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Nationwide League Div Two - Saturday, January 24, 1998 - Kick-Off 3pm

From the manager's chair

TODAY we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Fulham Football Club, who provide considerably more attractive and more demanding opposition than the great majority of sides in this division.

They are a team under different management and with a significantly different playing staff from our 0-0 draw at Craven Cottage back in August.

Today's is a fixture I have been looking forward to for some considerable time, as indeed I'm sure the players have, and it gives us a chance to pit our wits and match ourselves physically against a club that has invested heavily in players and has a high profile management team.

This I hope will bring out the best in our players.

For our players it will be an opportunity to compare themselves not only with players from this league, but with players who have obviously been purchased for higher things and it will be fascinating for me to see the comparisons.

Much has been said about the changes at Fulham, and the large amount of money that has been invested in the team - by second division standards - since it all took place some months ago.

But having seen Kevin Keegan's influence on Newcastle at first hand during my time as manager of Middlesbrough, I'm sure it will not only be good for Fulham, but good for the game.

Wherever Fulham go in this



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

league I am sure attendances will be larger than average, because of Kevin's and Ray Wilkins' presence, and the amount of money invested, and subsequently the pride of your own players should hopefully ensure a good performance.

Looking back over our own showings in recent weeks, it was pleasing to win four games on the trot - including our Auto Windscreens match against Brentford - which has been our best run for some considerable time.

Unfortunately though that run came to an end in somewhat disappointing fashion last week at Oldham.

At half-time the game looked a certain draw, but we conceded two goals from corners which gave us too much to do, and in spite of our great revival in the last 20 minutes, when virtually the entire game was in and around the Oldham penalty

area, we were unable to snatch an equaliser.

We managed one goal from Graham Alexander, but not a second, and three or four chances were spurned - at least one of which we would normally have converted.

But I regard the defeat as no more than a blip at the end of a difficult and tiring week, although it is important that we get back on the winning trail today.

By a twist of fate not unusual in football, we meet Fulham again on Tuesday in the Auto Windscreens Shield, although their depth of squad will probably mean considerable changes in their side.

It is an important week for us with home league games today, and next Saturday against Bournemouth, and the chance to progress to the area semi-final of the cup competition.

The last two home performances against Blackpool and Brentford have been encouraging in terms of chances made and goals scored, and generally we seem to have removed the suicidal errors that cost us so many home games before Christmas.

We certainly need to be free from unnecessary errors today, as Fulham have the players to take full advantage.

On the injury front, Marvin Johnson, Phil Gray and Paul Showler were all due to play 90 minutes for the reserves against Watford on Wednesday.

I doubt whether they will be ready for today, but could all feature in the 14 on Tuesday



at Craven Cottage.

Julian James and Stuart Douglas are making decent progress, and Andrew Fotiadis should be over his achilles problem next week. Hopefully we will have a full squad of players sometime in February. Paul McLaren returns from

suspension this afternoon, but Mitchell Thomas is about to start a two-game ban and will miss the game against Bournemouth, and the trip to Wrexham.

But all things considered, we have suffered only lightly from suspensions thus far.

ABOVE: Matthew Spring prays for a goal as Steve Davis fires in a shot against Oldham last week. See next Saturday's programme for more action from Boundary Park.

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KOHLERDOME! Government statement on stadium, plus Chairman's reaction

THE following statement has been received this week by Town chairman David Kohler, following recent reports surrounding the planning application for a new stadium.

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Heron House 49-53 Goldington Road Bedford MK40 3LL
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STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR EASTERN REGION

We understand your concern to see a decision issued quickly given the football Club's situation and the time the procedures have taken. We are aware of the importance that the Club attaches to the success of the proposals to secure it's future. However, it is also important that we reach the right decision and that we take a fair and balanced view of the issues which are complex. We wish to assure everyone concerned that the Inspector's Report is actively under consideration, and although the procedures do tend to take a long time they afford us a vital opportunity to look carefully at all the issues and to reach a property informed decision

Please be assured that we are taking every effort to ensure that the decision is issued as quickly as possible.

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Meanwhile Mr Kohler has moved quickly to quash any talk of a takeover at Kenilworth Road, following newspaper reports of a bid for the club. Mr Kohler called a press conference last Monday, and the Town chairman also dismissed claims that the

outcome of the planning inquiry into the club's bid for a new stadium had been finalised.

Speaking at the press conference, Mr Kohler said: "Nobody has contacted me and, anyway, I don't want to sell. We're hopefully very close to getting planning consent for a new stadium and I'd be the biggest idiot in the world to want to walk away from it now, having gone seven and a half years of hard work to put a future for this football club together.

"I have a dream, and I aim to prove those people wrong who told me that I couldn't deliver. I want to turn around to those sceptics and say there it is, I have delivered."

Reports claimed inside information that the plans for the 'Kohlerdome' had been rejected, but the Luton chairman dismissed such claims as "nonsense".

Mr Kohler pointed out: "Luton Borough Council have no idea of the outcome, I can assure you of that.

"I've tried everything to find out the outcome, and people I know have tried to ask people who might know and they can't find out. I'm in regular contact with the Department of Environment at Bedford, to the stage where I'm mindful of upsetting them by ringing too often!"

A spokesperson for the Department of Environment said: "No decision has yet been made, so nobody could know what it is. A number of complex issues are holding up the decision, which is still some weeks away. It is pure nonsense if somebody is suggesting that they know what way the decision has gone."

Meanwhile, Mr Kohler has recently returned from the Football Expo 98 Conference in Singapore, where a number of companies expressed interest in the moveable pitch - a key element in the plans for a new stadium by junction 10 of the M1.

The Town chairman also revealed that Bedford Rugby Club have been in contact about the possibility of playing at Kenilworth Road. The Blues are rumoured to be leaving Goldington Road - looking for a bigger venue to host Division One rugby.

Mr Kohler said: "I can confirm that the rugby club have been in touch, and I said that if it's in Luton Town's interest and there's no detriment to the playing surface we'd certainly consider it." - *Simon Oxley.*

FRONT COVER: Mitchell Thomas gets to grips with Blackpool striker Andy Preece, during our 3-0 victory over the Seaside's earlier this month. There's more action from this game on pages 36 and 37. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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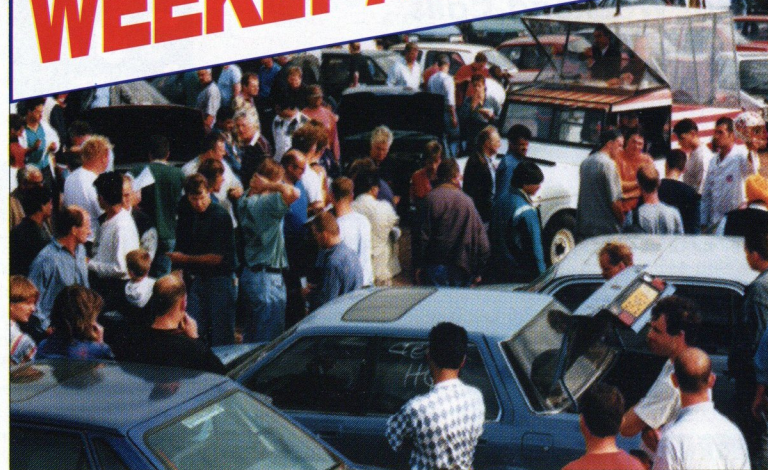
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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Gary Waddock and Paul McLaren have been key figures in midfield for the Hatters. McLaren is set to resume today after missing the last two games because of suspension.



UNFORTUNATELY our run of only one defeat in nine games became two in 10 at Oldham last weekend, in what can only be described as a very mediocre performance.

The way we conceded the two goals should never occur in a team that has a goalkeeper at 6ft 7ins and the whole of the back four at 6ft and over. We are usually quite good at set pieces, and to think that Ian made only one save - it must be said a good one at that - throughout the 90 minutes, makes it all the harder to accept that we lost the game.

Of course it was also a blip on our impressive away record, having not lost since the game at Bristol in September.

