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Manager's Notes

Today marks the official opening of our new stand although Official Menager's Notes Sponso fortunately it was also in use last Tuesday evening for our Coca-Cola Cup game against local rivals Reading. So much hard work has

been put in by so many people over the last few months to get the stand in operation and on Monday everyone at the club was working hard to make sure the stand was open for Tuesday. It therefore made the result doubly

rewarding for the many people who had worked so hard.

They say a week in politics is a long time and the same can be applied to football. I was thinking of this particular point on the long five hour coach journey back from Blackpool, having gained a valuable point without getting all we deserved. There is certainly no point in feeling sorry for yourself in this game. Life was put into proportion on Monday afternoon when I attended, with other officials of the football club, the funeral service of Roger Vere who, as you know, was a Director of our Club Sponsors Verco. The Parish Church in High Wycombe was full to capacity for the service, which said a lot about Roger Vere and what a decent, understanding and unselfish person he was. I know he would have been delighted with

But I realise that you don't get all you want in life and sometimes you should be thankful for small mercies and believe that football should be

kept in proportion.

As yet I have not answered my post after our recent game against Bury but I hope that most people can see the way we are trying to direct this football club and whilst I have the greatest respect for Reading F.C. and their management team I would mention that having read the Pen Pictures in our matchday programme on Tuesday they have spent on 11 players over the last two seasons in excess of £2 million and that their squad has seven internationals, some from abroad. This cannot guarantee success, despite the fact that they have been an established Division One team for several seasons.

A warm welcome to Lennie Lawrence and his Luton Town team who were desperately unlucky to be relegated last season. I am sure that if Lennie had just moved in slightly earlier he would have avoided the drop and again it goes to prove the importance of timing in life if you are sometimes to be

I genuinely believe that if you work hard and have faith in what you are doing you will eventually succeed, but it needs conviction from everyone at the club. I can tell you that in the world of football

we are one of the most respected clubs for the achievements we have made both on and off the field. We should not be so critical when things don't go exactly as we like as there is always someone much worse off than ourselves.

Your support on Tuesday was fantastic from all parts of the ground and greatly appreciated by the players and I hope you enjoy this afternoon's match, which will be tough and uncompromising.

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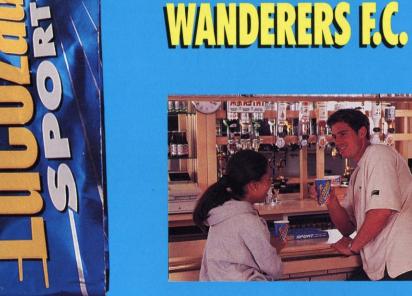
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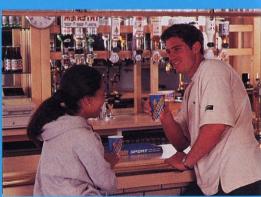
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Operations, Bucks Auto Components Area Salesman Chris Higby, and all his guests who are Luton supporters from the Aylesbury area to whom Bucks Auto Components supply Lucas and many other spares and components.

Richard Stevens father may be Wycombe's oldest regular supporter at 89 years of age is also here today and the Club wishes him and all guests of Bucks Auto Components a great afternoon out at the newly refurbished Adams Park.



Wycombe Wanderers warmly welcomes this afternoon's Programme

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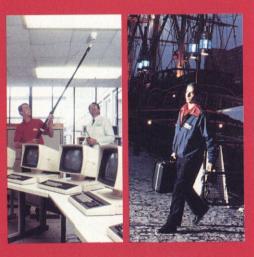




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Looking at the table last Sunday morning it was a tad disappointing to see Wycombe down in 19th place with just three points from their opening four games. But for Luton, also being on three points and just a place below must have been something of a relief. While Wycombe have opened the League campaign with three draws and a home defeat to second-place Bury, Luton began with three straight defeats, conceding eight goals on their two trips away from Kenilworth Road, including a mighty 0-5 thumping at Ashton Gate.

Last Saturday's 1-0 win over Rotherham will have eased Lenny Lawrence's mind a little, but one win in four is probably hardly the start that Hatters' fans will have been expecting following their fall to Division Two. While Millwall and Watford have been among the pundits' favourites for promotion, many have felt that Luton are the least well equipped of the relegated sides to fight their way straight back to Division One. Sure they still have a lot of experience in the team through the likes of Gary Waddock and Bulgarian international Guentchev, but they've lost several first teamers, including the very talented Scott Oakes, but, like many before them, Luton will find the road back up the Nationwide League an awful lot tougher than the slide down.

Many people talk about the huge gulf that's growing between the Premiership and the Football League, but there's almost as large a gulf these days between each of the Divisions below. Look at Carlisle 's experience coming up from the Third for the last Division Two campaign and despite Michael Knighton's money, influence and five year plan, slipping straight back down again. Look too at how clubs like Notts County and Oxford have failed at the first attempt to win back promotion despite both largely keeping their squads intact. Of course Oxford learned their lesson last time round and managed to sneak up and overtake Blackpool at the last gasp, and who's to say that Notts County won't make the jump this time. And, of course, Swindon well and truly blew out my prediction for a struggle last season, leading the table more or less from first to last.

So, who will go up this time round - and who's going to take the honours in the other Divisions? Bury look a good side to me - very professional when they came here and running up a notable 4-0 result over Bristol City last week. The North west side are my dark horse to chase home Watford, Millwall and Burnley. And if you want another outside bet, keep an eye on Peterborough United. With Barry Fry at the helm, anything could happen.

Barry's old boys at Birmingham City should do well in Division One along with Mike Walker's Norwich and Ray Wilkins' QPR. Despite all the money they've spent, I'm still not sure that Wolves have the right blend, while Manchester City have rather more problems than points at the moment. Division One looks a very tight Division, and I predict that at least ten clubs will be in with a shout well into April.

I don't know much about Division Three, but it's nice to see my old side, Fulham off to a good start. They've now got planning permission to re-develop Craven Cottage and I truly hope that with their off-field predicaments behind them, they'll be able to improve things on the park down in SW6.

So, what of the Premiership? Well, I've finally got a Sky dish, so I'm in a rather better position to comment now. Last season, my live viewing was restricted to one visit each to Loftus Road and Old Trafford. I've already managed more Premiership games on Sky this campaign - and the season's less than a month old. Still, it looks like the same old story - though Old Trafford looks less than impregnable now, and if Liverpool can add consistency to their flair, they may unsurp Newcastle as Manchester United's main rivals for the title. As for the Cups, look to Everton and Villa, while I predict both Manchester United and Liverpool will at least get close to the Silverware in

So, probably nothing radical in my suggestions. I'd like to be surprised by Wycombe and see them at least in the Play-offs. And, as the rest of my predictions, I'm open to being shot down - or bathed in reflected glory!

