

Sport 3

Luton & South Beds League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Christians	9	7	1	1	33	15	19
Stockwood K.A.	10	6	2	2	29	14	18
White Swan	9	5	3	1	26	13	18
Lewsey Social	6	6	0	23	5	12	12
AC Cadets	9	4	2	0	21	10	10
Harveys	7	4	2	1	22	11	10
Singh Sabina	9	2	3	0	19	10	9
Lea Sports	8	2	4	3	13	8	8
Statham	8	3	1	5	12	7	7
Marlyne	11	4	6	16	24	6	6
Luton OB	7	1	0	8	11	22	2
Luton Eagles	10	1	0	9	24	2	2
Pittville Town	9	0	1	8	15	39	1

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whitbread Log	9	9	0	0	28	3	18
FC Schell	9	8	0	1	46	20	16
Cork & Bull	10	8	0	2	21	16	16
Lewsey Social	12	6	2	4	24	14	14
Luton OB	10	6	0	4	27	23	12
Manfred Gilder	9	6	2	1	28	12	12
Magnum Dynamos	9	4	1	4	24	24	9
Thomas De La Rue	9	3	3	3	15	9	9
DEO	9	3	3	3	23	30	9
Harrington	10	2	6	18	31	61	6
Statham	11	2	5	4	28	40	4
Statham Parrot	9	1	0	8	11	39	2
Pittville Town	12	1	0	11	15	48	2

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birch Link	11	10	1	0	40	5	21
Whitbread Log	11	7	2	2	25	24	16
St. James	10	7	2	1	22	14	14
Lewsey Park	10	7	0	3	22	19	14
Hockey Teachers	9	5	2	2	22	16	12
First & Last	11	4	3	4	20	12	11
International	10	5	0	5	22	10	10
Statham	11	4	2	5	22	10	10
Christians	12	4	1	7	21	29	9
Dragons	9	4	1	4	17	20	9
REC Res	11	2	4	5	28	39	8
Whitbread SS	8	3	2	3	24	17	8
Marlyne	11	3	1	7	15	32	7
Pittville Town	12	1	2	9	17	44	4
Heron Manor	10	0	3	7	16	44	3

Camden Leighton Sunday

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashwell Globe	10	7	3	0	54	9	17
Elm Park	10	7	2	1	35	14	16
Axe & Compass	10	6	1	3	40	23	13
Golden Bell	7	5	1	1	28	11	11
L. Buzz WMC	7	4	1	2	31	23	9
Linalde Ship	8	2	4	2	14	15	8
Southcott Village	10	3	1	6	12	24	7
Saracens Head	8	1	2	5	9	24	4
ACD	10	1	2	7	17	40	4
Oldmill Hill	7	0	1	6	5	39	1

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Axe & Compass	8	7	1	0	32	6	15
Wingrave	7	7	0	0	32	4	14
Woburn	6	1	0	5	30	2	3
Laughton Pipers	7	6	1	0	27	9	13
Plume Dunstable	9	4	1	4	17	15	9
WOM International	3	2	6	16	26	8	8
Dunstable Rigs	10	3	2	5	16	24	7
Cheddington	10	3	1	6	21	40	7
Red Lion LB	9	2	2	5	16	25	6
Hockliffe	10	2	2	6	22	26	6
Alton Keynes 87	7	1	2	4	8	13	4
Ashwell Legends	10	1	0	9	8	44	2

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elm Park	8	7	0	1	29	14	14
Dunstable Star	10	7	0	3	35	18	14
Tilsworth Anchor	7	7	0	0	20	8	14
Stoke Hammond	9	3	3	3	25	11	9
Edlesborough	11	6	0	5	24	32	12
Houghton Chalk	8	5	1	2	22	7	11
FC Lindeale	7	1	4	2	20	15	6
Oldmill Hill	9	2	1	6	22	30	5
Southcott Village	10	1	0	9	15	28	4
Black Lion	10	2	0	8	12	44	4
Swan Northall	10	0	1	9	15	37	1

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Houghton Park	8	8	0	0	24	5	16
St Mary's	10	7	0	3	29	13	14
Laughton Park	8	3	3	2	27	17	9
Plume Dunstable	8	4	3	1	27	17	9
Vernons	9	3	2	4	20	15	8
AFC Chequers	8	3	2	3	23	18	8
Saracens Head	9	3	1	6	14	30	7
AFC Houghton	9	3	0	6	19	40	6
Golden Bell	8	2	0	6	8	21	4
M Keynes 87	8	0	0	8	8	23	0

Big match facts

TOWN: Feuer, Patterson, Peake, Marvin Johnson; Oakes, James, Hughes, McLaren (Alexander 71 mins), Harvey, Marshall (Thorpe 71 mins), Rieth (Douglas 71 mins).