The only bright spot to come out of the game was yet another goal from Grezza! He has transformed himself from a goalscoring midfield player in the mould of, dare I say it, Wads - sorry Wads, but I did give you a good mention last time! - to that of Bryan Robson. Long may it continue.

Today's game against Fulham now becomes a "must not

lose" encounter, but have no fear, we are not playing for a draw. Three points today would hopefully pull us a little further away from the trap-door and a fraction closer to the play-off places.

The match should be an interesting one, and I would have thought the Fulham lads would prefer to be away from Craven Cottage where they are expected to win, because of the money they have spent on mainly Premiership players. A 3-0 win at Wrexham, followed by a 0-0 draw at home to Wycombe, bares that out.

However, because of their high profile, in every game they play the opposition will now have an attitude of "Come on, let's stuff these!", and would consider not getting beaten as a satisfying result. Not us though. We are, on our day, better than most teams in this division. It's just a shame we haven't had many 'days' thus far! But with plenty of points still to play for, it's our position on May 2 that counts.

Following today's game, we are of course at Craven Cottage on Tuesday for the area quarter-final of the Auto Windscreens Shield. This is a competition which starts out as a non-event in many people's eyes and a distraction from more important things. But the prize of a trip to Wembley is a great incentive for players and supporters alike. A day out towards the end of April would please everyone concerned, not least Mr Kohler!

(If you were wondering if Watford entered the competition, they did. Fulham beat them in round one!)

Thank you to those who took the time and effort to travel to the Costa del Oldham last weekend. Hopefully you can enjoy a good victory today to set us up nicely for Tuesday.

Haven't we met somewhere before?

THERE was a Kenilworth Road reunion of a peculiar kind in the recent Sheffield Wednesday v Watford FA Cup replay at Hillsborough..... in a penalty shoot-out!

Former Luton keeper Alec Chamberlain, now with the Hornets, found himself facing the first two Wednesday spot-kicks from former Hatters team-mates Mark Pembridge and Scott Oakes.

Oakes had been introduced into the action with just two minutes remaining of extra-time, specifically for the shoot-out.

Both players scored as Ron Atkinson's side won 5-3 on penalties, after a 0-0 draw in the previous 120 minutes.

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THERE are once again a number of fixture changes to report.

Yesterday we played our South East Counties League match with Barnet, which was scheduled to be played today.

The change was made due to our Times FA Youth Cup replay against Tottenham, which takes place on Monday, January 26.

This third round replay will be at White Hart Lane, kick-off 7pm, with extra-time and penalties if necessary.

Admission is £4 for adults and £2 for juniors and OAPs.

Details of the Auto Windscreens Shield third round match at Fulham on Tuesday, January 27, can be found on the facing page.

The reserve match with Brighton, scheduled for Monday the 26th will now be played on Wednesday, January 28, with a 7pm kick-off, although the venue remains Hitchin's Top Field ground.

Our thanks to Hitchin for agreeing this change of date at short notice.

But this switch has meant the postponement of the Beds Premier Cup semi-final at Brache Sparta.

At the time of writing there is no new date for this fixture.

With another home game next

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

Saturday, January 31, against Bournemouth it promises to be a busy week.

There is still one first team date outstanding - our trip to Grimsby.

They are awaiting the outcome of today's FA Cup match at Leeds before finalising their remaining fixtures.

Returning to the subject of the Auto Windscreens Shield, the Football League have been in contact regarding the date for the

area semi-finals. These were originally scheduled for the week commencing February 25, but a full league programme has now been allocated to that week.

Hence the area semi-finals have been moved forward to the week commencing February 16.

I am pleased to inform you that we now have a volunteer to provide commentary for the new system for our blind and deaf supporters.

We now need to hear from supporters who would like to make use of this facility.

Please contact me at the club.

Finally, a date for your diary! Following the success of the Christmas Carol Service, the 2nd Annual LTFC Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday, December 17, 1998, at the Parish Church of St Mary.

TOWN TEASER

Who is Luton Town's most capped player?

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

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To book: 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See BTC co-ordinator Paul Deason before any Saturday 1st team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (NB No bookings taken at midweek matches). 2) On the return journey from the previous away game. 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford 01234 750996. Membership of the Bobbers Travel Club is £1 for adults and 50p for children/OAPs.

Fulham v Luton Town

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD - THIRD ROUND
Tuesday, January 27, 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Fulham.
Admission prices (cash only) - £5 for adults, £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

Luton Town v AFC Bournemouth

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, January 31, 1998, kick-off 3pm

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

Wrexham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, February 7, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Wrexham.

Seats: £12.00 for adults, £7.00 for juniors and senior citizens.
Terracing: £9.00 for adults, £5.00 for juniors and senior citizens.

(Please note the LTFC ticket office will be open from 9am to 11am on Saturday, February 7, for the sale of other match tickets).

Watford v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, February 14, 1998, kick-off 12 noon - please note kick-off time.

Luton supporters can pay on the day of the match by using the turnstiles at the south-west corner of the ground, or by purchasing tickets from the LTFC ticket office by 5pm on Friday, February 13.

But please note, there will be no concessions on the day of the match.

Prices: £12.00 for adults, £8.00 for juniors and senior citizens.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, February 14, for the sale of other match tickets from 9am to 11am).

Luton Town v Bristol City

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, February 21, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price.
Normal guesting facilities apply.

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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Travel Information

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Craven Cottage, Stevenage Road,
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Tele: (0171) 736 6561.

The most direct route to Fulham as the crow flies is via the North Circular, Harlesden, White City and Hammersmith, but the traffic can be appalling. Alternatively go via the M25 or the North Circular. Exit the M25 at junction 15 onto the M4 towards London. Stay on the M4 which becomes the A4, exiting the A4 at the s/p Guildford, Portsmouth A3, Oxford, then Hammersmith A306, A315. Go straight on at the lights, which leads to the huge Hammersmith roundabout. Go almost all the way round, turning off at signpost 'Alternative route via Putney Bridge' under the flyover into Fulham Palace Road. Straight on at lights (ignoring sign to A3218 Fulham). The ground is down the side streets on the RHS after about half a mile eg Harbord Street or Finlay Street.

If you opt for the North Circular route from the 'bottom' of the M1, take the North Circular to the Chiswick roundabout. Take third exit (The West A3, Guildford A4) onto the A4, then as above. By train, the ground is a 10-minute walk from Putney Bridge underground station on the District Line.

WREXHAM
Racecourse Ground, Mold Road,
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Tele: (01978) 262129.

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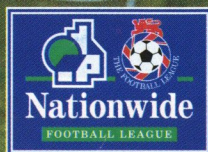
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ABOVE: Gary Doherty was a member of the winning team at the Luton Town Supporters Club Quiz Night, held just before Christmas. Gary was joined by Sue Miller, Les Miller, Richard Carney and Mick McConkey. They finished ahead of Ian Feuer, Peter Tullio, Julie Parry, Yvonne Fletcher, Gill, Murray and Howard. The Supporters Club hope to hold another quiz evening before the end of the season.

Supporters Club host evening with cup hero

THE Luton Town Supporters Club are holding 'An Evening with Brian Stein' on Thursday, February 5, 1998, at the Eric Morecambe Lounge at LTFC, at 7.30pm.

No doubt his winning goal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final will be among the topics for discussion, along with many more memories from Brian's distinguished career at Kenilworth Road.

Tickets are available for £2 members, and £3 non members, and can be purchased from the LutonTown Supporters Club Kiosk at home games only.

All are welcome, but please note this is a ticket only event.

THE second annual Bedford Town Football Programme Fair will be held on Sunday, February 15, 1998, in The Social Club, Bedford Town FC, The New Eyrie, Meadow Lane, Cardington, Bedford, from 11am to 2.30pm. Admission will be 30p, and light refreshments and bar facilities will be available.

The event is organised by The Football Programme Directory, in conjunction with the Supporters' Club.

For further information contact, David Stacey, The Editor and Events Organiser, The FPD, 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8EN. Telephone and fax: 01268 732041.



ABOVE: Town fan Terry Neale certainly has his hands full on a Saturday, supervising a gym club at Andover Leisure Centre in the morning, before making the journey from his Hampshire home to watch the Hatters in the afternoon. However, there are compensations..... such as a visit from Gladiators star Fox!

