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## A VITAL GAME FOR BOTH SIDES, WITH LOCAL PRIDE AT STAKE

TODAY we entertain Watford, welcoming their supporters, players and officials, in a local derby which will have a massive bearing on the eventual fate of the two clubs this season.

Our last two performances against Stoke and Birmingham left us pointless in a week where I felt that a win and a draw, to add to our previous successes against West Brom and Charlton, would have given us a good chance of avoiding relegation.

The Stoke game will long be etched in the memory of both clubs as I believe Stoke were totally outplayed, and yet found the ability to take advantage of our inability to finish them off, and our defensive naivety, to snatch a victory.

A victory which was so unlikely yet it has propelled them to a series of results which I am sure will eventually lead to them finishing in a play-off position.

To have our hopes dashed in such a manner was a massive blow to us at the time and certainly I can hardly remember feeling so disappointed after a game, and I think that physically and mentally we started the following game at Birmingham both jaded and tired.

We conceded a sloppy early goal, and to be fair controlled most of the game, without ever looking likely to score, until Kim Grant was carried off thus reducing us to 10 men with all three subs having been used.

Victory was never a realistic proposition but the magnitude of defeat owed much to us throwing caution to the wind in the last 10 minutes when chasing the game that it did to Birmingham being four goals better.

Nevertheless, that is in the past and the players have worked well in training this week, and as long ago as two months I felt that our season would come down to the last five games - none of which are against play-off candidates or top eight teams, which the majority of our recent matches have been.



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DARREN Patterson, recalled to the Northern Ireland squad this week, joins the attack at Birmingham.

I had hoped that come this last fortnight of the season with five games to play, that we would need two wins or possibly three to see us safe.

But now it looks as though we will need to win four of the remaining five, and if we play as we did against Stoke, but without the errors of the last five minutes, all things are possible.

We are four or five points short of where I realistically hoped we would be at this stage of the season, and with so many teams putting together decent runs, four wins will probably be a necessity.

What is virtually certain is that a draw today will doom both clubs to relegation, as indeed would a loss.

If there is a victor today, hope lives on until Tuesday, and we have to hope that we can take advantage of being at home and record our first win here for five games.

On the other hand, Watford come here on the back of successive home victories in which they have scored nine goals. But they find themselves in the situation of having played a game more than us, and probably needing to win their remaining four matches.

Having been written off by virtually everybody the pressure has been lifted, and they have been able to take

advantage, play some good football, and get their best results of the season.

Now the pressure is back on, as they have a slight chance of avoiding the drop as indeed we do.

So whatever has happened previously in derby meetings, I doubt if the stakes have been higher for some years.

The support against Stoke was terrific even in defeat, and I hope that today's support can be equally passionate and vociferous.

It would reflect very well on both sets of supporters if all their energies were channelled into supporting their team.

It would be nice to play this vitally important game in an emotional, passionate, highly-charged atmosphere, but one which is lacking in hatred and malice.

Finally, congratulations to Darren Patterson and Bontcho Guentchev on their international selections, and indeed it looks as though Darren will get a starting place for Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

We will lose them both for the trip to Port Vale, but wish them well, and there is some comfort in the knowledge that Vale will also be without Jon McCarthy who has also been called into the Irish squad.

# AROUND THE TOWN

## Town duo earn international call-ups

LUTON duo Bontcho Guentchev and Darren Patterson are set for international duty next week, and are therefore likely to miss the Hatters' trip to Port Vale on Tuesday.

Bontcho has been called up for Bulgaria's trip to Slovakia, the latest in a series of friendlies as they prepare for this summer's European Championship finals.

Following his goalscoring return for Northern Ireland B last month, Darren has been called up to the full squad for the friendly against Sweden in Belfast on Wednesday.

See page 39 for news of Kelvin Davis in the England Under-21 squad.



**ABOVE: Bontcho Guentchev, pictured in action at Birmingham last week, is set for international duty in Slovakia on Wednesday.**

# The final countdown!

UP-to-date Division One standings, plus remaining fixtures for the sides at the bottom of the table. See pages 46 and 47 for 1995/96 Luton Town statistics, including appearances and goalscorers.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Sunderland	43	22	15	6	59	31	81
Derby County	43	20	15	8	66	46	75
Crystal Palace	43	19	15	9	64	45	72
Stoke City	42	18	12	12	56	45	66
Charlton Ath	42	16	17	9	53	43	65
Ipswich Town	42	17	11	14	75	66	62
Leicester City	43	16	14	13	60	59	62
Huddersfield T	42	17	11	14	59	53	62
Birmingham City	43	15	12	16	59	58	57
Port Vale	41	14	13	14	53	58	55
Sheffield Utd	43	14	13	16	51	53	55
Southend Utd	43	14	13	16	49	58	55
Barnsley	42	13	15	14	55	63	54
West Brom	42	15	9	18	54	63	54
Grimsby Town	42	14	12	16	50	59	54
Tranmere R	42	13	14	15	60	58	53
Norwich City	43	13	14	16	55	51	53
Wolves	42	13	14	15	55	56	53
Millwall	43	13	12	18	41	59	51
Reading	42	11	16	15	49	59	49
Portsmouth	43	12	12	19	60	68	48
Oldham Ath	42	11	13	18	49	49	46
Watford	42	8	17	17	54	65	41
LUTON TOWN	41	10	11	20	36	57	41

Table up to and including Wednesday, April 17, 1996.

### READING

- April 20 Charlton (H)
- April 27 Sheff Utd (H)
- April 30 Wolves (H)
- May 5 Birmingham (A)

### TRANMERE

- April 20 Port Vale (A)
- April 27 Grimsby (A)
- April 30 Charlton (A)
- May 5 Sunderland (H)

### LUTON

- April 20 Watford (H)
- April 23 Port Vale (A)
- April 27 Barnsley (H)
- April 30 Port Vale (H)
- May 5 Oldham (A)

### OLDHAM

- April 20 Millwall (A)
- April 27 Southend (A)
- April 30 Stoke (H)
- May 5 Luton (H)

### MILLWALL

- April 20 Oldham (H)
- April 27 Stoke (H)
- May 5 Ipswich (A)

### WATFORD

- April 20 Luton (A)
- April 23 Grimsby (H)
- April 27 Norwich (A)
- May 5 Leicester (H)

### PORTSMOUTH

- April 20 Barnsley (H)
- April 27 Ipswich (H)
- May 5 Hudd T (A)

**FRONT COVER: Substitutes Graeme Tomlinson and Michael Johnson challenge for possession at Birmingham last Saturday.**

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## LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain STEVE DAVIS



**LEFT: Steve Davis heads Luton in front in the first-half of November's 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road.**

THERE can't have been many 'derby' matches as important as this one in recent years against Watford.

Both sides are in desperate need of three points to try and escape the relegation zone, and Watford's confidence will have been boosted by their five-goal win last Saturday, and then Tuesday's victory over Reading.

For our part the defeats by Stoke and Birmingham have been major disappointments, and it was especially frustrating for me to, like you, watch from the sidelines because of suspension.

We were so close to all three points against Stoke, and to end up with nothing was a real setback which perhaps we hadn't recovered from

by the time the trip to St Andrews came round.

Now we have to start all over again, and gear ourselves up for the remaining five games.

We have been written off by many people, but we have to believe we can still beat the drop.

A win today would set us up for this final fortnight, and the atmosphere here today should provide the perfect setting for 150 per cent effort and commitment from everyone.

We came close to beating Watford at Vicarage Road back in November, when yours truly headed us in front and it looked as though we had secured the points when Ian Feuer saved a penalty. But Watford hit back for an equaliser late on.

There have been changes to both sides since then, both on and off the field, but we know we face a tough game this afternoon.

Devon White poses his own particular problems, and I played against him for Burnley when he was at Notts County last season.

But we have to concentrate on giving Watford problems, and building up a winning run.

We must aim to get to Oldham on the final day of the season with something to play for.

Keep up the support. Your backing has been excellent, and is a great help to the team.

### 'Loyal Luton' awards night

THE Loyal Luton Supporters Club are holding their 1995/96 Player of the Year Presentation Night and Disco, tomorrow evening (Sunday, April 21), at Rumours in Chapel Street, Luton.

The event starts at 7pm, and tickets, priced at £5, are still available from committee members after today's game at the Brache Club, Dallow Road, Luton.

They also anticipate that a 'payment on the night' policy will operate.

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club are kit sponsors for Steve Davis this season, and last season voted Julian James as their Player of the Year.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on  
**LUTON TOWN CLUBCALL 0891 121 123**

Steve Davis

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR with Cherry Newbery



THIS afternoon there will be a bucket collection around the ground in aid of the Luton and South Beds Hospice.

This very worthy cause is also the chosen charity of our club runner in tomorrow's London Marathon. You can read about Les Miller's efforts below.

A reminder that the semi-final of the Eastern Junior Cup is on Wednesday, April 24, kick-off 7.45pm, when the youth team travel to Wivenhoe.

We will be hosting a number of matches here in May, starting with the final of the Beds Senior Cup on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6.

Bedford Town and Barton Rovers will contest the final, which kicks-off at 2pm. Admission will be £2.50 for adults and £1 for juniors.

LES MILLER, is our club runner for the Flora London Marathon's Football Challenge tomorrow, April 21, and best wishes to Les from everyone at Kenilworth Road.

Les will be lining up on the London startline with runners from 100 other football clubs from the FA Carling Premiership, Endsleigh and Scottish Premier leagues to tackle the 26.2 mile course.

He will be wearing a Luton away strip, and his number is 43048, so look out for him during tomorrow's television coverage of the big race. Or better still, why not go to London to cheer all the football club runners.

Former England international Steve Coppell is representing Crystal Palace, with chairman Terence Brown representing West Ham!

Les is raising funds for the Luton and South Beds Hospice, and anyone who would like to sponsor him can either see Les, or contact Simon Oxley at Luton Town Football Club.

He warmed up for tomorrow's big race with a 10km race at Flitwick last Sunday, finishing just inside his target time of 50 minutes, just over a minute behind a certain John Motson!

Then on Friday, May 10, we are delighted to be hosting the Under 18 English Schools FA international between England and Wales.

Kick-off is 7.15pm, and there is the possibility of our youth team striker Andrew Fotiadis being included in the England side.

Tickets are £5 for adults, which includes one free child if required, £3 for children, and £3 for senior citizens and students. These tickets are available from the Kenilworth Road ticket office.

On Sunday, May 12, we are hosting a charity match in aid of the Luton YMCA, between the Luton All Stars and a team of Chiltern Radio DJs, kick-off 2pm.

Tickets are £5 for a family ticket (two adults and two juniors), £3 for adults and £2.50 concessions. Tickets must be purchased before the day of the game, and are available from the LTFC ticket office, the YMCA office, and from Chiltern Radio.

Finally, many thanks for the messages of goodwill that have been received for our car park steward Fred Reed, following his recent illness. I am pleased to inform you that Fred is making good progress in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

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Please note: Coaches from Cranfield also pick-up in Marston Moretaine, Stewartby, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning, and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel, before departing from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

You can book a place on the coaches in a number of ways:

- 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See Paul Deason before any Saturday first-team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (No bookings taken at midweek matches).
- 2) On the return journey from the previous away game.
- 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford (01234) 750996



## LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

### Port Vale v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, April 23, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Port Vale.  
Seats only for Luton fans, priced at £10 (no concessions).

### Luton Town v Barnsley

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, April 27, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.  
Normal guesting facilities apply.

### Luton Town v Port Vale

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, April 30, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.  
Normal guesting facilities apply.

### Oldham Athletic v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday, May 5, 1996, kick-off 3pm

**Please note the change of date for this fixture.**

Pay on the day only at Oldham. Seats only for Luton supporters in the Rochdale Stand, entry through turnstiles 19-22.  
Admission is £12 for adults, and £8 for juniors/senior citizens.

(The ticket office will be open on Saturday, May 4, between 9am to 10.30am).

