded.

I must assure supporters that had there been any inkling of a problem with the pitch I would not have allowed the turnstiles to open, and would certainly have put out a precautionary warning for all supporters. The referee had arrived at the ground at 4pm and inspected the pitch, with no problem being found or anticipated later on, with the weather forecast being good. The groundsman had four such forecasts, none indicating any problems.

The referee went out again at 6pm, and still there was no problem. It was not until the teams and officials were warming up that the problem became apparent.

As you know the sanding did not assist the situation and the referee – and it is his decision alone – decided to postpone the game just prior to kick-off.

This decision caught us all unawares, as we had expected to play: there was no hard chill in the air and no frost on cars, but the area under the New Stand had certainly become frozen, as those of us who went onto the pitch could see.

There are lessons to be learned from this late postponement, including the difficulty in getting the message out to stewards so they can convey the reasons for the postponement to supporters. I also understand from supporters that the Tannoy message from the control room, which is part of the contingency plan, was not clear and the apology message to all supporters was not heard. Again, apologies to supporters for this, and the system has already been improved although obviously I hope we never face a Bournemouth situation

again! The date for the re-arranged match is now confirmed as Tuesday April 20, kick-off 7.45pm, with tickets issued

for the original date being valid, even if the stub was removed at the game. If however, you are unable to attend on the new date, you can obtain a full refund by either presenting or sending your ticket to the ticket office, providing it is submitted before the match is played. Season ticket holders should produce Voucher 0 for this match.

I am delighted to welcome the Dookinella Memorial Pipe Band here today. They are in Luton for the St Patrick's Day celebrations, and are sponsored by the Luton Irish Forum. My thanks to Pat Leonard for all his help in arranging today's visit.

I was not surprised that Mike Newell received the Nationwide Manager of the Month award for February. Together with his staff and players he has done a fantastic job. Who would have thought we would be where we are today in those dark days of the summer?! It was a pleasure to attend the award lunch, together with colleagues from The Football League and Nationwide Building Society. A special mention is due to John Baker from Nationwide, who has supported the club throughout the sponsorship period, and I hope his relationship with the club will continue despite Nationwide not being the League's major sponsors after this season.

Finally, the local branch of MENCAP are here today collecting for a very worthy cause, and I am sure you will all support them in your customary manner.

Enjoy the game, and see you again next Saturday.

*Cherry Newbery*

# Two Midweek Away Trips – Or Three?

THE Town have just two more midweek away games in the regular season, the first Tuesday's six-pointer at Port Vale. The postponed fixture at Hartlepool will be on April 6, but there could well be one more midweek game to be fixed up at the end of the season, in the play-offs.

What is certain is that two reliable coach services will be operating to take Town fans to the games, and if you are quick you might find seats still available for Tuesday's match at Vale Park.

The Bobbers Travel Club will set off from Cranfield at 2.30, leaving Luton an hour later, and fares are £12.50 for adults and £10.50 for concessions.

Town on Tour, an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club, will leave Leighton at 2.40pm, Houghton Regis at 3, Luton at 3.30 and Milton Keynes Coachway at 4pm. Fares are £14 for LTSC

members, £12 for junior and senior citizen members and £16 for others.

## DIY Travelling

THE DRIVE to Vale Park is straightforward and should take under three hours, but it depends on how the motorways are running. You can use the M6, with the option of its toll road, to head for Stoke but our preferred route is to stay on the M1, leaving at junction 23A near the East Midlands Airport to go to Stoke on the A50. The A50 through Stoke takes you to Burslem, which is well signposted from Stoke. Follow the signs to Burslem town centre, from where Vale Park is signposted – you take a right turn into Moorland Road, then first left into Hamil Road and the ground, with a big car park, is on your left.

**Mileage: 145.**

**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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# More And More Fans On The Road

THE Town's average away following has climbed into four figures again thanks to the army of supporters who went to Peterborough and Barnsley. The Town contingent at London Road was the biggest of the season so far, overtaking the 2,407 who went to The Valley in September for a Carling Cup game. The previous highest league following was at Rushden, while the 723 at Barnsley was the smallest visiting Town crowd on a Saturday this year.

There should be another bumper exodus in a fortnight's time – our game at Queens Park Rangers is an all-ticket match, but the Town have an allocation of just over 3,000. Latest figures for fans on the road:

## 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
Wycombe	1,838
Grimsby	249
Peterborough	2,583
Barnsley	723

**Total:** 24,178

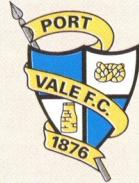
**Average:** 1,007

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Rushden	922
Yeovil (CC)	493
Grimsby	318
Hartlepool	573
Port Vale	344
QPR	1,872
Tranmere	170
Wycombe	414
Peterborough	579
Wrexham	176
Thurrock	239
Chesterfield	168
Barnsley	358
Notts County	363
Stockport	364
Tranmere(FAC)	1,344
Colchester	367
Brighton	1,107
Brentford	579
	10,750
	566

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# News From The Ticket Office



## Nationwide League Division Two

### Port Vale v Luton Town

Tuesday March 16, 2004,  
kick-off 7.45pm

Prices: Adults £15, Senior Citizens and  
Students £8, Juniors £6

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

Please note: supporters wishing to claim a student concession must purchase a ticket from Port Vale's ticket office and produce their student ID



## Nationwide League Division Two

### Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle

Saturday March 20, 2004, kick-off 3pm  
Tickets are now on sale at  
normal matchday prices.

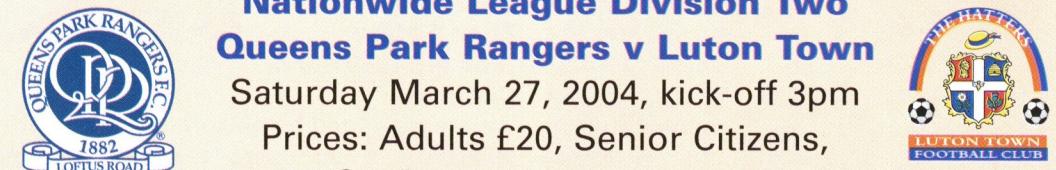


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# News From The Ticket Office



## Nationwide League Division Two

### Queens Park Rangers v Luton Town

Saturday March 27, 2004, kick-off 3pm  
Prices: Adults £20, Senior Citizens,  
Students and Juniors £10



This is an **ALL-TICKET** match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the match. Our allocation is 3,023 tickets and they will go on sale as follows:

#### SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

One ticket per season ticket holder, subject to availability, until kick-off time today.

#### GENERAL SALE

If any tickets remain after sales to season ticket holders, they will go on general sale immediately after today's game. Telephone sales will be accepted from 10 am on Monday, March 15.



## Nationwide League Division Two

### Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

Saturday April 3 2004, kick-off 3pm  
Tickets are now on sale at normal  
matchday prices.



Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability.  
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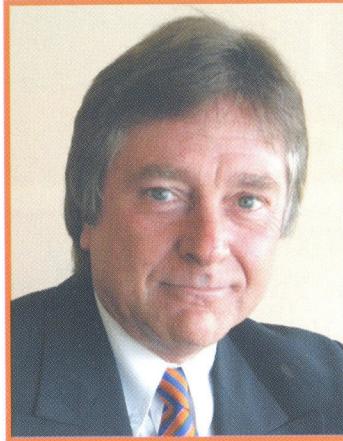
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days; 10am until the away  
coaches depart on days  
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## Commercial Corner

WELCOME to all of today's commercial partners and match day sponsors for this afternoon's game with

Blackpool. As we commence the crucial run-in to the end of the season, and with some massive games due to be played at Kenilworth Road, here in the commercial department we are planning some tremendous additional VIP hospitality opportunities to allow you to entertain your staff, business guests, or family members in style.

Elsewhere in this programme you will find details of the packages available for the visits of Plymouth Argyle, Bristol City and Sheffield Wednesday. They represent superb value, and if you can attend more than one game there is even greater value available by taking advantage of the multiple match discount structure. Contact the commercial department now for more details and bookings.



Mick Abbot of City Plumbing and his guests, joint match sponsors, looking relaxed pre-dinner in our sponsors lounge.

### MATCH SPONSOR Department of Road Safety – "For My Girlfriend Campaign"



We are delighted to welcome today as principle match sponsors the officials and guests of Luton Borough Council's Road Safety Group. Funded by the Department of Road Safety in conjunction with the Football League, this high-profile national campaign, aimed at creating even greater motorist awareness of the dangers of speeding, focuses today on the county of Bedfordshire and our Kenilworth Road match day audience.

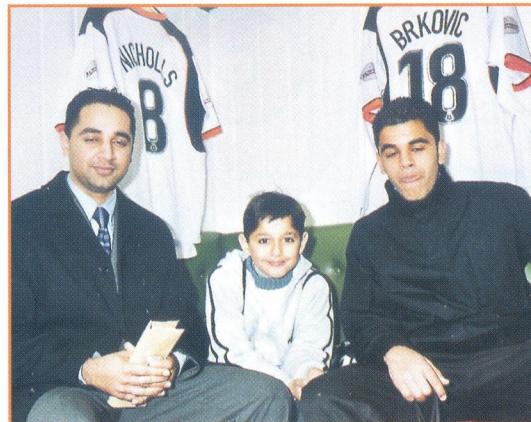
At half time we will be releasing from the pitch 1,197 balloons, one for each of the serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads last year.

Statistics have proved that observing the speed limit at all times can dramatically reduce these horrendous statistics. We at the club feel privileged to be able to support this campaign, and hope that today's initiative helps raise the awareness profile of this vitally important social and environmental



Guests of Critical Research in our sponsors' lounge for the visit of AFC Bournemouth.

## Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests



Sami Naveed, commercial mascot for AFC Bournemouth, seen on his dressing room tour.



City Plumbing guests in the persons of "Brill," "Hyldgaard," "Neilson" and "Robinson" looking forward to donning the famous strip and stepping onto the hallowed turf.

issue. For further information regarding this campaign please visit [www.formygirlfriend.co.uk](http://www.formygirlfriend.co.uk) or contact Luton's Road Safety Team on 01582 546861.

### MATCHBALL SPONSOR



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It's with great pleasure that we welcome back to Kenilworth Road the management and guests of Stanley Casino. Although it is their first season as commercial sponsors of the club, Stanley Casino are now on their fifth visit as match day sponsors. This high-profile commercial sponsorship programme is in conjunction with their executive box as well as their programme advertising, and the club would once again like to offer its thanks for the magnificent support of Stanley Casino.

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Peter Davis

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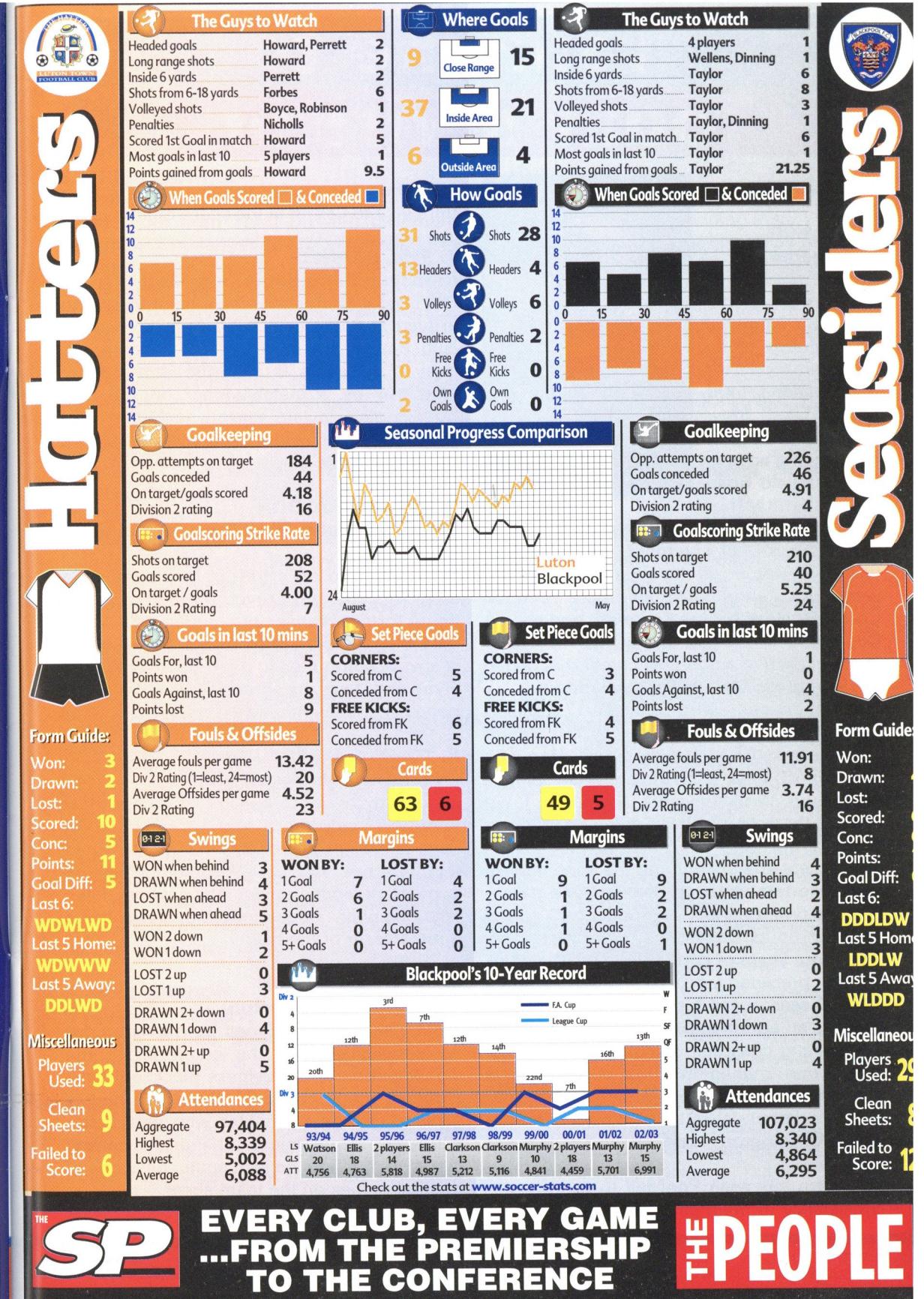
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# Welcome to Today's Visitors

## THE GAFFER STEVE MCMAHON Managerial Career: Swindon Town, Blackpool

A familiar figure will be in charge of the Seasiders today, former England international Steve McMahon is currently in the hot seat at Bloomfield Road.

The tough-tackling Scouser also met with success on a regular basis primarily at Liverpool, where his six-year stint was positively littered with silverware. McMahon claimed three League Championships for the Kop outfit and two FA Cup winners' medals during the most productive patch of an on-field career that began in 1979 across Stanley Park at Everton.

The 42-year-old – who collected 17 England caps down the years – also enjoyed significant spells in the engine rooms of Aston Villa and Manchester City respectively before struggling Wiltshire side Swindon Town offered the role of player-manager midway through the 1994-95 campaign. McMahon duly accepted and although the appointment came too late to avoid Division One demotion, he promptly led the Robins back to the next tier up as Champions 12 months later. Two more years of battling against the drop, though, preceded a disappointing start to the 1998-99 season and his Swindon association came to an abrupt end.

Our visiting boss then took a 16-month sabbatical from management but couldn't resist a return to the game when relegation-threatened Blackpool – searching for a successor to Nigel Worthington – came calling in January 2000.

This term has seen Pool fail to achieve the consistency to maintain a play off place, but



McMahon has guided the Seasiders to their third visit to Cardiff in the space of four years.

## 1. PHIL BARNES (Previous Club: Rotherham Utd)

Phil is now Pool's longest serving player who arrived at Bloomfield Road from hometown club Rotherham in July 1997. No one can deny that Barnes is a terrific shot stopper who can be a match-winner on the day. Superb start to last season, including winning the Nationwide League save of the month for a fine stop against Oldham.

## 2. SIMON GRAYSON (Previous Clubs: Blackburn, Aston Villa, Leicester)

"Larry" arrived on a free from Blackburn in summer 2002 and proved an inspired signing. A former Premiership regular with Aston Villa and Leicester, Grayson exudes calm and is always committed to the cause. Along with Flynn and Davis, he adds much needed experience and know-how to the defence.

## 3. TOMMY JASZCZUN (Previous Club: Aston Villa)

Judged by many to be one of Pool's most improved performers over recent seasons. This campaign has been wrecked by injury (hernia, knee and ankle problems) but the popular defender never lets anyone down when he plays. Rarely makes mistakes and a good crosser of the ball.

## 4. KEITH SOUTHERN (Previous Club: Everton)

What can you say? Signed from Everton, for an undisclosed fee, he could prove the shrewdest piece of business Blackpool have done for many years. Southern is a hugely talented, strong midfielder who gets better with every game. Injury cut short his season last term, but now he is fit again, he is one of the first names on the team sheet.



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## 5. CHRIS CLARKE (Previous Club: Halifax)

Joined Pool from Third Division basement club Halifax in January 2002 and started like a house on fire, becoming a key member of the Seasiders back four and scoring in the LDV Vans Trophy final against Cambridge at the Millennium Stadium. Last season the big centre back suffered from injury but this season he has returned fitter and stronger and is a key member of the Pool squad.

## 6. MIKE FLYNN (Previous Clubs: Barnsley, Stockport, Preston, Norwich, Oldham)

The type of player every manager wants in the centre of his defence. Initially arrived on loan from Barnsley in January and has now signed a permanent contract. Flynn is a no nonsense defender who always gives 100%.



## 7. RICHIE WELLENS (Previous Club: Man Utd)

Richie is a hugely talented and skilful midfielder who could one day be a top star one-day. This season has seen Wellens begin to convert that huge potential into consistent, dominating performances. On his day he is more than capable of unlocking the tightest of defence's with one pass.

## 8. MIKE SHERON (Previous Clubs: Barnsley, QPR, Norwich, Stoke, Man City)

Sheron has bags of experience throughout an accomplished career and has scored goals wherever he's been. Got his Seasiders career off to a great start by scoring after four minutes of his debut in a friendly against Burnley. Holds the ball superbly and close control is second to none.

## 9. JOHN MURPHY (Previous Club: Chester City)

Different player since deciding to turn down a move to Stockport in January 2002 and sign a new deal with the Seasiders. Went on to hit 20 goals that season and was on course to match it last campaign, only to be left stranded on 18 when he suffered a hernia injury that required surgery. Has gone from Brett Ormerod's foil to being the main danger man and is a key figure in Pool's squad.

## 10. SCOTT TAYLOR (Previous Clubs: Tranmere, Stockport, Bolton, Millwall)

Has added pace and energy to Pools front line since joining from Stockport in January 2002. A lively and hard-working striker who will cause problems for any defence and can create as well as score. Scott Taylor has had a fantastic season having already scored 25 goals.