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! This feature will resume later this month. Photos should be sent to: The Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW. Requests for penpals, programme swaps etc. can also be forwarded. (NB Please enclose SAE for return of photos).

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ABOVE: Paul Bracewell was a key player for Kevin Keegan in Newcastle's rise to the Premiership.



RIGHT: Long-serving defender Robbie Herrera.

ABOVE: Welsh international Chris Coleman is Fulham's record signing.



ABOVE: Former Barnet keeper Maik Taylor is a recent signing from Southampton.

Promotion push halted by stubborn Gregory's guys

FULHAM'S headlong rush towards promotion contention after four consecutive league wins was stopped in its tracks by John Gregory's stubborn Wycombe side.

Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins will no doubt reach for their chairman Mohamed Al Fayed's cheque-book once again. But whether a team of Premiership and First Division craftsmen have the guts and stamina to fight their way out of a division full of notoriously awkward Nationwide journeymen remains the great unanswered question.

This week they are set to take their spending to more than £7 million in four months provided Sheffield Wednesday midfielder Wayne Collins passes a medical tomorrow to complete a £500,000 move.

Such is the strength of their first-team squad they were able to field a team yesterday that contained only three of the side that beat Wycombe 3-1 at Craven Cottage last Tuesday in the Auto Windscreens Shield second round.

Yesterday they had another new signing on show, Kyle Lightbourne, who had arrived on a month's loan from Coventry.

The 6ft 2ins striker linked up well with Paul Peschisolido, proving a useful counterfoil in the air to the pace and tricky skills of the Canadian

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!

Fulham's 0-0 draw against Wycombe at Craven Cottage last Saturday, as reported in the SUNDAY EXPRESS.

international on the ground.

But it proved a frustrating afternoon for Peschisolido and his team-mates. They should have taken the lead after a quarter of an hour when Matt Lawrence fed Peschisolido down the left and the striker crossed for Paul Trollope to head just wide.

It was a scrappy affair for much of the game with Wycombe going closest just after the half hour when Steve Brown hit the bar from 10 yards and Steve McGavin headed the rebound straight to Maik Taylor. There were first-half chances too for Wycombe's Michael Simpson and Maurice Harkin.

Fulham piled on the pressure but all their efforts came to nought. Several times Peschisolido seemed to have the entire Wycombe defence beaten only for a late intervention to deny him.

Lightbourne was twice denied by excellent saves from Martin Taylor who brilliantly tipped Steve Hayward's header over the bar three minutes from time, while at the other end Jason Kavanagh and David Carroll both went close.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



MAIK TAYLOR - Goalkeeper signed this season from Southampton for £700,000, joined the Saints last season from Barnet and appeared in the Premier League for Graeme Souness' side last term. Joined Barnet from the army where he was spotted by the then Bees manager, and former England keeper, Ray Clemence.

ANDRE ARENDSE - South African international goalkeeper who arrived at Craven Cottage in the summer for a fee in the region of £200,000 from Cape Town Spurs. Likely to feature in this summer's World Cup Finals.

MARK WALTON - Played against the Hatters earlier this season, and is ironically a former Luton Town youth player. Goalkeeper who joined Fulham from non-league Fakenham after league experience with Norwich and Bolton.

MATTHEW LAWRENCE - Former England schoolboy who joined the club on a free transfer from Wycombe in February 1997.

ROBBIE HERRERA - Defender who began his career with QPR, but after making only 11 appearances, with two loan spells at Torquay, he joined Fulham in October 1993. Has since made over 150 appearances for the Cottagers.

NEIL SMITH - Midfielder who began his career with Tottenham, where he won the FA Youth Cup in 1990. Arrived at Fulham in the summer, after a five year spell at Gillingham.

RICHARD CARPENTER - Another former Gillingham player who joined Fulham for £15,000

in September 1996, scoring on his debut at Darlington.

STEVE HAYWARD - Joined Fulham in the summer for £175,000 from Carlisle, after helping the Cumbrians to promotion and the Auto Windscreens Shield last season. Won 19 England youth caps after progressing through the youth scheme at Derby County.

MARK BLAKE - Former England youth international who was voted Fulham's player of the year in his first season after moving from Shrewsbury in September 1994.

SIMON MORGAN - Club captain who has made over 300 appearances for the club since signing from Leicester for £100,000 in October 1990.

PAUL MOODY - A late starter in footballing terms, having joined Southampton as a 24-year-old from non-league Waterlooville. Now 30 he scored 65 goals in two-and-a-half years with Oxford before a £200,000 move to Crystal Palace.

PAUL BRACEWELL - Relinquished his position as Sunderland's assistant manager to play regular first-team football, and became Ray Wilkins' first signing for the club - having played under Kevin Keegan at Newcastle. Former England international who had his most successful spell at Everton, winning a League Championship and European Cup Winners' Cup medal in 1985.

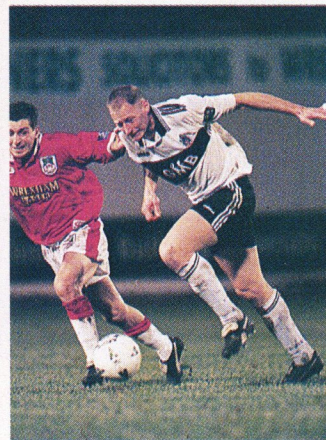
MIKE CONROY - Glasgow-born striker whose 23 goals last season made him the first Fulham player to hit 20 goals since Gordon Davies 13 years ago. Cost £75,000 when signed from Preston in August 1995, and was voted the Supporters' Player of the Year last term.

IAN SELLEY - £500,000 signing from Arsenal whose Highbury career was halted by a broken leg just as he looked set for a spell in the first-team. Sadly the injury jinx struck early in his Fulham career, and he is once again sidelined with a broken leg.

CHRIS COLEMAN - Welsh international defender who became the most expensive player in the club's history when he joined Fulham from Blackburn for £2.3 million earlier this season. Started his career at Swansea, making 160 appearances, before moving to Crystal Palace where he played over 150 times. Suffered with injury during his time at Ewood Park, and since arriving at Craven Cottage has been appointed team captain.

WAYNE COLLINS - Former Crewe midfielder recently signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £600,000.

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LEFT: Former Oxford striker Paul Moody in action against Wrexham.



RIGHT: Fulham manager Ray Wilkins.

See page 20 for Fulham stats.....

ALAN NEILSON - Former Southampton defender signed for £600,000.

PAUL TROLLOPE - Midfielder signed for £600,000 from Derby County. Started his career at Swindon, before a 100-game spell at Torquay.

DARREN FREEMAN - Centre-forward who is recovering from a cartilage operation. Joined Fulham from Gillingham in the summer of 1996, having been spotted by the Gills playing non-league football for Horsham Town.

KYLE LIGHTBOURNE - Bermuda international striker currently on loan from Coventry City. Joined the Sky Blues in the summer from Walsall for £600,000, after a successful season in Division Two last term. Scored for the Saddlers in their 3-1 defeat at Luton, and then netted twice in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at the Bescot Stadium. Started his career with Scarborough before moving to the Midlands.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO - Canadian international who joined Fulham in the autumn for £1 million from West Brom. Formerly with Birmingham and Stoke, he started his career in his native Canada with Toronto Blizzard. Scored twice for West Brom against Luton earlier this season in the Coca-Cola Cup, second round, second leg.

DANNY CULLIP - Central defender who signed for Fulham from Oxford. Was an ever-present until suspension kept him out in November.



ABOVE: Paul Peschisolido

JIMMY AGGREY - Joined Fulham in the summer on a free transfer after being released by Chelsea.

ANDY ARNOTT - Defender who started his career at Gillingham, moving onto Oreint last year in a £15,000 deal. Switched to Fulham in the summer.

PAUL BROOKER - Winger who is a product of Fulham's youth system. Another recovering from a long-term injury.

ROD McAREE - Midfielder who joined Fulham from Northern Ireland side Dungannon Swifts.

IAN MCGUCKIN - Central defender signed from Hartlepool for £100,000.