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#### Oldham Athletic

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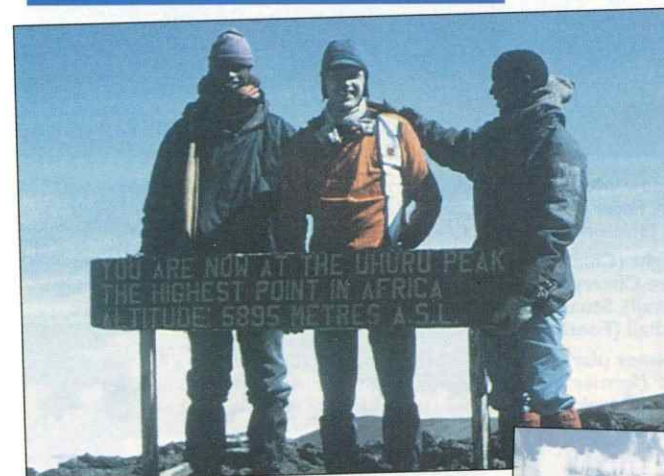


ABOVE: Our Bulgarian international Bontcho Guentchev made a special presentation prior to the game against Stoke, handing over a signed shirt to Hatters fan Martin Turney, who follows the club home and away.

Bontcho wanted to pass on his appreciation to the supporters, for their backing this season.



ABOVE: Exiled Town supporter Tommy McGarry proudly shows off his new Luton Town kit, delivered to his home in Sydney, Australia.



ABOVE: Happy Birthday to Graham Bates from Ampthill, pictured (centre) earlier this year at the summit of Kilimanjaro, the highest point on the African continent at 5,895m (19,340ft).

RIGHT: 10-year-old Liam Smith, from Loftus Close, Luton, pictured on a skiing holiday in France with Ferrars Junior School.



LUTON Town supporter Kristina Howells is collecting memoirs and stories from Hatters fans, with a view to writing a book for supporters, by supporters. She would like to hear from anyone wishing to contribute, and can be contacted at: 70 First Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3AL.

If you would like to be featured in the Luton Town matchday programme, send your picture to Simon Oxley, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

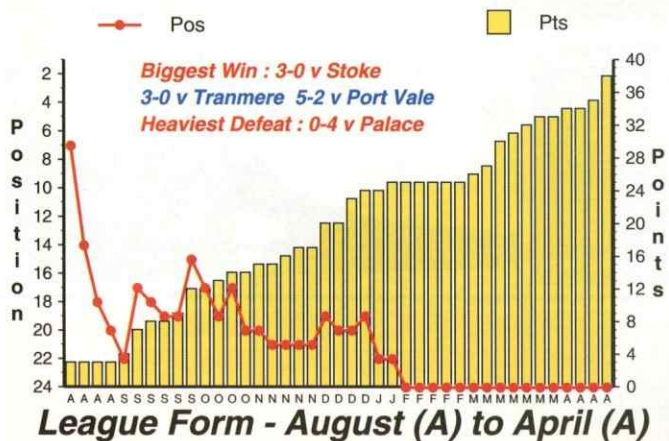


# WATFORD 1995/96

## Spotlight on today's visitors



Back row: l to r: John McDermott (now with the FA), David Barnes, Gary Fitzgerald (no longer with club), Robert Page, Colin Simpson, Peter Beadle (now Bristol Rovers), Colin Foster, Keith Millen, Robert Calderhead, Richard Johnson, Jamie Moralee, Billy Hails (no longer with club).  
 Middle row: l to r: Len Cheesewright (Chief Scout), Ken Brooks (kit manager), Dominic Ludden, Kevin Phillips, Darren Bazeley, Steve Cherry, Kevin Miller, Paul Wilkerson, David Holdsworth, Craig Ramage, Gerard Lavin (now Millwall), Stuart Murdoch (former reserve team manager), Robert Marshall (Football in the Community).  
 Front row: l to r: Kenny Sansom (former player/coach), Geoff Pitcher, John White, Gary Porter, Nigel Gibbs (club captain), Glenn Roeder (former manager), Andy Hessenthaler (team captain), Tommy Mooney, David Connelly, Derek Payne, Kenny Jackett (youth team coach).



LEFT: Watford's league form this season

Graphics by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES (Watford stats from season 1995/96). Due to printing deadlines, stats do not include midweek matches.

**KEVIN MILLER** - Last season's Player of the Season at Vicarage Road, who joined the Hornets from Birmingham in August 1994 for £250,000. Goalkeeper who started his career with Exeter, before following manager Terry Cooper to St Andrews.

**PAUL WILKERSON** - Goalkeeper who signed a professional contract in 1993 after impressive performances in the youth team.

**DAVID BARNES** - Left-back who signed from Sheffield United in January 1994, after spells at Coventry, Ipswich, Wolves and Aldershot. Former England youth international with well over 300 senior appearances to his credit.

**DARREN BAZELEY** - Made his first-team debut while still a youth trainee, and is now in his fifth year as a professional. Scored a hat-trick as an emergency striker in last season's 4-0 win at Southend.

**COLIN FOSTER** - Joined the Hornets from West Ham for £100,000 in March 1994. Started his career with Leyton Orient, before a spell with Nottingham Forest, returning to London with the Hammers for £750,000.

**NIGEL GIBBS** - Club captain who has served Watford from the youth team through to the senior side. Former England youth and Under-21 international who has suffered with severe knee injuries in recent seasons.

**DAVID HOLDSWORTH** - Centre-half who has suffered with injury in recent weeks. Twin brother of Wimbledon striker Dean, who also started his career at Vicarage Road.

**DOMINIC LUDDEN** - Signed for the Hornets in 1994 from Leyton Orient.

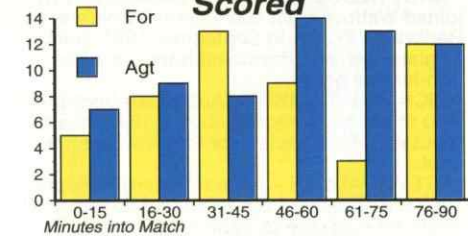
**KEITH MILLEN** - Signed in March 1994 from Brentford, in an exchange deal which took Barry Ashby in the opposite direction. Experienced centre-half who was a member of Brentford's 1992 Division Three Championship squad.

**ROBERT PAGE** - Promising central defender who captained the Welsh under-18 side, and is in the current Under-21 squad. Suspended today. (Continued on page 14).

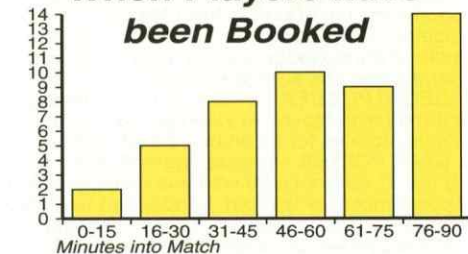


ABOVE: Craig Ramage challenged by Steve Davis during November's 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road

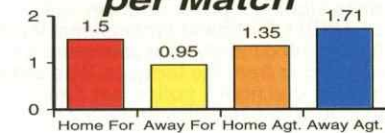
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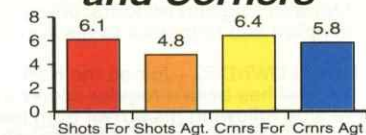
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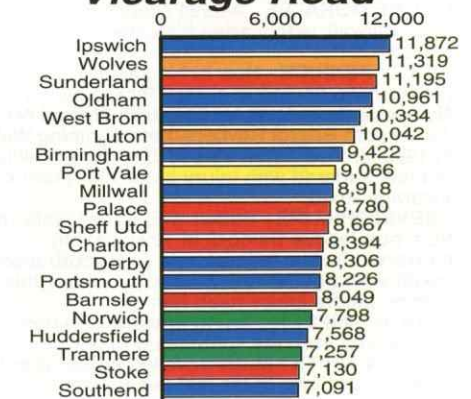
### Average Goals per Match



### Average Shots and Corners



### Gates at Vicarage Road



Today's visitors

# WATFORD 1995/96

**ROBERT CALDERHEAD** - Graduated from the Hornets' trainee ranks and signed professional in July 1995.

**ANDY HESSENTHALER** - Team captain who joined Watford from GM/Vauxhall Conference side Redbridge Forest in September 1991. Gained England semi-professional honours while in the non-league game.

**RICHARD JOHNSON** - Australian-born midfielder, who made his Watford debut in 1991. Has a reputation for spectacular long-range strikes on goal.

**STEVE PALMER** - Joined Watford in September 1995 for £135,000 from Ipswich. Midfielder who obtained a degree at Cambridge University prior to signing professional terms with the Suffolk club.

**DEREK PAYNE** - Joined the Hornets from Southend United during the 1994 close season together with Tommy Mooney, with Keith Dublin making the opposite journey. Previously with Barnet, and has suffered with injury this season.

**GEOFF PITCHER** - A 1994 summer signing from Millwall, who moved to Vicarage Road with striker Jamie Moralee for a combined £450,000 fee.

**GARY PORTER** - Former England youth and Under-21 international who has made over 350 appearances for Watford. Sunderland-born, but has been at Watford since he was a schoolboy.

**CRAIG RAMAGE** - Signed from Derby in February 1994, and has recently moved into a striking role from his usual midfield berth. Scored in Easter Monday's 1-1 draw at Southend.

**JOHN WHITE** - Midfielder who has suffered with injuries since signing a pro contract in 1993.

**DAVID CONNOLLY** - Signed professional forms in 1994, having lived locally as a youngster and supported the club from the terraces. Was called into the team at one hour's notice last Saturday, and responded with a hat-trick in the 5-2 win over Port Vale.

**KERRY DIXON** - Signed from Millwall in January for a nominal fee, having gone to the New Den a year ago from Luton Town. Started his league career with Reading, before moving to Chelsea where he won England honours, before moving to Southampton and then back to his home town Luton.

**NATHAN LOWNDES** - Joined the Hornets in October, and has been a regular scorer in the reserve side following his arrival from Leeds.

**TOMMY MOONEY** - Crowd favourite, who joined the Hornets from Southend, having previously been at Scarborough. Served as a trainee with Aston Villa, signing professional forms under Graham Taylor.

**JAMIE MORALEE** - A 1994 close season signing from Millwall, who started his career with Crystal Palace.

**GARY PENRICE** - Now in his second spell with the Hornets, having re-signed for the club in November from QPR for £300,000. Started his career with Bristol Rovers, before joining Watford in 1989. Joined Aston Villa in 1991 for £1 million, but has suffered with injury since his return to Vicarage Road.

**KEVIN PHILLIPS** - Striker who joined Watford from non-league Baldock in 1994, having converted from a fullback role as a youth team player with Southampton. Leading scorer this season before injury ruled him out.

**COLIN SIMPSON** - Young forward who has progressed from the youth team ranks.

**DEVON WHITE** - Much-travelled striker who has scored four times in his last two games.

## Meet the Manager

**GRAHAM TAYLOR** (pictured below) returned to Vicarage Road at the end of February, following the departure of Glenn Roeder, appointing **LUTHER BLISSETT** as his first-team coach as the Hornets battled to avoid relegation.

Graham Taylor started the season as manager of Wolves, but left Molineux in November following a 0-0 home draw against Charlton.

His first spell at Watford started in 1977, after five years in charge at Lincoln, and he masterminded the Hornets' rise from fourth to first division, before taking Aston Villa from the second to the first division - and ultimately second place in the top flight.

From Villa Park he succeeded Bobby Robson as manager of England, guiding his country to the 1992 European Championship finals, but missing out on the finals of the 1994 World Cup.



ABOVE: Hornets keeper Kevin Miller

## A Hatter and a Hornet...

Born in High Wycombe in March 1940, **MIKE KEEN** joined QPR as a junior and made his first team debut against York in March 1959, before going on to make 393 league appearances for the West London side.

