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v GRIMSBY TOWN

From the manager's chair

TODAY we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Grimsby Town to Kenilworth Road.

Grimsby are currently enjoying an excellent run of results and are probably the best team in the second division on current

We have played Bristol City and Watford in recent weeks, and obtained draws against both of them, although they were both below par at the time.

But today will be an unusual test for us, playing an in-form, attractive, footballing side who probably won't sit back and defend in numbers and play on the break like most sides who have visited us this season - albeit to good effect.

Grimsby come here off the back of a successful trip to **Burnley on Tuesday night in** the northern final of the Auto Windscreens Shield. which saw them qualify for a Wembley final next month against Bournemouth.

Indeed our only possible advantage is that we have had two free midweeks over the last fortnight. whilst Grimsby have played two legs of the Auto Windscreens Final.

They also have a number of league games still to play, including a rearranged league game against us at Blundell Park on April 7.



This afternoon we will need to be on top of our game, pressurise effectively, and keep our defence as solid as we have been of late.

Most of all though, we need to provide that cutting edge, the lack of which has denied us victory in recent games where we have had to settle for draws.

At the time of writing we are attempting to loan the services of an experienced player to help us in that respect, but the outcome of these negoiations is at this time not known.

In any event all the players in the team need to take on the responsibility of getting goals when they find themsleves in scoring situations.

On the selection front, there was good news at

Burnley as Julian James made an excellent comeback after three months out, and he will be able to take his place again at right-back today.

This will enable Graham Alexander, who missed the trip to Turf Moor through suspension, to resume in midfield.

The squad is slowly returning to a largely injuryfree situation, as Marvin Johnson is back in training and should feature in the reserves against Tottenham on Wednesday.

The same can also be said of Paul Showler who has been out a deal longer.

Congratulations are in order for a number of players who have received international call-ups, with Darren Patterson called up for Northern Ireland - Phil Gray is on standby - and Sean Evers (Under 21), **Liam George and Gary** Doherty (both Under 18) on duty for the Republic of Ireland.

lan Feuer was in America last weekend, and had a place on the bench for the **USA's friendly against** Paraguay.

We are now approaching a crucial time of the season, and I feel we are playing well enough as a team, and there is enough commitment and application from the players to get out of this situation.



Back-to-back wins would be a great boost and could move us a number of places up the table.

aternoon and next Saturday

ABOVE: Phil Gray gets in a second-half header for the Hatters during last week's I-I draw against **Burnley at Turf** Moor, More action on pages 16 and 17.



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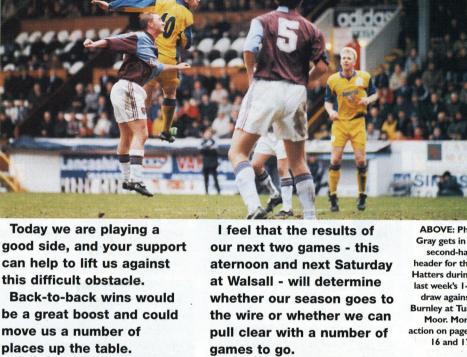
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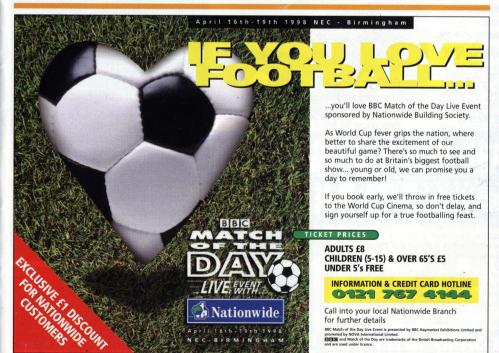
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NEWS - Tuesday night's Division Two & AWS news

Mariners heading to Wembley

THIS afternoon's opponents Grimsby Town booked their place in next month's Auto Windscreens Shield Final, with victory at Burnley on Tuesday.

After a 1-1 draw at Blundell Park in the first leg of the northern final, Alan Buckley's side won 2-0 at Turf Moor to progress 3-1 on aggregate.

Their scorers on Tuesday were Lee Nogan and Kevin Donovan.

Grimsby's opponents at the Twin Towers on Sunday, April 19, will be Bournemouth.

The Cherries, who beat Luton in the area semi-final overcame Walsall in the Southern Final by 4-3 on aggregate.

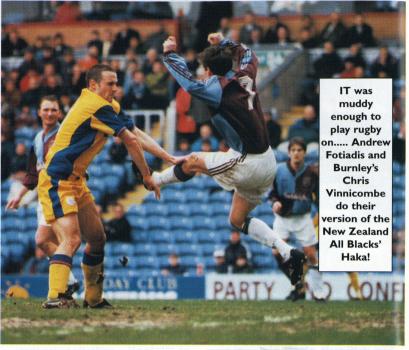
They looked set to progress comfortably after a 2-0 first leg win at the Bescot Stadium last week, but Walsall led 2-0 and 3-1 in the second leg, before Franck Rolling - who netted a late winner against the Hatters pulled one back on 84 minutes as Walsall won 3-2.

In Division Two. Watford moved back to the top after a 2-1 home win over Carlisle.

Steve Palmer and Darren Bazeley put the Hornets 2-0 in front, but there were a few anxious moments for the home side after Ian Stevens pulled one back.

Wrexham continued their good run with a 1-0 win over Millwall at the Racecourse Ground.

Neil Roberts scored the only goal



after just six minutes.

After their point at Watford on Saturday, Southend gained all three at Wigan to move them off the bottom. and put the Lancashire side back in trouble.

Two goals in two minutes midway through the first-half gave Alvin Martin's side a two-goal advantage, with Andy Thomson and Andy Rammell on the scoresheet.

David Lowe pulled one back, but the Shrimpers scrored again through David Whyte for a 3-1 win.

See page 31 for a full round-up of Saturday's Division Two action, and there's an up-to-date league table on page 46.

Pleat reunited with **Murphy at Spurs**

FORMER Hatters boss David Pleat has teamed up once again with his former assistant at Kenilworth Road Colin Murphy..... this time at Tottenham.

Pleat is now Tottenham's Director of Football, and Murphy was last week appointed the new head of Spurs'

The pair were togther at Luton for the first season of Pleat's second spell in charge here in 1991/92.

Murphy had been coaching in the Far East following his departure from Notts County.

SAFETY NOTE

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FRONT COVER: Sean Evers in action for the Hatters during last week's 1-1 draw against Burnley at Turf Moor. See page 25 for news of an international call-up for the Town youngster. (Picture: GARETH OWEN)

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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Steve Davis in action in our last home game against Wycombe. There's more action from the 0-0 draw on pages 36 and 37.

WITH one defeat in our last seven league games, we are at last becoming a difficult side to beat. However, with three points for a win, five draws and only one win is not good enough from those seven games.

I think it is fair to say we should have won at Preston, at home to Wycombe, and again at Burnley last Saturday three points were there for the taking.

As it now stands we have nine games to go, and the guicker we get to 50 points the better. It is getting very tight at the bottom and something we aren't doing regularly enough which is score at the moment, could become a deciding factor as of course, for those who don't know, it's goals scored and not goal difference that counts.

The good thing from our point of view is that we are at least creating chances, and the forwards to their credit aren't hiding and ducking responsibility. The ball for some reason just won't go into the net more than once for us in any one game.

Grimsby today will pose a difficult hurdle to overcome as

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WITH transfer deadline day looming, keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on Luton Town ClubCall.

It's one of the busiest days in the football calendar, and manager Lennie Lawrence has talked about the possibility of some new faces at Kenilworth Road before Thursday's deadline.

With correspondents all over the country, you can keep in touch with all the news, 24 hours a day on ClubCall, simply by ringing....

they have scored plenty of goals and haven't conceded many at the other end

As they are in the thick of the action at the right end of the table they'll be desperate for three points to keep the pressure on Bristol and the other team at the top..... their name escapes me for the moment! Having said that though, if we continue to play the way we have been, we could guite easily come away with a much needed win.

There have been a few inclusions in international squads recently for some of the lads. Sean Evers is in Eire's Under-21 squad, and Liam and Big Dozza (I think that's Gary Doherty -Ed) continue to do their stuff in Eire's Under 18s.

But it's Daz's inclusion in Northern Ireland's squad which for me gets a special mention. He's had a bad time with injuries since he's been here, but you always know when he plays you're going to get nothing less than 100 per cent from me old mucker! Back in his prefered centre-half slot he's obviously done enough to impress Big Lawrie and has a great chance to stake a claim for a regular spot with Euro 2000 qualification

Phil Gray could also find himself involved as he's on standby for the same game. There's always someone who pulls out, so I hope you've got your bags packed Tippy!

The games are running out, and as it stands before today's match we are in one of those dreaded relegation spots. But we are all very confident of pulling away from trouble, and with your support I'm sure we'll be in Division Two next season.

"Keep the faith" as one supporter said to me on Saturday

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123 Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

THIS afternoon we are pleased to welcome to Kenilworth Road a delegation from the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.

They are visiting us to look at all aspects of the operation at the football club on a matchday, and we hope they enjoy their stay.

I am now able to give you details of a number of rearranged fixtures in the Avon Insurance Combination.

This Wednesday, March 25, we play Tottenham here at Kenilworth Road with a 2pm kick-off, whilst our home game against Wimbledon will be played at Hitchin Town's Top Field ground on Monday, April 20, kick-off 7pm.

Our final home reserve match will be played on Thursday, May 7, again here at Kenilworth Road, when we entertain West Ham. Kick-off will be 2pm.

I now make it that the only outstanding reserve matches are away games at West Ham and Brighton.

We will advise you of these

From the secretary's chair



with CHERRY NEWBERY

details as soon as possible.

Please note that the above dates have not been confirmed in the reserve fixture list on page 32 - due to print deadlines.

A reminder that the South-East Counties League Cup semi-final match against Watford, takes place at Vicarage Road this Tuesday, March 24, with a 7.30pm kick-off.

Let's hope the youth team can repeat last season's FA Youth Cup win over the Hornets!

Staying with the youth team, following their win at Mirlees Blackstone, in the next round of the Eastern Junior Cup we will be making the relatively shorter trip to Bedford Town on Monday, April 6, at the New Eyrie, Meadow Lane, Cardington.

Admission details will be included in the next home match programme.

TOWN TEASER

From which club did Luton Town sign Mick Harford in 1984?

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

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Walsall v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Saturday, March 28, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only for Luton supporters. Seats only, behind the goal, at the Bescot Stadium.

Prices: £10 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, March 28, for the sale of other match tickets, between 9am and 11am).

Luton Town v York City

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Saturday, April 4, 1998, kick-off 3pm

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

Normal guesting facilities apply.

