

LUTON TOWN FC 1997-98
THE STORY SO FAR ...



A soccer player in a yellow and blue kit is running on a green field. He is looking back over his shoulder. In the background, there are other players and a crowd of spectators. The text "WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIM? Tony" is written in the top right corner. Below it, there is a quote from Tony: "Those who're away in delight will be as matter Kim Drake can't bear to wait."



MILLWALL
HATTERS
Days: 90, Theat: 90
Att: 7,661

Oldfield's wastefulness, in a game seriously lacking in chances, seemed careless but seconds into the game's 90th minute, when Alexander free kick was met in the air by Steve Doo.

A towering leap from the Hatters defender saw him rise above the wall back foot and squeeze his header past Spink.

LENNIE'S VERDICT

Hatters boss Lennie Lawrence said:

● **GRAHAM ALEXANDER** looks concerned as Millwall full-back Paul Sturges waves his arms around bizarrely behind him

"Let's hope it's an even for better things in 1998 after the bad times during the closing months of 1997," Lawrence commented.

"This game illustrated that the players are not daunted and they lack in commitment or effort. They never have done and that is the issue."

"You could not have our away record if that was the case, it was a massive psychological problem at home. Before anything else, we have the ability to keep a clean sheet at home."

"It was routine last year but now it's a psychological barrier. I'm pleased with the way the crowd responded on Boxing Day and I would like to see us overcome it."

On his hopes for the New Year, Lawrence was typically optimistic.

"We can't even begin to contemplate anything other than simply win something like four out of five matches and move away from the bottom four."

MILLWALL:
Nigel Spink, Ken Brown, Paul Stargess, Bobby Bowry, Rob
Scott Fitzgerald, Ricky Newman, Kim Grant, Carl Veart (1990-
72), Paul Shaw, Keith Stevens. Subs not used: Lee McRobert,
Hockton.
LUTON:
Ian Fever, Darren Patterson, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Waddell,
Dewar, Alan White, Chris Allen, Paul McLaren, David Oulton,
Thorpe, Graham Alexander. Subs not used: Simon Davies,
Fotiadis, Matthew Spring.

After the break Millwall improved little. Scott Fitzgerald seeing their only effort of the second period squaring just wide after flicking the ball past Fear with the outside of his right boot.

Without laying siege to Nigel Spink's goal, the visitors slowly began to dominate.

On 62 minutes, David Oldfield released Chris Allen whose electrifying pace took him past Law and into the area before his shot was turned around for a corner by Spink.

August	Oponents	Score	Scorers	Alt. Pts.
Sat 1	Eschscholtz	2-1		6,547
Sat 2	Colchester (CC)	1-0	Thorne 81	5,880
Sat 3	Barnet (CC)	1-0		5,140
Sat 13	Fulham	0-0		5,142
Sat 26	COLCHESTER (CC)	1-1	Thorne 34	5,884
Sat 27	COLHAM	0-0	Thorne 50	5,804
September				
Sat 2	MILLWALL	0-2		5,781
Sat 9	Northampton	0-1		5,436
Sat 13	Southampton	1-1	Murray 41	4,424
Sat 14	WILT. BROM (CC)	2-0	Cooking 25	7,245
Sat 20	WYTHAM	2-5	Davis 31, 41, Goss 20	7,227
Sat 27	West Ham (CC)	2-0	Davis 30, 36, Thorne 30	8,509
Sat 27	Grimsby City	0-3		

October							
Sat 1	WATFORD	3-4					3,941
Sat 8	PLYMOUTH ARG.	3-0					4,835
Sat 11	WYVERN ATHLETIC	1-0					4,662
Sat 18	WYVERN ATHLETIC	1-0					4,344
Sat 21	Cardiff City	3-0					3,874
Sat 23	WYVERN ATHLETIC	2-0					
November							
Sat 4	WYCOMBE	2-2					6,219
Sat 11	DUFFELT	3-2					3,962
Sat 18	PRESTON	3-1					3,787
Sat 18	TORQUAY (FAC1)	3-1					3,446
Sat 22	WALSALL	3-1					4,728
Sat 29	Ton Gls	2-1					3,690
December							
Sat 2	GILLINGHAM	2-0					4,508
Sat 9	Chorley	2-2					4,358
Sat 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-2					5,006
Sat 27	NORTHAMPTON	2-2					8,225
Jan 20							