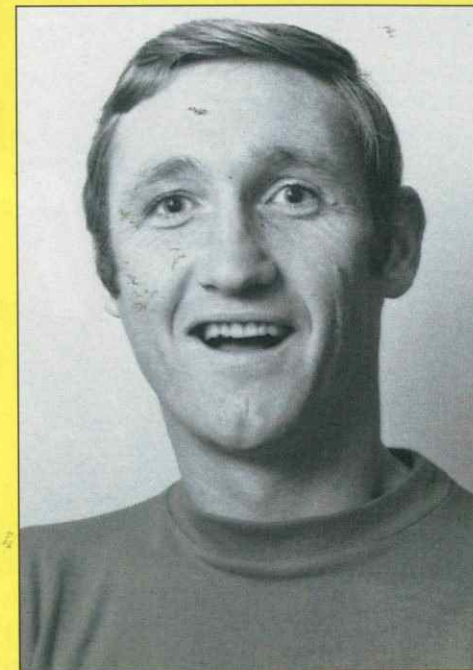
A midfielder with good touch and passing abilities he also had an eye for goal, scoring 41 times whilst with Rangers, including a hat-trick against the Town in a 7-1 thrashing at Loftus Road in 1964/65. Not one of our better days!

After skipping Rangers to Wembley for their League Cup win in 1967, as well as successive promotions in both 1967 and 1968, he was discarded early in the following season along with manager Alec Stock.

When Stock took over the hot-seat at Kenilworth Road in late 1968, one of the first things he did was to return to Rangers to buy the deposed Keen for £18,500.

After a patchy start Keen went on to become ever-present for three seasons during one of the brighter periods in the Town's history and, although not always appreciated by the Kenilworth Road faithful, we can now recognise his vision and the fact that he was always a couple of moves ahead of his team-mates.

When Alec Stock resigned in the summer of 1972, Keen also departed and ended up joining Watford where, a year later, he was appointed



player/manager at a time when the Hornets were dropping down through the divisions.

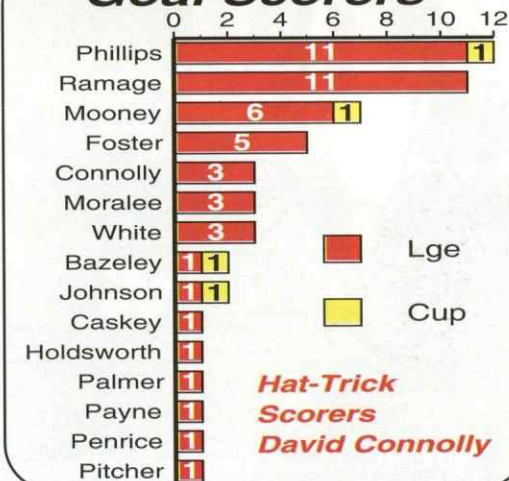
He retired from playing in 1975 and was relieved of his managerial duties two years later after failing to get the Vicarage Road side out of Division Four.

After a short, unsuccessful, spell as manager of Northampton he enjoyed four good years at then non-league Wycombe, before taking over the reigns at Marlow Town. - **ROGER WASH**.

### How 50 Goals have been Scored

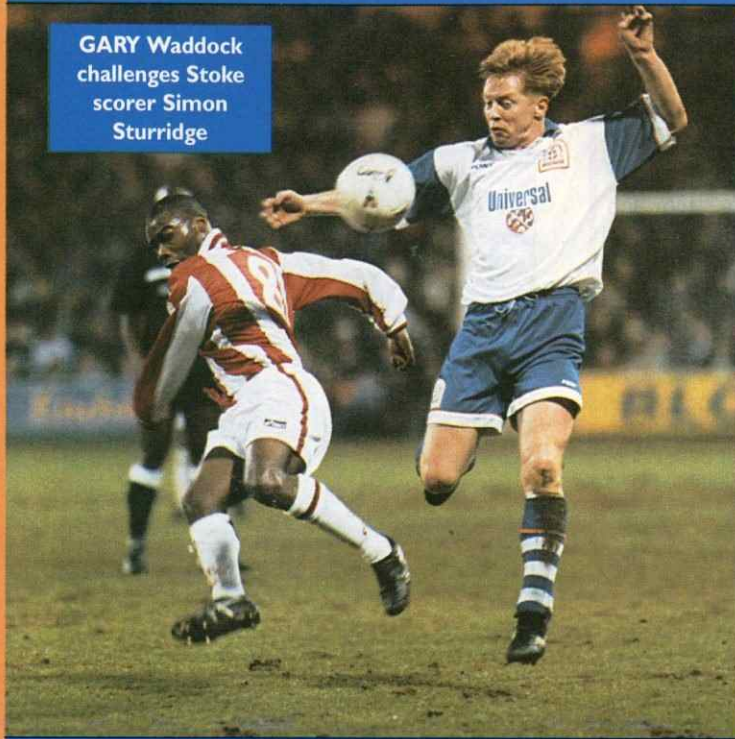


### Goal Scorers





LUTON TOWN v STOKE CITY



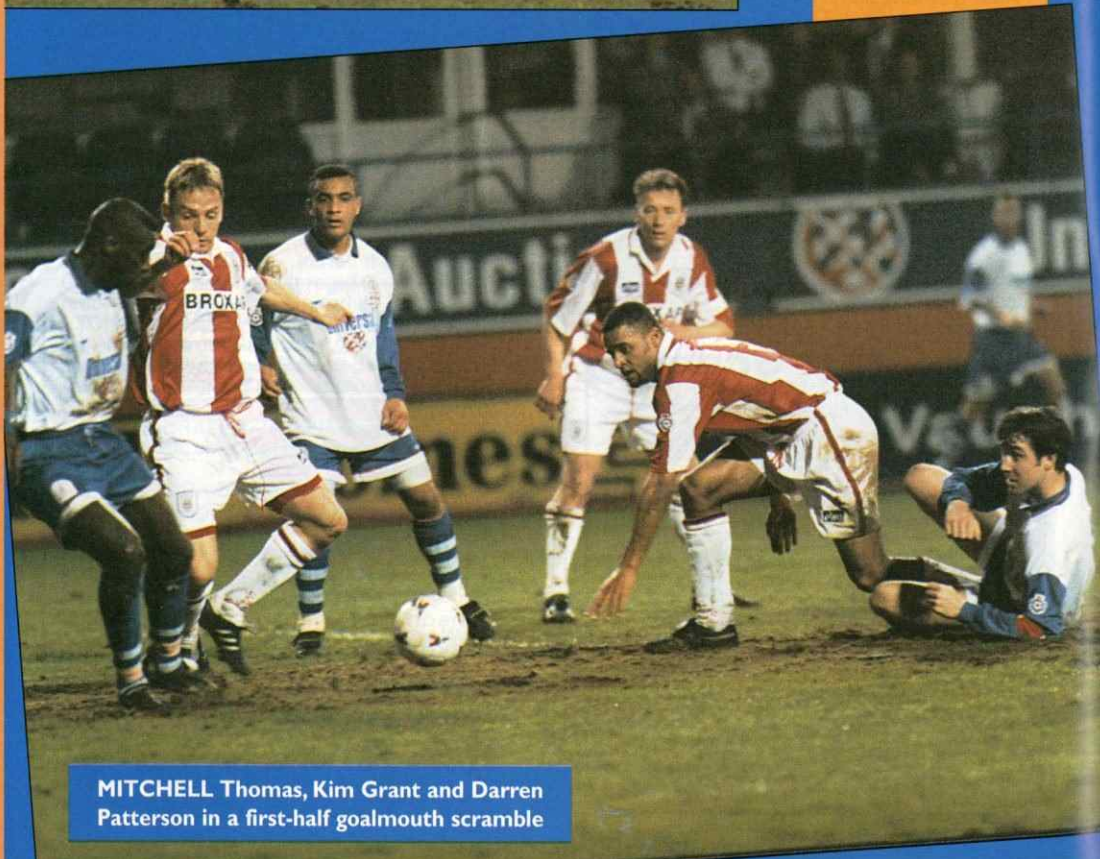
GARY Waddock challenges Stoke scorer Simon Sturridge

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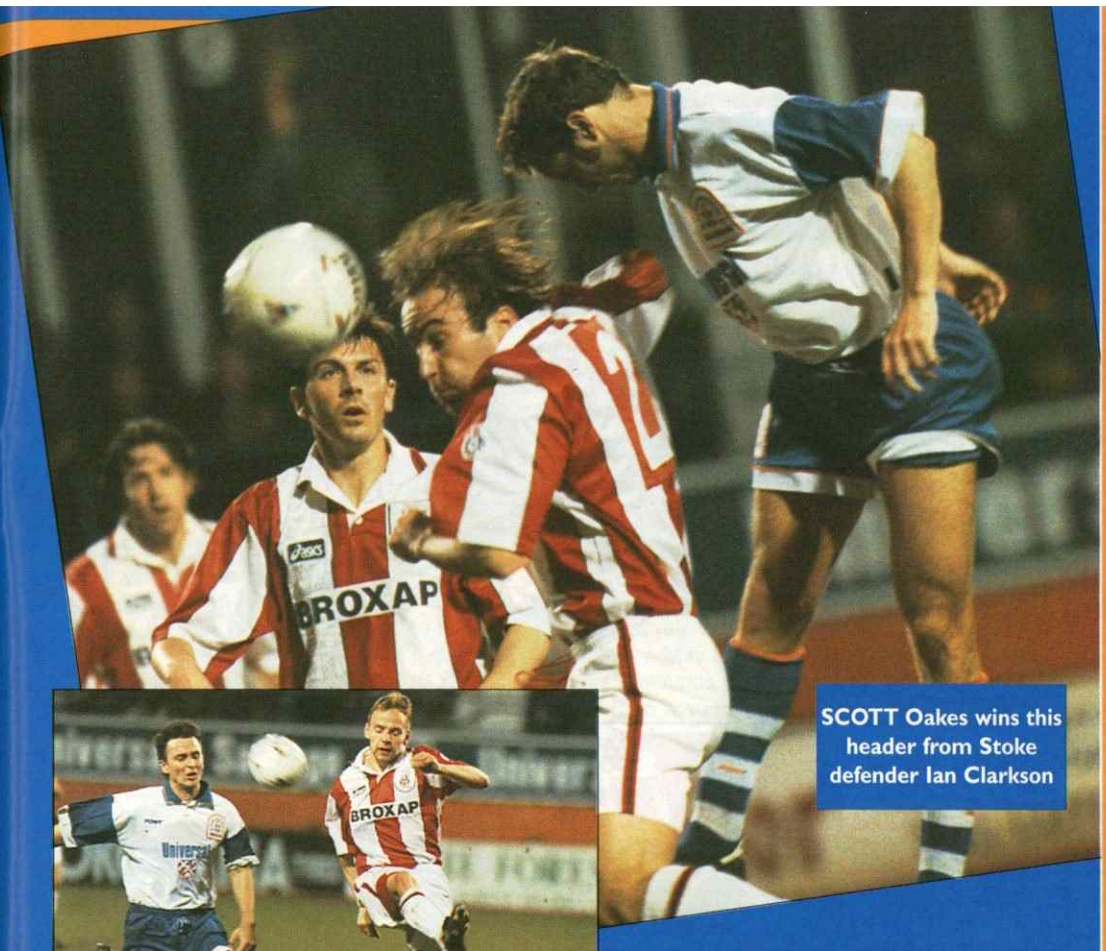
**Date**  
April 9, 1996