Grimsby Town v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Tuesday, April 7, 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Blundell Park.

Seats only for Luton supporters - behind goal in Osmond Stand.

Prices: £12 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens.

Gillingham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Saturday, April 11, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Terracing - Pay on the day only.

Prices: £9 adults, £7 senior citizens, and £4 juniors.

<u>Seating</u> - Very limited for Luton supporters. Tickets can be purchased from Gillingham before the day of the match, and seats are available on the day subject to availability.

Prices: £12 adults, £10 senior citizens, and £7 juniors.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, April 11, for the sale of other match tickets between 9am and 12 noon).

Travel Information

WALSALL

Bescot Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA. Tele: (01922) 22791.

Take M1 and M6 north, exiting M6 at junction 9 (s/p A461 Wednesbury). At roundabout take turning for A461 Walsall, and after 0.1 miles turn right where road divides (s/p Ring Road, Birmingham A34 and Leather Museum) into Wallows Lane. Straight through traffic lights, over bridge, and right at lights into Bescot Crescent for ground.

GRIMSBY TOWN
Blundell Park, Cleethorpes, South
Humberside, DN35 7PY.
Tele: (01472) 697111

Take M1 north, and then M18 and M180, continuing on the A180 to Grimsby. At 1st roundabout go straight on (s/p Docks, Cleethorpes A180). From here, follow signs to Cleethorpes A180 onto the Grimsby Road and to the ground, a distance of 2.7 miles. The ground is on the LHS.

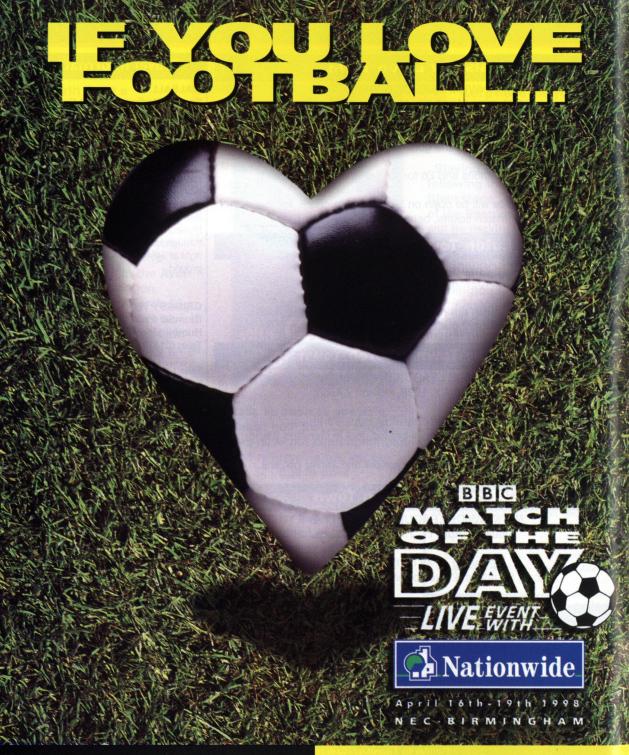
Editor's note: Directions courtesy of FOOTBALL FAN'S GUIDE, an excellent publication with directions to, and full details of, every ground in the Premiership and Football League. Copies of this seasonly updated book are available in the club shop.

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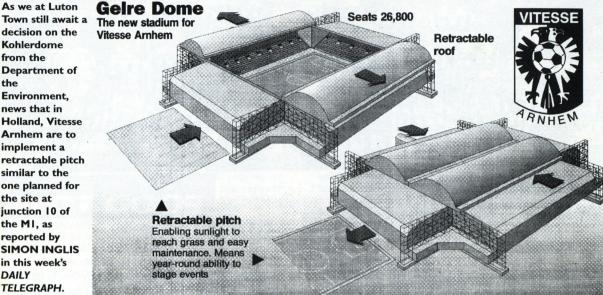
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Dutch club make the earth move

As we at Luton decision on the Kohlerdome from the Department of **Environment**, news that in Holland, Vitesse Arnhem are to implement a retractable pitch similar to the one planned for the site at iunction 10 of the MI, as reported by SIMON INGLIS in this week's DAILY TELEGRAPH.



SINCE the days of Johann Cruvff and 'total football' some of the modern game's most influential talents and ideas have sprung from Holland. But whereas the sources of innovation have usually been Amsterdam, Rotterdam or Eindhoven, next week sees the unveiling of a radical concept in the more anonymous, eastern city of

Only a few hundred vards from the spot which has hitherto provided Arnhem's principal claim to fame - 'the Bridge Too Far' where thousands of British soldiers died in a bloody offensive along the Rhine in 1944 - the Gelderland derby between Vitesse Arnhem and NEC of Nijmegen a week tomorrow will form the opening attraction of a stadium billed as the most advanced football venue in

That the £43 million, 26,800-seat Gelre Dome is laced with environmentally friendly systems for heating, cooling and energy conservation is not in itself the reason for the hype, even though the installation of solar panels and recycled plastic seats moulded from discarded garden furniture are ideas which deserve high praise.

Nor does the Gelre Dome's retractable roof represent a first. That was at the Toronto Skydome in 1989, and football's first such roof opened in 1996 at the Amsterdam Arena. Rather, the Gelre Dome's astonishing claim to originally lies in the fact that it features the world's first fully retractable pitch.

Laid inside a huge concrete tray and complete with undersoil heating, drainage and sprinklers, the 11,000 tonne pitch system will spend most of its life outside the Gelre Dome, where it can thrive on natural light and ventilation. When Vitesse are in action, or when the European Championship comes to Arnhem in two years, for hydro-electric units will provide the power to slide it slowly into the stadium through a gap under the South Stand, on Teflon pads. The process takes 31/2 hours and costs just under £1,500 per move.

All very well, sceptics are already saying but if the pitch can be taken outside, thy have a retractable roof?

Furthermore when conventional pitches can cost £350.00, why spend 10 times that on having one that moves? Why not simply

protect the pitch, as Wembley does for concerts, with a much cheaper temporary cover?

Vitesse's president and the man who has dedicated himself to the project for the last 11 years, Karel Aalbers, cites two main reasons. As a fan himself, he recognises the public's antipathy to indoor football. His design team were also acutely aware of Amsterdam Arena's problems: because the structure of the retractable roof does not admit enough light or air, even when open, the pitch has to be relaid every season.

But the real advantage of the sliding pitch is the Gelre Dome's ability to stage events all year round, without disrupting Vitesse's schedule. Hence next week's opening match will be followed by two nights each of the Spice Girls and the Back Street Boys. Every night is a 32,000 sell-out (capacity goes up when the pitch disappears), with the opera Aida scheduled to attract 20,000 in May.

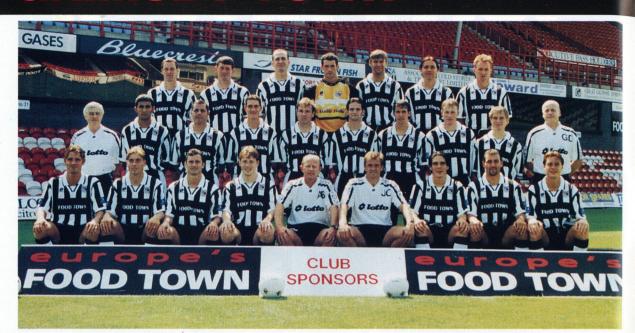
In a catchment area of 40 million people within one-hour drive, Aalbers hopes to attract up to 35 non football events per year. With a 12 million bank loan to repay within 14 years, he will need them.

For Vitesse, the move from their homely ground across the Rhine has prompted sales of 15,000 season tickets - double their average home crowd.

"Maybe you've heard about the film A bridge Too Far", says Aalbers, but otherwise, no one outside Holland knows about the region. Then I first planned this stadium, people said that maybe I'd been walking too close to a windmill and has a bash on my head. Yet now we have the world's first moving pitch. Two billion television viewers will see it during the European Championship. The promotional value of all this simply cannot be calculated.

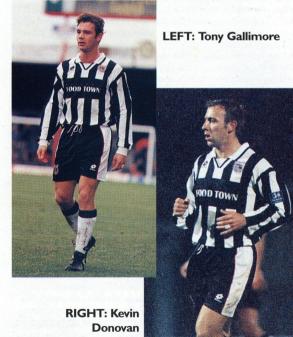
Nor can the potential impact of the pitch system. If it is a success, the implications for the stadium design could be enormous. Blackpool have long been planning such a stadium. Coventry City are already in the process of trying to follow suit and dozens more will undoubtedly flock to Arnhem. This time they will go further than the bridge.

GRIMSBY TOWN



Back row: Paul Groves, Neil Woods, Graham Rodger, Aidan Davison, Mark Lever, Peter Handyside, Steve Livingstone. Middle row: Mike Bielby (kit man), Jack Lester, Kevin Jobling, Ashley Fickling, Kingsley Black, James Brown, James Neil (now Scunthorpe), Lee Stephenson, Ben Chapman, Gerry Delahunt (physio). Front row: Tony

Gallimore, Nicky Southall (now Gillingham), John McDermott, Darren Wrack, Alan Buckley (manager), John Cockerill (assistant manager), Daryl Clare, Tommy Widdrington, Matthew Bloomer.



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Donovan doubles up to destroy Walsall

TWO goals from Kevin **Donovan helped Grimsby** rediscover their scoring touch after a poor first half to comfortably see off weak Walsall.

Striker Lee Nogan headed in Donovan's cross after 59 minutes, and eight minutes later Donovan tapped in from close range after Walsall keeper James Walker failed to hold Nogan's cross.

Donovan grabbed his second in the final minute as Grimsby finished strongly in a revived second-half performance boosted by Jack Lester's arrival to provide extra punch.

Donovan admitted the players were aiming for a double of promotion and a place at Wembley in the

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY! Reaction from Grimsby's 3-0 defeat of Walsall last Saturday, as reported in the SUNDAY EXPRESS

Auto Windscreens Shield. The win over Walsall put

them third, and they play Burnley in the second leg of the Northern Final on Tuesday after drawing the first game 1-1.

Donovan said: "We just want to keep winning and keep up our promotion push, and it would be great to go to Wembley as well."

Alan Buckley's side are the best placed to take advantage of any slip up by the top two - Bristol City and Watford.

After Saturday's games they were nine points behind, but with two games in hand.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

KINGSLEY BLACK - His first season at Blundell Park, having signed from Nottingham Forest, was badly interrupted by injury just prior to Christmas and the Northern Ireland international did not have the opportunity to assist the Mariners' relegation fight, Joined Forest from Luton for £1.5 million in 1991, and of course needs no introduction to Town fans. Can it really be 10 years since he burst onto the scene in the Littlewoods Cup Final?

