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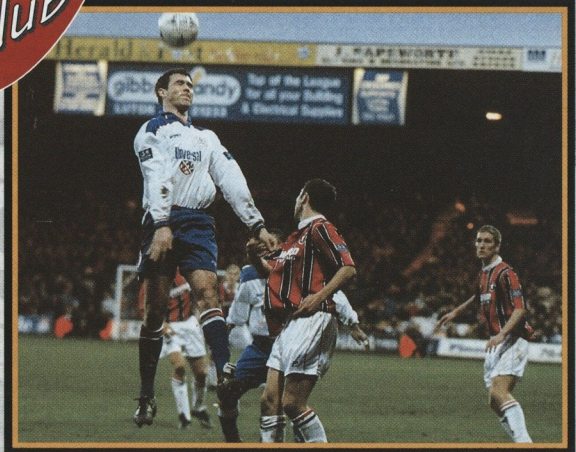
versus **Luton Town**



Tuesday 17th February 1998 Kick-off 7.45pm  
Auto Windscreens Shield - Southern Area Semi Final



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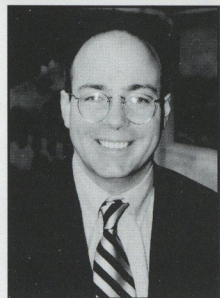
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# Chairman's Notes



*Tonight we welcome Luton Town to Dean Court in a match that will leave the winner 180 minutes from a Wembley appearance. For Luton it would not be the first occasion they had played there but for this Club, perhaps the biggest game of its history. This opportunity coming as it does so soon after our near demise brings romance to a competition oft neglected.*

I remember its predecessor's inaugural

year when we won the competition, the only year it was not staged at Wembley. The contrast tonight with a large crowd and the core of dedicated fans that turned out just over a month ago to witness our beating Leyton Orient is marked. The media coverage of late has concentrated on the fantastic football that has been played here this season. It is well known in football but not perhaps to the people of the town. To have John Bailey commit to his long-term future was another major step forward in the project to bring fresh and then continued success to this Club. After all we have been through this last year a win tonight will be for us all. I would dearly love to see us progress just for the joy it will bring to all of you, all of us who strove so forcefully to save this club.

Whilst those twin towers beckon we must keep our feet on the ground. Luton showed at their ground recently that they are a skillful side. They have spent to bring in quality players. I have great admiration for their Board and David Kohler has been part of the working committee looking at the structure of the Football League. We received wonderful hospitality up there a few weeks back, Luton have played better away from home and tonight they will be just as determined to win as we are. They will not want to disappoint their large travelling contingent. It has the makings of a cracking game.

The meeting of Football League chairman last Thursday was interesting to say the least. Nothing much was decided. The meeting lasted all day but in the afternoon the

divisions had their own 45-minute meeting. Ours was just like a typical Thursday afternoon school lesson when everyone wanted to go home. With no discernible order comments flew and then the time was up. Frankly it was a great shame.

So where next? Of the TV money that comes to the Football League 80% goes to the First Division! It transpires that about 12 teams in the First Division think they have greater pulling power than all other teams so they want a bigger share of the cake. The Football League board appear to be leaning towards either leaving things as they are or going for four divisions of 12, 20, 20 and 20. there is the suggestion of awarding an extra point for an away score draw or for winning three or more goals. The next step is for clubs to comment further. The final proposals are to be sent out for voting on at a meeting on 16th April.

What will happen? Difficult to say. Lots of talk about capping the amount a team can spend on wages to a % of turnover, prohibiting certain incentives to players and making the labour market more flexible. We maintain that throwing money at the problem is not the answer. It will not go to answer problems in football, only to increase further salary bills. I think we have one opportunity and only one to get it right. I hope we take it.

After tonight we face two tough away games. Tonight our team will give its all. They have done this town proud this season. With our support they can win tonight if so, do get behind them, enjoy the game and do come back Saturday week when Preston is our visitor.

I did receive an email this week from a supporter saying that all that is

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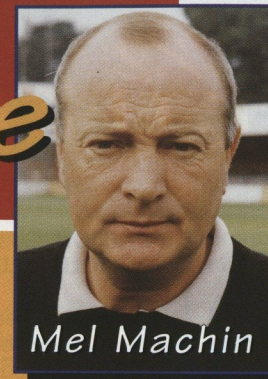
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happening now has made the last 20, 30, 40, 50 years worthwhile. They remarked that they could not remember looking forward to the next game as much as they do now since they were six. Those thoughts are echoed amongst many of you and they give us great strength going forward. Thank you.

Best Wishes

Trevor

# Mel's Message



*Welcome to Dean Court for what promises to be a memorable evening. Both ourselves and Luton are just a couple of games from Wembley so there is everything to play for. We are going into tonight's game with a reasonable run of form. You should never take Luton lightly because away from home their record is as good as anybody's. They have already taken a point from us here this season and gained a tremendous result at their neighbours Watford on Saturday. They also proved in the recent match against us, despite the result, that they are not a bad side. I think they will get out of trouble and I really hope they do because they are a good footballing side.*

## BIG GAME

Tonight is a big game for us and it's also a very big game for them. We would like to think that they will just concentrate on getting themselves out of trouble, but with such a prize at stake we will have no such luck! This competition gives a great opportunity to the players in Divisions Two and Three to play at Wembley and this may be their only chance. The dream is possible and it would be good for everybody in the area after what has happened here. We have received unbelievable support from the people who follow this club from afar and if we were to be successful it would give them the opportunity to get out of their armchairs and join in with us. Make no mistake though, we have a massive hurdle to overcome this evening because Luton are very difficult opponents.