MEET THE MANAGER

RAY WILKINS succeeded Micky Adams in the autumn, with his former England team-mate **KEVIN KEEGAN** installed as Chief Operating Officer.

Ray Wilkins started his playing career with Chelsea, going on to play for Manchester United, AC Milan, Glasgow Rangers, QPR and Crystal Palace, becoming player-manager in a second spell at Loftus Road. He was capped 84 times by England.

Kevin Keegan started with Scunthorpe United, moving to Liverpool and then to Hamburg, where he was voted European Footballer of the Year.

Returned to England with Southampton, before heading to Newcastle, first as a player and later as manager, taking the Magpies back into the top flight.

Left Newcastle a year ago, but returned to football with Fulham in the autumn. Won 63 England caps.

The Hatters and The Cottagers

ALTHOUGH we had clashed in our Southern League days our first meetings in the Football League took place in 1928 following the Cottagers relegation from the old Division Two.

The Town went down 4-2 at Craven Cottage on 15th December 1928 in front of a crowd of 11,069 with Lewis Bedford and Joe Daly on the scoresheet and Tom Roe making his first appearance for the club.

Fulham achieved an early double when they won 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in the return the following April inflicting our first home defeat since November 1927. Andy Rennie had levelled the score with fifteen minutes left but Fulham netted twice just before the end to secure a 3-1 victory.

Leading up to Fulham's promotion in 1932 we secured home wins of 4-1 in 1929/30, with Jim Drinnan scoring twice and 5-0 the following season when Rennie bagged a couple but we were unable to break our duck in West London.

Following our own promotion to the old Division Two in 1937 we renewed acquaintances with the Cottagers in December at Kenilworth Road when two goals from the prolific Joe Payne helped secure a 4-0 win. The Town defence had an easy afternoon with Luton goalkeeper Bill Dolman having only one save to make - a penalty from the Cottagers' Ronnie Rooke - but he was beaten when the referee had to hold the play up for several minutes when steam from a train passing the ground enveloped the pitch!

Our customary defeats at the Cottage followed but we thought we had cracked it when we were unlucky to only draw there in September 1939. As War broke out a few days later a win would not have counted but we did have the dubious honour of leading the table when hostilities started, a position we kept for seven years.

When league football recommenced in 1946 it was back to the pre War pattern of defeats at the Cottage and wins at Kenilworth Road although before the end of the decade our home record



LEFT: John Faulkner scores the only goal of the game against Fulham at Kenilworth Road in 1977 - watched by George Best.

by **ROGER WASH**

against the Cottagers was looking none too bright with defeats in both 1947/48 and Fulham's promotion season of 1948/49.

Fulham came back down again three years later and in the period leading up to our own promotion in 1955 we suffered three straight defeats at Craven Cottage, including 5-1 in 1954 when Johnny Haynes scored a hat trick, but managed to secure an important 3-0 home win on the road to promotion.

We briefly met up again in 1959/60, just as we were about to plummet through the divisions, but two goals from Billy Bingham were not enough as we suffered a 4-2 set back at Craven Cottage.

We managed to win the return 4-1, our biggest victory of the season, but Fulham played most of the game with only ten men after Jimmy Hill

had retired injured.

A lot of water had passed under the bridge before we next met, in 1969/70 in Division Three, but a respectable crowd of 16,485 turned out in a snowstorm at Kenilworth Road to see Malcolm MacDonald score the only goal of the game.

MacDonald had been signed as a full back from Fulham the previous close season, had been converted to a forward, and was making goalscoring look easy. The return match that season was watched by a crowd of 18,987 with MacDonald, inevitably, scoring the only goal of the game for our first ever win at the Cottage and setting us up for a promotion place which, a couple of weeks before, looked lost.

We managed a further win at Craven Cottage in 1973 - Rodney Fern scoring the only goal of the game - but clashes were generally low scoring and instantly forgettable.

Then, in 1976, Fulham completed a

double signing that made the football world sit up when Rodney Marsh and George Best went to Craven Cottage.

For a while crowds flocked to see this pair in action and we were early beneficiaries as 19,929 congregated at Kenilworth Road to witness the away side cruise to an easy 2-0 victory.

The bubble had burst somewhat by the time of the return and the Town, in the middle of a nine game winning run, were victorious 2-1 in a match marking the last appearance in the Football League for Marsh.

Over the next two seasons games went with the home side but in 1979/80 came the parting of the ways with Fulham's relegation to the old Division Three.

We signed off with a rare double, winning 3-1 at Craven Cottage and 4-0 in the return with David Moss knocking in a hat trick.



↑
Tony Thorpe opens the scoring for Luton early in the second-half, firing past Brentford keeper Kevin Dearden.

← He's behind you! Tony Thorpe is tackled by Leon Townley, who later scored Brentford's consolation.

David Oldfield (partly hidden) makes sure of Luton's place in the next round with the second goal.

→ Liam George came on as a second-half substitute, and was close to scoring with his first touch.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 2 Brentford 1

(Thorpe, Oldfield)

(Townley)

Tuesday, January 13, 1998 - Auto Windscreens Shield - Second Round

Attendance: 3,106

Pictures by Gareth Owen



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HALF TIME QUIZ

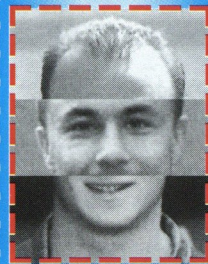
1. Which club won this season's Charity Shield?
2. Which former League club used to play at The Shay?
3. Which Fourth Division side reached the 1962 League Cup Final?
4. What was the name of Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle's chart hit?
5. Which two actors had leading roles in the football film 'Escape To Victory'?
6. What's the name of Bolton Wanderer's new ground?
7. Which club has the nickname 'The Grecians'?
8. In 1927, which Welsh club overcame the mighty Arsenal to lift the FA Cup?
9. In which year did Mark Hughes join Barcelona?
10. Name the captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side who also coached them to victory in 1994?



whose crests?
Name the three club crests featured in this montage

IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



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HIT SHOOK VICTORS
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CAULI ALA LIVING
BRIER COUCH

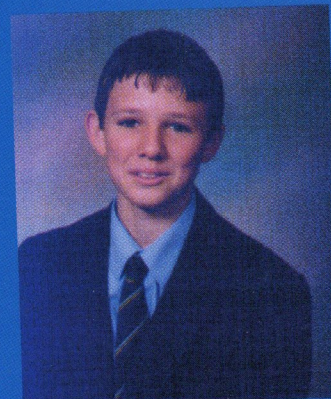
WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten players.

GORGE BEETS
HONK MYSTICAL
VENETOS TAUNTS
ALIEN CUP
ART HUP WALRUS



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 14-year-old CIERAN DEE, who attends Nicholas Breakspear School. He plays for London Colney Colts; his hobbies are football, swimming and golf; and his favourite Luton player is Steve Davis.

DON'T FORGET TO POP INTO THE CLUB SHOP FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL THE FAMILY.....

Saturday Club hosts Fulham & Cherries!

A WARM welcome today to the Fulham Juniors who joined our Junior Hatters at this morning's Saturday Club for football and lunch.

The Saturday Club will be visited next week by the Junior Cherries of AFC Bournemouth, and if you are a Junior Hatter and are interested in joining us, the prices for the day is £4 for season ticket holders - which includes a lunch of sausage and chips with a drink - and £8 for non-season ticket holders - which includes a ticket for the match and lunch of sausage and chips with a drink.

The Junior Hatters will be visiting Wrexham on February 7, where our Juniors will be playing football against the Wrexham Juniors prior to the match. We will also be taking a coach to Watford - to watch the match only.

The prices for each of these trips will be £12 for adults and £10 for juniors, and anyone interested in the Saturday Club, or the away trips, can book at the ticket office on 01582 416976.

A reminder for all those of you who attended the Junior Hatters Christmas Party that photographs taken with the players are now on sale at the Ticket Office at £1 each.



LEFT: Samuel John was our Junior Hatters mascot against Blackpool. He is pictured with the team captain and match officials prior to kick-off.



RIGHT: Declan Carroll was the mascot for our Auto Windscreens Shield match against Brentford.