DANNY BUTTERFIELD - England Under-18 player who came through the youth ranks at Blundell Park after being released from Leicester as a schoolboy. Made his debut in September 1997 at right-back, but has also played in midfield.

DARYL CLARE - Jersey-born forward who made the most of his opportunity in the first team before Christmas to become a squad regular after some excellent performances in the reserves.

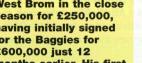
AIDAN DAVISON - Goalkeeper who was the club's first signing in the close season, joining on a free transfer from Bradford. Started his career with Notts County, and has also served with Bury, Millwall and Bolton.

KEVIN DONOVAN - Alan Buckley went back to West Brom to sign the attacking midfielder who made over 150 appearances for the Baggies. Is the Mariners' leading scorer this season.

ASHLEY FICKLING - Defender who joined the club from Sheffield United in March 1995.

TONY GALLIMORE - Was one of the bright spots of last season's relegation campaign, as he proved to be a bargain at £200,000 from Carlisle - joining in March 1996. Started his career at Stoke.

PAUL GROVES - In his second spell at Blundell Park, he returned from West Brom in the close season for £250,000. having initially signed for the Baggies for £600,000 just 12 months earlier. His first



spell at Grimsby saw him ever present for four seasons - a remarkable record!

PETER HANDYSIDE - Defender who is a product of the club's youth policy, and won Under-21 caps for Scotland. Suffered with injury last season.

KEVIN JOBLING - This season is his 10th at the club, during which time he has made over 250 appearances.

JACK LESTER - Sheffield-born forward who made his debut in December 1994, and established himself in the first team in the second half of last season.

MARK LEVER - Defender currently in his testimonial season after nearly 300 appearances for the club, after progressing from the youth system. Key member of the 1990 and 1991 promotion sides, who has suffered with injury in recent seasons.

STEVE LIVINGSTONE - Started his career at Coventry and had spells at Blackburn and Chelsea before joining the Mariners for £130,000 in January 1994. Striker who had a spell in central defence last season.

JOHN McDERMOTT - Attacking fullback who has

been one of the club's most consistent performers for over 10 seasons.

LEE NOGAN - Pre-season signing who joined the club from Reading for £170,000. Welsh international who started his career at Oxford, and had loan spells at Brentford and Southend before joining Watford for £300,000 in December 1991. Joined Reading three years later for £250.000 - a then club record fee.

JASON PEARCEY - Goalkeeper who ioined Grimsby from Mansfield for £10,000 in December 1994, Missed just six games last season.

GRAHAM RODGER - Last season's Supporters Player of the Year, who joined the Mariners from Luton. Won an FA Cup winners' medal with Coventry in 1987, and Engalnd Under-21 honours, before joining the

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ABOVE: Grimsby's John McDermott in action against Preston.

See page 20 for this season's Grimsby Town stats.....

RICHARD SMITH - Defender who joined the club for £100,000 from Leicester nearly two seasons ago, but has seen his Mariners career hampered by injury problems.

TOMMY WIDDRINGTON - Midfielder who was a club record buy when he signed from Southampton for £300,000 - having made over 100 senior appearances for the Saints. Missed only five games last season.

NEIL WOODS - Forward now in his seventh season at Blundell Park having joined from Bradford for £90,000. Previously played for Glasgow Rangers and Ipswich Town.

DARREN WRACK - After coming through the youth ranks at Derby, but unable to break through at the Baseball Ground, he joined his hometown club Grimsby for £100,000 at the start of last season.

DAVID SMITH - Midfielder who signed in January for £200,000 from West Brom, and scored with a 25-yard shot just 18 minutes into his debut against Brentford. Started his career at Coventry and has also played for Birmingham.

WAYNE BURNETT - Midfielder who joined on a permanent basis from Huddersfield - for £100,000 - after a successful month's loan spell. Previously with Orient, Blackburn, Plymouth and Bolton.

MEET THE MANAGER



In his playing days, ALAN BUCKLEY was a lethal marksman with Nottingham Forest, Walsall and Birmingham, before moving into management, firstly as player-manager back at Walsall.

After a spell at Conference side Kettering Town, Alan arrived at Blundell Park in June 1988 and became the club's most successful manager since the war, guiding them to two successive promotions in 1990 and 1991.

Having moved on to take charge of West Bromwich Albion in October 1995, his reign at the Hawthorns ended in February 1997, and with the Blundell Park hot-seat vacant after the departure of Kenny Swain at the end of a relegation season from Division One, Alan was given the job of lifting the side back to Division One.

He is assisted by JOHN COCKERILL, a successful player under Buckley in the promotion winning sides.

Previously the club's youth team coach, he did have a spell in charge as caretaker - firstly after Buckley's departure to West Brom.

Hear what the managers have to say about today's gameon Luton Town ClubCall 0891 121 123or the Mariners' Hotline 0891 555 855

The Hatters and The Mariners...

WE welcome today another club who we have met on and off for over a century with our first clash taking place at Dunstable Road on December 27th 1897.

The Mariners started the game with one man short, and by the time the missing player had turned up his side were already two down and on its way to a 6-0 thrashing.

The return was played a month later at the Abbey Ground, with the Town finishing up 3-1 winners courtesy of two late goals from Tom McInnes and James Coupar.

The Town were again 3-1 winners in the home game the following season with the victory set up by the wing play of George Ekins, who laid on two accurate centres in the first half for Jack Durrant to head home.

Unfortunately the bubble burst in the return with the Mariners finishing 5-0 winners. The newspaper report merely stated that, "The visitors did not make a very good show" which sounds kind.

Season 1899/1900 saw us make our final appearances in Football League Division Two before reverting to the Southern League, and during that campaign we had the honour of becoming the first ever visitors to the newly opened Blundell Park.

We went in at the interval 3-0 down but following a downpour we managed to turn the game on its head and levelled the score before the end.

Paths did nor cross again until 1920/21 following the formation of Football League Division Three.

Grimsby had been relegated the previous season and seemed rather out of place in this new, southern dominated, league but we were pleased to see them, winning both games with Ernie Simms on target home and away.

Grimsby joined the newly formed Division Three (North) at the start of the following campaign and we did



LEFT: Brian Stein heads across for Steve White to score his second goal against Grimsby in the 6-0 win in 1981.

by ROGER WASH

not meet up again until 1948/49, this time in the old Division Two. Billy Arnison scored the Town goal in the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in September 1948 in front of a crowd of 18,173, while Bobby Brennan notched our consolation in the return when we went down 2-1.

The Town were blasted 6-1 at Blundell Park in 1949/50, with Tommy Briggs scoring a hat trick for the home side, but we gained some revenge in winning both games in the following season, at the end of which the Mariners went down to Division Three.

Grimsby came back up just as we were on our way down in 1962/63 with Ron Davies scoring all our goals in a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road and a 3-1 defeat at Blundell Park.

We met again briefly in 1964/65 in

the old Division Three, with new goalscoring hero John O'Rourke on the scoresheet in a 2-2 away draw, also hitting the equaliser in a bad tempered I-I stalemate at Kenilworth Road in February 1965.

The two teams missed each other for the next 15 years before catching up again in the old Division Two in 1980/81. The first clash that campaign saw David Moss miss a penalty in a 0-0 draw at Blundell Park, with a very good Grimsby side winning the return at Kenilworth Road 2-0.

In our promotion season of 1981/82 we gained ample revenge over the Mariners at Kenilworth Road winning 6-0, with Steve White hitting four to silence his critics, and Moss making up for his previous seasons miss by hammering one home from the spot.

In the past few seasons Grimsby have become fairly frequent opponents and they are fast becoming one of our bogey sides following some heavy defeats at Blundell Park.

In 1992/93 the Mariners achieved the double winning at Kenilworth Road 4-1 and following it up with a 3-1 victory at Blundell Park in a game marking the debut for David Greene.

We scraped through 2-1 here the following season, but went down 2-0 at Blundell Park in the return and followed it up with a 5-0 drubbing away in 1994/95.

The only bright spot came in the next season when we won a tight contest 3-2 at Kenilworth Road but the game is more easily remembered for the alleged after match plate throwing incident in the Grimsby changing room!

The first game at Blundell Park had finished 0-0, but we had been hammered 7-1 in the FA Cup third round on the east coast just a month before that 3-2 win.





Andrew Fotiadis' second-half run on goal was halted by Burnley defender Gerry Harrison.

Hatters midfielder Sean Evers is challenged by Burnley defender Gerry Harrison.

Mitchell Thomas heads Luton level, and (inset) celebrates with Dwight Marshall (14).

Julian James returned to the Town side at Turf Moor, and is pictured tackling Burnley midfielder Paul Weller.







Burnley 1 Luton Town 1

(Payton)

(Thomas)

Saturday, March 14, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two
Attendance: 9,656

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FC whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage



HALF TIME QUIZ

- From which club did Glasgow Rangers sign midfielder Ray Wilkins?
- About which club was the TV documentary 'Yours For A Fiver'?
- 3. Which Liverpool manager bought lan Rush back from Juventus?
- 4. In which year did Paul Gascoigne leave
 Newcastle United?
- 5. Which country won the World Cup in 1962?
- 6. Who scored the first goal of the new Premiership season?
- 7. Which club did Rangers play in the first round of the Champions League?
- 8. What was the score after 90 minutes in this season's Charity Shield?
- 9. Which club has won the Scottish League Cup the most?
- 10. In which country was the legendary Ference

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Today's mascot



Today's Junior Hatters mascot is 15-year-old PHILIP JONES who attends Redborne Upper School. His favourite other sports are rugby and cricket, and he attends Town matches with his Dad and friends.

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

JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Congratulations to our wordsearch winner!

A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending today's match, in particular to James Roff - the winner of the Junior Hatters Wordsearch competition.

James and his family will be viewing today's match from the executive box seats which were his prize after being drawn out from the many correct entries we had. The word left out of the wordsearch was TICKET. Well done James!

After travelling to Burnley last week, the Junior Hatters will be off to Walsall next Saturday, March 28, where they will be taking part in an American-style shoot-out at half-time on the pitch at the Bescot Stadium.

The prices for this trip will be £12 for adults and £10 for juniors, which includes coach fare and match ticket.

The Saturday Club will once again take place at Dallow Road Junior School when we entertain York City on Saturday, April 4.

We will be joined by the York City Juniors in the morning for football,

and a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Saturday Club or travelling to the away matches can book up by contacting the ticket office on 01582 416976.



ABOVE: The Junior Hatters make the draw for the wordsearch competition, which was won by James Roff.