## 11. MARTIN BULLOCK (Previous Clubs: Barnsley)

The player everyone loves. His sublime skills can see him taking on and beating four or five players at a time. Cheers could be heard throughout the town when he committed his future to the Seasiders by signing a new two-year deal in March. He is a firm fans favourite and a regular man of the match winner.



## 12. DANNY COID

The ultimate utility man. He can play almost anywhere and is highly rated by just about everyone who knows anything about the game. Danny is a great tackler and has tremendous skill, he is a very popular figure amongst the supporters.

# Welcome to Today's Visitors

## 13. LEE JONES

**(Previous Clubs: Swansea, Bristol Rovers, Stockport)**

The well travelled stopper arrived at Blackpool in August on free transfer from Stockport. Initially signed on a loan deal, Jones is battling with Phil Barnes for a starting spot. The big Welshman however has seen his season interrupted through a hip injury.

## 14. LEAM RICHARDSON

**(Previous Clubs: Bolton, Blackburn)**

Fiery, committed player who left-wingers must hate playing against. Never gives his opponent a moments rest and was in excellent form immediately after joining the Seasiders from Bolton on-loan. Picked up injuries towards the end of the campaign but that didn't stop Steve McMahon making the versatile 24 year-old a permanent member of the squad during the summer.

## 15. KIRK HILTON

**(Previous Club Manchester United)**

A summer signing from Manchester United. The talented full back graduated through the ranks at Old Trafford, before spending a season on loan at Royal Antwerp. But due to the endless list of stars at United, Hilton moved to the seaside in search of regular first team action.

## 17. MATTHEW BLINKHORN

Another graduate from the club's Centre of Excellence, "Blinks" is a natural goal scorer who has a great future ahead of him.

## 18. STEPHEN MCMAHON

The gaffer's son made his first team bow last season and has improved with every game. Like his old man he's a hard-tackling, energetic player who keeps it simple. Not scared of putting his head where it hurts. Stephen has returned from the close-season break



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looking physically stronger. He had a great pre-season in the Isle of Man and is on the fringe of the first team.

## 19. JAMIE BURNS

Home grown talent who is possibly one of the most exciting players to rise through the Centre of Excellence. Made his mark last season and is a handy weapon to have. Jamie is a traditional, old-style winger who loves to get to the by-line and whip in crosses.



## 21. STEVE DAVIS

**(Previous Clubs: Burnley, Luton)**

When Steve McMahon talked at the end of last season about bringing strong characters and decent people to the club, no one could have fitted the bill more than Davis. The former Burnley captain was surprisingly released by Clarets boss Stan Ternent at the end of last season and McMahon was delighted to jump in. Tall and strong defender who is also an excellent passer of the ball.

Evans made his professional debut for his home town club in the Champions League against 1860. Having found his first team opportunities limited Evans moved across West Yorkshire to Huddersfield, where he was a regular in the Terriers play-off squad of 2002, but a serious knee injury saw him miss all of last seasons campaign.

## 22. TONY DINNING

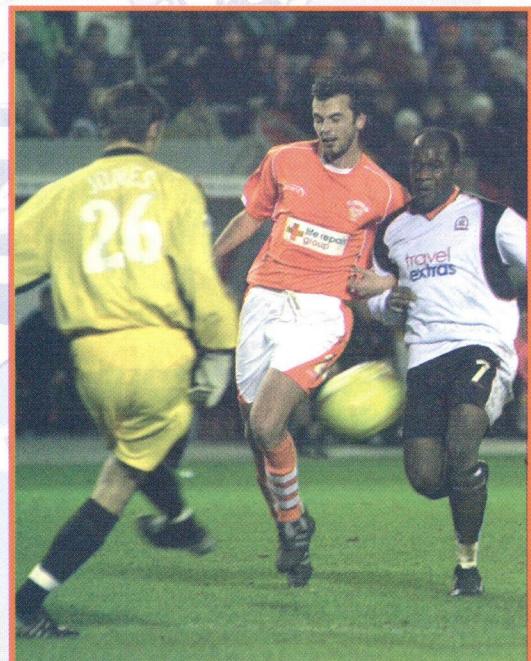
Tony joined the Seasiders on loan from Wigan last month. The stylish midfield man began his career with Newcastle before making his name with Stockport. A big money move to Wolves followed and having impressed in the Midlands, he linked up with Wigan in a £1million transfer.



## 23. STEVE ELLIOTT

**(Previous Club: Derby)**

Steve was recently signed on a permanent basis from Derby having impressed Steve McMahon during a three-month loan spell. The former England Under 21, is arguably one of the best centre backs in the division.



**FLASHBACK:** Adrian Forbes in action during the Town's win at Bloomfield Road in December



## Blast From The Past

Games against today's visitors go back to the end of the century before last when we enjoyed three seasons in Division Two before, after finding the cost of travel too great, slipping back into the Southern League.

In each of our first two Football League seasons we came up against Blackpool with the first meeting taking place at Dunstable Road on 29th November 1897. We were three goals up at the interval through strikes from Tom Little (2) and James Coupar but playing with the wind in the second period Blackpool managed to pull a goal back.

We went down 0-1 at Bloomfield Road later on that season but in the following campaign we were victorious in both games 3-2 with Bill Ford and James Kemplay hitting the important goals at Dunstable Road after we were 0-1 down at the interval.

At the end of that season Blackpool failed to win re-election and we therefore had to wait until 1955/56,

following our promotion to the old Division One, before paths crossed again.

At that time the Seasiders were one of the biggest crowd draws in the country due, in no small part, to the 'Wizard of the Dribble' Stanley Matthews. A Kenilworth Road crowd of 24,493 turned up to see our first league clash for 56 years but all were disappointed to hear that Matthews would be absent from the Blackpool side. We were going through a 'purple patch' at the time, especially at home, and after the early shock of a disallowed goal from the Seasider's Bill Perry two strikes from Gordon Turner mid-way through the first half set us up for an eventual 3-1 win.

We gained a notable double two seasons later when Turner scored both goals in a 2-1 win Bloomfield Road while Allan Brown, against his old club, and Mike Cullen were on target in the return which was won 2-0.

In the following season, after we had knocked Blackpool out of the F.A.Cup in a sixth round replay, the fixture list decreed that the two sides should meet at Kenilworth Road on the Saturday before the final.

In a pale imitation of our cup clashes the two sides put on a distinctly end of season performance only



A young Brian Stein challenges for the ball during the 4-0 home victory over Blackpool in 1978.

## Clashes With The Seasiders

enlivened by an own goal from Brendan McNally in the 70th minute and a strike from Turner, who was first to a rebound, ten minutes later.

Following our relegation in 1960 we had to wait eleven years before renewing acquaintances, this time in the old Division Two.

In November 1971 we travelled to Bloomfield Road on the special chartered train (£1.25 return wherever we went) along with the team, but due to a derailment at Warrington we did not pull into Blackpool until 2.50. Fortunately, a member of the Town's staff had managed to put a phone call through to Bloomfield Road from Crewe station (no mobiles in those days) to ensure that the team line-up was in front of the referee in time and to organise a police escort on arrival.

Us mere supporters had to fight our way through a carnival procession and a snow storm before getting into the ground after kick-off. We did though manage to spot Don Givens score the only goal of the game through the worsening weather which was a good job as the heating failed on the train on the return journey which could have made it a complete day to forget!

That game signalled our last win at Bloomfield Road until this season but some of the home games in the intervening years have produced some memorable clashes starting off with a televised 2-2 home draw in 1972/73 when Seasider's goalkeeper, a young John Burridge, pulled off a string of brilliant saves to enthrall the watching millions on 'Match of the

Day'.

In the next season we put on a perfect display and won 3-0 to set up hopes of a long awaited return to the top flight which was eventually achieved. The football that particular afternoon was stunning with Barry Butlin scoring twice to put the icing on the cake.

On the final day of 1975/76 we were 3-0 victors once more, with Ron Fletcher this time bagging two and Ricky Hill, on his full debut, showing us all that we had a star in the making on our books.

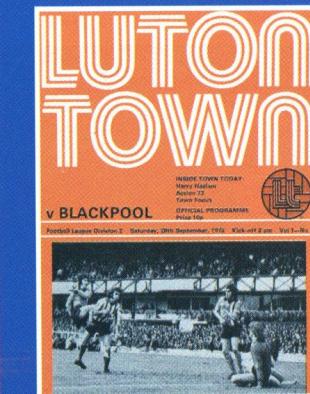
Blackpool were relegated in 1978 and our 4-0 win at Kenilworth Road, with three goals coming in the final 14 minutes, at the tail end of that campaign did not help their cause and their demise helped us secure Bob Hatton who was so influential in the early David Pleat sides.

A great deal of water had passed under the bridge before we met again, this time in Division Two in 1996. A solitary goal from Kim Grant secured the points here in an ultimately disappointing 1996/97 season while Tony Thorpe netted a hat-trick in the 3-0 win in the following campaign.

Stuart Douglas and Liam George were each on the scoresheet in the home wins over the next two seasons but, just as Steve Robinson ended our long spell without a victory at Bloomfield Road before Christmas, the Seasiders produced a master class here last season to end their own particular barren spell in these parts.

*Roger Wash*

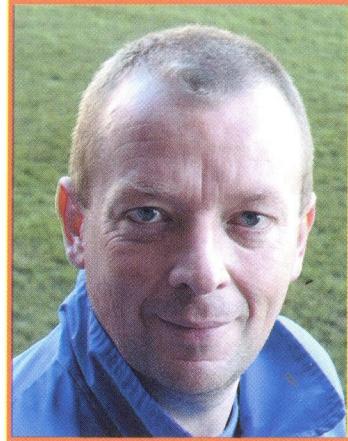
## Yesterday's pages



For the visit of Blackpool to Kenilworth Road in September 1973 the Town produced their normal 16 page programme which did not have a great deal of reading material but did include many photographs.