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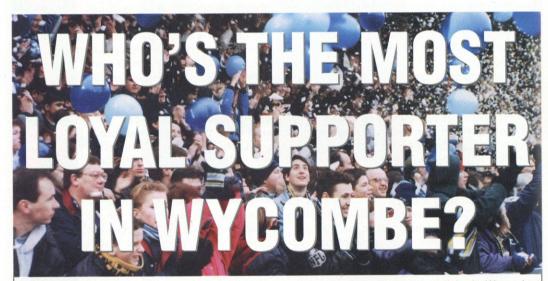
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Back Row: Middle Row: Front Row: Jamie Woodsford, Bontcho Guentchev, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor, Ben Chenery.

Clive Goodyear (Physio), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thornas, Graham Alexander, Aaron Skelton, Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Player/Coach).

Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (Captain), Lennie Lowrence (Manager), David Kohler (Chairman), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), Gary Woddock, Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey.

The Man In Charge Lennie Lawrence

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley.

A player with non-League Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United, Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth, where he was also caretaker manager, and at Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicts as reserve team coach.

Charlton finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1985/86 earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. In the following season they were involved in the first promotion/relegation play-offs, overcoming Second Division Leeds United in extra-time in a dramatic play-off final replay, but were relegated in 1990.

Mr Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club which at the time made him the third longest-serving manager in the country behind Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough and Oldham's Joe Royle.

He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the F.A. Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993 and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park.

He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November of this year. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

Dorm Guids At A Glance

August 17th	Nationwide League Division Two	Burnley	Home	Lost	1-2	Scorer:- Thorpe	Att:- 6,484
August 20th	Coca-Cola Cup Round 1 (1)	Bristol Rovers	Home	Won	3-0	Scorers:- Thorpe (pen), Grant, Oldfield	Att:- 2,643
August 24th	Nationwide League Division Two	Brentford	Away	Lost	2-3	Scorers:- Thorpe (pen), Hughes	Att:- 5,404
August 27th	Nationwide League Division Two	Bristol City	Away	Lost	0-5		Att:- 7,028
August 31st	Nationwide League Division Two	Rotherham Utd	Home	Won	1-0	Scorer:-Thomas	Att:- 4,547

the Men from Kemilworth Road

(Appearances and goal figures as at the start of the 96/97 season)

lan Feuer - Goalkeeper

Born: Las Vegas 20.5.71

Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7ins American arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. Was Luton's Player of the Year for the 95/96 season. At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. His Luton debut wasn't his Legaue debut through as he was on loan at Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two. Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa. Signed: December 1995 (£580,000 from

Luton appearances: 38 Legaue and one Cup

Luton goals: 0

Julian James - Defender

Born: Tring 22.3.70

Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95 with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loval Luton Supporters Club. Was in and out of the side at the start of the 95/96 campaign, before an extended run at right-back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996. Signed: July 1986

Luton appearances: 195 (19) League and 36 (3) Cup

Luton goals: 12 League

Marvin Johnson -Defender

Born: Wembley 29.10.68

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then

switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake. Marvin was one of only three players to play in every firstteam match in 94/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy.

He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centreback, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson.

Signed: July 1985 Luton appearances: 188 (13) League plus 29 (4) Cup Luton goals: 4 League plus 1 Cup

Mitchell Thomas - Defender

Born: Luton 2.10.64

The former England Under-21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat in 1986. He played in the 1987 F.A. Cup Final and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaian. Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in December 1995 and responded with an ever-present record until the end of the season. Signed: March 1994

Luton appearances: 181 (8) League plus 29 (2) Cup Luton goals: 2 League

Gary Waddock - Midfield

Born: Alperton 17 3 62

Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an F.A. Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay. That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again and Swindon, before moving to Bristol, Gary missed only one game, through suspension after joining the Hatters in 1994/95 and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of Year Trophy.

Signed: December 1994 (from Bristol Rovers on free transfer) Luton appearances: 72 (4) League plus 7 (1) Cup Luton goals: 1

Steve Davis - Defender

Born: Hexham 30.10.68

Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 League appearances for Burnley, scoring 22 goals. He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loans spells at Burnley and Notts County. He captained Burnley during their rise up the League into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season. Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96 but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season. dropped out of Division One.

Signed: July 1995 (750,000 from Burnley) Luton appearances: 36 League plus 6 Cup Luton goals: 2

Ceri Hughes - Midfield

Born: Rhonda Valley 26.2.71

Ceri was a regular in the Town midfield in the 1993/94 season and his performances earned a call-up to the full Welsh side. He made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990, and has also represented his country at youth and Under-21 levels. Scored seven goals in the 1993/94 season, but damaged knee ligaments against Grimsby in November 1994 and was ruled out for the rest of the campaign after just eight League starts. Made his comeback against Norwich on the opening day of the 95/96 season, but suspension and injury plagued his 95/96 campaign. Played for Wales in Albania in November 1995.

Signed: July 1987

Luton appearances: 121 (18) League and 18 Cup

Luton goals: 13 League plus 1 Cup

David Oldfield - Midfielder

Born: Perth. Australia 30 5 68

David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town. He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a twogoal senior debut in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. He also scored on his full League debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 League appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals. Australian born Oldfield, who played for England Under-21s, joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

Signed: July 1995 (from Leicester for £150,000) Luton appearances: 52 (11) League plus 15 Cup

Luton goals: 6 League plus 4 Cup

Kim Grant - Forward

Born: Ghana 25.9.72

Signed from Charlton, where he had made his debut under Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000 in March 1996, and scored on his debut against Ipswich. Was selected for the Ghanian national squad in the summer of 1996, playing against Egypt and Denmark. Signed: March 1996 (from Charlton for

Luton appearances: 10 League Luton goals: 3 League

Paul Showler - Forward

Born: Doncaster 10.10.66

Served his apprenticeship with Sheffield Wednesday but made his name in non-League football with firstly Altrincham and then Barnet where he faced Wycombe in the Conference days. He moved north to Bradford City in August 1993. Made a total of 33 Division Two appearances last season with eight goals, finishing City's second leading scorer. Moved to Luton in the close season.

Tony Thorpe - Midfield

Born: Leicester 10.4.74

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup in January 1994. He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester.