LEFT: Ben Smith was our Junior Hatters mascot for the game against Wycombe. He is pictured with the match officials and team captains prior to kick-off. and with Commercial **Mascot Nicole** Grace.



Hatters WMariners



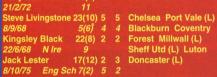
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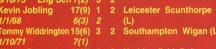
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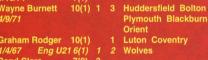
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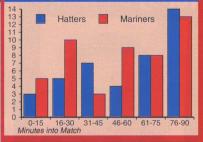
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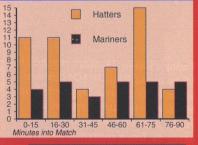
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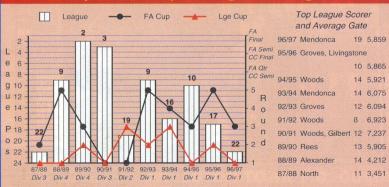
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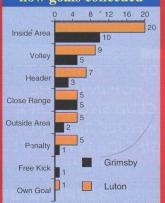
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Grimsby Town' 10 year league and cup record



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OTHER QUALITY MAKES

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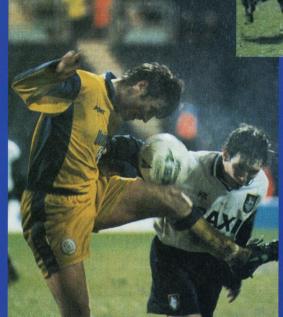
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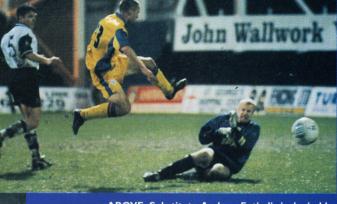
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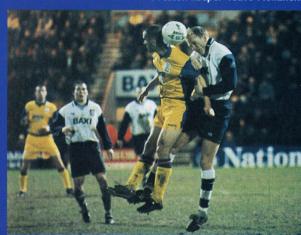
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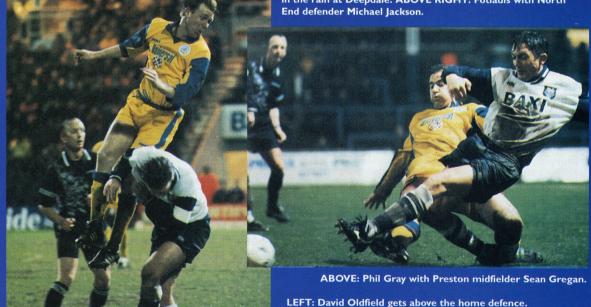




ABOVE: Substitute Andrew Fotiadis is denied by Preston keeper Teuvo Moilanen.



ABOVE LEFT: You put your left leg in.... Paul McLaren dancing in the rain at Deepdale. ABOVE RIGHT: Fotiadis with North





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ABOVE: Phil Gray - on standby for Northern Ireland. LEFT: Ian Feuer - in the USA squad.

DUTY CALLS FOR HATTERS

THREE Luton Town players have been celebrating international call-ups, with a further one placed on standby for his country.

DARREN PATTERSON (left) is in the Northern Ireland squad for the friendly against Slovakia at Windsor Park, Belfast, on Wednesday, with PHIL GRAY initially on standby.

The squad is the first named by the former Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy, who has replaced Bryan Hamilton as the Northern Ireland manager.

And the main talking point was the inlusion of Birmingham's Nigerian-born striker Dele Adebola, who has discovered he can play for any of the home nations as a British passport-holder. Hatters fans may recall Adebola playing for Crewe last season, and has recently joined Birmingham for £1 million.

McMenemy said when he took over that he would use any means to bring in new players. But even so, Adebola's inclusion has caused controversy. The 22-year-old has no ties with Northern Ireland and has never visited the Province.

SEAN EVERS (right) has been selected for the Republic of

Czech Republic on Tuesday. It's his first international call-up, and is the reward for an extended run in the Luton first team.

And goalkeeper IAN FEUER was back in America last weekend, in the United States squad for the friendly international with Paraguay.

The USA drew 2-2 with the South Americans in San Diego, with Ian understudy to ex-Hatter Juergen Sommer.

Hatters manager Lennie Lawrence has stated that a permanent move back to America, and the US Soccer League, is a possibility for lan, after losing his place in the Luton first team to Kelvin Davis. - Simon Oxley.



Asia to oppose England World Cup bid

ASIA is set to vote against England and Germany in the 2006 World Cupbattle, according to regional soccer leaders.

And the Asian Football Confederation's growing insistence that the finals be rotated among the continents will be a massive boost to South Africa's hopes of hosting the football spectacular.

AFC general secretary Peter Velappen told the AFC executive committee: "It should rightly be Africa's turn in 2006. Europe has staged the World Cup a number of times and should be flexible on this matter."

But Velappen has not completely ruled out the bids by England and Germany, who are already furiously lobbying for support among Asia's 40-plus votes. Velappen said the continental federations had "agreed to the principle of rotation" of the finals. The main dispute is over when it should start.

He said the Asian, African, South American, North American and Oceania federations wanted to start from this year's World Cup finals in France. UEFA, which wants the finals back in Europe in 2006, is arguing that rotation should start with the 2002 finals in Japan and South Korea, which would be the first in Asia. UEFA has said Africa should get the finals after Europe in 2006.

"After the World Cup in France, FIFA will convene a meeting to decide whether to accept the rotation principle proposed by the confederations or to keep it an open bid as in the past," said Velappen.

"Asia is saying that since the decision has been made to rotate, the point of start for the rotation should be from the World Cup in France. Japan/South Korea will host the 2002 finals and then it should go to Africa in 2006." he said.

"The World Cup belongs to the whole world. FIFA has 198 members and those who have the capacity and ability to host should have the opportunity to host it."

But Velappen added: "It is not a pressing issue, with so many economic, political and social changes taking place so rapidly around the world"

England and Germany are locked in their own battle for the 2006 final which has been complicated by South Africa's entry into the race last month.

FIFA will make a decision in 2000, but Germany's bid leader Franz Beckenbauer has already warned that the split between the two European giants could hand the contest to South Africa.



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LUTON SCHOOLS FA - YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 INDOOR TOURNAMENTS - sponsored by THE MURTAGH GROUP



ABOVE: All eight semifinalists from the Year 5 and Year 6 competitions, at half-time v Wycombe.

THE annual Luton Schools FA Year 5 and Year 6 Indoor Tournaments were this year sponsored by The Murtagh Group, in conjunction with the Luton News sponsored LTFC Community and Schools Programme.

As part of the sponsorship package The Murtagh Group are providing football kit for Luton Schools FA, as well as providing tickets for all of the semi-finalists from the recent Luton v Wycombe game, where the winners received their trophies

on the pitch.



ABOVE: John, Glen and Daniel Murtagh presenting kit to



ABOVE: Double winners St Josephs, who won both the Year 5



LTFC & TESCO Computers for Schools **Under 9 Football Tournament**



ABOVE: The semi-finalists with Richard Kennedy Head and Vicky Hindley, from our sponsors Tesco





LUTON Town FC Community and School Programme teamed up with Tesco Stores last Sunday to hold an Under 9 football tournament to promote the supermarket chain's ever-popular Computer for Schools offer.

The Hatters' HCN-sponsored tournament featured 12 schools from Dunstable and Luton with over 100 boys and girls taking part, all cheered on by over 200 enthusiastic parents.

The semi-finalists were Hadrian. Beecroft and Lancot Lower Schools from Dunstable, and Hillborough from Luton, with Lancot beating Hadrian I-0 in an all-Dunstable final.

As well as the winners receiving 500 Tesco computer vouchers, all of the competitors received an official LTFC certificate, with the four semi-finalists all receiving tickets for today's game where they will be presented with their trophies on the pitch at haf-time.

Lancot were also double winners as they received the Tesco Fair Play Award.





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Johnson set for return in reserves on Wednesday

MARVIN JOHNSON has been back in full training this week following his hamstring injury and, all being well, should resume playing action in the reserve game next week.

As ever with hamstring injuries we have had to take things gently so as not to cause a potentially worse injury to the

PAUL SHOWLER is also back in training, and ALAN WHITE is fit to return after the recurrance of his knee injury. Indeed, Alan was on the bench at Burnley last week.

JULIAN JAMES of course played the full 90 minutes at Turf Moor - his first start for a number of months following a knee injury.

Julian did well to come through the entire game, having only played parts of reserve team matches prior to last weekend.

RICHARD HARVEY underwent a minor operation on his left

knee on Wednesday - a minor problem arising from his cruciate operation four years ago. This week's operation was essentially a 'clean-up' job following recent discomfort and he will only be sidelined for two to three weeks.

Finally, news of youth team keeper DANIEL TATE who last week had an operation on his injured shoulder - following a second dislocation suffered in training. He will shortly be starting the early stages of rehabilitation work.



with CLIVE **GOODYEAR**



ABOVE: Julian James returned to first-team action at Burnley, after a three-month absence with a knee injury.

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LEFT: Marvin Johnson - recovering from a hamstring injury.

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JOHN MOORE



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To be confirmed Bedfordshire Rural **Communities Charity**



MATTHEW SPRING

To be confirmed **Bobbers Travel Club**

Derby win sends City top, as Hornets held by Shrimpers

BRISTOL City topped the Division Two table last Saturday night, after a 2-0 home win over neighbours Bristol Rovers - and Watford's draw at home to bottom-of-the-table Southend.

City bagged a goal in each half. opening the scoring with a Mickey Bell prnalty after a foul by Dave Pritchard on Shaun Goater. It was the third time in as many games that Pritchard had conceded a spot-kick.

Goater then added number two - his fifth goal in his last four derby encounters - and Rovers had keeper Andy Collett to thank for keeping the score down to 2-0.

City manager John Ward admitted: "It's been a pretty good day. It's good to beat vour local rivals and a bonus that it takes

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us to the top of the league. In the past people have accused City of not showing the same heart in these matches as Rovers, but it was the other way round

At Vicarage Road, Watford had much the better of the first-half against Southend, but had only a Micah Hyde

today."

goal to show for their efforts. A combination of poor finishing and Simon Royce in the Southend goal kept it at 1-0.

After the break, Andy Thomson levelled for the Shrimpers, and then had a second ruled out for offside. Millwall's Andy Gray caught Fulham with a classic sucker punch with the winner 13 minutes from time at Craven Cottage, from a counterattack involving Kim Grant. It was a vital win for struggling Millwall who played the last half hour with 10 men following Tony Witter's dismissal

for a second bookable offence. Tony Thorpe had put Fulham in front midway through the first-half, but Paul Shaw equalised after the break, and after soaking up the pressure the Lions broke out to win.

