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The views expressed in this amme are not necessarily those f Luton Town Football Club Welcome to a new season, and a new competition. Tonight sees the first matches in the Worthington Cup, the new name for the League Cup which has counted milk and Coca-Cola among its previous sponsors.

It was a bit of a Cinderella tournament when it started in 1961, but by the time the final was moved to Wembley six years later it was well on the way to being a much-coveted prize.

It certainly was in 1988 when Brian Stein's late winner brought the then Littlewoods Cup to Luton. It was the Milk Cup when Oxford won it two years before that.

Worthington, part of the Bass brewing and leisure group, are sponsoring the Cup to the tune of £23 million over five years, and as well as the change in name a few other new features make their debut in the competition this season.

Seeding has been introduced in the first round, so that lower division clubs who succeed get an opportunity to play one of the "big boys."

Carling Premiership teams not involved in European tournaments will join the Worthington Cup trail in a seeded second round, and the rest will come in at round three.

The sponsors are determined to do more than just throw money at football, and five lucky home fans will be able to discover that for themselves tonight.



Golden Boys: Liam George (left) and Gary Doherty with their medals after helping Ireland to win the EUFA under-18 championship in Cyprus.



Front Cover:
NEW RECRUIT: Herve
Bacque, signed from
Monaco, pictured with
manager Lennie
Lawrence. A full
profile and interview
with the striker will
appear in Saturday's
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Have a good look at your seat; five of them have attached to them a pair of tickets for next week's second leg game at Oxford.

And for your diary, the full schedule for this season's Worthington Cup is: Round two, first leg, week commencing September 14, second leg w/c September 21; third round w/c October 26; fourth round w/c November 9; fifth round w/c November 30. The first legs of the semi-finals will be played week commencing January 25, and the second legs week commencing February 15, The Worthington Cup final will be at Wembley on Sunday, March 21. And wouldn't Steve Davis look great walking up those steps to the Royal box?

We're going to win promotion. Or at least Arsene Wenger thinks so, and he should know. The manager of league and cup double champs Arsenal was full of praise for our lads after seeing us hold his Gunner's to a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. "It was a fair result," he said. "Luton were a good team."

Nice work if you can get it... while we wait for a Whitehall decision on the Kohlerdome planning application, a lot of us will look enviously at the new stadium Reading have had built near the M4 to replace run-down Elm Park. And if we see Reading chairman John Madejski looking pleased with his club's new home when we play there later this month, there might be another reason for him to smile – he has just received £175 million from the sale of the Hurst Publishing Group to a venture capital company.

Relegated after finishing bottom of Division One last season, Reading spent more than £1 million on new players in the summer.

Congratulations – to Gary Doherty and Liam George, who came back from Cyprus with gold medals for helping Ireland win the EUFA under-18 championship. An ear infection restricted Gary to two group games, but Liam played in every Irish match and converted their fifth spot kick in a penalty shoot-out victory over Germany in the final.

England were knocked out by Croatia, failing to get beyond the group stage. Incidentally – and this is one of the anoraks – Liam has the distinction of scoring the last-ever hat-trick by a visitor at Roker Park. He did it in our 5-2 FA Youth Cup victory last year, a few weeks before Sunderland moved to their new Stadium of Light.

The Reserves – kick off their season tomorrow (2pm) when Brighton and Hove Albion are the visitors to Kenilworth Road, for a match originally scheduled for August 19.

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from the manager's chair



We could not have asked for a much better kick-off to the new season than we saw at Wycombe. It was our first opening day win since I have been here, and although the margin was small, make no mistake about it, we well deserved the victory.

The platform has to be a good back four, and after a couple of early scares the defence settled down to deny Wycombe any real openings, while we created several of our own.

Tonight it's a different competition and we welcome Oxford and their supporters for the revamped Worthington Cup. Because of the new seeding arrangement, it means that for the first time since I came to Luton we are entertaining a team from a higher division in the first round. So it will be harder to progress to the second round, as we have done in the previous two years. Hopefully we can give a good account of ourselves over the two legs against Oxford.

We are looking for a good start to the season. Having started with a good result at Wycombe we want to start our home campaign with two wins, tonight and against Preston in the league on Saturday.