## TAKE GREAT HEART

We can take great heart from our performance against Chesterfield on Saturday. Our formation was disrupted when Jamie Vincent went off but Christer Warren did extremely well when he dropped back into his position. His defensive qualities have improved greatly since he came to us and I certainly wasn't worried when he had to move back. It took away some of our attacking options, Jamie Vincent and Christer Warren have linked up extremely well lately in the same way that John Bailey and Neil Young link together, giving us attacking options from both sides.

## PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE

It was a great result and a good professional performance against Chesterfield and it keeps us

nice placed in the table. I thought we were excellent in the first half and deserved to be two up at the break. Defensively we were very strong again, particularly in the second half. We have now conceded just three goals in 1998 and that gives

you a very solid base to build from. Everybody though is contributing to the good run we are in, we have a defence who are keeping goals against to an absolute minimum, a midfield who can support both defence and attack and a forward line who are finding the net regularly enough to help gain three points.

## WE ARE CAPABLE

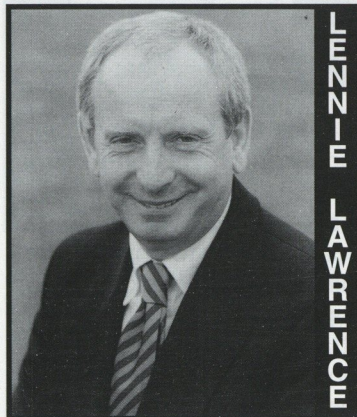
We will need to combine all of our strengths tonight if we are to progress in the competition. It goes without saying that the lads need your help too - you have always given the team your full backing and I know that I can rely on you again tonight. It will be very tough, but we know we are capable of success if we play to our strengths and believe in ourselves.

Enjoy the match and thanks for your support.



# Pen Pictures

**MANAGER**  
**NAME:** Lennie Lawrence



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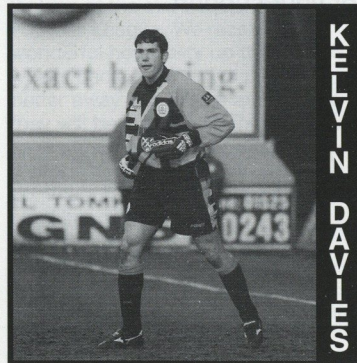
Croydon, Carshalton, Sutton

**PREVIOUS CLUBS AS**

**MANAGER:** Plymouth, Lincoln, Charlton, Middlesbrough, Bradford

**FACTS:** Highly experienced manager who has had a difficult year at Luton due to injuries meaning that his team selections are disrupted nearly every week. He led his side to a recent run of good results, including four consecutive wins, and that has eased the pressure and lifted the side out of the bottom four. He has a fine reputation as a coach and his skills are sure to clear Luton away from trouble this season.

**NAME:** Kelvin Davies



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**POSITION:** Goalkeeper  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Torquay (loan)

**FACTS:** Goalkeeper who has recently regained his place in the side and played against Bournemouth in both league matches this season. Kelvin served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road, turning professional in 1994. A keeper of great potential, he has represented England at Under-21 level.

**NAME:** Ian Feuer  
**POSITION:** Goalkeeper  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Los Angeles Salsa, West Ham, Peterborough (loan)

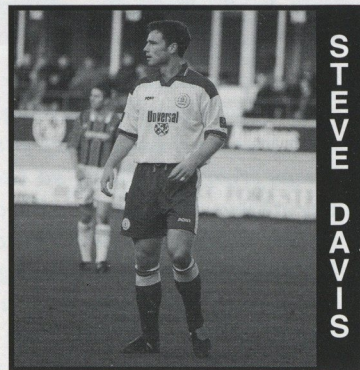
**FACTS:** Giant goalkeeper who after being ever present last season, has had some serious competition for the number one shirt this campaign. Recently displaced by Kelvin Davies, this keeper is certainly ready to take his place back in the side if called upon.

**NAME:** Darren Patterson  
**POSITION:** Defender  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** West Bromwich Albion, Wigan, Crystal Palace, Preston (loan)

**FACTS:** Strong tackling defender who joined the club from Crystal Palace in 1995 for a £100,000 fee. Darren has appeared for Northern Ireland at all levels though he has had to fight his way back into the side at Luton, making his first appearance this season at home to Bristol Rovers in December.

**NAME:** Steve Davis  
**POSITION:** Defender  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Southampton, Burnley, Notts County (loan)  
**FACTS:** Good in the air and a rock at the back, Steve is a truly outstanding player at Kenilworth Road and as well as his defensive duties, he certainly

knows where the goal is after being the clubs second highest scorer last season and scored the Hatters consolation goal in the recent 2-1 defeat at Wrexham.