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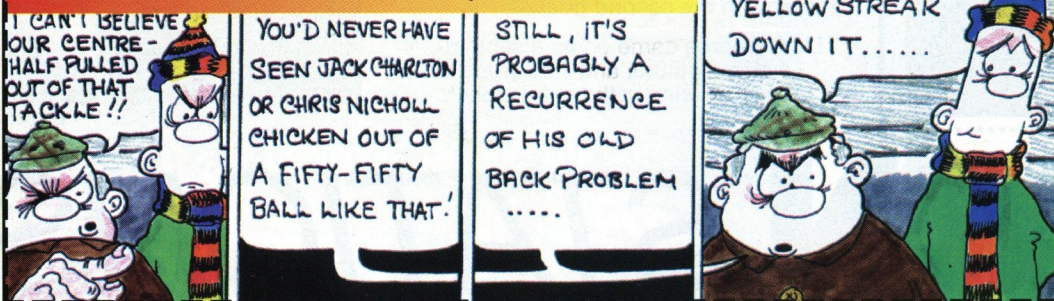
by Norman Hood

I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR CENTRE-HALF PULLED OUT OF THAT TACKLE!!

YOU'D NEVER HAVE SEEN JACK CHARLTON OR CHRIS NICHOLL CHICKEN OUT OF A FIFTY-FIFTY BALL LIKE THAT!

STILL, IT'S PROBABLY A RECURRENCE OF HIS OLD BACK PROBLEM.....

HE'S GOT A YELLOW STREAK DOWN IT.....



ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Manchester United; 2. Halifax Town; 3. Rochdale; 4. Diamond Lights; 5. Michael Caine & Sylvester Stallone; 6. The Reebok Stadium; 7. Exeter City; 8. Cardiff City; 9. 1986; 10. Carlos Alberto.
WHOSE CREATOR: Everton, AC Milan and Swindon Town.
IDENTIKIT: Gary McAllister, Denis Wise and John Hartson.
WHAT A JUMBLE: Denis Wise and John Hartson.
HIT SHOOK VICTORS: Gary McAllister, Denis Wise and John Hartson.
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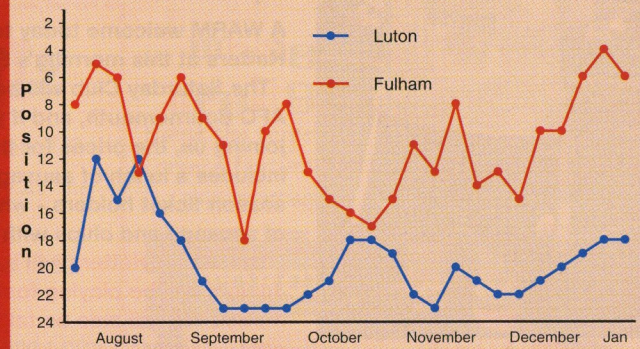


Who has played for Fulham

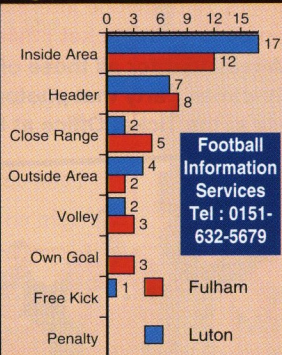
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Neil Smith	26(1)	2		Gillingham Tottenham
30/9/71	6	1	4	
Robbie Herrera	26	1		QPR Torquay (L)
12/6/70	7			
Matt Lawrence	24	6		Wycombe
19/5/74	6			Eng Sch
Steve Hayward	23(1)	2	3	Carlisle Derby
8/9/71	5(1)	1	1	Eng Yth
Danny Cullip	18(3)	1	7	Oxford
17/9/76	5		2	
Paul Bracewell	17			Sunderland Newcastle
19/7/62	3			England
Paul Moody	15(5)	8	4	Everton Stoke
13/6/67	3(2)	1	7	Oxford Southampton
Simon Morgan	15(1)	1		Reading (L)
5/9/66	5			Eng U21
Richard Carpenter	14(8)	2	1	Gillingham
30/9/72	5		2	
Mark Blake	14	1	2	Shrewsbury Colchester
17/12/67	2	1		Eng Yth
Paul Peschisolido	14	7	2	(L) Southampton
25/5/71	3			Canada
Mark Walton	12			West Brom Birmingham
1/6/69	2			Wal U21
Mike Conroy	10(1)	2	1	Luton
31/12/65	3	2	1	Preston Burnley
Maik Taylor	10			Reading St Mirren
4/9/71	2			Clydebank Coventry
Aidan Newhouse	7(1)	1	2	Southampton Barnet
23/5/72	3(1)	3		Wimbledon Torquay (L)
Chris Coleman	7	2		Portsmouth (L) Port Vale (L) Tranmere (L)
10/6/70	1			Wales
Alan Neilson	7	1		Blackburn Palace
26/9/72	2	1		Wales
Rob Scott	6(1)	3	1	Swansea
15/8/73	2(4)	1	1	Southampton
Paul Trollope	6	2	1	Newcastle
3/6/72	2	1		Sheff Utd Northampton
Andre Arendse	5	3		(L) Scarborough (L)
4/1/75	1			Derby Palace (L)
Paul Brooker	3(3)			Derby Palace (L)
25/1/76	1(1)			Grimsby (L) Torquay
Ian Selley	3			Swindon
14/6/74	1			Cape Town Spurs
Steve McAnespie	2(2)			Gillingham
1/2/72	1			
Leon McKenzie	1(2)			Arsenal Southend (L)
17/5/78	1(1)			Bolton Raith
Nick Cusack	1(1)			Palace
24/12/65	1(1)			Oxford Wycombe (L)
Rod McAree	1(1)			Darlington Motherwell
19/8/74	1(2)			Peterboro Leicester
Kyle Lightbourne	1			Bristol City Liverpool
29/9/68	1			on loan from Coventry
Darren Freeman	(3)	2		Gillingham
22/8/73	(3)	1		Orient Southampton
Martin Thomas	(3)	1		Orient Southampton
12/9/73				

Key : A=Appearances (Sub) C=Cautions (Sent Off) G=Goals
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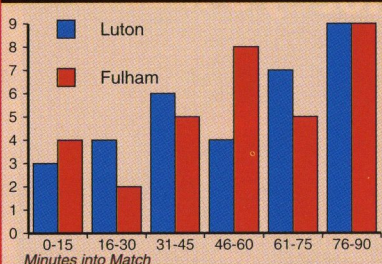
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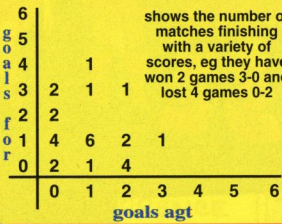
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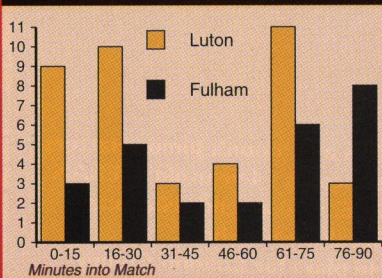
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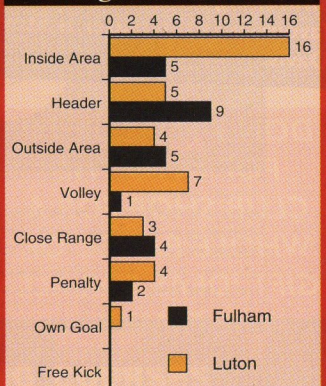
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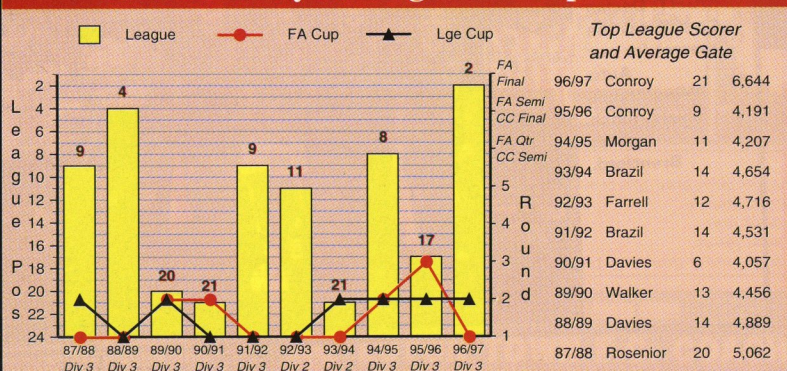
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FA Qtr	93/94	Brazil	14 4,654
CC Semi	92/93	Farrell	12 4,716
	91/92	Brazil	14 4,531
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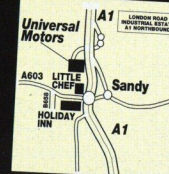
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MICHAEL McIndoe (above left); Matthew Spring, who netted both Luton goals (above right); Jimmy Cox (left) and Stuart Fraser (right) in action for the Hatters during last week's draw. The replay is at White Hart Lane on Monday, kick-off 7pm.



