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I WOULD like to take this opportunity to welcome all supporters for this final home game of the season against Carlisle United - to whose players, supporters and officials we also extend the usual courtesy.

In today's notes I would like to review the season as a whole rather than talk specifically about recent games, albeit that they have been crucially important ones.

The season overall has been a massively disappointing one especially in terms of home performances, and sees us finish in a bottom-half-of-the-table position no matter what the result today - which is particularly disappointing after our top three finish last year.

I have never experienced a year like it in my 20 years in professional football, if for no other reason than our home results would be amongst the worst in the four divisions, and yet I have gained automatic promotion at other clubs with away records no better than the one we completed with the draw at Brentford last week.

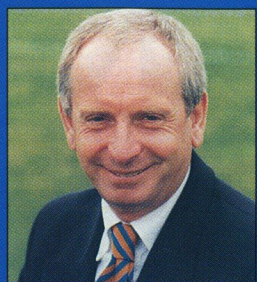
Prior to the last three away games we enjoyed the best away record outside the top two clubs. That may have declined slightly with the last three away results, but I'm sure our points total on our travels would be good enough for a top six place based on away games.

Any supporter attending away games on a regular basis will have had more than their money's worth, and it's some seven months since we lost by more than the odd goal on the road, and yet the number of goals conceded at home - especially in the two months prior to Christmas - gave us virtually no chance of achieving a play-off position.

To be fair these two extremes have been partially turned round in recent weeks with the results at home to Chesterfield and York, together with the defeats at Bristol and Gillingham, as well as the hard fought draw at Brentford.

If the league had started at Christmas I daresay we would be in

From the manager's chair



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

the top eight now, but conversely if it had ended two months ago we probably would have been relegated. The turning point for me came in mid-February.

Although we had started the New Year quite well with a couple of wins, our form dipped at the end of January/beginning of February, and left us in a difficult position.

The revival started with the away draw at Watford in mid-February, and gradually accelerated until the key period at the end of March with three successive wins against Walsall, York and Grimsby away in particular, which saw us climb out of the bottom four.

The single most important game though was at home to Chesterfield when there was considerable pressure on the team.

Failure to win that night would probably have meant us starting today's game needing a point or more to achieve safety.

It was especially satisfying to win so clearly playing with such a young team, especially in midfield, and against a Chesterfield side who had won their last four matches.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support received in the away game at Brentford last Saturday, which was like having a goal start.

In a game best described as a battle, we held our own and secured the point which at the time

seemed invaluable, but may not have been absolutely necessary in terms of retaining our Division Two status.

The injury situation in the months from September to November decimated our ranks and exposed the players left in the team to too great an extent, which caused considerable lack of confidence, at home especially, which in turn led to schoolboyish errors and an unprecedented number of home defeats.

Things were not as bad injury-wise after the turn of the year, but for the most part we always had four or five senior players unavailable - although this was offset to a considerable extent by the emergence of several young players who were able to come into the team and hold their end up, and more besides, in the most difficult of circumstances.

That leaves us in a considerably healthier position in that respect than at the end of last season.

The two most notable aspects of our campaign this season have been the number of senior players unable to make a contribution, mainly through injury, and the number of young professionals - probably not considered at the start of the season - who have come in and done a man's job.

If we can eradicate the first and build on the second then certainly the playing future is bright at Luton, and there is no reason why we cannot mount a promotion challenge next year.

The quality of the younger players, from the age of 15 to 21 or 22, is as good as anything outside of the Premiership, and congratulations to the youth team who have again won the South East Counties Division Two title.

For them to develop they must be surrounded by players with the necessary strength and experience. If that blend is correct then success can follow.

We have obviously conceded far too many goals, especially at home, but the goals for total gives more



ABOVE: Lennie Lawrence leaves the field at Brentford, reflecting on the point that guaranteed Luton Town a place in Division Two next season.

than some encouragement for next year, although Tony Thorpe's goals tally is a gap to be filled.

Thanks are due to Rory Allen, whose loan has been extended for this one game in order to give him a chance to perform before the home fans, and for you to appreciate his contribution.

I have signed many loan players over the years, and considering his background of relatively little first-team experience and a lengthy injury absence, his contribution has been excellent, especially in terms of goals scored. We would like to retain his services next year

on the same basis, and will aim to do so, but it is not entirely in my hands.

This season has been a good one for those supporters who regularly attend away matches, but a disappointing one for the regular home fans.

Whilst I understand and respect the frustration with some of our home performances, especially before Christmas, I hope we can all start afresh next season and the team can enjoy your wholehearted support to achieve a good start and hopefully put the memory of this season behind us.

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It's up for grabs now!

FOR once Luton Town supporters can watch the last game of the season with their nerves intact, whilst others suffer!

The point at Griffin Park last week meant that the Hatters avoided their 'traditional' last game decider, but there are plenty of clubs in this division with something to play for this afternoon.

At the top end of the table Bristol City and Watford have been promoted for some weeks, but the fate of the championship is still to be decided.

After Tuesday night's game at home to Bournemouth, Watford were level on points with City, but behind on goals scored. Today the Hornets travel to Fulham, with Bristol City at Preston.

Grimsby are already assured of a play-off place, but Fulham need a point to be sure of a play-off berth as Northampton, Gillingham, Bristol Rovers and Wrexham could all catch them.

Northampton - seldom out of the top six all season - are at York; Gillingham host Wigan; Wrexham are at already relegated Southend; whilst Bristol Rovers are at home to Brentford.

That game at the Memorial Ground promises to be a real nail-biter as Brentford need the points to avoid relegation.

And the other two sides still facing the drop - Burnley and Plymouth - meet at Turf Moor. Burnley's fate was in their

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BRENTFORD'S former Manchester United defender **Graeme Hogg** outjumps **Rory Allen** during last week's 2-2 draw at Griffin Park

own hands ahead of Tuesday's trip to Oldham, but they could only draw 3-3 after leading 3-1.

Four weeks ago this afternoon's game at Kenilworth Road had all the makings of a similar decider.

But Luton are now safe, and Carlisle's fate is already decided.

We already know three of the sides coming into Division Two next season.

Reading are already relegated from Division One, whilst Notts County and Macclesfield have earned automatic promotion. Two from Torquay, Lincoln, Colchester, Scarborough, Barnet and Rotherham will also come up.

The new league season starts on August 8. Perhaps it will be Scarborough away this time, or

Blackpool again.... then again it will probably be Millwall!

I have been asked by the Chairman and Directors to pass on their thanks for your continued support of the club through a difficult season.

My thanks as Programme Editor go to all supporters who buy the programme and contribute items and pictures etc. Also to Lennie Lawrence, Steve Davis, Clive Goodyear, Cherry Newbery, Kathy Leather, John Buttle, Kevin Thoburn and all at LTFC for their contributions.

Special thanks are due to Roger Wash and Gareth Owen for their hard work throughout the season, and to all at McLeod Warner.

- Simon Oxley.

FRONT COVER: David Oldfield was voted the Luton Town Player of the Season, at last Sunday's annual LTFC Supporters' Club awards. See page 9 for more details.

(Picture: GARETH OWEN).

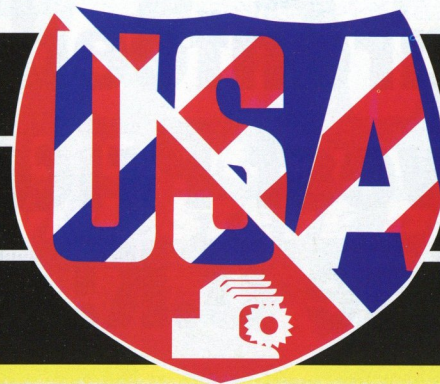
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STEVO

Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Club captain and Players' Player of the Year Steve Davis in action during the 2-1 defeat at Bristol Rovers.



WELL here we are, the last game of the season, and after the pressures of the last month or so it's nice to know we are safe and not relying on a victory or any favours from other clubs.

It's been a strange old week with not knowing how we should really be feeling. Obviously we are all delighted to have avoided relegation, but we should not really be in a party mood because the aim at the start of the campaign was to gain promotion.

As the league table shows, we have failed miserably on that score.

There was however an injury crisis at the start of the season, and a few little things inbetween which haven't helped our cause. But our form in the last 10 or 12 games has given us hope that there could be brighter things on

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a chance, taken it, and shown despite the pressures they can handle what is put in front of them.

Last week at Brentford turned out to be an eventful game to say the least! I think we had every sort of weather possible (except snow); two good goals for us; two poorly conceded goals from our point of view; a pitch invasion; handbags at five paces in our box; and to cap it all, one point which guaranteed our safety.

After all that it was a case of "Didn't we have a lovely day, the day we went to Brentford!!"

That was followed on Sunday by the Supporters' Club presentation evening. I was delighted of course with my awards, and there's no doubting Springy, Dozza and Skippy deserved their accolades for the season they've all had. I would like to echo Dave's words, that it is a team game and everyone who's pulled on a Luton shirt has contributed to our survival this season, and I daresay had Kelvin played a full season he could have had a clean sweep! He's got plenty of time on his side mind!

Before I go I would like to thank you, on behalf of myself and the lads, for your support through what has been a difficult season. Hopefully we can sign off this afternoon with a win, and go into next year with the belief we can get promotion back to Division One. Have a good summer and, as Dave said on Sunday, be careful!

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WHILST today is our last first team match at Kenilworth Road, can I remind supporters that we do still have other games on the pitch and our season here does not finish until Friday, May 15!

Unfortunately, West Ham have decided that due to fixture congestion they will not be fulfilling their Avon Insurance Combination matches, and therefore the scheduled match with them on May 7 is cancelled.

Please bear this cancellation in mind when reading the reserve and youth team round-up, which was compiled ahead of this information.

The remaining matches at Kenilworth Road are:

Tuesday, May 5 - Marvin Johnson Benefit Match - 7.45pm.

Sunday, May 10 - Whitbread Poacher League Final - 12 noon.

Wednesday, May 13 - Reserves v Wimbledon - 2pm.

Friday, May 15 - Reserves v Tottenham - 2pm.

Today we have several presentations on the pitch, the first by the Carlisle South Supporters Club to their player of the year.

Our own official Luton Town Supporters' Club chairperson Yvonne Fletcher will then make a presentation of the Supporters'

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

Club Player of the Year trophy to David Oldfield.

We are also pleased to welcome Alan Leather, the secretary of the South East Counties League, who will be presenting the Division Two trophy to our youth team.

This is the second successive year that the youth team have won

this league, so congratulations to them and their coaching staff.

You will also be aware that the youth team are playing in the second leg of the SE Counties League Cup Final next Friday away to West Ham (we won the first leg 4-3 here on Wednesday), and on Tuesday play in the semi-final of the Eastern Junior Cup at Chelmsford.

Whilst the pre-season matches are not yet all confirmed, I can advise supporters that we will be playing in a pre-season friendly against Coventry City, at Kenilworth Road on Friday, July 31, kick-off 7.45pm.

A special welcome this afternoon to Marjorie Goode, a long time supporter, who celebrates her 75th birthday today.

Finally, as it is impossible to thank so many people individually, a big thank you to everyone for all their help, support and hard work throughout this season.

See you in August! (or July for the friendly!)

TOWN TEASER

Which Welsh international did Luton Town sell to Derby County in the summer of 1992?