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**NAME:** Mitchell Thomas  
**POSITION:** Defender  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Luton, Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United

**FACTS:** Highly experienced defender who has just passed the 275 mark for senior appearances for The Hatters. He also made in excess of 200 appearances during spells at Spurs and West Ham. Injuries have seen him miss a large part of this season, but now he is fit again, he is a tremendous asset to his home town club. He missed the recent league match against the Cherries due to suspension but is available again for selection tonight.

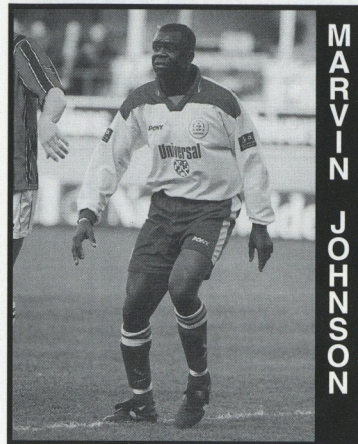
**NAME:** Richard Harvey  
**POSITION:** Defender  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Blackpool (loan)

**FACTS:** Hard working, strong tackling and dependable defender who has had to battle back from injury to add to an impressive appearance tally for Luton. His recent appearance at Fulham in the last round of the competition was only his third full appearance of the season. He has now been at Luton as a professional for over eleven years and won international honours for England as a schoolboy.

**NAME:** Gary Waddock  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** QPR,

Charlroei, Millwall, QPR, Swindon (loan), Bristol Rovers  
**FACTS:** Midfielder who can perform equally as well at the back displaying tenacity and ball winning skills. He has represented the Republic of Ireland at every level and has been a regular all season for the Hatters and should pass the 150 appearance mark by the end of the season.

**NAME:** Marvin Johnson



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**POSITION:** Defender  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**FACTS:** Experienced defender who has now served the Hatters for over 11 years since coming through the ranks in 1987. Good in the air and solid at the back, his season has been disrupted by injuries as he fast approaches his 300th senior appearance for the club. Dangerous from set pieces as he proved against the Cherries in the recent match at Kenilworth Road when he scored the Luton goal and found the net again on Saturday at Watford.

**NAME:** Graham Alexander  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Scunthorpe  
**FACTS:** Hard working midfielder who joined Luton in 1995 from Scunthorpe. After missing part of this season through injury, he has come back well and has found the net on regular occasions including a brace in the 2-1 win at Southend. He made his 100th appearance for Luton at Oldham and scored their consolation goal in the 2-1 defeat.

**NAME:** Paul McLaren  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**FACTS:** Neat and methodical midfielder who is currently enjoying his best campaign since turning professional in 1994. An outstanding prospect who shows excellent ball control and movement.

**NAME:** Simon Davies  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Manchester United, Exeter (loan), Huddersfield (loan)  
**FACTS:** A highly rated midfielder who moved to Kenilworth Road from Manchester United earlier this season. He was a team mate of Mark Rawlinson, Chris Casper, Graeme Tomlinson and Paul Teather. He made his Luton debut at Blackpool on the opening day of the season and came on as a second half substitute in the recent game at Kenilworth Road.

**NAME:** Sean Evers  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**FACTS:** Young Hitchin-born midfielder who turned professional with the Hatters in the summer of 1996. He has made steady progress since then and is a valuable squad member who has been involved in the first team set up in recent weeks. A good provider, he is also a hard tackling ball winner.

**NAME:** Chris Allen  
**POSITION:** Midfield  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Oxford United, Nottingham Forest  
**FACTS:** Highly rated winger who is currently on loan from Nottingham Forest. He made his Luton debut in the 2-1 win at York and scored his first goal in the 4-2 defeat against Bristol Rovers. Just 26-years-old, Chris has over 200 senior appearances behind him and he is proving to be a great asset to Town.

**NAME:** David Oldfield  
**POSITION:** Forward  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Luton, Manchester City, Leicester, Millwall (loan)  
**FACTS:** Forward who tends to

play behind the forward line and has an excellent eye for goal as he has proved regularly this season. An experienced player who can name Mel Machin as one of his managers. The recent match against the Cherries was his 419 senior appearance in a professional career that started at Luton in 1986.

**NAME:** Tony Thorpe  
**POSITION:** Forward  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Leicester  
**FACTS:** After playing as an attacking midfielder, Tony 'came of age' when he reverted to an out and out striker and Luton benefited from this last season as he grabbed 31 goals, including both in the Hatters 2-0 win over Bournemouth at Kenilworth Road. He had already scored three goals in the opening six matches this season when he sustained an injury, forcing him to miss the match at Dean Court in September. He showed remarkable recovery powers coming back after a few weeks and scored at West Bromwich in the Coca Cola Cup coming on as a substitute. He has started to hit top form again in recent weeks as Blackpool found out when he grabbed a hat trick against them. Always a danger to opposition and certainly a player to watch. It was his last minute goal at Fulham that earned Luton the tie at Bournemouth tonight.

