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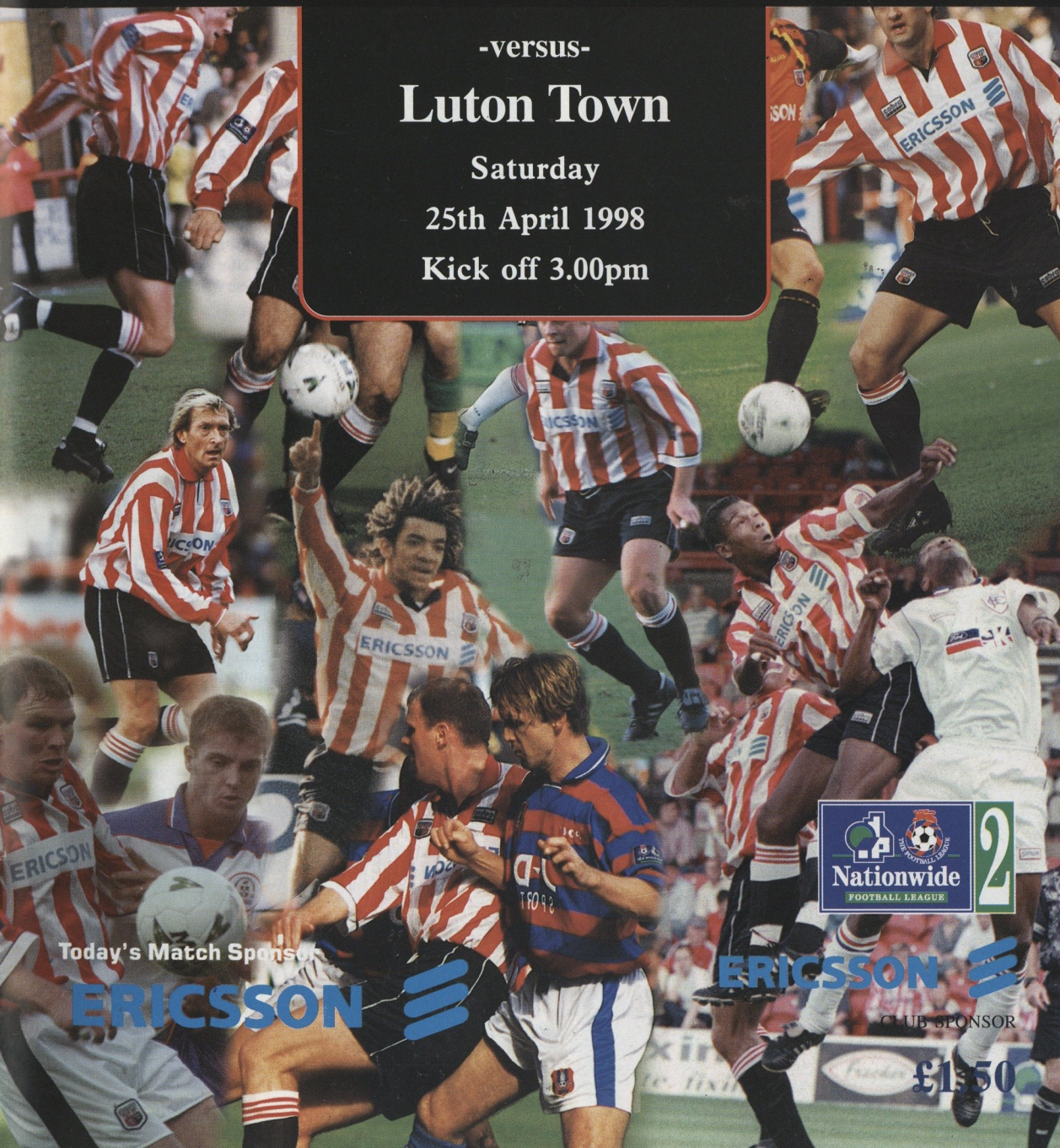
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Around the hive... Park

First and foremost, may we welcome all you Bees fans, who have supported us through thick and thin, in what has been a very disappointing season, to Griffin Park for this our final home League game. Having missed out in the Play Off Final at Wembley we now find ourselves fighting for our Second Division survival. Read Micky's notes today and let's do as he say's...let's all pull together. That apart everyone at Brentford Football Club would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and restful summer, and hopefully when we return we will be talking about England's success in The World Cup.

Welcome Luton

Welcome to our visitors from Kenilworth Road this afternoon, Luton Town. They provided us with our first League opposition at Griffin Park last season, and this time around they are our last.

All Ticket

Next Saturday's match at Bristol Rovers, our final League game of the season, is ALL TICKET for Bees fans. At the time this programme went to print, tickets were in short supply. However there will be an announcement on Big B Radio this afternoon with regard to availability.

TUESDAY 5th MAY 1998
LEE HARVEY BENEFIT MATCH
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A number of players have expressed an interest in playing in Lee Harvey's Benefit match. Dependent on injuries and play off commitments, Carl Asaba, Nick Forster, Martin Grainger, Barry Ashby, Paul Smith, Simon Ratcliffe and Brian Statham have all expressed a willingness to play, along with some members of our Championship winning side of 91/92. The match takes place at Griffin Park on Tuesday 5th May. Admission will be via the Braemar Road turnstiles only.

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Today's match will be the penultimate match of Ericsson's Sponsorship here at Brentford Football Club. They are also today's Match Sponsors. It draws to an end a three year partnership between the Swedish telecommunications giant and Brentford. We would like to place on record our appreciation for what has been a most lucrative and rewarding relationship, and one which has seen us make many new and lasting friends.

Mascots

At half time today there will be a parade of this seasons mascots, whilst we will also be parading a small sample of some of the new leisurewear which will be on sale throughout the summer. The new 1998/99 home shirt will also be on show, and the replicas (adult sizes £34.99, junior sizes £29.99) will be available both before and after the game from The Centenary Club in the Braemar Road forecourt, along with a number of leisurewear items. The Bees Fan-Attic will be open throughout the summer and will be introducing many new lines of leisurewear and other items.

London Marathon

Tomorrow sees the running of The London Marathon in which Carol Mackay is our Representative. Carol is a "veteran" of 55 half marathons and 4 previous London Marathons. She is not only representing Brentford, but also raising funds, through sponsorship, for Acton Lodge Adult Training Centre in Brentford. Coincidentally Anthony Talbot who was originally a work placement from Acton Lodge, with us here at Griffin Park, and can now be seen here every day assisting the groundstaff, is celebrating his 33rd Birthday shortly. We wish both Carol, and Anthony a great weekend, and whilst Carol dons the Brentford shirt at tomorrows Marathon, Anthony will be donning his this afternoon as he runs out as one of the mascots.

