

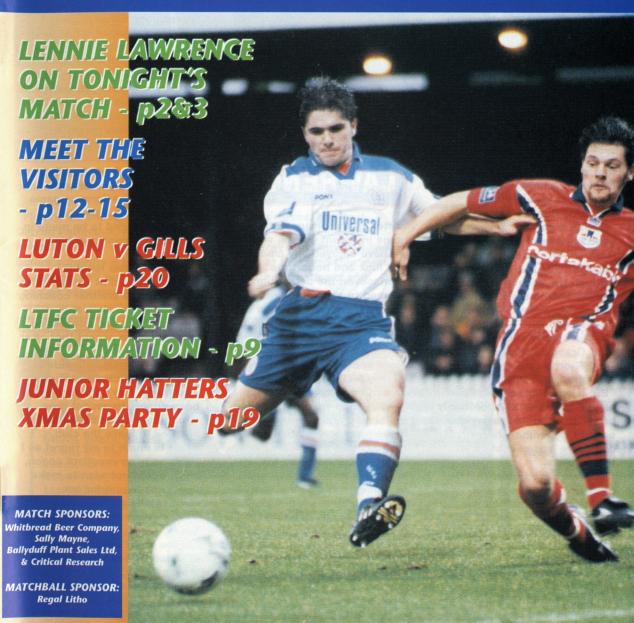




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v GILLINGHAM

From the manager's chair

SATURDAY'S victory against York was thoroughly deserved, and indeed the narrow scoreline flattered York as we missed two clear-cut chances when the scoreline was 2-0.

In the last few minutes there was an air of panic after their late consolation, but the three points was certainly what our play warranted on the day.

I reverted to the team shape and playing pattern of last year which was possible due to the introduction of Chris Allen, on Ioan from Nottingham Forest.

Chris is a left winger with the ability to take people on and that, together with David Oldfield's running power at the front, gave us a potent attacking threat.

Having taken the lead with a good counter-attack and a Graham Alexander goal, Tony Thorpe made it 2-0 midway through the second-half, getting behind the defence and converting a one-on-one with the goalkeeper.

In two similar situations after that, Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe could have put the issue beyond doubt.

But it was the best we have played for some time, probably better than our last away game against Wycombe where defensive lapses cost us all three points.

Now we have to transfer the form and confidence and quality of performance into a home game.

The task is mainly psychological. Obviously teams will defend deeper against us when we are at home and play on the break, but if we show the same brightness and movement, and passing, there is no reason why we cannot beat any team in this league.



After all the disappointment at home in recent weeks, where we have enjoyed any amount of bad luck and no fortune whatsoever, the pendulum seemed to swing at York and hopefully we can continue the momentum against Gillingham tonight.

Once we can gain a couple of home wins there is no reason at all why a climb up the league cannot be a rapid one.

Firstly then we must take the initial step and turn our recent home form around and win convincingly.

Tonight we welcome the payers, supporters and officials of Gillingham, who achieved a top six position some weeks ago, but who have found results difficult to come by recently, and come to us on the back of three consecutive defeats.

They will be looking to take advantage of our recent home form, but we must strive to ensure our result on Saturday and the performance is not just associated with being on our

travels. Gillingham have pace and power in their team and we must make sure that our passing and movement is better than there strength and footballing ability on the night.

Much has been made of our recent poor run of home results, and whilst it has been massively disappointing, it is not the end of the world.

We lost to a penalty against Torquay, and to a 'wonder goal' against Walsall. Draws in those games, plus our performance at York would have meant a different perspective.

A word now regarding the recent coaching changes.

I felt after the Torquay game the signs were clear that changes needed to be made in the management/coaching structure.

I decided after lengthy consideration that I would offer **Wayne Turner another coaching** position in the club, and thought that I had succeeded in getting him to accept that after long discussions.

But we have been unable to reach the conclusion I sought, and Wayne has unfortunately been unable to accept the situation and has consequently decided to leave the club.

This is much to my regret as I think he is an excellent coach, and I would not wish to make him a scapegoat for our disappointing results this season, especially in recent

In the short term I will be assisted by John Moore and Trevor Peake, and I will examine the situation again in a few weeks time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wayne for his services as a coach to



Luton Town, and for his total commitment to the cause.

play in the reserves next week. **Dwight Marshall and Richard** Harvey could also figure shortly in the reserves, but Paul Showler is still ruled out.

Phil Gray and Marvin Johnson will be at Lilleshall this week for further treatment and rehabilitation work.

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Finally, on the injury front, Darren Patterson, who was selected to play against Walsall before suffering a knee problem in training, will hopefully not need an operation and could

Goals, goals, goals! See every goal from the weekend with ITV's NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA, in association with Nationwide **Building Society** We'll be on air just after midnight on Mondays and repeated later in the week in many regions. The programme is introduced by Gabriel Clarke and includes interviews, competitions, the latest news and talking points, and all the goals scored at the weekend from DETAILS AND SET YOUR VIDEO **Nationwide** ootball League

On-loan Allen plays key role

NEW loan signing Chris Allen played a key role as Luton ended York's run of six successive home league wins, writes Simon Oxlev.

Allen, the former Oxford winger, joined the Hatters from Nottingham Forest on Friday, and went straight into the side for Saturday's game at Bootham Crescent.

His speed down the flank caused the home defence problems throughout, and afterwards manager Lennie Lawrence was quick to acknowledge his contribution.

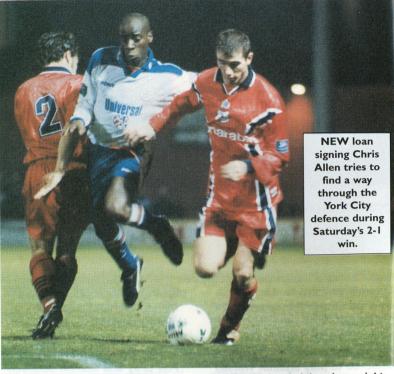
Luton took the lead on 12 minutes when David Oldfield and Tony Thorpe set up Graham Alexander for his fourth goal of the season, and from Allen's cross a minute later. Thorpe was close to making it 2-0.

lan Feuer made three key saves before the break to keep the Hatters in front, and Rodney Rowe twice went close for the home side after the break.

But Paul McLaren carved open the York defence on 71 minutes to send Thorpe clear, and he duly netted his tenth of the season.

Luton's leading scorer saw York keeper Andy Warrington then deny him another soon after, with Alexander firing just wide as Luton looked to seal the game, but on 87 minutes substitute Richard Cresswell headed home a Paul Stephenson free-kick to reduce the deficit - although it proved to be mere consolation.

Elsewhere in Division Two, Watford



maintained their six-point lead at the top with a 2-1 home win over now struggling Wigan.

Dai Thomas and Tommy Mooney scored for the Hornets, after Graeme Jones had put the visitors in front at Vicarage Road.

Bristol City remain in second place -Shaun Goater scored twice in their 3-0 win at Carlisle - and there is now a further ten-point gap to the third place team after defeats for Millwall and Northampton.

Millwall lost 2-1 at Bristol Rovers with Barry Hayles' 10th goal of the season winning the game ten minutes from time. Northampton provided Burnley with a much-needed win at Turf Moor.

Paul Barnes headed the winner eight minutes from time for a 2-1 scoreline.

Roger Willis netted the only goal as Chesterfield moved into fourth place with a 1-0 win over one of his former clubs Southend, and Kingsley Black netted Grimsby's second in a 2-0 win at Gillingham.

Oldham stay in the play-off places after a 2-0 win at Plymouth, and Lee Ashcroft's hat-trick lifted Preston into the top half of the table with a 3-1 win over big-spending Fulham at Deepdale.

Roger Boli scred after 86 minutes to give Walsall a 2-1 win over Blackpool, and elsewhere, Brentford drew 1-1 with Wrexham, with Wycombe and Bournemouth also sharing two goals.

SAFETY NOTE FRONT COVER: Tony Thorpe, who took his season's tally to 10 on Saturday, gets in a first-half shot during the 2-1 victory over York City at Bootham Crescent.

(Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS





LEFT: Hatters midfielder Paul McLaren in action in our last home game, against Walsall. There's more action from this game on pages 36 and 37.

THREE points from a very wet and windy York has given everyone at the club a great boost, and hopefully we can carry that on tonight.

Due to recent form, the distance and the weather, your support was excellent on Saturday and I can assure you it doesn't go unnoticed with the lads in the dressing room.

I think the fact that we went back to our formation of last season, with Dave and Thorpey up front and a specialist winger on the left, gave the lads a psychological boost before the game on Saturday.

As we were relatively successful with that 'look' last season, it reminded us that we are a good team and should fear no-one. If we had won 4-1 against York, I don't think it would have flattered us.

Tonight's game against Gillingham should turn out to

be a real test as they are a big side, who like
Brentford last season, seem to rely a lot on
pressurising teams rather than individual skill, but
with the likes of Onuora and Akinbiyi up front who
can certainly score goals, we will have to be at our
best to win. A repeat of our double last season would
be very welcome.

Other news from the dressing room..... Marv has now left for Lilleshall, armed with Playstation, microwave and food hamper. I'm not saying Lilleshall is like Colditz, but when you're up there on your own it can be a very lonely place, especially when you're injured.

There could be a couple more following in his footsteps, with Phil Gray one of the favourites, followed very closely by Mr Showler.

Finally I'd like to welcome Chris
Allen to the club. He is obviously
someone with plenty of experience
having played 30-odd games for
Nottingham Forest in the
Premiership, and more for Oxford in
Division One.
He is an out-and-out left winger, and

he is an out-and-out left winger, and hopefully could help us get back on track and moving up the table. Please continue to back the lads, and we in turn will try to give you a team to be proud of. As I mentioned earlier, the support on Saturday in such a combination of conditions was greatly appreciated.

The Luton Town Supporters Club are holding their annual CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT on Thursday, December 11, 1997, at the Eric Morecambe Lounge, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £2 for members, £3 for non-members, and are available from the Supporters' Club kiosk on home matchdays, before and after the game.