**NAME:** Dwight Marshall  
**POSITION:** Forward  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Grays, Plymouth, Middlesbrough (loan)  
**FACTS:** Jamaican-born forward who came on as a second half substitute in the recent meeting and scored his only league goal of the season here at Dean Court when the two sides drew 1-1. He scored his second goal of the season recently in the last round of the AWS in the 2-1 win at Fulham. Most of his appearances this season have come as substitute and this crowd favourite can certainly liven up games and unsettle defences when he comes on with his pace and ability to attack from wide positions.



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# Cox's Dream



*Head down and feet on the ground. That is Ian Cox when you talk about this seasons Auto Windscreens competition. The mere thought of Ian leading the Cherries to the final of this competition is almost frightening to all of us, but as he knows, this season has to be one of the best chances that Bournemouth will ever get to play at the famous twin towers.*

### TAKING NOTICE

Ian recognises that the Auto Windscreens Shield will always fail to capture the imagination during the early rounds, but now with what lies around the corner he knows tonight that thoughts on the league go out of the window as it's 100% concentration on the AWS, "In the early rounds, it's only the sides lower down in the league who tend to take the competition seriously because sides near the top have league matters on their minds or the bigger cups if they are still involved. The Auto Windscreens Shield is not as prestigious as other cup competitions, but we've approached the games against Leyton Orient and Bristol City in the proper manner and we're now at a stage that is starting to capture the imagination. People sit up to attention at this stage."

### FOOTBALLERS DREAM

For pure emotion, just ask Ian what getting to the final stage of the competition would mean to him, "When you look at tonight's game, you realise you aren't too far away from fulfilling any professional footballers dream. You can almost taste it and you never know if you are ever going to get as close to that dream again. This could be a once in a lifetime situation."

### UNBELIEVABLE

With Ian and his family now firmly settled in Bournemouth and a new contract safely secured, he can focus completely on the Cherries

and is determined to make history as captain of the side, "Believe me, as Club Captain the proudest moment that I could ever imagine would be to lead Bournemouth out in a cup final. From a personal point of view, it would be unbelievable, particularly when you consider what has happened at the club since I've been here. It would be out of this world for everyone involved with the club."

### DETERMINATION

The trophy that we are playing for tonight has been much maligned and certainly in years gone past you could question whether players and supporters of clubs really showed the right commitment to the competition. For the present bunch of Cherries, it doesn't matter who or what we are playing in - the determination is there to win every game and as Ian explains, that could be the key to success this season, "When we go out, we have the same determination to win all our games no matter who we are playing or what competition it's in. It could be a friendly, a run of the mill, or a really important game, we'll approach every one in the same way - with determination to go out and win the game. We don't want to do it any other way. Being so close now to the final, it makes it all that more intriguing so we'll have even more determination to win."

### ONE OFF

The opponents tonight may be

struggling in the league and the Cherries can draw encouragement from the recent 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road, but Ian knows that tonight is a one off when anything can happen. Luton are a quality side and it has been a very disappointing season for them in the league and the Auto Windscreens Shield offers the Hatters an opportunity to gain something from the season - and Ian recognises the threat they pose, "The game at Luton will mean nothing. Tonight will be a totally different game. They will come down here with the same sort of feeling as us. They too are not too far away from Wembley so it's going to be a totally different game and I imagine very tough. It should be close as it was at Luton but I don't think there will be as many goals."

### LUTON IMPRESS

Despite winning 2-1 at Luton, Ian certainly has plenty of praise for the Bedfordshire club and believes that they are occupying a false position in the league, "To be fair, I thought they were a decent outfit and they were a little bit unlucky. When things aren't going well for you that's it and it's not going for them at the moment. They weren't afraid to shoot from anywhere and they were always pulling the trigger. They get the ball down and try to play football. When you are in the doldrums at the wrong end of the league it's sometimes difficult to get out of the rut you're in. They've proved in cup games they are OK when they won at Fulham in the last round that was no mean feat."

### PERFECT END

With our recent excellent league form and our progression in the AWS, the season could finish by being one of the more memorable in the clubs history. There is a long way to go before any sort of success can be achieved, but it's ticking along nicely at the moment. As players, personal pride means they want success, but in their hearts, the Bournemouth players want success for the people who deserve it most and for Ian - success either in the AWS or the league would be a fitting climax to the campaign - "It would be a perfect end to the season, not just for me and the team but for the supporters after what they have had to endure recently. It would be a nice way to say 'Thanks' to everyone, for their patience and support when the club needed it."