Back round again!

The start of next seasons Nationwide Football League programme is Saturday 8th August.

Festival of Football

Today we should have available for distribution, the Festival of Football leaflets. This comprises and lists a number of events which will be taking place here at Griffin Park, starting with Lee Harveys Benefit Match on Tuesday 5th May, and ending with the Sunday Funday on 10th May. There will be something for everybody during the week. For further details call 0181 758 9430.

Man in the Middle

Today's referee, Mark Halsey, hails from Welwyn Garden City. Prior to taking up refereeing, he was a semi professional goalkeeper. Then he made his refereeing debut in the Herts County League in 1989 before progressing through the Isthmian League and onto the National List of Referees last season. When not officiating he enjoys playing squash and during the summer, cricket.

Farewell

Two of our Police Match Commanders, Roy Sutherland and Mike Fraser, will both be departing Griffin Park for pastures new at the end of the season.

Chief Superintendent Sutherland is retiring from the force after thirty years service, whilst Inspector Fraser, who has been a Match Commander here on matchdays for eight years, is being transferred as part of a new reorganisation of the police, to Staines. We thank them both for their service with Brentford and wish them luck in the future.

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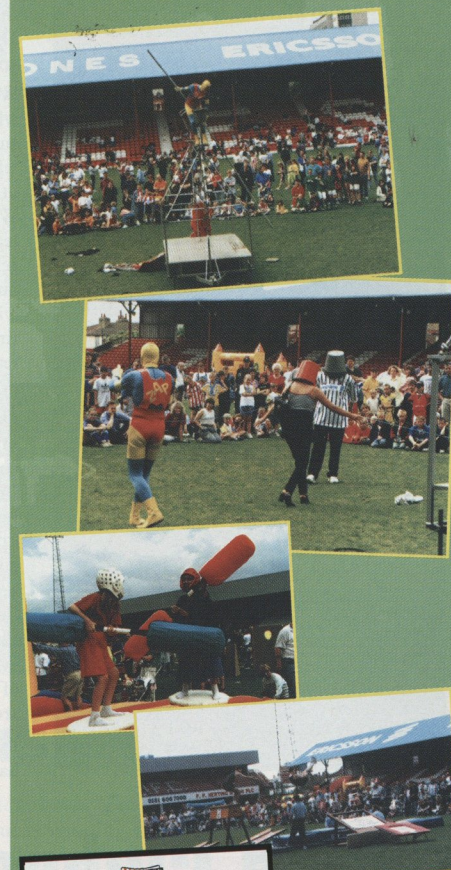
Once again I'm afraid we have some sad news to report. Pat Redknapp, who supporters may remember was presented with a bouquet of flowers by her daughter Nicola earlier this season, as she completed 50 years of supporting the Club, has passed away after a short illness. We extend our sympathies to her family.

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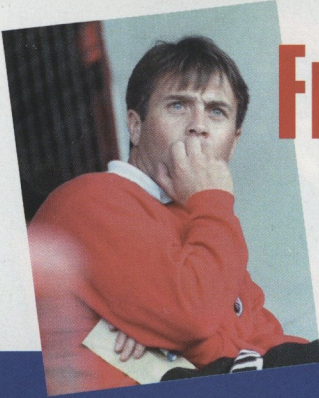
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From the Dug Out... Micky Adams



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Welcome to Griffin Park for this the final home game of the season. As the season draws to a close, League tables don't lie. It's been a difficult season for everyone connected at Brentford Football Club, particularly so for the Bees faithful. For having reached the heights of last season, plummeting to the depths of a relegation battle this season must be very very frustrating.

But through it all you the Bees fans have remained loyal, and the players and staff can have no complaints re the level of enthusiastic support we've had this season. We thank you for that. Let's hope that come 4.45 this afternoon, our Second Division status is still alive...at least for another week.

We can all point to this game and that when we should have done better. But I suppose the last two home games are those where we've particularly let ourselves, and others down. Last Saturday against Wigan was a classic example where one team without fear, safe from the threat of relegation, were up against another, ourselves, desperate not to make mistakes with the fear factor high. It is the first time since I've been at the Club that the fear syndrome really showed its ugly face.

One of my favourite TV programmes is Dad's Army, and last weekends events mirrored some of the characters. You could almost hear the crowd murmuring "You stupid boy" when Batesy gave the penalty away; and others in the crowd uttering "we're doomed" as the second goal went in. Then there was the old war horse himself Cockerill typifying Corporal Jones' catch phrase "they don't like it up 'em" as he ran and harried for every ball. And finally myself in the role of Captain Mainwaring saying to all around me "DON'T PANIC".

I've heard it said recently that you often have to take a step backwards to make a

giant step forward. I have to say that I do not go along with that, as it would not be a good move to slip down a Division. I want to be a Second Division Manager...my players are worthy of being Second Division players. We want to play in the Second Division next season, make no mistake! It has to be an all out effort from everybody for these last two games. Not one of us wants to go down. We have made great strides during the past three months and it would be a tragic blow should it not bear fruit come the final hurdle. But ultimately the Manager carries the can for his team's success or failures. But I will remain loyal and work ever harder to produce a winning side whichever Division we happen to be in next season. Let no one doubt that!

Already my plans for next season are well advanced with regard to talking to players about contracts, and deciding on those I may wish to bring in for next season. Pre season games are being formulated for next season including a mini tour of Ireland, the full itinerary of which will shortly be announced. So wherever we are next season, we are well under way with the preparations.

Welcome to Lennie Lawrence and his Luton side, who like ourselves were amongst the pre season favourites to do well, yet like us have had a difficult time. We have met them twice already this season. Let's hope today will be third time lucky for us.

Today is the day to forget about your own personal views on the team, the players, the system, the Club, and the management. It's not a time for foul and abusive language, as has recently been directed at the coaching staff, to rear its unwanted head. It is a day when we must all have one resolve. It's a day for everyone to get behind the boys and take that fear factor away from them. It's all for one and one for all!

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The Babettes were also given an outstanding honour when The World Cheerleading Association asked Hannah Kent and Emma Tripp to become WCA Coaching Staff. The girls are going to Nashville in July to begin their training which will enable them to promote and raise the standards of Cheerleading in the UK.

The Babettes are always proud to bring their awards to Brentford and continue to support the Team and supporters at the Football Club.

The Squad is holding an Open Coaching Day on Tuesday 26th May where they will be glad to introduce new people to Cheerleading and teach the basic skills. If you are interested in taking part please send a stamped self addressed envelope together with your phone number to:

The Babettes Cheerleaders, 64 Mount Pleasant, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 9HQ

You can visit The Babettes on their web site: <http://members.aol.com/babettesgb/>



Hello Dolly!!