We have started the league campaign badly in my two previous full seasons here, but this time we changed the nature of the pre-season training to some extent, and played fewer games. The aim was to be perfectly prepared for the start of the league season. Certainly, in our two prestige home friendlies, against Arsenal and Coventry, we looked sharp.

Pre-season results can be misleading, but I was well satisfied with the performances against Premiership opposition. We have never looked as sharp as this at this stage of the season before, and hopefully we can carry it through with a good display tonight. Having said farewell and good luck to David Oldfield, Darren Patterson and Gary Waddock, we have been busy trying to strengthen the squad.

We looked at the Bosmans available in this country throughout May and June, but the players we wanted required higher salaries than we thought they were worth. In two or

three cases when we identified suitable recruits for Luton, we were topped by bigger clubs. I was beginning to feel the Bosman ruling was working against Luton, but since pre-season I have changed tack. We have had as many as a dozen players on trial, many of them foreign, and we selected two we wished to sign.

So it is a pleasure to welcome Herve Bacque from Monaco. He did well in his three trial matches, and we wish him every success. We also welcome Ray McKinnon a midfielder from Dundee United and hope he too enjoys a good career with us.

We have, of course, welcomed back Phil Gray and Marvin Johnson after injuries, which to my mind means we have four new players in the squad to start the season. With Paul Showler nearing fitness again, it is five.

We have seen some good young players emerge, and if key senior players stay fit, and free from suspensions, and if the younger players continue to progress and develop, a challenge for a play-off place is certainly possible. And all of us in the club want that just as much as you do. Let's hope we all have a season to remember, for all the right reasons.

A cup win tonight would get our home season off to the right start, and hopefully we can give you that, and football entertainment as well.

Enjoy the game.

Lennie Lawrence

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captain's log



I hope that by the time you read these notes we have got three points in the bag! Yes, we're back at it again. The aim is promotion, and with two extra additions to the squad since pre-season started, our hopes have been lifted that bit further.

This column had to be written before the game at Wycombe, but we had a good return to competitive football. A draw with Arsenal and wins against Hull and Coventry set us up nicely for Wycombe, and for tonight's match against Oxford.

Herve has certainly made an impression since his arrival from Monaco, and obviously his goals have earned him a contract. We welcome him and hope he can continue his good form.

Ray McKinnon will add competition for midfield places and also, given the young squad we have, add a bit more experience. He is a quality player who should fit in easily at the club.

Oxford tonight will certainly be a stern test, as they have some good experienced pros, and enjoyed a good run of results when their new manager arrived.

Playing at the back for them will probably be "the other Steve Davis." We actually played together when I was first on loan to Burnley, so there's a good quiz question for any budding Statto out there, or anyone who likes to bore his mates!

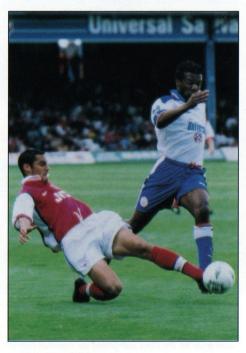
The cup competitions give you a break from the league programme, and it's obviously good for confidence to get, or try to get, a little bit of a run. The games a couple of seasons ago, against Derby and Wimbledon, certainly did that for us and it also gives the supporters the chance to see Premiership teams at Kenilworth Road.

It goes without saying that a win to take to the Manor Ground will give us something to

defend, and also give us a chance of progressing and hopefully draw one of the so-called "big fish."

It's a long old season ahead now as the real stuff begins, and a good start is vital. Your support is also vital, so with the rub of the green, and an injury free squad, hopefully we can make this a season to remember. So, if you're sitting comfortably, we'll begin!

Steve Davis



Welcome to tonight's visitors

Malcolm Shotton (Manager)

Malcolm Shotton re-joined Oxford United in January 1988 as first team manager.

Malcolm joined Oxford in May 1980 and soon became a very popular figure at the Club. He made the no 6 shirt his very popular figure at the Club. He made the no 6 shirt his own, forming a fearsome partnership with Gary Briggs at the hear of the United defence. His playing career really took off with the arrival of Manager, Jim Smith, at the Manor. Malcolm captained the side to consecutive title successes in the old Third and Second Divisions. Few could have envisaged that further success was to follow when in April 1986, against all the odds, the Club won the Milk (League) Cup, beating QPR 3-0 at Wembley.

