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Sports News

TOWN MATCH VERDICT

Portsmouth.....2
Luton Town.....1
(Half-time....1-1)

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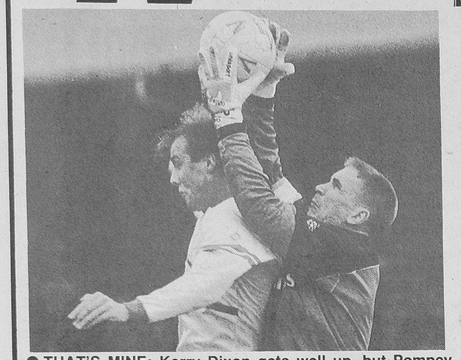
FOUL LUCK IN PENALTY ROW

Ref's clanger robs side worth a point



● THAT'S MINE: Kerry Dixon gets well up, but Pompey goalkeeper Alan Knight takes the ball off his head.

THE BEATEN side was given a rousing reception at Fratton Park as even diehard Portsmouth fans realised that Luton Town had deserved much more than their first defeat in nine games.

You can quibble because they did not match the quality approach play with finishing of a similar high standard, but the game was a very good contest with the Town's display worth a point.

Portsmouth are going for promotion, but came off the pitch very grateful to hear the final whistle, which frustrated the Town's search for an equaliser.

"Too good to go down," was the neutral Pressbox verdict, after the best defensive record in the league had been under real threat.

Only seven goals had been conceded by Pompey in 15 league games.

A dodgy penalty decider made the pain for Town fans all the greater, with the extra cruel irony supplied by the striker involved.

Ten years ago Paul Walsh's trickery earned a few penalties for the Town, and on Saturday young referee Steve Dunn found his judgement swayed by the striker's pace.

It happened early in the second half, with the score 1-1 and the Town looking the more threatening attacking side after Pompey had failed to make best use of their openings in the last 15 minutes of the first half.

Walsh ran at **Trevor Peake,** and the Town skipper pulled him back by the shirt, outside the penalty area. Walsh rode the challenge, and **Alec Chamberlain** came out to take the ball off him.

But Mr Dunn gave Pompey a second bite, and to the Town's horror decided it was a foul, not obstruction, and that it had happened in the penalty area and not outside it.

If he was right, Peake deserved a red card. But the ref settled for a yellow, and that only because the defender maintained his protests too long.

Warren Aspinall shot in the penalty, and it was to the Town's credit that they refused to allow the blow to drain them of confidence.

With **Scott Oakes** in dazzling form on the left wing for the first 20 minutes and for most of the second half, the Town took the game to their opponents with style, speed and a lot of precision passing.

Oakes fed off **David Preece,** the key to most of the Town's attacking.

The right flank was not as impressive, but still workmanlike. **Jason Rees,** prefered to **Ceri Hughes,** who had had flu, never stopped trying, and nor did **Paul Telfer** but they were up against Portsmouth's stronger flank.

Nightmare

Neither could dish out the sort of nightmare Chris Price suffered at the feet of Oakes, who was quick and positive, and hit a stream of crosses, many of them curling wickedly to tease Pompey's defence.

My only niggle was that well as Oakes played, he would have been even more deadly if he had not chosen to switch inside so often.

Peake and **John Dreyer** had their hands full with the pace of Walsh and Guy Whittingham, but **Marvin Johnson** and **Julian James** worked hard to prevent major damage being done down the wings.

Behind a side that defended as a team, Chamberlain had to make some competent saves without being tested too severely.

Postive

The Town scrapped their five-man midfield scheme, which had been used to such good effect in recent away matches, and they looked a more positive side with **Paul Gray** and **Kerry Dixon** in attack feeding off each other. Both were expert at flicking on headed passes for the other to utilise.

Sadly for him, Dixon's good day is likely to be remembered most for a second-half miss which would have made it 2-2. He was clear, with only the goalkeeper to worry about, after Oakes dropped an accurate left wing centre into his path. But the header was weak and almost straight at Alan Knight, who saved easily.