**Result**  
Luton Town 1  
(Grant)  
Stoke City 2  
(Sturridge, Sheron)  
Attendance: 7,689

**Pictures by**  
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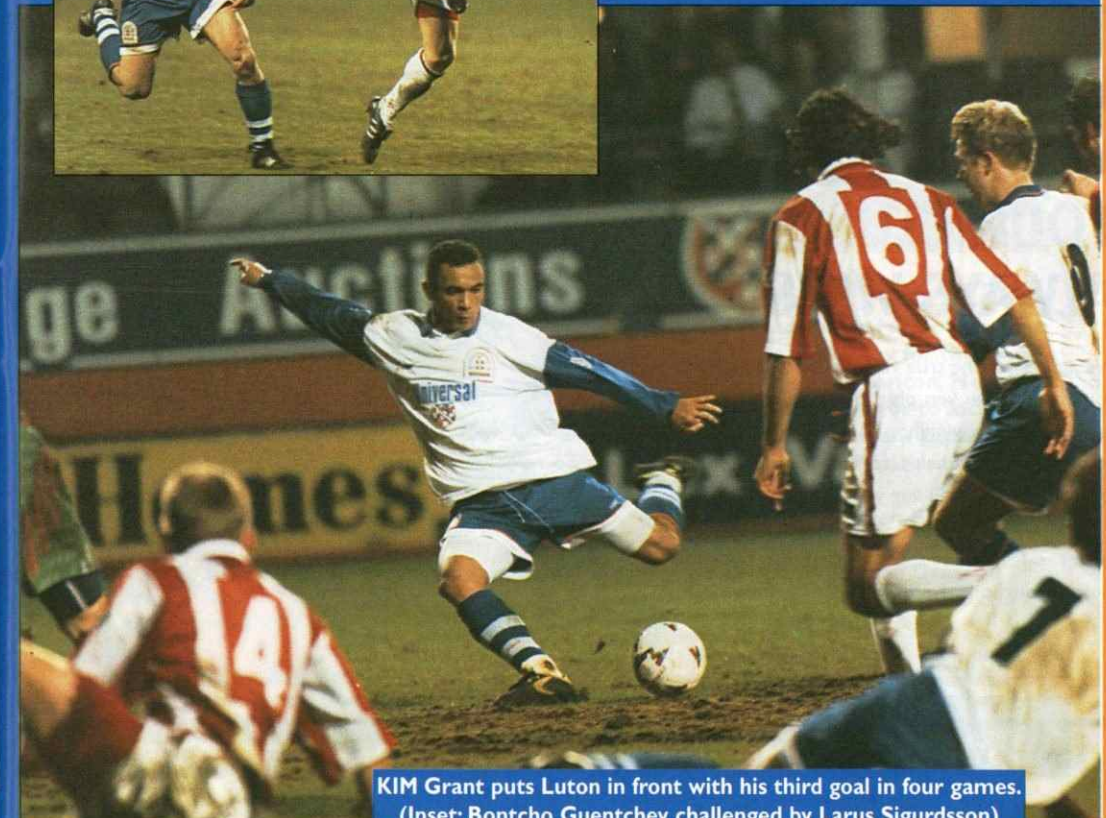
MITCHELL Thomas, Kim Grant and Darren Patterson in a first-half goalmouth scramble



SCOTT Oakes wins this header from Stoke defender Ian Clarkson



KIM Grant puts Luton in front with his third goal in four games. (Inset: Bontcho Guentchev challenged by Larus Sigurdsson)



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### MEET THE PLAYERS AT OUR JUNIOR HATTERS DISCO

THE Junior Hatters end-of-season disco will take place on Wednesday, May 8, at the Holy Ghost Church Hall, Westbourne Road, Luton.

**Luton Town players** will be there, and of course we will be announcing the winner of the Junior Hatters Player of the Season Award (kindly sponsored by GSB Tyre Services).... so don't forget to send your votes in by April 27, on the voting slips sent out with the March newsletter.

Tickets for the disco, from 6.30 to 8.30pm, are £2.50, and are available from the Kenilworth Road ticket office. Refreshments will be provided. For more details contact the ticket office on (01582) 416976.

Thank you to everyone who came with us to Charlton at Easter, and to Birmingham last week. We still have places available for the trip to Oldham on Sunday, May 5, with prices £12 for adults and £10 for Junior Hatters - includes coach fare and match ticket.

Today the Saturday Club resumes, and we have played matches this morning against the Junior Hornets.

The final Saturday Club of the season is next weekend, prior to the match against Barnsley.

### MATCH DAY MASCOT



**Name:** James Thorpe  
**Age:** 8  
**School:** Putteridge Junior School  
**Other hobbies:** Computers and reading  
**Favourite Luton player:** Ian Feuer  
**Local team that I play for:** Celtic Under 9s  
**Attends matches with:** My Dad



**ABOVE:** Ryan Canney was our Junior Hatters mascot at The Valley for the game against Charlton. He is pictured prior to kick-off with the team captains and match officials.



**LEFT:** Steven Betts, our mascot against Stoke, is pictured with Graeme Tomlinson and Bontcho Guentchev.

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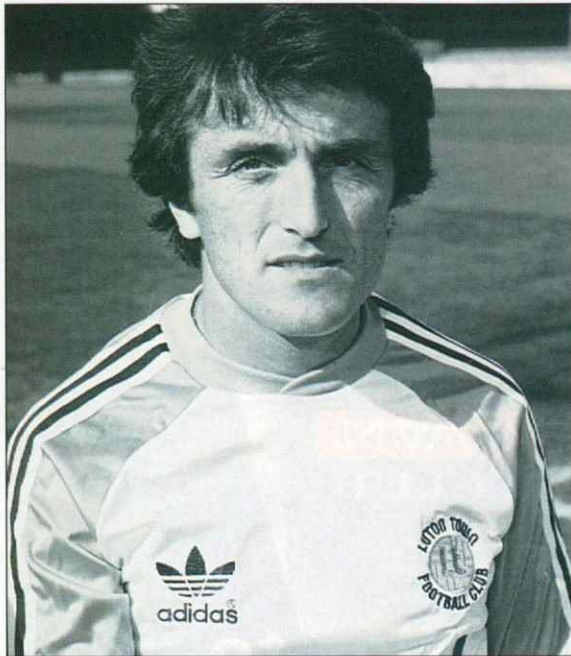
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# HATTERS HERO REIGNS IN SPAIN



**RADDY Antic (left) made it a memorable afternoon for David Pleat (above) in 1983.**

**RADDY Antic** has his own special place in Luton Town's history, after scoring that memorable goal five minutes from time at Maine Road on the final day of the season in 1983.

The resulting win sent Manchester City to Division Two, kept Luton in Division One, and prompted David Pleat's famous dance across the pitch to congratulate his players.

Now Raddy is poised for a celebration dance of his own, as the manager of Atletico Madrid, who last week lifted the Spanish Cup with a 1-0 win over Barcelona, and who are currently three points ahead of Johan Cruyff's side in the race for the league title.

Raddy's exploits were this week featured in THE SUN newspaper's 'Where are they now?' feature, reproduced below, bringing us up-to-date with the achievements of the 46-year-old Serbian, who won five international caps for Yugoslavia.

He played club football for Sloboda Tuzla, Partizan Belgrade, Fenerbache, Real Zaragoza and Luton Town, and has managed Partizan Belgrade, Real Zaragoza, Real Madrid, Oviedo and Atletico Madrid.

*Raddy Antic was little more than a journeyman midfielder in his days with Luton.*

*The Serb, signed for a paltry £50,000, is best remembered for the goal that saved the skin of his manager David Pleat - and sent him skipping across the pitch when the Hatters avoided relegation at Manchester City in 1983.*

*He left English football a year later, never to be heard of again. Or so we thought.*

*Yet almost 12 years on, Antic stands on the brink of greatness - as the first man in Atletico Madrid's 93-year history to land the Spanish double.*

*Having beaten Barcelona 1-0 to win the Cup last week*

*and with a three-point lead over Johan Cruyff's team at the top of the League, as it stands this morning, Raddy Antic is the finest manager in Spain.*

*Not bad for a bloke who spent most of his career in England getting splinters on the bench. Antic came on as sub almost as many times as he played for Luton after joining from Real Zaragoza.*

*But he has survived almost a year with president Jesus Gil - the boss who sacked Ron Atkinson after four months and who has employed 22 coaches in less than nine years.*

*Gil remains an Antic fan, claiming: "He brought real men into the team.*

*"Last year we had a bunch of right softies. The sort who needed only a snotty nose as an excuse not to play."*

*Antic added: "Football is a question of perseverance and stamina. Atletico's success depends on teamwork - our effort is shared evenly. We beat Barcelona 3-1 in December and that convinced everybody else of our potential. It is a night that will live with me forever."*

*If Atletico can lift the title, their first since 1977, it will be one in the eye for Antic's former employers at Real Madrid, who sacked him when the club were six points clear after a 15-game unbeaten run.*

*He went from the Bernabeu to Oviedo before Gil invited him to take over Atletico last July.*

*Antic admits friends advised him against joining Gil, who recently had a punch-up on TV with a director of a rival club.*

*But in one season, the team nicknamed the colchoneros - the mattresses to you and me - have sprung a surprise on everyone..... except perhaps their manager.*

**We'll let you know if Raddy can keep his side at the top of the league..... watch this space!**



## WIN TICKETS FOR YOUR JUNIOR TEAM

THE winners of our Team of the Month Award for March are NEWPORT PAGNELL WANDERERS, who are in their second season in the Border Counties League.

They are currently third in their division, having battled through a difficult first season which included a 24-0 defeat.

The team will be our guests at next week's game against Barnsley, when we will also be announcing our April winners.

Our February Team of the Month Winners were STOPSLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL, and they were our guests at the game against Ipswich.

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club have once again teamed up with Luton Town to offer junior teams in the area the chance to watch a Hatters home match absolutely free.

The fans have successfully applied for a grant from the National Westminster Bank, as part of the bank's community programme, and, supported by the Football Club, wish to donate tickets for youngsters in the area to try and attract new supporters to Kenilworth Road.

The winning team will be selected from nominations, and is not just aimed at the teams at the top of the leagues.

Managers or parents should write to the club telling them why their team should be the Team of the Month. It may be that you recorded a first win, or only lost narrowly to the top side in your league. Nominations should be sent to: Junior Team Award, c/o Simon Oxley, LTFC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton.

**Keep up-to-date with all the news on LUTON TOWN CLUBCALL 0891 121 123**

**NEW BBC Three Counties Radio** presenter Jon Gaunt is so confident of watching his team Coventry City play at Kenilworth Road next season that he made a special trip to the stadium last week.

Jon, who presents his show every weekday morning between 8 and 11am, feels that Luton have a better chance than the Sky Blues of avoiding relegation, but whilst Hatters defenders Marvin Johnson and Darren Patterson agreed, they weren't so sure about the scarf!

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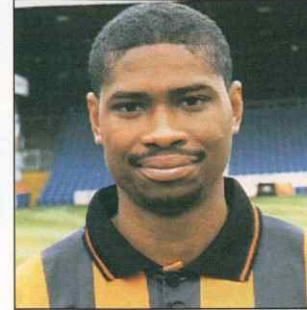


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## INJURY UPDATE..... with LTFC physio Clive Goodyear



ABOVE: Kim Grant is stretchered off at Birmingham.  
 ABOVE LEFT: Dwight Marshall. LEFT: Gary Waddock.

Good news concerning DWIGHT MARSHALL who is on the road to recovery following the broken leg suffered at Sunderland in February.

Dwight has had the plaster taken off, and on Thursday was due to have to support pin removed from his leg. All being well he will be able to start some light training work.

We suffered two injuries at Birmingham last Saturday, with GARY WADDOCK and KIM GRANT both forced to leave the field after heavy tackles.

Gary Waddock had a badly bruised calf, and has been receiving treatment all week. He was aiming to resume training at the end of the week, and hopefully should be fit for consideration this afternoon.

Kim Grant slightly twisted his ankle during the second half at St Andrews, and has sprained a ligament.

He had a precautionary x-ray on Monday, and while there was no break, he was unable to train on Monday or Tuesday. But at the time of writing he has improved, and will hopefully have resumed training on Friday to be in contention for a place this afternoon.

CERI HUGHES is making good progress following his torn thigh muscle and has restarted light training this week, whilst MARVIN JOHNSON has suffered no ill-effects following his return from injury.

It was good to see AARON SKELTON back in the reserves this week, following his knee ligament injury.

He played the first-half of the game on Monday, and was due to play on Wednesday as well.

Youth team player ROBERT SHARPE continues to make good progress after a similar knee ligament injury, which has kept him out of action for four months.

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Luton Town Football Club  
in the Community  
with Community Officer Jeff Vetere



## COACHING COURSES - 1996

A BIG thank-you to everyone who took part in our courses over the Easter holiday, and we will shortly be announcing details of courses for the Whitsun break, writes *Football in the Community Officer* JEFF VETERE.

