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Big match facts

TOWN: Fever; James, Patterson, Marvin Johnson, Thomas; Oakes, Waddock, McLaren (Alexander 57 mins), Guentchev (Thorpe 99 mins); Marshall, Oldfield. Unused sub: Richard Harvey.

GRIMSBY: Crichon; Laws, Rodger, Groves, Croft, Childs (Southall 77 mins), Handyside, Dobbin (Shakespeare 77 mins), Bonetti; Livingstone (Woods, 77 mins), Forrester.

GOALS: 1-0 15 mins: Jamie Forrester clever chip; 2-0 22 mins: Steve Livingstone shot after low corner went through everyone to him; 3-0 31 mins: Forrester from six yards, from Ivanho Bonetti's low cross; 3-1 38 mins: Dwight Marshall forcing in a close-range chance from Bontcho Guentchev's long diagonal pass; 4-1 45 mins: Bonetti, close range after Ian Feuer missed Forrester's low cross; 5-1 72 mins: Livingstone's second, turn and shot from Bonetti's pulled-back pass; 6-1 80 mins: sub Nicky Southall's first

touch from cross by Woods; 7-1 84 mins: sub Woods, mislaid shot from pass by Southall.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town four saved and three wide; Grimsby six saved and 11 wide. Corners: 5-3 to the Town.

REFEREE: Phil Richards, Preston: Played considerably better than the Town did.

BOOKED: Grimsby player-manager Brian Laws for a foul on Guentchev 18 seconds after kick-off; Julian James for a late tackle on Ivanho Bonetti.

ATTENDANCE: 5,387, a thousand more than for the Town's August bank holiday evening visit in the league.

ENTERTAINMENT: Humiliating for the 600 from Luton who wasted their time and money. As Lennie Lawrence said, the Town made Grimsby look like AC Milan. Or perhaps Grimsby made the Town look like donkeys.



THE ONLY HIGHLIGHT: Dwight Marshall nets his 11th goal of the season, to pull it back to 3-4 after 38 minutes.

Town's season at a glance...

DATE... OPPONENTS... RESULT... SCORERS... ATTENDANCE... LEAGUE POSITION									
ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIV 1									
August 1995									
13 Norwich	(H)	1-3 (Guentchev, pen)	7,848	-					
14 Southend	(A)	1-0 (Thorpe)	4,830	30					
26 Leicester	(H)	1-1 (Hughes)	7,612	16					
29 Grimsby	(A)	0-0	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	(A)	0-2	6,955	23					
23 Wolves	(A)	0-0	23,559	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					
16 Ipswich	(H)	1-0 (Oldfield)	9,123	21					
29 Charlton	(H)	0-1	6,272	22					
November									
4 Stoke	(A)	0-1	9,382	24					
11 Oldham	(H)	1-1 (Douglas)	6,047	23					
21 Watford	(A)	1-1 (Davis)	10,042	23					
25 Barnsley	(A)	0-1	6,437	23					
December									
2 Tranmere	(H)	3-2 (Marshall, 2 McLaren)	6,605	23					
10 Wolves	(H)	2-3 (Oakes, Marshall)	6,897	24					
COCA-COLA CUP (First Round)									
August 1995									
15 Bourneville (H)	1-1 (Marshall)	7,728							
22 Bourneville (A)	1-2 (all (M. Johnson))	4,666							
(Bournemouth win 3-2 on aggregate)									
ANGLO ITALIAN CUP									
September 5 1995									
Perugia (H)	1-4 (Guentchev pen)	2,352							
October 11									
Genoa (A)	0-4	3,759							
November 8									
Cesena (A)	1-2 (Marshall)	400							
THE FA CUP									
Jan 6 Round 3									
Grimsby (A)	1-7 (Marshall)	5,387							

FA CUP Shocker

Town made to look like donkeys

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IN A SEASON which has seen some pretty poor performances in the First Division, Luton Town plumbd incredible depths in tumbling out of the FA Cup at Blundell Park.

Spineless, toothless and clueless, it was humiliation for anyone who has any feeling for the club. The players were shell-shocked, unable to explain why they could not make it a contest, and new manager Lennie Lawrence emerged from the dressing-room grim-faced to apologise to the 600 Town fans who made the trip to

GRIMSBY TOWN 7
LUTON TOWN 1
Half-time 4-1

Humberside.

We can stand defeat, but what we could not stomach was tame surrender. A year ago Southampton hammered the Town's cup hopes 6-0 at The Dell. That hurt, but we had the consolation of knowing we had seen a virtuoso performance by Matthew Le Tissier and few teams could have lived with him that night.

Grimsby, eighth in the First Division, were a team without stars - except that the Town seemed intent on making all 11 look like world-beaters.