That was with 20 minutes to go, and for most of those final stages Portsmouth were hanging on, waiting for the blessed relief of the final whistle.

Oakes and Gray both had drives saved, and sub Hughes passed up a chance to take the ball on and have a dig.

The only possible criticism of the Town was that they lacked a final touch to finish their very promising passing football. But a promising game was.

They had got off to a marvellous start, going on the attack from the opening minutes.

Dixon headed over the bar from a half-chance engineered by Preece and Oakes, while Portsmouth's first attempt on target saw Chamberlain did well at a set piece. Defender Kit Symons headed for goal through a crowd of players, and despite seeing it late the keeper dived to save at full length.

Knight, at the other end, had to fly across goal to tip a rasping drive by Oakes round the post, and the corner led to the Town taking the lead.

Oakes took it, and Gray, well back from the Portsmouth, met the ball from near the edge of the penalty area with a header that almost defied belief. It had the power and accuracy of a shot, and Knight had no chance of saving as the ball hit the top corner.

The reverse provoked Portsmouth, and within two minutes they were level.

Whittingham, who hit a hat-trick at Kenilworth Road, was never given the freedom to threaten to repeat it.

But he showed why Chelsea chairman Ken Bates might have been watching him as well as Gray with a superb solo goal.

On a run from the half-way line he got away from Telfer, Peake and Dreyer, left them trailing, and shot just as hard and fast despite Chamberlain's advance to narrow the angle.

It was a quality goal, and for a time Pompey held the upper hand as they looked for another.

But the Town kept calm, with Chamberlain saving at the feet of Darren Powell, and doing well to claw out a header by Walsh.

They also looked good on the break, without being able to find the last touch.

On the run of play, the Town had every reason to believe in themselves, and the fifth away win of the season looked very probable until the ref's most important decision early in the second half gave Portsmouth a bonus.

THE SEASON SO FAR

● CHART SHOWS Town score first, goalscorers, gates and league position, up to and including Saturday's game at Fratton Park:

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV I

1992

AUGUST		
15 Leicester (a) 1-2 (Campbell)	17,428	-
22 Bristol City (h) 0-3	7,926	22
29 Charlton (a) 0-0	6,302	21
SEPTEMBER		
2 Newcastle (a) 0-2	27,054	21
5 Tranmere (h) 3-3 (Claridge, Linton, Oakes)	6,801	23
13 Brentford (a) 2-1 (James, Gray)	7,310	19
19 Birmingham (h) 1-1 (Claridge pen)	8,481	21
26 Notts Co (a) 0-0	5,992	21
OCTOBER		
3 Portsmouth (h) 1-4 (Dreyer)	7,954	22
10 Barnsley (a) 0-3	5,261	23
17 Derby (h) 1-3 (Johnson)	8,848	23
25 Peterborough (a) 3-2 (Gray 2, Telfer)	7,125	22
31 Southend (h) 2-2 (James, Gray)	7,256	22
NOVEMBER		
3 Cambridge (a) 3-3 (Oakes, Gray 2)	5,715	22
7 Grimsby (h) 1-4 (Gray)	6,928	22
14 Oxford (a) 0-4	5,760	22
21 Millwall (h) 1-1 (Gray)	8,371	23
29 Watford (h) 2-0 (Benjamin, Oakes)	8,341	21
DECEMBER		
5 Bristol Rov (a) 0-2	6,245	22
12 Wolves (a) 2-1 (Gray 2)	13,932	19
19 Sunderland (h) 0-0	8,286	20
28 West Ham (a) 2-2 (Hughes, Dreyer)	18,786	20