We've read in the programme this season of some of our older supporters, e.g. Arthur Flint and Bill Axbey, who are both in their nineties. But in just over two weeks time, Dolly Weekes, formerly of Brentford, but now living in Hounslow, will get a telegram from The Queen as she celebrates her one hundredth Birthday. You can read about Dolly in the current issue of BeeScene. But we would like to take this opportunity, from everyone at Brentford Football Club, to wish Dolly a very Happy Birthday.

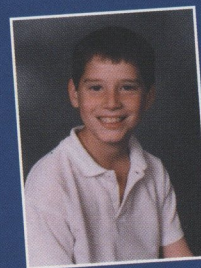
Dolly can be seen (right) with her Bees cap and cuddly Bee.



Brentford Match Mascot.

We welcome Fred Vickers who is our mascot today. Fred is 10 years old and attends Chatsworth Junior School. His hobbies are supporting "The Bees" and using his computer. He also has a soft spot for Nottingham Forest. Fred is a season ticket holder and Junior Bee and attends all the home games with his dad. Robert Taylor is his favourite player.

We wish Fred, his family and friends, a very happy day at Griffin Park.



You can not BEE serious!!

In December 1927, Northampton Town went in at half time losing 5-1 to Luton Town. I'm not sure what was in their tea, but after the break they came out and managed to completely turn it around, winning the game 6-5, creating one of the greatest ever comebacks of all time.

The great Stanley Matthews only managed to score one goal in the Football League throughout the whole season 1962-63, it was on the 18th of May 1963 in a 2-0 win over Luton Town at the Victoria Ground. It enabled Stoke City to win the Division Two Championship and relegated poor Luton Town.

The Luton Town Chairman, Peter Nelkin in 1991 said after his club had avoided relegation on the last day of the season: 'The manager (Jim Ryan) has had a very difficult job and in the circumstances he has done well'. Yet all of 48 hours later, the chairman had sacked his manager saying: 'You don't take a decision to sack a manager on a whim, but Jim wasn't going to change and neither was I !!!

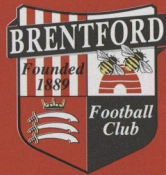
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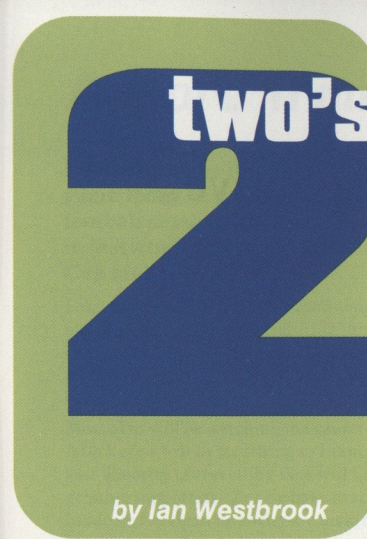


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by Ian Westbrook

Wayne Burnett was their hero, drilling the ball home from a corner with eight minutes of extra-time left to the delight of the Mariners fans in the crowd of 62,432, the third highest crowd in the competition's history.

It was not a thrilling game early on until Bournemouth took the lead when John Bailey picked up a flick-on from Mark Stein and made space to fire into an empty net. Grimsby equalised with 10 minutes remaining when a Kingsley Black effort went in off the legs of Cherries goalkeeper Jimmy Glass. The sudden-death extra-time was very exciting with both teams making plenty of chances before Burnett spared everybody the agony of a penalty shoot-out.

Grimsby are the 13th different winners of the competition since the final moved to Wembley in 1985. Bournemouth ironically won it the season before, when it was the Associate Members Cup, by beating Hull at Boothferry Park.

No more issues were settled in last Saturday's matches but Grimsby could have had a bearing on the position at the bottom on Tuesday when they were due to play at Carlisle. If they won at Brunton Park they would have virtually condemned The Cumbrians to relegation.

Southend are already all but mathematically down after last Saturday's 1-1 draw at York. Anything but maximum points from their final two games will see them suffer their second successive relegation while one more point for The Bees and Plymouth will also finish off The Shrimpers whatever they do themselves.

Burnley's game in hand incidentally is at Oldham next Tuesday while they entertain Plymouth next Saturday in a final day showdown.

At the other end of the table Fulham need one point to book their place in the play-offs while Grimsby would have joined them if they won at

Carlisle. Three points today at already-promoted Watford would also do the trick. Our final opponents Bristol Rovers have moved into the play-off zone and if they win at Blackpool today and Wrexham and Gillingham fail to beat Preston and Plymouth respectively, they will be in the end-of-season finale.

Northampton will also be watching for the Wrexham and Gillingham results while entertaining Fulham as they are level on points with Bristol Rovers.

Meanwhile League new boys Macclesfield could be a Second Division club by 4.45 tonight if they avoid defeat against their former tenants Chester. The odds would favour a home win as it has been the side's amazing record at Moss Rose that has put them second in the table. Before today Macclesfield were the only club in all four Divisions still with an unbeaten home record after winning 18 and drawing four of their home matches. If they had gained more than their three triumphs away from home then they would surely have run away with the Third Division championship.

The challenge to go up with them and Notts County has really hotted up with just a point separating Torquay, Colchester, Scarborough and Barnet. Lincoln compete the play-off zone.

The battle to avoid the drop into Division Two is also tense. Port Vale, who entertained Middlesbrough last night, and Stoke who travel to Sunderland this afternoon, are both two points ahead of third bottom Manchester City, who entertain QPR. Portsmouth, who face Huddersfield, and Reading who go to Nottingham Forest tomorrow and move into a new ground next season are further adrift.

Finally Oldham have signed Bruce Grobbelaar for the rest of the season on non-contract terms.

2nd division news up-date



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Home Secretary

A word from Jack Straw

For many clubs it's the last home game today of a fantastic domestic football season. But don't despair, in just a month's time, the World Cup kicks off.

Like all football fans, I'm excited about a month-long competition featuring the biggest names in the game – particularly when England under Glen Hoddle have a good chance of doing well.

Most of us will be watching the games on TV. A lucky few will be travelling to France. The vast majority of travelling fans will be genuine supporters. But we have to accept a hardcore hooligan minority are making plans to travel as well.

So we have been working flat-out with our French counterparts to ensure the World Cup is remembered for all the right reasons. The co-operation will continue right through the tournament.

We want to ensure genuine English supporters get the warm and friendly welcome in France they deserve. That has not always happened abroad in the past.

So French police have attended games here to understand better the special atmosphere at our matches. They have promised to treat all supporters, wherever they come from, firm but fairly.

But we must also stop the tiny minority of mindless hooligans again damaging the reputation of England abroad.