Chris Freestone's 10th goal in 19 games kept Northampton's play-off push on course as they beat Blackpool 2-0.

Freestone opened the scoring after 27 minutes, with Carl Hegg's heading number two 17 minutes from time. Wycombe hammered Plymouth 5-1, and caretaker-manager Neil Smillie was rewarded with the manager's job until the end of the season. It was 1-1 at half-time as Argyle's Carlo Corazzin equalised Keith Ryan's opener, but Keith Scott, Mark Stallard (2) and Dave Carroll made it a second-half to forget for the visitors.

Carlisle's unbeaten three-month home run was ended by Brentford's first away win in 22 games - the Bees winning 2-1.

lan Stevens put the home side in front. but the Londoners' striker Robert Taylor hit the bar before Graeme Hogg headed them level on 62 minutes.

Ten minutes later, Taylor set up Andy Scott for the winner, but Brentford played the last two minutes and six minutes of stoppage time with 10 men after Niall Thompson was sent off for violent conduct.

Gareth Owen scored his eighth goal of the season to maintain Wrexham's playoff push as they won 1-0 at Bournemouth.

Owen scored after 52 minutes, against a Cherries side who included former Hatters striker Mark Stein - on loan from Chelsea.

Teenager Jim Corbett was the toast of Gillingham after coming off the bench to score the winner in a 1-0 victory over Chesterfield, that keeps the Kent side firmly in the race for the play-offs.

The 17-year-old substitute was on the field for only five minutes before firing in past Billy Mercer to snatch all three points. Gillingham had earlier created a host of chances, with Chesterfield rarely mounting any sort of attack.

Two long-range efforts in the last 10 minutes gave Preston a 3-2 win in the Roses clash against York at Deepdale.

Rodney Rowe's second goal of the game had put the visitors 2-1 in front after 77 minutes, but then Michael Appleton hammered in a 25-yarder, before Gary Parkinson won the game three minutes from time with a 30-yard shot.

Ian Kilford's second-half winner gave Wigan three valuable points in their fight against relegation and put a huge dent in Oldham's play-off hopes.

Kilford's 64th minute strike gave Wigan a 1-0 win, after Graeme Jones had missed a 24th-minute penalty for the home side.

Grimsby kept up the pressure on the top two with a 3-0 home win over Walsall (see page 12) and Mitchell Thomas headed Luton's equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Burnley. - SIMON OXLEY.



RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP





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

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

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THE Reserves have recorded two home draws in the Avon Insurance Combination, with a 0-0 scoreline against QPR and a 1-1 scoreline against Norwich.

Against QPR, Julian James made a substitute appearance - his first outing since a serious knee injury.

Team: Webb, Lawes (James), Fraser, Spring, Doherty, Willmott, Sweeney, George, Douglas, Fotiadis (Scarlett), Davies.

Sub not used: McIndoe.

On March 11 at Kenilworth Road the Hatters faced a Norwich side including the likes of John Polston, Rob Newman and the former Leicester striker Iwan Roberts.

Luton included triallist Ryan Spencer, from Tottenham, and the game finished 1-1 with Simon Davies netting for the Hatters.

Team: Webb, James (Fraser), Harvey, Spencer, Willmott, White (Doherty), Sweeney, Douglas, Fotiadis (McIndoe), Davies, George.

The semi-final of the Beds Premier Club between Luton Town and Brache Sparta took place on March 5, with Brache winning 1-0.

Team: Webb, Clarke, Fraser, Sweeney, Howe, Ayres, Cox, Akurang, Kandol, McIndoe, McKoy.

Subs (all used): Boyce, Lawes, Scarlett.

The youth team were without a game on March 7, but maintained their top-of-the-league position with a 2-0 win at Wimbledon last Saturday.

Andre Scarlett and Richard Clarke netted for the Hatters.

Team: Ward, Lawes, Fraser,

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

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| Arsenal | 26 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 62 | 19 | 58 |
| Charlton | 22 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 55 | 11 | 52 |
| Tottenham | 23 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 20 | 50 |
| Norwich | 29 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 36 | 38 | 43 |
| Oxford | 27 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 39 | 50 | 38 |
| Southampton | 24 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 41 | 30 | 36 |
| QPR | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 41 | 35 | 36 |
| Wimbledon | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 32 | 29 | 36 |
| Millwall | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 35 | 35 |
| C Palace | 25 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 34 | 35 | 34 |
| Portsmouth | 25 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 34 | 33 |
| Ipswich | 24 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 36 | 45 | 31 |
| Chelsea | 27 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 36 | 46 | 30 |
| LUTON | 24 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 31 | 34 | 28 |
| Swindon | 26 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 38 | 51 | 24 |
| Watford | 23 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 41 | 23 |
| West Ham | 24 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 26 | 45 | 21 |
| Brighton | 22 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 18 | 62 | 9 |
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League table up to and including 11.3.98

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (11.3.98)

| | APPS | <u>G</u> | | APPS | G |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------------------|--------|---|
| Nathan ABBEY | 14 | | Haraldar INGOLFSSON | 1 | |
| lan JONES | 12 | | Marvin JOHNSON | 5 | |
| Richard HARVEY | 16 | | Dwight MARSHALL | 6 | 1 |
| Sean EVERS | 16 (1) | | lan FEUER | 2 | |
| Gary DOHERTY | 14 (1) | 3 | Steve AUGUSTINE | 2 (1) | |
| Emerson BOYCE | 6 (2) | | Simon DAVIES | 13 | 1 |
| Robert KEAN | 19 (1) | | Andrew FOTIADIS | 11 (2) | 2 |
| Matthew SPRING | 12 (3) | 1 | Stuart DOUGLAS | 9 (1) | 2 |
| Andrew BARR | 6 | 4 | Mitchell THOMAS | 6 | 1 |
| Liam GEORGE | 15 (2) | 11 | Darren PATTERSON | 4 | |
| Terry SWEENEY | 13 (3) | 1 | Phil GRAY | 4 (1) | |
| Andre SCARLETT | (6) | | Delroy McKOY | 2 (2) | |
| Michael McINDOE | 2 (4) | | Chris WILLMOTT | 12 (2) | |
| Stuart FRASER | 8 (7) | | Tresor KANDOL | (1) | |
| Daniel TATE | 1 | | Kelvin DAVIS | 6 | |
| Gavin McGOWAN | 3 | 1 | Steve DAVIS | - 1 | 1 |
| Paul SHOWLER | 4 | | A VERNIER | 1 | |
| Alan WHITE | 3 | | Nick WEBB | 2 | |
| Russell LAWES | 4 (2) | | Julian JAMES | 1 (1) | |
| Colin OMOGBEHIN | 11 | | Ryan SPENCER | 1 | |
| S QUINN | 2 | | | | |
| Trevor PEAKE | 2 (2) | | | | |
| Richard CLARKE | 1 (2) | | | | |
| M BLOCK | | | | | |

Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Clarke, McIndoe, Jerry, Doherty, Cox (Akurang).

Subs not used: Stirling, Howe.

The Youth team were in cup action on Monday, March 9, in the Eastern Junior Cup, with a third round trip to Mirlees Blackstone.

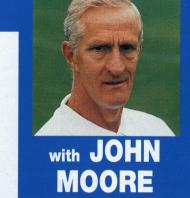
They led 2-0 at half-time, going onto win 4-1.

Squad: Lawes, Clarke, Stirling, Harrington, Howe, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox, Akurang, Jerry, McKoy, Boyce, Tate, McIndoe.

A date has also been confirmed for the semi-final of the South-East Counties League Cup against Watford.

This game will be played on Tuesday, March 24, with a 7pm kick-off at Vicarage Road.

We'll bring you details in the home match programme against York on April 4.



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

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| at Aug 16 | Reading | won 6-0 | Sat Dec 20 Wycombe W | postponec |
| ue Aug 19 | Ipswich (SJFC Pre) | won 1-0 | Sat Jan 10 SWINDON TOWN | lost 1-0 |
| at Aug 23 | Swindon Town | won 4-2 | Wed Jan 14 TOTT'HAM (FAYC3 |) drew 2-2 |
| at Aug 30 | OXFORD UTD | won 5-1 | Sat Jan 17 OxfordUnited | drew 1-1 |
| | | | Fri Jan 23 BARNET | won 3-0 |
| ri Sep 5 | Barnet | won 4-2 | Mon Jan 26 Tottenham (FAYC3) | lost 4-2 |
| ue Sep 9 | C PALACE (SJFC1) | lost 1-0 | Sat Jan 31 Brighton | drew 1-1 |
| at Sep 13 | Southend (SECLC1) | won 1-0 | | |
| at Sep 20 | BRIGHTON | won 8-1 | Sat Feb 7 BRISTOL CITY | won 2-0 |
| at Sep 27 | Bristol City | drew 2-2 | Sat Feb 14 Brentford | won 4-0 |
| at Oct 4 | BRENTFORD | lost 1-0 | Sat Feb 21 SOUTHAMPTON | drew 1-1 |
| at Oct 11 | Southampton | won 3-2 | Sat Feb 28 Tottenham | won 5-0 |
| at Oct 18 | Arsenal (SECLC2) | won 2-0 | | |
| at Oct 25 | TOTTENHAM | won 1-0 | Sat Mar 14 Wimbledon | won 2-0 |
| | | | Sat Mar 21 Colchester | |
| at Nov 1 | READING | won 4-2 | Tue Mar 24 Watford (SECLCsf) | |
| at Nov 15 | COLCHESTER | won 3-2 | Sat Mar 28 BOURNEMOUTH | 11am |
| at Nov 22 | SWINDON (SECLC3 |)won 4-2 | Sat Apr 4 WIMBLEDON | 11am |
| at Nov 29 | Bournemouth | drew 1-1 | Sat Apr 11 Wycombe | |
| | Coventry (FAYC2) | won 4-0 | Games in caps denote HOME n | natches. |
| at Dec 6 | BRISTOL ROVERS | drew 2-2 | Home Ige matches at Luton Ruc | aby Club. |

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|------------------|----------|----|----------|---|
| Daniel TATE | 15 | | 6 | |
| Russell LAWES | 16 (2) | | 7 | |
| Stuart FRASER | 18 | 2 | 8 | |
| Matthew SPRING | 8 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Emerson BOYCE | 18 (3) | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| James AYRES | 16 | | 1 | |
| Andre SCARLETT | 24 | 6 | 7 | |
| Clifford AKURANG | 10 (5) | 7 | 2 (2) | 1 |
| Gary DOHERTY | 9 (1) | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Richard CLARKE | 22 (2) | 1 | 8 | |
| Delroy McKOY | 11 (7) | 4 | 2 (1) | 2 |
| Darren HOWE | 8 (3) | | 2 (1) | |
| C DREW | (1) | | | |
| Michael McINDOE | 21 (1) | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Jimmy COX | 15 | 9 | 7 | |
| Tresor KANDOL | 14 (6) | 12 | 4 (1) | |
| Moses JERRY | 16 (4) | 4 | 5 | |
| J STIRLING | 7 (1) | | 1 (1) | |
| J HARRINGTON | 1 (4) | | (1) | |
| S ROBERT | 2 (2) | | 1 | |
| A MINTON | 2 | | | |
| C GREGORY | 1 | | | |
| R MORAN | 2 (2) | | | |
| Stuart KIMBER | 3 | | 2 | |

YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

Up to and including March 14, 1998

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

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

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

S WARD

This afternoon we feature a Welsh international midfielder who starred in the 1980s... PETER NICHOLAS

NEWPORT-born Peter Nicholas joined Crystal Palace from school and made his debut for the Eagles as a 17 year old on the opening day of 1977/78 in a 3-0 win at Millwall.