1993

JANUARY		
9 Birmingham (a) 1-2 (Hughes)	9,601	22
16 Notts Co (h) 0-0	6,729	22
27 Newcastle (h) 0-0	10,237	24
30 Bristol City (a) 0-0	8,877	24
FEBRUARY		
6 Leicester (h) 2-0 (Johnson, Gray)	9,140	21
9 Brentford (h) 0-0	7,248	21
13 Tranmere Rov (a) 2-0 (Gray, Johnson)	8,723	19
20 Charlton (h) 1-0 (Gray)	8,443	19
27 Barnsley (h) 2-2 (Dixon, Gray pen)	7,595	19
MARCH		
6 Portsmouth (a) 1-2 (Gray)	10,457	20

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Ever-presents with 32 each: James and Gray. Preece 31, Peake 27, Johnson 24(2), Dreyer 24, Rees 22(1), Hughes 18(1), Chamberlain 18, Oakes 17(14), Telfer 17(1), Linton 16(3), Salton 15, Petterson 14, Kamara 12, Williams 5(7), Benjamin 5(5), Dixon 3, Campbell 2(7). BEFORE TRANSFERS: Claridge 15(1); Matthew (loan) 3(2). Number of players used: 21 (32 last season).

GOALS: Gray 15(1 pen), Oakes, Johnson 3, James 2, Dreyer 2, Hughes 2, Claridge 2(1 pen). One each by Campbell, Linton, Telfer, Dixon and Benjamin.

ASSISTS: Preece 6. Gray 4. Hughes 3. Two each by Rees, Dreyer, Oakes, Claridge and Kamara. One each by James, Linton, Salton, Johnson and Telfer.

THE FA CUP

Round 3: Jan 19 Bristol City (h) 2-0 (Gray, Hughes)..... 6,094
Round 4: Jan 23 Derby County (h) 1-5 (Telfer)..... 9,170

APPEARANCES: Two each by Chamberlain, James, Dreyer, Peake, Johnson, Telfer, Rees, Preece, Hughes, Gray and Benjamin. Two each as subs by Oakes and Harvey.

THE COCA-COLA CUP

Round 2 (1): Sep 23 Plymouth (h) 2-2 (Claridge 2)..... 3,702
Round 2 (2): Oct 6 Plymouth (a) 2-3 (Claridge, Preece) 8,946

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Peake, Johnson, James, Kamara, Preece, Gray and Claridge. Oakes 1(1), Rees 1(1). One each as sub by Campbell and Dreyer. GOALS: Claridge 3, Preece 1.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP

Sep 15 Watford (a) 0-0 5,197

29 Bristol City (h) 1-1 (Claridge) 2,538
APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Rees, James, Kamara, Claridge and Gray. Preece 1(1), Campbell 1(1), Peake 1, Johnson 1, Dreyer 1, Matthew 1, Oakes (2).

The First Division

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newcastle	33	11	4	1	34	9	10	3	4	27	18	70
West Ham	33	10	4	2	33	13	8	5	4	26	17	63
Swindon	32	11	4	2	33	17	5	4	6	23	24	56
Portsmouth	34	12	2	2	32	8	3	7	7	24	31	54
Millwall	33	11	4	1	41	15	3	8	6	12	20	54
Tranmere	33	10	4	2	35	14	5	2	8	18	28	51
Leicester City	32	8	4	4	25	19	6	3	7	20	23	49
Grimsby	32	8	5	3	27	21	6	1	9	20	21	48
Charlton	33	7	7	3	22	15	5	4	7	17	17	47
Derby	32	5	1	10	25	27	8	5	3	25	14	45
Wolves	33	7	6	4	27	20	4	5	7	17	22	44
Peterborough	31	4	7	5	21	22	8	1	6	20	22	44
Watford	33	5	5	6	23	27	6	4	7	26	32	42
Barnsley	32	7	3	5	19	14	4	4	9	23	26	40
Oxford Utd	32	5	6	5	23	15	4	6	6	18	24	39
Sunderland	31	6	5	6	21	19	4	4	6	10	20	39
Brentford	33	6	3	8	22	23	4	4	8	18	28	37
Cambridge	32	6	4	6	19	21	2	8	6	16	28	36
Notts County	32	6	5	5	22	18	2	6	8	19	34	35
Luton Town	32	3	9	4	17	23	4	5	7	17	26	35
Bristol City	32	5	5	5	19	21	3	4	10	17	37	33
Birmingham	32	7	2	6	19	22	1	6	10	10	31	32
Southend	32	5	6	5	21	15	2	4	10	13	26	31
Bristol Rovers	33	5	2	10	21	34	3	4	9	17	32	30