That is all the more important with our bid to host the 2006 finals, which has the full and

enthusiastic support of Tony Blair and the Government, winning new friends every week.

We have made real progress in rooting out the cancer of hooliganism from our domestic game. I watch as many matches of my side Blackburn as I can. All match-goers know, despite a handful of appalling recent incidents, how much better the atmosphere is at games today compared with a decade ago.

We have also tackled the hooligans who masquerade as England fans. Euro'96 was memorable for many, many reasons. But the football authorities, police and decent fans can take great pride in the fact that the tournament was mainly trouble free.

There is, however, no room for complacency. No one should doubt our determination, and that of the French authorities, to prevent the thugs wrecking this sporting festival.

We have encouraged the courts to make full use of the powers to stop convicted hooligans travelling to matches.

French police are making full use of the sophisticated intelligence networks and policing procedures we have developed in this country.

British football intelligence officers will be travelling to France to spot potential troublemakers and liaison officers will also be on hand to enable instant throughput of intelligence.

You, too, can play your part. We have re-launched our Hooligan Hotline which provided such a success at Euro'96. By calling 0800-515495, decent fans can blow the whistle on the thugs. It is already providing a

stream of useful intelligence. It's completely confidential.

There's one other way you can help prevent flashpoints. That's by not travelling to France unless you have a ticket.

I know tickets are in short supply despite the best efforts of the FA. But I fear there is still a widespread view that if you want to catch a match, all you have to do is go over to France and buy a blackmarket ticket even if you have to pay over the odds. But you would be wrong.

Your chances of getting into the ground are very slim indeed. A black market ticket is no guarantee you will get into the match.

France has very tough touting laws which will be strictly enforced. That will cut down the chances of tickets being available.

But, more importantly, every ticket sold in France has the original purchaser's name printed on it. There is no point in pretending you are Eric Cantona when you are really Vinny Jones.

It will be a simple matter for the police or turnstile staff to check. At best, you will be turned away and lose your money. At worst, you could face imprisonment.

So the advice is **No ticket. Don't travel.** Otherwise you could be wasting your time and your money.

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Key dates

(A look at some of the significant dates in Luton's history)

SEPTEMBER 4, 1897 - Luton start their Football League career in Division Two with a trip to Leicester Fosse and come away with a creditable 1-1 draw.

MAY, 1900 - The Hatters lose their League status after three seasons when they fail to gain re-election. They do not reappear until the formation of the Third Division in 1920.

DECEMBER 4, 1920 - Luton play their first League game against Brentford and end up winning 2-0.

APRIL 13, 1936 - The Hatters hit a hatful of goals as they thrash Bristol Rovers 12-0 with centre-forward Joe Payne claiming an amazing 10 of them. The victory is still the club's best-ever, Rovers' worst-ever and was the highest-ever win in the history of Division Three (South).

MAY 1, 1937 - A 2-0 triumph over Torquay secures the Division Three (South) title for Luton in the final game of the season.

APRIL 30, 1955 - Luton win 3-0 at Doncaster in the final match of the campaign to finish second in Division Two on goal average from Rotherham and earn promotion to the top flight.

MAY 2, 1959 - The Hatters face Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup final but suffer a 2-1 defeat.

MAY 11, 1968 - Brentford are guests at a promotion party as Luton celebrate winning the Fourth Division title by beating us 2-1.

APRIL 24 1988 - Luton enjoy a triumphant return to Wembley by beating Arsenal 3-2 in the Littlewoods Cup final.

APRIL 9 1989 - The Hatters are back under the Twin Towers to defend their trophy but bogey side Nottingham Forest dash their hopes with a 3-1 win.

Luton come into this afternoon's game knowing that a victory will secure their Second Division status for another season.

Their recent revival has given them a great chance of avoiding the drop with Rory Allen the hero for his four goals since arriving on loan from Tottenham on transfer deadline day. His performances have inspired a run of four wins in six matches following a sequence of just one win in their previous 12 League games.

The Hatters and Brentford's problems are a far cry from 12 months ago when both clubs harboured serious hopes of claiming a place in Division One. Luton, who were second in the table behind us from the end of December to the middle of March, finally finished in third place four points adrift of Stockport, and like us saw Crewe put paid to their promotion hopes in the play-offs. In The Hatters' case they lost 4-3 on aggregate in the semi-finals.

This season things have been very different in the League with not much more success in Cup competitions. Third Division Torquay dumped Luton out of the FA Cup with a 1-0 first round win in Bedfordshire while West Brom ended their Coca-Cola Cup hopes in the second round after they had put paid to Colchester. They reached the southern semi-finals in the Auto Windscreens Shield, beating us and Fulham en route, before they went out 1-0 at eventual Wembley finalists Bournemouth.

LAST TIME

Luton were our first League visitors of last season and we started on a run of five straight victories by beating them 3-2 in a thriller.

A Tony Thorpe penalty just on half-time put The Hatters ahead and although Carl Asaba equalised midway through the second half, Ceri Hughes almost immediately restored Town's lead. However goals in the last 10 minutes from Jamie Bates and Robert Taylor gave us the points.

We have made two trips to Kenilworth Road this season, losing 2-0 in the League in October and 2-1 in the Auto Windscreens Shield three months later.

SUPER SEASON

One of the most memorable seasons in Luton's history occurred in 1981/82 when they won the old Second Division championship by eight points from local rivals Watford.

They were never overtaken after going top at the start of October and only lost four times all campaign, with two of those defeats coming in their first six matches. After the second of those losses Luton embarked on a run of seven wins and a draw to roar into pole position, including a 6-0 thrashing of Grimsby along the way.

Their worst sequence was five games without a win in March but they had built up such a healthy lead at the top that no-one could overtake them.

Luton's second spell in the top flight lasted 10 seasons and saw them finish in a club-best seventh place in 1986/87.

Luton Town

THE MANAGER

Lennie Lawrence, who took over at Kenilworth Road in December 1995, is no stranger to pulling off great escape acts.

He was manager of Charlton for eight years and memorably kept them in the old First Division in 1987 when they beat Leeds after extra-time in the end-of-season play-offs. In his time with the Addicks, Lawrence took them back to the top flight for the first time in nearly 30 years after they had had to leave The Valley for Selhurst Park.

He also managed Middlesbrough, leading them into the Premiership, and Bradford City before arriving at Kenilworth Road while he is one of the few managers on the circuit never to have played League football, spending his playing days with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton.

Former Bee Clive Goodyear is Luton's physiotherapist.

THE SQUAD

Ex-trainee and former England under-21 player **Kelvin Davis** has been the regular goalkeeper this season. Former YTS player **Nathan Abbey** is the other 'keeper on the books.