The Town had started the season with a 0-4 thrashing at Nottingham Forest but had remained unbeaten for the next five games leading up to the visit of the Seasiders. The previous week had seen a thoroughly professional 1-0 win at F.A.Cup holders Sunderland and this was reflected by half a dozen action photos from the game scattered throughout the programme.

Considering it is only 30 years ago it is a surprise to note that Vauxhall did not offer carpets or a heated rear window as standard on the Viva but did make a big play on the fact that front seat belts were now included. Also the route for the Town's next trip to Crystal Palace recommended going straight through the middle of London!



# LTFC in the Community

working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association and Luton Borough Council



LUTON Town's Football in the Community department has been successful with its application to 'Sportsmatch' two sponsorship deals, which doubles their value. The Sportsmatch scheme is administered by the Institute of Sports Sponsorships on behalf of the government and Sport England to boost grass roots sport, and it matches pound for pound our sponsors' donations.

In February I was delighted to announce a sponsorship deal with Luton and Bedford branches of Specsavers. They asked for their money to be spent on maintaining and developing our curriculum time coaching in the Luton and Dunstable area, and to extend it to the Bedford area.

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

The sportsmatched funding will be used to support the community programme with their work



David Brett-Williams and Phil Morgan of Specsavers



Neon Lane of GLO Hire and Justin Horne of AMA Austin

in local schools and disability work. The tie-up with Specsavers is the fourth application that has been successful with Sportsmatch and as part of the sponsorship deal with A.M.A. Austin and GLO Hire and Sales Limited, the companies have kindly offered to refurbish the Junior Hatters room. Once again, the Football in the Community Department would like to place on record its gratitude for the invaluable support of all our sponsors.

At the end of January Alan Neilson and Matthew Spring started a ten-week course of coaching sessions as part of the Football in the Community programme. The 16 places for the course were filled instantly and the programme has provided a welcome distraction to the rigors of re-habilitation for Neilson. Having been restricted to just eight appearances in the first six months of the season because of a troublesome calf injury the Welsh international has recently made his return to the first team fold but while he wasn't able to kick a ball himself,



Alan Neilson and Matt Spring with youngsters on a Community coaching course.

he was able to help others.

"Last summer I took my level two, which is like the FA 'C' badge for coaching," he said. "I think that is the way that I am going to go after I've finished playing.

"I've been working in Football in the Community on a couple of courses. Springy and I are working together on the latest one to see if we can make the young lads better players. We've got 16 kids on the course, aged between eight and eleven, and the first session is always the hardest, a little bit nerve-racking.

"It's a lot different to what you expect. You think that kids can pass the ball properly, but there is such a mixture of ability – some beginners and some who can play a bit – that it's hard gelling them all together. I think it's important that we make football enjoyable, at whatever level you play. I think if we can make it enjoyable for the children and they can take little bits of you, then they will be better players for it.

"It's hard for a lot of kids when they're young. They just want to get on that field, kick a ball about and run after it. At that age their attention

span is very short so you have to change things all the time. I'm learning while they're learning; when to move on to something different, and when I should blow the whistle. I'm learning more after every session. You have to assess yourself after every session, so I get homework as well. I send the youngsters home with things to do, like practice on their weaker foot, and I try to see what I could do differently next time. It's a learning curve for all of us."

Now 31, the former Newcastle defender hopes he has a few more seasons before he has to swap a playing shirt for the coach's tracksuit, but he is planning ahead. Marvin Johnson, four years his senior, has already made the switch.

"I speak to Marv a lot," said Neilson. "I think he's done really well, going down the road I want to follow. I would like to work with the younger age groups to start with, but hopefully one day I'll be a first team coach, I'm not sure about manager though – there's too much pressure!".

Stuart Smith



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# Enoch's Goals Drive Up Minibus Fund

WHEN Enoch Showunmi rattled in the first hat-trick of his career in the victory over Brentford he did much more than ensure the Town took three valuable points – he also gave a boost to the appeal to buy a new minibus for the Town's youth squad.

As readers may know, Luton Town Supporters Club is trying to raise £20,000 by the end of the season for a much-needed replacement for the vehicle that carries the young players to training and matches.

Three members of the committee are sponsoring Enoch to the tune of £15 for each goal he scores, plus a £50 bonus for a hat-trick, so the Brentford game cost them £65. And they hope to be shelling out a lot more before the season ends.

Youth team goals are also adding cash to the appeal, with Patrick Johnson, who reports on youth games for the website, pledging £5 for every goal scored by the Football League Youth Alliance sides fielded by Marvin Johnson and Mark Ridgway. He is in for over £400 already, and hoping it will be a lot more by the time the season ends.

We acknowledge with thanks the magnificent contribution of £1,000 from Mad as a Hatter fanzine, which was handed over by the editor, Keith Hayward.

Fund-raising efforts on Town on Tour trips to away games are also bringing in money, and at the last count the appeal had raised a total of £3,161, with the best part of another £1,000 promised by way of pledges and sponsorships.

Commercial companies can become sponsors of the minibus for a minimum donation of £1,000. The price for individuals is £200, and when the new bus is bought the names of all sponsors paying £200 or more will be put on it. But the appeal is happy to take donations or pledges of any amount.

The Supporters Club contributes cash to the football club in various ways, but is particularly keen on the minibus appeal because it feels fans like to know exactly how their donations are spent. Proceeds from the appeal are put into a separate bank account, and the money will be spent on the new bus, and nothing else.

Any gifts, large or small, will be very gratefully received. If you would like to help, you can send a cheque payable to Luton Town Supporters Club, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, LU4 8AW. Please include your name and address so that we can acknowledge your gift.



**MONEY-SPINNER:** One of Enoch Showunmi's goals against Brentford which helped to clock up £65 towards the mini-bus appeal.

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# Oakwell Point Could Have Been All Three

## Barnsley 0 Luton Town 0

IT WAS a mystery how two teams could get so close to scoring without actually finding the net at Oakwell. Barnsley, on the slide, beset by injuries, and with a new manager just installed, were let off the hook. On chances created the Town should have been clear winners, although the Tykes also had their moments, and might have snatched an undeserved victory.

An away point and a clean sheet is always welcome, but the Town set off for home feeling less than happy.

"The lads are disappointed," said Mike Newell. "They felt the game was there for the taking, and we had enough chances to win, but you have got to put them away. Barnsley also had chances, as you would expect from the home side, but we are disappointed in just a point.

"It was a poor second half, particularly from our point of view. We didn't get playing again until the last 15 minutes, and after the first half performance when we played some decent football and created a couple of chances we felt we could go on and win the game.

"Goals win games and that's the top and bottom of it. Sometimes a point away from home is a good result but we didn't feel that. With the side Barnsley had to put out, with players missing and a re-shuffled back four, we felt we had a good chance. I don't think we will have a better chance to beat them."

Barnsley have been going through the mill in recent months, despite their unlikely win at Kenilworth Road just before Christmas. Having come out of administration and now under the chairmanship of former Leeds supremo Peter Ridsdale, early season promotion hopes are fading. Gudjon Thordarson was sacked 48 hours

before the game after Barnsley managed only one win in their last 13 games, and Paul Hart, recently sacked by Nottingham Forest, was brought in. A 6-1 thrashing at Grimsby was almost the end for Thordarson, and the chop came when Barnsley lost at home to Peterborough four days later. Hart said he was delighted to take a point off the Town with a makeshift team, and said he thought the draw was about right.

Privately, he must have been perturbed at how much control the Town exerted for much of the game. Barnsley were fortunate not to be hammered.

True, Emmerson Boyce had to clear off the line from Michael Boulding in the tenth minute, but within 60 seconds Kevin Nicholls set Steve Howard free down the middle. With only Marlon Beresford in front of him, Howard shot against the outside of a post. The striker then set up Enoch Showunmi, who shot wide, as did Paul Hughes when played in by Howard. Nicholls hit the bar with a hook shot following Howard's header on from a corner, although the offside flag ruled out that attempt.

Barnsley came more into it for the first 25 minutes of the second half, with both sides going close. Boyce and Howard had headers saved, while Keith Keane cleared off the line from Daniel Nardiello and Morten Hyldgaard made a stunning save from Michael Boulding's header.

As two attacks threatened much and achieved little, Barnsley had the final lucky escape of the day, in the last minute. Showunmi put Howard through, and he chipped the ball over the onrushing Beresford, then headed towards the empty net, only for Barnsley skipper Peter Handyside to get back and clear.

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Hyldgaard; Keane, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Nicholls, Robinson, Hughes, Brkovic (Holmes 64 mins); Showunmi, Howard. **Unused subs:** Leary, Mansell, Neilson, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Sol Davis for a foul on Daniel Nardiello on the edge of the box

**BARNESLEY:** Beresford; Austin, Handyside, Kay, Williams (Atkinson 82 mins); Betsy, Hayward, Neil (Davies 87 mins), Boulding; Stallard, Nardiello. **Unused subs:** Alcock, Wroe, Jones.

**BOOKED:** No-one.

**REFEREE:** André Mariner, Warwickshire.

**ATTENDANCE:** 8,656, including 723 Town fans.



**TOP KEEPER:** Morten Hyldgaard's class save prevents Mark Stallard giving Barnsley the lead.

**RIGHT:** Emmerson Boyce is top of the pile for a header which was saved.

**BELOW:** Barnsley's Steve Hayward seems to be open-mouthed in admiration as Steve Howard controls the ball on his chest, with Peter Handyside already out of the equation.