Malcolm Shotton was sold to Portsmouth in 1987, after making 336 full annearance for Oxford Later that season

making 336 full appearances for Oxford. Later that season he joined Huddersfield and then on to Barnsley. He left The Tykes for Hull City and eventually joined Ayr United as Assistant Manager. He returned to Barnsley once again in 1994 as Reserve Team Coach.

Shotton was a popular choice for the Manager's job at the Manor following Denis Smith's move to West Bromwich Albion. He steered the Club to 12th position last term and is hopeful of further progress this season.

Nicky Banger; Date of Birth: 25.02.71

Nicky came through the ranks with his home town club Southampton. His big chance came following Alan Shearer's move from The Dell. In total, he played 94 games for the Saints. He joined Oldham originally on loan in October 1994, with the move soon being made permanent with a £250,000 deal, but his appearances were limited by injury. Nicky made the switch to Oxford in July 1997, scoring four goals in his first season at the Club.

Joey Beauchamp; Date of Birth: 13.03.71 Joey rejoined Oxford at the start of October 1995, 15 months after leaving the Manor for West Ham United. Local born winger, Joey came through Oxford's youth ranks making his debut on the last day of season 1988/89 against Watford. His appearances in the first few seasons were scarce and it was only after returning from a loan spell with Swansea City in season 1991/92 that he started to get a regular place in the United line-up until he became a regular before leaving for West Ham at the end of the 1993/94 season for a fee approaching £1 million. His stay in East London was brief and he did not make a first team appearance for them, and joined Swindon soon afterwards. Following a change of manager at the County Ground, he fell out of favour and took the opportunity to return to Oxford for a cut price fee. Joey was in sparkling form last term with 19 goals.

Steve Davis; Date of Birth: 26.07.65

Steve is an experienced centre-half, comfortable on the ball, and is also always likely to pop up with a goal or two. Birmingham-born Steve, began his professional career at Stoke City before finding his way to Dario Gradd's Crewe side. He made his League debut with the Gresty Road outfit, going on to make 140 league starts. After four years he made the move to Burnley for a £15,000 fee. He moved again, four years later, to Barnsley for £180,000.

Kevin Francis; Date of Birth: 06.12.67

Kevin began his professional career at Derby County but he really established himself in League football following a £45,000 move to Stockport County two years later. In his four years at Edgeley Park Kevin scored 88 League goals from only 147 starts. It was little surprise when he was signed by Birmingham City for £800,000. He continued to score goals for the Blues and played an important part in

their Second Division championship success in 1995. At 6' 7" his physical presence has always caused opposition defences big problems, both as a goalscorer and creator of chances for others. Kevin came to the Manor in February as part of the deal that took Darren Purse to Birmingham City.

Philip Gilchrist: Date of Birth: 25,0873

Phil Joined Oxford from Hartlepool for a small fee in February 1995. He made his league debut against Stoke City in December 1992 and hardly missed a game before joining Oxford. He was an instant success in United's side and scored his first ever team goal for United with a goal against Chester City. Has been virtually ever-present since making over 100 League appearances for the U's.

Danny Hill; Date of Birth: 01.10.74

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Danny progressed through the youth ranks at Tottenham. He is a promising midfield player with 4 England Under 21 caps under his belt. Danny made 20 appearances for the London club but welcomed the chance to get first team football at the Manor Ground. He signed in June 1998 and big things are expected of him.

Martin Gray; Date of Birth: 17.08.71

Became the third ex-Sunderland player at the Manor following his £100,000 move on deadline day in March 1996. A 5' 9" midfielder, who is equally at home in defence, he was spotted by the Roker Park who is equally at home in defence, he was spotted by the Roker Park side as a youngster while playing non league football with Ferryhill Athletic. Martin progressed through the Sunderland ranks at the same time as David Rush and spent five games on loan at Aldershot in 1991. Gray also links up with former bosses Denis Smith and Malcolm Crosby at Oxford, and made his United debut in the goalless draw with Wrexham before an injury cut short his second appearance against Blackpool at Easter. A committed performer expected to feature regularly in the United midfield this term.