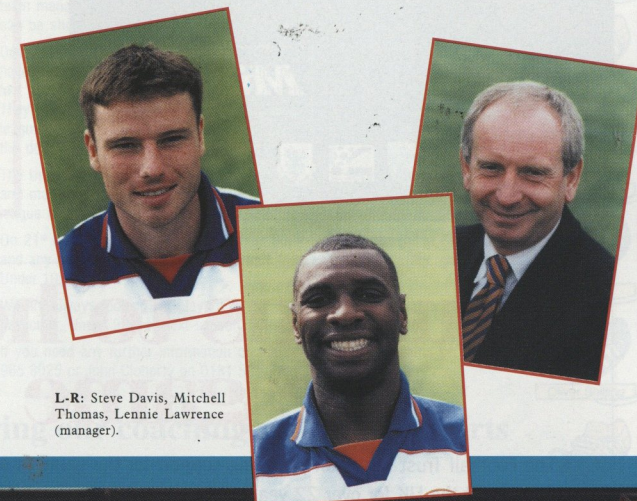
Alan White (ex-Derby and Middlesbrough), former England B star **Mitchell Thomas** (ex-Tottenham and West Ham), in his second spell at Kenilworth Road, and Northern Ireland international **Darren Patterson** (ex-West Brom, Wigan and Crystal Palace) should all play at the back but long-serving **Julian James** broke his leg at Bristol Rovers last week.

Ex-apprentices **Richard Harvey** and **Marvin Johnson** and former Burnley captain **Steve Davis** are fighting for his place.

Former Republic of Ireland international **Gary Waddock** (ex-QPR, Millwall and Bristol Rovers), **Simon Davies** (ex-Manchester United), ex-trainee **Sean Evers** and **Graham Alexander** (ex-Scunthorpe) are likely to fill midfield with second year pro **Matthew Spring** on the bench. Another ex-trainee **Paul McLaren** could also be involved.

Dwight Marshall (ex-Hampton and Plymouth), **David Oldfield** (ex-Manchester City and Leicester), in his second Luton spell, and winger **Chris Allen** (ex-Oxford and Nottingham Forest) provide the firepower with ex-trainee **Stuart Douglas** a substitute.


Northern Ireland international **Phil Gray** (ex-Sunderland and Fortuna Sittard), another to return to Luton, **Paul Showler** (ex-Barnet and Bradford) and youngsters **Andrew Fotiadis** and **Gary Doherty** complete the squad.




L-R: Steve Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Lennie Lawrence (manager).




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These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers, 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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Community Bees



Brentford Ladies clinch Championship

Congratulations to the Brentford Women's team for becoming the Greater London League Division 3 West champions after defeating Panthers 17 - 0!!

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Brentford W.F.C Squad 1997-98 are

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Our Under 9's play small sided football in a friendly league. The A squad have lost only one game all season. The present Under 10's, to date, have lost just one game - a FA County Cup match against Percival from Enfield. They have already won the league with 4 games remaining and are in the league cup final on 26th April at Yeading F.C. Good luck in the final boys - the double would be impressive!

The Under 14's, who were mid table last year, with several good signings and many excellent performances, has resulted in the team winning the league and hence promotion to Division 1.

On 21st June, we are holding our annual Six-a-Side tournament at Guinness and any club registered with the County F.A is welcome. The age groups are Under 10 to Under 13.

We are always looking for players to strengthen our squads and we need, in particular, Under 9's for next season.

If you need any further information please contact Steve Williams on 0181 965 8025 or John Cloherty on 0181 581 2466.

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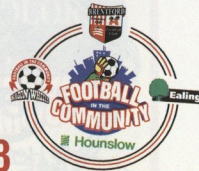
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An Invitation to Brentford Football Club's Festival of Football



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Wednesday 6th May to Sunday 10th May 1998

Brentford Football Club are throwing open the doors of Griffin Park to groups ranging from Primary School teams to Company teams in a number of events, at the end of the current Football Season. Details of the events are listed below and the following page details how you may apply.

The GMB Clash of the Companies

Thursday 7th May 6.30-9.30pm

£125 per team incs. post match buffet
(Squads of seven players, extra buffets £5 per head)

This competition has become a firm favourite, with 22 teams competing last year. You will play a minimum of three 10 minute games in eight leagues of 4, with the top two teams in each league of five qualifying for the final stages. A buffet will be laid on for all participants in Stripes Bar from 8.30pm with the presentation of winners and runners up medals and trophies.

The IMG Super Teams

Friday 8th May 6.30-9.30pm

£125 per team incs. post competition buffet

A competition for everybody. Mixed teams of 6 participants are invited to compete for the title of Superteam '98. Events will include: - Obstacle Relay Race, Team Penalty Shootout, Team Basketball Shootout, Volleyball, Team Tennis.

The competition promises to be a fun evening for everybody. A buffet will be laid on for all participants in Stripes Bar after the event, with medals and trophies being presented to the Superteam and Runners Up.

New for '98

Get in to the spirit - personalised company T-shirts are available for just £5 each (one sided print) or £6 for two sided print, please call for details.

Fosters College Fives

Friday 8th May 11-3pm

£50 per team

We will be running two tournaments throughout the day, one for men and one for ladies teams aged 16 upwards. You will play at least four qualifying matches of 10 minutes duration in a league format, followed by a knock out competition for the qualifiers in each league. There will be medals and trophies for the winners and runners up of each tournament as well as "goodies" supplied by Fosters Lager. Stripes Bar will be open from 11am with reductions on beer.

New for '98

The Bill Bell Funday Sixes

Sunday 10th May 11-5pm

£15 per team

This six a side competition proved to be a great success at last years Funday. This year we will be organising the same format with a competition for Boys Under 8, and Girls Under 12, as at 31st July this year. Medals and trophies will be awarded by a Brentford player at the end of the Tournament. Entries are limited to 8 teams per competition.

Football Funtastic

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May 4-6pm

£6 per player per session

Medals to be won and presentations will be made by Brentford players at the end of each session.

Childrens coaching on the Griffin Park pitch. Open to boys and girls aged from 5-15 years. The sessions include professional coaching by qualified coaches in a range of football techniques, as well as a mini league tournament by age with medals to be won. There will also be an award for player of the day in each age group PLUS goody bags for everyone who takes part.

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Bristol Rovers v Brentford

Saturday, 2nd May 1998 - Kick off 3.00pm

Travel by coach: The Supporters Association will be organising travel. Coaches leave the Layton Road Car Park at Noon and the cost will be £11:00 Members. Concessionary fares for juniors and OAPs, cost £10:00. Non Members £12:00.

Bristol Rovers home is the Memorial Ground which they share with Bristol Rugby Club.