He was restricted to just five substitute appearances during the 1994/95 campaign. Scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 - the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley.

Signed a new contract in the summer of 1996.

Signed: August 1992

Luton appearances: 27 (24) League plus 3 (6) Cup Luton goals: 8 League plus 2 Cup

Bontcho Guentchev - Forward

Born: Bulgaria 7.7.64

The Bulgarian international signed for the Hatters after being released by Ipswich. The 31 year old striker, who played in the 1994 World Cup Finals in the USA when Bulgaria reached the semi-finals, had been at Ipswich for three seasons playing 58 games in the Premier League.

He arrived on a free transfer after being released by the Portman Road club, but his wife's employment at the Bulgarian embassy now means he is free to continue playing in the UK. Scored vital goals for the Hatters in 95/96 and played for Bulgaria in the 1996 European Championships.

Signed: July 1995 (from Ipswich Town on a free transfer) Luton appearances: 25 (10) League plus 5 (1) Cup Luton goals: 9 League plus 2 Cup

Matthew Upson - Defender

Born: Eve 18.4.79

Matthew made his Luton Town debut aged just 16 in the Anglo-Italian Cup match in Cesena. Signed: June 1995

Luton appearances: 1 Cup Luton goals: 0

Des Linton - Defender

Born: Birmingham 5.9.71

Des signed for Luton from Leicester City in October 1991, along with Scott Oakes, as part of the deal which took midfielder Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. He was a regular at right-back during the 1993/94 season, but the 1994/95 campaign was dogged by a series of injuries. He played briefly in a midfield role, but returned at right-back in the final matches of the season. 95/96 campaign also disrupted by

Signed: October 1991 (from Leicester City)

Luton appearances: 62 (14) League plus 16 (1) Cup Luton goals: 1 League

Darren Patterson - Defender

Born: Belfast 15,10,69

end of the season

Darren signed for the Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000 a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international started his League career with Wigan, and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992. An achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship aualifying matches. Made his first Luton appearances in the Anglo-Italian Cup defeat in Cesena in November and returned to the Northern Ireland squad at the

Signed: August 1995 Luton appearances: 21 (2) League plus 3 Cup Luton goals: 0 Graham Alexander

Defender/Midfield Born: Coventry 10.10.71 Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry

Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager. The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000 with payments further depending on

appearances. Signed: July 1995 (£100,000 from Scunthorpe United) Luton appearances: 35 (2) League plus 3 (2) Cup

Luton goals: 1 League





opportunities during the game

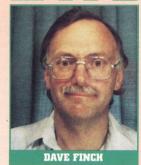
This will be Luton's first ever trip to Adams Park, although they did pay a visit to Loakes Park on Monday, 22nd November 1971 for a friendly. The game had been arranged as part of the deal which had taken Viv Busby to Kenilworth Road in January 1970. The ex-Wanderer was made captain for the night against his old team mates.

Luton fielded a strong team, which included eight with Football League experience, but the Blues made them work hard in a 1-1 draw. Busby, himself, had the first chance of the game in the seventh minute, but fired over the top. Seven minutes later, Brian Ede made a great save from Robin Wainwright. After this Wycombe had the better of things and Tony Horseman went close on several occasions.

Luton were again quick off the mark in the

Delaney headed home a cross from Paul

second half and, within a minute, Busby shot against a post before blasting the rebound wide. They then took the lead in the 51st minute when Vic Halom scored from close range following aoalmouth scramble. Undeterred. Wycombe hit back and Keith Barber pushed a Horseman shot onto the bar four minutes later. They Tony Horseman, missed out with several equalised on the hour when John



Birdseye. As in the first half, Wycombe then had the better of things and Barber again pulled off a good save with ten minutes left when he turned Keith Searle's wellstruck shot onto the bar. The attendance on a cold evening was a healthy 1.499.

Line-Ups:-

Wycombe

B.Ede (K.O'Brien), P.Birdseye, C.Austin, E.Powell, J.Delaney, R.Williams, T.Waughman (M.Holifield), L.Pritchard, K.Searle, A.Horseman, J. Hutchinson.

Luton

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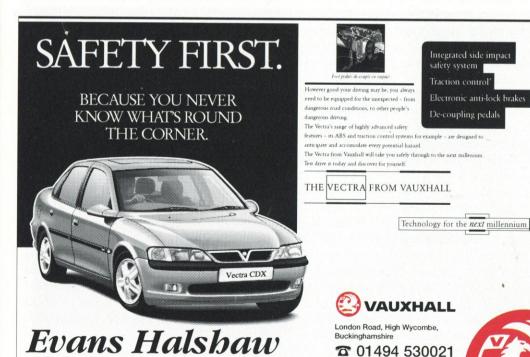


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Voice of Blues

The advantage of playing at Blackpool on a Saturday in August is that you can either make a good day out of it, or a long weekend. With the illuminations being switched on the evening before the match many of the blues fans spent the weekend on the North West coast. I decided to take the train from Watford via Chairbovs Charter and arrived at 11.20 a.m. in glorious sunshine along with another 15 die hards. My travelling companion was Ken Townsend, a VP and former chief of Abbey Road Studios. During his time with EMI Ken. regularly recorded Reginald Dixon playing the mighty Wurlitzer organ in the ballroom at the Tower. So it was with much interest I spent the morning in this glorious building with the trappings of another age listening to Reginald Dixon's successor Phil Kerslake. As familiar melodies from yesteryear flowed from the pipes of this magnificent instrument so the dancers took to the flour looking like professional ballroom performers on a busman's holiday. Outside the streets people thronged the pavements carrying ice cream, candy floss and fish and chips. Amongst them a number of Blues fans passed by wearing a various assortment of shirts issued over the past five seasons. Elsewhere another group had decided to stroll to the end of the Central Pier, walking into a bar they encountered a large group of tattooed ladies all drinking pints of beer from straight glasses. I later learned this was the AGM of the Lancashire Rottwieler Lady Owners Club. At the ground the view from the press box is very limited as the stand roof covers a lot of the opposite side of the pitch. They had moved the team

benches from the other side of the ground over to the tunnel side and one incident occurred just as the teams kicked off. A newspaper seller walked right in front of the Wycombe bench and turned toward Alan Smith and our subs and yelled 'Gazette'. finding no takers ambled off to repeat the same in front of Gary Meason and his gang. After three trips to Blackpool we still remain unbeaten there, one unfortunate story came from our Chairman Ivor Beeks who spent six hours on the M6 caught in the melee of a motorway smash. It was not until half time that Ivor arrived at the ground. Our return journey was very smooth and right on time, entering Wigan there was a large warehouse containing a huge advertisement painted in large white letters - SANTUS UNCLE JOE'S MINT BALLS KEEPS YOU ALL AGLOW. There was one enquiry from a small bold headed man who had told the entire carriage how he intended to climb Everest on his 60th birthday in 1997. He wanted to know how long the train stopped at Wigan, as he would like to sample Uncle Joe's mint balls. Also travelling with us were a few Oxford United and Watford supporters, Oxford had lost at Port Vale and Watford had won at Crewe both sets of fans were in a similar state of inebriation for reasons already stated. The next journey north is to Burnley on Saturday 14th September, the Clarets, have just completed the extensive re-development programme at Turf Moor where a 6000 seater stand is due to open on Tuesday 10th September. This will bring the stadium capacity to almost 22,000 all seated.