Please book early to avoid disappointment, as there are only a limited number of tickets available.

Maximum number for one team is six.

LTFC players attending.

THE youth team start their FA Youth Cup campaign in the second round, and have been drawn away to Coventry City in the competition which is this season being spnsored by The Times newspaper.

The match will be played at Highfield Road tomorrow night - Wednesday, December 3, kick-off 7pm.

For those of you wishing to make the relatively short journey to support the youngsters, admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

In the event of a replay the match would be played a week later on Wednesday, December 10, with a 7pm kick-off at Kenilworth Road. Admission would be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

The youth team have been drawn away against either Reading or Watford in the South East Counties League Cup. Further details to follow.

A reminder that in the third round of the Eastern Junior Cup we will be away to Mirlees Blackstone, who play in Stamford, off the A1.

This match will be on Monday, January 19, with a 7.45pm kick-off.

GROUNDSTAFF REQUIRED

The LTFC groundsman requires additional help at home team matches. Anyone over 16 who is interested should contact the Club Secretary on (01582) 411622.

From the secretary's chair



Further details will follow.

Our next home reserve game at Hitchin is on Monday, December 8, kick-off 7pm, when we play Ipswich Town.

Admission is £2 for adults and £1

HELP FOR HAPPY HARRY

Our club mascot Happy Harry requires an assistant for matchday work, and anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary on (01582) 411622.

for juniors and senior citizens.

News of two postponed games. The home match against West Ham will be played here at Kenilworth Road (weather permitting!) on Tuesday, December 23, at 2pm, whilst our away match with Swindon will be played on Monday, March 16, 1998, kick-off 7.15pm.

Tickets are now available, from the ticket office, for the Luton Town Christmas Carol Service, at St Mary's Parish Church on Wednesday, December 17, at 7.30pm. There is no official charge, but we are asking for a small donation.

Monies raised will be divided between the Luton and South Beds Hospice, and St Mary's Church.

TOWN TEASER

The Hatters were unlucky not to reach the FA Cup Final in 1985, when they were defeated 2-1 by Everton in the semi-final after extra-time. Who scored for the Town in that match.

Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question this afternoon.

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Saturday, December 13, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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Terracing: £8 - no concessions.

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(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, December 13, between 10am and 5pm for the sale of other match tickets).

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Luton Town v Northampton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Friday, December 26, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price.

Normal guesting facilities apply.

Millwall v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Sunday, December 28, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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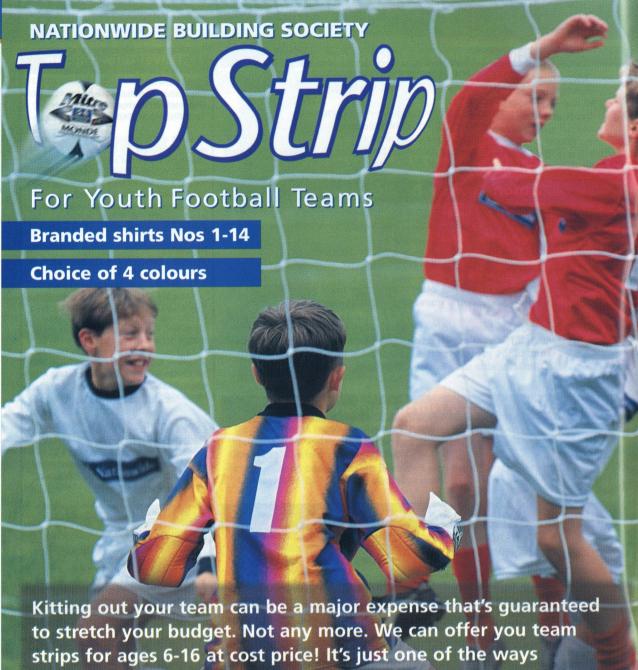
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ABOVE: Wherever you wander, there's no place like home..... Mr Sellars, from Bletchley (left), met up with fellow Town supporters in Majorca.



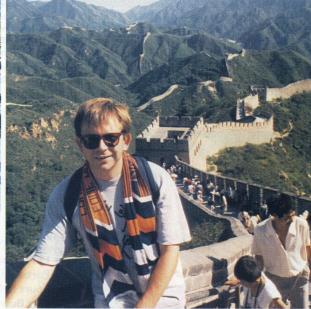
ABOVE: Jonathan Clare, from Stevenage, celebrates his 11th birthday.



ABOVE: For those who have forgotten what good old mud looked like, here's Keith Litchfield, from Luton, enjoying the mud baths in Dalaman, Turkey.



LEFT: John Bailey, and son James, at Clearwater Beach in Florida.



ABOVE: Try getting the ball round this wall..... Town supporter Richard Gray at The Great Wall of China.

Many thanks for the large number of photographs which show you the supporters proudly displaying the Luton colours in various parts of the world. (There will a prize for the most obscure, or any with celebrities in!) Please keep sending them! Photos should be sent to: The Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, I Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

Requests for penpals, programme swaps etc. can also be forwarded. (NB Please enclose SAE for return of photos).

GILLINGHAM



Back row: I to r: Wayne Jones (physio), Paul Smith, Sam Tydeman, Leo Fortune-West, Roland Edge, Ian Chapman, Kevin Bremner (youth team manager). Second row from back: I to r: Tony Pulis (manager), Neil Masters, Simon Ratcliffe, Guy Butters, Richard Green, Jim Stannard, Steve Butler, Glen Thomas, Adrian Pennock, Matthew Bryant, Lindsay Parsons (assistant manager). Third row from back: I to r: Lennie Piper, Mark O'Connor, Dennis Bailey, Andy Hessenthaler, Paul Scally (Chairman and Chief Executive), Mick Galloway, Ade

Akinbiyi, James Pinnock, Steve Norman. Front row: I to r: Youth team: Barry Sinclair, Danny Bovis, Paul Hobbs, Jim Corbett, Richard Radbourne, Tommy Osborne.



LEFT: Former Portsmouth and Spurs defender Guy Butters.

Hessy's laugh-in

ANDY Hessenthaler reckons Gillingham have got to laugh their way out of trouble.

Gills are tumbling down the Division Two table. But midfielder Hessy said: "Having a joke in training will help the lads to relax because everybody's a bit uptight and confidence is suffering.

"I'm a bit of a wind-up merchant as well and, as skipper, it's my job to lift them."

Former Luton and Nottingham Forest winger Kingsley Black set up Kevin Jobling's opener,

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!

Gillingham's 2-0 home defeat by Grimsby on Saturday, as reported in THE SUN.

superb 20-yard free-kick for Grimsby's second. Grimsby boss Alan Buckley said: "Kingsley Black is deadly at set-

then curled in a

Team: Stannard, Statham, Masters, Smith, Ashby, Butters (Bryant), Hessenthaler, Onuora, Bailey (Butler), Akinbiyi,

pieces."

Sub not used: Ratcliffe.

Galloway.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

JIM STANNARD - London-born goalkeeper who was one of two men signed on the day Paul Scally bought the club, on a free transfer from Fulham in June 1995. Spent a dozen seasons at Craven Cottage, making a club record number of league appearances (389), and also played for two season with Southend in the mid 1980s. One of the few keepers to score, he netted the winner in a 3-2 win over Crewe for Fulham in 1989, and was Gillingham's Player-of-the-Year in 1995/96 after breaking the club record of 27 clean sheets in a season.

MATT BRYANT - Former Bristol City defender who joined the club for £65,000 at the start of last season.

GUY BUTTERS - Central defender who joined the club in 1996 for a near club record £225,000. Started his career at Tottenham, before moving to Portsmouth where he was club captain.

IAN CHAPMAN - Left-sided defender or midfielder who spent more than 10 years with Brighton - making nearly 300 appearances before joining Gillingham on a free transfer in 1996.

RICHARD GREEN - Gillingham's longest serving player, having joined the club in March 1992 initially on loan from Swindon. Twice player of the year, he scored twice on his Gillingham debut in a 3-2 win at Cardiff.

NEIL MASTERS - Northern Ireland B international who joined the club on transfer deadline day



1997. Left-sided player who played under Tony Pulis at Bournemouth, and then moved to Wolves before his £150,000 move to Priestfield. Unable to make his debut for the club until this season because of a knee injury.



ADRIAN PENNOCK - Right-back or centre-half who joined the club for £25,000 in October 1996 from Bournemouth.

GLEN THOMAS - Central defender or left-back signed from Barnet in January 1996 for an initial £15,000. Has the unusual distinction of scoring for the club nine months before making his Gillingham debut - he put through his own net as Gillingham beat Barnet 2-1 in 1995. Previously spent 12 years at Fulham, making over 250 appearances.

MICK GALLOWAY - Midfielder who joined the club permanently in the summer after a spell on loan at Priestfield at the end of last season. Formerly with Notts County.

ANDY HESSENTHALER - Club captain who joined the Gills for £235,000 from Watford in June 1996. Played non-league football for Dartford and Dagenham before moving to Vicarage Road where he was captain for four seasons.

MARK O'CONNOR - Midfielder in his second spell at Priestfield - on both occasions having joined the Gills from Bournemouth.

SIMON RATCLIFFE - Joined the club on a free transfer from Brentford in the summer of 1995. Capped at youth and Under 21 level for England, he joined Norwich from Manchester United for £40,000 in 1987, before joining Brentford for £200,000 two years later, where he played for six years.

PAUL SMITH - Gillingham's first signing of the summer of 1997, arriving from Brentford after helping the Bees to the play-off final.

(Continued on page 14).

LEFT: Simon Ratcliffe

See page 20 for Gillingham stats.....

GILLINGHAM

ADE AKINBIYI - Joined the club from Norwich in January 1997 for a record fee of £250,000. Made his senior debut for the Canaries in a UEFA Cup tie against Bayern Munich, but failed to command a regular first-team place at Carrow Road.

DENNIS BAILEY - Still the last visiting player to score a hat-trick at Old Trafford after helping QPR to a 4-1 win on New Years Day 1992. Striker who joined the Gills for £50,000 in August 1995. Previously with Birmingham, and also had loan spells at Bristol Rovers, Carlton, Watford and Brentford.