By road: The Memorial Ground is in the Horfield district, 2/3 miles to the north of the City, just off A38 (Gloucester Road). From London take M4 to J.19; take M32 south to J.2; turn right Muller Rd (signposted FISHPONDS and HORFIELD). At roundabout, turn right. Where road forks, bear right into Muller Road and follow signs to Horfield and Southmead. At the sixth set of traffic lights (approx. 1.4 miles) turn left into Filton Avenue. Car Park entrance first on left (permit holders only), ground entrance second left. Approx 110 miles.

AA Roadwatch 0336 401 111 (39p per minute cheap/49p peak rate)

Car parking: The car park at the ground is for the use of Coaches etc. and is not available for visiting supporters' cars. Street parking is the only available option. No parking is permitted in Alton Road

Travel from City Centre: A number of buses are available from City Centre: nos. 73 and 74 run along Filton Avenue, directly past the Memorial Ground. Services 71 and 72 stop in Ashley Down Road, a short walk from the ground. Services 75, 76 and 77 will stop in Gloucester Road, almost opposite Filton Avenue and will mean a short walk to the ground.

Travel by train: London (Paddington) to Bristol Temple Meads. 10:15 (arrives 12:09); or (via Bath) 10:30 (arrives 12:36). Return leave Bristol 18:05 (arrive 19:55).

Nearest railway station is Montpellier on a local line, change at Temple Meads. Montpellier is approx. 1.2 miles from ground. Alternatively travel from Temple Meads to City Centre by bus nos. 8 or 9 and from there take any of the buses listed above to Memorial Ground. British Rail can be contacted on 0345 484950.

Bristol Cityline Bus Services: (0117) 9553231.

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Bristol Rovers Football Club, Football Ground: Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol. BS7 0AQ.

Club Offices Tel: 0117 9772000. Pirates Clubcall: 0891 121131

Total capacity: 9,200

Stand for Visitors: Adjacent to Centenary Stand via Filton Road Turnstiles (740 spaces available)

Facilities for People with Disabilities: Facilities for Disabled visitors are limited, at present, to 2/3. People with disabilities should first contact Brentford Club Office who will in turn contact Bristol Rovers Club Secretary.

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Centenary Stand

Refreshment Bar

Toilet Blocks

Visitors Turnstiles

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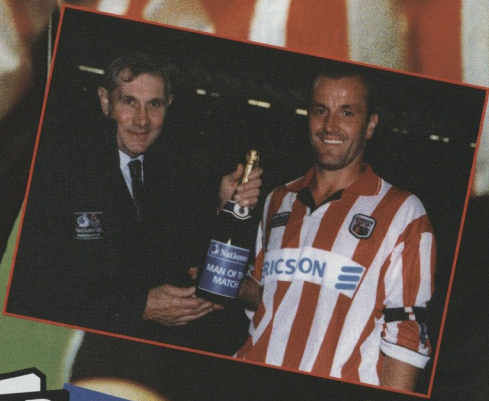
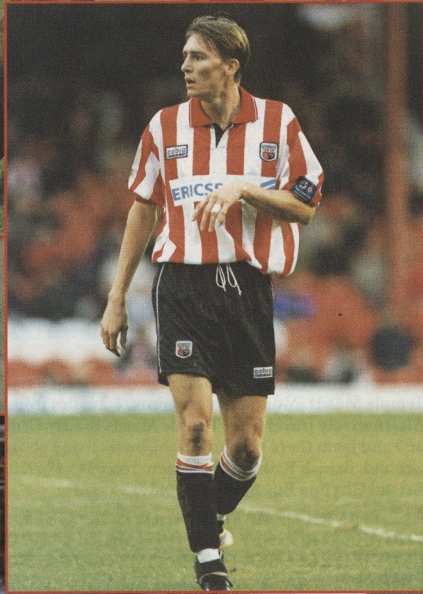
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If you would like to be a stall holder or would like details on the competitions, please call Lee Doyle on 0181 758 9430

The closing date for all these events is Friday 1st May 98





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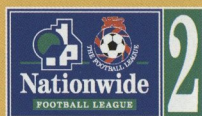
Division Stats

Nationwide League Division Two (as on 20.04.98)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	44	15	5	2	39	16	9	5	8	27	22	82
Watford	43	12	6	3	34	21	10	9	3	29	18	81
Fulham	44	12	7	3	30	12	8	3	11	29	28	70
Grimsby	43	11	7	4	30	12	7	7	7	24	23	68
Bristol Rovers	44	12	2	8	41	32	7	8	7	27	30	67
Northampton	44	13	5	4	32	17	4	11	7	19	20	67
Wrexham	44	10	9	3	31	23	7	6	9	21	27	66
Gillingham	44	13	6	3	30	18	5	6	11	21	29	66
Chesterfield	44	13	6	3	30	18	3	9	10	14	24	63
Bournemouth	43	10	8	4	26	14	6	4	11	26	34	60
Blackpool	44	12	6	4	34	24	4	4	14	23	42	58
Wigan	43	11	4	6	39	31	5	5	12	23	35	57
Wycombe	44	10	9	3	31	19	3	8	11	18	33	56
Preston	44	9	6	7	27	25	5	7	10	27	30	55
York City	44	9	6	7	26	21	4	10	8	24	36	55
Oldham	43	12	6	3	38	20	1	9	12	17	31	54
Walsall	43	10	8	4	26	15	4	4	13	16	32	54
Millwall	44	7	8	7	22	21	7	4	11	20	31	54
Luton	44	6	7	9	32	36	7	7	8	23	24	53
Plymouth	44	10	5	7	36	29	2	8	12	18	38	49
Brentford	44	9	6	7	31	27	2	10	10	16	40	49
Burnley	43	9	9	4	32	22	3	3	15	17	37	48
Carlisle Utd	43	8	5	8	26	25	4	3	15	28	42	44
Southend Utd	44	8	7	7	28	27	3	3	16	18	47	43

Today's other Nationwide Division 2 fixtures

- Blackpool v Bristol Rovers
- Bournemouth v Burnley
- Bristol City v Walsall
- Carlisle Utd v York City
- Northampton v Fulham
- Oldham v Southend
- Plymouth v Gillingham
- Watford v Grimsby
- Wrexham v Preston
- Wycombe v Chesterfield



Tuesday result not included Carlisle 0 Grimsby 1

Bees v The Hatters

The complete league record

by Mark Harfield

This is our 54th league match v Luton Town

home					away					total				
W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
14	4	8	37	33	3	5	19	26	57	17	9	27	63	90

The First League Match (at Brentford)

11/12/1920

Division 3 (s)

Bees 1 Hatters 0

In this match Boyne scored the winner, thus avenging a 2-0 defeat at Luton a week earlier.