TRICKS OF THE TRADE!

TONY Thorpe celebrates his hat-trick goal against Blackpool - a scoring feat which, not surprisingly, won him the man-of-the-match award (above right).
 The 23-year-old said: "I enjoyed myself and missed a good chance near the end to make it four goals in a match for the first time."
 Town manager Lennie Lawrence predicts Thorpe will be the top scorer in the division by the end of the month, and Blackpool boss Nigel Worthington said: "The game had 0-0 written all over it, but we gave Thorpe too much room and he finished us off."
 Last Saturday though, Luton's leading scorer found Oldham keeper Gary Kelly in inspired form (right) as the Latics won 2-1.

Player Profile



STEVE DAVIS

Date of Birth: 30.10.68

Previous Clubs: Southampton, Burnley (also on loan at Notts County, whilst at Southampton)

Joined Luton: July 1995 (from Burnley - £750,000)

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. Joined the Hatters for 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

Regular in the centre of defence last season, and this, and is the second most expensive player in the club's history - after Lars Elstrup.

Most memorable game: "For Burnley it would be winning the play-off final at Wembley, whilst for Luton a 1-0 win at Norwich stands out from the 95/96 season. We managed to hold out after being under severe pressure in the second half."

Game I'd prefer to forget: "Fortunately I didn't play in the FA Cup defeat at Grimsby, so my choice would be last season's play-off defeat by Crewe. We were so near, yet so far!"

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Alan Shearer, for his determination and desire to return from serious injuries, and his undoubted ability to score important goals for club and country."

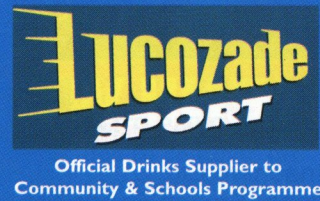
Premiership 'Dream Team': David Seaman; Denis Irwin, Gary Pallister, Colin Hendry, Tony Adams, Graeme Le Saux; David Batty, Nicky Butt, David Beckham; Alan Shearer, Teddy Sheringham.

State of the game: "There are too many foreign players who are no better than the players already in this country. This is stopping young lads progressing and the well known 'sell on' clubs such as Luton, Bournemouth and Crewe will, in the long term, suffer from lack of finance because of this."

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Enterprising star continues Hatters' trek up the table

Thorpe factor three!

TONY THORPE underlined his importance to the future of Luton Town Football Club this week. Goaling Thorpe smashed a stylish hat-trick as the Hatters recorded a welcome home win over Blackpool.

His three superb strikes came at the end of a week when Thorpe had also been causing an eye over Luton's soccer fans of the future.

Thorpe's goal for work by heading over a signed shirt to our competition winner, nine-year-old Dominic Brown of Holywell Road, Luton.

Home was one of over 200 youngsters who enjoyed the expert coaching of Thorpe, Michael Thomas, Kevin Davis, Gary Dobson, Matthew Springs and Ian Truett as Luton Town and Home Counties Newspapers, publishers of the Luton News, teamed up yet again to provide local youngsters with the best coaching in the county.

A series of indoor courses, sponsored by BTCL, were held at Luton Regional Centre as well as different sites in Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Leighton Buzzard and Bleckley.

"We're amazed all the venues and have over 100 match tickets for the Blackpool game, which for some of the children was their first trip to a League game," said Luton Football Development Officer Dean Rastrick.

"As well as planning our February half-term indoor courses, we are now holding our regular weekly after-school coaching courses in Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard."

These courses represent great value at £2 per session and will take place at the Luton Regional Centre every Tuesday afternoon from 4-5pm, starting on January 20. To register a place on the course, please contact the Community and Schools Department at LTFC on 01582 411622.

THREE-5V DOES IT: Tony Thorpe celebrates with the Kenilworth Road end after scoring his third against Blackpool.

NICE TWO MEET YOU: Goal machine Tony Thorpe and HCN Sales and Promotions Executive John McLoughlin presents competition winner, Dominic Brown, with his signed shirt.

ONES FOR THE FUTURE: The stars of the future line up with Tony Thorpe, Hatters Schools and Community Officer, Dean Rastrick (back left) and John McLoughlin. Over 200 soccer-mad youngsters received expert coaching from Thorpe and some of his teammates in the Luton Town and Home Counties Newspapers indoor coaching courses during the Christmas holidays.

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ABOVE: Tony Thorpe made the headlines after his hat-trick against Blackpool, and, as featured in the Luton News, Tony has played a major part in the success of the Community and Schools Programme, making presentations to the many youngsters involved. Who knows, a place on one of our coaching sessions could one day lead to YOU making the headlines. Keep up-to-date with all the Community news in the Luton News every Wednesday!

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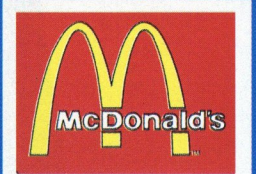
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Thursday, Feb 19 and Friday, Feb 20 - Coaching - from 12 to 4pm

DUNSTABLE
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Thursday, Feb 19 and Friday, Feb 20 - Coaching

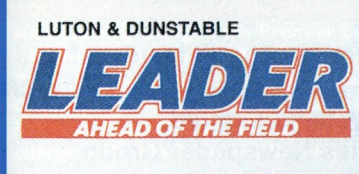
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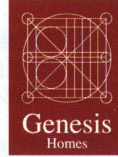
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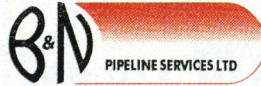


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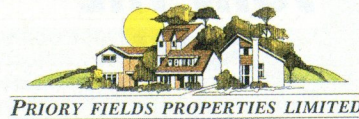


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INJURY UPDATE

Trio's second reserve outing against Hornets

PHIL GRAY, MARVIN JOHNSON and PAUL SHOWLER were all due to continue their comebacks from injury in the reserves against Watford on Wednesday.

All three came through various spells in the previous week's game at Oxford without any problem, and should be in first-team contention shortly.

JULIAN JAMES continues to make good progress after his knee ligament injury.

He has started running again, and is building up the strength in the joint before resuming any contact training.

STUART DOUGLAS could join in training next week after his ankle injury, whilst LIAM GEORGE and ANDREW FOTIADIS have both received treatment for slight achilles injuries.

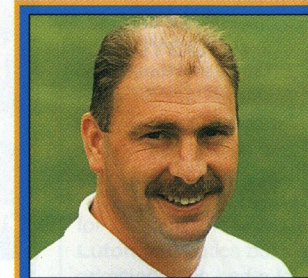
STEVE AUGUSTINE is continuing his steady recovery from a broken leg.

Youth team goalkeeper DANIEL TATE missed the FA Youth Cup draw against Tottenham after suffering a dislocated shoulder in training.

He will also miss Monday's replay, but has started mobility and strengthening work in a bid to be ready for future rounds!

Fullback RUSSELL LAWES also missed the first game against Spurs with an ankle injury, but should be fit for the replay.

And, let's hope that PAUL McLAREN can make it through a game without needing treatment!



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LEFT: Phil Gray was due to continue his comeback in the reserves on Wednesday.



RIGHT: Paul Showler was due to play against Watford in midweek.