Then of course we will be looking ahead to a busy summer programme of courses across the region.

Coaching Clinics are a Luton Town Football Club 'Football in the Community' activity which offer children a well organised coaching programme, supervised by experienced, qualified Football Association coaches.

There is a certificate for every participant, and a free match ticket to a game at Kenilworth Road. All boys and girls between 7 and 14 years old, can take part regardless of their footballing ability.

There are very often visits from Luton Town players, and a chance to meet your favourites.

Our Easter courses took us to Milton Keynes, Berkhamsted, Luton, Harpenden and Dunstable, and all were well attended.

In Milton Keynes we were based at the new National Hockey Centre in Central Milton Keynes, using their astroturf facility, and this proved very popular. We hope to be booking another course

there shortly.

David Oldfield and Graham Alexander were among the players who turned out to support the Milton Keynes event.

In between now and the next school holidays we are busy coaching in schools, both during and after school time.

Look out for us at your school, or in your area, and for details about hosting one of our after-school sessions please contact me here at the club on (01582) 411622.



GRAHAM Alexander and David Oldfield



ABOVE: Under 11 Penalty Challenge participants Adrian Poultney, Lee Bowyer and James Taylor are pictured at the half-time shoot-out against Stoke.

LOOK out for the Luton Town FC Penalty Challenge as part of your half-time entertainment, when it resumes next Saturday - a competition organised in conjunction with The Windowcraft Chiltern Youth Football League.

The clubs in the competition, which covers the age groups of Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12, have held their own penalty shoot-outs to select their champion to represent them here at Kenilworth Road.

For details of community events, or for details about a coaching course at your school, contact: Jeff Vetere, Football in the Community, LTFC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW, or telephone on (01582) 411622.



# RESERVES & YOUTH ROUND-UP

## WITH TREVOR PEAKE AND JOHN MOORE



Mon Aug 14	Swindon Town (A)	drew 1-1
Wed Aug 23	Tottenham H (H)	drew 3-3
Tue Aug 29	Portsmouth (A)	drew 1-1
Wed Sep 6	QPR (H)	lost 3-1
Mon Sep 11	Watford (H)	drew 0-0
Wed Sep 20	Crystal Palace (H)	lost 1-0
Tue Sep 26	West Ham Utd (A)	lost 2-1
Mon Oct 2	Stotfold (A) (BPC)	won 3-2
Wed Oct 4	Bristol City (H)	won 2-0
Wed Oct 11	Brighton (A)	lost 3-1
Wed Oct 18	Charlton Ath (H)	won 6-2
Wed Oct 25	Ipswich Town (A)	won 1-0
Wed Nov 1	Wimbledon (A)	lost 2-1
Wed Nov 8	Norwich City (H)	lost 2-1
Wed Nov 15	Oxford Utd (A)	lost 3-2
Wed Nov 22	Southampton (H)	won 1-0
Tue Nov 28	Arsenal (H)	lost 4-0
Wed Dec 6	Bristol Rovers (H)	won 4-1
Mon Dec 11	Chelsea (A)	drew 0-0
Mon Dec 18	Barton (A) BPC	lost 2-1
Wed Jan 3	Portsmouth (H)	won 2-0
Thur Jan 11	QPR (A)	lost 2-1
Tue Jan 16	Watford (A)	won 1-0
Sat Feb 3	Tottenham (A)	lost 2-0
Wed Feb 14	Brighton (H)	won 2-0
Wed Feb 21	Charlton Ath (A)	lost 2-0
Wed Mar 6	Wimbledon (H)	won 3-1
Wed Mar 13	Norwich City (A)	lost 3-1
Wed Mar 20	Oxford Utd (H)	won 3-2
Wed Mar 27	Southampton (A)	won 1-0
Mon Apr 1	Crystal Palace (A)	lost 2-0
Wed Apr 3	Arsenal (A)	lost 2-1
Wed Apr 10	Bristol Rovers (A)	drew 0-0
Mon Apr 15	Bristol City (A)	lost 1-0
Wed Apr 17	Chelsea (H)	
Mon Apr 22	Millwall (A)	7pm
Mon Apr 29	Ipswich Town (H)	7.30
Wed May 1	Swindon Town (H)	7.30
Tue May 7	West Ham (H)	7.30
Thur May 9	Millwall (H)	7.30

All home matches to be played at Kenilworth Road, with the exception of Ipswich Town, on Monday, April 29, which will be played at Hitchin Town FC.

THE Town's Reserve side have this week completed a run of five away matches, before returning to Kenilworth Road to play Chelsea on Wednesday.

The run of away games was completed with defeat at Arsenal, a draw at Bristol Rovers, and a defeat at Bristol City.

The match against Arsenal at Highbury marked the return after injury of Marvin Johnson,



**AARON Skelton**

with on-loan striker Graeme Tomlinson scoring the Luton goal.

Team: Davis, Linton, Chenery, Evers, Johnson, Peake, Douglas, Power, Taylor, Tomlinson, Kean.

Subs: Willmott, Upson, Fotiadis.

The game against Bristol Rovers was played at non-league Yate Town, with the Town gaining a point from a 0-0 draw.

Team: Davis, James, Chenery, McLaren, Willmott, Peake, Linton, Augustine, Douglas, Kean, Evers.

Subs: George, Barr, Smith.

The Reserves returned to the west country on Monday to play Bristol City, again at a non-league ground, at Clevedon.

Bristol won 1-0, with Aaron Skelton returning to action after a lengthy absence with a knee injury.

Team: Davis, James, Chenery, Linton, Skelton, Peake, Douglas, McLaren, Taylor,

### Avon Insurance Combination Apps and Goalscorers (15/4/96)

	Apps	G		Apps	G
Barber	7		Fitzpatrick	1	
Chenery	26 (4)		Douglas	12 (5)	2
G Johnson	10	1	Evers	12 (3)	
James	11	1	Taylor	4	1
Greene	8		Power	7 (5)	
Skelton	13 (1)		Alexander	6	2
Linton	21	3	Augustine	4 (2)	
McLaren	20	2	Willmott	5 (4)	
Issott	3 (6)	1	Oldfield	9	1
Jones	10 (4)	2	Fotiadis	5 (1)	2
Matthews	3	2	Sharpe	1	
Woolgar	1 (2)		Simpson	15 (2)	1
K Davis	22		Jay Thomas	1 (1)	
Peake	15		Kean	7 (4)	
Woodford	18 (1)	3	Guentchev	8	4
Hughes	3		Allen	1	
Thorpe	9 (1)	5	Turner	1	
M Thomas	8		Sweeney	(2)	
Waddock	7		Patterson	2	
Codner	2		Vilstrup	9	
Boskovic	1		Abbey	2	
Barr	(2)		Riseth	4 (1)	3
Smith	1 (3)	1	Harvey	6	1
Jason Thomas	1		Marshall	1	1
Upson	3 (3)		Tomlinson	4	2
M Johnson	1				

### South East Counties League, FA Youth Cup, Southern Jnr Floodlit Cup, and Eastern Junior Cup

Sat Aug 12	Crystal Palace (H)	lost 5-2	Thur Oct 26	C'bridge C (FAYC)(A)	9-1	Sat Feb 10	Bristol City (A)	won 2-0
Sat Aug 19	Swindon Town (A)	won 3-1	Sat Oct 28	C Palace (LC2)(A)	lost 4-1	Sat Feb 17	Wimbledon (H)	won 3-2
Sat Aug 26	Colchester U (H)	won 2-0	Sat Nov 4	Barnet (H)	lost 2-1	Mon Feb 19	Oxford United (A)	lost 4-1
Mon Aug 28	Coventry (SJFC) (A)	1-1	Sat Nov 11	Reading (A)	won 4-0	Sat Feb 24	Brentford (A)	won 2-0
Thur Aug 31	Coventry (SJFC) (H)	0-3	Wed Nov 15	Kettering(EJC)(A)	won 11-3	Sat Mar 2	Brighton (H)	lost 3-0
Sat Sep 2	Wycombe W (A)	lost 1-0	Sat Nov 18	Southampton (A)	lost 3-1	Sat Mar 9	Barnet (A)	won 3-1
Sat Sep 9	Oxford United (H)	drew 2-2	Sat Nov 25	Leicester C (FAYC)(A)	2-1	Sat Mar 16	Reading (H)	drew 2-2
Sat Sep 16	C'bridge (LC1) (H)	won 5-0	Sat Dec 2	Tottenham H (H)	drew 2-2	Sat Mar 23	Southampton (H)	won 2-1
Sat Sep 23	Bournemouth (A)	won 4-0	Sat Dec 9	Bristol Rovers (A)	won 1-0	Tue Mar 26	Cambridge C (EJC)	w 6-2
Sat Sep 30	Bristol City (H)	won 3-2	Sat Dec 16	Bristol Rovers (H)	won 1-0	Sat Mar 30	Tottenham (A)	lost 2-0
Tue Oct 3	B'tham/S (EJC)(A)	won 6-0	Sat Jan 6	Swindon Town (H)	won 3-1	Sat Apr 13	C Palace (A)	won 2-0
Sat Oct 7	Wimbledon (A)	lost 2-0	Tue Jan 9	L'pool (FAYC) (A)	lost 5-0	Sat Apr 27	Brighton	(A)
Sat Oct 14	Brentford (H)	won 4-1	Sat Jan 13	Colchester U (A)	drew 1-1	Sat May 4	Bournemouth	(H)
Sat Oct 21	C Palace (LC2) (H)	1-1	Sat Jan 20	Wycombe W (H)	lost 3-1			Home matches played at Luton RUFC.

Tomlinson, Kean.

Subs: Evers, Upson, Willmott.

The Reserves are away again on Monday, April 22, to Millwall, but are back at home on Monday, April 29, against Ipswich; although this game will be played at Hitchin Town, kick-off 7.30pm.

The Youth team returned to action after a break over the Easter weekend, and won 2-0 at South East Counties Division Two leaders Crystal Palace.

Palace fielded a weakened side ahead of their FA Youth Cup semi-final on Monday, but the Town were impressive

winner, with first half goals from Stuart Douglas and Andre Scarlett.

Team: Abbey, Turner, Sweeney, Evers, Willmott, Upson, Scarlett, Kean, Douglas, Fotiadis, Smith.

Subs: Augustine, George, Barr.

Crystal Palace drew their semi-final second leg 3-3, after extra-time, against Liverpool on Monday, with the Merseysiders progressing 7-5 on aggregate.

Liverpool, who defeated the Hatters in an earlier round, will meet West Ham in the final - again over two legs.

South East Counties League										
Div Two (up to and including 13.4.96)										
	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pt			
C Palace	28	19	4	5	73	34	42			
Oxford	27	16	3	8	62	35	35			
LUTON	28	15	4	9	52	40	34			
Wycombe	28	15	4	9	48	39	34			
Brighton	27	13	5	9	39	34	31			
Bourn'mouth	28	12	7	9	46	45	31			
Southampton	28	13	4	11	51	27	30			
Tottenham	28	10	9	9	45	45	29			
Wimbledon	25	12	4	9	48	33	28			
Brentford	29	10	7	12	36	47	27			
Barnet	28	8	9	11	36	39	25			
Bristol C	27	7	7	13	36	45	21			
Swindon T	27	7	7	13	31	43	21			
Reading	28	7	7	14	31	67	21			
Colchester	29	5	8	16	33	66	18			
Bristol R	29	6	5	18	34	62	17			

### Youth Team League & Cup Appearances and Goalscorers

	Lge apps	Lge goals	Cup apps	Cup goals	Statistics up to and including Sat, April 13
Abbey	14		7		Also played
Turner	18 (2)	1	8 (2)		Lawes - 5 league app + 2 sub, + 2 cup app
Sharpe	14		9		Ryan - 1 league app
Sweeney	24 (3)		7 (1)	1	Willmott - 7 league app + 2 sub, 2 goal
Jones	11 (1)		1 (3)		Provincial - 2 league sub
Willmott	20 (2)	5	9	1	Bryson - 3 league app + 1 sub
Augustine	19 (5)	7	7 (2)	2	Boyce - 3 league app
Evers	18 (2)	2	8 (1)		Peterkin - 1 sub app
Douglas	14 (5)	6	6 (2)	6	Cornwall - 2 league app + 1 sub app
Barr	13 (6)	10	3 (3)	8	Kessell - 3 league app + 1 cup app
Kean	19 (2)	1	7 (3)	1	Clarke - 1 league app
Lawrence	(2)		1		Scarlett - 3 league app + 1 cup app, 1 goal
Fotiadis	16 (3)	8	9	5	Doherty - 1 league app
Webb	11		3 (1)		
Upson	24 (1)	1	7 (1)		
Smith	16 (8)	3	9 (1)	3	
George	13 (5)	3	4 (3)	12	
Thomas	10 (2)		4 (4)		
Doherty	2 (1)		3 (1)	1	
M Spring	5 (4)		6		



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## STRIKING DUO TO SIT IT OUT!