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

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Oldfield is fans' choice



ABOVE: Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, David Oldfield and Steve Davis.

Stevo tops players' poll

ABOVE: Steve Davis was voted Players' Player of the Year.

DAVID Oldfield was voted the Luton Town Player of the Season at last Sunday's Supporters' Club awards evening, held at the Kent Social Club in Luton.

And club captain Steve Davis was voted Player of the Season by his fellow players.

Manager Lennie Lawrence and his coaching staff selected Matthew Spring and Gary Doherty as joint Young Players of the Year.

RIGHT: Matthew Spring and Gary Doherty, with Supporters' Club chairperson Yvonne Fletcher.



ABOVE (left): Applause for the winners from a packed house at the Kent Social Club, and (right) the first team squad.

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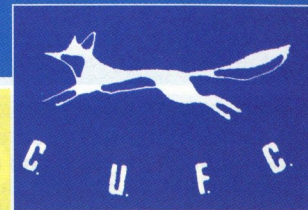
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ABOVE: Ian Stevens (left) and Andy Couzens.

Cumbrians relegated after home defeat

CARLISLE'S 2-1 home defeat by York City last Saturday, as reported in the *Sunday Express*.

It's third division football for Carlisle next season.

Their second home defeat in five days - and eighth in nine games - brought relegation for owner-manager Michael Knighton, now running the club from tax exile in the Isle of Man.

After taking the lead through Allan Smart in the 36th minute, Carlisle were second-best to a neat passing York side after the interval.

A cracking solo goal from Alan Pouton just after the hour brought the equaliser and, six minutes from time, Andy McMillan hit the winner from just outside the box.

It sparked a crowd demonstration directed at Knighton at the final whistle.

The home side had made the early running, forcing Andy Warrington to save well from Nick Wright and Graham Anthony. But the keeper was at fault with United's goal.

He needed the help of Scott Jordan to deal with Anthony's corner kick - the midfielder clearing off the line - but patted down Anthony's second in-swinging corner straight on to the shin of Smart and in.

Yet York ran the show from then on and had been denied what looked a clear penalty when Rodney Rowe was brought down by John Foster after 10 minutes.

TONY CAIG - Highly-rated 24-year-old goalkeeper who came up through the club's YTS ranks. Made his debut at 18 against Halifax in the 1992/93 season and within 12 months had become United's first-choice - a position he has held ever since. Was selected in the PFA side for Division Three last season.

JEFF THORPE - Popular left-sided defender whose career has been beset by injury. Came up through the YTS ranks at Brunton Park and was initially a winger before his switch to defence. Has missed large chunks of the past four seasons with a crippling back injury which threatened to end his career.

STEPHANE POUNEWATCHY - Popular French defender who was signed on a free transfer last season from Gueugnon, under the Bosman ruling. Was Carlisle's man-of-the-match in last season's Auto Windscreens victory at Wembley.

WILL VARTY - Workington-born defender who is another youth product who has attracted widespread interest, following the high profile departures of Matt Jansen to Crystal Palace and Rory Delap to Derby. Varty forced his way into the side in the 95/96 season, but was sidelined last term with an ankle injury.

ROB BOWMAN - Defender who was a summer signing from Leeds United, having joined the Elland Road club as a trainee in 1992. Made his Premiership debut at the age of 17, and played against PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup. An England youth international, he was on loan at Rotherham last season, before his move to

Brunton Park.

ROSS MILLIGAN - Young defender who joined United in the summer from Glasgow Rangers. Joined the Ibrox club as a trainee and made his way through the ranks - although first-team opportunities were always limited.

RICHARD LIBURD - Nottingham-born defender who began his career with non-league Eastwood Town before a £20,000 move to Middlesbrough in 1993. Made over 30 appearances for the north-east club before Lennie Lawrence paid £200,000 to bring him to Bradford City in the summer of 1994. Made 80 appearances for the Bantams before being released.

PAUL BOERTIEN - Teenage defender who broke into the first-team this season, having made his way through the youth ranks at Brunton Park. Made some outstanding displays at left-back, but then suffered a broken knee-cap in the 2-0 defeat of Fulham at Brunton Park.

BILLY BARR - Defender/midfielder and team captain who was signed in the summer from Crewe. Began his career with home town team Halifax, making over 200 appearances for the Shaymen between 1987 and 1994. Joined Crewe in the summer of 1994, before a free transfer to Brunton Park in the summer of 1997.

TONY HOPPER - Another YTS product and Carlisle born, he made his United debut as a 16-year-old at the end of the 1992/93 season.

Operating mainly in a right wing-back role, he has been in and out of the United side over the last few seasons due, in the main, to injury and the excellent form of Rory Delap.

KEVIN SANDWITH - Local-born defender who has progressed through the youth ranks, and made his debut in October 1997 at Walsall.

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ABOVE: Alan White heads the last-minute winner in Luton's 1-0 victory at Carlisle back in October, and (RIGHT) is joined by David Oldfield (9) and Steve Davis (5) for the celebrations.



See page 15 for history of meetings between Luton Town and Carlisle United.... and see page 20 for Carlisle United statistics from the 1997/98 season....

GRAHAM ANTHONY - Recent acquisition to the United squad, he began his career at Sheffield United, and had a brief loan spell at Scarborough before being released in the summer. Had a spell at Swindon before starting the new season with Plymouth on a non-contract basis. Attracted the interest of United and following a successful trial period he made his debut against Bristol City, and signed a two-and-a-half year contract in February.

ANDY COUZENS - Midfielder who joined Leeds United as a trainee in 1993 and progressed through the ranks at Elland Road to make his first team debut during the 1994/95 season. Made 12 starts for Leeds and was capped at Under 21 level for England in the 1996 Toulon Tournament when he lined up alongside the likes of David Beckham. Joined Carlisle during the summer of 1997 for £100,000 and scored his first goal for the club in the 4-1 win at Wycombe.

RICHARD PROKAS - Tough tackling midfielder who progressed through the YTS ranks to become a first-team regular during United's 1994/95 championship season. First-team appearances this term have been hindered by suspension.

IAN STEVENS - Striker signed in the summer from Shrewsbury Town for £100,000. Born in Malta, he began his career at Preston, before spells at Stockport, Bolton and Bury - scoring 40 times in 100 appearances for the Shakers. Joined Shrewsbury in 1994 and continued his goalscoring form despite their relegation. His debut for Carlisle was delayed by illness, but he then hit 11 goals in eight appearances after returning in October.

ALLAN SMART - Highly-rated Scottish forward whose season has been hit by injury. Began his career with Caledonian Thistle, before joining Preston in November 1994. Loan spells with Carlisle and Northampton followed, before a permanent move to Brunton Park in October 1996 as part of a £300,000 exchange deal that saw David Reeves move to Lancashire. Capped by Scotland at Under-21 level.

MEET THE MANAGER



In August 1996, Carlisle opened a new 6,000 all-seater East Stand, the first phase of the planned 28,000 all-seater stadium. By the end of the campaign Carlisle were promoted from Division Three, and had won the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley.

But only four wins from their last 12 games saw them limp rather than sprint over the finish line, and when they managed one win from the first six games of this season, the manager, former West Ham and Leeds goalkeeper Mervyn Day was relieved of his duties.

A coaching team comprising of chairman **MICHAEL KNIGHTON** (left), **DAVID WILKES** and **JOHN HALPIN** took charge of first team affairs, with Paul Devlin recruited as Community Officer in place of Halpin.

The main objective was to maintain Division Two status, but the Cumbrians have rarely been out of the bottom four, and last week's home defeat by York confirmed their swift return to Division Three.

The Hatters and The Cumbrians

GAMES against today's visitors started relatively recently with the teams 'passing in the night' in 1964/65 following which the Cumbrians won the championship of the old Division Three while the Town suffered relegation.

On 1st October 1964 the sides met for the first time at Kenilworth Road with John O'Rourke scoring after only 30 seconds. Unfortunately we could not hold on and Frank Large equalised for the visitors after 66 minutes.

The return was played only six days later with Fred Jardine playing his first game for the Town in his new role of left back, a position he was later to make his own for several years. Again we could not hold on to an early lead, scored by Ray Whittaker, with this time John Evans on the scoresheet for the Cumbrians.

Paths crossed again in 1970/71, with our promotion to the old Division Two, for the first of a series of matches played throughout most of the 1970's. The first clash was also one of the most memorable with Carlisle taking a 3-0 lead in the driving rain at Kenilworth Road in November 1970 only for the Town to roar back to level the score with goals from Jim Ryan, Alan Slough and Malcolm MacDonald.

MacDonald did not have one of his better games in the Town colours in the return as, with both sides chasing for promotion, he contrived to hit the bar when it seemed easier to score and then missed a penalty as we went down 1-0 to a Bobby Owen strike.

Neither side managed to win promotion and it was back to more mundane things the following season with both ourselves and the Cumbrians failing to recreate their exploits of the previous campaign. Carlisle had suffered five straight defeats when they came to Kenilworth Road in October 1971 but they returned with both points following a 2-0 win with future Hatter, Bob Hatton, one of the scorers.

It was our turn to suffer a dismal run in the following season and by the time



ABOVE: Jim Husband (second right) scores against Carlisle at Kenilworth Road in March 1976.

by **ROGER WASH**

of Carlisle's visit to Kenilworth Road in November 1972 we had gone over two months without a home win although our away form had been good. In an effort to put an end to this state of affairs manager Harry Haslam took the team to a hotel on the morning of the game to re-create the away game routine. We lost 1-0!

At the end of season 1973/74 both teams finally managed to win promotion to the top flight but the bookies would not have given much of a price on Carlisle after their early season thrashing at Kenilworth Road. Smarting from an opening day 4-0 reversal at Nottingham Forest we took it out on Carlisle, blitzing them with six goals in 23 minutes in a first half where every shot hit the target and new signing Tom Finney, a £13,000 recruit from Crusaders, earning instant hero status with two

goals.

With both sides in the old Division One, Carlisle were early season leaders but by the time of their visit to Kenilworth Road at the end of September 1974 they had slipped a little. We had still to taste victory and the omens did not look good for a change of fortune as we sold our only real goalscorer, Barry Butlin, on the morning of the game.

Despite all this we did manage to record our first win with goals from Peter Anderson, Adrian Alston and Jim Ryan but it was to remain our only victory until just before Christmas. By the time of the return Carlisle had joined us at the bottom of the table and in a basement battle at Brunton Park we were fortunate to win through 2-1 when a wind assisted punt from Ron Fletcher out on the touchline, floated over the head of ex-Hatter Alan Ross in the Carlisle goal in the 88th minute.

With both sides back in Division

Two for the 1975/76 season we missed the chance of recording our second win at Brunton Park when Jim Ryan missed a late penalty but we more than made up for this setback when Jim Husband bagged two in an end of season 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road.

The parting of the ways came at the end of the following campaign with the Cumbrian's relegation, on goal average, to the old Division Three.

We did not help matters in winning 5-0 at Kenilworth Road at the end of a run which had seen us take 23 out of the previous 24 points on offer. In a carnival performance five different players were on the scoresheet and we even had the luxury of a missed penalty with Paul Fletcher the guilty party.

Over twenty years were to pass before we were to catch up with each other again and in our clash earlier in this campaign Alan White, with his first goal for the club, was on



↑ This first-half header from Steve Davis (5) set up the chance for Dwight Marshall (11) to put Luton in front at Griffin Park.