LEFT: Julian James continues his recovery from a knee injury.

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Sunday, ***** Sunday, for Parker!

FORMER Luton midfielder Garry Parker, now with Premier League Leicester City, has been charged by the Football Association for blowing his top at a referee - at a Sunday League game!

The former Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa man, who played for Luton in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final defeat by Everton, spends his Sunday mornings watching Oxfordshire side Cherwell Lions.

Parker, 32, regularly runs the line for the Morrells Oxford Sunday League Division Four team, managed by his father-in-law Ray Timms. But he was reported to the Oxfordshire FA after comments made at a league game against Cowley Cosmos in December. The county association sent a report to Lancaster Gate, and the FA have subsequently charged the Premier League star.

In Division Two of the Nationwide League, Bristol Rovers coach Phil Baker has been banned from the touchline for 28 days after twice confronting officials in recent matches. Brentford boss Micky Adams has been fined £500 for verbally abusing the referee in his first game in charge at Griffin Park, and Burnley coach Glenn Roeder has been fined £50 for remarks made to a linesman.



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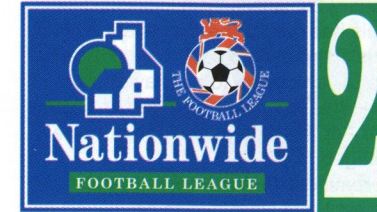


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Ace Jase vows to stay on with the happy Cobblers



JASON Dozell has promised to see out the season with promotion chasing **Northampton**.

The ex-Spurs and Ipswich man ended a month's contract by netting the winner as the Cobblers came from behind to beat **Carlisle** 2-1 at the Sixfields Stadium.

A couple of Division One clubs had declared an interest in the former England Under-21 midfielder.

But boss Ian Atkins said: "Jason told me after the game he wants to stay with us for the rest of the season, and we hope to sort something out this week."

Ian Stevens had fired Carlisle in front,

but Dozell headed the winner 13 minutes from time after Carl Heggs had equalised.

Jason Lee helped **Watford** return to winning ways after their surprise defeat at Burnley the previous week with a key role in the 3-1 home win over **Preston**.

Peter Kennedy netted twice to take his season's tally to 13, with Micah Hyde also on target.

Gary Parkinson scored for Preston in their first league game since the departure of Gary Peters.

Richard Graham headed both goals for **Oldham** in their 2-1 win over **Luton**, but Latics boss Neil Warnock admitted: "We had a lot to do at the death - but we got away with it."

Walsall made it four wins in a row with a 1-0 victory at **Southend**, ahead of this afternoon's trip to Manchester United in the FA Cup.

Andy Watson scored the winner after 53 minutes, but Southend hit the post twice through Andy Thomson and Andy Rammell.

Dave Smith marked his debut for **Grimsbury** with a stunning 25-yard goal in the 4-0 win over **Brentford**.

Smith, signed from manager Alan Buckley's former club West Brom for £200,000, was joined on the scoresheet by Paul Groves, Kevin Donovan and Daryl Clare.

Striker Steve Wilkinson doubled his goal tally with a brace as **Chesterfield** beat **Plymouth** 2-1 at Saltergate.

His brace ended the club's goal drought of just three in the last eight games and inspired them to their first win in 11.

Wilkinson had managed only two

other goals since his £150,000 summer move from Preston.

Millwall slipped to another home defeat, as **Wrexham** took the points with a 1-0 win at the New Den.

Neil Wainwright netted after 75 minutes for his second league goal in only his second league outing.

Bristol City stayed top of the table with a 3-0 win at **Wigan**. They were 1-0 up after just three minutes when 18-year-old midfielder Tommy Docherty headed home Brian Tinnion's cross.

Tinnion himself got the second before half-time and Shaun Goater got the third for his 16th of the season.

Burnley boss Chris Waddle refused to comment after his side's 1-0 defeat at **Bristol Rovers**, where Jamie Cureton netted the winner after 53 minutes.

Burnley had former Leeds midfielder Mark Ford dismissed in the 35th minute for his second bookable offence.

Blackpool's Phil Clarkson gave his side the lead against **Bournemouth** after just 19 minutes, and the home side then hung on for a 1-0 win.

Bournemouth hit the crossbar, and saw Steve Robinson denied from point-blank range by Blackpool keeper Steve Banks.

Ray Wilkins warned **Fulham's** stars to learn to cope with the pressure of being among the favourites to go up after their 0-0 draw at home to **Wycombe**.

Fulham had won their previous four matches, and Wilkins commented: "These players know they are under pressure, they know they have cost a lot of money."

"But most of them have come from the Premiership. They should be used to pressure and I expect them to cope with it."

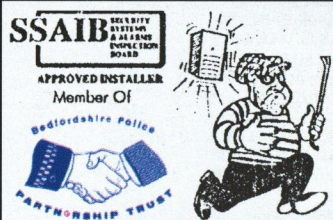
Paul Trollope and Kyle Lightbourne went close for the home side, but Mark Stallard hit the bar for Wycombe.

Gillingham were denied by the linesman's flag and **York** keeper Andy Warrington in a 0-0 draw at the Priestfield Stadium. - *Simon Oxley*.

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Where are they now?

NOW happily retired and settled on the outskirts of Luton, Gordon Dreyer holds the honour of being probably the last surviving member of the Hatters team that almost won promotion from the old Division Two just as War broke out.

Coming into the side over Christmas 1938, replacing the injured Jack Nelson at centre half, Gordon starred in a 3-1 home win over West Brom and kept his place until the end of the campaign.

During this time we marched steadily up the league table culminating in a tremendous Easter when we achieved the double over Southampton, with Hugh Billington scoring a hat trick in each game, and beating Fulham at Kenilworth Road.

"After the Easter victories we had to travel to Chesterfield, who were fellow promotion challengers, and in a tough game two goals from Bill Redfern enabled us to scrape through 2-1.

"We really felt that we could win promotion and so did the supporters leading up to over 20000 being present to see us play Millwall at Kenilworth Road with only three games to play.

"Unfortunately we were held to a 0-0 draw and with the top two sides, Blackburn and Sheffield United, both winning our promotion chance was effectively over. Nevertheless we felt we had a strong enough side to take the division by storm in 1939/40 but Mr Hitler had other plans!"

The outbreak of War effectively ended Gordon's career just as it had taken off, as by the end of hostilities he was the wrong side of 30, but he has no regrets and only holds fond memories of the games he did play in, and the life and times of a pre-War footballer and the conditions that would certainly not be tolerated by today's stars.

Born in Sunderland in 1914, Gordon was a contemporary of the great Raich Carter, and the two



by **ROGER WASH**

grew up together playing cricket and football with and against each other as well as challenging each other to billiards for 2d bars of chocolate. Gordon played at full-back in the successful Sunderland Boys team of the time and on leaving school continued in this position as a part time professional for Washington Colliery in the North Eastern League doubling up as an apprentice shipwright.

"Washington Colliery was one of those clubs that produced many a professional footballer and it was always said that all scouts had to do was to shout down the pit shaft and a footballer would appear.

"This was proved when Ronnie Starling went to Aston Villa and Jim Hagan, who I played with, accepted a contract at Derby.

"I had a six week trial at Southend after which I was told that I should convert from full back to half back, and then had trials at Bolton and finally Stoke where I lined up alongside a young Stanley Matthews in a practice match."

With unemployment rife on Wearside, Gordon found himself out of a job and was more than pleased to sign a professional contract with Hartlepool, who played in Division Three (North), on £8 per week with bonuses of £2 for a win and £1 for a draw.

"The Northern Section, as it was called, was a tough grounding for a young footballer with teams made up of hoary old pro's - we had Sam English who was infamous as the Glasgow Rangers forward who accidentally kicked, and killed, Celtic goalkeeper John Thompson in an 'Old Firm' game- and youngsters learning the ropes.

"Hartlepool were not well off and I can remember we often had to wash on the train going home from an away game. The station staff used to provide milk urns full of hot water and stand them in the goods van for us."



ABOVE: Luton Town line up for the 1939/40 season: Back row: l to r: Finlayson, Lutterloch, Coen, Dunsmore, Roberts. Front row: Carroll, Vinall, Billington, Biggs, Stephenson, Dreyer.