Not one Town man came out with credit, and the re-shaped defence, with Steve Davis suspended, was a bad joke.

Gary Waddock, skipper for the first time, tried in vain to plug gaps, but there were so many it was impossible. And Grimsby had one of those days when almost every shot hit the net.

Julian James came back after injury, and had the misfortune to be up against Ivanho Bonetti, a tricky left winger who has played for Brescia, Genoa, Juventus, Bologna, Sampdoria and Torino. He is on loan to the end of the season, and Grimsby fans are contributing cash to try to fund a permanent transfer.

Comparisons are odious, they say, but the difference between the Italian and our Bulgarian were painful to see. Bontcho Guentchev was brought back because John Taylor was out of training, and played wide on the left. David Oldfield battled without success as the attacking spearhead, while Dwight Marshall spending most of his time wide without showing any real sign of being prepared to fight for a result, after Marshall converted a long ball by Guentchev to pull it back to 3-1 seven minutes before the interval.

For a short spell there were signs that Grimsby's defence might become as jittery as the Town's. But they were not put under real pressure, and seconds before the half-time whistle Bonetti made it 4-1, and the Town's heaviest defeat since Southampton was assured.

It was their worst result since an 8-1 hammering at Lincoln in the Fourth Division 29 years ago.

Grimsby player-manager Brian Laws revealed later that he expected the Town to stage a death-or-glory battle at the start of the second half. "Let's hold it at 4-1," he demanded of his team. They did, and then helped themselves to three more easy goals, but for a team that wasn't bothered whether it added to its tally.

To add insult, Laws decided to give

Marshall's reply, going in bravely against the goalkeeper and Croft, raised spirits briefly, and clearly put a few doubts in Grimsby. But Oakes, as bad as the rest on the day, overrode the ball when Oldfield put him through, and in injury time at the end of the first half Forrester broke on Grimsby's right, and crossed low. Feuer failed to cut out the pass and Bonetti scored.

The second half was purgatory for Town fans as it became obvious Grimsby were capable of making it a real mauling against a side that had lost its way.

	Alexander	2
	Marshall	2
	Taylor	2
1	Guentchev	2
	Harvey	2
Cup		
3	Thorpe	(2)
3	Thomas	1 (1)
3	James	1
2	Hughes	1
2	Waddock	1
2	Matthews	(1)
	Goals	
2	Marshall and Marvin	
2	Johnson	1 each
	Assists	
2	Steve Davis and	
1 (1)	Alexander	1 each
1 (1)	F A Cup	
1 (1)	One each by Feuer,	
1	Patterson, James,	
1	Marvin Johnson,	
1	Thomas, Waddock,	
1	Guentchev, Oakes,	
1	Oldfield, McLaren and	
1	Marshall. One as sub	
1	by Alexander and	
	Thorpe	
	Goals	
pen	Marshall	1
	Assists	
	Guentchev	1

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look like donkeys

Spineless, toothless, clueless!

all three subs a bit of fun, sending them on for the last 12 minutes. Two of them scored.

Grimsby's strong front runners, Jamie Forrester and Steve Livingstone, embarrassed the Town time and time again, and while the back four and goalkeeper all took some of the blame for the disaster, there was precious little sign of help from the other departments.

Things looked OK for the first 15 minutes, with the Town passing the ball fairly well, and with a gale blowing in their favour.

But they fell apart after the opener, with Bonetti clipping a neat pass over a static defence and Forrester equally adroit with his chip over Ian Feuer.

Scott Oakes surfaced once to fire in a shot just wide of target, before Feuer made a good save from Livingstone. But the Town stood around as Gary Childs fired in a low corner from the left, and while they watched Livingstone shot the second goal, with a deflection helping to bamboozle Feuer.

Guentchev had a cross-cum-shot palmed away, but Grimsby were starting to motor, and Feuer beat out a pldriver by Forrester, and was relieved to see Livingstone crack the rebound a foot wide.

But in the 32nd minute Gary Croft's pass put Bonetti clear of James, and he crossed low for Forrester to slide in his second goal from about eight yards.



Feuer made an excellent save from Jim Dobbin before a defence playing statistics was called three more times, by Livingstone, and subs Nicky Southall and Neil Woods.

Laws had a little sympathy for the Town. "I knew someone was going to get a hammering," he said. "We have been creating chances, but today we put them away."

Lawrence said: "At least this hasn't cost us three points. But that performance was unacceptable, and my sympathies go to the fans who supported us very well, and must feel absolutely gutted."

"Grimsby are a good First Division side. But they're not AC Milan. We made them look like AC Milan."

"We need to get that one out of our systems - and quickly."