← Rory Allen outpaces the Brentford defence on his way to putting Luton 2-1 in front.

David Oldfield congratulates Dwight Marshall, after the latter had opened the scoring.

→ Marshall was injured in the act of scoring, and was replaced by Stuart Douglas.



ACTION STATIONS



Brentford 2 Luton Town 2

(Scott, Hutchings)

(Marshall, Allen)

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HALF TIME QUIZ

- Which European team was the first to qualify for the 1998 World Cup?
- Which club did Ian Rush leave to join Newcastle United?
- What was the score when Wales played Turkey last August?
- Which two countries played in the Olympic Final of 1996?
- Which player scored the first Premiership goal of last season?
- Which player-manager was sent off for the first time in 14 seasons in 1996/97?
- Which Dutch team were the first to win a European trophy?
- Which Barcelona manager bought Mark Hughes in the 80's?
- Which country knocked Germany out of the 1994 World Cup?
- Who did Barcelona beat in last year's Cup Winners Cup final?

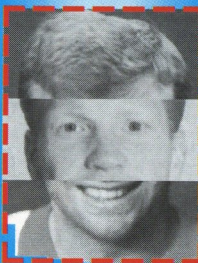


whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



GORTONS HANDCAR

BLABBY TORCHON

BOOM ROBBEY

MEL ILL WILIER

BORROW RELIEF

WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten players.

OREGON DRUID

NASAL HENNA

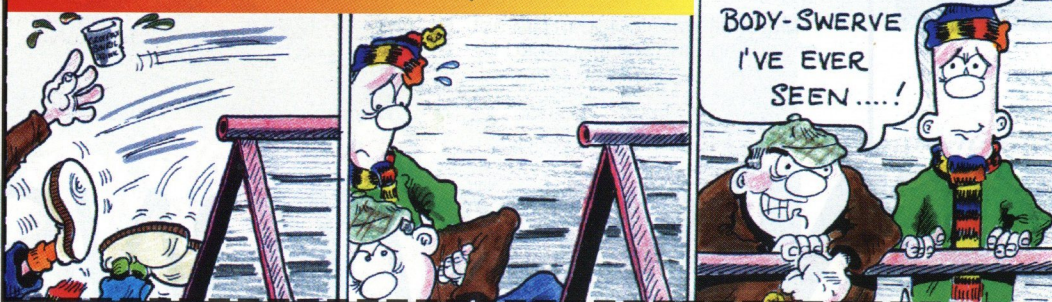
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THAT WAS THE BEST BODY-SWERVE I'VE EVER SEEN....!

Danny McGrain and Bryan Robson.

WHAT A JUMBLE: Gordon Strachan, Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore, Willie Miller, Robbie Fowler, Gordon Durie, Alan Hansen, Peter Shilton.

IDENTIKIT: Kevin Frieseman, Mathias Sammer and Niall Quinn.

WHOSE CRESTS: Luton Town, Juventus and Bristol City.

8. Terry Venables; 9. Bulgaria; 10. Paris St Germain.

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Romania; 2. Leeds United; 3. Turkey; 4. Wales; 5. Stig Inge Bjorneby; 6. Jan Molby; 7. Feyenoord;

ANSWERS

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Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 11-year-old ADAM WRIGHT, who attends Goldington School. His hobbies are football, stamp and coin collecting, and he plays for his school team. Today's ballboys are WADE STANTON and JOHN MUSKETT.

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

JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Have a good summer and see you in August!

BEST wishes for a good summer to all our Junior Hatters, and thanks for your support this season.

The new season starts in August, and the Saturday Club will be up and running again, together with trips to away matches, and other special events.

We have certainly followed the team far and wide this season, and hope to do so again next term, taking advantage of the hospitality many clubs have to offer.

The latest issue of your Junior Hatters newsletter will be posted out shortly, and that will include full details about how to renew membership for next season, and information about any events over the summer months.

Thanks again for your support, and see you in August!

Congratulations to Jane Kelso who works in our ticket office, and looks after the Junior Hatters, for completing last weekend's London Marathon in a time of four hours and 24 minutes.

Jane raised over £1,000 for Team McMillan.



A WARM welcome to this afternoon's Carlisle United mascot who is nine-year-old Jonathan Walton, who lives in Caddington. He attends Heathfield Lower School.



LEFT: Our Junior Hatters mascot for the home game against York City was 12-year-old Tanya Hughes. She is pictured with the match officials and team captains.



RIGHT: Our mascot for the away game with Bristol Rovers was Rhiannon Morgan. She is pictured with the team captains and match officials at the Memorial Ground.

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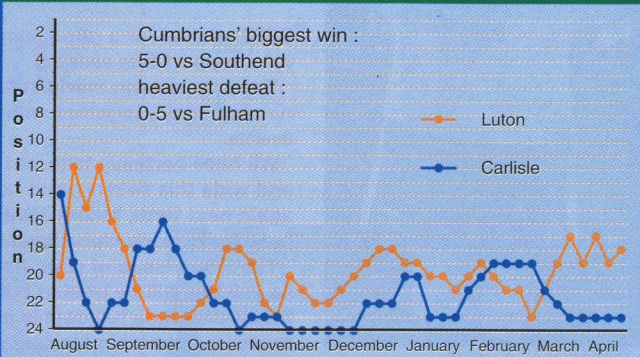


Carlisle's Roll Call

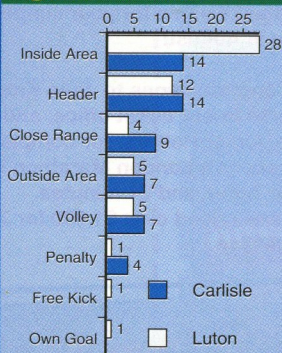
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Tony Caig	45			
11/4/74	5		1	
Will Varty	42(1)	1	6	
1/10/76	5		2	
Billy Barr	39	3	6	Crewe Halifax
21/1/69	5			
Stephane Pounewatchy	39	2		Gueugnon FC
10/2/68	4			Martigues
Ian Stevens	32(4)	17	1	Shrewsbury Bury
21/10/66	1			Bolton Stockport
				Preston
Richard Prokas	32(1)	12(1)		
22/1/76	5		2	
Graham Anthony	24	2	6	Swindon Sheff Utd
9/8/75				Scarborough (L)
Nick Wright	24	4	3	Derby
15/10/75				
Andy Couzens	18(9)	2	3(1)	Leeds
4/6/75	Eng U21	3	1	1
Gary McAlindon	16(12)	3	1	Newcastle
6/4/77	4			
Tony Hopper	16(3)	1(1)		
31/5/76	(1)			
Allan Smart	15	6	3	Preston Northampton
8/7/74	1	1		(L) Caledonian Thistle
Jeff Thorpe	12(2)	1		
17/11/72	1			
Scott Dobie	8(14)	1		Football Information Services
10/10/78	(5)			Tel : 0151-632-5679
Paul Boertien	8(1)	1		
20/1/79	1(2)			
Richard Liburd	8	1		Bradford
26/9/73				Middlesbrough
Rob Bowman	6(1)	1		Leeds Rotherham (L)
2/11/75	Eng Yth			
John Foster	6	1(1)		Man City
19/9/73	Eng Sch			
Ross Milligan	2(5)	1		Rangers
2/6/78	(1)			
Kevin Sandwith	1(1)	1		
30/4/78				
David Hughes	1	1		on loan from Villa
1/2/78	Wales U21			
Alan Gray	(1)			Doncaster
26/5/74				

Key : A=Appearances (Sub) C=Cautions (Sent Off) G=Goals Cup details, date of birth and international honours in italics

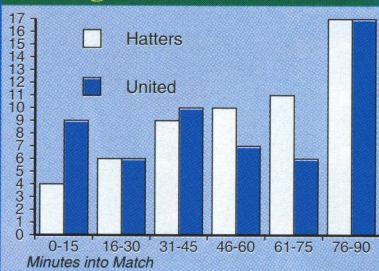
league positions so far this season



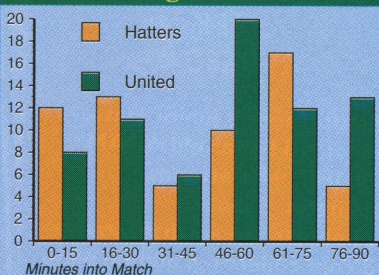
goals - how scored



when goals have been scored



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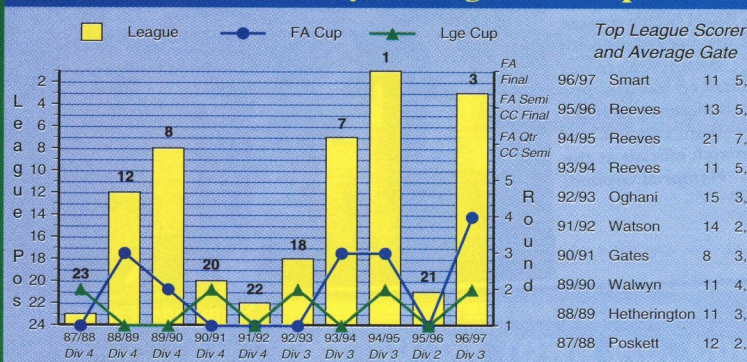


United's results analysis

shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg they have won 2 games 3-1 and lost 7 games 1-2

goals agt	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
W	7	6	5	1				
D	1	4	1	1				
L	3	1	2	2	3	1		
F	2	2	2	3	1			
O	1	3	4	7	4			
T	0	1	6	4	1	1		

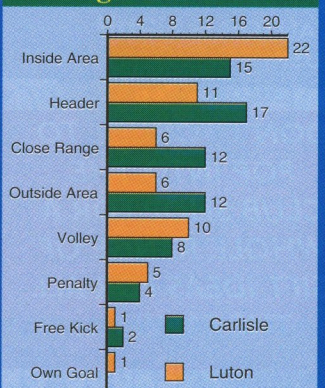
Carlisle United's 10 year league and cup record



Top League Scorer and Average Gate

FA Final	96/97	Smart	11	5,436
FA Semi	95/96	Reeves	13	5,716
CC Final	94/95	Reeves	21	7,422
FA Qtr	93/94	Reeves	11	5,524
CC Semi	92/93	Oghani	15	3,624
R	91/92	Watson	14	2,554
U	90/91	Gates	8	3,008
o	89/90	Walwyn	11	4,736
n	88/89	Hetherington	11	3,173
d	87/88	Poskett	12	2,236

how goals conceded



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 96 (P) Rover 400 SD 4dr, Bottle green met, s/roof, 2,150 m £11,995
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HONDA

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AUDI

94 (L) Audi 80 S2 Turbo 4WD, Dark Green met, black leather int, s/roof, roof bars, alloys, elec win, a/c, 46,200 m £19,250
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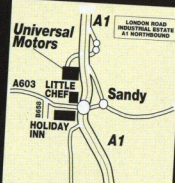
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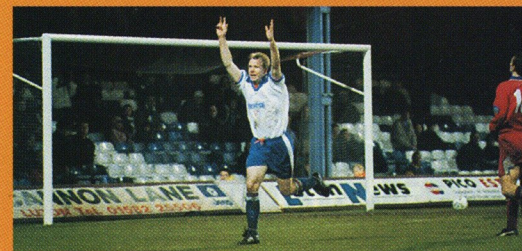


ABOVE: Alan White is congratulated by Paul McLaren and David Oldfield, after his goal had given the Hatters their first away league win of the season.