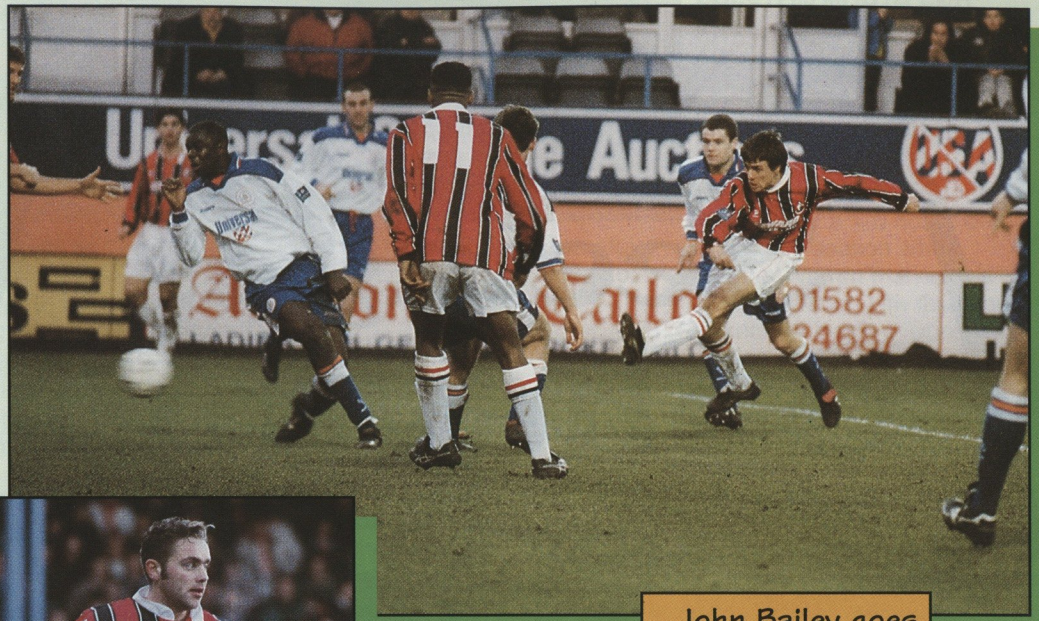
# Action from Luton Town v AFC Bournemouth

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Steve Fletcher bursts through to make it 2-0 to Bournemouth



John O'Neill and Steve Robinson congratulate Fletch on his strike



John Bailey goes close with this second half effort

Neil Young looks for options



Fletch ready and waiting



John Bailey gets past his marker



Briss is denied by a defensive header





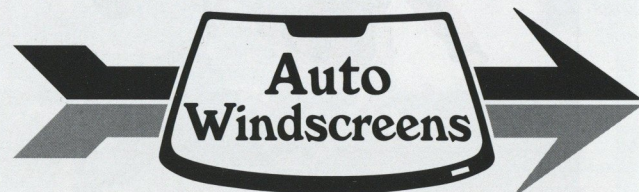


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## The Road to Tonight THE CHERRIES Round One Bye

Round Two 6-1-98 LEYTON ORIENT H 2-0  
(Fletcher, Robinson)  
Quarter Final 27-1-98 BRISTOL CITY H 1-0 (Vincent)

## THE HATTERS Round One Bye

Round Two 13-1-98 BRENTFORD H 2-1  
(Oldfield, Thorpe)  
Quarter Final 27-1-98 Fulham A 2-1 (Marshall, Thorpe)

## AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD AREA SEMI-FINALS (All matches being played tonight)

### Southern Section

AFC Bournemouth v Luton Town  
Peterborough United v Walsall

### Northern Section

Burnley v Preston North End  
Grimsby Town v Blackpool

If tonight's match is a draw after 90 minutes, then an extra time period of a maximum of 30 minutes will be played with the first team to score the winners. If it is still a draw after 30 minutes, then the tie will be decided on penalties. The winning side will play either Peterborough or Walsall in a two legged southern area final with the first leg to be played the week commencing 9 March 1998 and the second leg the week commencing 16 March 1998.

The side who wins those legs will play the winners of the northern area final at Wembley on 19 April 1998. If the Cherries reach that stage then that game will replace the scheduled match at Watford

and if Luton are the successful club, then their game at Bristol Rovers will be postponed.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

**Saturday 21 February 1998, Nationwide League Division Two**

**GRIMSBY TOWN v AFC BOURNEMOUTH  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.**

The Cherries make the long trip to Cleethorpes on Saturday hoping to gain revenge for a single goal defeat at Dean Court earlier this season. Full travel details appeared in Saturday's programme. The AFC Bournemouth Travel Club are leaving Dean Court at 7.00 a.m. and the cost is £19 Members and £21 Non-Members.

**Tuesday 24 February 1998, Nationwide League Division Two**

**FULHAM v AFC BOURNEMOUTH Kick-off 7.45 p.m.**

Or "Kevin Keegan's Fulham" as they are now known!! Fulham are looking good for a play-off place this season while the Cherries will be looking to complete the double over Fulham after two Ian Cox goals helped Bournemouth to a 2-1 win at Dean Court in October.

Full travel details can be found in the Chesterfield programme. The AFC Bournemouth Travel Club are now taking bookings in the Club Shop for this trip. Leaving at 3.00 p.m., the cost is £7.50 for Members and £9.50 for Non-Members.

**Saturday 28 February 1998, Nationwide League Division Two  
AFC BOURNEMOUTH v**

## PRESTON NORTH END Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

After two trips, it's back to a home fixture when Preston are the visitors. Preston have failed to make much impact on the league this season but will travel south looking to gain revenge for a 1-0 home defeat earlier this season when Christer Warren marked his Cherries debut with the winner. Tickets for home supporters seating areas for this match go on sale in the Club Shop from Monday 23 February to Friday 27 February 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., Matchday 10.00 a.m. - kick-off.