STEVE BUTLER - Joined the club in January 1996 for £100,000, after spells with Brentford, Maidstone, Cambridge and Watford.

LEO FORTUNE-WEST - Joined the club from Stevenage Borough in June 1995, after supporters raised the £5,000 needed to secure his services. Missed the majority of last season with a badly broken leg, but after a loan spell with Leyton Orient is now back competing for a first-team place.

IFFY ONUORA - Joined the club from mansfield for £25,000, and started last season as a winger. But after Fortune-West's injury he was switched to a central striking role. Scored for the Gills in the 2-1 home defeat by Luton on Boxing Day. An economics graduate he started his career with Huddersfield, making over 200 appearances for the West Yorkshire club.

JAMES PINNOCK - Youngster in his first full season as a pro, having been top scorer for the youth team last season.

LENNIE PIPER - England Under-18 international who joined the club for £40,000 from Wimbledon. Prolific scorer for the Dons in the South East Counties League, who scored on his league debut for Gillingham against Bristol City after coming on as a substitute.

BARRY ASHBY - Signed in September from Brentford for £140,000, a fee agreed by a transfer tribunal. Central defender who played more than 100 matches for Watford being joining the Bees. Celebrates his 27th birthday today.

MARK PATTERSON - Gillingham's most recent signing, Mark joined the club in October from Plymouth Argyle for a fee which will eventually reach £45,000. A fullback, he started his career at Carlisle before moving to Derby County, where he made over 50 first team appearances. Played 134 league matches for Argyle.

BRIAN STATHAM - Experienced fullback who joined Gillingham from Brentford for £20,000 in August, but misses tonight's match through suspension. Started his career at Tottenham, and after spells on loan at Reading, Bournemouth and Brentford, he joined the latter on a permanent basis making 148 appearances for them.

JAMES CORBETT - 17-year-old who is still an apprentice at Priestfield, but has made his league debut this season. Local lad from nearby Rainham.

MEET THE MANAGER

TONY PULIS became Gillingham manager in June 1995 after a short spell with the club in the late 1980s. Started his playing career as an apprentice with Bristol Rovers, making 162 appearances, either side of a spell with the Hong Kong side Happy Valley.

A defender, he also had spells with Newport and Bournemouth, returning to Dean Court as player-coach, and succeeding Harry Redknapp as manager for two years between 1992 and 1994.

His assistant at Priestfield is LINDSAY PARSONS, who is pictured below.





The Hatters and The Gills.....

TONIGHT we welcome another club who feature in our earliest days when, as New Brompton, they were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 along with ourselves.

Clashes in the League did not, however, commence until the Southern League Division One was transferred en bloc to form the new Football League Division Three in 1920.

Our first meeting at this level took place at Kenilworth Road on 28th December 1920 and two goals each from Allan Mathieson and Harry Higginbotham ensured an emphatic 5-0 win.

We went even better in the corresponding game the following season when Ernie Simms with three and George Butcher with two earned us a 7-0 victory which was followed up with a 1-0 win at Priestfield. Games then tended to go with the home side until 1927/28 when we thrashed the Gills 6-1 at Kenilworth Road with six different players on the scoresheet to be followed by an 8-0 win here in 1928/29 with Andy Rennie netting five in front of a crowd of 7,278 and Gills goalkeeper Hebden playing a blinder despite the scoreline.

Rennie was again on the scoresheet with a pair in the 3-1 win at Priestfield in 1931/32 and two more in the 4-2 home victory in 1933/34. In that season we drew 1-1 at Priestfield with the Town goal scored by Harold Kitchen who was playing his only game for the club. Signed from Bolsover Colliery at the same time as Joe Payne, of 10 goal fame, Kitchen was not picked again and returned to Derbyshire boasting a 100% scoring record in Luton colours!

A parting of the ways came in 1936/37 with our promotion to the old Division Two with both games against the Gills coming late on in the campaign when hopes of greater things, as far as the Town were concerned, were reaching a head. In the clash at Kenilworth Road, Joe Payne hit four goals to mark the start of a run in which we hit five goals in each of four consecutive home games. Sandwiched in between these home victories was a trip to Kent where a large influx of Town supporters were disappointed by a lacklustre performance and a 1-0 defeat. It was reported that Joe Payne, who was to score 55 league goals that season, did not have a shot on target all afternoon!

We did not meet up again until 1964/65 following our relegation from the old Division Two and the Gills promotion from Division Four. The game at Priestfield is best forgotten as we went down 5-0 with future Hatter Rodney Green scoring twice and in the return, over Easter 1965, the Gills were comfortable 2-0 winners at Kenilworth Road in a game which more or less sealed our relegation to Division Four. The gloom was deepened by the fact that the scorer of both Gillingham goals, Charlie Rackstraw, had been turned down by the Town, when available for transfer from Chesterfield, a few months before, as not being the type of player we were looking for.

Following our promotion from Division Four in 1968 we met up with the Gills again early in the following campaign when two goals from Brian Lewis secured a good 3-1 win at Priest field. In the return a Kenilworth Road crowd of 14562 looked on in stunned disbelief as our proud unbeaten home



ABOVE: Graham Alexander in action during our 2-1 away win at Gillingham last season.

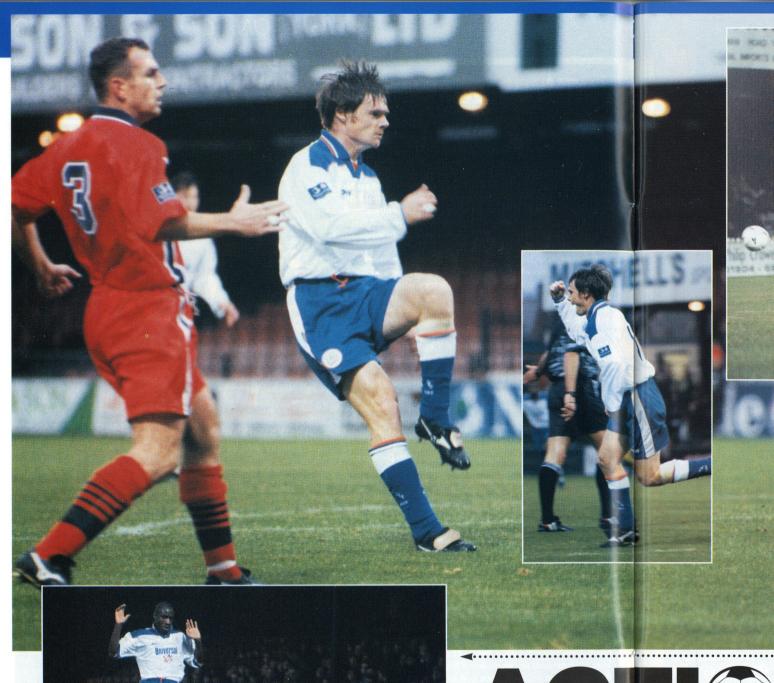
by ROGER WASH

record seemed in real danger when the Gills looked like hanging on to a I-0 lead. The Town players were stung into life, however, by a loudspeaker announcement that our fellow promotion challengers were losing and Laurie Sheffield saved our faces with a late point saving equaliser.

It was a further parting of the ways at the end of the 1969/70 season with our promotion to the old Division Two and in another early season game at Priest field we saw off a struggling Gills side 2-0 to cement our place at the top of the table. Our team had been strengthened by the addition to the side of Matt Tees and Chris Nicholl who were both making their debuts for the club, but it was Malcolm MacDonald and an own goal from the unfortunate Bill Green that secured the points.

In the return over Christmas 1969 a Kenilworth Road crowd of 17,402 saw us finally give up our home record, which stretched back to April 1968, when the Gills recorded a shock 2-1 win. As it turned out we were grateful to the Gills by the seasons end as they won at the homes of our fellow promotion challengers Orient and Bristol Rovers with the latter victory virtually clinching our own runners up spot.

On now to last season when goals from Bontcho Guentchev and David Oldfield secured a 2-1 home win in a tight game with the return being tighter still with a last gasp penalty save from Ian Feuer earning all three points after two Tony Thorpe goals had given us a 2-1 lead.





Tony Thorpe is denied a second goal, and a third for Luton, by a last-ditch tackle by York keeper Andy Warrington.

Graham Alexander fires Luton in front, and (inset) celebrates his fourth goal of the season.

Bryan Small is beaten to the ball by a sliding tackle from York skipper Tony Barras.

Tony Thorpe celebrates his 10th goal of the season which made it 2-0.



ACTION STATIONS



York City 1 Luton Town 2 (Cresswell) (Alexander, Thorpe)

(Cresswell) (Alexander, Thorpe)
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- Which club were losing finalists in the 1989 FA Cup competiton?
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- 3. In which year did Brazilian Joao Havelenge become FIFA President?
- 4. Which home nation did John Charles represent?
- 5. Who were the first winners of Division 3 North?
- 6. Which British club won the 1978 European Cup Final?
- 7. In which year did Manchester United last win a European trophy?
- 8. Who were the first winners of Division 3 South?
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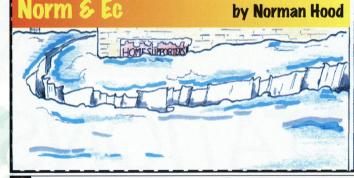
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HALE TIME QUIZ: 1. Everton; 2. Coventry, in 1987; 3. 1974; 4. Wales; 5. Stockport County; 6. Liverpool; 7. 1991, European Cup Winners Cup;

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Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 12-year-old JAMIE **DENNIS**, who attends Ashcroft High School in Luton. He plays for Dragons Youth, his other hobbies are rugby and tennis, and his favourite Luton Town player is Marvin Johnson.

DON'T FORGET TO POP INTO THE CLUB SHOP FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF **GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS!**

JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Get ready for the Juniors Xmas Party!