FAR LEFT: Matthew Spring makes a break.

LEFT: Tony Thorpe hurdles the tackle of Stephane Pounewatchy.

EASTER PARADE v Gillingham & Chesterfield



BELOW and left: David Oldfield completes the scoring in the 3-0 win over Chesterfield on Easter Tuesday at Kenilworth Road. A Mark Williams own goal, and a strike from Rory Allen had put Luton 2-0 in front.



LEFT: Rory Allen was also on target on Easter Saturday at Gillingham, but the Hatters lost 2-1.



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PATT ON THE BACK!

Big Mac's delight at first international goal for Darren



ABOVE: Luton defender Darren Patterson - set to return today after missing the game at Brentford through suspension.

A **FIRST** ever international goal provided the memory of a lifetime for Darren Patterson in Northern Ireland's 1-0 win over Switzerland last week, but the Luton centre-half was even more delighted to have helped keep a clean sheet.

Patterson celebrated his return to the fray after a two-year absence by heading home the only goal of the friendly against Switzerland at Windsor Park.

His goal after 10 minutes, which was his first in two-and-a-half years, also made it two wins out of two for manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Patterson beamed: "I am very pleased indeed to score. It was such a good cross and it was just in front of me, so I just had to put my head to it." It was the completion of his day job, though, that gave Patterson the most pleasure, and he said: "Keeping a clean sheet means an awful lot more to me being a centre-half."

Patterson, who missed the first half of the season with an achilles injury, had not expected to play and he got his chance only because of a hamstring injury to Colin Hill.

He was grateful for the opportunity

and revealed that Hill had rung him to wish him well.

"When I came over on Saturday I just expected to be sub, to be honest, because the lads had kept a clean sheet in the last game," he said.

"But Colin Hill picked up an injury, and I got my chance and I would just like to thank Colin for phoning me up to wish me all the best."

New Northern Ireland manager Lawrie McMenemy was also thrilled to see Patterson break his international duck.

"It was a great goal for him in so much as he only got his chance because of the lad's injury. But I thought he did very well," he said.

"You expect your centre-halves to be up there for those kind of situations, and there were a queue of players waiting for the cross."

It was the same Swiss side which had drawn 1-1 with England in Berne the previous month, and the victory followed Northern Ireland's 1-0 win over Slovakia in McMenemy's first game in charge.

Patterson's goal in his 11th international came from a cross by Newcastle's Keith Gillespie, and the Luton player was obviously delighted to be back on the international stage.

"It's a privilege and not a right to play for your country," he said.

"I know that there are lads who are playing higher up the league than me, and really it's just a pleasure for me to be involved in the squad again.

"I've worked so hard to get fit after my achilles injury and I don't want the season to end because things are going so well."

The Irish seem to be able to do no wrong under the former Southampton manager, and the B team, under 21s and senior side have won all their matches in his short reign so far. The result against the Swiss was a huge boost for Patterson and his colleagues as they look forward to the start of their European Championship qualifying campaign in September.

There's always one...



IT just goes to show that our photographer always gets his man! Mad Hatter Alan Adair celebrates his 40th birthday in fancy dress at Brentford last week.

Venue change for Programme Fair

DUE to the Hitchin Town FC Programme Fair being cancelled it is now switched to Stevenage Borough on the same date, Sunday, May 17, in the Stripes Social Club, Broadhall Way, Stevenage, from 11am to 2.30pm.

Admission is free, with light refreshments and bar facilities available.

The event is organised by The Football Programme Directory in conjunction with the football club.

For further details please contact The Editor and Events Organiser, The FPD, 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8EN. Tel/fax: 01268 732041.



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VAUXHALL MINI-WORLD CUP 1998



LEFT: The teams at Leighton Buzzard.
BELOW: Player of the Tournament Michael Chennery from Beaudesert Old Boys.

LAST Saturday saw the first qualifying tournament take place in Leighton Buzzard for the LTFC Vauxhall-sponsored 1998 Under 12s Mini-World Cup.

The tournament is being run by the Home Counties Newspapers-sponsored LTFC Community and Schools Programme as part of Vauxhall's run up to the World Cup Finals in France - of which they are major sponsors.

All of the main football teams in the town took part with Leighton United and Beaudesert Old Boys finishing first and second, and

progressing to the Finals Tournament to be held at the end of May at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre in Luton, where they will be up against qualifiers from Milton Keynes, Bedford, Dunstable and Luton.

As well as competing for the Vauxhall Mini-World Cup, all of the teams who reach the final will receive an official Vauxhall World Cup tee-shirt and will attend one of the Hatters' games early next season where the winners will be presented with their trophy on the pitch.



LTFC After-School Coaching - Summer 1998

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Every Tuesday: Luton Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley; 4-5pm
Every Wednesday: St Josephs Junior School; 4-5pm
Every Thursday: Hillborough Junior School; 4-5pm
Every Saturday: Beds FA Playing Fields (next to Tesco's); 10-11am
Every Saturday: Wigmore Primary Sch (next to Asda); 10-11am

DUNSTABLE

Every Thursday: Dunstable Leisure Centre; 4.30-5.30pm

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Every Monday: Linslade Middle School; 4.30-6.30pm

HITCHIN

Every Saturday: The Priory School; 9.30-11.30am

All courses cost £2 per session and will run right throughout the summer. Suitable for youngsters of all abilities, aged between 6 and 13 years.

Now we're moving!



ABOVE: Look out for our new LTFC Community and Schools car, kindly sponsored by Alan Corkhill of Regal Litho - pictured right. The car will be out and about across the region, as we travel to schools and youth groups for coaching sessions and courses.

Community & Schools U10 Indoor Easter Tournament



EASTER weekend saw our Community and Schools Under 10 tournament take place at the Luton Regional Sports Centre with teams from all over Bedfordshire taking part. The big prize on offer to the boys taking part took place before the game against Chesterfield with the Final being played on the pitch. The result in the final was Sheffield Saints 2 Flitwick Town 0. All of the boys who reached the semi-final stage of the tournament were at the game for presentations of their medals and trophies on the pitch at half-time.

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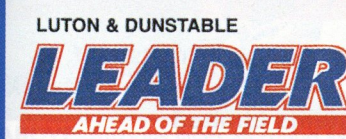
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The Priory School, Bedford Road
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See local press for details of our Summer Coaching Courses, and we'll be back on these pages in August.



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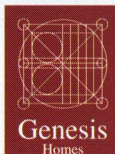
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INJURY UPDATE

Further surgery for James follows leg break agony

Defender JULIAN JAMES was back in hospital this week for further treatment on his broken right leg - an injury suffered during the defeat at Bristol Rovers.

The fresh surgery was carried out on Wednesday, with a pin inserted to aid the bone healing process which prevents the need at this stage for plaster.

Julian suffered a broken tibia and fibula and stayed overnight in hospital in Bristol following the match, and he obviously faces a lengthy absence from the game.

Indeed since my last notes, he also suffered an ankle injury at Gillingham but was fit to play against Chesterfield.

STEVE AUGUSTINE has now had the pin taken out of his leg, following a similar injury earlier in the season.

MARVIN JOHNSON and PAUL SHOWLER have returned in reserve team matches after hamstring and thigh strain injuries respectively.

Both players will be working over the summer months to regain full fitness for the start of next season.

PHIL GRAY underwent surgery on Wednesday to cure his recurring back problem in a bid to be fully fit for next season, and DWIGHT MARSHALL suffered a pulled hamstring in scoring last Saturday at Brentford.

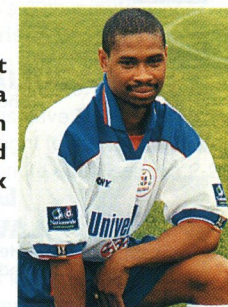
STUART DOUGLAS and GRAHAM ALEXANDER are also receiving treatment for minor injuries suffered in that game.

RICHARD HARVEY has now recovered fully from his minor knee operation.

Thanks for your support this season, and here's to a quieter treatment room in 1998/99!



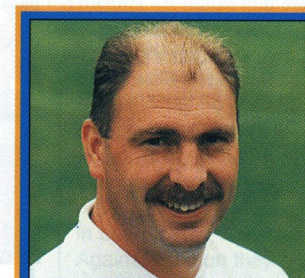
LEFT: Julian James suffered a broken leg at Bristol Rovers, and faces a lengthy absence from first-team football.



RIGHT: Dwight Marshall suffered a hamstring injury in scoring at Brentford last week



RIGHT: Marvin Johnson continues to receive treatment for a hamstring injury.



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ABOVE: Anxious faces all round as Julian James receives treatment after breaking his leg at Bristol Rovers. Best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

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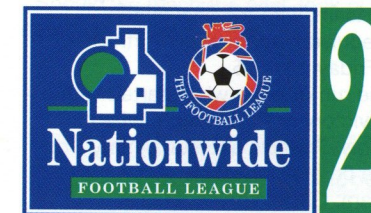
Cobblers set for play-off place as big spenders slip up again

NORTHAMPTON'S Dean Peer had a week to remember, becoming a dad for the first time and then scoring the goal which virtually ensured Northampton would be in the play-offs for the second season running.

His goal was enough to beat **Fulham** 1-0 at the Sixfields Stadium.

It was only Peer's second goal this season. The other one came at Watford a month ago - the side Fulham must beat this afternoon if they are to guarantee their own place in the Division Two finale.

The game fell almost 32 years to the day after the sides clashed in Division One, a match Fulham won to send



Northampton tumbling after their only ever season in the top flight.

Midfielder Paul Smith fired **Gillingham** into the play-off places with an injury-time clincher in the 1-0 win at **Plymouth** - a result that sent Argyle back into the bottom four.

Wrexham slipped up yet again at home, and their chances of a play-off spot may be out of their hands. After last Saturday's 0-0 draw with **Preston**, even if they win at Southend today, they will rely on other results to go their way to finish in the top six.

Against Preston they hit the woodwork three times, but keeper Andy Marriott had to make sure of the point with an injury-time save to deny Michael Appleton. **Bristol Rovers** striker Peter Beadle hit the woodwork three times in 15 minutes at **Blackpool**, but Rovers couldn't find the net and went down 1-0 to Gary Brabin's 68th minute winner.

Striker Steve Fletcher scored his 14th of the season as **Bournemouth** bounced back from their Wembley defeat in the Auto Windscreens Shield, to beat **Burnley** 2-1.

The defeat left Chris Waddle's Burnley deep in relegation trouble, despite the former England winger recalling himself to the starting line-up.

Mark Stallard scored his 17th of the season to equalise a Roger Willis goal, as **Wycombe** drew 1-1 at home to **Chesterfield**.

And this week Wanderers' boss Neil Smillie was given the job on a full-

time basis as reward for steering the club away from relegation.

Brian Tinnion's 80th minute winner saw leaders **Bristol City** end their home campaign with a 2-1 victory over **Walsall** at Ashton Gate.

Carl Hutchings gave **Brentford** a lifeline in their fight to avoid relegation with an 80th minute equaliser in a 2-2 draw with **Luton**.

Dwight Marshall and Rory Allen twice put Luton in front, but Andy Scott and then Hutchings levelled for the Bees.