BARNSELY: Watson, Shirriff, Davis, De Zeeuw, Eaden, Bullock, Redfern, Archdeacon, Liddell (Rammell 60 mins), Payton.

Unused subs Hurst and goalkeeper Butler.

THE GOAL: Neil Redfern block-buster from just inside the penalty area, after an incisive angled pass by Andy Rammell in the 68th minute.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town four saved, five wide and shot by Dwight Marshall clipped the side of a post; Barnsley five saved and 14 wide. Corners: 5-4 to Barnsley.

REFEREE: Tony Leake, Darwen: had a fair game but for over-use of the yellow card.

BOOKED: Town's Scott Oakes for time-wasting at a throw-in, Paul McLaren for a foul on Redfern and Darren Patterson for clobbering Redfern and Sheridan at the same time; Barnsley's Archdeacon and Davis, for fouls on Johnson and Douglas, and Payton for shooting into the net after being given offside.

ATTENDANCE: 6,437, Oakwell's lowest Saturday gate of the season, with the small contingent from Luton doing their best to rally the team before resuming the "Westley" chant.

ENTERTAINMENT: Pretty good in the first half, save for the Town failing to net the goals they needed. But it was Barnsley's game after that, and in the later stages, when the Town were chasing the game, the home side should have had two or three more goals while Darren Patterson was upfield on emergency centre-forward duties.

Sport 4

Too much

YOU CAN'T expect your defence to keep you out of trouble for ever, said crestfallen manager Terry Westley after Luton Town paid another heavy price at Oakwell for failing to cash in when they had chances to score goals.

He referred in particular to two instances in the first half, when the Town's passing soccer was more than a match for Barnsley's.

Home fans were getting restless, apparently forgetting that their three-man defence was facing the weakest attack in the First Division.

Said Westley, after listening to yet more chants from furious fans who want him sacked: "Once again we had the chances to score. We could have come in 2-0 up at half-time, and that's not talking about half-chances."

"Barnsley made hardly any chances until the last 20 minutes, when we pushed up to try to get an equaliser, and left only one man back."

"You can't keep asking your defence to keep clean sheets every week. I just know that if we had taken either of the first-half chances it would have been a different game."

There were three occasions when the Town might have taken a lead they deserved on their first-half display. Richard Harvey enjoyed a productive Luton doing their best to rally the team before resuming the "Westley" chant.

A better chance came in the 18th minute, when Oakes delivered a testing ball into the heart of the Barnsley defence. Vidar Rieth and Steve Davis completed

for it, went down in a heap, and the Town played for a penalty. The ball ran loose, and Dwight Marshall, with time and space to go for goal, wasted it, shooting against the outside of a post.

Westley said: "Our players stopped, because they thought it would be a penalty."

Barnsley boss Danny Wilson's view was different. "We thought the Luton striker pulled our defender back, and it should have been a free kick to us," he said.

The other clear chance came in four minutes of stoppage time played by Lancashire ref Tony Leake, whose fussiness led to six yellow cards, half of them very debatable.

Harvey's probing pass sent Rieth on a run for goal, but he took too long and while he dithered Nicky Eaden got in a blocking tackle as the shot was fired off.

Although Westley was right in moaning about the chances that got away, Barnsley were also over-generous in the first half, with the nippy Martin Bullock wasting two, and Neil Redfern having a scaring rising finger-tipped over the bar by Ian Feuer.

With Steve Davis sidelined by the knee injury he received at Watford, the Town brought in Darren Patterson for his first league start, using him on the right of defence, with Julian James pushed into midfield.

For an hour, despite a wayward contribution by Ceri Hughes, Barnsley were frustrated. But they increased the tempo in the second half, and the Town were pushed ever deeper, particularly when the lanky Andy Rammell was sent on as sub. He more than anyone turned the game, with pace and power, and the ability to deliver telling

reliance on defence

BARNSELY 1 LUTON TOWN 0 (Half-time 0-0)

He proved it by opening up the Town defence in the 7th minute, seconds after Hughes had delivered his best scoring attempt of the game. David Watson saved with some difficulty, and Barnsley swept downfield, with Rammell setting up Redfern. A few minutes earlier he had seen Feuer deny him with another

stopping save, but this time even the helpless REDFERN's power drive ripped into the net. Four minutes later, in what looked like a desperate measure to meet desperate circumstances, Westley sent on all three subs, and the Town tried to go all-out attack.

Patterson became a striker and Stuart Douglas put himself about with great enthusiasm. Davis was booked to stop one of his runs, and at least the Town had a go in the closing stages.

But a lot of it was long ball optimism, tinged with a little desperation, and with so much effort spent on attacking, an under-manned defence did well to avoid further goals at the other end. They did it courtesy of good work by Feuer and over-enthusiasm and sometimes sloppy finishing by Barnsley.