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road to all Junior Hatters, and let's hope we can return to winning ways this evening. Don't forget the Junior Hatters Christmas Party is on Monday, December 15, from 7 to 9pm, at the Co-op Bowling Centre in Stockingstone Road, Luton, and further details are available from the ticket office. Tickets are £3.50, and Luton players will be there.

Once again this season we will be organising a number of special events for you, as well as trips to watch the Hatters away from home. and the popular Saturday Club for home matches.

The last Saturday Club before Christmas takes place prior to the Bristol Rovers game on Saturday, December 20, and there's the usual pre-match fun and games, with lunch, and a ticket for the match.

The Saturday Club is once again proving extremely popular, with over 70 youngsters now taking part.

Prices are £4 for Junior Hatter season ticket holders, which includes lunch and a drink, and £8 for Junior Hatter non-season ticket holders, which includes lunch and drink, plus a match ticket.

We went to York on Saturday, and we will also be going to Chesterfield next week, and will also be organising a trip to Millwall just after Christmas.

For the trip to Chesterfield, we will be playing against their juniors in the morning, before going on to watch the game at Saltergate that afternoon.

The coach will be leaving Kenilworth Road at 9am, and full details are available from the ticket office on (01582) 416976.



ABOVE: Our Junior Hatters mascot Justin Channing (centre) is pictured with Commercial Mascots Peter and Ceri Bulkeley, prior to the game against Walsall.

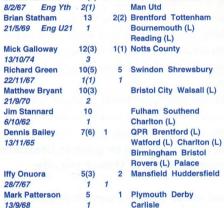


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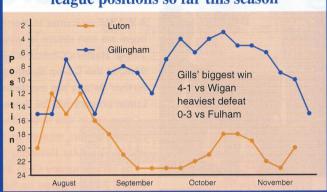
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| 17/8/65 | 3 | | | Dartford |
| Paul Smith | 20 | 1 | 2 | Brentford Southend |
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| 27/1/62 | 3 | | | Bournemouth (L) |
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Neil Masters

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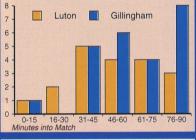




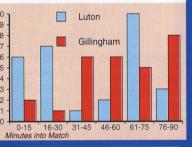
Gills' results analysis



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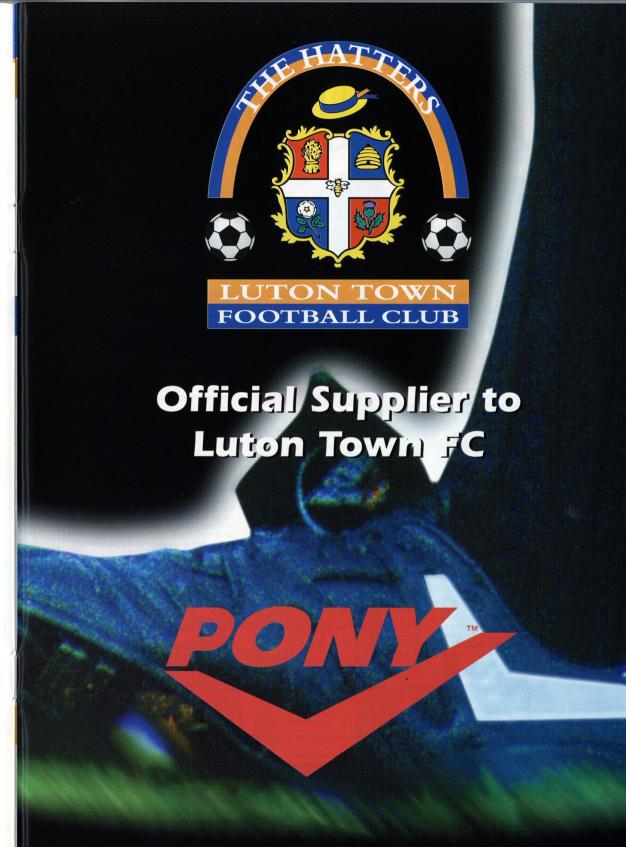
Gillingham's 10 year league and cup record

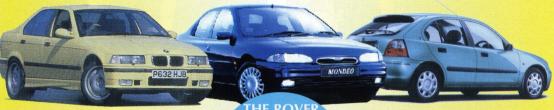
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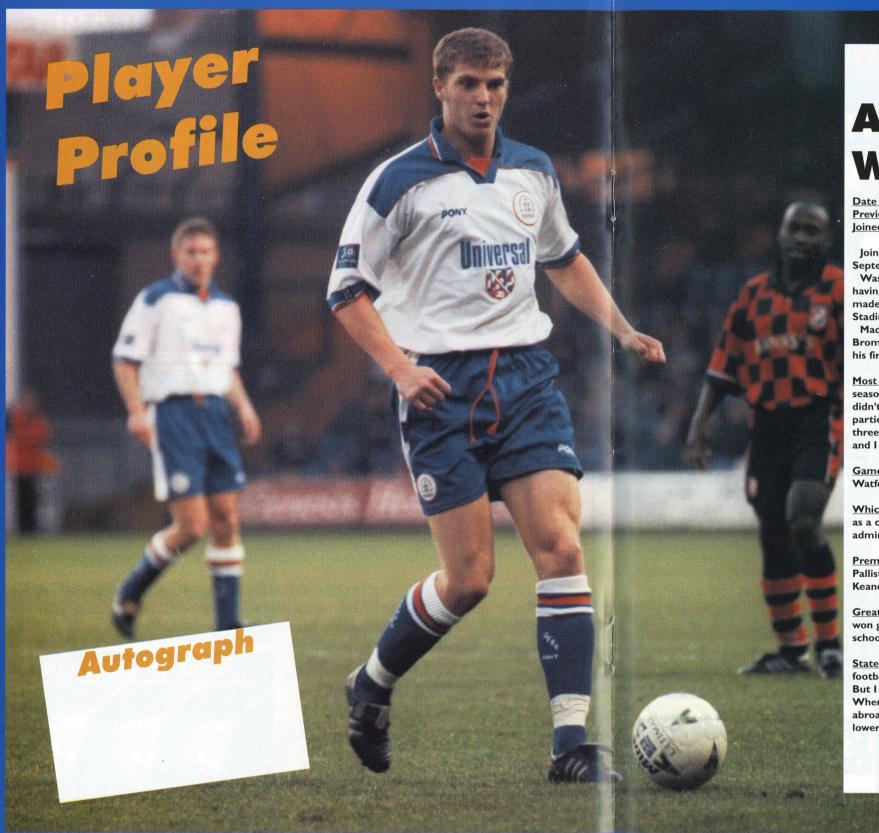
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ALAN WHITE

Date of Birth: 22.3.76

Previous Clubs: Middlesbrough

Joined Luton: September 1997 (£40,000 from Middlesbrough)

Joined the Hatters from Middlesbrough for £40,000 in September 1997 - a fee rising to £90,000 on appearances.

Was signed for Boro by Lennie Lawrence as a teenager, having signed schoolboy forms with Derby County, but never made a league appearance at Ayresome Park or the Riverside Stadium, whilst in his native north-east.

Made his Luton Town debut in the Coca-Cola Cup at West Brom in September 1997, and scored the winner at Carlislehis first league goal.

Most memorable game: "Our I-0 win at Carlisle earlier this season when I scored the winner after 87 minutes. Although I didn't play a league game for Middlesbrough, there was one particularly memorable game in the Anglo-Italian Cup, about three years ago at the Riverside, when we played Sampdoria and I was marking Roberto Mancini."

<u>Game I'd prefer to forget:</u> "This season's defeat at home to Watford. Not the ideal home debut!"

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Tony Adams - as a centre-half he is one player to really look up to and admire. He is an excellent defender and a good captain."

Premiership 'Dream Team': David Seaman; Tony Adams, Gary Pallister, Sol Campbell; David Beckham, Paul Scholes, Roy Keane, Paul Ince, Ryan Giggs; Dennis Bergkamp, Andy Cole.

Greatest sporting achievement away from football: "I have won golf tournaments at the local club, and represented the school at 400 metres."

State of the game: "I think there is a very high standard of football in the English game, especially in the Premier League. But I think there are too many foreign players in the game. When clubs feel they need to buy someone, they seem to go abroad almost automatically rather than looking around in the lower leagues in this country."



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STOTFOLD youngster loe West was voted Player of the Tournament in our recent inter-league competition sponsored by Asda (post tournament presentation pictured above), and won himself a new pair of Adidas Predator boots - presented (right) by Hatters keeper Ian Feuer. Joe wore his new boots a week later playing for his junior side Knebworth Cougars and duly netted 10 goals in a 15-1 Beds County Cup victory!





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Marvin at Lilleshall after knee injury blow

Defender MARVIN JOHNSON is at Lilleshall this week as he bids to continue his recovery from a knee injury.

The facilities there enable him to receive one-to-one treatment, and work continuously on his rehabilitation programme.

PHIL GRAY may also be attending Lilleshall for treatment on a back injury. At the time of writing he had a scan on his back on Friday, and was due to see a specialist on Monday to determine what the next step will be.

DWIGHT MARSHALL suffered a calf strain in a recent reserve match, but will hopefully be able to resume training later in the

RICHARD HARVEY has also had a calf problem, but could figure in forthcoming reserve matches.

PAUL SHOWLER could be making a return to training next week, having been working on regaining full fitness following a groin operation some six weeks

There is better news of **DARREN PATTERSON, who was** set to play against Walsall. He fell awkwardly on Friday morning prior to the match and twisted his knee, but it appears to be a muscle injury rather than a severe cartilage problem and he could be training later in the week.

MITCHELL THOMAS, after three reserve games under his belt, was on the bench at York on Saturday, and I'm pleased to report that STEVE AUGUSTINE is now out of hospital after suffering a broken leg in the reserves.

We will continue to monitor his progress in conjunction with the specialist as he recovers at home.







LEFT: Steve Augustine recovering after a broken leg.

RIGHT: Mitchell Thomas regaining fitness in the reserve team.



Win tickets for **YOUR** junior team

FOR the third season in succession, the Loyal Luton Supporters Club are once again sponsoring the Young Team of the Month Award.