Ronnie Jepson's first goal for **Oldham** helped secure their Division Two safety and doomed **Southend** to relegation for a second successive season.

The 34-year-old striker, signed from Bury, scored from close range in the 68th minute, and substitute David McNiven sealed the points as Oldham won 2-0.

The last time that **Grimsby** visited **Watford** in August 1996, the match was a nine-goal thriller with the Hornets winning 6-3.

No such drama at Vicarage Road last Saturday in a drab 0-0 draw between the side already promoted and the side already confirmed as play-off contenders.

But Grimsby boss Alan Buckley was pleased with his side's efforts.

"We had to play extra-time at Wembley and then were forced to play at Carlisle, and it's no wonder some of the lads were tired today," he said.

"We were up against the potential champions, and we can have a relaxing week now the pressure is off and prepare for the play-offs."

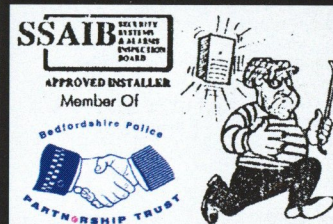
Goals from Alan Pouton and Andy McMillan gave **York** a 2-1 win at **Carlisle**, and condemned the Cumbrians to relegation.

See page four for a look ahead to today's matches in Division Two; page 39 for Division Two statistics; and page 46 for the up-to-date league table. - *Simon Oxley*

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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Reserves have recorded three away wins and a home draw in a recent busy schedule, with a number of matches still to be played before the end of the season.

Indeed the reserve campaign won't finish until nearly a fortnight after the first-team, with the final match scheduled here for Kenilworth Road on Friday, May 15.

The run of away wins started with a 2-0 victory at Portsmouth, when Andrew Fotiadis and sub Jimmy Cox were on the scoresheet.

Team: Gayle, Lawes, Fraser, Sweeney, Willmott, Doherty, Spring, Fotiadis, Douglas, Davies, Scarlett.

Subs all used: McIndoe, Cox, Boyce.

Andrew Fotiadis was again on the scoresheet in the 2-1 win at Ipswich, with Terry Sweeney also scoring.

Team: Gayle, Lawes (Boyce), Willmott, Doherty, Fraser, George, Sweeney, Davies (Scarlett), Harvey, Douglas (Cox), Fotiadis.

Marvin Johnson played for the first-half of the match against Chelsea at Kenilworth Road, returning after a hamstring injury.

Andrew Fotiadis and Matthew Spring scored in a 2-2 draw.

Team: Webb, Boyce, Fraser, Spring (Cox), Willmott, Johnson (Doherty), Davies, George, Fotiadis, Harvey, Showler (Sweeney).

Then on Monday, the reserves won 4-2 at Swindon, with substitute Clifford

Akurang scoring twice, although Chris Willmott was sent off and three other players were booked.

Marvin Johnson played for an hour, and was also on the scoresheet, with Liam George the third Town player to find the net - maintaining his good scoring record in the Combination.

There were also a number of trialists in the Town side.

Team: Abbey, Birch, Thornhill, Davies (Howe), Willmott, Johnson (Akurang), Lough, Sweeney, George, Fotiadis, Showler (McKoy).

As you can see from the fixture list (left), a number of matches have been re-arranged in the Avon Insurance

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	28	21	5	2	66	14	68
Tottenham	29	19	6	4	64	26	63
Arsenal	30	17	8	5	64	24	59
Southampton	31	12	13	6	53	36	49
Norwich	34	12	13	9	42	44	49
C Palace	30	14	2	14	42	38	44
Millwall	30	13	5	12	35	37	44
Wimbledon	31	11	8	12	39	37	41
Portsmouth	31	11	7	13	41	42	40
Ipswich	32	10	10	12	45	58	40
Oxford	32	10	8	14	39	61	38
QPR	30	9	10	11	43	39	37
LUTON TOWN	28	9	9	10	38	38	36
Watford	30	8	11	11	33	48	35
Chelsea	31	7	12	12	40	53	33
Swindon	31	9	3	19	46	64	30
West Ham	28	6	8	14	31	51	26
Brighton	28	1	8	19	21	72	11

League table up to and including 23.4.98

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (27.4.98)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	15		Haraldar INGOLFSSON	1	
Ian JONES	12		Marvin JOHNSON	7	1
Richard HARVEY	18		Dwight MARSHALL	6	1
Sean EVERS	16 (1)		Ian FEUER	2	
Gary DOHERTY	17 (2)	3	Steve AUGUSTINE	2 (1)	
Emerson BOYCE	7 (4)		Simon DAVIES	18	1
Robert KEAN	19 (1)		Andrew FOTIADIS	15 (3)	5
Matthew SPRING	15 (3)	2	Stuart DOUGLAS	12 (1)	3
Andrew BARR	6	4	Mitchell THOMAS	6	1
Liam GEORGE	18 (3)	12	Darren PATTERSON	4	
Terry SWEENEY	17 (4)	2	Phil GRAY	5 (1)	
Andre SCARLETT	1 (8)		Delroy MCKOY	2 (3)	
Michael McINDOE	2 (5)		Chris WILLMOTT	17 (2)	
Stuart FRASER	12 (7)		Tresor KANDOL	(1)	
Daniel TATE	1		Kelvin DAVIS	6	
Gavin McGOWAN	3	1	Steve DAVIS	1	1
Paul SHOWLER	7		A VERNIER	1	
Alan WHITE	3		Nick WEBB	3	
Russell LAWES	7 (2)		Julian JAMES	1 (1)	
Colin OMOGBEHIN	11		Ryan SPENCER	1	
S QUINN	2		Mark GAYLE	3	
Trevor PEAKE	2 (2)		Jimmy COX	(3)	1
Richard CLARKE	1 (2)		Darren HOWE	(1)	
Clifford AKURANG	(1)	2	Birch, Thornhill, Lough	1 app	

Wed Aug 13	OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1
Thu Aug 21	Queens Park R	drew 1-1
Thu Aug 28	MILLWALL	won 3-1
Wed Sep 10	Tottenham	lost 3-0
Wed Sep 17	CRYSTAL PAL	lost 2-0
Wed Sep 24	WATFORD	won 3-1
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
Wed Nov 19	Southampton	drew 1-1
Mon Nov 24	Arsenal	lost 4-1
Thu Dec 4	Millwall	won 3-0
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
Wed Apr 1	SOUTHAMPTON	drew 1-1
Wed Apr 8	Portsmouth	won 2-0
Wed Apr 15	Ipswich Town	won 2-1
Wed Apr 22	CHELSEA	drew 2-2
Mon Apr 27	Swindon	won 4-2
Thur May 7	WEST HAM	2pm
Mon May 11	Brighton	
Wed May 13	WIMBLEDON	2pm
Fri May 15	TOTTENHAM	2pm

TBA West Ham
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.

Combination. The reserves were due at West Ham on Thursday, but that game was postponed.

We entertain the Hammers at Kenilworth Road this coming Thursday with a 2pm kick-off, and then have three matches the following week - away to Brighton on Monday, May 11* at home to Wimbledon at 2pm on Wednesday, May 13; and at home to Tottenham at 2pm on Friday, May 15.

Congratulations to the Town's youth team who have once again won Division Two of the South East Counties League, and are also through to the two-legged final of the League Cup.

The league trophy is due to be presented this afternoon to John Moore and the players.

They completed their league programme on April 11 with a 0-0 draw at Wycombe.

Team: Ward, Moran, Stirling, Harrington, Howe, Ayres, Minton, Jerry, Kandol, Akurang, McKoy.

Subs: Roberts, Taylor, Hollidge.

The final of the South East Counties League Cup sees the Town take on West Ham.

The first leg was due to be played here at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday evening, with the second leg at Upton Park on Friday, May 8.

The youth team have also reached

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	28	18	7	3	71	24	61
Bristol City	25	15	6	4	50	32	51
Brentford	27	14	9	4	48	31	51
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Swindon	25	13	2	10	45	40	41
Colchester	27	10	8	9	46	42	38
Oxford	27	11	4	12	48	57	37
Southampton	27	10	5	12	52	53	35
Bristol R	28	9	7	12	53	49	34
Wimbledon	26	10	4	12	41	47	34
Bournemouth	28	8	8	12	43	58	32
Reading	26	8	5	13	35	46	29
Barnet	28	7	7	14	47	61	28
Tottenham	24	6	5	13	28	45	23
Brighton	26	3	7	16	29	63	16

League table as at April 18, 1998

the semi-final of the Eastern Junior Cup, after a 2-1 quarter-final win at Bedford Town on April 6. Tresor Kandol and James Ayres scored the Luton goals.

In the semi-final we travel to Chelmsford City on Wednesday, May 6.

Should we reach the final, look out for details in the local press.



with **JOHN MOORE**

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

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers	won 1-0
Sat Aug 16	Reading	won 6-0	Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W	postponed
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)	won 1-0	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN	lost 1-0
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	won 4-2	Wed Jan 14	TOTT'HAM (FAYC3)	drew 2-2
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	won 5-1	Sat Jan 17	OxfordUnited	drew 1-1
Fri Sep 5	Barnet	won 4-2	Fri Jan 23	BARNET	won 3-0
Tue Sep 9	C PALACE (SJFC1)	lost 1-0	Mon Jan 26	Tottenham (FAYC3)	lost 4-2
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)	won 1-0	Sat Jan 31	Brighton	drew 1-1
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	won 8-1	Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY	won 2-0
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 14	Brentford	won 4-0
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON	drew 1-1
Sat Oct 11	Southampton	won 3-2	Sat Feb 28	Tottenham	won 5-0
Sat Oct 18	Arsenal (SECLC2)	won 2-0	Sat Mar 14	Wimbledon	won 2-0
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	won 1-0	Sat Mar 21	Colchester	won 2-1
			Tue Mar 24	Watford (SECLCsf)	won 2-0
Sat Nov 1	READING	won 4-2	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	won 3-0
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	won 3-2	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	won 3-0
Sat Nov 22	SWINDON (SECLC3)	won 4-2	Sat Apr 11	Wycombe	drew 0-0
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth	drew 1-1	Wed Apr 29	WEST HAM (SECLCF1)	
			Fri May 8	West Ham (SECLCF2)	
Wed Dec 3	Coventry (FAYC2)	won 4-0	Games in caps denote HOME matches.		
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	drew 2-2	Home lge matches at Luton Rugby Club.		

LGE APPS G

Daniel TATE	15	6
Russell LAWES	18 (2)	8
Stuart FRASER	21	2
Matthew SPRING	8	4
Emerson BOYCE	21 (3)	3
James AYRES	18	2
Andre SCARLETT	26	6
Clifford AKURANG	12 (6)	7
Gary DOHERTY	9 (1)	4
Richard CLARKE	25 (2)	2
Delroy MCKOY	14 (8)	5
Darren HOWE	11 (3)	2
C DREW	(1)	
Michael McINDOE	24 (1)	8
Jimmy COX	18	13
Tresor KANDOL	17 (7)	12
Moses JERRY	20 (4)	5
J STIRLING	8 (2)	1
J HARRINGTON	2 (5)	
S ROBERT	2 (2)	1
A MINTON	3	
C GREGORY	1	
R MORAN	3 (2)	
Stuart KIMBER	3	2
S WARD	9	1

YOUTH TEAM 1997/98

LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

Up to and including April 11, 1998

Plus: P. Yeomans 1 league app

That was THE day.....