Gordon made his league debut for Hartlepool in a home game against Doncaster on Christmas Day 1934, at right half, and went on to make 16 appearances over the remainder of that season.

During the following close season the manager of Hull City, the ex England centre half John 'Ginger' Hill, paid £650 to take Gordon to Anlaby Road and Division Two football. I received a £20 signing on fee, which was more money than my father had ever seen before, and made my Hull debut on the opening day of the 1935/36 season.

"Unfortunately Hull were out of their depth in this league and I lost my place after only five starts and watched from a distance as the Tigers lurched towards inevitable relegation.

"At the end of the season Hull meant to put me on the transfer list but somehow forgot to do that or even register me which meant that I had a free transfer. Hartlepool stepped in and offered me fresh terms which I was pleased to accept."

Back at Hartlepool Gordon was almost ever present in the 1936/37 season but at the end of the campaign the club announced that they could not afford to pay the players over the summer. A disillusioned Gordon Dreyer contemplated giving up the game but fate stepped in leading up to a brief, but glorious, spell at Kenilworth Road.

Read next Saturday's programme to find out how this came about!

5 YEARS AGO

27/1/93: Despite the fact that we slipped to the bottom of the table following a 0-0 home draw against Newcastle, the performance was encouraging. A crowd of 10,237 saw the Town hold a Magpies side that was heading for promotion to the Premiership under one Kevin Keegan!

10 YEARS AGO

19/1/88: We were through to the Littlewoods Cup semi-final following a 2-0 home win over Bradford City in round five. A Kenilworth Road crowd of 11,022 saw Steve Foster and Mick Harford score the all-important goals.

15 YEARS AGO

22/1/83: We moved up to 18th place in the old Division One following an important 4-2 win at the home of fellow strugglers Brighton. Ricky Hill scored twice, with both Gary Stevens and Jimmy Case putting through their own net.

20 YEARS AGO

21/1/78: The Town drew 0-0 against Charlton at the Valley in front of a bored crowd of 8,267. Little did we know but this was to be manager Harry Haslam's last game in charge of the team.



Tony Thorpe opens the scoring for the Hatters midway through the first-half against Blackpool.

Thorpe is denied on this occasion by the Blackpool goalkeeper Steve Banks.

Thorpe fires in his second midway through the second-half.

Another matchball for the mantelpiece! Tony Thorpe claims his souvenir after the final whistle.



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COMMERCIAL NEWS

This afternoon we welcome THE WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY, WHITBREAD PLC, PLASMOR, CRITICAL RESEARCH and MR ANDREW WHITE as our joint matchday sponsors.

WHITBREAD have a long association with Luton Town and the town of Luton, and we welcome the various groups from their company this afternoon.

PLASMOR manufacture concrete building blocks, and have branches all over the country.

This afternoon we welcome a party from their Biggleswade branch.

CRITICAL RESEARCH are a leading telephone market research company, based in Luton.

ANDREW WHITE is here today along with his brother Michael and brother-in-law Paul Collins to celebrate his 40th birthday.

Andrew is a lifelong Luton Town supporter, and his day in the sponsors lounge has been organised as a surprise by his wife Suzanne and daughter Katie.



with **KATHY LEATHER**

Today's matchball sponsors are EPIC RECORDS.

Managing Director Rob Stringer is a lifelong Hatters supporter, and the record label represents many of the top stars in the music business. Rob himself is hoping to convert members of the Manic Street Preachers and the Lightning Seeds to Luton Town!

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.

This afternoon's Cabletel kids are: Kirsten Webber, Carly Webber, Andrew Harris, Robert Harris, Stephen Rutter, Laura Rutter, Andrew Rutter, Jason Webber, Ashley Webber, Kayleigh Gardiner, Joshua Gardiner and Carly Sayce.

RIGHT: Hatters chairman David Kohler pays a visit to box holders B&N Pipeline Services Ltd, at a recent home game.



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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, 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.



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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.

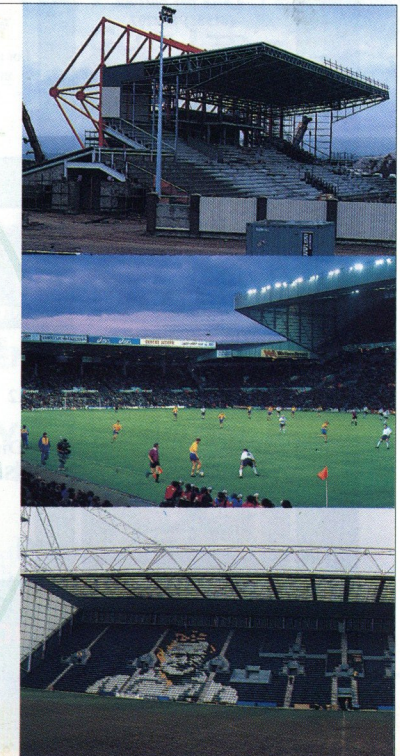
Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors, and will enable the Trust to complete its Taylor task, carry on its essential safety work and continue to grant aid football at every level. The Government's commitment to the Trust has the support of everyone who cares about our national game.



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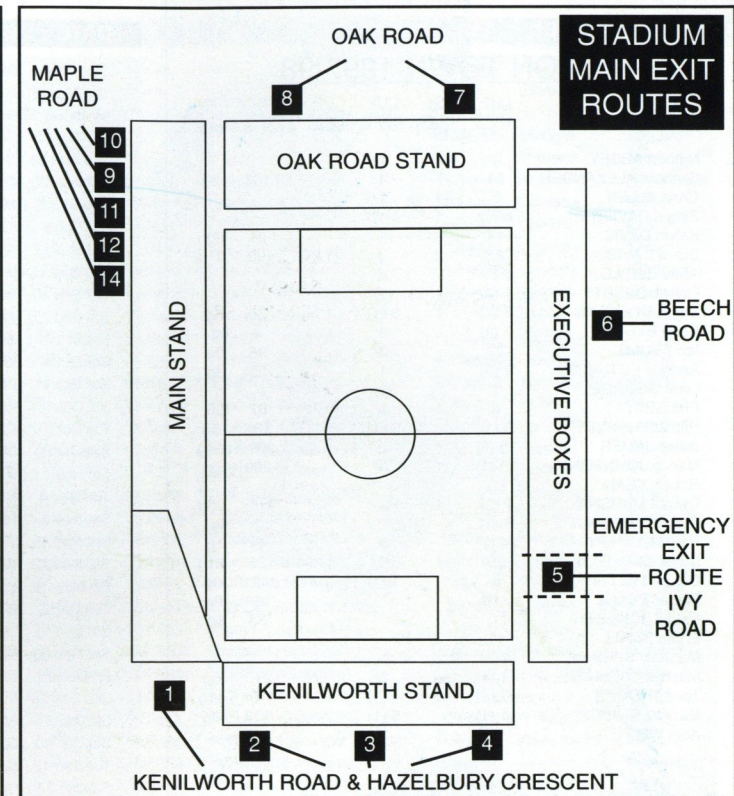
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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:

- Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the ground.
- 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.



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Darren PATTERSON	2	Steve McANESPIE
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Matt LAWRENCE
Gary WADDOCK	4	Paul TROLLOPE
Steve DAVIS	5	Chris COLEMAN
Alan WHITE	6	Alan NEILSON
Chris ALLEN	7	Neil SMITH
Matthew SPRING	8	Paul BRACEWELL
David OLDFIELD	9	Kyle LIGHTBOURNE
Tony THORPE	10	Paul PESCHISOLIDO
Graham ALEXANDER	11	Steve HAYWARD

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Today's referee is
SCOTT MATHIESON
from Stockport,
Cheshire .

Mr Mathieson is a joiner by trade, and is married with two daughters. He joined the national list of referees in 1994.

S.G.
Clingo



M.
Stobbart



4th official: K.I. Mott

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are **BOURNEMOUTH**, in Nationwide League Division Two, next Saturday, January 31, kick-off 3pm.

See page 9 for ticket details.



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