**Ironically, strikers PAUL WILKINSON, once of  
Watford, and now on loan at Luton, and  
KERRY DIXON, once of Luton, now at  
Watford, both look set to miss today's derby...**

EXPERIENCED strikers Paul Wilkinson and Kerry Dixon could have been in for a confusing afternoon.

Wilkinson, currently on loan at Kenilworth Road, is more used to lining up in the yellow and red having played 138 league games for the Hornets, including four whilst on loan this season from Middlesbrough.

Dixon meanwhile played 75 league games for the Hatters before departing for Millwall a year ago, and then moving to Vicarage Road earlier this season.

But both players are set to miss this afternoon's derby because of injury.

Wilkinson is currently ruled out with a broken toe suffered in his third game for Luton, at Charlton on Good Friday, and is likely to miss the rest of the season.



Dixon twisted his knee playing for Watford against Port Vale last Saturday; missed the midweek win over Reading; and was this week rated a very doubtful starter this afternoon.

"We can get 53 points, and Luton can get 56, and that is the way we both have to look at it," said Kerry this week.

"You have to take one game at a time, and obviously our last two results have been a real boost. We felt we had been unlucky before that, with Derby getting a dubious penalty to draw, and Southend equalising three minutes into stoppage time, but I'm a believer that luck eventually evens itself out.

"Saturday's game is tough for both sides, and really a draw is no good to either team, unless all the other sides above us lose, and Reading, Oldham and Portsmouth are still in trouble.

**LEFT: Kerry  
Dixon - back  
at Kenilworth  
Road**

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**ABOVE: Paul Wilkinson - injury  
keeps him out against his old club**

"Luton have proved this season that it is possible to put a good run together to get out of the relegation zone, and as far as their team is concerned Kim Grant has made a good start; Tony Thorpe and David Oldfield are capable of scoring important goals; and Scott Oakes has a lot of talent and on his day can be a matchwinner.

"But Graham Taylor has been a real inspiration to everyone at Watford, has instilled a lot of confidence, and you can be sure that whatever the final positions of the two sides there is real pride at stake in winning the derby. You always want to finish higher than your rivals, but this weekend a win could also be the springboard to staying in a higher division."

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# New boys sting the Hornets



**LEFT: Ray Whittaker, introduced to the team in desperation, proved to be a great success.**

AFTER the Town had tumbled out of the old Division Two in 1963 most of us thought that a quick return was inevitable, given the blossoming talents of Ron Davies up front and a rearguard that had been pitting its wits against First Division defences only three years before.

Unfortunately our optimism was short-sighted as Davies was sold to Norwich after only three games, and the defence soon began to show its age and shipped in goals at an alarming rate. As a replacement for Davies, Town manager Bill Harvey brought in John O'Rourke, a young forward from Chelsea, on a free transfer and although he took a little while to find his feet he exploded on to the scene, scoring four in a 6-2 win at Brentford in early February 1964. This was amazingly our first win on 'foreign' soil after 15 months of trying!

Although fortunes on the field took a marginal turn for the better, back-to-back defeats in early March, at home to Peterborough and away at Hull, slapped us back into the relegation zone as Easter approached. Only one team, Notts County, stood below us in the table and we were due to meet them twice over the holiday period.

In the first game the Town returned from Meadow Lane with a point after a creditable 1-1 draw, and then on Easter Monday we made hard work of winning 2-0 in the return at Kenilworth Road. O'Rourke hit home both goals

to add to the hat-trick he bagged in the 4-2 home win over Bristol Rovers on the previous Saturday, making it a rare, but welcome, Easter surprise.

The victory over Rovers was all the more surprising when it is remembered that the Pirates had won their previous five away games. The winning run continued with a 3-1 home thumping of Wrexham, making their first ever visit to Kenilworth Road, followed by a 2-1 victory at Bristol Rovers, making it four wins in a row. We had to go back to 1958 to see this run equalled.

O'Rourke was now beginning to make a name for himself and his pair at Eastville meant that he had scored 18 times in only 19 games, and when he notched a point-saver in a 1-1 draw at Colchester the threat of relegation was gradually receding.

For once O'Rourke was not on the scoresheet in the next game, away at Oldham, but Mark Lownds notched his second goal of the season to make sure that we returned with another win under our belts.

We had now amassed 12 points out of a possible 14 and most opposition sides were publicly stating that they could not see how we had ever been under threat of relegation. O'Rourke was obviously regarded as the main reason behind the change in fortune, but full credit must also be given to manager Harvey who introduced goal-making winger Ray

Whittaker to the side during this period.

We now needed two points, with two games to play, to make our continued place in Division Three certain and in our final home game our visitors to Kenilworth Road were Watford, making their first trek to these parts since 1936/37.

Watford were also desperate for the points for a different reason as a win would propel them to Division Two for the first time, provided Coventry failed to win in their home game with Colchester.

Such was the local interest in the game that 19,799, the best crowd for nearly four years, gathered at Kenilworth Road and it was said that the M1 was blocked for a while - the first time it had happened!

The Town had to make a couple of changes to their side with Harry Walden and Tom McKechnie ruled out through injury, with Gordon Turner and Ray Smith taking their places. Watford were at full strength.

In view of the importance of the situation the game opened at a frantic pace and mistakes came thick and fast with both goals coming under a certain amount of pressure, although it was Watford goalkeeper Pat Jennings who was the busier in the opening half.

In the second period the Town opened the brighter and it was therefore against the run of play when Watford took the lead after 54 minutes, when the unchallenged George Harris sidefooted home a Ron Spelman cross.

Watford then made a mistake by sitting back on their lead and funnelling everyone back in defence. This would have been sound tactics six months earlier, but the Town now possessed a goalscorer in O'Rourke who was able to come up with the unexpected and turn a game. The deserved equaliser came with 10 minutes left, when O'Rourke was fastest to react to a loose ball in the area to shoot past Jennings and spark off a pitch invasion.

With the crowd at fever pitch the Town continued to push forward and with the Watford defence rocking, O'Rourke fastened on to a Turner shot and turned the ball past Jennings from close range with only three minutes left. The Watford players felt that O'Rourke had handled the ball and complained to the referee while another pitch invasion was in progress.

This was the final action in the game, and as it turned out the Town did not need the win, and a victory would have been no use to Watford.

This did not however prevent Hornets



by **ROGER WASH**

## 5 YEARS AGO

20/4/91: A 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Sunderland seemed to have consigned the Town to relegation from the old First Division. Graham Rodger scored the Luton goal.

## 10 YEARS AGO

19/4/86: Our usual defeat at Coventry, this time 1-0, in another lacklustre end of season performance in front of a Highfield Road crowd of 10,146.

## 15 YEARS AGO

20/4/81: Goals from David Moss and Ricky Hill earned a comfortable 2-0 Easter Monday win at Chelsea, to leave us with a fighting chance of promotion from Division Two.

## 20 YEARS AGO

17/4/76: Another Easter win, this time at already relegated Oxford. A crowd of 7,633 saw goals from Steve Buckley, Lil Fuccillo and Jimmy Husband as we consolidated seventh spot in the old Division Two.

manager Bill McGarry from turning down the champagne offered by the Town directors in the dressing room afterwards!

Luton: Baynham, McBain, Bramwell, Pacey, Fincham, Lownds, Turner, Smith, O'Rourke, Reid, Whittaker.

Watford: Jennings, Nicholas, Jones, Crisp, Chung, Owen, Spelman, McAnearney, Livesey, Oliver, Harris.

ALLEN PENALTY DENIES HATTERS THE POINTS AT THE VALLEY



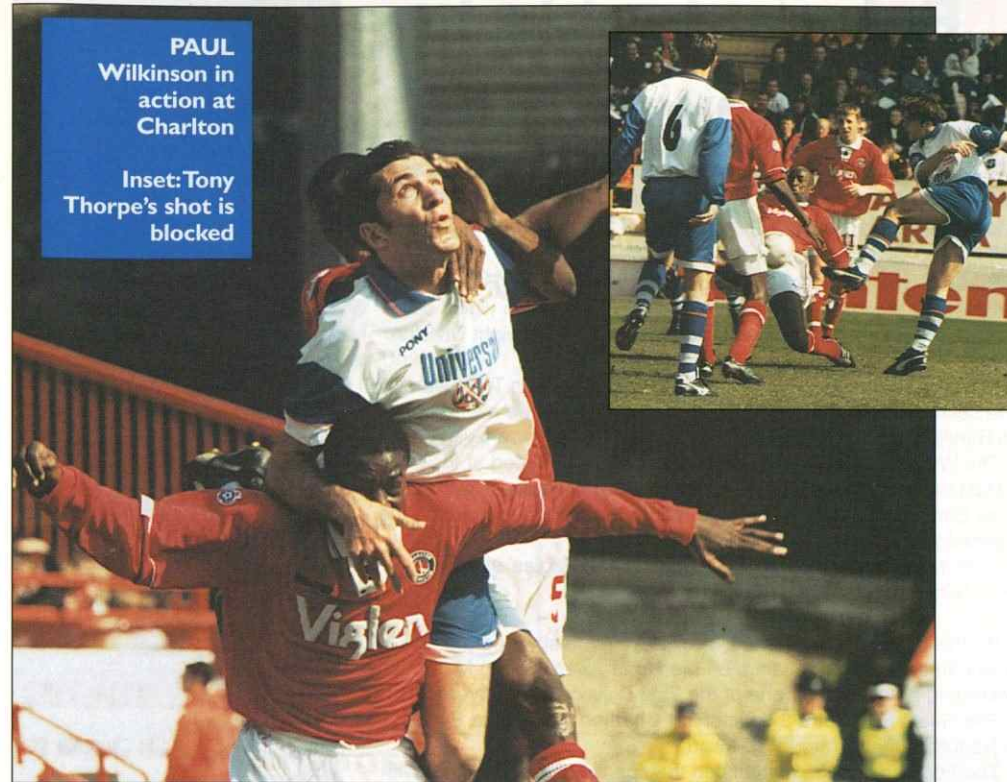
LEFT: Graham Alexander evades the challenge of Charlton sub Paul Linger (13), during the 1-1 draw at The Valley

BELOW: Former Town keeper Andy Petterson was recalled from a loan spell at Colchester to face his old club



ABOVE: Kim Grant, on his return to The Valley, is challenged by Chris Whyte (6)

RIGHT: Tony Thorpe fires Luton into a first-half lead



PAUL Wilkinson in action at Charlton

Inset: Tony Thorpe's shot is blocked

CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1  
(Allen pen)  
LUTON TOWN 1  
(Thorpe)

at The Valley,  
Good Friday, April 5, 1996

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ABOVE: Bontcho Guentchev faced by Charlton fullback Steve Brown

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# Palace double in March awards list

CRYSTAL Palace boss Dave Bassett was named Endsleigh Insurance League Division One manager of the month for March, with Eagles' goalkeeper Nigel Martyn winning the Wilkinson Sword Protector Award.

Bassett, who took over the Selhurst Park hot-seat in February, enjoyed an impressive unbeaten run during the month which saw Palace record six victories and two draws from their eight Division One matches.