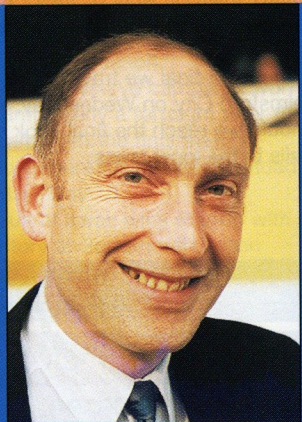
MUCH has been written about our Littlewoods Cup final win on April 24th 1988 but I could not let the 10th anniversary pass without a few further words concerning the most glorious day in our long history. Most schoolboys (and girls hopefully) dream of scoring the winning goal in the last minute for their team in a Cup Final at Wembley. This was the next best thing!

Because of our stance on away supporters we had been excluded from the competition in 1986/87 therefore our second round tie at Wigan in September 1987 was our first game in the Littlewoods Cup. A goal from Micky Weir, on his full debut, earned us a narrow win but in the second leg a hat trick from Mick Harford saw us through comfortably 5-2 on aggregate.

We were drawn at home to Coventry in the next round but because the Sky Blues demanded their full allocation of stand tickets the police nervously advised the Town not to stage the game at Kenilworth Road and after a few false starts the tie was eventually switched to Filbert Street, Leicester which made it almost a home game for Coventry fans.

Despite this disadvantage a tremendous performance saw us win through 3-1 on a quagmire of a pitch to send us to Ipswich, then of Division Two, in the next round. As I live in Newmarket, Ipswich is my 'Watford' and with the Town missing six regulars through injury I was already making my excuses before the kick off! However a sweetly executed goal from Brian Stein in the fourth minute put us ahead and a combination of inspired goalkeeping from Les Sealey, stout defending from Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy and frantic, predictable play from the home side allowed us to slip through to the quarter finals.

The segregation row was sorted out by the time of the quarter final tie at home to Bradford City two months later and in a tense game City goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson handled the ball, dribbled it out of the area,



by **ROGER WASH**

and then dribbled it back again before picking it up. An indirect free kick was awarded by the eagle eyed referee and skipper Steve Foster eased our nerves by putting us ahead with Mick Harford doubling the score later. Our semi final opponents were to be Oxford United with the first leg at the Manor Ground. We had already beaten Oxford 5-2 and 7-4 that season and were therefore quietly confident that it was to be our year. The trip to Oxford was a nightmare with falling snow and heavy traffic delaying my arrival until shortly before kick off. The snow had started to melt as I parked miles from the ground and I looked on this as an omen that it was not going to be my night. Oxford forward Dean Saunders tried his hardest to make it a game to forget by winning, and scoring from, a dubious penalty, then missing another following another poor decision. The only consolations were another

brilliant goal from Brian Stein and the refusal by the referee to award Saunders yet another spot kick when he was felled in the area. In my eyes this was the clearest penalty of the lot!

The second leg was played in an almost surreal atmosphere as everyone expected the Town to win through which, looking back on it now, probably put a lot of added pressure on the players. Luckily Oxford were in no real mood for a fight and the celebration parties had started by half time with the Town two up courtesy of goals from Brian Stein and Ashley Grimes.

For those that remember, this was a strange, unique season for Luton supporters with the Simod Cup final to contend with, a battle through to the F.A.Cup semi final and a trip to Wembley in the Mercantile Credit Centenary Celebrations. It was a frantic (and expensive) time and we were all punch drunk with the sheer number of games and the media hype surrounding everything connected with the club. It is a wonder that the team managed to finish in ninth place in



LEFT: The teams walk out at Wembley on April 24, 1988.

See page 38 for pictures from the recent 10th anniversary reunion held at the Strathmore Hotel in Luton.

the table in a league competition that almost became of secondary importance.

My son, who was then eight, was enjoying his first season as a Luton supporter and took everything in his stride assuming this was all normal. People of my generation, who were just a shade too young to fully appreciate the F.A.Cup final of 1959, were in a state of constant elation.

We had injury problems leading up to the game to add spice to the occasion with Les Sealey not recovering from a damaged shoulder and Darron McDonough hurting his knee in training 48 hours before the final. This meant recalls for the hardly match fit Ricky Hill and David Preece and a place for young Kingsley Black.

On the day of the game Wembley and its surrounds were a mass of colour as a crowd of 95732, including 35000 from Luton, gathered for this showpiece event and as the teams lined up I thought back to games at Bradford Park Avenue, Workington and Newport in the old Division Four. I was then rudely awakened by my son saying he felt sick. "Use your boater", was the reply from his caring father!

The game is surprisingly clear in the memory but that can probably be put down to the constant video replays over the years. What remains particularly clear is the penalty decision mid way through the second half which, if converted, would have put Arsenal 3-1 up with the game completely out of our reach.

When Andy Dibble made his wonder save I knew that the cup had our name on it and with Brian Stein scoring in the final minute to win the game in dramatic fashion you could forget about all the bad times of being a Luton supporter over the previous 30 years.

After the game I had to travel back to Luton to get changed before getting on a coach to return to London for the celebration dinner at the Savoy. Naturally the coach was late and alcohol on empty stomachs meant that the party was in full swing by the time we arrived. I soon caught up, and a tremendous night was had by one and all and I did not mind the thick head the next day.

More thick heads please Luton Town F.C!

5 YEARS AGO

8/5/93: For the fifth season in succession we had to endure a last day relegation dogfight when we travelled to Southend, who also needed to win to stay up. Although we lost 2-1 to Barry Fry's side, both Cambridge and Brentford were also beaten and we escaped the drop by the skin of our teeth.

10 YEARS AGO

15/5/88: Due to our marathon cup runs we finished the season having to play six games in 13 days. Our 58th competitive match of the campaign finished in a 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest with David Oldfield on the scoresheet.

15 YEARS AGO

14/5/83: With the score at Maine Road, Manchester set at 0-0 with 85 minutes played, Manchester City looked likely to win the point that would preserve their Division One status and consign the Town to the drop. 'Cometh the Hour...' and up stepped sub Raddy Antic to score... followed by the famous David Pleat victory dance.

20 YEARS AGO

29/4/78: A 2-1 defeat at Burnley, the end of a run of three straight reversals, consigned us to 13th position in the old Division Two.



Bristol Rovers keeper Lee Jones denies Luton substitute Stuart Douglas a late equaliser.

Jones is on hand again to deny Dwight Marshall in the second-half.

David Oldfield (9) pulls a goal back for the Hatters with his 10th of the season, with 15 minutes to go.

Oldfield challenges for possession with the Rovers defender David Pritchard.



ACTION STATIONS

Bristol Rovers 2 Luton Town 1

(Beadle, Tillson)

(Oldfield)

Saturday, April 18, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 8,038

Pictures by Gareth Owen



REMAINING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LGE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, May 2
 Bristol R v Brentford
 Burnley v Plymouth
 Chesterfield v Blackpool
 Fulham v Watford
 Gillingham v Wigan
 Grimsby v Oldham
 LUTON v Carlisle
 Millwall v Bournemouth
 Preston v Bristol City
 Southend v Wrexham
 Walsall v Wycombe
 York v Northampton

The Division Two play-off Final is at Wembley on Sunday, May 24.

The 1998/99 season 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 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.

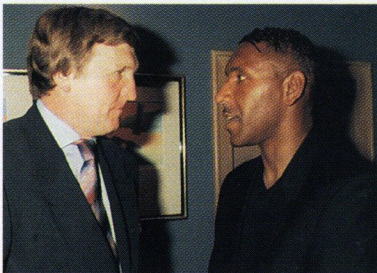
The full fixture details are usually announced in June, so keep an eye on the local press, and an ear to the local radio, or ClubCall, to plan your trips to Macclesfield, Millwall and maybe Manchester City!

STOP PRESS: David Mellor and his Football Task Force arrives in London on Tuesday, May 26, with an open forum for supporters at 7.30pm in the Great Hall at Westminster Central Hall on Storey's Gate, Westminster (opposite Westminster Abbey).

Thanks for the memory...

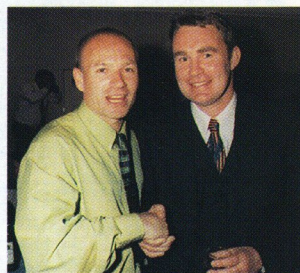


L to R: Mick Harford, Darron McDonough, Ray Harford, David Preece, Ricky Hill, Andy Dibble, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, John Faulkner, Gary Cobb, Kingsley Black, Brian Stein.

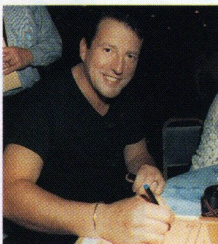


THE stars of the 1988 Littlewoods Cup victory were reunited at a special 10th anniversary dinner last month, held at the Strathmore Hotel, Luton.

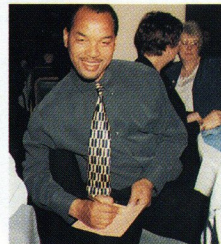
Left: Cup Final manager Ray Harford, with Ricky Hill.



Right: David Preece and Andy Dibble.



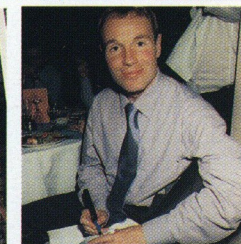
Darron McDonough



Brian Stein



Mick Harford



Kingsley Black



Left: David Preece, John Murtagh and Kathy Leather.

Right: Mick Harford and admirers.

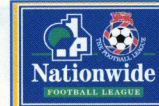
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First Wembley final for Paul Futch

FORMER Luton defender Paul Futch has made it to Wembley..... at the age of 41. Futch, now player-manager of Conference side Southport, will lead his team out for the FA Trophy Final on May 17. Southport booked their place with a 2-1 aggregate win over Slough in the semi-final - Slough having knocked out Stevenage in the

previous round - with the second leg at Haig Avenue finishing 1-1. Futch's Southport will face Cheltenham in the final, after they beat Dover 4-3 on aggregate. Currently starring for Cheltenham is 40-year-old former Chelsea winger Clive Walker. So much for the theory that football is a young man's game!



Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

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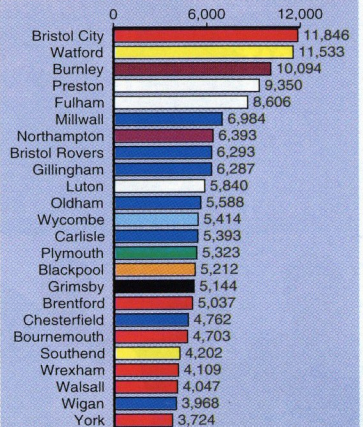
how teams have scored

see key below	Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG
Bournemouth	8	12	7	9	1	4	14	0
Blackpool	12	9	9	15	0	1	11	1
Brentford	13	7	6	6	1	3	13	0
Bristol City	14	8	6	9	4	8	17	2
Bristol Rovers	12	7	10	6	1	5	27	0
Burnley	15	13	2	6	0	3	13	1
Carlisle	14	9	7	7	0	4	14	0
Chesterfield	10	10	4	7	0	2	12	0
Fulham	11	11	6	4	0	2	22	3
Gillingham	5	3	4	4	0	5	29	2
Grimsby	9	6	5	8	3	6	17	1
Luton	12	4	5	5	1	1	28	1
Millwall	8	7	7	2	1	0	15	2
Northampton	12	6	2	9	0	7	15	1
Oldham	16	13	4	10	0	2	14	1
Plymouth	15	12	8	2	0	4	12	1
Preston	10	7	11	4	5	2	14	1
Southend	6	7	7	9	0	2	14	1
Walsall	8	7	5	7	0	3	12	1
Watford	10	5	12	6	2	2	28	0
Wigan	14	13	9	8	1	4	14	1
Wrexham	8	6	7	2	3	2	23	1
Wycombe	7	6	5	10	0	3	18	1
York	8	3	13	3	2	5	17	1

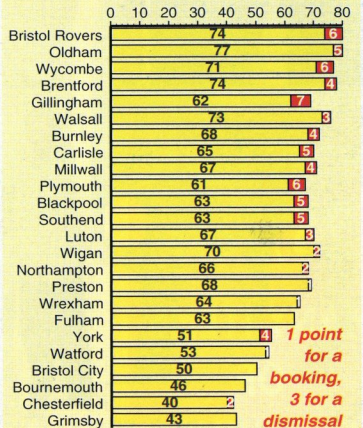
.. and how conceded

Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG	
Bournemouth	8	10	5	5	1	4	16	2
Blackpool	18	8	7	6	0	5	20	2
Brentford	7	17	10	5	1	1	25	3
Bristol City	4	8	2	8	0	2	12	1
Bristol Rovers	13	7	4	7	1	7	24	0
Burnley	17	10	8	4	2	3	20	0
Carlisle	17	12	12	8	2	4	15	0
Chesterfield	7	5	6	9	0	4	10	2
Fulham	12	5	8	2	0	2	12	0
Gillingham	5	6	7	5	1	4	19	0
Grimsby	5	5	2	7	1	1	14	0
Luton	11	6	6	10	1	5	22	1
Millwall	12	2	9	6	2	3	18	0
Northampton	6	12	3	4	0	1	11	0
Oldham	9	6	8	7	0	3	18	3
Plymouth	14	11	8	7	2	4	18	4
Preston	9	10	10	9	0	4	13	0
Southend	10	9	9	16	4	3	24	1
Walsall	6	11	7	3	1	2	20	1
Watford	8	9	2	4	1	2	14	0
Wigan	14	7	7	8	2	5	22	1
Wrexham	12	4	8	6	2	3	15	0
Wycombe	18	6	7	4	0	5	12	1
York	15	7	6	6	1	3	19	1

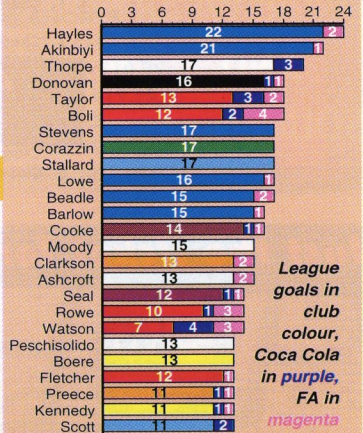
average attendances



yellow & red cards



leading scorers



Current Form Table

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.

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	12	4	13	46%	LWWW
Wigan	4	1	1	10	6	13	35%	DWWW
Chesterfield	4	1	1	9	6	13	54%	DWLWWW
Fulham	3	1	2	11	5	10	30%	LLWWDW
Luton	3	1	2	11	6	10	62%	DLWLWW
Blackpool	3	1	2	9	9	10	32%	WDLWW
Bristol City	3	1	2	6	5	10	41%	WDLWW
Bournemouth	3	1	2	5	4	10	41%	LWWWLD
Watford	2	3	1	7	6	9	75%	WDDWLD
Gillingham	2	3	1	4	3	9	42%	WDDWDL
Brentford	2	2	2	8	10	8	59%	DLWLDW
Northampton	2	2	2	8	7	8	54%	WDLDD
Oldham	2	2	2	8	7	8	18%	WDLDD
York	2	2	2	6	8	8	34%	WDLDD
Burnley	2	1	3	9	13	7	66%	DLWLWL
Preston	1	4	1	8	8	7	53%	DDWLD
Plymouth	2	1	3	7	8	7	62%	LLDWLW
Wycombe	1	4	1	4	4	7	65%	DDWDL
Grimsby	1	3	2	3	4	6	52%	DWLDD
Walsall	1	2	3	4	6	5	62%	LLDWL
Wrexham	0	4	2	4	6	4	59%	DDLLDD
Millwall	0	4	2	3	7	4	48%	DDLLDD
Carlisle	1	0	5	4	11	3	70%	LLLWLL
Southend	0	2	4	1	8	2	54%	LDDLLL

Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates
 16,128 Bristol City v Millwall 26-Dec
 2,039 Wrexham v Southend 21-Oct
 Highest Aggregate Scores
 Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan
 Biggest Home Win
 Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan
 Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan
 Bristol Rovers 5-0 Wigan 10-Apr
 Fulham 5-0 Carlisle 13-Apr
 Biggest Away Win
 Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct
 Bristol Rovers 0-4 Grimsby 12-Dec
 Consecutive Wins
 Bristol City 8
 Games Unbeaten
 Bristol City 15
 Consecutive Defeats
 Bristol Rovers, Carlisle, Carlisle,
 Southend 5
 Games without a Win
 Preston 11

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins
 Northampton 2
 Games Unbeaten
 Gillingham, Wycombe 5
 Consecutive Defeats
 Carlisle 3
 Games without a Win
 Millwall, Wrexham 7

.. various Div 2 stats ..

Team	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	low and high position is taken after 4 games played	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.
Bournemouth	24	55	51	17	14	4	Millwall	36	42	52	12	18	3
Blackpool	34	58	66	10	17	7	Northampton	29	52	37	17	8	2
Brentford	37	49	69	10	24	11	Oldham	36	60	54	14	16	3
Bristol City	28	68	37	16	19	1	Plymouth	27	54	68	10	24	17
Bristol Rovers	27	68	63	9	14	3	Preston	26	54	55	14	18	3
Burnley	33	53	64	10	24	18	Southend	33	46	76	7	24	13
Carlisle	34	55	70	8	24	16	Walsall	24	43	51	16	22	12
Chesterfield	29	45	43	17	14	2	Watford	26	65	40	14	2	1
Fulham	37	59	41	17	18	3	Wigan	31	64	66	10	21	6
Gillingham	29	52	47	16	17	3	Wrexham	26	52	50	15	20	3
Grimsby	25	55	35	23	23	3	Wycombe	22	50	53	16	19	3
Luton	32	57	62	14	23	16	York	27	52	58	11	18	3

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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EVENING MATCHDAYS

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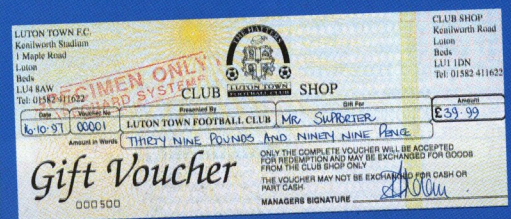
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No doubt Les Miller will be among the Bobbers' party, after representing the club in last week's London Marathon.

He completed the course in four hours 18 minutes and has raised over £2,000 for the Cancer Research Fund at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

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Many thanks to everyone who has supported the club at matches and functions this season.

A special thanks to all those who attended the recent Littlewoods Cup Final reunion at the Strathmore Hotel, pictures from which are featured below.

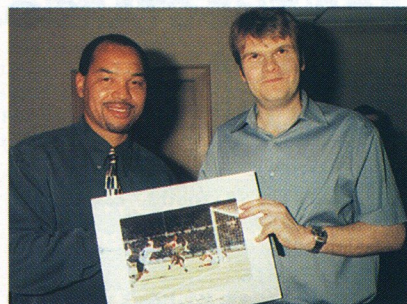


with **KATHY LEATHER**

However, we would be grateful for the return of a large LTFC flag which was used at this event.

If it can be returned to the club reception, no further questions will be asked!

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Harley Chatterton, Kelly Logan, Lewis Gammon, Elliot Gammon, Ben Gibbons, Emily Smith, Katie Smith, Adam Parris, Luisa Parris, Ryan Smith, Sian Murray, Elliott McGeorge, Vicky McGeorge.



STEWARDS REQUIRED

WOULD you like to become a matchday steward and work for LutonTown?

If the answer is yes, we would like to hear from you, and from anyone you know who might be interested.

For a number of years we employed an agency to supply our stewarding needs, but at the start of this season we employed our own stewards to look after all home areas - and we need more!

If you are aged over 18, and physically fit, then contact me at the club for more details.

Over the years stewarding has become more professional and taken on a higher profile with the reduction in police levels. Steward training is also given a high priority, and our training is in line with the national standard and requirement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

GEOFF LOVELL - Safety Manager.

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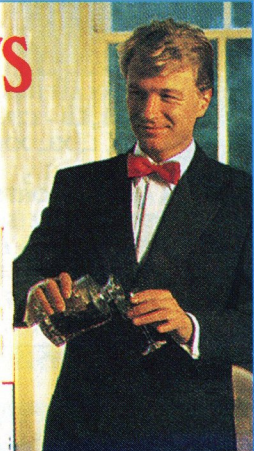
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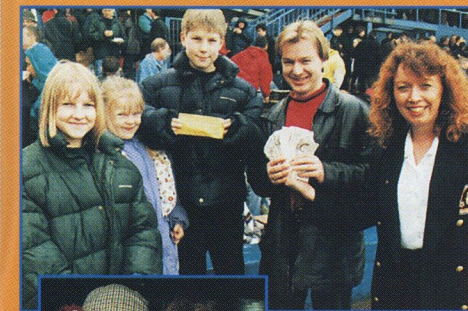
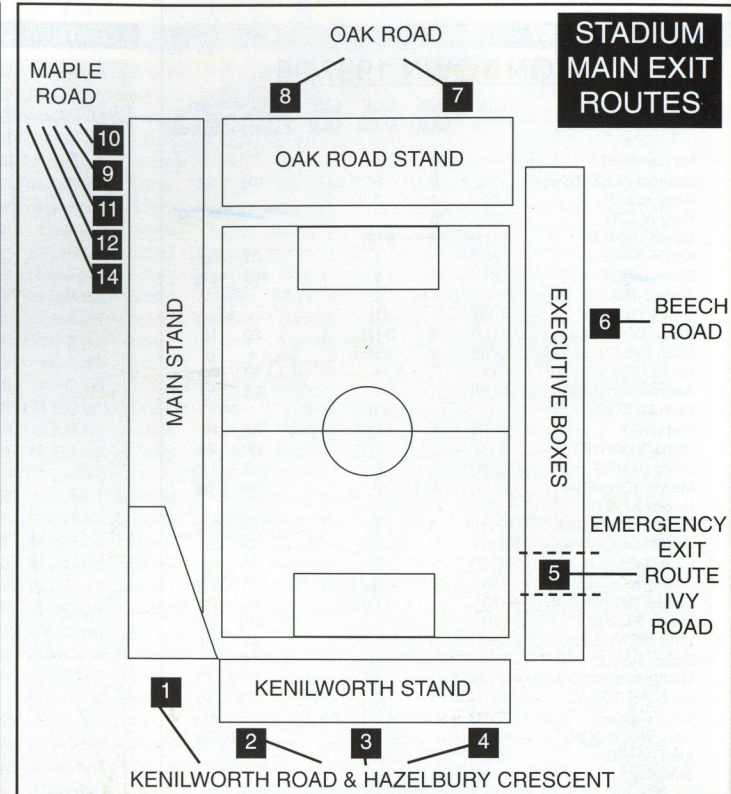
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TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LTCF career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 97/98
Nathan ABBEY			1		
Graham ALEXANDER	38	8	5		101 3g
Chris ALLEN	14	1	3		
Rory ALLEN	7	5			
Simon DAVIES	8 (11)	1	6 (2)		
Kelvin DAVIS	31		1		21 0g
Steve DAVIS	37	5	6	1	100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2		
Gary DOHERTY	1 (8)				
Stuart DOUGLAS	5 (11)	1	3 (1)	1	20 1g
Sean EVERS	13 (9)	2	5		4 0g
Ian FEUER	13		4		98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	4 (10)	1	1		23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(3)		
Phil GRAY	14 (3)	2	1 (1)		67 26
Richard HARVEY	5 (1)		4 (1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	23 (1)	2	2		309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	13 (1)	2	3		289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)				
Dwight MARSHALL	19 (10)	3	4	1	115 33g
Gavin MCGOWAN	6 (2)				2 0g
Paul McLAREN	40 (2)	7			44 1g
David OLDFIELD	44	9	8	1	125 21g
Darren PATTERSON	22		3 (1)		42 0g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)				201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	15				
Matthew SPRING	7 (4)		1		
Mitchell THOMAS	27 (1)	1	4		273 5g
Tony THORPE	27 (1)	14	4 (2)	5	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	36 (2)		5 (2)		133 3g
Alan WHITE	25 (2)	1	5		
own goal		1			