● Not including last night's games: Luton Town v Oxford, Barnsley v Cambridge, Brentford v Tranmere, Bristol City v Millwall, Peterborough v Birmingham, Portsmouth v Watford, West Ham v Grimsby, Wolves v Notts County.

PLAYING TONIGHT: Derby v Bristol Rov, Leicester v Sunderland, Newcastle v Charlton, Southend v Swindon.

● DANGERMAN: Phil Gray on the ball with Kit Symons trying to shepherd him away from goal.

Match details

Portsmouth 2 Luton Town 1

LUTON TOWN: Chamberlain; James, Peake, Dreyer, Johnson; Telfer, Rees (Hughes, 65 mins, Williams 87 mins), Preece, Oakes; Gray, Dixon.

PORTSMOUTH: Knight; Price, Symons, Awford, Daniel (Chamberlain 67 mins); Aspinall, McLoughlin, Burns (Russell HT), Powell; Walsh, Whittingham.

GOALS: 0-1 14 mins: Phil Gray's 16th of the season, a thundering header from the Town's first corner, pulled back to the edge of the box by Scott Oakes; 1-1, 16 mins: Guy Whittingham, crisp low drive at the end of a 30-yard run which beat the Town defence for pace and power; 2-1 51 mins: Warren Aspinall, penalty, after Trevor Peake was adjudged to have fouled Paul Walsh, who used to win penalties for the Town in much the same way.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town eight saved, four wide, and a header by Gray hit the bar, but with an offside flag already up against Kerry Dixon; Pompey nine saved and one wide. Corners: 7-3 to the Town.

REFEREE: Steve Dunn, Bristol. The Town were convinced he boobed when he gave Pompey a penalty for an offence which was outside the box. It's a pity the destiny of the points hinged on one dodgy decision, the sort that often goes the way of the home side.

BOOKED: Marvin Johnson and David Preece, both for fouls, and Trefor Peake for dissent over the penalty incident.

ATTENDANCE: 10,457, with 830 from Luton making their voices heard despite the occasional Pompey chimes.

ENTERTAINMENT: A smashing match, full of good football by both sides, and it was a travesty that the Town did not collect a point instead of falling to their first double defeat of the season.

ODDSPOT: Ceri Hughes became the first Town player in a league game to go on as a sub and then be subbed.

Pompey glad to hear final whistle

EVERYONE at Fratton Park agreed on Saturday night that the Town had been very unfortunate to be beaten.

Guy Whittingham, who scored his 36th goal of the season, and his fourth against the Town, said: "All credit to Luton: after our penalty they were coming at us, and did more and more attacking.

"But at least we lasted out to the final whistle. We have given away late goals a few times, and there was the worry that it would happen again."

Kerry Dixon summed up the players' feelings: "We deserved a lot more than we got," he said.

"Luton play a style of football which is a joy to be involved in. The game must have been a joy to watch. Both teams played well and entertained the fans."

He added that if Saturday's standard was maintained there was little doubt that the Town would comfortably get clear of the relegation zone.

Manager David Pleat was annoyed at the penalty decision which turned out to be decisive.

He thought the offence was obstruction outside the box, not a foul inside it. And he wondered if the crowd had influenced one of the newer referees on the league list.

"A few minutes earlier Dreyer had got in a tackle that was something similar, and the crowd roared for a penalty.