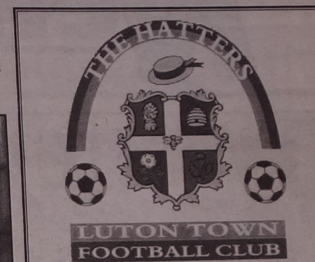
Former Town star Wilson, whose playing career is probably over because of a persistent ankle injury, would not be drawn when asked to compare the side he had just seen with the one he played in nearly a decade ago. Chalk and cheese is the phrase that comes to mind to some of us.

But he was pleased to see Barnsley improve a run of one win in the previous nine league outings. "Luton frustrated us to a certain extent," he said. "But in the end we could have had four or five goals. After the first half I knew we had to force the issue to beat Luton, and we went up a gear. Luton played it tight, and you can understand that, in the position they are in."

"But I am sure we deserved to win."



TOP MAN: Darren Patterson, on his full league debut for the Town, gets head and shoulders above the opposition



Arsenal bid for Hughes denied

ARSENAL's reported interest in Ceri Hughes, who has just regained his place in the Welsh international side, was dismissed as no more than paper talk by Town manager Terry Westley this week.

Someone fed Fleet Street a line saying that Bruce Rioch had bid £750,000 and been told he must double it if he wants the 24-year-old midfielder.

Westley confirmed a couple of weeks ago that Hughes was attracting interest, but would not name the clubs involved. He added he did not want to let Hughes.

This week the manager said: "I don't know where the latest story came from. Arsenal have not expressed any interest in Hughes, and to be blunt I don't think he is doing well enough yet to get into Arsenal's Premiership side."

But big clubs are regular visitors to Town matches, and Westley suspects that Hughes, Scott Oakes and



CERI HUGHES

Steve Davis are the names upmost in their scouts' minds.

Arsenal's alleged interest may date back to an Anglo-Italian game in September, when Rioch was in the stand. But the Town reply was that as the Arsenal boss lives at Harpenden, Kenilworth Road was the obvious place for him to go to see a football game.

Town's season at a glance....

DATE... OPPONENTS... RESULT... SCORERS... ATTENDANCE... LEAGUE POSITION

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIV I August 1995						
13 Norwich	(H) 1-3	(Guentchev, pen)	7,848	-		
19 Southend	(A) 1-0	(Thorp)	4,630	-		
26 Leicester	(H) 1-1	(Hughes)	6,112	16		
29 Grimsby	(A) 0-1		4,289	10		
September						
2 Derby	(H) 1-2	(Marshall)	6,427	17		
9 Reading	(A) 1-3	(Marshall)	8,550	20		
13 Millwall	(A) 0-1		7,076	22		
16 Sunderland	(H) 0-2		6,955	23		
23 Wolves	(A) 0-0		23,659	24		
30 Portsmouth	(H) 3-1	(Marshall, Davis, Guentchev, pen)	7,795	23		
October						
7 Tranmere	(A) 0-1		6,680	24		
14 West Brom	(H) 1-2	(Harvey)	8,042	24		
22 Ipswich	(A) 1-0	(Oldfield)	9,123	21		
29 Charlton	(H) 0-1		6,270	22		
November						
4 Stoke	(A) 0-5		9,982	23		
11 Oldham	(H) 1-1	(Douglas)	6,047	23		
18 Bury	(A) 1-1	(Davis)	10,042	23		
25 Barnsley	(A) 0-1		6,437	23		
CORFA-COLA CUP (First Round) August 1995						
15 Bournemouth	(H) 1-1	(Marshall)	2,728			
22 Bournemouth	(A) 1-2	(pen) (Marshall)				
(Bournemouth win 3-2 on aggregate)						
ANGLO ITALIAN CUP September 5 1995						
Perugia	(H) 1-4	(Guentchev, pen)	2,352			
Genoa	(A) 0-4		3,759			
November 8						
Cesena	(A) 1-2	(Marshall)	400			

REPORT BY BRIAN SWAIN PICTURES BY GARETH OWEN

Appearances... GOALS	
League appearances (as sub in brackets)	Goals
Harvey	19
Steve Davis	14
Marshall	17
M Johnson	17
Steve Davis	16
Peake	14
Alexander	14
Hughes	14
Feuer	13
Oldfield	12
James	9
Guentchev	8
Oakes	8
Waddock	7
Vilstrup	6
Huddersfield	5
Stoke	4
Derby	4
Barnsley	4
Charlton	4
Oldham	4
Ipswich	3
West Brom	3
Southend	3
Crystal P	3
Reading	3
Sheff Utd	3
Wolves	3
Watford	3
Portsmouth	3
Luton Tn	3
Port Vale	3
Assists	
Alexander	2
Guentchev	2
M Johnson	2
G Johnson	2
James	2
McLaren	2
Sommer	2
Thorp	2
Douglas	2