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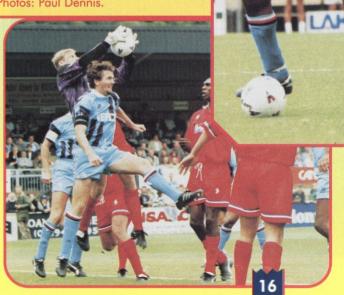
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24TH AUGUST 1996

Top Right: Dave Carroll heads for the Gills area pursued by Hessenthaler Carroll receives congratulations after netting our first home League goal of the season. Below: Stannard holds on under pressure from Paul McCarthy.

Bottom Right: John Williams proves too fast for the Gills Harris.

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AUDITORS TO WYCOMBE WANDERERS

28 look

by Roy Grant

Today's visitors Luton Town, notched up their first League win of the new season with a 1-0 success over Rotherham at Kenilworth Road last Saturday, Having been relegated last season it had been a nightmare start to the new campaign but a second half strike from Mitchell Thomas raised hopes of a recovery. Wycombe, of course, will be hoping it does not continue today as we look for our first victory after draws in three of our first four games. However a point at Blackpool is always good with the Tangerines fancied to be in contention once again after narrowly failing last season. Rotherham, with that defeat at Luton, have now lost their last three League games and will be hard pressed to try and end that record when they travel to promoted Bury who have won three on the trot. After their win at Adams Park they destroyed Bristol City 4-0 last Saturday after City had themselves beaten Luton 5-0 in midweek. So if it is goals you want to see, watch Bristol City as their four League games have now seen 15 goals scored.

With the League tables now starting to take shape and mean something, there are three clubs in equal top spot. Bury I have already mentioned together with Plymouth and Brentford.

Another of the promoted clubs, Argyle, have scored ten goals in their opening four matches - the latest two seeing off Preston in their televised game last Friday night despite a reply from the sections top scorer Steve Wilkinson. Brentford have recovered from a mediocre campaign last season to have three successive wins (they drew at Bury on the opening day). The latest of them came at Shrewsbury last week. A Carl Asaba hat-trick in just' seven minutes did the damage with the former Dulwich Hamlet striker scoring his threesome in the games opening 21 minutes.

Prior to last Saturday the Shrews had drawn their opening game with ourselves before winning at both Rotherham and Burnley. They were helped no doubt by their two signings from Denmark, Thomas Neilson and goalkeeper Benny Gall. Both, however, played

their part in Brentford's win with defensive errors as Asaba struck the divisions only League hat-trick so far.

The Bees have signed midfielder Scott Canham from West Ham for £25,000 and he was expected to have made his debut in that win.

Which Division Two club is playing at a new ground this season? The answer is of course Bristol Rovers who returned to Bristol last Saturday after an absence of ten seasons and one game. Bristol Rugby Clubs Memorial Ground had not been ready for Nationwide Football League action for the opening game against Peterborough but after calling for, and getting, the help of supporters they entertained Stockport with a near capacity 7000 crowd. The return could not be completed with a win though - Lee Archer gave them an early lead but John Jeffers spoiled the party with a long range effort to see the game finish all square.

Watford's strange season continues. The promotion favourites started with an away win on the opening day but then two successive home defeats - to Millwall and Plymouth - saw the fans protest. This ended with club owner Jack Petchey resigning as a director. Things improved last week though, as they returned from Crewe with another away win.

Bournemouth, too, have the same record - two away wins and two home defeats. The latest came last week when Barry Fry's Peterborough picked up their first win with a 2-1 success at Dean Court.

Other results last weekend saw a last minute Jon Howard goal give Chesterfield victory at Gillingham, Millwall defeated Burnley 2-1 with the winner coming from a great strike from youngster Lucas Neill who was signed from the Australian soccer academy. The other game saw York win 1-0 at Notts County with the only goal coming from Neil Tolson who signed on a free from Bradford in the summer. Complaint of the week came from Stockport manager Paul Jones who complained that the crossbar at Bristol Rovers was a few inches bigger than legal at one end (the one they conceded their goal) - perhaps the Rugby goals were still up!!

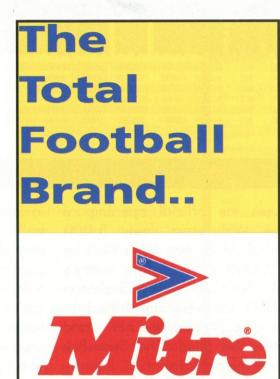
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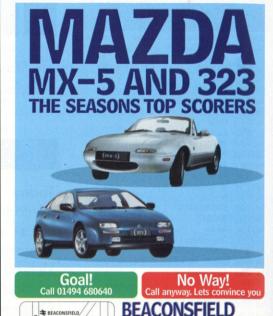
My record this season has not been good, let's see if you can do better than me.

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Bristol City	٧	Preston		1-1
Bury	٧	Rotherham		2-0
Millwall	٧	Bristol Rove	rs	1-0
Watford	٧	Stockport		2-1
York	٧	Shrewsbury		1-1

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Name	Club	League	L/Cup	Total
Wilkinson	Preston	3	3	6
Asaba	Brentford	4		4
Pepper	York	4		4
Nogan	Burnley	3	1	4
Stevens	Shrewsbury	4		4
Brissett	Bournemouth	3		3
Taylor	Brentford	2	1	3
Goater	Bristol City	2	1	3
Jepson	Bury	3		3







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Today sees the official opening of Wycombe Wanderers' new 5.000 seater stand which has been built by Linpave Construction. Before today's kick-off Mr. Alec Tuckerman, Chairman of ServisPak Ltd who are based in Oxon will officially open the new stand which is to be titled 'The ServisPak Stand' over the next 3 years. The Club would also like to welcome

Mrs Claire Hampson-Payne who is Advertisement Manager for the Bucks Free Press Group. Mrs Hampson-Payne will today be officially opening the Bucks Free Press Family Enclosure. Mr Derek Vere and Mr Allan Davies who are Directors of Verco Office Furniture Ltd, who are the Official Club Sponsors of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, are here to officially open the Executive Box Level of the new ServisPak Stand before today's match. In total 20 executive boxes have been built within the stand which are available to rent on a 4 year lease, annual rent or a daily let.