"It's no good complaining now, but I have said to the referee that I hope he has a look at the video to see exactly what happened."

But the manager was pleased with other aspects of a game that had been outstanding in terms of excitement for the fans. "It's a shame it wasn't the last game of the season and we were safe," he said. "At the moment it hurts to lose."

And he explained why he had sent on Ceri Hughes as a sub, and then subbed him three minutes from time.

"Hughes hadn't trained all week because of flu, and I thought that Williams might do something a bit different and perhaps get us something," said the manager.

● WELL CLEARED: Julian James blasts the ball to safety before Paul Walsh can reach it.

Local soccer tables

A & B Sports NHC Sunday League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enterprise	15	11	2	2	36	19	24
Celtic Supporters	16	10	3	3	45	15	23
Sacred Heart	15	10	2	3	28	11	22
St. Joseph's	10	9	0	1	24	6	18
AFC Heron	16	8	2	6	42	35	18
FC Coral	13	6	3	4	31	25	15
LW Tottenhoe	11	6	1	4	32	20	13
Brache Green Man	15	5	2	8	25	29	12
Crawley Sports	15	5	2	8	23	37	12
TRWSS	19	3	2	14	38	65	8
Stag Sports	13	1	5	7	14	34	7
Limbury Black Swan	16	1	0	15	24	66	2

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Joseph's Res	12	9	3	0	33	14	21
Sacred Heart Res	14	7	5	2	34	12	19
Horseshoe Saints	12	6	3	3	21	13	15
Hexton	13	6	3	4	21	23	15
GIS Leagrave	11	6	2	3	23	16	14
Stopsley Harriers	14	5	3	6	48	32	13
Stopsley WMC	15	5	3	7	22	24	13
Lewsey	13	5	2	6	28	28	12
Celtic Res	14	3	4	7	23	29	10
Crawley Sports Res	13	3	3	7	20	33	9
Vauxhall Hightown	13	1	1	11	13	62	3

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lilley Rangers	14	8	5	1	41	21	21
AFC Heron Res	17	7	7	3	38	31	21
LW Tottenhoe Res	13	9	1	3	39	22	19
Caddington	15	7	3	5	32	31	17
Lea Sports	15	6	4	5	34	26	16
Valley Sports	17	6	3	8	37	37	15
The Swan	14	6	2	6	23	23	14
Brewery	14	3	6	5	22	26	12
AFC Wigmore	11	3	3	5	21	30	9
Boater	16	3	3	10	27	38	9
Borough Arms	16	3	3	10	19	48	9

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Houghton	17	12	3	2	58	21	27
Renault Dodge	19	11	4	4	65	30	26
Stopsley Harriers R	16	10	4	2	53	31	24
NT Sugar Loaf	13	10	1	2	41	21	21
FC Coral Res	17	8	4	5	36	27	20
Coulter	18	7	5	6	39	39	19
Dog and Duck	17	8	2	7	56	45	18
Old Moat House	17	5	5	7	44	51	15
GIS Leagrave Res	19	5	5	9	30	54	15
Red Star	15	5	2	8	29	40	12
Parkside	17	4	2	11	35	55	10
Strawplaiters	17	2	3	12	25	49	7
Stopsley WMC Res	16	2	0	14	17	65	4

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caddington Res	13	9	3	1	42	14	21
Black Swan	12	8	1	3	29	23	17
Lewsey Res	14	7	2	5	38	34	16
Silsoe Rangers	11	6	3	2	47	26	15
Markyate	12	6	2	4	27	32	14
Britannia Airways	11	3	6	2	20	17	12
Checkout	17	5	2	10	38	40	12
Magnum	8	4	2	2	21	17	10
Cavalier	13	1	5	7	22	45	7
Laporte	10	1	3	6	18	24	5
AFC Stopsley	13	2	1	10	17	47	5