# Hatters Pic of the Week



**FLYING HATTER:** Kevin Nicholls gets airborne at Barnsley for a shot which hit the bar, with Marlon Beresford beaten. Paul Hughes and Enoch Showunmi are the Town men up in support, but the midfielder's spectacular effort would not have counted - he was given offside, although the pictorial evidence suggests it was a very tight decision.

# Carling Cup Final Happy Memories

THE OFFICIAL programme for the Carling Cup final at Cardiff a couple of weeks ago brought back wonderful memories for Luton Town fans. Looking for an illustration of the drama that the League Cup final can produce, the publishers opted for 1988, when the Town completed a remarkable recovery to beat Arsenal with a last-minute goal by Brian Stein. It retold the tale through the memories of the former striker, now on the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road, and we thought his account of that lovely day was worth offering to our readers this afternoon. It was one of the most dramatic games even Wembley had ever seen.

With ten minutes to go, Arsenal were rampant and leading 2-1, and we were desolate when a dubious penalty was awarded.

But that set up an astonishing finale. Andy Dibble made a tremendous save from Nigel Winterburn, Luton fought back to equalise, and with barely 20 seconds to play 30-year-old Stein struck the winner.

"We thought it was all over when the penalty was given," recalled Brian, in an interview with our programme editor.

"I had some great days in football, including

playing for England and helping Luton to the famous win at Manchester City on the last day of the 1982/83 season. We played cavalier football under David Pleat, but won nothing except the Second Division championship. Our Littlewoods Cup win was overdue, because we had been one of the best teams in the country. We should have won more. "After David Pleat went to Tottenham, John Moore had one season as manager, followed by Ray Harford, and they toughened up our football. The 1987/88 season was incredible: at one time we were looking at four trips to Wembley. We were invited to the Football League centenary tournament, got knocked out of the FA Cup in the semi-final by Wimbledon, in their winning year, and got through to the finals of the Simod Cup and the Littlewoods.

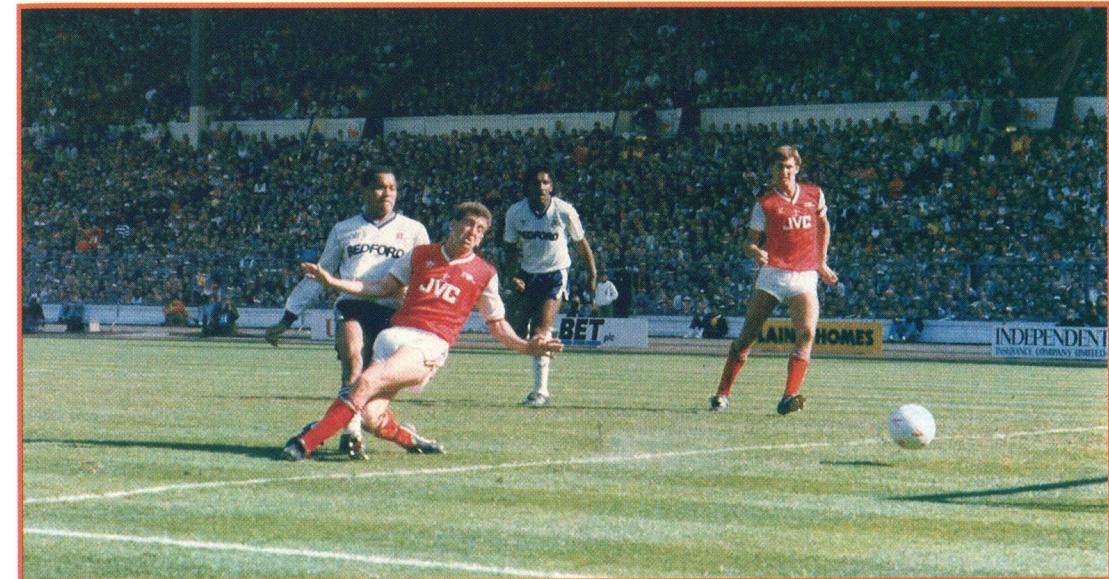
"We were up against Reading of the Second Division in the Simod, but went with the wrong attitude. We were over-confident, and it was a real shock to be beaten 4-1. But that probably helped us a month later when we played Arsenal.

"It turned out to be a fantastic game. We started ever so well and I thought we were going to paralyse them. David Preece floated in a



ONE UP: Brian Stein give the Town a lead.

# Programme Brings Back Of Wembley '88



THE WINNER: Brian Stein knocks in his second goal.

free kick for Steve Foster to hook the ball on and I scored and John Lukic made two very good saves to keep it to 1-0 at half-time.

"In the second half Arsenal threw the kitchen sink at us and sent on Martin Hayes as an extra striker. For 20 minutes they were on fire. Andy Dibble made some important saves, but midway through the half Arsenal scored twice in three or four minutes, through Hayes and Alan Smith. And we were gutted when they got a penalty soon afterwards.

"David Rocastle fell over his own feet going past Mal Donaghy. It was never a penalty but the ref gave it. To be fair to Rocastle, he admitted it after the game when he went all round our lads to say well done. Justice was done when Andy Dibble guessed right and made a tremendous save from Winterburn.

"That gave us new heart, and a second wind. My brother Mark came on when Mick Harford was injured, and he buzzed about a bit. David Preece was exhausted in the 85-degree heat, and was subbed by Ashley Grimes, who had one of the best left feet in the business."

With 82 minutes played and Arsenal believing

they were close to retaining their trophy, Mark Stein closed down a defender and the ball broke to his brother, who recalled: "Lukic beat out my shot. I had another go, and the ball went across the face of the goal and Danny Wilson chested it in. We had been under the cosh for 20 minutes, but now we were ready for anything. The noise was deafening, and the crowd got us going again. Arsenal had given it their best shot, and we had stood up to it.

"We were ready for extra time, and fancied our chances. But what happened next was unbelievable. Grimes, a tremendous left back, appeared on the right wing, of all places. He got the ball near the by-line, but was wrong-footed. He had to cross with his right – except that he didn't. I have never known a more one-footed player, and I still don't know how he got his left foot to the ball when it looked impossible.

"The low cross came in and I just got in front of Winterburn to turn it into the net. It was the happiest day of my footballing life."

## Town Teaser

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### TODAY'S QUESTION

WHO played for Blackpool before turning out for Luton Town in the 1959 FA Cup final, and later became our manager?

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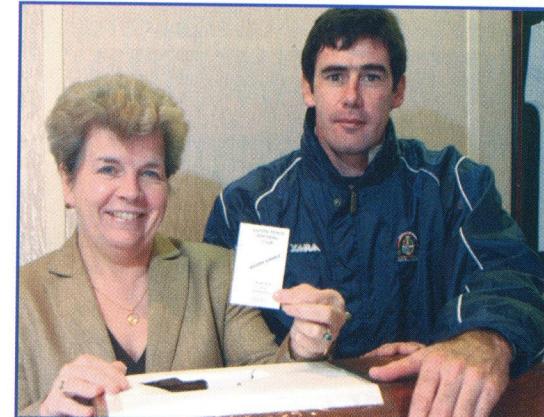
## Come In 29485 Please: Your Number's Up!

THE late onslaught by the frost, which caused our last home game to be postponed, has left us with £585 ready to give away to a lucky supporter. As usual our Golden Gamble sellers had been busy in all parts of the ground, and the jackpot prize is ready for collection.

The problem, of course, was that we were unable to make the prize draw on the pitch at half time, so manager Mike Newell and chief executive Cherry Newbery did the honours, and the winning ticket was number 29485. If you hold that ticket, the £585 in cash is ready for collection. Please contact the commercial department on Luton 411622 and we will be delighted to hand it over.

The wedge of cash is the 20th Golden Gamble prize of the season, with the winners sharing £13,080, an average of £654 each.

Another jackpot is on offer today, and with tickets costing just £1 each we think it is a fair gamble. Half of your stake money goes into the prize



fund and the other 50p is a donation to Luton Town FC, so even if you are not a winner you are helping the club. We trust that today, as usual, the draw will be made at half time, with the cash paid out there and then. But you've got to be in it to win it!

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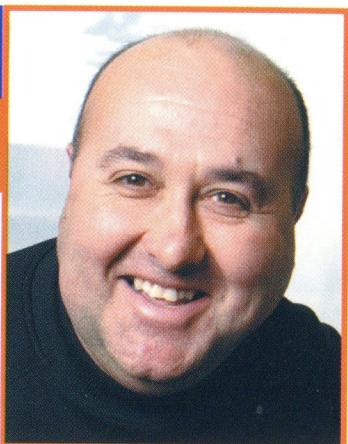
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# Youth Soccer The under-17s



### Luton Town 2 Southend Utd 2

I WAS not happy with the performance of our boys in a match that was competitive and a little bit niggly at times. We were ahead at the interval, and again on 80 minutes, only to concede a very late equaliser. We had a good start, with a goal in five minutes. Luke Maitland took on a fullback, beat him and crossed, and the ball was knocked back to Sean Ridgway, who smashed in a half-volley from just inside the area. We should have been on our way after that, but created and missed chances. Unbeaten in ten games, we should have been full of confidence, but for some reason we tend to be a bit edgy with a 1-0 lead and we failed to get the second goal which might allow our football to flow better.

We made changes in the second half, because we need to look at all the boys who are coming through as part of our planning for next season.