Despite this winning start he made only one further appearance during the first half of that season, but won his place back just before Christmas from when he never looked back.

He was virtually ever present the following season as Palace won the Second Division championship, and amongst the three goals he scored that campaign was one at Kenilworth Road in a 1-0 win during the promotion run-in.

Nicholas was a member of the unfortunately named "Team of the Eighties" as Palace were called but before they were relegated he

transferred to Arsenal for £400,000 in March 1981.

"Some people told me I was too young but it seemed a great move at the time. Unfortunately things did not go as well as I had anticipated as the Gunners were going through a transitional period at the time.

"Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton had just left the club and we flopped badly in every competition. To top it all I had a cartilage operation and then serious knee ligament trouble, and when I was fit I could not get back in the side.

"I started to panic as I had been made captain of Wales just before the injuries and, thinking I needed regular first team football to keep my international place, decided to move back to Palace."

It was generally regarded in the football world that Nicholas had made a rash move as Palace were then struggling in the old Division Two, and it took

Where are they now?



by ROGER WASH

Luton manager David Pleat and a cheque for £155,000 to rescue him from the wilderness in January 1985 and take him back to the top flight. Nicholas became the final piece in the jigsaw that saw a mid-season shake up with Mick Harford, Steve Foster and David Preece all coming to Kenilworth Road in a bid to stave off the real threat of relegation.

Making his debut in a fighting 2-2 draw at home to Tottenham, Nicholas remained ever present for the remainder of the season with the drop being avoided with comfort.

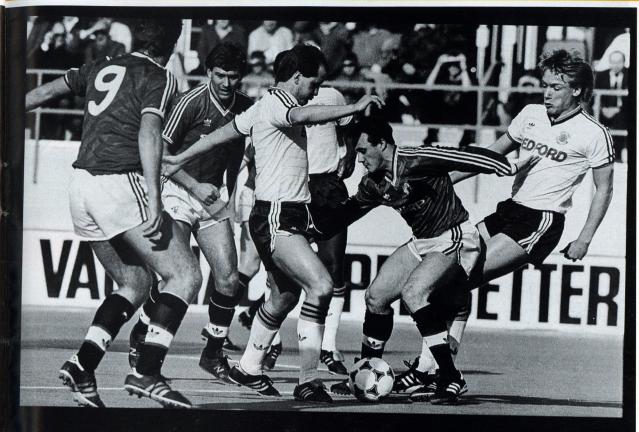
Over the next two seasons we forgot all about the fear of relegation and, in fact, were looking at the other end of the table finishing 9th and then our

highest ever position of 7th as we took on, and beat, the best teams in the country.

A tough, combative midfielder with no little skill Peter Nicholas was the organiser in the team and fully relished his time at the club. Supporters will no doubt remember the famous and regular Nicholas sliding tackle on the Kenilworth Road artificial surface which was almost worth a goal start as the opposition retreated into their shells!

Only one game was missed over those two seasons, and it came as a major shock when Aberdeen tendered a bid of £350,000 for his services in August 1987 and he decided to make the move north of the border.

"I was very sad to leave and the only thing that made me consider the move was the chance of playing in European football, something that was not open to me in England due to the ban following



ABOVE: Peter Nicholas in the thick of the action at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters take on Manchester United.

the Heysel disaster.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Luton and could not say a bad word about anyone at the club."

Unfortunately, despite a successful stay at Aberdeen an illness to one of his children forced him to move back south, and he joined Chelsea helping them back into the old Division One.

After assisting Chelsea to consolidate their position in the top flight he made his final playing move to Watford for a brief spell before returning to Stamford Bridge in a coaching capacity where he joined up with a strong ex-Luton contingent which included Mal Donaghy, Mick Harford and Paul Elliott.

The full circle was turned a couple of seasons ago when he rejoined Palace, again in a coaching capacity, with his name recently coming to the fore when he was in the frame for taking over the hot seat at Selhurst Park.

5 YEARS AGO

20/3/93: In a dull game with Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road, we drew 1-1 in front of a crowd of 7.117. On target for the visitors was John Taylor, later to play for the Hatters.

29/3/88: After a run of three straight home defeats we came back with a bang to see off Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road. Danny Wilson, the Stein brothers and the unfortunate Paul Mariner, with an own goal, scored in the 4-1 victory.

19/3/83: Tony Woodcock hit a hat-trick for Arsenal in the 4-1 victory over the Town at Highbury. David Moss was the sole Luton marksman in a game marking the last appearance on loan for Steve

O YEARS AGO 15 YEARS AGO 20 YEARS AGO

21/3/78: The Town put on a spirited performance to beat promotion challengers Bolton 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. Alan West and Phil Boersma, with the all-important goals, made it a happy send off for John Faulkner, making his final appearance for the club.





Luton substitute Andrew Fotiadis trys to create a second-half opening against Wycombe.

- Phil Gray is sent tumbling by defender Keith Ryan, and (inset) Dwight Marshall goes close to a first-half opener.
 - Wycombe keeper Martin Taylor beats Marshall to the ball, early in the second-half.

He's behind you! Ryan and Gray again at close quarters.







Luton Town 0 Wycombe W 0

Saturday, March 7, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two
Attendance: 6,114 Pictures by Gareth Owen

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FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE **DIVISION TWO**

Saturday, March 21 Blackpool v Gillingham Brentford v Northampton Bristol Rovers v Preston Chesterfield v Carlisle LUTON v Grimsby Millwall v Burnley Oldham v Watford Plymouth v Bristol City Southend v Bournemouth Walsall v Wigan Wrexham v Wycombe York v Fulham

Tuesday, March 24 Fulham v Walsall Grimsby v Plymouth

Wednesday, March 25 Millwall v Preston

Friday, March 27 Bristol R v Southend

Saturday, March 28 Brentford v Oldham Burnley v Grimsby Carlisle v Bournemouth Chesterfield v Millwall Gillingham v Fulham Plymouth v Wrexham Preston v Wigan Walsall v LLITON Watford v Northampton Wycombe v Bristol City York v Blackpool

Saturday, April 4 Bournemouth v Wycombe Blackpool v Walsall Bristol City v Carlisle Fulham v Preston Grimsby v Gillingham LUTON v York Millwall v Bristol Rovers Northampton v Burnley Oldham v Plymouth Southend v Chesterfield Wigan v Watford Wrexham v Brentford

Tuesday, April 7 Grimsby v LUTON

It's a numbers game for **Nationwide League fans**

THE Football League have announced that supporters attending matches in the three divisions of the Nationwide League are to enjoy the benefits of a new initiative.

At the end of 45 minutes in both halves of Football League fixtures, the referee will indicate the amount of additional time remaining to the reserve official on the sidelines who will relay the time added on to fans by holding up the corresponding substitute number board.

This is a facility which is currently in operation in Serie A matches of the Italian league, but the Football League will pioneer this system in this country and will experiment with it until the end of the season.

The number shown on the substitute board will indicate the minimum number of minutes to be added, and any subsequent injuries or additional delays including time wasting - will result in further time being added on.

Managers, officials, players and

supporters will be asked for their observations on this new initiative, in order for the Football League to assess its effectiveness with a view to implementing the system permanently from the start of season 1998/99.

- The Football League's starlets illustrated the level of top quality young talent that exists outside the top flight in the Talk Radio International Challenge against the Italian league Serie B at The Valley last Tuesday.

Although the match finished goalless. the Football League created the better opportunities duringthe 90 minutes and England representatives John Gorman, Peter Taylor and Jimmy Armfield were impressed with the young guns' display.

Ipswich Town's David Johnson - who Hatters' fans may remember playing for Bury last season - was the man-of-thematch, as the Football League maintained their unbeaten record against the Italians in the four meetings so far at the Under-21 level.

RIGHT: The lucky youngsters selected to be CableTel kids for our last home match against Wycombe Wanderers. Selected youngsters are on duty before every home match handing out LTFC footballs for the players to distribute to supporters.



98/99 Football League dates for your diary.....

FOR those of you who like to plan ahead, the Football League have released details of next season's fixtures, which is also the League's Centennial Season.

The 1998/99 campaign will kick-off on Saturday, August 8 - a month after the World Cup finishes! - with first round, first leg matches in the Coca-Cola Cup being played in the first midweek.

There will be a full nationwide League programme on Saturday, December 19 (the final Saturday before Christmas), on Boxing Day - Saturday, December 26 - and also on Bank Holiday Monday, December 28.