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Oakley	13	11	2	0	65	15	24
Roman Legion	12	11	1	0	58	9	23
Wells Star	18	9	5	4	33	33	23
Crescent Social	19	10	2	7	44	37	22
Flint United	13	9	2	2	49	15	20
Streatley Chequers	17	8	2	7	37	40	18
Lea Sports Res	15	6	5	4	35	26	17
Barbarians	18	7	3	8	36	41	17
Casa Bianca (61)	17	5	4	8	31	37	14
Borough Arms Res	15	3	1	11	24	56	7
Kenilworth Rangers	19	2	3	14	19	57	7
Luton BR	20	1	2	17	19	90	4

DIVISION SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wigmore Ath	13	13	0	0	74	13	26
Thames United	12	12	0	0	82	13	24
Toddington	15	10	1	4	43	30	21
HR Chequers	19	7	3	9	34	56	17
White Swan	13	8	0	5	48	39	16
Lewsey Park Soc	13	8	0	5	37	30	16
FC Houghton Res	13	5	1	7	34	37	11
Renault Dodge Res	11	3	2	6	27	34	8
Fidus	15	4	0	11	26	45	8
Luton YS	16	3	1	12	32	84	7
Rileys	12	3	0	9	25	59	6
Red Star Res	12	2	0	10	18	40	4

DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manor Rangers	20	13	3	4	70	35	29
Old Moat House Res	16	12	2	2	64	20	26
Magnum Res	17	11	1	5	55	30	23
Royal Mail Luton	12	11	0	1	61	11	22
Limbury United	15	9	2	4	61	40	20
Postels	16	5	3	8	27	40	13
Kenilworth Rgrs Res	19	6	1	12	37	72	13
Markyate Res	17	4	4	9	36	48	12
Red Lion	15	5	1	9	43	41	11
The Harrow	15	4	1	10	28	59	10
Luton Rover	14	4	1	9	22	49	9
Luton Thameslink	16	2	0	14	26	85	4

Luton District & South Beds League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Four Horseshoes	20	15	2	3	55	22	32
Luton Old Boys Res	18	13	2	3	68	25	28
Studham	16	12	0	4	49	16	24
Lewsey Park	19	10	0	4	53	34	24
Christians	19	10	3	6	54	25	23
AC Cadoza	16	9	3	4	46	22	21
Singh Sabha	19	6	5	8	33	43	17
Stockwood Athletic	20	7	3	10	40	50	17
Kent Ath	18	6	3	9	36	44	15
Ebony	18	7	1	10	35	45	15
Rotheram OB	14	6	2	6	29	28	14
Cricketers	16	5	0	11	23	63	10
Eaton Bray	18	3	1	14	29	67	7
Thistle	19	1	1	17	14	80	3

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manshead (OD)	17	15	0	2	72	24	30
Dagnall	17	13	3	1	73	15	29
Flitwick Town	20	9	6	5	64	48	24
Monarch Aircraft	14	9	1	4	36	19	19
Kent Ath Res	16	9	1	6	43	29	19
Crawley Green	12	8	2	2	42	18	18
Luton Eagles	16	7	4	5	45	38	18
Luton Old Boys A	16	7	2	7	41	41	16
Rotheram OB A	14	4	3	7	29	40	11
Markyate	16	4	3	9	19	36	11
Lewsey Park Res	17	5	1	11	30	56	11
High Town Old Boys	18	5	1	12	34	70	11
Celtic	16	3	3	10	37	46	9
Eaton Bray Res	17	0	0	17	10	95	0

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Studham Res	18	11	4	3	46	35	26
Brickmakers	18	11	2	5	65	27	24
First and Last	18	9	3	6	51	36	21
Thresher	11	9	2	0	51	13	20
Christians A	17	7	5	5	36	19	19
Sportsman Dunstable	19	7	5	7	31	37	19
Bitter End	17	6	5	6	38	37	17
Whitbread Club	16	5	4	7	32	31	14
Sportsman Harl'ton	15	6	1	8	27	29	13
Manshead ODs Res	17	5	3	9	40	56	13
Thistle Res	17	3	3	11	20	63	13
Flitwick Tn Res	14	3	6	5	25	33	12
Markyate Res	19	2	1	16	19	74	5