But three minutes after the interval we were caught out by a long ball and Southend scored. We responded with some free-flowing football after that, and the reward came in the 80th minute when Calvin Andrew,

who made his physical presence count, hit a powerful drive into the roof of the net.

That should have been game over, and it was really disappointing to be pegged back again a minute from time. A needless foul by Nick Mountford presented Southend with a free kick near the corner flag, and we failed to deal with it. A Southend striker was allowed a free header, and although Zach Barrett made a terrific save to push the ball into the air, our defenders did not react quickly enough, and a Southend man got there first to earn his side a point.

**Luton Town:** Barrett, Mountford, Pendleton, S. Sinclair, Tague, Green, Maitland (Asafu'Adjaye 83 mins), Ridgway, Hooper (R. Sinclair 55 mins), Andrew, Magadah (Hamilton 70 mins).

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Green 20, Pendleton 19(1), Tague 18(1), S. Sinclair 17(1), Smyth 15, Hanley 15, Barrett 15, R. Sinclair 12(3), Preston 11(4), Burrows 10, Magadah 9, Ridgway 7, Asafu'Adjaye 6(8), Clark 6, Richardson 5(1), Goodchild 5, Andrew 5, Mountford 5, Maitland 3(1), Deeney 3, Jones 3, Kenneford 2(4), Reynolds 2(1), Freeman 2, Keane 2, R. Quinn 2, Kennet 2, Robinson 1(4), Hamilton 1(1), Charles 1(1), Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNally 1, Port 1, Charles 1, Hooper 1, Edae 0(3), K. Quinn 0(2), Cowley 0(2), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsilio 0(1),

**Goals:** Preston 7, Burrows 6, Andrew 5, Freeman 4, Ridgway 4, S. Sinclair 3, Richardson 3, Hanley 3, Magadah 3, Maitland 2, Green 2, Tague 1, Smyth 1, Kenneford 1, R. Sinclair 1, Keane 1, Jones 1, Hamilton 1, Charles 1, Deeney 1.

### Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

#### August

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

#### September

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

#### October

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

#### November

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

#### December

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

#### January

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

#### February

7 Brighton A Postponed  
14 Rushden H 2-1 **Hamilton, Charles**  
17 QPR H 3-1 Deeney, Magadah, Green  
21 Cambridge H 2-2 Ridgway 2

#### March

6 Southend H 2-2 Ridgway, Andrew  
13 Northampton H  
20 QPR A  
3 Portsmouth H

### Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Brighton	24	18	1	5	67	27	40	55
QPR	23	15	6	2	75	26	49	51
Cambridge	22	12	4	6	45	27	18	40
Portsmouth	24	11	7	6	48	35	13	40
Colchester	26	11	7	8	56	45	11	40
Rushden	24	10	8	6	55	45	10	38
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>
Southend	22	9	5	8	48	38	10	32
Gillingham	26	8	6	12	42	68	-26	30
Oxford	25	9	2	14	39	60	-21	29
Brentford	23	6	7	10	35	46	-11	25
Wycombe	23	5	7	11	35	60	-25	22
Northampton	24	4	3	17	31	67	-36	15
L. Orient	23	2	3	18	31	83	-52	9

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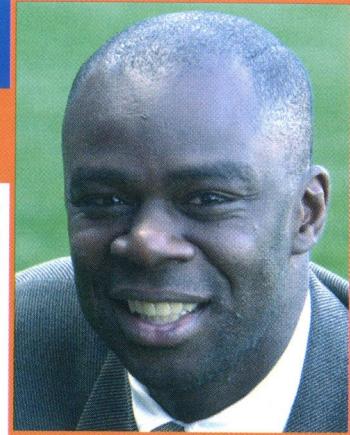
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# Youth Soccer: The under-19s



## Luton Town 3 Swansea 0

IT WAS a good game as well as a good result as all-round team effort maintained our 100 per cent start to the Merit Division campaign. We played well in all departments, and the result could have been more emphatic. The only slight disappointment was that we should have been more than one goal ahead at the interval.

We took the lead on 27 minutes when Matthew Judge got on the end of a long ball, lobbed the advancing keeper and then rolled the ball into the empty net. It was nice to see him using his pace to such good effect.

Judge had another great chance soon afterwards, but side-footed wide in a one-on-one with the keeper, and then Parys Okai did the same. Swansea also had a couple of chances, but Michael Edae made two very good saves.

## Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central Conference

### August

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

### September

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

### October

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

### November

1 Walsall H 0-3  
15 Oxford A 1-1 Davies  
22 Swindon (LC) H 0-4  
29 Northampton A 2-0 Andrew, Ridgway

### December

6 West Brom H 1-0 Andrew

### January

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

### February

7 Kidderminster A 1-2 Judge  
**Merit Division S. Section Div II**

### February

14 Portsmouth A 3-2 Judge, Andrew, Hanley  
28 Swansea H 3-0 Judge, Maitland, Okai

### March

13 Swindon A  
27 Oxford Utd H

### April

10 Torquay H  
17 Brentford A  
24 Cheltenham H

So instead of being three up at half time the worry was that having played so well for only one goal the missed chances might come back to haunt us.

Instructions at the interval were to keep the pattern of play going, but to be more ruthless in attack, and the boys responded.

Midway through the second half good build-up work by Okai put in Luke Maitland for our second goal and five minutes from time he might have had another. He took the ball forward, lifted it over a defender and as the keeper advanced rolled the ball square for Okai to shoot into the empty net. It was good appreciation by Maitland to see that a colleague was better placed even though he himself had a fair chance of scoring.

**Luton Town:** Edae, Howell, Barnett, Davies, Mansell, Ridgway, Deeney, Okai, Hanley (S. Sinclair 67 mins), Judge (Magadah 67 mins), Maitland.

WE WERE scheduled to play at Swindon today, and our next fixture is at home to Oxford in a fortnight's time, March 27. Kick-off at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, will be at 11am and spectators are welcome.

**APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets):** Mountford 19, Ridgway 19, Deeney 18(2), R. Mansell 18(1), Howell 18, Barnett 16, Keane 13, Davies 12(1), Okai 12(1), Judge 12(1), O'Leary 12, Andrew 11(2), Edae 11, Freeman 6(1), Maitland 6(1), Jones 5, Hanley 5(2), Barrett 4, Magadah 2(8), S. Sinclair 2(4), Brill 2, Godfrey 2, Green 2, Pendleton 1(2), Tague 1, Beckwith 1, Lambu 1, Wright 0(2), Burrows 0(1), Robinson 0(1).

**GOALS:** Judge 8, Andrew 4, O'Leary 3, Barnett 3, Okai 3, Magadah 2, Freeman 2, Ridgway 2, Davies 2, Deeney 1, Mansell 1, Green 1, Hanley 1, Maitland 1.

*Marvin Johnson*

## Merit Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Cheltenham	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
Oxford	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
Brentford	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Swindon	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Swansea	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Torquay	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

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Today, Steven will have a look at what goes on behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road in the build-up to the game. He will join the players in the dressing room, and that gives him the chance to meet his favourite, Steve Howard. Then he will go out onto the pitch with them for the warm-up before meeting the visiting skipper and the match officials at the toss of the coin.

We have a ball boy on duty as well: Chris Day, from Arlesey Road, Stotfold.

If you are a young Town fan and would like to be in the draw to be the mascot or a ball boy or girl at future games, why not join the Junior Hatters? The price now, for the rest of the season, is only £5. And if you want to take part in coaching courses run by our Community



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Other advantages of membership are that you are certain to be able to get tickets for all home games by taking advantage of our Saturday Club. It provides entertainment for five hours, starting at noon, and the price, including a sausage and chips lunch, is only £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket.

Whenever possible, we offer trips to away games, and more often than not they include the chance to be our mascot. The choice of away mascots is made on the coach on the way to the game. We are still waiting to hear from Tranmere if they can accommodate us at Prenton Park in a month's time, and further information will be published as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, we hope all supporters, especially boys and girls, enjoy today's game, and we give a special welcome to the young fans from Blackpool who have made the trip. We wish them a safe journey home.

*Happy Harry*

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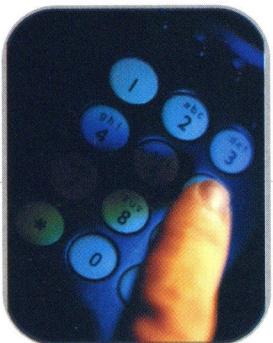
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# Belles On Song In Extra Time

WITH the senior squad not in action, the big match last weekend saw the Town's under-15s entertain Stevenage Borough in a League Cup quarter-final. It was an even contest until Borough broke the deadlock with goals either side of half time, the first a penalty and the second down to sloppy defending.

The Belles fought their way back into the match but were unable to get on the scoresheet until Tanya Blacksley gave them hope with a left-foot shot into the roof of the net with 20 minutes left. With Borough under increasing pressure they finally cracked when Lizzie Randall's strike was only parried by the keeper and the ball dropped into the net for the equaliser. Luton peppered the Borough goal after that, but they held out for extra time at 2-2.

Five minutes into extra time Town took full advantage of their superior fitness, and Rebecca Kane confidently scored from the penalty spot to give

them the lead for the first time. Lizzie Randall then scored one of the finest goals seen at Luton for some time, arrowing her cross-shot straight into the top corner from fully 30 yards to make it 4-2. Janine Daly completed a rousing comeback with another goal in the second period to earn Luton a semi-final tie at home to Cambridge United.

