

Big match facts

● **TOWN:** Sommer, James, Peake, Johnson, Thomas, Teller, Waddock (Matthews 79 mins), Oakes, Preese, Marshall, Higgins (Dixon 91 mins), Unsubbed goalkeeper Steve Davis.

● **MILLWALL:** Keller, Joseph, Winer, Webb, Thatcher, Savage (Breedford 81 mins), Rice, May, Van Blaric, Oldfield, Mitchell, Unsubbed subs Kennedy and goalkeeper Carter.

● **THE GOALS:** 1-0 323 mins: Dwight Marshall, blistering run and repel drive from the left, after being sent through by Scott Oakes; 1-57 mins: Dave Mitchell, close range header from the back across the face of the goal.

● **OTHER ATTEMPTS:** Town: seven saved and six wide; Millwall: four saved and six wide; Corners: 5-4 to Millwall.

● **REFeree:** John Lloyd, Wrexham; had a very poor match, with plenty of debatable decisions, including a refusal to send when John James and Alex Rice were close to sweeping punches. Two yellow cards in the last five minutes for less serious offences.

● **BOOKED:** Roger Joseph of Millwall for a foul on Rob Matthews; Mitchell, Town for a foul on Andy May.

● **ATTEMPT:** 866, not as bad as it sounds, because barely 1,000 came to support Millwall, but the Town's win was a very encouraging first half, but the Town's win to win seemed to fill in the second.

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Honours as Lions roar back as Luton pack the killer punch

FOR THE third game in a row Luton Town got themselves into a match-winning position at Kenilworth Road and then blew it.

Millwall dropped themselves back into it to earn a point, and may well keep up that slippery Town game of a play-off place.

An alarming inability to build on a good platform has now cost the Town six points out of the last nine. Unless they very quickly turn draws into victories, they are in as good as over.

They were on top in the first half, but fell away in the second, when Millwall worked harder to squeeze the midfield. If a draw was a fair result it was Millwall who accepted it more happily.

A poor referee, tarried off the Premiership last year, did little to help the home crowd, with three penalty claims turned down in the first half.

Millwall was as grumpy and tough as they have always been, but also capable of knocking the ball around.

In midfield they had the best player on view, in the highly competitive Alex Rice, a skipper determined to stamp his mark on the game.

True, he dug in a little too enthusiastically at times, notably when he left his mark on David Preese midway through the first half with a 'tackle' that should have brought a booking.

John Lloyd of Wrexham, seemed to feel all about FIFA referees, leaving it to get stuck in to hold what they pass through another superb goal by Dwight Marshall.

His 12th goal of the season was made by the referee, as he was in the box at the minute, after a mistake by the old goal Teller.

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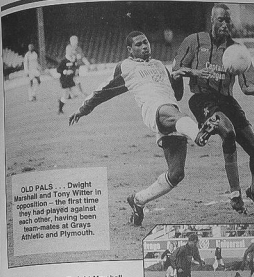
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OLD PALS... Dwight Marshall and John Lloyd of Winer in opposition - the first time they played against each other, having been team-mates at Plymouth Athletic and Plymouth.

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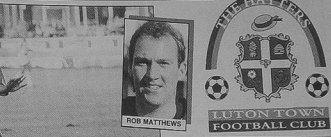
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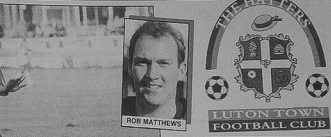
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Luton Town's season at a glance

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25 Tottenham	(A)	0-2	9,480	20	4
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10 Burnley	(H)	0-1	8,811	17	10
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Sommer confirmed as USA's No.1 goalkeeper

THE Town are considering leaving goalkeeper Sommer out of their side for the local derby against Watford at Kenilworth Road on March 26 - so that he can win his third international cap.

A fax from the USA has told the Town that Sommer has been selected for a match in the States against Uruguay on March 25 and asking if he can be released.

Manager David Priest said: "It's a pity to miss the only official No.1 goalkeeper for the USA and we are delighted for him."

"Depending on how results go, we may not let him go to win another cap."

"He would only miss one game, and we have confidence in Kevin Davis to come in and do a job."

Dons consider taking Greene

PREMIERSHIP club Wimbledon were yesterday said to be poised to make an offer to take in the summer.

Greene is now in a circular. He is one of seven young players available for temporary transfer.

Manager David Priest said he had heard that Wimbledon were likely to make an approach, but nothing had materialised as yet.

Greene, 21, underwent surgery to his knee in 1991 to return to veteran Trevor Peake, but he has not heard the rumors, and would consider anything if it meant he could play for a season.

The chance of seeing foot-ball again.

Greene's Division Colchester United have made an enquiry, but as yet no offer, about left back Richard Hoggins, an in-house player also on the list of players available for loan.