Blackpool manager Sam Allardyce won the Division Two award for the second successive month, with the Division Three award going to Bury's Stan Ternent.

The Wilkinson Sword Protector Award was introduced at the start of last season to recognise the First Division goalkeeper with the best Endsleigh Insurance League record for each month during the campaign.

Nigel Martyn conceded just two goals in the Eagles' eight Endsleigh League fixtures during March.

Ronnie Whelan's Southend United are the latest winners of the Yokohama 'Best Performance on the Road' award during March after recording an upset over one of the First Division's high-flyers.

The Roots Hall club's 3-0 victory at Charlton earned the Essex boys this recently introduced award.

The Football League announced the sponsorship agreement with major tyre manufacturer Yokohama, designed to recognise the Endsleigh Insurance League Division One side that records the most outstanding away performance in all competitions each month, only this season.

Performances are judged by a panel including ITV commentator Brian Moore, and former World Cup referee Jack Taylor.

THE Football League have confirmed that the Endsleigh League First Division programme for the final Saturday of the season will be moved back 24 hours to Sunday, May 5.

The decision follows a request from ITV, under the terms of their contract with the League, to move selected fixtures to the Sunday for live transmission purposes.

Lee Walker, Controller of Broadcasting at the Football League, commented: "The integrity of the League Championship was paramount in the considerations of our Board of Directors.

"We were not prepared to sanction the movement of fixtures in isolation on the deciding afternoon of the season and as a result all First Division games will kick-off at 3pm on Sunday, May 5."

Should it become apparent that a particular club's final match of the season will not have a bearing on promotion or relegation issues, or if it has not been selected for a live broadcast by ITV, then there will be the option of moving the fixture back to the Saturday.

# Kelvin's call for Roker clash with Croatia

HATTERS keeper Kelvin Davis is in the England Under-21 squad for Tuesday night's friendly against Croatia, at Sunderland's Roker Park ground.

Kelvin, 19, is one of two goalkeepers in the 16-strong squad announced this week by coach Dave Sexton, alongside Tottenham's Chris Day.

The squad also includes Manchester United duo Nicky Butt and David Beckham, and QPR striker Kevin Gallen.

There are also a number of players from Endsleigh League clubs, including Millwall's Ben Thatcher, Charlton's Richard Rufus and Lee Bowyer, Norwich's Darren Eadie, and former Watford striker Bruce Dyer - now at Crystal Palace.

A former England youth international, Kelvin made his Under-21 debut in last summer's Toulon Tournament, following a successful end to the 1994/95 season which included his home debut in the televised 1-1 draw against Watford when he saved a penalty.



KELVIN Davis

# Latics saddle up with Pony

FIRST Division Oldham Athletic have announced a new sponsorship deal with leading sportswear company, Pony Sports UK, who become the Boundary Park club's exclusive kit sponsors.

The Latics join a growing list of clubs who wear the Pony kit, including Luton Town, Southampton, Coventry, Spurs and West Ham.

Oldham's four-year deal is also the largest in the club's history.

Latics' Commercial Manager, Alan Hardy, commented: "This announcement is excellent news for the club which links us with a high profile brand who already have successful partnerships with many of the country's leading clubs."

# Celebrity boost for charity

THE British Brain and Spine Foundation was once again the beneficiary of the annual celebrity match held prior to last week's Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley.

Auto Windscreens introduced a special fellowship for the Foundation last season which uses its funds to assist neuro-specialists treating brain tumours and neurological disorders. A £50,000 target has been set by Auto Windscreens and already the sponsors of the competition for the Second and Third Division clubs have helped to raise £15,000.

# 'Deadline' loan deals round-up

CURRENT Luton Town players were involved in deadline loan transfers, with Gary Simpson joining Fulham, and David Greene having his spell at Brentford extended.

A number of former Hatters players were also involved in end-of-March loan deals, with David Preece joining second division leaders Swindon Town, and fullback Matt Jackson joining

Charlton. Goalkeeper Andy Petterson was transferred on loan from Charlton to Colchester, but was recalled after injuries to Charlton's two other keepers, with Petterson returning to the Addicks' line-up for the Good Friday game against Luton.

Another loan deal saw Scottish winger Michael Weir head south again, joining Millwall from Hibernian.

# Forthcoming live ITV coverage

THE following Endsleigh League Division One games have been confirmed for live ITV coverage:

**Sunday, April 21, 1996**  
Sunderland v Stoke City - 3pm on Central, Anglia, Granada, LWT, Meridian and Tyne-Tees.

**Sunday, April 28, 1996**  
Derby County v Crystal Palace - 3pm on Central, LWT, Anglia and Meridian.

At the time of going to press, no details have yet been confirmed of televised matches on Sunday, May 5.

# PLEASE NOTE THESE RE-ARRANGED GAMES

## Port Vale v Luton Town

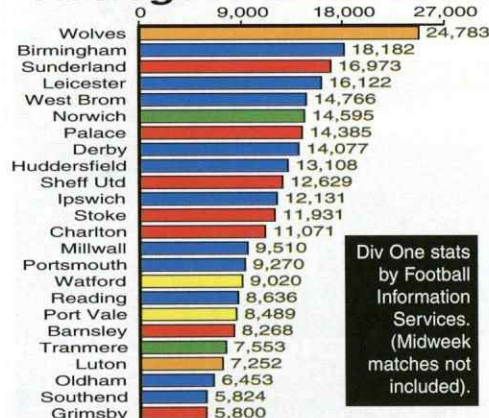
will now be played on Tuesday, April 23, kick-off 7.45pm

## Luton Town v Port Vale

will now be played on Tuesday, April 30, kick-off 7.45pm

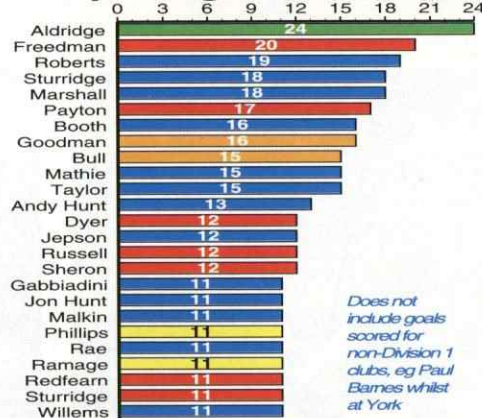
See page 9 of today's match programme for ticket details for these matches

# Average Attendances



Div One stats by Football Information Services. (Midweek matches not included).

# Top League Scorers



Does not include goals scored for non-Division 1 clubs, eg Paul Barnes whilst at York

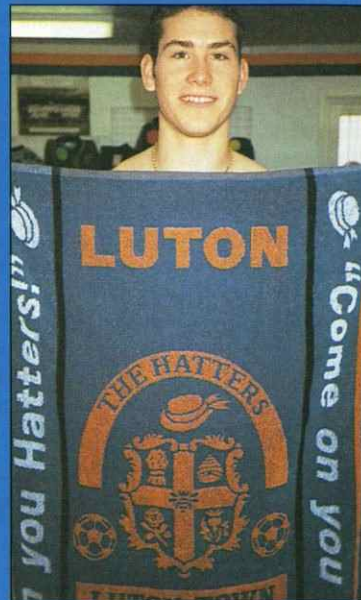
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Finally, thank you to everyone who came with us to Birmingham last week on our executive trip.



LEFT: Stotfold Motor Centre were among our match sponsors for the game against Stoke. Hatters goalkeeper Ian Feuer was on hand to make the after-match presentation.

BELOW: Burton International PLC were also match sponsors against Stoke, and John Taylor, David Oldfield, Marvin Johnson, Ian Feuer and Scott Oakes are pictured at the after-match presentation.



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## BACKPASS - HANDLE WITH CARE!

A RECENT match in which a free kick for a deliberate kick to the goalkeeper resulted in a goal has again thrown up this controversial topic.

After FIFA had changed the law so that the goalkeeper could not pick up such a pass without being penalised, there followed a spate of decisions against defenders and goalkeepers which, in some instances, bordered on the preposterous. Gradually, however, as with many of the laws, the enforcement thereof became both clouded and compromised.

Thus in the last two or three seasons there had hardly been any penalising of such a deliberate kick, partly because defenders are more careful; goalkeepers are not prepared to take chances; and finally because referees have become reluctant to come to a positive conclusion where the kick might have accidental connotations.

Why then do I write about this subject? The answer is (and I have to confess that I personally hate the particular law in question) that again it is not being treated as seriously as it ought to be and there are many instances of deliberate kicks being treated as accidental.

That could prove to be a disaster because laxness in implementing the laws has in recent years led to Draconian measures by FIFA.

It is imperative that there must be no chance nor any excuse given to the governing authorities to fortify or supplement this current interpretation by banning ALL passes to the keeper and stopping

**KEN GOLDMAN** of the North Middlesex Referees Society reviews an area of the law that constantly causes controversy..... eg at Bramall Lane last month!

his fielding the ball with his hands when it is knocked to him by a kick, chest, head or with any other part of the anatomy.

I would emphasise that the most simple way of solving the problem is to consider whether the defender's striking of the ball with his foot is a deliberate act. Thus if a player actually traps the ball or slides it to the side and the goalkeeper decides to then pick it up the offence is committed.

It becomes a deliberate act by BOTH the defender and the goalkeeper and must infringe the law. It will also be remembered that the offence is committed by the goalkeeper in handling the ball and not by the defender.

Can I suggest the following rule of thumb, which is as follows: 1) When the defender has his back to both the goal and the goalkeeper it is almost impossible for the kick to be deliberate;

2) When the defender is sideways on, the referee must observe the direction of the defender's boot but this will always be the hardest to interpret, and; 3) When the defender faces the keeper the majority of acts performed by the defender with his feet and the subsequent handling by the goalkeeper will be deliberate and

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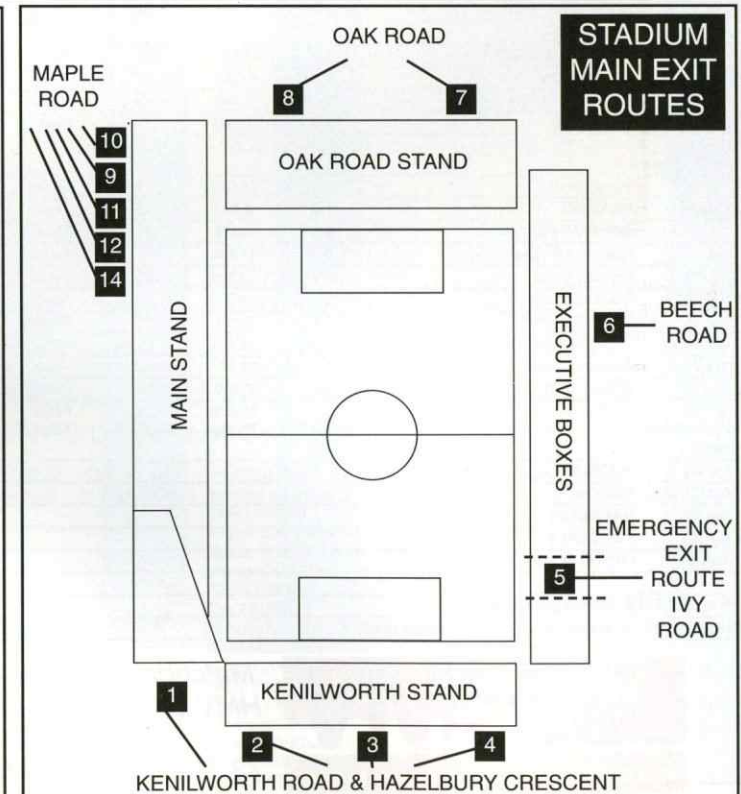
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 GEOFF LOVELL,  
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# TEAM STATISTICS 1995-96..... Current Division One table on page 4