Prior to that a fine 6-1 away win at Enfield Town kept up the pressure at the top of the league table with goals coming from Shelly Miller (2), Rebecca Kane, Lizzie Randall, Janine Daly and Fay Rolls.

The under-14 team have not had the best of runs of late, and the last thing they needed was to play champions QPR. Rangers ran out comfortable 6-1 winners, but could consider themselves flattered by the score line. Leading scorer Nina Hale was on target for Belles.

In the reverse fixture in the under-13 age group it was Town who came out on top with a 2-0 away win, courtesy of a long-range Micky Taylor effort and a goal from Nicky Shepherd.

The under-12 Saturday teams met each other, and in a hard-fought encounter the Oranges triumphed 4-0 with goals from Robyn Wilfort (2), Yasmin Hickling and Kirsty McIntosh. They went on to maintain their table-topping form against Potton United, this time winning 8-0. Hickling and Wilfort were again on target as was Kirsty McIntosh who scored twice along with Kelly Moss. Danielle Carty and Danielle Bailey were the other scorers. The Tangerines fell three goals behind against Bedford with 15 minutes left, but fought back brilliantly with goals

from Leanne Lizaitis and an excellent free kick from Kerry Stratton to make it 2-3. In spite of heavy pressure the equaliser just would not come even when they were awarded a penalty.

Once again the under-10s were in devastating form in front of goal as they breezed into the cup semi-finals with a 9-1 demolition of Buntingford. Scorers were Amy Garrett (4), Bethany Smith (2), Maisie Wyatt, Olivia Dacosta and an own goal.



Rebecca Kane launches a cross shot which narrowly missed the far post

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# Sad Loss Of A Good Friend

LUTON Town, and in particular scores of past and present players, have been shocked by the sudden death of 56-year-old Brian Meatyard, who gave life-long support to the team, and much more to the club.

He and his wife Cathy have been among the unsung heroes whose behind-the-scenes efforts are so important. In their case, it began 20 years ago. In his job as principal welfare officer with Luton Borough Council, Mr Meatyard became involved with the need to ensure that young boys recruited by Luton Town were given the right educational facilities. David Pleat signed 14-year-old Irish lad Aaron Tighe on schoolboy forms, and Mr Meatyard fixed him up with a place at Cardinal Newman High School, Luton. But the lad had nowhere to live, so Brian and Cathy gave him a home, and they have been providing digs for young players ever since. They have lost count of how many boys they have looked after since then. Some have been trialists, in and out in a week or so,

while others have been boys fortunate enough to be taken on as apprentices, or scholars as they are nowadays – youth team players Matthew Judge and Max Howell are the latest in a long line which has included Matt Spring and Stuart Fraser.

Brian and Cathy got even more involved for a spell, when the club was short of people on the match day catering side, and for some time they ran the burger and hot dog stall in the ground. They have always been regulars at home games, and went to most away matches as well.

Brian collapsed and died on the final day of a family holiday in Marbella, and Luton Town offers its deepest sympathy to his family. The club has lost a good friend.

They have lost a loving husband, father and grandfather, and our thoughts are with them. The funeral will be at Streatley Parish Church at 10.30am on Thursday, and all friends are invited to attend, not just to mourn, but also to celebrate the life of a man who will be much missed.



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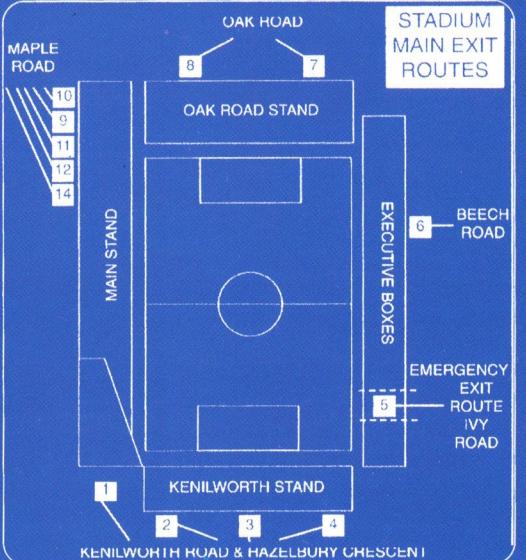
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# Nationwide Division 2 Statistics

## Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	5	10	2	1	2
Bristol City	12	3	1	1	1
QPR	9	2	4	1	1
Swindon	8	8	0	1	0
Brighton	6	5	4	1	0
Port Vale	9	2	3	1	0
Wrexham	10	3	1	1	0
Bournemouth	12	0	1	0	1
Hartlepool	7	5	1	0	1
Luton	7	6	1	0	0
Blackpool	9	1	1	1	0
Rushden	5	5	1	1	0
Barnsley	7	4	1	0	0
Colchester	9	3	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	8	2	1	0	0
Grimsby	4	4	0	1	1
Brentford	7	1	0	1	0
Chesterfield	4	4	1	0	0
Notts County	5	2	2	0	0
Tranmere	7	0	2	0	0
Oldham	4	1	2	0	1
Peterborough	5	1	2	0	0
Stockport	4	2	0	0	0
Wycombe	1	1	2	0	0

## Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Port Vale	0	0	5	5
Blackpool	0	1	3	4
Bournemouth	0	0	4	4
Luton	0	1	2	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	3	3

## Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Port Vale	0	0	5	5
Grimsby	0	0	4	4
Peterborough	0	1	2	3
Brentford	0	0	3	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
Oldham	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3

## Scored in last 15 mins

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	8.14	6.66
Bristol City	6.89	5.06
Swindon	6.29	5.18
QPR	6.12	5.18
Notts County	5.80	5.37
Oldham	5.50	5.62
Colchester	5.45	5.42
Bournemouth	5.56	5.24
Luton	6.30	4.42
Wrexham	6.00	4.59
Blackpool	6.18	4.35
Rushden	6.26	4.20
Peterborough	5.60	4.80
Barnsley	5.97	4.23
Brighton	5.80	4.37
Hartlepool	5.68	4.35
Port Vale	5.32	4.65
Grimsby	5.46	4.49
Tranmere	5.41	4.51
Stockport	4.83	4.51
Sheff Wed	5.00	4.23
Chesterfield	4.85	4.26
Brentford	4.51	3.63
Wycombe	4.31	3.80

## Headed Goals

### most goals from headers

Player	Club	Goals
Frii	Plymouth	7
Coughlan	Plymouth	6
Mooney	Swindon	6
Dadi	Tranmere	6
Hutchinson	Brentford	5
Lawrence	Wrexham	5
Hayter	Bournemouth	4
Peacock	Bristol City	4
Miller	Bristol City	4
Evans	Plymouth	4
Paynter	Port Vale	4
Lowe	Rushden	4
Barlow	Stockport	4
Parkin	Swindon	4

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

## Shots from Long Range

### Most goals from outside 18 yd box

Player	Club	Goals
Wotton	Plymouth	5
Lowe	Rushden	4
Carpenter	Brighton	3
Peacock	Bristol City	3
Vine	Colchester	3
Anderson	Grimsby	3
Strachan	Hartlepool	3
Padula	QPR	3
Jack	Rushden	3
McSporran	Wycombe	3

## Early Goals Scored

### Most goals in FIRST 10 mins of match

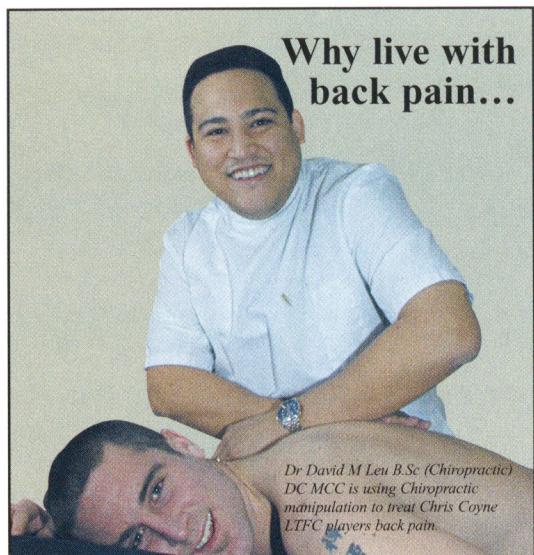
Player	Club	Goals
Mooney	Swindon	4
Heffernan	Notts County	3
Brooker	Port Vale	3

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# Managers Leaving The Scene On Two

THE postponed game against Bournemouth cost the Town the chance of moving into the top four of the Second Division. Instead, they dropped from fifth to sixth because they were overtaken by Brighton, who beat Brentford 1-0. Saturday's draw at Oakwell cost the Town another place, but they are still in with an excellent chance of earning a play-off spot.

They are missing out only on goal difference, and have a game in hand or two over all the other sides above them.

Plymouth are looking more like champions every week, despite the loss of manager Paul Sturrock to Southampton. His Home Park assistant, Kevin Summerfield, began as caretaker boss with a slightly lucky draw at Meadow Lane – Notts County's Jeff Heffernan had a penalty saved as County were involved in their first scoreless game in 66 matches.

It was not the best of weeks for new managers. The Town denied Paul Hart a win on his Barnsley debut. Nicky Law, formerly of Bradford and Chesterfield, became boss of Grimsby, with Graham Rodger his assistant, and saw his men beaten 3-0 at Wrexham.

Brian Talbot, seven years in charge of Rushden

and Diamonds, left Nene Park after they were beaten 1-0 at home by Peterborough, and then took the manager's job at Oldham, which had been vacant since Iain Dowie joined Crystal Palace just before Christmas.

Managers have been having a hard time of it in the Second Division this season: 11 have left their clubs or been sacked since last August. Trivia time: can you name them?