The team that day:

Durston, Hodson, Rosier, Elliot, Amos, Morris, Taylor, King, Boyne, Morley, Cartnell.

The Last Ten

12/1/98	A	1-2	AWS
25/10/98	A	0-2	League
21/3/97	A	0-1	League
24/8/96	H	3-2	League
9/2/93	A	0-0	League
13/9/92	H	1-2	League
11/5/68	A	1-2	League
17/2/68	H	0-2	League
31/12/66	A	0-3	League
22/8/66	H	1-3	League

Last Season - Bees 3 Luton 2

A downpour just before the kick off failed to dampen the Bees spirits as they twice pulled goals back in a classic which saw a last gasp winner by Bobby Taylor. Luton won the return 1-0, a match shown live on Sky.

Lifeline winners

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Blast From The Past

It's an Olly, Olly, Olly, Olly, Ollyday!

Division 3 (s) 1/2/1933 - Luton 5 Bees 5

For those of you with long memories remember this one.

"In a sensational game at Luton, the Hatters went in at half-time with a 4-1 lead. In the second half the Bees showed guts and determination fighting back to draw 5 all in one of the most incredible matches the club has ever played, in fact Olly Holiday set a club record that day by scoring five goals."

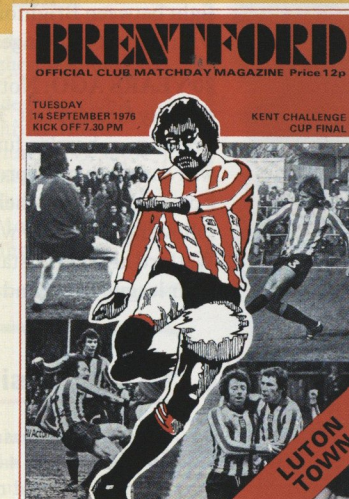
At the end of the season, the Bees finished as Third Division (South) Champions.

Harry Rednapp and the Kentish Boys

Did you know that in September 1976 the two teams met in the final of the KENT COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP final? Listed in the programme to play the Bees that day were current West Ham manager Harry Rednapp. It is unlikely that Harry played in this prestigious match as the previous week he limped off before half time at Aldershot after playing his only 38 minutes of football for us!

Micky Adams

In the Auto Windscreen Shield match earlier this season manager Micky Adams came on as a sub to make his debut for the club.



The Early Days

Prior to our first league game the clubs had met on 26 occasions in the Southern League and a controversial FA Cup match back in 1909.

"With the score at 1-1, Luton's Smith was clear with only Archie Ling to beat, however Bees Jim Riley took him out with a choice piece of "Ju-Jitsu". Riley was only booked and Smith played very little more of the game. George Reid later scored against 10 man Luton to give us victory. The FA held an enquiry and Riley was later given a two week suspension as it was adjudged that he should have been sent off. The Ref was also banned for a month - for "failing to do his duty"

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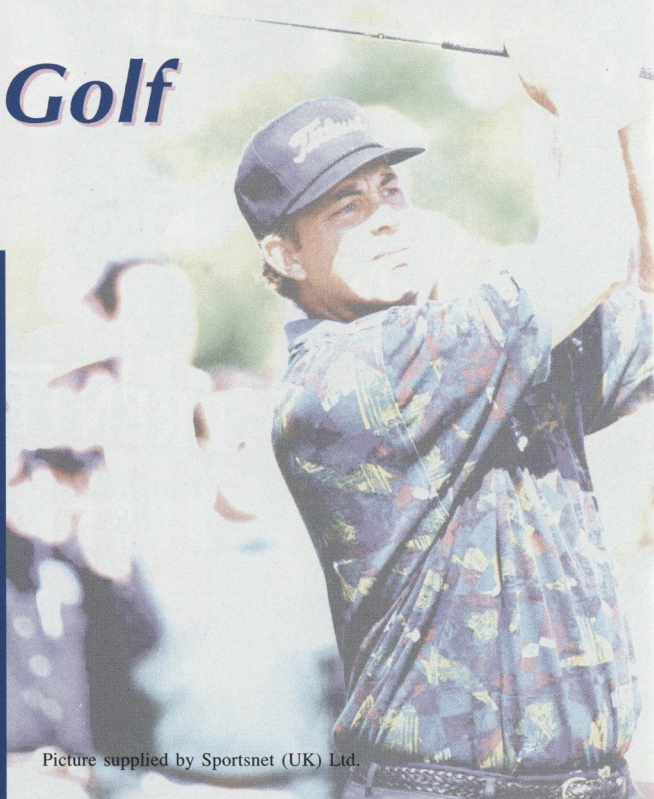
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Individuals £125(exc vat)



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by Graham Haynes

60 YEARS AGO: Arsenal lift the First Division Championship Cup by Thrashing Bolton 5-0 while nearest challenges Wolves slump 1-0 at Sunderland..... Aston Villa take the honours in Division Two rounding off the campaign with a 2-0 success over Norwich (att. 40,000).... Millwall crush Exeter 5-1 away and are crowned Division 3 (South) Champions..... In the Northern Section the battle between the two main protagonists Doncaster and Tranmere ends 1-1 and the trophy is on its way to Preston Park.... The FA Cup Final goes to extra time before Mutch settles the issue in Preston's favour from the penalty spot.... Runners up are Huddersfield (att. 93,357).

40 YEARS AGO: Shock of the season in Division One as runaway champions Wolves lose 2-1 away to already relegated Sheffield Wednesday..... the title issue goes to the final day in Division Two..... West Ham win 3-1 at Middlesbrough to claim top spot.... London neighbours Charlton miss out when losing 4-3 at home to Blackburn (att. 56,535) which enables the men from Enoud Park to leapfrog them into Second position.... The Third (South) Championship has now been whittled down to a straight fight between Brighton and Brentford.... In the Northern Section Scunthorpe beat Chester 2-1 and with nearest challenges Accrington Stanley losing 1-0 at Wrexham the title is theirs.

20 YEARS AGO: Nottingham Forest, beaten only 3 times all season, are held 0-0 by Birmingham at the City Ground (att. 37,625) but they are streets clear and the trophy is already in their safe keeping..... here's a funny one: Southampton play Spurs on the final day knowing that a point apiece will ensure them of promotion to Division One along with champions Bolton and deprive Brighton of a place in the top echelon..... the game end's 0-0!!..... Wrexham are champions of Division Three following a 0-0 draw with Peterborough at the Racecourse ground (att. 20,000)..... Graham Taylor's Watford are the outstanding team in Division Four..... they beat Southport, who are about to lose their league status and finish 11 points clear of runners up Southport.

1938 Division One - Last post

Although the season had a few weeks to run yet, Brentford's 4-0 defeat at Leeds signalled the end of any last lingering hopes of the championship.