Blackpool

Brentford

Bristol City

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Chesterfield

Gillingham

Northampton

Burnley

Carlisle

Fulham

Grimsby

Luton

Millwall

Oldham

Plymouth

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Highest Aggregate Scores

Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Biggest Home Win

Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan

Biggest Away Win

Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct

Consecutive Wins

Bristol City 8

Games Unbeater

Bristol City 15

Consecutive Defeats

Games without a Win

Preston 11

Wrexham 2

Games Unbeater

Wrexham 6

Consecutive Defeats

Bristol Boyers 5

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Services Tel: 0151-632-5679

average attendances Bristol City Watford Burnle Millwa Northampton 5.613 Oldhar Wycomb Blacknoo 5 278 Grimsh 5.188 5,004 Plymout 4,817 urnemout 4,698 Brentfor 4 666 4.232 Walsa 21 4.002 2 12 Wreyban 3.785

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Campaign Records **Current Form Table** Highest/Lowest Gates

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

| * Manufacture representation of the community of | and the same | Annual State of the last | Name and Address of the Owner, where the Owner, which is the Own | DOMESTIC NO. | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. | Name and Address of the | - | |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------|----------|
| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Indx | Sequence |
| Wrexham | 5 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 16 | 46% | WWDWWW |
| Grimsby | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 50% | WWDLWW |
| Gillingham | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 49% | WLWLWW |
| Wycombe | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 43% | WDWWLD |
| Bristol City | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 34% | WDWWDL |
| Carlisle | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 41% | LLDWWW |
| Southend | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 66% | WDLLWW |
| Preston | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 36% | WLWWLD |
| Northampton | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 66% | WWLWLD |
| Brentford | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 48% | WWDLDD |
| Watford | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 38% | WDDLWD |
| Fulham | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 54% | LWWLLW |
| Wigan | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 42% | LWDWDL |
| Millwall | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 70% | LWWLDD |
| York | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 46% | LWDLWL |
| Blackpool | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 66% | LDWLLW |
| Plymouth | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 33% | LWDLLW |
| Chesterfield | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 69% | LLDLWW |
| Luton | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 38% | DDLWDD |
| Walsall | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 7 | . 5 | 47% | LDWLDL |
| Bournemouth | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 48% | LLDLWL |
| Oldham | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 61% | LLDLLW |
| Bristol Rovers | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 75% | LLLLLW |
| Burnley | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 27% | DDLLDL |
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| Sournemouth | 24 | 46 | 42 | 13 | 14 | 4 | Millwall | 33 | 38 | 44 | 9 | 17 | 3 |
| Blackpool | 30 | 46 | 55 | 8 | 17 | 7 | Northampton | 28 | 44 | 30 | 15 | 7 | 2 |
| 3rentford | 36 | 41 | 59 | 9 | 24 | 11 | Oldham | 33 | 48 | 41 | 11 | 13 | 3 |
| Bristol City | 25 | 60 | 29 | 15 | 19 | 1 | Plymouth | 24 | 45 | 59 | 8 | 24 | 17 |
| Bristol Rovers | 27 | 54 | 57 | 7 | 14 | 3 | Preston | 24 | 43 | 45 | 11 | 18 | 3 |
| Burnley | 32 | 41 | 49 | 8 | 24 | 18 | Southend | 32 | 40 | 65 | 6 | 24 | 13 |
| Carlisle | 32 | 50 | 57 | 8 | 24 | 16 | Walsall | 24 | 35 | 41 | 12 | 22 | 12 |
| Chesterfield | 28 | 34 | 36 | 15 | 14 | 2 | Watford | 26 | 56 | 32 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Fulham | 35 | 47 | 34 | 14 | 18 | 3 | Wigan | 29 | 50 | 56 | 6 | 21 | 6 |
| Gillingham | 28 | 45 | 42 | 12 | 17 | 3 | Wrexham | 26 | 46 | 42 | 12 | 20 | 5 |
| Grimsby | 24 | 48 | 27 | 18 | 23 | 3 | Wycombe | 21 | 46 | 47 | 13 | 19 | 3 |
| uton | 31 | 41 | 52 | 11 | 23 | 16 | York | 26 | 46 | 49 | 11 | 17 | 3 |

Current Sequences leading scorers Consecutive Wins





OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10am to 4pm **EVENING MATCHDAYS** 10am to 10pm SATURDAYS - MATCHDAYS 10am-3pm & 4.45-5.15pm - non matchdays

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ATTERSSHOP

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123 Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

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THIS afternoon we welcome match sponsors the WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY and WALLIS LABORATORY LTD, and matchball sponsors CB SECURITY SERVICES.

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A warm this welcome to the Sponsors' Lounge this afternoon to John Varney who is celebrating his 65th birthday, with daughter Sue Hankin, and grandson

Mr Varney has been a Luton supporter for the past 40 years, and has been a

COMMERCIAL NEWS



LEATHER

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Phoebe Blanchard, Lee Pennington, Thomas Wilson, Jamie Warne, Aaron Warne, Scott Lineham, Bradley Lineham, Robert Mantle, Rueben Willis, Joe

season ticket holder in the Main

Stand for the last 10 years.



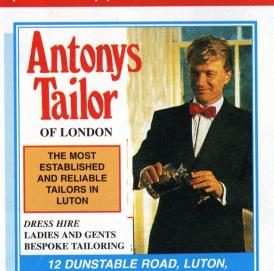
ABOVE: Luton Rotary Club were our match sponsors against Wycombe.

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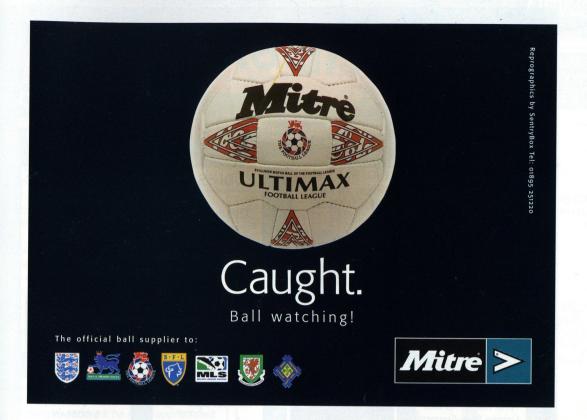
FOR the third season in succession, the Loyal Luton Supporters Club are once again sponsoring the Young Team of the Month Award.

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.



Trust us to help the game

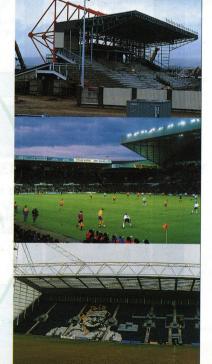
The Football Trust has been providing support for the game at every level throughout the UK for over 22 years. Its present priority task is to help League clubs to complete the implementation of the Taylor Report recommendations.

Thanks to the Government and to the FA Premier League, the English Sports Council, the Football Association, the Football League and the Professional Footballers Association, 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 Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, 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 and football's commitment to the vital work of the Trust will have the support of everyone who cares about the future of the national game.



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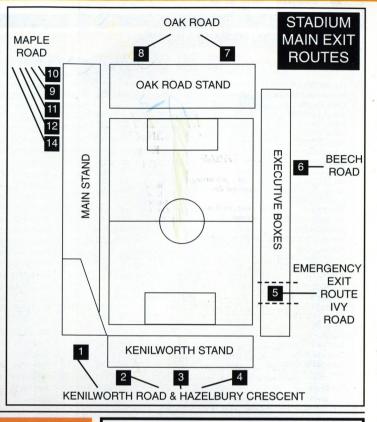
IN the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to:

a) Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the ground.

b) Ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

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

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





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TEAMStatistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

| | PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.) | LGE APPS | LGE GLS | <u>CUP</u> APPS | CUP | LTFC care (league & cur & goals, as a | o, incl sub | |
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| | Nathan ABBEY | | | 1 | | | | |
| | Graham ALEXANDER | 30 | 7 | 5 | | 101 | 3g | |
| | Chris ALLEN | 14 | 1 | 3 | | 101 | og | |
| | Simon DAVIES | 8 (11) | 1 | 6 (2) | | | | |
| | Kelvin DAVIS | 23 | all . | 1 | | 21 | 0g | |
| | Steve DAVIS | 31 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 100 | 11g | |
| | Andy DIBBLE | 1 | . 4 | 2 | | ,. | 119 | |
| | Gary DOHERTY | 1 (4) | | (1) | | h care | | |
| | Stuart DOUGLAS | 5 (7) | 1 | 3 (1) | 1 | 20 | 1g | |
| | Sean EVERS | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0g | |
| | (8000000000 | 8 (6) | , | 4 | | 98 | 0g | |
| | lan FEUER | | 1 | 1 | | 23 | | |
| | Andrew FOTIADIS | 3 (10) | E. | and the second | | 23 | 3g | |
| | Liam GEORGE | 1 | Management | (3) | | 67 | 26 | |
| | Phil GRAY | 14 | 1 | 1 (1) | | 67 | | |
| | Richard HARVEY | 5 (1) | | 4 (1) | | 181 | 5g | |
| | Julian JAMES | 16 (1) | | 2 | of the same of the | 309 | 14g | |
| | Marvin JOHNSON | 13 (1) | 2 | 3 | A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR | 289 | 6g | |
| | Robert KEAN | (1) | | | Market Ma | | \mathbf{H} | |
| | Dwight MARSHALL | 11 (10) | 1 | 4 | | 115 | 33g | J |
| | Gavin McGOWAN | 6 (2) | | | Marin and | 2 | 0g | |
| | Paul McLAREN | 34 (2) | | 7 | | 44 | 1g | |
| | David OLDFIELD | 36 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 125 | 21g | |
| | Darren PATTERSON | 16 | | 3 (1) | | 42 | 0g | |
| | Trevor PEAKE | (1) | | - 10 | | 201 | 0g | |
| | Paul SHOWLER | (1) | | | | 33 | 6g | |
| | Bryan SMALL | 15 | | N S | | | | |
| 1000 | Matthew SPRING | 5 (3) | | 1 | P | | | |
| | Mitchell THOMAS | 19 (1) | 1/ | 4 | | 273 | 5g | |
| | Tony THORPE | 27 (1) | 14 | 4 (2) | 5 | 110 | 41g | |
| | Gary WADDOCK | 31 (1) | | 5 (2) | | 133 | 3g | |
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Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

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| | <u>P</u> | W | D | L | E | A | PTS |
| Watford | 38 | 21 | 12 | 5 | 56 | 32 | 75 |
| Bristol City | 37 | 21 | 9 | 7 | 60 | 29 | 72 |
| Grimsby | 35 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 48 | 27 | 61 |
| Northampton | 38 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 44 | 30 | 61 |
| Wrexham | 37 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 46 | 42 | 60 |
| Fulham | 37 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 47 | 34 | 57 |
| Gillingham | 37 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 45 | 42 | 57 |
| Bristol R | 38 | 15 | 8 | 15 | 54 | 57 | 53 |
| Bournemouth | 37 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 46 | 42 | 50 |
| Wycombe | 38 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 46 | 47 | 50 |
| York | 38 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 46 | 49 | 50 |
| Oldham | 36 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 48 | 41 | 49 |
| Millwall | 37 | 13 | 9 | 15 | 38 | 44 | 48 |
| Chesterfield | 38 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 34 | 36 | 48 |
| Blackpool | 37 | 13 | 8 | 16 | 46 | 55 | 47 |
| Preston | 37 | 12 | 9 | 16 | 43 | 45 | 45 |
| Wigan | 36 | 12 | 8 | 16 | 50 | 56 | 44 |
| Walsall | 35 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 35 | 41 | 43 |
| Carlisle | 38 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 50 | 57 | 41 |
| Brentford | 38 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 41 | 59 | 41 |
| LUTON | 37 | 9 | 13 | 15 | 41 | 52 | 40 |
| Plymouth | 37 | 9 | 12 | 16 | 45 | 59 | 39 |
| Southend | 38 | 10 | 8 | 20 | 40 | 65 | 38 |
| Burnley | 36 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 41 | 49 | 36 |
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Up to and including Tuesday, March 17, 1998.