Luton Sunday League

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Norman King	15	14	1	0	72	73	29
High Town	13	9	0	4	41	23	18
Black Swan Res	16	7	3	6	46	44	17
Stopsley Ath	14	6	3	5	49	38	15
AFC Barn Owl A	15	5	2	5	27	27	12
Lea United	11	5	2	4	28	33	12
Lea Sports A	16	5	1	10	46	59	11
First & Last	15	4	1	10	39	55	9
Salisbury Arms	9	3	1	5	27	28	7
Meds	13	1	2	10	29	74	4

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Barn Owl B	18	9	3	6	63	46	21
Luton Dukes	12	8	2	2	43	22	18
Purley Tavern	11	7	3	1	56	19	17
Lea Sports B	18	6	3	9	46	58	15
GML Comets	13	6	2	5	44	33	14
First & Last Hares	14	6	2	6	37	37	14
Emerald Res	16	5	4	7	40	55	14
One Nation	14	5	2	7	41	39	12
Icknield Rangers	12	5	1	6	25	37	11
Stone Rovers	12	1	2	9	15	64	4

SB Sunday League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coach and Horses	12	8	3	1	46	19	19
Moor Park	10	9	1	0	46	5	19
Sundon Park Social	14	8	2	4	41	30	18
Wheatsheaf	8	6	0	2	24	7	12
Chalton Strollers	6	5	1	0	22	3	11
Green Man Clophill	13	5	1	7	20	35	11
RB Legion	10	4	1	5	13	21	9
Emeralds	16	2	4	10	34	55	8
Farley Eagles	14	3	0	11	15	28	6
Brickmakers	14	2	1	11	19	60	5

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nurdin & Peacock	15	13	2	0	64	19	28
Leicester Arms	-	-	-	-	-	10	23
Macom Eagles	14	10	1	3	53	19	21
Wheatsheaf Res	15	9	2	4	56	18	20
EG Chiltern	15	6	3	6	38	39	15
Rose & Crown	14	5	3	6	42	35	13
Moor Park Res	18	4	4	10	49	50	12
Wigmore Arms	13	6	0	7	29	39	12
Slip End Utd	10	4	1	5	32	32	9
Sportsman	13	2	2	9	20	69	6
Ramridge Members	12	2	0	10	20	61	4
Tophill Utd	13	1	1	11	12	95	3

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Inter-City	16	12	3	1	58	22	27
Blackberry Jack	17	12	1	4	64	21	25
Winston Churchill	11	9	1	1	56	10	19
Beds Yeoman	10	9	1	0	46	5	19
Queens Head	17	7	4	6	51	33	18
Painters Arms	9	7	2	0	43	12	16
Crown & Keg	14	6	4	4	15	13	16
Windsor Castle	15	6	1	8	36	50	13
The Engine	15	5	2	8	33	40	12
Suspension Systems	13	3	5	5	29	38	11
Sugar Loaf Leagrave	16	3	3	10	25	53	9
Ch. Strollers Res	12	3	1	8	26	29	7
Wanderers	17	1	2	14	19	96	4
Centurion	14	0	0	14	5	84	0

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Park Soc Res	15	14	0	1	67	19	28
Robin Hood	14	10	1	3	63	25	21
NV Athletic	14	10	1	3	53	22	21
Bromley Ath	15	10	0	5	63	42	20
Vauxhall Griffin	11	7	1	3	50	24	15
Mercury	15	6	2	7	37	28	14
Lea Bank	10	5	2	3	29	27	12
Air Express	14	4	1	9	23	40	9
Engine Res	14	4	0	10	32	66	8
Northside	15	3	0	12	24	56	6
Bedco	12	2	0