Manager Harry Curtis expressed his frustration at finishing empty handed, especially as the Bees led the race for 16 weeks with at one stage a clear 5 point advantage, and promised that next year he would play it differently.

However, there can be no denying that a golden opportunity had been missed and for Brentford the likelihood of a second bite of the cherry was remote.

The title has rarely gone to a club so low down the pecking order in terms of support and, yes even in 1938, financial clout.

Underlining how Brentford threw away the chance of a lifetime is the fact that no side has won the First Division with less points

than Arsenal's success in 1937-38.

There were some rumours that some of the players were getting itchy feet and felt they could better their prospects at a bigger club.

Rumour turned to fact when Scottish International Duncan McKenzie was granted a transfer and moved to Middlesbrough.

On a brighter note skipper Arthur Bateman was selected as travelling reserve for England's International against Germany in Berlin on May 14th.

Luton, champions of Division Three (South) in 1936-37 looked for a long time as if they were going straight back down.

But towards the end of the campaign their form picked up dramatically and they finished on a high with wins against Swansea (5-1), Norwich (4-0) and Newcastle (4-1) to settle for 12th position.



1958 Division Three (South) - Brown envelopes

Brentford's 4-1 (Towers (3), Rainford) victory over Port Vale set up the tantalising prospect of visit from Brighton to round off the season.

They were the only two sides left in the championship race, although the odds favoured Brighton as they still had to play Watford and also held a two point advantage.

Brentford went into the game buoyed by a run of just one defeat in 12. The seagulls, in contrast, had been sending out distress signals in recent weeks and looked anything but championship material.

A crowd of 25,720 flowed into Griffin Park and witnessed a game of cut and thrust, the outcome which was settled by Bill Goundry's first goal of the season six minutes after the break. Victory took Brentford top and left Brighton needing to beat Watford at the Goldstone to take the title.

While Brentford crossed fingers and hoped their

neighbours would do them a favour, in reality the outcome had already been decided.

Rumour was rife that certain members of the Brighton team had greased a few Watford palms to ensure themselves of the Third Division (South) Championship and the bonus money that went with it.

So, Brighton's 6-0 victory needs little comment from me, and a 'Daily Mail' expose a few years later confirmed that Brentford had been literally robbed of honours in 1957-58.

Luton, in Division One, lost 4-2 at WBA, but finished 8th to attain their highest position ever.

Their side that season included the club's record goalscorer Gordon Turner (243), appearance maker Bob Morton (494), most capped player George Cummins (Eire) (19), and International Ron Baynham and Syd Owen, and winger George McLeod, who was later to give Brentford sterling service.

1978 Division Four - Red letter day

With just three matches remaining Brentford's season long quest for promotion looked like bearing fruit.

A win against lowly Darlington in the final home game would almost certainly clinch a spot in Division Three and a crowd of 11,930 packed into Griffin Park to lend their favourites maximum support.

Manager Bill Dodgin (Junior) had his team fired up for the occasion and there was never really any doubt about the outcome one Andy McCulloch scored with a superb diving header on 16 minutes.

Goal Number two came just before the break when Doug Alder waltzed into the box and was sent flying by a miss timed tackle, leaving Steve Phillips to step up and net his 35th goal of the season from the resulting spot kick.

From then on it was just a matter of waiting for the final whistle to sound and when news

filtered through that Aldershot, the only team capable of equalling the Bee's points total, had only drawn at Scunthorpe, the celebrations began in earnest.

Bill Dodgin, who normally preferred to let his team do the talking allowed himself a celebratory pat on the back and said: "I always wanted to have a go as manager of Brentford - ever since my father's days when he was a manager. The tradition, atmosphere and potential is so exceptional and appealing. Today's success has a special meaning for the Dodgin's family"

Luton, in contrast, had a disappointing season and a 2-1 home defeat by Southampton left them uncomfortably close to the relegation zone in Division Two.

Further defeats by Millwall and Burnley didn't help their cause and although in the final reckoning the Harters finished 13th one less point would have left them level with Blackpool, one of the three relegated sides!





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Division 2 Statistics

Statistics cover league games during current season only and include games played Saturday 18th April 1998
Statistics researched & produced by Paul Stedman

1997 - 1998 Season Round-up . . .

Best winning sequence

Bristol City : EIGHT consecutive wins;
City also collected 41 points out of a possible 45 in a 15-match unbeaten run from early October till late December.

Losing sequence

Bristol Rovers and **Carlisle** (twice) had sequences of losing five in a row.
Preston managed only five points from a possible 33 from Christmas to the end of February.

Total 524 Games

251 Home Wins	120 Away	153 Draws
48%	23%	29%

Leading Goalscorers

	League	Cups	TOTAL
HAYLES (Bristol Rovers)	22	2	24
BOLI (Walsall)	12	12	24
AKINBIYI (Gillingham)	21	1	22
THORPE (Fulham)	20	1	21
(3 league goals for Fulham; all others for Luton)			
STEVENS (Carlisle)	17	2	19
PESCHISOLIDO (Fulham)	16	3	19
(3 league goals for WBA)			
LOWE (Wigan)	16	2	18
DONOVAN (Grimsby)	15	3	18
TAYLOR (Brentford)	13	5	18
CORAZZIN (Plymouth)	17	0	17
STALLARD (Wycombe)	16	1	17

Attendances

Largest 19,141 (13/4/98)
Bristol City v Watford
Lowest 2,038 (21/10/98)
Wrexham v Southend
Highest Average:
Bristol City 11,345
Lowest Average:
York City 3,765

Clean Sheets

Grimsby have kept the most clean sheets - **22 games**
Carlisle the fewest - **SEVEN**
Watford failed to score in only **SEVEN** games - the best record in the Division
Wycombe the worst; failed to score on 17 occasions

Goals

Longest spell without a goal - **Burnley**; failed to score until seventh game of season; 552 minutes. Ironic that Burnley should be the highest individual scorers and that they should be involved in the single game with most goals.

Burnley 7 York 2

Three other games also had five-goal winning margins:

Carlisle 5 Southend 0
Bristol Rovers 5 Wigan 0
Fulham 5 Carlisle 0

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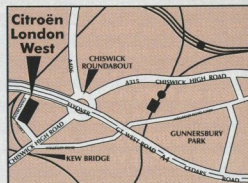
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Signed from: *West Ham United* Bought for: *Free Transfer*
Date of birth: *19.12.74* Age: *23*
Born: *Glasgow, Scotland*
Height: *5' 10"* Weight: *12st 0lbs*
Brentford FC appearances: *11* As substitute: *4*
Goals scored: *0* At an average per game of: *0*
Position: *Midfield*
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