## RESERVE TEAM NEWS

The Cherries reserves team are playing rather familiar opponents here at Dean Court tomorrow afternoon when Bristol City travel down for a South West Trophy match. The game kicks off at 2.00 p.m. and admission is free.

## SOUTH WEST TROPHY FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Thur 15 Jan A Swansea 1-1 (Jody Jenkins)  
Wed 28 Jan A Plymouth 2-4 (Town 2)  
Wed 4 Feb H SWANSEA 1-0 (Town)  
Wed 11 Feb H BRISTOL ROVERS 0-2  
Wed 18 Feb H BRISTOL CITY  
Wed 25 Feb H EXETER CITY  
Wed 4 Mar H PLYMOUTH  
Wed 11 Mar A Bristol Rovers  
Wed 18 Mar A Bristol City  
Tue 24 Mar A Exeter City





## YOUTH TEAM MATCH REARRANGED

The Youth team's scheduled home match on Saturday 21 February 1998 against Barnet has now been rearranged and will be played on Friday 20 February at Chapel Gate, kicking off at 2.00 p.m.

## HELPING HAND VISIT

For the recent match against Bristol City, AFC Bournemouth Community Club were delighted to offer the use of the Community Executive Box to the Helping Hands Group. Our guests enjoyed a wonderful day with us and we were delighted to receive the following letter.

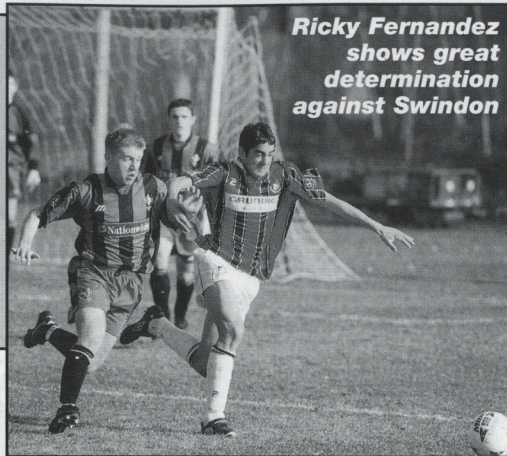
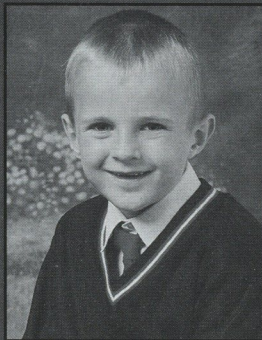
"I have written to thank you for giving the sons and daughters of the Helping Hands Group such a wonderful time at the recent Bristol City match. When my son David arrived home with his girl friend Debra and some of the others to celebrate with a birthday tea they were just overwhelmed with excitement and pride. It was Debra's birthday and she is mad about football, so it was a great treat to bring others from Sea-View and Forest-View centres to share her day. Paul, John, Howard, two Alison's, Elizabeth and two carers were shown in to a 'very posh room' which greatly impressed them all so much.

It was the icing on the cake that the Cherries won of course, but I would particularly like to thank everyone concerned for their kindness in making such an unforgettable day for our young folk. None of them will ever stop talking about it all - I have never seen such an excited bunch! If there was a gold star for community relations and caring people - you would be awarded one.

Very gratefully yours,  
Myra Greenall  
(Mencap)"

## MEET THE MASCOT

**NAME:** Michael Johnston  
**AGE:** 9  
**HOME:** Moordown, Bournemouth  
**SCHOOL:** Moordown St. Johns  
**FAMILY:** Mum, Dad and brother Robert (15)  
**INTERESTS:** Football, Michael plays for Littledown Juniors, Redhill Rangers Under 9's and St. John School Team Under 9's and Under 10's  
**FAVOURATE PLAYER:** John Bailey



Ricky Fernandez shows great determination against Swindon

## ENGLAND TRIPS

The AFC Bournemouth Travel Club have some more very exciting trips to Wembley for England's World Cup warm up.

22 April England v Portugal

23 May England v Saudi Arabia

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## SPRING DRAW TICKETS ON SALE