One who has survived is Steve McMahon, who has guided Blackpool to the Millennium Stadium, for the final of the LDV Vans Trophy final a week tomorrow after a northern area final success over Sheffield Wednesday. The fact that the Seasiders will play Southend is a tad painful for some of us who suffered when the Town lost at Roots Hall in December.

Comfortably in mid-table, Blackpool come to Kenilworth Road with an away record better than the Town's – five wins, six draws and six defeats.

The victories were 3-2 at Oldham, 3-1 at Stockport, 1-0 at Sheffield Wednesday, 1-0 at Peterborough and 3-0 at Wycombe. The draws were 2-2 at Swindon, 0-0 at Brentford, 1-1 at Colchester, 1-1 at Tranmere, 1-1 at Hartlepool and 0-0 at Rushden. Awayday defeats were 0-5 at QPR on the opening day of the season, 0-3 at Brighton, 0-1 at Plymouth, 2-4 at Wrexham, 1-2 at Port Vale and 0-3 at Barnsley. They have drawn all three of their away games since losing at Oakwell in late January.

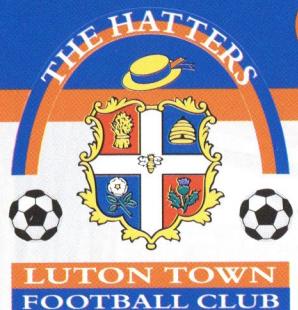
Blackpool's last six league results: Swindon H 2-2, Tranmere A 1-1, Hartlepool A 1-1, Plymouth H 0-1, Rushden A 0-0, Port Vale H 2-1.

Nationwide League Division Two												
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Plymouth	35	12	4	1	42	11	8	6	4	28	20	39
*Bristol City	35	11	5	1	29	9	7	6	5	19	18	21
QPR	34	13	5	0	39	10	4	7	5	21	23	27
Swindon	34	11	4	3	35	18	6	5	5	21	22	60
Brighton	35	13	3	2	33	10	3	5	9	18	26	56
Hartlepool	34	7	7	2	24	9	7	4	7	30	33	53
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>
Bournemouth	34	11	5	2	30	15	3	5	8	12	21	6
Port Vale	34	11	3	2	34	21	4	3	11	22	29	6
Wrexham	34	7	6	5	21	13	8	0	8	19	25	2
Barnsley	35	6	10	2	21	13	6	3	8	20	29	-1
Sheff Wed	35	5	8	4	19	17	6	4	8	20	28	-6
*Rushden	35	8	5	5	33	23	4	3	10	20	31	-1
<b>Blackpool</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-6</b>
Colchester	33	8	6	4	23	20	4	2	9	12	24	-9
Tranmere	34	8	6	2	24	14	1	8	9	14	34	-10
Grimsby	35	7	4	6	31	21	3	5	10	13	42	-19
Oldham	34	7	4	5	26	18	1	10	7	22	31	-1
Chesterfield	34	7	6	4	27	20	2	4	11	7	31	-17
Peterborough	35	2	6	9	22	27	6	6	6	17	20	-8
Notts County	35	5	6	7	25	22	4	2	11	35	-17	35
Brentford	35	6	3	8	25	30	3	4	11	12	27	-20
Stockport	35	3	7	8	23	30	3	7	7	22	30	-15
Wycombe	35	4	4	9	24	29	0	9	9	12	29	-22
*Not including last night's match Bristol City v Rushden & Diamonds												

### Today's Other Second Division fixtures

**Brentford v Stockport**  
**Grimsby v Bournemouth**  
**Hartlepool v QPR**  
**Oldham v Colchester**  
**Peterborough v Wrexham**  
**Plymouth v Swindon**  
**Port Vale v Brighton**  
**Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley**  
**Tranmere v Chesterfield**  
**Wycombe v Notts County**

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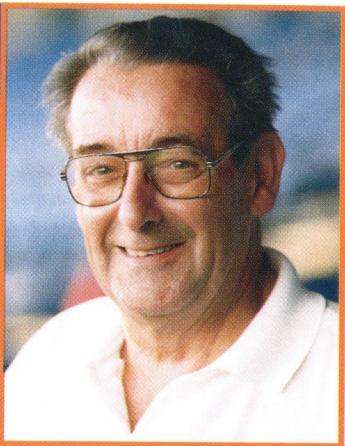
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## Around The Town - By The Editor



NINETEEN-year-old Kevin Foley, due to complete his scholarship at the end of the season, has been signed on a full professional contract to reward him for an impressive start to his first-team career, and to head off any possibility that rival clubs could come in and snatch him away from Luton Town in the summer.

The club has been beavering away to persuade The Football League to allow the deal to be done despite the restrictions imposed while the club is in administration.

Born in London, but of Irish stock, Foley has been a revelation since being pitched into first team action at the start of this season. He was all set to make his international debut for the Republic of Ireland's under-21 team when an ankle injury intervened, but few doubt that his chance will come again when he gets over his current injury.

A leg muscle problem has kept him out of the Town side for the past month, but he is now well on the road to recovery.

His new pro contract is for two and a half years, and Mike Newell said: "We are delighted. There had been a bit of interest in him from other clubs since he came into the team. He has performed well, and we are pleased that he has signed.

"He is a scholar, and technically he would have been out of contract at the end of the season, which would mean he could leave if he wanted to, and compen-

sation could be down to a tribunal. But it's great that he has signed a professional contract with us after being at the club since he was nine."

### Getting Their Just Awards

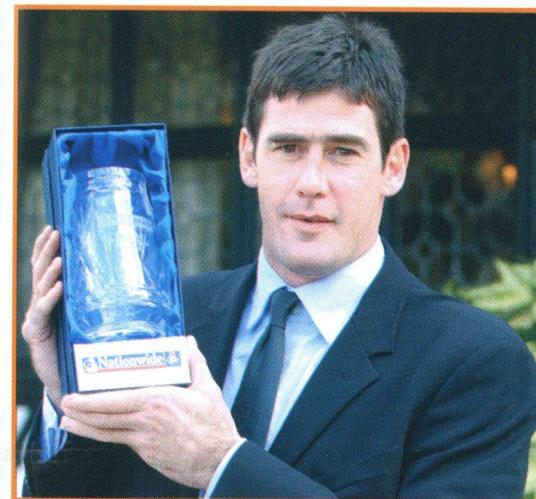
IT'S prize-giving time around Kenilworth Road, with Mike Newell, Adrian Forbes and Enoch Showunmi all collecting well-earned awards. There will be a presentation on the pitch this afternoon to Forbes, for being the PFA's fans player of the month for Division Two in January. The prize is settled by votes via the PFA's website, [givemefootball.com](http://givemefootball.com). Supporters taking part go into a draw for the chance to present the award to their favourite, and Town fanatic Sandra Simpson will do today's honours. Forbes, meanwhile, is looking forward to returning to the first team squad after another knee operation. He has been out of the side since a training ground injury six weeks ago. The latest op, the fifth of his career, was to repair tendon and medial damage, and the midfielder who has done sterling work as an emergency striker hopes to be playing again within a month.

Mike Newell was guest of honour at a Nationwide-sponsored lunch this week at which he collected his manager of the month award for February. He has another already in his trophy cabinet, earned at Hartlepool last season.

Enoch Showunmi, meanwhile, is collecting prizes two at a time. He is the Town fans' choice as player of the month for February under the scheme sponsored by Travel Extras, and run through the club's website and mobile phone text messaging. He has also received national recognition for his February efforts, being named the Umbro Isotonic Second Division player of the month for February.

An "award" he would rather not have will put Sol Davis out of action next week. He collected his tenth yellow card of the season at Barnsley, and receives a two-match ban, which means he misses the home game with Plymouth and the trip to QPR a week later.

Fortunately, Alan Neilson is back in full training and more than ready to plug the gap, if called upon.



**TOP BOSS: Mike Newell with his manager of the month award, which he dedicated to his coaches and players. It should be the team of the month prize, he said.**

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**2003-2004**

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**Nationwide League Division Two**  
**Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle**  
**Saturday March 20, 2004, kick-off 3pm**

# Today's Squads



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## Manager: Mike Newell

1	Morten HYLDGAARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan NEILSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew SPRING	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell PERRETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian FORBES	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin NICHOLLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve ROBINSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris COYNE	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Enoch SHOWUNMI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Emmerson BOYCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Ahmet BRKOVIC	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul HUGHES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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23	Ian HILLIER	<input type="checkbox"/>
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27	Peter HOLMES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31	Curtis DAVIES	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Lee MANSELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
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34	Dean CROWE <i>KEANE</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38	Michael LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
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41	Kevin FOLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Parys OKAI	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Manager: Steve McMahon

1	Phil BARNES	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Simon GRAYSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Tommy JASZCZUN	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Keith SOUTHERN	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Chris CLARKE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7	Richie WELLENS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Mike SHERON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	John MURPHY	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Scott TAYLOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Martin BULLOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Danny COID	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Lee JONES	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Leam RICHARDSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Kirk HILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Richard WALKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Matthew BLINKHORN	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Stephen McMAHON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Jamie BURNS	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Simon WILES	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Steve DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Tony DINNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Steve ELLIOTT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24	Gareth EVANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Lewis EDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Sean HESSEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27	Phil DOUGHTY	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Denny HERZIG	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Today's Officials

Referee: Steve Tomlin, East Sussex

Assistants: Simon Beck, Essex (red and yellow flag);

Jim Hubbard, Leicestershire (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Ray Lee, Essex

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