Simon Marsh; Date of Birth: 29.01.77

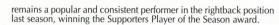
Twenty one year old Simon made his first team debut as a youth team player at Brighton in September 1994 and has since had further games in the left-back spot. Simon, who progressed through the Youth ranks was rewarded with a pro-contract. His continued progress was recognised by England Under 21 Manger, Peter Taylor, giving Simon his international debut in the Toulon tournament in May 1998.

Matthew Murphy; Date of Birth: 20.08.71

Matthew, a midfield player, was signed in February 1993 from Corby Town for a fee of £20,000. The former building society clerk was one of the Beazer Homes League's leading scorers prior to his transfer here. Matt is 26 years old and made his first team debut near the end of season 1992/93 in front of a full house at Newcastle. Did not feature in the first team during 1993/94 but came into the side last season initially following injuries to others, and his goal scoring prowess has made him an important member of the squad. A regular on the bench last season having appeared 15 times as a substitute – he continued to score his quota of goals despite his lack of games.

Paul Powell; Date of Birth: 30.06.78
Paul came through the ranks at Oxford and was signed as a professional following a successful time as a YT player. It was no surprise when he was awarded the 1996 'Young Player of the Year' award. Paul is a player who shows much promise - he is a fine athlete, with pace and skill on the ball. He has appeared in a variety of positions on the left side of defence and midfield. He made his debut against Chesterfield in 1996.

Les Robinson; Date of Birth: 01.03.67 Born in Shirebrook, 5′ 0″ Les Robinson was signed from Doncaster Rovers for £150,000 just prior to the 1990 transfer deadline. Les had been a midfield player but came to Oxford's attention after switching to full-back. Injury meant Les did not make his debut until the last game of the 1989/90 season but was then a regular until picking up a long term injury which kept him out for nearly ten months. 'Robbo



David Smith; Date of Birth: 26.12.70

Liverpool born David, 27 years old, joined Oxford in the Summer of 1994 for a fee of £100,000 from Norwich City. He played just 23 times in the previous four seasons and jumped at the chance of first team football here at Oxford. The midfielder has now made over 200 appearances for United.

Andy Thomson; Date of Birth: 01.04.71 Experienced striker, Andy first caught the attention with Queen of the South in his native Scotland. Southend invested £250,000 to secure his services. He was troubled by injuries during his time at Roots Hall but is looking forward to a new start at the Manor

Phil Whelan; Date of Birth: 07.03.72 Signed in a £170,000 deal with Middlesbrough in June, 1997. Phil first came to prominence in his days at Ipswich Town. Whilst with the Suffolk club, Phil broke into the England Under 21 side making four appearances. He made the move to 'Boro for £300.000 but found it difficult to establish himself as a regular first team player at the Riverside. PHil was involved in a tragic accident with team-mate David Smith at the Hawthornes which left Phil with a broken leg. He has fought back to regain fitness and will be pushing hard for a first team place this term.

Philip Whitehead; Date of Birth: 17.12.69

Phil a 6' 3" goalkeeper, joined Oxford in November 1993 following a month's loan from his previous club Barnsley for a tribunal set free. He started his career at Halifax and made his debut for his home town club against Burnley in September 1986. He was never a regular keeper in this time at the Shay until his final season, a regular keeper in tins time at the Shay until his final season, 1989/90 when he joined Barnsley for a £60,000 fee. In his four years at Barnsley, Phil made just 16 appearances but spent loan period back at Halifax, Scunthorpe (twice), Bradford City and Stockport. Has become a first choice keeper at Oxford since his signing, hardly missing a game. He has now completed over 200 games as the regular number one at Oxford.

Brian Wilsterman; Date of Birth: 19.11.66 Dutchman, Brian, joined the Club from Belgian club, Beerschot, in February 1997 in a deal worth £200,000. His twelve year career has also included spells at Dutch clubs NEC, S V V, Go Ahead Eagles, Dordrecht and Vitesse Arnhem. His first start for Oxford came against Crystal Palace in March 1997, and made 14 League starts last season.