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# Stats

## DATE OPPONENTS SCORE ATT

Aug 9	Northampton	A	2-0	6,384
Aug 12	Torquay United CCC 1 (1)	H	0-1	3,215
Aug 16	Wigan Athletic	H	1-0	4,246
Aug 23	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2	4,986
Aug 26	Torquay United CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	2,278
Aug 30	Blackpool	H	2-0	4,196
Sep 2	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	5,550
Sep 5	Gillingham	A	1-2	5,168
Sep 13	Luton Town	H	1-1	4,561
Sep 20	Bristol City	A	1-1	8,330
Sep 27	Grimsby Town	H	0-1	3,712
Oct 4	Chesterfield	A	1-1	4,482
Oct 11	Preston North End	A	1-0	8,531
Oct 18	Fulham	H	2-1	7,603
Oct 21	Millwall	H	0-0	4,752
Oct 25	Burnley	A	2-2	9,501
Nov 1	Brentford	H	0-0	4,772
Nov 4	Wrexham	A	1-2	2,462
Nov 8	Plymouth	A	0-3	5,067
Nov 15	Heybridge Swifts (FAC1)	H	3-0	3,385
Nov 18	Southend United	H	2-1	3,019
Nov 22	Carlisle United	H	3-2	3,709
Nov 29	Wycombe	A	1-1	4,340
Dec 2	York City	H	0-0	3,365
Dec 7	Bristol City (FAC2)	H	3-1	5,687
Dec 13	Walsall	A	1-2	3,548
Dec 20	Watford	H	0-1	6,231
Dec 26	Gillingham	H	4-0	5,672
Dec 28	Bristol Rovers	A	3-5	7,256
Jan 6	Leyton Orient (AWS2)	H	2-0	1,732
Jan 10	Northampton	H	3-0	4,257
Jan 13	Huddersfield (FAC3)	H	0-1	7,385
Jan 17	Blackpool	A	0-1	4,550
Jan 24	Oldham	H	0-0	4,079
Jan 27	Bristol City (AWS QF)	H	1-0	2,124
Jan 31	Luton Town	A	2-1	5,466
Feb 7	Bristol City	H	1-0	6,623
Feb 14	Chesterfield	H	2-0	4,271
Feb 17	Luton Town (AWS SF)	H		
Feb 21	Grimsby Town	A		
Feb 24	Fulham	A		
Feb 28	Preston North End	H		
Mar 3	Plymouth	H		
Mar 7	Brentford	A		
Mar 14	Wrexham	H		
Mar 17	Wigan Athletic	A		
Mar 21	Southend	A		
Mar 28	Carlisle	A		
Apr 4	Wycombe	H		
Apr 11	York City	A		
Apr 14	Walsall	H		
Apr 18	Watford	A		
Apr 25	Burnley	H		
May 2	Millwall	A		

## League Table Nationwide League Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	31	19	8	4	46	23	65
Bristol City	32	18	7	7	54	27	61
Northampton	32	13	12	7	38	27	51
Oldham Athletic	31	12	12	7	44	32	48
Grimsby Town	29	13	9	7	40	24	48
Fulham	31	13	9	9	40	29	48
Bristol Rovers	31	13	8	10	45	45	47
AFC Bournemouth	31	12	10	9	39	32	46
Gillingham	31	12	9	10	40	39	45
Wrexham	30	11	11	8	36	35	44
Blackpool	32	12	7	13	42	48	43
York City	31	10	12	9	37	39	42
Chesterfield	32	9	14	9	28	29	41
Wycombe	32	9	12	11	37	42	39
Millwall	30	11	6	13	33	39	39
Walsall	29	10	8	11	32	34	38
Wigan	30	10	6	14	43	47	36
Preston North End	31	9	8	14	36	37	35
Burnley	31	8	9	14	37	43	33
Luton	31	8	9	14	37	49	33
Plymouth	31	7	11	13	38	46	32
Brentford	32	7	11	14	32	51	32
Carlisle	31	8	7	16	40	49	31
Southend	32	7	7	18	31	60	28

## Player Stats

	Appearances				Goals					
	League	CCC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	CCC	FAC	AWS	Total
	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Apps	Goals	Goals	Goals	Goals	Goals
John Bailey	17(2)	2	1(1)	1	21(3)	0	0	0	0	0
Russell Beardsmore	19	1	2	0	22	1	0	1	0	2
Jason Brissett	6(11)	(2)	1	1(1)	8(14)	1	0	0	0	1
Ian Cox	31	2	3	2	38	3	0	0	0	3
Mike Dean	(2)	0	0	1	1(2)	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Fletcher	29	2	3	2	36	7	0	1	1	9
Jimmy Glass	31	2	3	2	38	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Harrington	4(4)	(1)	1(1)	0	5(6)	0	0	0	0	0
James Hayter	(3)	0	0	(1)	(4)	0	0	0	0	0
Eddie Howe	22(5)	1(1)	3	2	28(6)	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Jones	5	0	0	1	6	4	0	0	0	4
Robert Murray	(4)	(1)	(1)	0	(6)	0	0	0	0	0
John O'Neill	27(3)	2	3	1(1)	33(4)	2	0	1	0	3
Mark Rawlinson	14(7)	2	1(1)	0	17(8)	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Robinson	31	2	3	2	38	8	0	2	1	11
Franck Rolling	14(4)	2	(2)	0	16(6)	2	1	0	0	3
Paul Teather	4(3)	0	0	1(1)	5(4)	0	0	0	0	0
Graeme Tomlinson	6(1)	0	0	0	6(1)	1	0	0	0	1
David Town	(3)	(1)	0	0	(4)	0	0	0	0	0
Christer Warren	20(1)	0	3	2	25(1)	5	0	0	0	5
Jamie Vincent	30	2	3	2	37	2	0	0	1	3
Neil Young	31	2	3	2	38	2	0	0	0	2



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# Nostalgia

## THIRD TIME TONIGHT

*Since the Associate Members Cup was first played for in the 1983-84 season, the Cherries have reached this stage just twice. The first time was in the inaugural season when similar to this season, the Cherries were handed a series of home ties and beat Bristol Rovers 1-0 at Dean Court thanks to a Robbie Savage penalty. That season of course the Cherries went on to lift the trophy - but not at Wembley - at Hull City's, Boothferry Park!*

## BIGGER PRIZE

The competition took on far more meaning the next season as it was announced that the final would be at Wembley. The competition was played with a two legged first round with the four highest scoring losers also going through. The Cherries didn't need that route though as after they lost 2-1 at Plymouth, they wrapped up the tie with a 2-0 home win, Colin Russell scoring both Cherries goals. In the second round Bournemouth faced a Torquay side at Dean Court who's entire defence were ex-Bournemouth players! John Beck found a way past them twice in the first half as Bournemouth eased through to the Southern Area Quarter Finals 2-1. Again the side recorded a 2-1 win, this time over Walsall and with a home draw against Brentford in the semi finals, the possibilities of retaining the trophy only this time at a more illustrious venue was looking more likely.