Having received a grant from NatWest Bank as part of the bank's Community Action Scheme, and through monies raised through the year, the supporters, in conjunction with Luton Town FC, have again funded the award.

The award is run on a monthly self-nomination basis - starting with November 1997 - and is open to all teams, boys and girls, under the age of 16. Winners receive 15 tickets (13 children and two adults) for a chosen Luton home match. Previous winners have included successful regional champions through to teams who have won their first point after two years of playing.

Anyone wanting to nominate their local youth, school, cubs or girls team, should send a letter to Simon Oxley, c/o LTFC, briefly explaining why they deserve to win one of the monthly awards. And remember, you only need to make one nomination. All remaining letters will be considered throughout the rest of the season.



PHIL GRAY Stapleford Road, Luton

WAYNE TURNER

Danny and Elsie Clubb.

from Blackpool



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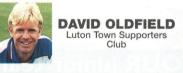
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Fulham's spending spree

FULHAM'S spending spree is well and truly underway, writes Simon Oxlev.

Following the £1 million capture of striker Paul Peschisolido from West Brom, Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins have signed the Derby County midfielder Paul Trollope for £600,000.

They have also signed the Bolton defender Steve McAnespie for £100,000, but their biggest planned swoop fell through in discussions over personal

Fulham and Blackburn had a greed a £2 million fee for the Welsh international defender Chris Coleman. formerly with Crystal Palace.

MILLWALL'S assistant manager Pat Holland has left the New Den and has returned to Tottenham Hotspur's backroom staff.

Holland is to be the new youth team coach at White Hart Lane, as new manager Christian Gross assembles his coaching team.

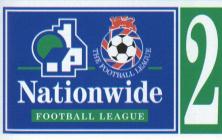
WALSALL have transfer-listed French duo Roger Boli and Jeff Peron.

The pair are said to be interesting West Ham, after the two sides met in the Coca-Cola Cup.

BLACKPOOL'S on-loan defender Greg Strong scored the winner in a 1-0 victory on his debut against York. Strong is on loan at the Seasiders from Bolton. BRENTFORD'S new signing Andy Scott scored the equaliser ina 1-1 draw at Oldham, just 24 hours after his £75,000 transfer from Sheffield United.

WATFORD goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain had a point to prove in his side's 1-0 win at Watford. The former Luton keeper, who lives in Northampton, was angry at criticism of him made in the evening paper by the Cobblers boss Ian Atkins - who was Chamberlain's team-mate at Sunderland. He duly made his point as the Hornets took all three, with Chamberlain making a key save in the first-half.





ABOVE: Action from Luton's last home match against Walsall, as substitute Stuart Douglas takes on the visitors' defence - as the rain pours down during the second half at Kenilworth Road. There's more action from this game on pages 36 and 37.



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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP





Wed Aug 13 OXFORD UTD drew 1-1 Thu Aug 21 Queens Park R drew 1-1 Thu Aug 28 MILLWALL won 3-1 Wed Sep 10 Tottenham lost 3-0 Wed Sep 17 CRYSTAL PAL lost 2-0 Wed Sep 24 WATFORD won 3-1 Wed Oct 1 WEST HAM postponed Mon Oct 6 Brighton postponed Wed Oct 15 CHARLTON lost 4-1 drew 0-0 Mon Oct 20 Chelsea lost 1-0 Mon Oct 27 Norwich City lost 2-0 Wed Nov 5 Wimbledon Mon Nov 10 IPSWICH T lost 3-0 Wed Nov 19 Southampton drew 1-1 Mon Nov 24 Arsenal lost 4-1 Thu Dec 4 Millwall 2pm Mon Dec 8 SWINDON T 7pm* Tue Dec 16 Crystal Palace Mon Jan 5 TOTTENHAM 7pm* Tue Jan 13 West Ham 7.30pm Wed Jan 21 Watford 7.30pm Mon Jan 26 BRIGHTON 7pm* Wed Feb 4 Charlton 2pm Mon Feb 9 PORTSMOUTH 7pm* Mon Feb 16 ARSENAL 7pm* Wed Feb 25 QPR 2pm Wed Mar 4 WIMBLEDON 2pm Wed Mar 11 NORWICH 2pm Wed Mar 25 Oxford 7.30pm Wed Apr 1 SOUTHAMPTON 2pm Wed Apr 8 Portsmouth 7pm Wed Apr 15 Ipswich Town 7pm Wed Apr 22 CHELSEA 2pm Swindon Town

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture. Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will kick-off at 2pm. * Denotes home match to be played at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

THE Dutch international Dennis Bergkamp was among the scorers for Arsenal in the Gunners' 4-1 reserve victory over Luton at Highbury on November 24.

Also on the scoresheet was ex-Hatter Matthew Upson, with Steve Davis replying for the visitors.

Team: Davis K, Lawes, Fraser, Evers, Davis S, Thomas, Kean, Spring, Douglas, Doherty, Harvey.

Subs: Willmott, Boyce, George.

Gary Doherty scored the Luton goal in the previous week's 1-1 draw against Southampton.

Team: Abbey, Lawes, Thomas, Evers, Patterson, Sweeney, Kean, McKoy, Davies, Doherty, Harvey.

Subs: Willmott, Kandol, Fraser.

A number of players continued their return from injury in the Town's reserve side, in matches against Wimbledon and Ipswich.

In the game against Wimbledon, played at Plough Lane, Ian Feuer and Andrew Fotiadis were in the starting eleven, with Stuart Douglas on the bench.

The Dons, who play their Combination matches at their old first team ground, had Norwegian international Staale Solbakken making his debut, and duly won the game 2-0.

Team: Feuer, Boyce, Harvey, Spring, Omogbehin (Augustine), Fraser, Evers, Kean, Doherty (Douglas), Fotiadis, Davies. Sub not used: Sweenev.

The first game of the winter spell at Hitchin, against Ipswich, saw the return after injury of Darren Patterson and Mitchell Thomas.

It was Patterson's first start since the play-offs at the end of last season.

But the game, a 3-0 defeat for the Hatters, was marred by a serious injury to Luton's Steve Augustine.

Having been out for the best part of a year, Augustine suffered a broken leg after just 10 minutes.

Dwight Marshall also limped out of the action after 15 minutes.

Team: Abbey, Clarke, Thomas, Augustine (Kean), Doherty, Patterson (Spring), Evers, Davies, Gray, Harvey, Marshall (Boyce).

Our reserve team fixtures with Arsenal have been reversed, and will now be played as follows: We played at Highbury on November 24, with the return at Hitchin Town on February 16, kick-off 7pm.

A number of matches are again being

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

| | Р | W | D | L | Ε | Α | Pts |
|----------------|------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Arsenal | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 39 | 10 | 31 |
| Tottenham | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 28 |
| Southampton | 14 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 28 | 13 | 26 |
| C Palace | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 20 | 24 |
| Charlton | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 8 | 23 |
| Wimbledon | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 9 | 21 |
| Norwich | 14 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 17 | 21 |
| Portsmouth | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 20 |
| Oxford | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 27 | 20 |
| Millwall | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 18 |
| Watford | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 26 | 16 |
| Ipswich | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 24 | 14 |
| QPR | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 13 |
| Chelsea | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 25 | 11 |
| West Ham | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 11 |
| Swindon | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 21 | 10 |
| LUTON | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 9 |
| Brighton | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 31 | 6 |
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League table up to and including 12.11.97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (10/11/97)

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| | APPS | G | | APPS G |
| Nathan ABBEY | 8 | | Haraldar INGOLFSSON | 1 |
| Ian JONES | 8 | | Marvin JOHNSON | 2 |
| Richard HARVEY | 7 | | Dwight MARSHALL | 3 |
| Sean EVERS | 8 | | lan FEUER | 2 |
| Gary DOHERTY | 8 | 2 | Steve AUGUSTINE | 2 (1) |
| Emerson BOYCE | 6 (1) | | Simon DAVIES | 3 |
| Robert KEAN | 10 (1) | | Andrew FOTIADIS | 2 |
| Matthew SPRING | 4 (3) | | Stuart DOUGLAS | (1) |
| Andrew BARR | 6 | 4 | Mitchell THOMAS | 1 |
| Liam GEORGE | 5 | 2 | Darren PATTERSON | 1 |
| Terry SWEENEY | 6 (1) | | Phil GRAY | 1 |
| Andre SCARLETT | (5) | | | |
| Michael McINDOE | 2 (3) | | | |
| Stuart FRASER | 6 (2) | | | |
| Daniel TATE | 1 | | | |
| Gavin McGOWAN | 3 | 1 | | |
| Paul SHOWLER | 2 | | | |
| Alan WHITE | 2 | | | |
| Russell LAWES | 1 (2) | | | |
| Colin OMOGBEHIN | 4 | | | |
| SQUINN | 2 | | | |
| Trevor PEAKE | 2 (1) | | | |
| Richard CLARKE | 1 (2) | | | |
| M BLOCK | | | | |

played at Hitchin Town FC over the winter months. This now includes a rearranged game at home to Swindon on Monday, December 8.

At the time of writing we are still waiting to confirm a date for the match at the County Ground.

The youth team have maintained top place in the South East Counties League Division Two, with home wins over Reading and Colchester.

They beat Reading 4-2 with goals from Scarlett, Kandol, Jerry and McKov.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Stirling (Boyce), Harrington, Moran (Clarke), Howe, Scarlett, Cox (McKoy), Kandol, McIndoe, Jerry.

The victory over Colchester was by a 3-2 scoreline, with Tresor Kandol scoring twice. Michael McIndoe was the other Town scorer.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol, McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs not used: McKoy, Howe, Stirling.

The draw for the second round of the FA Youth Cup, sponsored by The Times, has paired Luton with Coventry.

The game will be played at Highfield Road tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3, kick-off 7pm. Admission is £3 for adults, and £1 for juniors and seniors.