Date	Opposition	Result
Jan 3	Southern	A 3
Tues 9	BRENTFORD (AWS)	H 7.65
Sat 10	BLACKPOOL	H 3
Sat 17	Oldham	A 3
Sat 24	FULHAM	H 3
Sat 31	BOURNEMOUTH	H 3

February			
Sat 7	Wrexham	A	3
Sat 14	Watford	A	3
Sat 21	BRISTOL CITY	H	0
Tues 24	Wigan	H	7-6
Sat 28	Plymouth Arg	A	3
March			
Tues 3	Preston	A	7-6

Sat 7	WYOMING	H	0
Sat 14	Burnley	A	3
Sat 21	GRIMSBY	H	2
Sat 28	Walsol	A	3
April			
Sat 4	YORK CITY	H	0
Sat 11	Gillingham	A	2
June 14	CHSTERFIELD	H	7.40

1984-12	Book, Brown's	A	3
Sat 10	Brown's	A	3
Sat 25	Brown's	A	3
May			
Sat 2	CARLISLE	H	3
TDA	Graham	A	

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO										APPEARANCES & GOALS	
Up to December 28, 1987										Appearances	
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GS	Player	Up to	Goals	
1	10	1	0	10	26	20	20	Nathan Abbey	1	1	
2	9	1	1	9	24	19	19	John Smith	1	1	
3	8	2	0	8	22	18	18	David Jones	1	1	
4	7	3	0	7	20	15	15	Michael Brown	1	1	
5	6	4	0	6	18	12	12	Robert White	1	1	
6	5	3	2	5	16	11	11	James Black	1	1	
7	4	2	4	4	14	10	10	Thomas Green	1	1	
8	3	1	6	3	12	7	7	Christopher Grey	1	1	
9	2	0	7	2	10	4	4	Daniel Hall	1	1	
10	1	1	8	1	8	3	3	Matthew King	1	1	

Watford	25	16	7	2	38	19	32	44	Chris Alexander	18/81
Bradford City	25	16	4	5	44	20	32	44	Chris Allen	8/81
Northampton	25	10	9	6	30	21	39	50	Stephen Davies	8/81
Grimsby Town	24	10	8	6	31	11	39	31	Karlton Davis	14/81
Sheffs Rovers	25	15	7	8	37	38	37	37	Steve Davis	19/81
Fulham	25	10	7	8	30	26	37	30	Gary Doherty	1/81
Oldham Athletic	24	9	9	6	38	30	36	38	Steve Douglas	5/81
	24	9	3	7	32	29	36	32	Sean Evans	2/81

York City	25						Andrew Foldate	218
Chesterfield	25	8	12	5	23	19	36	23
Millwall	24	10	5	9	29	30	35	30
Wrexham	24	8	10	6	31	29	34	31
Blackpool	25	6	10	34	34	33	34	34
Bournemouth	25	6	9	8	31	29	33	31
Preston	25	5	9	11	31	27	32	31
Walsley	25	7	9	9	32	36	30	32

Wycombe	24	8	5	10	26	29	30	36	Paid McLaren	225
Walsall	24	8	5	11	36	37	39	36	David Oshoff	225
Wigan Athletic	24	7	7	10	27	36	28	27	Darren Patterson	225
Gillingham	25	7	7	10	28	29	46	27	Trevor Peake	225
Southend United	25	7	8	10	28	29	36	27	Bryan Small	225
Luton Town	24	6	8	10	30	36	25	30	Paul Storer	225
Plymouth Argyle	25	5	10	10	30	36	25	30	Matthew Spring	225
Cardiff United	25	5	6	14	29	43	23	29	Michael Thomas	225
Cardiff City	25	6	6	14	29	43	23	35	Tony Thorpe	225

Player	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Paul McNamee	3	0

Steve Davis	4	0
Stephen Hendry	2	0
Phil Taylor	0	2
David Gilbert	1	0
Mark Williams	1	0
John Higgins	0	0
Paul Hunter	0	0
Anthony Hamilton	0	1

Player	MoM	Gary
Steve Davis	4	Chris
Paul McLaren	4	Kevin
Alan White	4	Steve
Alun Williams	2	Alun Williams

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