Also being officially opened today is the new First-Aid Room which is being supported by Monsanto PLC and is situated in the new ServisPak Stand. The Club is very grateful to today's match sponsor Monsanto PLC who have very generously supplied the equipment for the First-Aid room. Mr John Williams who is the County Commissionair for St. John Ambulance will be opening the First-Aid room before today's fixture.

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Sat 2 Nov Crewe Alexandra

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Key:- # = own goal Substitute replaced player in brackets - = QUID A

Happy Birthday to Rohan Lee, 8 years old today

Wycombe Show on the Rye returns to High Wycombe this weekend, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September. Wycombe Wanderers will have a stall in the Wycombe District Council Tent and on Sunday Matt Smith, our Community Officer, will be holding a number of football exhibitions along with the guest appearance of Bluey the Swan. We hope to see you down there.

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Plymouth Argyle	4	2	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	6	4	10	9,122
Brentford	4	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	0	4	1	10	5,394
Bury	4	1	1	0	5	1	2	0	0	3	1	10	3,767
Chesterfield	4	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	9	3,662
Millwall	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	4	3	7	9,190
Shrewsbury Town	4	0	1	1	1	4	2	0	0	5	2	7	3,485
Blackpool	4	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	1	7	5,435
York City	4	1	0	1	4	4	. 1	0	1	2	2	6	2,956
Burnley	4	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	3	3	6	9,697
AFC Bournemouth	4	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	3	1	6	6,180
Watford	4	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	4	1	6	8,422
Bristol Rovers	3	-1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	6,306
Peterborough United	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	4	6,357
Preston North End	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	4	4	9,625
Crewe Alexandra	4	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	4	4	3,983
Gillingham	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	4	6,576
Notts County	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	5,740
Bristol City	4	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	2	2	7	3	8,208
Luton Town	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	8	3	5,516
Wycombe Wanderers	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	4,073
Wrexham	2	0	1	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	1	2	3,920
Stockport County	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	-1	2	2	4,359
Rotherham United	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	2,976
Walsall	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	1	4,040

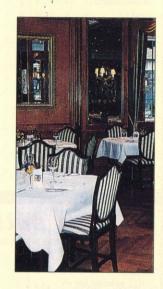
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BELL Mickey	4	2		-	-	-	-	-	85 + 2	5
15.11.71, Northampto	n Town									
BROWN Steve	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	103 + 5	3
6.07.66, Northampton	Town									
CARROLL Dave	4	2		-	1	-	-	-	391 + 6	77
20.09.66, Ruislip Man	101									
COUSINS Jason	0 + 1	1		-	-				241 + 3	6
4.10.70, Brentford										
CROSSLEY Matt		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	312 + 6	10
18.03.68, Basingstoke	Town									
DESOUZA Miquel	4	2		2	2	-	-	-	58 + 6	26
11.02.70, Birminghan	n City									
EVANS Terry	4	2			-	1			111 + 4	17
12.04.65. Brentford										
FARRELL Dave	3 + 1	2		-			-	-	38 + 7	5
11.11.71, Aston Villa										
LAWRENCE Matthew	4	2			- 1	-	-	-	7+2	-
19.06.74, Grays Athlet	tic									
MAHONEY-JOHNSON A			1					-	1 + 0	-
6.11.76, QPR (loan)										
MARKMAN Damien	0 + 2			-		-	-	-	0 + 4	-
7.01.78, Wycombe Wo	anderers YTS									
McCARTHY Paul	4	2		-	-	-	-	-	6 + 0	-
4.8.71, Brighton & Ho	ve Albion									
	4	2			-	-	-	-	6 + 0	-
12.10.65, Bristol Rove	ers									
PATTERSON Gary	4	1					-	-	49 + 11	3
27.10.72, Shrewsbury	Town									
SKIVERTON Terry	-				-	-		1	11 + 3	1
29.06.75, Chelsea										
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So, is it dreaming to suggest that in the not-too-distant future we could be entertaining the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United in Premiership fixtures?

Historic Day

As I said in a previous column, that dream has become more difficult to realise because of the changing face of football in this country. The game is now financed in such a way that for any club of similar size to emulate the achievements of Wimbledon would need a miracle.

However, life is more exciting if you set yourself targets and the goal of top level football remains our number one priority. No one can be sure when - or even if - we will achieve it, but we will keep on reaching for the moon.

We hope that we will have a very special guest to help us celebrate this historic day. We have invited two men who've been making history of their own recently. Congratulations to Glenn Hoddle on his first victory as England coach in what could have been a very tricky World Cup qualifier in Moldova.

Glenn has been to Adams Park several times before and when he was manager of Swindon Town he kindly agreed to bring his team here for a pre-season friendly at no cost to this club. He showed the same generous spirit when he spoke at one of our sportsman's dinners and also brought Chelsea here for a friendly when he was in charge at Stamford Bridge.

It is typical of the man - straight, honest and decent and I have no doubt that he will be an inspired appointment on the international scene.

Steve Redgrave, the local man who made national headlines when he scooped an unbelievable fourth successive Olympic gold medal in Atlanta. To remain at the very top of such a tough sport as rowing for over 12 years is a feat which defies belief. He has my total admiration.

Let us hope that the lads in blue can put on a show for our distinguished visitors. There's no doubt that the stand will look breathtaking and that the band will be entertaining (what a great idea - keep up the good work, gentlemen).

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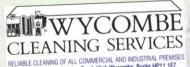
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ouna midfielder Gary Wraight, impressive recently against Brentford (Photo:- Paul Dennis)

Appearances 96-97

(All Competitions/Substitute appearances in brackets) Beeton 1, Cheesewright 1, Clark 1, Cousins 1, Crossley 1, Harkin 1, Markman 1, McGavin 1, Rowlands 1, Skiverton 1, Wraight 1, Baird (1), Craker (1), Patton (1).