1997/98 See page 39 for Division Two stats

| DATE | OPPONENTS | F-A | ATT | POS |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sat Aug 9 | Blackpool | 0-1 | 6,547 | |
| Tue Aug 12 | Colchester Utd CCC1 (1) | 1-0 | 2,840 | |
| | SOUTHEND UTD | 1-0 | 5,140 | 12 |
| Sat Aug 23 | Fulham | 0-0 | 8,142 | 15 |
| #P3### 1515 | COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2) | 1-1 | 2,816 | |
| Sat Aug 30 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | 1-1 | 5,404 | 12 |
| Tue Sep 2 | MILLWALL | 0-2 | 5,781 | 15 18 |
| fue Sep 9 | Northampton Town | 0-1 1-1 | 7,246 4,561 | 21 |
| Sat Sep 13 | AFC Bournemouth WEST BROM CCC2 (1) | 1-1 | 3,437 | - |
| Sat Sep 20 | WREXHAM | 2-5 | 5,241 | 23 |
| Tue Sep 23 | West Brom CCC2 (2) | 2-4 | 7,227 | |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bristol City | 0-3 | 8,509 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 4 | WATFORD | 0-4 | 9,041 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 11 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | 3-0 | 4,931 | 23 |
| Sat Oct 18 | Wigan Athletic | 1-1 | 4,466 | 22 |
| Tue Oct 21 | Carlisle United | 1-0 | 4,341 | 21 |
| Sat Oct 25 | BRENTFORD | 2-0 | 5,972 | 18 |
| Sat Nov 1 | Wycombe Wanderers | 2-2 | 6,219 | 18 |
| Tue Nov 4 | BURNLEY | 2-3 | 5,315 | 19 |
| Sat Nov 8 | PRESTON NORTH END | 1-3 | 5,767 | 22 |
| Sat Nov 15 | TORQUAY UNITED FAC1 | 0-1 | 3,446 | |
| Sat Nov 22 | WALSALL | 0-1 | 4,726 | 23 |
| Sat Nov 29 | York City | 2-1 | 3,636 | 20 |
| Tue Dec 2 | GILLINGHAM | 2-2 | 4,408 | 21 |
| Sat Dec 13 | Chesterfield | 0-0 | 4,358 | 22 |
| Sat Dec 20 | BRISTOL ROVERS | 2-4 | 5,266 | 22 |
| Fri Dec 26 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | 2-2 | 8,035 | 21 |
| Sun Dec 28 | Millwall | 2-0 | 7,461 | 20 |
| Sat Jan 3 | Southend United | 2-1 | 5,056 | 19 |
| Sat Jan 10 | BLACKPOOL | 3-0 | 5,574 | 18 |
| Tue Jan 13 | BRENTFORD AWS2 | 2-1 | 3,106 | 1.0 |
| Sat Jan 17 | Oldham Athletic | 1-2 | 6,057 | 18 |
| Sat Jan 24 | FULHAM | 1-4 | 8,366 | 19 |
| Tue Jan 27 | Fulham AWS3 | 2-1 | 5,103 | |
| Sat Jan 31 | AFC BOURNEMOUTH | 1-2 | 5,466 | 19 |
| Sat Feb 7 | Wrexham | 1-2 | 3,527 | 20 |
| Sat Feb 14 | Watford | 1-1 | 15,182 | 20 |
| Tue Feb 17 | AFC Bournemouth AWS ASF | 0-1 | 5,367 | |
| Sat Feb 21 | BRISTOL CITY | 0-0 | 6,405 | 21 |
| Tue Feb 24 | WIGAN ATHLETIC | 1-1 | 4,403 | 20 |
| Sat Feb 28 | Plymouth Argyle | 2-0 | 4,846 | 19 |
| Tue Mar 3 | Preston North End | 0-1 | 6,992 | 20 |
| Sat Mar 7 | WYCOMBE W | 0-0 | 6,114 | 21 |
| Sat Mar 14 | Burnley | 1-1 | 9,656 | 21 |
| Sat Mar 21 | GRIMSBY TOWN | | | |
| Sat Mar 28 | Walsall | | | |
| Sat Apr 4 | YORK CITY | | | |
| Tue Apr 7 | Grimsby Town | | | |
| Sat Apr 11 | Gillingham CHESTERFIELD | | | |
| Tue Apr 14 | Bristol Rovers | | | |
| Sat Apr 18 | | | | |
| Sat Apr 25 | CARLISLE UTD | | | |
| Sat May 2 | CANLISLE UTD | | | |
| Game in BO | LD denotes home match. | | | |
| | PITALS denotes goalscorer. | | | |
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| - | GK | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 - |
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| | Feuer | McGowan | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren | Alexander | Oldfield | Thorpe | (Davies) | (Douglas) | Evers |
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| | Abbey | James | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | (Davies) | McLaren | Oldfield | THORPE | Marshall | (Douglas) | Showler |
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| | K. Davis | McGowan | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren (Davise) | (Evers) | Oldfield | Douglas | (Marshall) | Peake | (Davies) |
| | K.Davis | Alexander | Harvey | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson (Johnson) | (Davies) | McLaren McLaren | Oldfield | , , | MARSHALL | (Evers) | Peake |
| | Dibble Dibble | McGowan | (Harvey) | (Waddock) | S.DAVIS | Small | (Evers) GRAY | McLaren | Oldfield Oldfield | DOUGLAS | | Doherty | (Davies) |
| ij. | Dibble | Evers | Harvey | Waddock | S.DAVIS | White | Gray | McLaren | Oldfield | Douglas | (Marshall) | (Thorpe) | (Evers) |
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| | K.Davis | James | Small | (Spring) | S.Davis | White | (Gray) | McLaren | OLDFIELD | Thorpe | | (DAVIES) | Harvey |
| , | K.Davis | James | Small | (Spring) | S.Davis | WHITE | (Gray) | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | (Davies) | Doherty |
| | K.Davis | (James) | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Gray | McLaren | Oldfield | | Alexander ALEXANDER | Davies (Johnson) | (Waddock) Davies |
| | K.Davis | James | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | Gray | McLaren | OLDFIELD | | Alexander | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | K.Davis | James | Small | (Waddock) | S.Davis | Johnson | Grav | McLaren | Oldfield | | LEXANDER 2 | Davies | (Fotiadis) |
| | K.Davis | James | (Small) | (Waddock) | White | Johnson | (Gray) | McLaren | Oldfield | | Alexander | (Davies) | (Fotiadis) |
| | Feuer | James | (Harvey) | (Waddock) | White | (Spring) | Fotiadis | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | (Davies) | (Patterson) |
| | Feuer | James | Small | (Waddock) | White | (Davies) | Fotiadis | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | (Spring) | (Douglas) |
| | Feuer | James | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | | ALEXANDER | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | Feuer | James | Small | (Waddock) | S.DAVIS | (White) | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | | Alexander | Davies | (Fotiadis) |
| | Feuer | (James) | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | (Douglas) | S.Davis | White | ALLEN | (McLaren) | | | Alexander | Waddock | (Davies) |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Allen | | OLDFIELD | | (Alexander) | Davies | (Fotiadis) |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Waddock | S.DAVIS | White | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | | Alexander | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | | LEXANDER 2 | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | White | Allen | McLaren | | THORPE 3 | | Davies | Fotiadis |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Evers | S.Davis | White | Allen | Davies | | (THORPE) | (Alexander) | (George) | Harvey |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | (Waddock) | S.Davis | White | Allen | (Spring) | Oldfield | | ALEXANDER | (Davies) | (Marshall) |
| | Feuer | Patterson | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | (White) | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | THORPE | Alexander | (Davies) | Evers |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Harvey | Evers | S.Davis | White | Allen | (McLaren) | Oldfield | | MARSHALL) | (Waddock) | |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Harvey | (Waddock) | S.Davis | JOHNSON | (Allen) | (McLaren) | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | (Davies) | (Evers) |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Harvey | (Waddock) | S.DAVIS | Johnson | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | Davies | Evers |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Thomas | (Waddock) | White | JOHNSON | (Allen) | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe | Alexander | Davies | (Evers) |
| | Feuer | Alexander | Thomas | Evers | White | Patterson | Allen | McLaren | Oldfield | Marshall | (Davies) | (Gray) | Harvey |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Thomas | (Evers) | S.Davis | White | (Allen) | McLaren | Oldfield | Gray | Alexander | (Marshall) | (Fotiadis) |
| | K.Davis | Patterson | Thomas | Evers | S.Davis | White | (Marshall) | McLaren | OLDFIELD | Gray | Alexander | Allen | (Fotiadis) |
| | K.Davis | Alexander | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Patterson | EVERS | McLaren | Oldfield | Gray | (Marshall) | Davies | ((FOTIADIS)) |
| | K.Davis | Alexander | Thomas | (Waddock) | S.Davis | Patterson | (Evers) | McLaren | Oldfield | Gray | (Marshall) | (Davies) | (Fotiadis) |
| | K.Davis | Alexander | Thomas | (Spring) | S.Davis | Patterson | Evers | McLaren | Oldfield | Gray | (Marshall) | (Davies) | (Fotiadis) |
| | K.Davis | James | THOMAS | (Waddock) | S.Davis | Patterson | Evers | McLaren | Oldfield | Gray | (Fotiadis) | (Davies) | White |
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Harvey

(McLaren)

(Thomas) (Douglas) (Fotiadis)

(Marshall) Waddock

(Doherty) (Spring)



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Kelvin DAVIS 1 Aidan DAVISON

Julian JAMES 2 John McDERMOTT

Mitchell THOMAS 3 Tony GALLIMORE

Gary WADDOCK 4 Peter HANDYSIDE

Steve DAVIS 5 Mark LEVER

Darren PATTERSON 6 Wayne BURNETT

Sean EVERS 7 Kevin DONOVAN

Paul McLAREN 8 David SMITH

David OLDFIELD 9 Lee NOGAN

Phil GRAY 10 Daryl CLARE

Andrew FOTIADIS 11 Paul GROVES

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Today's Officials

Today's referee is **ANDREW HALL** from Birmingham.

Mr Hall, 28, is a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineer, who is married with three children. This is his first season as a Football League referee, following in his father's footsteps.

P.A.Vosper



R.B. Ward

4th official: N.R. Hitch

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are YORK CITY, in Nationwide League

n Nationwide Leagu Division Two, on Saturday, April 4, kick-off 3pm.

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