In the event of a replay the match would be played on Wednesday, December 10, kick-off 7pm, at Kenilworth Road. Admission would be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and seniors.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

| | Р | W | D | L | Ε | Α | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| LUTON TOWN | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 40 | 16 | 28 |
| Bristol City | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 14 | 24 |
| Brentford | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 13 | 23 |
| Oxford | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 29 | 19 |
| Wimbledon | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 26 | 18 |
| Colchester | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 23 | 18 |
| Swindon | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 21 | 17 |
| Tottenham | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 26 | 17 |
| Southampton | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 21 | 16 |
| Wycombe | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 12 | 16 |
| Barnet | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 29 | 13 |
| Bristol R | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 29 | 12 |
| Reading | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 9 |
| Brighton | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 33 | 9 |
| Bournemouth | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 29 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | |

League table as at November 15, 1997



with TREVOR PEAKE



and JOHN MOORE

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

| | Southern Jnr | Floodlit Ci | up; and | l E | astern Jnr Cup | |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|------|-------------------|---------|
| Sat Aug 9 | WYCOMBE W | lost 1-0 | Sat Dec | 6 | BRISTOL ROVERS | 11am |
| Sat Aug 16 | Reading | won 6-0 | Sat Dec | : 13 | Bristol Rovers | |
| Tue Aug 19 | Ipswich (SJFC Pre) | won 1-0 | Sat Dec | 20 | Wycombe W | |
| Sat Aug 23 | Swindon Town | won 4-2 | | | | |
| Sat Aug 30 | OXFORD UTD | won 5-1 | Sat Jan | 10 | SWINDON TOWN | 11am |
| | | | Sat Jan | 17 | OxfordUnited | |
| Fri Sep 5 | Barnet | won 4-2 | Sat Jan | 24 | BARNET | 11am |
| Tue Sep 9 | C PALACE (SJFC1) | lost 1-0 | Sat Jan | 31 | Brighton | |
| Sat Sep 13 | Southend (SECLC1) | won 1-0 | | | | |
| Sat Sep 20 | BRIGHTON | won 8-1 | Sat Feb | 7 | BRISTOL CITY | 11am |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bristol City | drew 2-2 | Sat Feb | 14 | Brentford | |
| | | | Sat Feb | 21 | SOUTHAMPTON | 11am |
| Sat Oct 4 | BRENTFORD | lost 1-0 | Sat Feb | 28 | Tottenham | |
| Sat Oct 11 | Southampton | won 3-2 | | | | |
| Sat Oct 18 | Arsenal (SECLC2) | won 2-0 | Sat Ma | r 14 | Wimbledon | |
| Sat Oct 25 | TOTTENHAM | won 1-0 | Sat Ma | r 21 | Colchester | |
| | | | Sat Ma | r 28 | BOURNEMOUTH | 11am |
| Sat Nov 1 | READING | won 4-2 | Sat Apr | 4 | WIMBLEDON 🦠 | 11am |
| Sat Nov 15 | COLCHESTER | won 3-2 | | | | |
| Sat Nov 22 | SWINDON (SECLC3 |) | Games | in c | aps denote HOME m | atches. |

| | LGE APPS | G | CUP APPS | G |
|------------------|----------|----|----------|---|
| Daniel TATE | 12 | | 4 | |
| Russell LAWES | 9 (1) | | 4 | |
| Stuart FRASER | 7 | 1 | 4 | |
| Matthew SPRING | 5 | 4 | 3 | |
| Emerson BOYCE | 7 (2) | 3 | 2 | |
| James AYRES | 8 | | 1 | |
| Andre SCARLETT | 12 | 4 | 3 | |
| Clifford AKURANG | 4 (1) | 3 | 2 (1) | 1 |
| Gary DOHERTY | 2 (1) | 1 | 1 | |
| Richard CLARKE | 11 (1) | | 4 | |
| Delroy McKOY | 6 (3) | 1 | 2 (1) | 2 |
| Darren HOWE | 3 (1) | | 1 (1) | |
| C DREW | (1) | | | |
| Michael McINDOE | 10 (1) | 3 | 4 | |
| Jimmy COX | 8 | 5 | 3 | |
| Tresor KANDOL | 9 (1) | 11 | 2 (1) | |
| Moses JERRY | 8 (3) | 4 | 2 | |
| J STIRLING | 5 | | 1 (1) | |
| J HARRINGTON | 1 (3) | | (1) | |
| S ROBERT | 2 (2) | | 1 | |
| A MINTON | 1 | | | |
| C GREGORY | 1 | | | |
| R MORAN | 2 (1) | | | |

Sat Nov 29 Bournemouth

Wed Dec 3 Coventry (FAYC2)

YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

Home league matches at Luton Rugby

Up to and including November 15, 1997

LUTON Town FC require landladies on a permanent and/or part-time basis for our YTS players.

We are ideally looking for families, in Luton, with an interest in football, who have room available for one of our youngsters, either on a permanent (seven days a week) basis, or on a temporary basis (for example in school holidays).

Anyone interested should contact Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe on (01582) 411622.

Catch up with former Town players - this evening we feature NELSON STEPHENSON

NOW happily retired in Luton, Nelson Stephenson recalls moving to the town from Huntingdon with his parents in 1937 and studying at Luton Grammar School during the time it moved from Park Square to Bradgers Hill Road.

Leaving school as war broke out he joined Hubbards, who were involved in the hat trade manufacturing wool felt, and took up with local team Holly Rangers who had a good young side at the time.

"In April 1940 the team was approached by George Martin, who was manager at Kenilworth Road at the time, and his coach Hubert Day as a summer coaching course was being planned with a view to forming a Luton Town Colts side.

"He wanted us to take part and form the nucleus of the course and, hopefully, the Colts side.

"We had a great time that summer and it eventually led to Billy Bates, Ray Ruffett and myself signing on for the Town in September 1940."

It has to be remembered that Wartime football was a bit of a hit or miss affair with no team turning out with the same eleven two weeks running due to constant call-ups for the armed services, players returning on leave and travel being severely curtailed.

This led to 'A.N.Other' being a regular member of all teams according to the match programmes and certain clubs, due to their proximity to army barracks, able to call on some of the best players around at the

Aldershot often boasted an England International half back line of Cliff Britton, Stan Cullis and Joe Mercer which made them probably the best club side during the War years.

This inequality of playing squads brought about some strange (and heavy) scorelines and unfortunately we were often on the receiving end of some severe beatings as recalled by Nelson who made his full

Where are they now?



the 1940/41 season. "My baptism was only a few minutes old when our centre half, Gordon Dreyer, who had played for the Town in Division Two pre-War, was sent off for kicking a Northampton player. We subsequently went down 7-1! "Over the next couple of years I played in several high scoring games, such as an 11-3 defeat at Millwall when the Lions scored six times in the last five minutes, as well as a 16-0 win over an R.A.F. X1. in George Martin's last competitive football match, when I scored 11 goals. "By my reckoning that saw Joe Payne's record beaten and should have meant a place for me in the record books."

debut at Northampton during

On one occasion Nelson was picked to play in goal for a first team game at Mansfield despite having scoring 27 goals for the Town Colts over a

four game period immediately beforehand.

His old Sports Master had travelled over from Huntingdon to watch him and was most miffed to see his protege playing between the sticks.

As an old school master who commanded both respect and fear Nelson felt obliged to speak to him at half time much to the amazement of Arthur Pembleton. the Town trainer, who was waiting to give a team talk!

"I was lucky enough to play against some of the biggest names in the game at the time which in normal circumstances would have meant me having to play in Division One. Tommy Lawton once scored five for Aldershot against us but I did manage to score the Town's consolation.

"Playing against Frank Swift, the huge goalkeeper who turned out for Manchester City and England pre-War, was an honour as well as being painful.

"I enthusiastically charged into him but in one movement he picked up the ball and handed me off rugby style. He completely knocked the wind out of

ABOVE: Nelson Stephenson (back row, fifth from right) lines up with the Town's colts side in 1940. George Martin (left) and Hubert Day (right) are the 'men in suits'.

me but later I thought I had gained my own back when I had a clear sight of goal and let fly.

"Somehow with tremendous agility for one so big he managed to get a hand to the ball and my moment of glory had passed.

"Cliff Bastin has been in the news recently with lan Wright beating his Arsenal scoring record and I can remember him beating our offside trap to run away and score, showing strength and a fleetness of foot that belied his age. He must have been some player ten years earlier!"

Nelson was eventually called up for the R.A.F in 1943 but continued to play forces football and did manage to make three final appearances for the Town in

1945/46 in the Football League (South) competition which was the forerunner to normal service following the end of hostilities.

Unfortunately Nelson badly injured knee ligaments playing for the R.A.F. in the Middle East in 1946 leaving a blossoming Football League career over before it had begun.

With a gammy knee, that still gives him trouble, Nelson had to forget about football and instead enjoyed 28 years working for General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Luton before retiring in 1982. Still a student of the game Nelson was a regular at Kenilworth Road until a couple of years ago.

5/12/92: After breaking a poor run with a home victory over Watford the previous week, we went down 2-0 to Bristol Rovers in our first ever visit to Twerton Park.

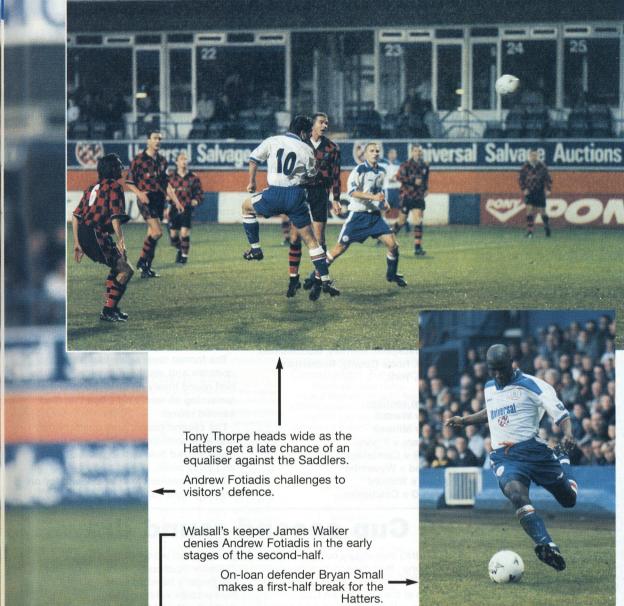
5/12/87: Following three straight wins we came back to earth with a bump when losing 2-1 at home to Norwich, despite taking an interval lead through

4/12/82: In a poor game we went down 2-0 at Swansea who, like ourselves, were struggling at the wrong end of the old Division One. This defeat pushed us down to 19th position.