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bristol City (P)	45	25	10	10	68	37	85
Watford (P)	45	23	16	6	65	40	85
Grimsby	45	19	15	11	55	35	72
Fulham	45	20	10	15	59	41	70
Northampton	45	18	16	11	52	37	70
Gillingham	45	19	12	14	52	47	69
Bristol R	45	19	10	16	68	63	67
Wrexham	45	17	16	12	52	50	67
Chesterfield	45	16	16	13	45	43	64
Bournemouth	45	17	12	16	55	51	63
Wigan	45	17	10	18	64	66	61
Blackpool	45	17	10	18	58	66	61
Oldham	45	14	16	15	60	54	58
York	45	14	16	15	52	58	58
Wycombe	45	13	18	14	50	53	57
Preston	45	14	14	17	54	55	56
Millwall	45	14	13	18	42	52	55
LUTON TOWN	45	13	15	17	57	62	54
Walsall	45	14	12	19	43	51	54
Brentford	45	11	17	17	49	69	50
Plymouth	45	12	13	20	54	68	49
Burnley	45	12	13	20	53	64	49
Carlisle (R)	45	12	8	25	55	70	44
Southend (R)	45	11	10	24	46	76	43

Up to and including Tuesday, April 28, 1998.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-	Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-	Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
Mon Aug 18	SOUTHEND UTD	1-0	5,140	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)	(McLaren)	Harvey
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	0-0	8,142	15	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	Alexander	Oldfield	(Douglas)	Marshall	(McGowan)	(Harvey)	(McLaren)
Tue Aug 26	COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)	1-1	2,816	-	Abbey	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Marshall	(Douglas)	Showler	Evers
Sat Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	5,404	12	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Showler)	(McGowan)
Tue Sep 2	MILLWALL	0-2	5,781	15	K.Davis	(James)	McGowan	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Doherty)	(Evers)
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	Peake	(Davies)	(Doherty)
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	MARSHALL	(Evers)	Peake	(Doherty)
Tue Sep 16	WEST BROM CCC2 (1)	1-1	3,437	-	Dibble	Alexander	Harvey	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	(Evers)	McLaren	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	Marshall	Doherty	(Davies)	(George)
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM	2-5	5,241	23	Dibble	McGowan	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Small	GRAY	McLaren	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	(Thorpe)	(Evers)	(Peake)
Tue Sep 23	West Brom CCC2 (2)	2-4	7,227	-	K.Davis	Evers	Harvey	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	(Davies)	(THORPE)	Doherty	(George)
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	0-3	8,509	23	Dibble	Evers	Harvey	(Waddock)	Small	White	Davies	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(George)	(Kear)	(Spring)	Omogbehin
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD	0-4	9,041	23	K.Davis	(McGowan)	Harvey	Waddock	Small	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Spring	James
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	3-0	4,931	23	K.Davis	Alexander	Small	Waddock	James	White	Spring	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE 2)	(Doherty)	(DAVIES)	Harvey	(Evers)
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic	1-1	4,466	22	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	White	(Gray)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	Doherty	(Marshall)
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United	1-0	4,341	21	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	WHITE	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	(Waddock)	(Marshall)
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,972	18	K.Davis	(James)	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE)	ALEXANDER	(Johnson)	Davies	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,219	18	K.Davis	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	White
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY	2-3	5,315	19	K.Davis	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER 2	Davies	(Fotiadis)	White
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END	1-3	5,767	22	K.Davis	James	(Small)	(Waddock)	White	Johnson	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 15	TORQUAY UNITED FAC1	0-1	3,446	-	Feuer	James	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	White	(Spring)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	(Patterson)	(Doherty)
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL	0-1	4,726	23	Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	White	(Davies)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Spring)	(Douglas)	Harvey
Sat Nov 29	York City	2-1	3,636	20	Feuer	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Thomas
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM	2-2	4,408	21	Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	(White)	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	(Fotiadis)	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield	0-0	4,358	22	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	(Douglas)
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-4	5,266	22	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Douglas)	S.Davis	White	C.ALLEN	(McLaren)	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	Alexander	Waddock	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-2	8,035	21	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	(Alexander)	Davies	(Fotiadis)	Spring
Sun Dec 28	Millwall	2-0	7,461	20	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sat Jan 3	Southend United	2-1	5,056	19	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER 2	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL	3-0	5,574	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE 3	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	Evers
Tue Jan 13	BRENTFORD AWS2	2-1	3,106	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	Davies	OLDFIELD	(THORPE)	(Alexander)	(George)	Harvey	(Waddock)
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic	1-2	6,057	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	(Spring)	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Marshall)	Evers
Sat Jan 24	FULHAM	1-4	8,366	19	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(White)	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	(Davies)	Evers	Marshall
Tue Jan 27	Fulham AWS3	2-1	5,103	-	K.Davis	Patterson	Harvey	Evers	S.Davis	White	C.Allen	(McLaren)	Oldfield	Davies	(MARSHALL)	(Waddock)	(THORPE)	George
Sat Jan 31	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	1-2	5,466	19	K.Davis	Patterson	Harvey	(Waddock)	S.Davis	JOHNSON	(C.Allen)	(McLaren)	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	(Evers)	(Marshall)
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham	1-2	3,527	20	K.Davis	Patterson	Harvey	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Johnson	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Evers	(Marshall)
Sat Feb 14	Watford	1-1	15,182	20	K.Davis	Patterson	Thomas	(Waddock)	White	JOHNSON	(C.Allen)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	(Evers)	(Marshall)
Tue Feb 17	AFC Bournemouth AWS ASF	0-1	5,367	-	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	Evers	White	Patterson	C.Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Marshall	(Davies)	(Gray)	Harvey	Waddock
Sat Feb 21	BRISTOL CITY	0-0	6,405	21	K.Davis	Patterson	Thomas	(Evers)	S.Davis	White	(C.Allen)	McLaren	Oldfield	Gray	Alexander	(Marshall)	(Fotiadis)	Waddock
Tue Feb 24	WIGAN ATHLETIC	1-1	4,403	20	K.Davis	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	White	(Marshall)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	Gray	Alexander	Allen	(Fotiadis)	Waddock
Sat Feb 28	Plymouth Argyle	2-0	4,846	19	K.Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	EVERS	McLaren	Oldfield	Gray	(Marshall)	Davies	(FOTIADIS)	(Doherty)
Tue Mar 3	Preston North End	0-1	6,992	20	K.Davis	Alexander	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Patterson	(Evers)	McLaren	Oldfield	Gray	(Marshall)	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Spring)
Sat Mar 7	WYCOMBE W	0-0	6,114	21	K.Davis	Alexander	Thomas	(Spring)	S.Davis	Patterson	Evers	McLaren	Oldfield	Gray	(Marshall)	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	Waddock
Sat Mar 14	Burnley	1-1	9,656	21	K.Davis	James	THOMAS	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Patterson	Evers	McLaren	Oldfield	Gray	(Fotiadis)	(Davies)	White	(Marshall)
Sat Mar 21	GRIMSBY TOWN	2-2	5,722	23	K.Davis	James	Thomas	EVERS	S.DAVIS	Patterson	(Fotiadis)	McLaren	Oldfield	Marshall	Alexander	Davies	(Douglas)	Waddock
Sat Mar 28	Walsall	3-2	3,922	21	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	MARSHALL	(McLaren)	(OLDFIELD)	R.ALLEN	Alexander	Davies	(Evers)	(Doherty)
Sat Apr 4	YORK CITY	3-0	5,541	19	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Evers	(S.Davis)	Patterson	(Marshall)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	R.Allen	ALEXANDER	(White)	(GRAY)	Waddock
Tue Apr 7	Grimsby Town	1-0	4,455	17	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	Patterson	White	(Marshall)	McLaren	(Oldfield)	(R.ALLEN)	Alexander	(Evers)	(Gray)	(Doherty)
Sat Apr 11	Gillingham	1-2	6,846	19	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	(Waddock)	Patterson	White	(Marshall)	McLaren	Oldfield	R.ALLEN	Alexander	(Evers)	(Gray)	(Doherty)
Tue Apr 14	CHESTERFIELD	3-0	5,884	17	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	Patterson	Marshall	(Spring)	OLDFIELD	(R.ALLEN)	Alexander	White	(Douglas)	(Waddock)
Sat Apr 18	Bristol Rovers	1-2	8,038	19	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Patterson	(Marshall)	Evers	OLDFIELD	R.Allen	Alexander	(Spring)	(Douglas)	(White)
Sat Apr 25	Brentford	2-2	6,598	18	K.Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Evers	(McLaren)	Oldfield	R.ALLEN	(MARSHALL)	(Spring)	(Douglas)	(Doherty)
Sat May 2	CARLISLE UTD																	

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Kelvin DAVIS	1	Tony CAIG
Graham ALEXANDER	2	Richard LIBURD
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Tony HOPPER
Gary WADDOCK	4	Richard PROKAS
Steve DAVIS	5	Will VARTY
Alan WHITE	6	John FOSTER
Sean EVERS	7	Graham ANTHONY
Paul McLAREN	8	Scott DOBIE
David OLDFIELD	9	Ian STEVENS
Rory ALLEN	10	Allan SMART
Dwight MARSHALL	11	Nick WRIGHT

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Today's referee is **MICK FLETCHER** from Warley, in the West Midlands.

Mr Fletcher is a Waste Disposal Officer, and joined the Football League list in 1995. His last visit to Kenilworth Road was for the home game v Blackpool last season.



4th official: F.J. Fender

Next match at Kenilworth Road

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