Goalscorers

(All Competitions)

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Colchester United	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
Gillingham	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
Stevenage Borough	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
Rushden & Diamonds	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	3
Northampton Town	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Barnet	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
Woking	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Southend United	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Reading	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
Brentford	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Wycombe Wanderers	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Cambridge United	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sutton United	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Welling United	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
Crawley Town	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
Fulham	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
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THE SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

by Dave Finch

Since the last programme there are two games to report on. First of all, on Wednesday 28th August we won our first ever game in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup when we beat Southend United at Adams Park with a superb performance. From the start we created chance after chance and only the lack of finishing and a good display by visiting keeper Nicholls kept the score goalless at half-time. However, we soon made amends in the second half and after three minutes went ahead when Lee Allen scored from the penalty spot after being brought down by Nicholls. Ten minutes later it was 2-0 when Jeff Lamb's pass across the pitch found Maurice Harkin and he raced clear to score with a low drive. Harkin then made it three four minutes after this. firing home after a good move between Richard Dee and Gary Wraight. Southend scored a consolation goal five minutes from the end when their substitute, Robson, chipped over Tom Keys.

Line-Up:- T.Keys, R.Dee, J.Lamb, A.Beeton, L.Craker, M.Rowlands (J.Sheffield), M.Harkin, G.Wraight, L.Allen, R.Teale, A.Patton. Subs (not used):- L.Johnson, N.Baker. In the first round we have been drawn at home to Brighton. Please see local press or

ring the Blues' newsline for the date.

We then travelled down to Brighton last Saturday and went down 1-0. Conditions for playing football weren't good with a small, bumpy pitch and a strong wind. With Andy Baird missing upfront due to a hernia injury and a couple of changes in midfield, we struggled to create many chances and it was Albion who generally had the better opportunities. Alan Beeton, who had a fine game alongside Lewis Craker, made a great goalline clearance on the halfhour, while Brighton wasted two good chances early in the second half before they scored the only goal in the 65th minute. Westcott drove a low shot through a crowded area and Richard Dee's clearance off the line unfortunately struck Tom Keys and rolled in. As with the previous week's game against Bournemouth, we then started to play better once behind and Richard Teale saw a close range header blocked by the keeper, while Maurice Harkin was unlucky with a low shot that flew across the face of the goal.

Line-Up:- T.Keys, R.Dee, J.Lamb, A.Beeton, L.Craker, J.Sheffield (M.Rowlands), M.Harkin, F.Brannan (G.Wraight), L.Allen, R.Teale, A.Patton (D.Fitzpatrick).

South East Counties League Division Two 1996/97

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	Crystal Palace	3	2	1	0	9	2	5	7
	Swindon Town	3	2	1	0	6	3	5	3
	Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	1	0	4	1	5	3
	AFC Bournemouth	3	2	1	0	4	2	5	2
	Luton Town	3	2	0	1	13	4	4	9
	Southampton	3	2	0	1	8	5	4	3
	Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	5	2	4	3
	Bristol City	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	1
	Colchester United	3	1	1	1	5	5	3	
	Wycombe Wanderers	3	1	0	2	7	5	2	2
	Oxford United	3	1	0	2	6	5	2	1
9	Brentford	3	1	0	2	4	6	2	-2
	Brighton Hove Albion	3	1	0	2	2	5	2	-3
	Barnet	3	0	1	2	4	12	1	-8
	Reading	3	0	1	2	2	14	1	-12
	Bristol Rovers	3	0	0	3	2	11	0	-9
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Fixtures 1996/97

Aug 17	BARNET	6-2	Dec	7	WIMBLEDON
24	BOURNEMOUTH	1-2		14	Crystal Palace
28	SOUTHEND (SJFCP)	3-1		21	Barnet
31	Brighton	0-1	Jan	4	CRYSTAL PALACE
Sept 7	BRENTFORD			11	BRIGHTON
14	Bournemouth (LCI)			18	Brentford
21	Bristol City			25	BRISTOL CITY
28	BRISTOL ROVERS		Feb	1	Bournemouth
Oct 5	Reading			8	Bristol Rovers
12	COLCHESTER			15	READING
19	(LC2)			22	Colchester
26	Southampton		Mar	1	SOUTHAMPTON
Nov 2	LUTON			8	Luton
9	Tottenham			15	Oxford United
16	OXFORD UNITED			22	TOTTENHAM
23	(LC3)		Apr	5	SWINDON
30	Swindon			12	Wimbledon

(Home fixtures in capitals)

Appearances 1996-97

(All Competitions/Substitute appearances in brackets)
Allen 4, Baird 2, Beeton 4, Brannan 1,
Craker 4, Dee 4, Fitzpatrick (3), Harkin 4,
Keys 4, Lamb 4, Patton 4, Rowlands 3 (1),
Sheffield 1 (3), Teale 2 (2), Wraight 3 (1)

Goalscorers

(All Competitions)

Allen 4, Baird 2, Harkin 2, Beeton 1, Patton 1.







Away Fixture Number Two Saturday, August 31st 1996, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Blackpool

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Wycombe Wanderers

(0) 0

Attendance:- 4,856

Referee:- Mr Ian G Cruikshanks (Hartlepool)
Weather Conditions:- Dry, sunny intervals

Match Programme: - Price £1.70

Rating:- 2* (max 5)

Line-Ups:-

Blackpool:

S.Banks, M.Bryan, A.Barlow, T.Butler, D.Linighan (J.Lydrate 83 mins), G.Brabin, M.Bonner (L.Thorpe 65 mins), M.Mellon, A.Preece, T.Ellis (capt) and L.Philpott. Sub (not used) - H.Heighton (GK).

Wycombe:

B.Parkin, M.Lawrence, M.Bell, P.McCarthy, T.Evans (capt), G.Patterson (J.Cousins 73 mins), D.Carroll, S.Brown, M.Desouza, J.Williams (D.Farrell 59 mins) and M.Mahoney-Johnson. Sub (not used) -

M.Crossley (13).

Wycombe wore the All Blue Strip and attacked the South Stand (Bloomfield Road) end first half.