Chiltern Youth League morning section

UNDER-12 DIVISION ONE							UNDER-11 DIVISION THREE								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aylesbury Utd	11	9	1	58	22	19		Kensworth Jun	11	10	0	58	21	30	
St Joseph's	9	7	2	34	7	16		"Caddington	21	11	9	82	29	19	
Dunstable Tn	11	7	2	25	13	16		Toddington Rov	10	9	1	65	20	18	
Lewsey	10	6	2	37	17	14		EBE Lions	11	8	1	72	12	17	
Leighton Utd	9	6	1	35	13	13		"Dragons	13	6	2	56	26	16	
Leighton Cor	9	6	1	32	13	13		Redburn	8	6	2	48	13	12	
Dunstable Colts	11	6	1	4	20	13		Markyate	11	6	0	50	32	12	
Sacred Heart	11	4	2	23	20	10		Slip End	10	3	2	27	30	8	
Dunstable Amb	12	4	2	22	24	10		Baron Stars	10	4	0	6	32	43	
Limbury	11	3	2	28	29	8		Westonring	10	3	2	41	46	6	
APC Houghton A	11	2	1	20	48	5		Sacred Heart B	11	2	0	27	62	4	
Filwick Eagles A	9	0	1	14	47	1		"S Beds" Tigers	12	0	1	11	155	3	
Bushmead	14	0	1	4	76	0		Flamstead	12	0	1	11	8	0	
UNDER-11 DIVISION TWO							UNDER-10 DIVISION ONE								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sundon PK A	14	11	1	2	59	15	23	Ramridge	8	7	0	34	12	14	
Barnton	13	8	2	1	58	24	19	Dunstable Colts	9	6	2	1	16	6	
Lewsey	13	8	2	3	67	27	18	Parkside	7	5	1	24	12	11	
Filwick Eagles B	12	8	2	50	22	18		Dunstable Reds	7	5	0	30	16	10	
Water Eaton	13	7	2	1	56	27	18	St Joseph's	6	4	0	12	10	6	
WL Saints	12	8	1	3	58	26	17	Sacred Heart	5	2	0	7	10	4	
Drags	13	7	2	1	56	27	18	Leighton Utd A	7	1	2	9	23	4	
Drags B	14	7	0	7	39	35	14	Limbury	6	1	2	4	7	3	
Dunstable Saints	13	3	7	29	37	9		Dunstable Blues	8	1	6	10	30	3	
APC Houghton B	13	2	1	28	38	8		Lewsey	7	0	1	6	28	1	
Sundon PK B	13	3	2	8	35	72	8	UNDER-10 DIVISION TWO							
Gliders	12	3	8	8	30	7			P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raiders	13	1	4	8	20	47	6	Filwick Eagles	7	7	0	35	10	14	
S Beds Tigers	13	0	3	10	130	0		Harlington	7	6	0	39	6	13	
UNDER-11 DIVISION ONE							UNDER-10 DIVISION TWO								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnton	13	7	2	31	17	18		Sundon PK	9	6	0	49	25	12	8
Water Eaton	12	9	0	34	23	18		APC Houghton	8	5	1	23	17	8	
Leighton Utd A	9	8	0	34	10	17		Bushmead	5	3	1	23	17	7	
Dunstable Tn A	14	6	3	41	36	15		Flamstead	8	3	1	16	20	7	
Lewsey	11	4	5	21	17	14		Beaudesert	7	1	3	21	18	5	
Sacred Heart's	10	5	2	39	18	12		Leighton Utd B	7	2	1	11	18	5	
Dunstable Colts	12	4	3	29	29	24		Leighton Utd C	6	1	2	11	20	4	
Limbury	11	3	2	28	29	9		Barnton Colts	8	0	1	7	47	0	
Ramridge	10	3	2	25	19	8		Dunstable Colts	9	0	0	7	30	1	
Filwick Eagles B	13	6	2	1	56	27	5	Local Social							
Dunstable Tn B	13	0	3	13	71	0		leagues tables							
APC Houghton	10	0	3	13	71	0		in the LUTON							
UNDER-11 DIVISION TWO							NEWS/								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GAZETTE							
Sacred Heart A	12	10	1	1	55	109									
Aylesbury Utd	11	9	1	1	55	109									
Bushmead	11	8	0	35	55	126									
Leighton Utd	11	8	0	35	55	126									
Green	9	5	2	29	16	102									
Kempston Rural	11	5	0	29	32	35									
Leighton Cor	11	5	0	29	32	35									
Leighton Utd B	13	4	0	29	26	51									
Sundon PK	11	1	0	10	17	75									
WL Saints	10	1	0	9	12	71									
Filwick Eagles	10	1	0	9	12	71									