5 YEARS AGO 10 YEARS AGO 15 YEARS AGO 20 YEARS AGO

3/12/77: It was now seven games without a win as we crashed 2-1 at home to Burnley, in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 6,921. At that point in the season, Burnley had lost all their previous away games!





ACTIONS STATIONS





Luton Town 0 Walsall 1

(Hodge)

Saturday, November 22, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two Attendance: 4,726 *Pictures by Gareth Owen*

FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, December 2 Bournemouth v York Blackpool v Plymouth Bristol City v Burnley Fulham v Brentford Grimsby v Wycombe LUTON v Gillingham Northampton v Chesterfield Oldham v Carlisle Southend v Preston Wigan v Bristol R Wrexham v Watford

Wednesday, December 3 Millwall v Walsall

Saturday, December 13 Brentford v Blackpool Bristol R v Grimsby Burnley v Wigan Carlisle v Fulham Chesterfield v LUTON Gillingham v Southend Plymouth v Millwall Preston v Northampton Walsall v Bournemouth Watford v Bristol City Wycombe v Oldham York v Wrexham

Saturday, December 20 Bournemouth v watford Blackpool v Preston Bristol City v Chesterfield Fulham v Burnley Grimsby v Carlisle LUTON v Bristol Rovers Millwall v Wycombe Northampton v Plymouth Oldham v Walsall Southend v York Wigan v Brentford Wrexham v Gillingham

Friday, December 26 Bournemouth v Gillingham Brentford v Southend Bristol City v Millwall Burnley v Chesterfield Carlisle v Blackpool LUTON v Northampton Plymouth v Fulham Preston v Oldham Walsall v Bristol Rovers Wrexham v Wigan Wycombe v Watford York v Grimsby

Bye for Hatters in Auto W'screens Shield 1st rd

LUTON Town have been given a bye in the first round of this season's Auto Windscreens Shield.

Last season the Hatters beat Leyton Orient 2-1 in the first round, before going out in round two, 1-0 at Northampton.

Full draw: Northern section: Hull City v Scarborough Wigan v Lincoln Doncaster v Rochdale Chesterfield v Grimsby Scunthorpe v Chester Carlisle v Oldham Shrewsbury v H'pool Preston v Darlington

Byes: Blackpool, Burnley, Macclesfield. Mansfield, Notts County, Rotherham, Wrexham, York.

Southern section: Barnet v Walsall Cardiff v Millwall Gillingham v P'boro Bristol R v Cambridge Southend v Wycombe Fulham v Watford Leyton O v Colchester Northampton v Plymouth

Byes: Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol City, Exeter, LUTON, Swansea, Torquay.

Ties to be played during the week commencing December 8, 1997.

This is the fourth season that Auto Windscreens, the UK's leading automotive vehicle glazing company, have sponsored the competition, and their commitment to the development of league football in Divisions Two and Three has been demonstrated by agreeing to invest over £1 million through to the year 2000.

The format once again involves a northern and southern section, with the first round involving 32 clubs, and the remaining 16 receiving a bye into the second round.

The second round, area quarter-final, and area semi-finals follow, with the area finals played over two legs on a home and away basis.

The competition final is at Wembley on Sunday, April 19, 1998.

FA Cup second round draw...

FOLLOWING their victory over the Hatters in round one, third division Torquay now entertain Division Two leaders Watford in round two of this season's FA Cup.

Non-league Boreham Wood, who bowed out in round two last season to Luton, are once again one step away from the glamour of the third round following last Saturday's win at Haves - when former Town striker Kerry Dixon was on the bench!

They now travel to another Conference side Cheltenham.

Southern section: Peterborough v Dagenham & Redbridge Cheltenham v Boreham Wood Cambridge v Stevenage Torquay v Watford Cardiff v Hendon

Bournemouth v Bristol City Fulham v Southend Colchester v Hereford Northampton v Basingstoke Wisbech v Bristol Rovers

Northern section: Scunthorpe v Ilkeston Lincoln City v Emley Rotherham v Kings Lynn Chester v Wrexham Macclesfield v Walsall Wigan v York Oldham v Blackpool Grimsby v Chesterfield Hednesford v Darlington Preston NE v Notts County.

Nationwide

Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

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.. and how conceded

how teams have scored when teams have scored

| see key below | Hd | CR | Ob | V | FK | P | Ib | OG | mins into match | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76-90 | | Hd | CR | Ob | V | FK | P | Ib | OG |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|----|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|----|
| Bournemouth | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | Bournemouth | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 7 | Bournemouth | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Blackpool | 7 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | Blackpool | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 9 | Blackpool | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 0 |
| Brentford | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | Brentford | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 8 | Brentford | 3 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| Bristol City | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 1 | Bristol City | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | Bristol City | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Bristol Rovers | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 0 | Bristol Rovers | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | Bristol Rovers | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| Burnley | 7 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | Burnley | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | Burnley | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Carlisle | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | Carlisle | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | Carlisle | 10 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Chesterfield | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | Chesterfield | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | Chesterfield | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Fulham | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | Fulham | 4 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | Fulham | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Gillingham | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 0 | Gillingham | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | Gillingham | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| Grimsby | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | Grimsby | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | Grimsby | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Luton | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | Luton | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | Luton | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Millwall | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 | Millwall | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 6 | Millwall | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Northampton | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | Northampton | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | Northampton | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Oldham | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | Oldham | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | Oldham | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Plymouth | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | Plymouth | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | Plymouth | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| Preston | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | Preston | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | Preston | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Southend | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | Southend | 5 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | Southend | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Walsall | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | Walsall | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 | Walsall | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Watford | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 0 | Watford | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 5 | Watford | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Wigan | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | Wigan | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 6 | Wigan | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| Wrexham | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 0 | Wrexham | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 3 | Wrexham | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Wycombe | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 1 | Wycombe | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | Wycombe | 13 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |

Hd=Header CR=Shot inside 6 yards Ob=Shot outside area V=Volley FK=Direct Free Kick P=Penalty Ib=Shot inside area OG=Own Goal

Current Form Table

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Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games, je the higher the position, the higher the index

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| Bristol City | 6 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 18 | 37% | wwwww |
| Watford | 5 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 16 | 48% | WWWDWW |
| Chesterfield | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 12 | 46% | WDWWDD |
| Grimsby | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 45% | WWLDWL |
| Oldham | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 58% | WDLWWL |
| Plymouth | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 68% | LDLWWW |
| Wrexham | 2 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 41% | DDDWWD |
| Preston | 3 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 41% | WWLWLL |
| Burnley | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 53% | WLLLWW |
| Fulham | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 66% | LWDWDD |
| Millwall | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 45% | LDWDDW |
| Walsall | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 51% | WWDDLD |
| Bristol Rovers | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 66% | WDWLLD |
| Blackpool | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 67% | LWDWDL |
| Bournemouth | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 22% | DWWLLD |
| York | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 41% | LLDWWD |
| Luton | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 36% | WLLLDW |
| Northampton | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 49% | LLWLDD |
| Carlisle | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 61% | LLLDWD |
| Southend | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 57% | LDLWLL |
| Wycombe | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 57% | DLDLLD |
| Brentford | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 64% | DDLLLD |
| Wigan | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 64% | LLLLDD |
| Gillingham | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 61% | LLDLDL |
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| Bournemouth | 19 | 23 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| Blackpool | 24 | 29 | 32 | 4 | 17 | 7 | | | |
| Brentford | 30 | 20 | 33 | 5 | 24 | 11 | | | |
| Bristol City | 23 | 35 | 16 | 8 | 19 | 2 | | | |
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Fulham Gillingham Ties to be played December 6 and 7. Grimsby

Campaign Records Highest/Lowest Gates

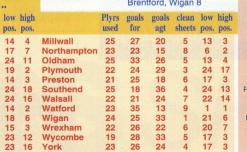
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13.812 Watford v York 27-Sep 2.039 Wrexham v Southend 21-Oct Highest Aggregate Scores Oldham 4-4 Bristol Rovers 27-Sep Biggest Home Win Grimsby 5-1 Southend 1-Nov Northampton 4-0 Brentford 18-Nov Biggest Away Win Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct

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OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
10am to 4pm
(10am to 5pm - Dec 1 to 23)
EVENING MATCHDAYS
10am to 10pm
SATURDAYS - MATCHDAYS
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- non matchdays 9am until
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OF TODAY AND
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COMMERCIAL NEWS



SALLY MAYNE is celebrating her 30th birthday by sponsoring tonight's match. Sally is a familiar face at

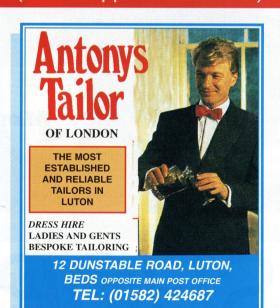
Luton games both home and away, and her family and friends who are celebrating with her today, wish her a happy birthday and a memorable evening.

Tonight's matchball sponsors are REGAL LITHO.

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball sponsorship, please contact the Commercial department on (01582) 411622. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get involved with Luton Town.

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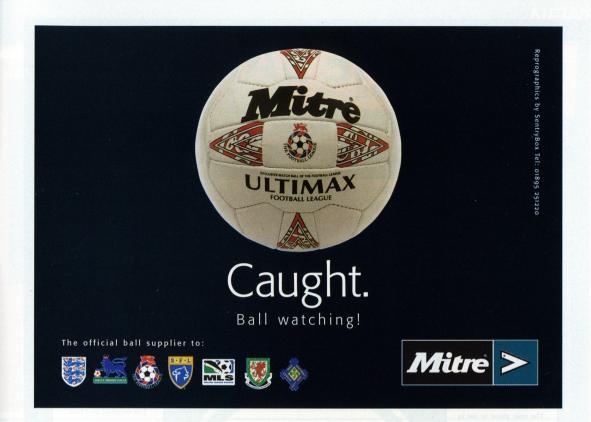
(Calls cost 50p per minute at all times)





ABOVE: JJ Kelly and Sons Ltd were our match sponsors for the last home game against Walsall.