Corner Count:-

Blackpool 9

Wycombe 4

Shots/Headers on Target:-

Blackpool 6

Wycombe 6

Fouls conceded (not offsides)

Blackpool 10

Wycombe 12

Bookings:-

Blackpool - Thorpe (89 mins) - foul

Wycombe - nil

Match Summary

Manager Smith introduced on loan 19 year old Michael Mahoney-Johnson from Queens Park Rangers who partnered Desouza up front with Williams playing a deeper role on the right side of midfield. The debutant however had a quiet outing - his best coming in the second half when his lofted pass created a half chance for Williams. Overall this was a very low key affair which had 0-0 written all over it at an early stage. As at Reading 11 days earlier, our back four however was in good form. Terry Evans put in another fine display and it will have given Parkin confidence in keeping his first clean sheet in Wycombe colours. The home side did have the best openings in the first period - Brabin directed his header wide from a Bonner corner (17 mins), then Mellon's powerful shot was fielded well by Parkin (37 mins).

Again the second half did little to excite the seaside crowd, but, kicking towards our excellent travelling contingent on The Spion Kop we did produce the best two efforts of the contest. On 56 minutes Evans header from a Carroll corner looked destined to put us ahead but Banks tipped over. Then, eight minutes from time, Desouza seized on an error by Butler but Banks dived to save his hard low shot. There were a few scores in our goalmouth but Parkin was rarely extended. Indeed the home side seemed to run out of ideas well before the end and we finished much the stronger side with Carroll putting a stoppage time free kick just wide.

To sum up, it was a disappointing afternoon because we rarely looked like adding to our miserly goals scored total. On the plus side however we defended well ensuring the Seasiders' strike force of Preece and Ellis had a barren afternoon. Also of course every point gained away



from home is a valuable one. We also maintained our unbeaten run at Bloomfield Road - one win and two draws. Editor's Wycombe

player of the day:-Terry Evans.

Terry Evans - in commanding form at Bloomfield Road last Saturday



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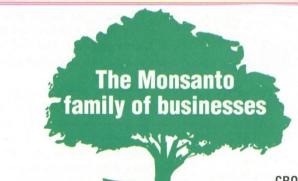
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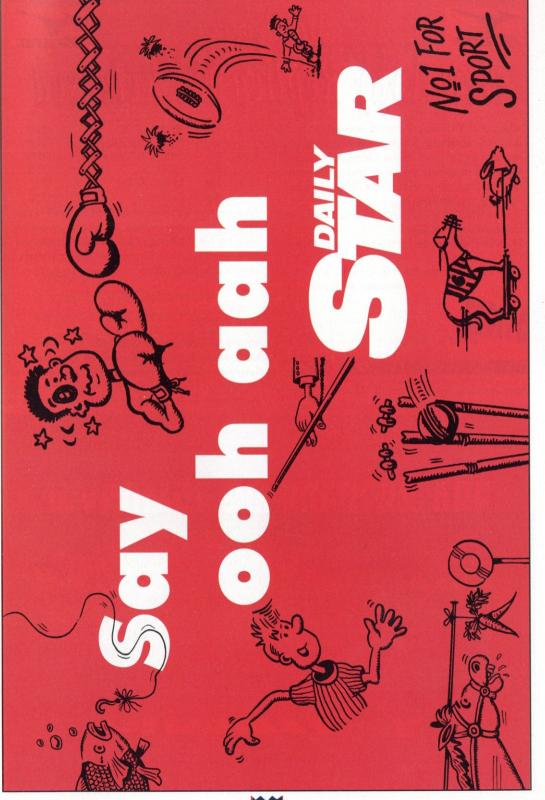


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Socks	Boys -	Sm Boys, Me Boys	£5.99
	Mens -	One Size	£7.50

Also now available in Wanderers In Town is the brand new home replica kit and a range of clothing for the Autumn and Winter. The range includes a number of different styled jackets, sweatshirts and t-shirts.

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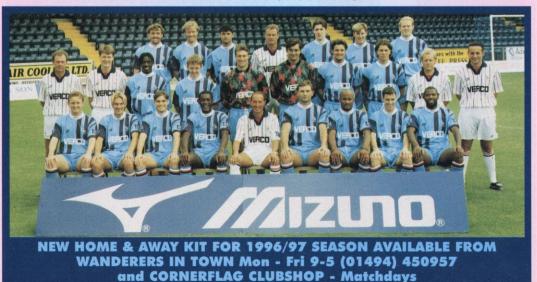
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From the Archives

The Highs and Lows of Luton Town F.C.

Being the only League club in Bedfordshire, one could be forgiven for thinking that support for the club would be something that could be

taken for granted. Unfortunate though it may be, that has never been the case, resulting in the hard fact that the club like so many others have to sell their best players merely to survive.

Members of the Second Division in the years prior to the turn of the century, the club after only three seasons were to lose their Legaue status, though they were to return in 1920 with the formation of the Third Division South, Having become the first club in the South of England to turn professional. Luton's return to League standing was to be a much happier one, culminating in their first promotion as Champions of the Division in 1937, having finished runners-up the previous year - a year that was to be marked with a most remarkable individual performance from a little known wing-half by the name of Joe Payne. Now some 60 years on, it seems unlikely that anyone could match Payne's remarkable feat of scoring ten goals in a match. With both of the clubs usual centre-forwards Boyd and Ball injured the opportunity fell to the youngster to fill the breach, having made just three first team appearances, his fourth was to be one that saw him in the record books.

The Championship secured, the club settled into becoming a middle of the road Second Division side although by the early fifties they were beginning to show their worth at the top end of the table and in 1955 it came as no surprise when they were to reach the very top flight by finishing runners up to Birmingham City, having edged out Rotherham on goal average for a place in Division

The team had been built by Scottish International Dally Duncan, who had arrived at the club firstly as player coach before taking the managers chair. Luton continued their improvement, although Duncan departed to manage at Blackburn Rovers, six months later they were to be walking out at

Wembley, still without a manager, to contest the 1959 Cup final with Nottingham Forest

Captained on the day by the newly elected Footballer of the Year Sid

Owen the club were to be beaten - the club's finest ever moment was to become very quickly a distant memory as the following season they were relegated and by the year of England's World Cup glory they had sunk to the very depths of Division Four. From standing second bottom of the League that season the club remarkably returned to Division One, although it was to be a short single season visit in 1974-5.

Luton rebuilt once again, and by 1982 had returned once more to the First Division as Champions under the management of David Pleat. A best ever seventh place in the top flight was gained in 1987, followed by a return to the twin towers of Wembley three times in little more than a year. Their first in the Full Members Cup was to provide a major shock, as Reading swept to victory via a 4-1 scoreline. Within a month Luton returned to provide the shock themselves, lifting the Littlewoods sponsored League Cup with an outstanding display to defeat the Cup Holders Arsenal, Luton's hero on the day goalkeeper Andy Dibble saving a penalty that would have sent them two goals in arrears.