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 or GK	14
Sun Aug 13	NORWICH CITY	1-3	7,848	-	K.Davis	Thomas	M.Johnson	Waddock	Hughes	Peake	Alexander	Oldfield	(Thorpe)	GUENTCHEV	Harvey	S.Davis	Sommer	(Taylor)
Tue Aug 15	BOURNEMOUTH CCC 1 (1)	1-1	2,728	-	Sommer	Thomas	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	Oldfield	Alexander	(MARSHALL)	Taylor	Guentchev	Harvey	Waddock	Peake	(Thorpe)
Sat Aug 19	Southern United	1-0	4,630	17	Sommer	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	Oldfield	(Alexander)	(Marshall)	Taylor	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Waddock)	(THORPE)	(Thomas)
Tue Aug 22	Bournemouth CCC1 (2)	1-2	4,884	-	Sommer	James	M.JOHNSON	S.Davis	Waddock	(Oldfield)	Alexander	Marshall	(Taylor)	Guentchev	(Harvey)	(Matthews)	(Thorpe)	(Thomas)
Sat Aug 26	LEICESTER CITY	1-1	7,612	16	Sommer	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	HUGHES	(Oldfield)	Linton	Marshall	(Taylor)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Guentchev)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Tue Aug 29	Grimsby Town	0-0	4,289	11	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Linton)	Guentchev	(Marshall)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Taylor)	(Woodford)	(Peake)
Sat Sep 2	DERBY COUNTY	1-2	6,427	17	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	Taylor	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Woodford)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Tue Sep 5	PERUGIA AIC	1-4	2,352	-	K.Davis	James	Skelton	S.Davis	Evers	(Thorpe)	Linton	(GUENTCHEV)	(Oldfield)	Hughes	Harvey	(Marshall)	(Waddock)	(W'ford)
Sat Sep 9	Reading	1-3	8,550	20	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Alexander	(Linton)	MARSHALL	Oldfield	G.Johnson	Harvey	Evers	Peake	(Gu'chev)
Wed Sep 13	Millwall	0-1	7,076	22	Feuer	Peake	(M.Johnson)	S.Davis	Waddock	Vilstrup	Linton	Marshall	Oldfield	Guentchev	Harvey	G.Johnson	Evers	(James)
Sat Sep 16	SUNDERLAND	0-2	6,955	23	Feuer	Peake	James	S.Davis	(Waddock)	Vilstrup	(Linton)	Marshall	Oldfield	Hughes	Harvey	Greene	(Taylor)	(Gu'chev)
Sat Sep 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-0	23,659	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Marshall	(Taylor)	Guentchev	Harvey	(Waddock)	James	(Oldfield)
Sat Sep 30	PORTSMOUTH	3-1	7,795	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.DAVIS	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	(Alexander)	MARSHALL	Taylor	GUENTCHEV	Harvey	(Waddock)	(James)	Oldfield
Sat Oct 7	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	6,680	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	McLaren	Alexander	Marshall	Oakes	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	G.Johns'n
Wed Oct 11	Genoa AIC	0-4	3,759	-	K.Davis	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	McLaren	Vilstrup	Linton	Oakes	(Oldfield)	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Thorpe)	(Alexander)	(W'ford)
Sat Oct 14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2	8,042	24	Feuer	(Peake)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Hughes	Alexander	Marshall	Oldfield	Woodsford	HARVEY	Guentchev	(James)	McLaren
Sun Oct 22	Ipswich Town	1-0	9,123	21	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Oakes	OLDFIELD	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Waddock)	(G.Johnson)	(Gu'chev)
Sun Oct 29	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	0-1	6,270	22	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Hughes)	(Waddock)	(Alexander)	Oakes	Oldfield	Marshall	Harvey	(Linton)	(Riseth)	(Gu'chev)
Sat Nov 4	Stoke City	0-5	9,382	24	Feuer	Peake	G.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	Marshall	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	McLaren
Wed Nov 8	Cesena AIC	1-2	461	-	K.Davis	(Patterson)	Upson	S.Davis	McLaren	Vilstrup	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	MARSHALL	Harvey	Chenery	(Douglas)	(Simpson)
Sat Nov 11	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	6,047	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(McLaren)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	DOUGLAS	Harvey	(Patterson)	James	(Oldfield)
Sat Nov 18	BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-0	7,920	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	James	Hughes	(McLaren)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	Oldfield
Tue Nov 21	Watford	1-1	10,042	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	(S.DAVIS)	Hughes	McLaren	(James)	Oakes	Riseth	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	(Patters'n)
Sat Nov 25	Barnsley	0-1	6,437	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	Patterson	Hughes	(McLaren)	James	Oakes	(Riseth)	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	(Alex' der)
Sat Dec 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	3-2	6,025	23	Feuer	Alexander	M.Johnson	Waddock	Hughes	McLAREN	James	Oakes	Thorpe	MARSHALL 2	Harvey	Guentchev	Riseth	Chenery
Sun Dec 10	WOLVERHAMPTON W	2-3	6,997	24	K.Davis	Patterson	M.Johnson	Waddock	(Hughes)	(McLaren)	S.Davis	OAKES	Thorpe	MARSHALL	Harvey	(Guentchev)	(Taylor)	Alex' der
Wed Dec 13	ANCONA AIC	5-0	2,091	-	K.Davis	Patterson	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	(McLaren)	(Linton)	OAKES	TAYLOR	MARSHALL	(Harvey)	(THORPE)	(GUENTCHEV)	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 16	Portsmouth	0-4	7,012	24	Feuer	Patterson	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oakes	Taylor	Marshall	(Harvey)	(Thorpe)	K.Davis	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 23	Huddersfield Town	2-2	7,076	24	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	M.Johnson	(McLaren)	Oakes	(Taylor)	MARSHALL	(Thorpe)	(OLDFIELD)	(Guentchev)	(Harvey)
Sat Jan 6	Grimsby Town FA3	1-7	5,387	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	James	M.Johnson	(Guentchev)	Oakes	Oldfield	(McLaren)	MARSHALL	Harvey	(Thorpe)	(Alex' der)
Sat Jan 13	SOUTHEND UNITED	3-1	6,566	24	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	M.Johnson	GUENTCHEV	(OAKES 2)	(Taylor)	Alexander	Thorpe	(Oldfield)	Riseth	(Harvey)
Sat Jan 20	Norwich City	1-0	12,474	23	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	M.Johnson	GUENTCHEV	(Oakes)	Taylor	Alexander	Harvey	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	Patterson
Wed Jan 31	SHEFFIELD UNITED	1-0	6,995	21	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(M.Johnson)	GUENTCHEV	(Oakes)	Taylor	Alexander	(Thorpe)	(Oldfield)	(Harvey)	(Hughes)
Sat Feb 3	Leicester City	1-1	14,821	21	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Oldfield)	THORPE	(Hughes)	(Taylor)	Alexander	Harvey	(Linton)	(Riseth)	(Marshall)
Sat Feb 10	GRIMSBY TOWN	3-2	7,158	20	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	GUENTCHEV	Hughes	(Taylor)	ALEXANDER	(Thorpe)	(Oldfield)	(MARSHALL)	Harvey
Sat Feb 17	MILLWALL	1-0	7,308	19	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	(Guentchev)	Hughes	(Taylor)	(Alexander)	THORPE	(Oldfield)	(Harvey)	(Marshall)
Wed Feb 21	Derby County	1-1	14,825	17	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	(MARSHALL)	Hughes	Oldfield	Alexander	(Thorpe)	(Guentchev)	
Sat Feb 24	Sunderland	0-1	16,693	19	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	Oldfield	M.Johnson	Guentchev	(Hughes)	(Marshall)	Alexander	(Harvey)	(Thorpe)	(Taylor)	(Riseth)
Tue Feb 27	READING	1-2	6,683	20	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	Peake	Linton	GUENTCHEV	Oldfield	(Taylor)	Alexander	(Thorpe)	(Riseth)	(Vilstrup)	(Oakes)
Sat Mar 2	CRYSTAL PALACE	0-0	8,478	21	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	M.Johnson	(Guentchev)	Oakes	(Riseth)	Alexander	(Thorpe)	(Oldfield)	(Harvey)	(Taylor)
Sat Mar 9	Huddersfield Town	0-1	11,950	21	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Patterson	Guentchev	Oakes	Taylor	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	(McLaren)	Harvey	(Linton)
Tue Mar 19	Crystal Palace	0-2	13,609	23	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	(Guentchev)	Oakes	(Taylor)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Linton)	Harvey	(Hughes)
Sat Mar 23	Sheffield United	0-1	14,935	23	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	(Oldfield)	Oakes	Taylor	(Alexander)	(Harvey)	(Tomlinson)	(Thorpe)	(McLaren)
Sat Mar 30	IPSWICH TOWN	1-2	9,151	23	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Patterson	(Oldfield)	(Oakes)	Wilkinson	GRANT	Thorpe	(Alexander)	(Guentchev)	(Tom'son)
Tue Apr 2	West Bromwich Albion	2-0	15,131	23	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	(Oldfield)	S.Davis	Patterson	GUENTCHEV	(Thorpe)	Wilkinson	GRANT	Harvey	(M.Johnson)	(Oakes)	Tom'son
Fri Apr 5	Charlton Athletic	1-1	14,643	23	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Guentchev	(Harvey)	Wilkinson	(Grant)	(THORPE)	(M.Johnson)	(Oakes)	(Tom'son)
Tue Apr 9	STOKE CITY	1-2	7,689	23	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	Waddock	M.Johnson	Patterson	Guentchev	(Thorpe)	(Oldfield)	GRANT	Oakes	(Taylor)	K.Davis	(Tom'son)
Sat Apr 13	Birmingham City	0-4	15,426	23	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	(Waddock)	M.Johnson	Patterson	(Guentchev)	Thorpe	(Oldfield)	Grant	Oakes	(Taylor)		
Sat Apr 20	WATFORD																	
Tue Apr 23	Port Vale																	
Sat Apr 27	BARNSELY																	
Tue Apr 30	PORT VALE																	
Sun May 5	Oldham Athletic																	

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PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS	PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Kelvin DAVIS	5		4		Des LINTON	6 (4)		3	
Mitchell THOMAS	20 (2)		2 (2)		Gavin JOHNSON	5 (1)			
Marvin JOHNSON	28 (2)		5	1	Jamie WOODSFORD	1 (2)		(2)	
Gary WADDOCK	28 (4)		3 (1)		Aaron SKELTON			1	
Ceri HUGHES	21 (2)	1	2		Sean EVERS			1	
Trevor PEAKE	15 (3)				Ian FEUER	34		1	
Graham ALEXANDER	31 (2)	1	3 (2)		Johnny VILSTRUP	6 (1)		2	
David OLDFIELD	22 (11)	2	5		Paul McLAREN	9 (2)	1	4	
Tony THORPE	19 (9)	4	2 (4)	1	Scott OAKES	22 (3)	3	4	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	22 (9)	8	5 (1)	2	Vidar RISETH	6 (5)		1	
Richard HARVEY	28 (6)	1	6		Darren PATTERSON	17 (2)		3	
John TAYLOR	17 (8)		3	1	Matthew UPSON			1	
Juergen SOMMER	2		2		Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (2)	1	(1)	
Steve DAVIS	33	2	6		Gary SIMPSON			(1)	
Dwight MARSHALL	23 (3)	9	5 (1)	4	Graeme TOMLINSON	(5)			
Julian JAMES	22 (3)		4		Paul WILKINSON	3			
Rob MATTHEWS			(1)		Kim GRANT	5			





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Today's referee is

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Derby County v Birmingham City

Grimsby Town v Sheffield United

Leicester City v Huddersfield Town

Millwall v Oldham Athletic

Norwich City v West Brom

Port Vale v Tranmere Rovers

Portsmouth v Barnsley

Reading v Charlton Athletic

Southend Utd v Ipswich Town

Wolves v Crystal Palace

Sunderland v Stoke City (Sun)

## TEAM CHECK

### LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

Ian FEUER

Graham ALEXANDER

Mitchell THOMAS

Gary WADDOCK

Marvin JOHNSON

Darren PATTERSON

Bontcho GUENTCHEV

Tony THORPE

David OLDFIELD

Kim GRANT

Scott OAKES

### WATFORD

Manager: Graham Taylor

1 Kevin MILLER

2 Darren BAZELEY

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