To sponsor a Luton Town player, official or animal (see page 30)..... please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622



Trust us to help the game

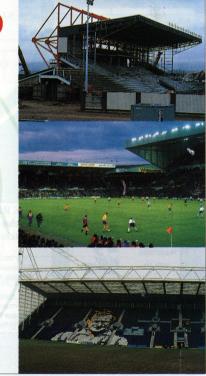
The Football Trust has been providing support for the game at every level throughout the UK for over 22 years. Its present priority task is to help League clubs to complete the implementation of the Taylor Report recommendations.

Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

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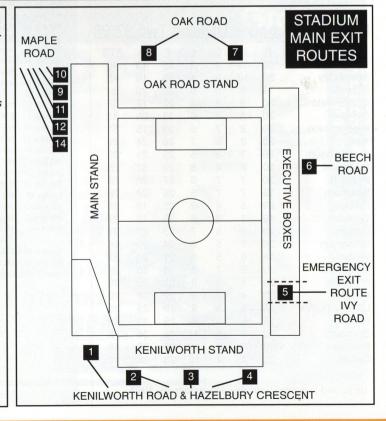
LTFC EVACUATION **PROCEDURE**

IN the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to:

- a) Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the ground.
- b) Ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event on an evacuation of all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian traffic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services.

Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated. GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.



TEAMStatistics

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1997/98 See page 39 for Division Two stats

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

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| | PLAYER (figure in | LGE | LGE | CUP | CUP | LTFC ca | reer apps |
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| | | 21110 | 320 | 71110 | GLO | & goals, as | at start 97/98 |
| 1000 | Nathan ABBEY | | | 1 | | | . VL |
| 1 | Graham ALEXANDER | 13 | 4 | 3 | | 101 | 3g |
| | Chris ALLEN | 1 | | | | | - og |
| | Simon DAVIES | 8 (4) | 1 | 3 (2) | | | |
| | Kelvin DAVIS | 14 | 4 | | | 21 | 0g |
| | Steve DAVIS | 14 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 100 | 11g |
| | Andy DIBBLE | 1 | | 2 | | | |
| | Gary DOHERTY | 1 (3) | | (1) | | | |
| | Stuart DOUGLAS | 4 (6) | 1 | 3 (1) | 1 | 20 | 1g |
| | Sean EVERS | 2 (4) | | 2 | | 4 | 0g |
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| | Phil GRAY | 8 | 1 | 1 | | 67 | 26 |
| | Richard HARVEY | 3 (1) | | 3 (1) | | 181 | 5g |
| | Julian JAMES | 13 (1) | | 2 | | 309 | 14g |
| | Marvin JOHNSON | 10 (1) | | 3 | | 289 | 6g |
| | Robert KEAN | (1) | | | _ | | Am |
| | Dwight MARSHALL | 7 (4) | 1 | 2 | | 115 | 33g |
| | Gavin McGOWAN | 6 (2) | | | | 2 | 0g |
| | Paul McLAREN | 17 (2) | | 5 | | 44 | 1g |
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| | P | W | D | Ŀ | E | A | PTS |
| Watford | 20 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 13 | 48 |
| Bristol City | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 16 | 42 |
| Millwall | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 20 | 32 |
| Chesterfield | 20 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 32 |
| Oldham | 20 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 33 | 26 | 31 |
| Northampton | 20 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 15 | 31 |
| York | 20 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 24 | 29 |
| Bournemouth | 20 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 21 | 29 |
| Blackpool | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 32 | 28 |
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| Wrexham | 19 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 26 | 22 | 28 |
| Preston | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 18 | 28 |
| Grimsby | 19 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 18 | 27 |
| Fulham | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 27 |
| Gillingham | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 28 | 26 |
| Walsall | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 24 | 23 |
| Wycombe | 20 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 28 | 33 | 22 |
| Plymouth | 20 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 29 | 20 |
| Burnley | 20 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 28 | 20 |
| LUTON TOWN | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 29 | 20 |
| Wigan | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 33 | 19 |
| Southend | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 36 | 19 |
| Brentford | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 33 | 18 |
| Carlisle | 20 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 38 | 16 |
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Up to and including Saturday, November 29, 1997.

| DATE | OPPONENTS | F-A | ATT | POS |
|-------------|--|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Sat Aug 9 | Blackpool | 0-1 | 6,547 | - |
| Tue Aug 12 | Colchester Utd CCC1 (1) | 1-0 | 2,840 | _ |
| | SOUTHEND UTD | 1-0 | 5,140 | 12 |
| Sat Aug 23 | Fulham | 0-0 | 8,142 | 15 |
| | COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2) | 1-1 | 2,816 | - |
| | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | 1-1 | 5,404 | 12 |
| Tue Sep 2 | MILLWALL | 0-2 | 5,781 | 15 |
| Tue Sep 9 | Northampton Town | 0-1 | 7,246 | 18 |
| Sat Sep 13 | AFC Bournemouth | 1-1 | 4,561 | 21 |
| Tue Sep 16 | WEST BROM CCC2 (1) | 1-1 | 3,437 | _ |
| Sat Sep 20 | WREXHAM | 2-5 | 5,241 | 23 |
| Tue Sep 23 | West Brom CCC2 (2) | 2-4 | 7,227 | - |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bristol City | 0-3 | 8,509 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 4 | WATFORD | 0-4 | 9,041 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 11 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | 3-0 | 4,931 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 18 | Wigan Athletic | 1-1 | 4,466 | 22 |
| Tue Oct 21 | Carlisle United | 1-0 | 4,341 | 21 |
| Sat Oct 25 | BRENTFORD | 2-0 | 5,972 | 18 |
| Sat Nov 1 | Wycombe Wanderers | 2-2 | 6,219 | 18 |
| Tue Nov 4 | BURNLEY | 2-3 | 5,315 | 19 |
| Sat Nov 8 | PRESTON NORTH END | 1-3 | 5,767 | 22 |
| Sat Nov 15 | TORQUAY UNITED FAC1 | 0-1 | 3,446 | - |
| Sat Nov 22 | WALSALL | 0-1 | 4,726 | 23 |
| Sat Nov 29 | York City | 2-1 | 3,636 | 20 |
| Tue Dec 2 | GILLINGHAM | | | |
| Sat Dec 13 | Chesterfield | | | |
| Sat Dec 20 | BRISTOL ROVERS | | | |
| Fri Dec 26 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | | | |
| Sun Dec 28 | Millwall | | | |
| Sat Jan 3 | Southend United | | | |
| Sat Jan 10 | BLACKPOOL | | | |
| Sat Jan 17 | Oldham Athletic | | | |
| Sat Jan 24 | FULHAM | | | |
| Sat Jan 31 | AFC BOURNEMOUTH | | | |
| Sat Feb 7 | Wrexham | | | |
| Sat Feb 14 | Watford | | | |
| Sat Feb 21 | BRISTOL CITY | | | |
| Tue Feb 24 | WIGAN ATHLETIC | | | |
| Sat Feb 28 | Plymouth Argyle | | | |
| Tue Mar 3 | Preston North End | | | |
| Sat Mar 7 | WYCOMBE W | | | |
| Sat Mar 14 | Burnley | | | |
| Sat Mar 21 | GRIMSBY TOWN | | | |
| Sat Mar 28 | Walsall | | | |
| Sat Apr 4 | YORK CITY | | | |
| Sat Apr 11 | Gillingham | | | |
| | CHESTERFIELD | | | |
| Sat Apr 18 | Bristol Rovers | | | |
| Sat Apr 25 | Brentford | | | |
| Sat May 2 | CARLISLE UTD | | | |
| ГВА | Grimsby Town | | | |
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| Feuer | Douglas | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren | Alexander | (Oldfield) | THORPE | Davies | Kean | (Harvey) | Evers |
| Feuer | James | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | Davies | Alexander | (Fotiadis) | (Thorpe) | Marshall | (DOUGLAS | (McLaren) | Harvey |
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| Dibble | Alexander | Harvey | Waddock | S.Davis | (Johnson) | (Evers) | McLaren | Oldfield | DOUGLAS | Marshall | Doherty | (Davies) | (Georg |
| Dibble | McGowan | (Harvey) | (Waddock) | S.DAVIS | Small | GRAY | McLaren | Oldfield | Douglas | (Marshall) | (Thorpe) | (Evers) | (Peake |
| Dibble | Evers | Harvey | Waddock | S.DAVIS | White | Gray | McLaren | Oldfield | (Douglas) | (Davies) | (THORPE) | Doherty | (George |
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Team Check



Luton Town V Gillingham

lan FEUER 1 Jim STANNARD

Julian JAMES 2 Brian STATHAM

Bryan SMALL 3 Neil MASTERS

Gary WADDOCK 4 Paul SMITH

Steve DAVIS 5 Barry ASHBY

Alan WHITE 6 Guy BUTTERS

Chris ALLEN 7 Andy HESSENTHALER

Paul McLAREN 8 Iffy ONUORA

David OLDFIELD 9 Dennis BAILEY

Tony THORPE 10 Ade AKINBIYI

Graham ALEXANDER 11 Mick GALLOWAY

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Today's Officials

Today's referee is **PAUL TAYLOR** from Cheshunt.

Mr Taylor was the unlucky referee for our match at Crystal Palace on Boxing Day 1995, which had to be cancelled at short notice due to overnight frost. No such problems tonight!

M. Tingey
P. Vosper
4th official: R. George

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are BRISTOL ROVERS, in Nationwide League Division Two. This game is on Saturday, December 20, kick-off 3pm. See page 9 for special ticket offer.



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