Twelve months later history was to be repeated beneath the Towers, as for the second year running the Cup Holders were beaten in defence of the League Cup, this time the Hatters going down to Nottingham Forest in a repeat of their 1959 meeting at the famous stadium.

Having reached a pinnacle, as the eighties drew to a close, Luton once more have slipped quickly into decline. Just how and when they are to return remains to be seen in these highly inflated days of transfers and wages. Having turned around a major decline in the sixties, Luton's task of returning to the very top, like that of many others, remains an awesome climb.



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Tuesday September 10th 1996 kick-off 7.45 p.m.

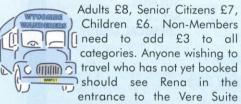
Walsall FC

Bescot Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA

(Away Fixture Number Three)

Coach Travel

Fares for Travel Club members will be:-



be advised at time of booking.

Recommended **Road Directions**

foyer this afternoon. Departure time will

Take M40 Westbound. At the junction with the M42, branch left and follow signs The North (M1 and M6) to join M42. At junction 7 branch left (signposted The North West) to join the M6. Exit at junction 9 and at the roundabout turn right (the A461).



After 0.1 miles, turn right where road divides (A4148, Wallows Lane). Go over the bridge and turn right at the lights into Bescot Crescent. Follow road for 400 yards, stadium on left hand side. Mileage from High Wycombe - 105.

Additional Information

- 1. The stadium is all seater. Visiting supporters are allocated the William Sharp Stand. Admission is £10 Adults, £6 Juniors. Use turnstiles 21-28. The visitors area can hold 1916 spectators.
- 2. The matchday programme costs £1.50.
- 3. Parking is available outside the William Sharp Stand - Cars £2.00, Coaches
- 4. Bescot Railway Station is adjacent to the ground. There is a regular service from Birmingham New St. and Walsall stations.
- 5. Wycombe will wear the All Blue Strip.

Saturday, September 14th 1996, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Burnley

Turf Moor, Burnley, Lancashire BB10 4BX (Away Fixture Number 4)

Coach Travel

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Recommended **Road Directions**

M6 North to junction 21a. Exit here on the Eastbound M62 (signposted Manchester). Exit at junction 18 taking the northbound M66 (signposted Burnley). At the end of the motorway, proceed on the A56. Follow signs to Rawtensall, then pick up the A682 (signposted Burnley) pass through village of Habergham Eaves, then turn right at lights/crossroads (signposted A646 Halifax) into Glen View Road. At crossroads after 1.2 miles turn left (signposted A671 Burnley) onto Todmorden Road, A671. At lights after 1.5 miles, at crossroads by Wellington pub, go straight across into Belvedere Road for away parkina.

Mileage from High Wycombe - 211.

Addition Information

- 1. Turf Moor has undergone a rapid re-development and is now an all-seater stadium. On the North end of the ground (the side which was out of use last season) is the Sanderson Ford longside twotier stand seating 8,600 fans. Also there is a new 6000 seat East Stand which replaces the former Bechole End terrace, bringing the ground's capacity to almost 22.000.
- 2. Visiting fans are allocated the Endsleigh Stand (Cricket Field Stand) which holds 4,500 spectators. Prices are:-
- Adults £12, Concessions £6.
- 3. The matchday programmes costs £1.50.
- 4. The best car parking is at the Cricket Club by the ground (entrance off Belvedere Road). Price -£1.50 per car.
- 5. For those travelling by rail, the shortest walk from Burnley Central Stadium is about 0.7 miles.
- 6. Wycombe will wear White Shirts, Blue Shorts and Socks.

Safe Travelling - Editor

I am indebted to Janet Williams and Mark Johnson's "Football Fan's Guide" for road directions. The updated version of this excellent publication is now available from major booksellers priced £9.99.



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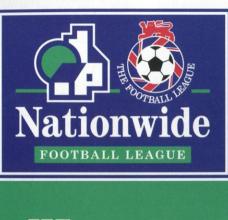












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Good afternoon and welcome to Adams Park for today's Division Two match against Luton Town F.C.

I have already watched Luton this year against Bristol Rovers in a Coca-Cola Cup match which they won 3-0. I thought that evening that they looked a very well organised side and today's game will prove to be a strong test.

At half time today six of our Junior Blues will take on six Junior Hatters in a penalty competition, similar to the one which took place last year at our home match against Oxford. Please give both teams your support and hopefully we will be able to win the penalty competition and pick up three points. It has been decided that, at our home matches this season, we will endeavour to provide you with some entertainment either before the game or at half-time. Apart from organising penalty competitions against opponent's junior teams, we also hope to have marching bands, 5-a-side games and before the Brentford match we should be having a display of mini

Our Junior Blues section has rapidly increased over the years and we now have around 500 members. The membership package includes: Guided tour of Adams Park annual Junior Blues Event Day, free entry to all youth and reserve games, membership to the official W.W. Supporters Association, annual birthday message and free membership to the Blues Travel Club, plus much more.

Junior Blue membership is available to all children over 5 and Under 16 years of age on 1/6/96 at a cost of only £10. If you would like an application form, please contact Sue Keen in the Commercial Office.

We are also looking for a supporter to take on the role of Junior Blues Newsletter Editor. Newsletters go out quarterly and we are hoping to attract someone who is keen to bring the youngsters into Adams Park and write the leaflet to inform all Junior Blues of what is going on at the club, plus puzzles, guizzes etc. If you are interested in this role, could you please contact sue in the office. Hope you enjoy the game.

Matt Smith



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MATTHEW UPSON 14

Referee: - Mr. Eddie Lomas (Manchester)

Mr Eddie Lomas is 42 and has two children. By occupation he is a Capital Projects Manager with Salford NHS Trust. He began refereeing in 1974. He graduated to The National Football League Referee's List in 1993 after 9 years on the Linesmen's List. His hobbies are golf, cycling and gardening. He is Chairman of the Eccles and District Referee's Association.

Mr. P. J. Griffin

Ms. W. A. Toms

Reserve Official:- Mr. D. Roberts



this afternoon are brothers Stuart and

Ben Pritchard. Stuart is 71/2 and Ben is 51/2 years old. Both boys attend Mill Lane School in Chinnor - Stuarts hobbies are football, bug collecting and Ben's are football and his computer. Favourite foods are pasta and sausage and chips. Stuart enjoys watching Dad's Army and wildlife programmes and Ben likes ZZAP. Stuart's favourite Wycombe player is Dave Carroll and Ben's is Terry Evans.



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