## BEE'S THE VISITORS

The opponents for the semi final on 30 April 1985 were Brentford. They had reached that stage by beating Reading, Cambridge United and Swansea. The Bee's were lying 15th in the Third Division table and the Cherries were 9th. The sides had met in a league match just 10 days before at Dean Court and had cancelled each other out in a 0-0 draw and the drama that unfolded on a warm spring evening certainly

couldn't have been predicted. The other southern area semi final was to be contested between Orient and Newport County so it would seem that whoever won the clash at Dean Court would stand an excellent chance of reaching the twin towers.

## STALEMATE

The official attendance of 4,657 was far larger than the average at Dean Court that season and it also seemed a much larger crowd inside the ground. The sides lined up with; **AFC BOURNEMOUTH:** Smeulders, Nightingale, Savage, Beck, Lewis, Graham, O'Driscoll, Russell, Rafferty, Thompson, Morrell. **BRENTFORD:** Phillips, Salman, Murray, Millen, Wignall, Hurlock, Bullivant, Cooke, Booker, Kamara, Roberts. Both sides failed to create any meaningful opening in the first half and like the recent league match, the opening 45 minutes ended in stalemate and no-one could have predicted just what would happen in the second half.

## GOALS FLYING IN

Brentford finally made the breakthrough on the hour through Robbie Cooke and moments after that goal, it seemed that the Cherries were going out of the competition when the same player made it two. This sparked off a series of frantic attacks by the Cherries and Ian Thompson soon reduced the deficit. As the Cherries

sought an equaliser, the side gained a hotly disputed penalty which was superbly despatched by Milton Graham. With the game now swung the Cherries way, the side went in for the kill but almost immediately they were caught on the break by Brentford and Chris Kamara punished a lapse in concentration and put the Bee's back into the lead.

## CHERRIES OUT

Bournemouth desperately searched for an equaliser and nearly earned it when Milton Graham dived headlong to the ball, forgetting the pairs of Brentford boots lying between his head and the ball! Somehow he reached the ball but was denied by a brilliant reaction save from Phillips. For his trouble, Graham was carried off, not surprisingly with concussion and his replacement Mark Schiavi couldn't inspire another comeback and the Cherries were out of the competition.

## BEE'S SUCCESS

Brentford went on to beat Newport County 6-0 at Griffin Park in the Southern final and lost 3-1 to Wigan at Wembley. Success for the Cherries in the competition has eluded us since those early days and now would seem to be an ideal time to once again succeed at this stage. Luton meanwhile can look back at just one season in the competition last year when they were knocked out at Northampton. They did find success though in this competition's former sister tournament, the Full Members Cup (Simod Cup), when they reached the Wembley final in 1988, although they lost to Reading on the big stage. Apart from recent visits to Wembley for the League Cup finals, the Hatters also played at Britain's premier venue in 1994 when they met Chelsea in the FA Cup semi final. They lost that as well mainly due to former Cherry Gavin Peacock who scored both goals in Chelsea's 2-0 win. Luton have played at the Twin Towers whilst the Cherries were a year too early to play there. The visitors will obviously want to go back whilst Bournemouth want to sample just what it's like to go there. The tension is bound to be high this evening - just like it was in April 1985!





# TEAM LINE-UPS



## AFC BOURNEMOUTH

## LUTON TOWN

Jimmy Glass



Kelvin Davies

Neil Young



Darren Patterson

Mark Rawlinson



Mitchell Thomas

Franck Rolling



Gary Waddock

Ian Cox



Alan White

John Bailey



Marvin Johnson

John O'Neill



Chris Allen

Steve Robinson



Paul McLaren

Christer Warren



David Oldfield

Steve Fletcher



Tony Thorpe

Jason Brissett



Graham Alexander



### MATCH OFFICIALS

#### REFEREE

**NAME:** Clive Wilkes (Gloucester) **OCCUPATION:** Car Trader

**FACTS:** Clive started his refereeing in 1974 and progressed through the Gloucestershire League and the West Midlands League and was appointed to the Football League as a Referee in 1990. He has taken charge of many important matches in his career including the 1995 Division Two play-off final and was reserve official for last season's Division One play-off final. In his spare time his interests include conservation, martial arts and all sports.

**ASSISTANT REFEREE'S:** P Armstrong (Thatcham) Red and Yellow Flag, L Baker (Watchet, Somerset) Yellow Flag

**RESERVE OFFICIAL:** R Mitchell

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