Dean Windass; Date of Birth: 1.4.69

Dean is United's record signing at a fee approaching £470,000. He joined the Club from Aberdeen in July. He was delighted to link up again with his former youth team manager from Hull City, Malcolm Shotton. Dean spent two and a half years with the Scottish club after they won the race for his signature in 1985. Dean joined The Dons for a fee of £800,000 in December 1995. He can perform both in attack and midfield, and great things are expected of him at



Front Row (left to right) Phil Whelan, Brian Wilsterman, Simon Marsh, Andy Thomson, Malcolm Shotton (Manager), Les Robinson, Nicky Banger, Kevin Francis, Matt Murphy.

Second Row: Phil Whitehead, Tony Wright, Joey Beauchamp, Christophe Remy, Simon Weatherstone, Jamie Cook, Steve Davis, David Smith, Danny Hill, Elliott Jackson.

Third Row: Peter Rhoades-Brown (OUFITC Football in the Community Officer), Rob Folland, Dean Windass, Martin Gray, Andrew Rose, Paul Powell, Mark Jones (OUFITC Soccer Course Director).

Back Row: Mickey Lewis (Youth Team Coach), Mark Harrison (Assistant Manager), John Clinkard (Physiotherapist), Ken Ridley (Kit Man)



club secretary



In offering a very warm welcome to all supporters for our first home game of the season, I will be interested to hear from our fans how they react to a change of ticket policy for this cup-tie.

Normally, as you probably know, cup-ties at Kenilworth Road are all-ticket, and that is done for the convenience of season ticket holders, who like to claim their own seat.

But last season we heard from supporters who did not like the idea of having to buy tickets in advance. We listened, and that is why for tonight's game, as an experiment, we have made it a simple pay-on-the-gate occasion.

But that, of course, means that seats are unreserved. And perhaps there will be season ticket holders who are not so keen on the idea.

But as the chairman said in the programmes for the Arsenal and Coventry matches, we know we are in the entertainment business, competing for customers, so we have to listen to what the customers say. So, if you have a view on the subject of ticket arrangements, please write to me and let me know.

Tonight's match, of course, is for a new trophy, the Worthington Cup, the latest version of the League Cup in which we and Oxford have both enjoyed some fair amount of success, Oxford winning the final in 1986 and we enjoying success two years later.

Much has changed in football since then, and one difference tonight is the substitutes rule: for the first time in this competition, the teams can use any of three of five named subs.

While first team fixtures inevitably take priority with supporters, don't forget the reserves start their season tomorrow (2pm) with a home match against Brian Horton's Brighton Reserves. Admission is free to season ticket holders. Others pay £2, half-price for under-16s and senior citizens.

A similar pricing policy will be in force tomorrow week, when we host a prestige friendly. The Kuwaiti national squad is on a tour of this country, and they will bring a team to Kenilworth Road to play a Luton Town XI, kick-off 2pm.

Finally, we have now received our ticket allocation for our game at Reading later this month. See the ticket news page for details.

In the meantime, enjoy tonight's game, and the second leg at Oxford next week, if you can get to the Manor Ground to support the team.

Cherry Newberry



a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

In welcoming Oxford to Kenilworth Road this evening, thoughts will obviously go back to the last time we played United in the competition when, in 1988, we were paired together in the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup. as it was then known.

We had battled through to the semi-final stage and, for the Hatters, it was unchartered territory reaching this far. United were one up on us, having won the Cup two years previously when they were comfortable 3-0 victors over Q.P.R.

Having beaten Oxford 7-4 in the league at Kenilworth Road the previous Saturday the Luton supporters who made their way to the Manor Ground were fairly confident of at least a draw to take back for the second leg.

The pitch had been covered in snow, which was now thawing to reveal a slippery surface but this seemed to suit the Town who were first to go close when Mick Harford brought a flying save from ex-Hatter Alan Judge. Luton keeper Les Sealey was forced to tip over a 30 yard effort from Trevor Hebberd while at the other end Harford appeared to be tripped by Tommy Caton but referee, Keith Hackett, would have none of it.

The breakthrough came five minutes before the interval when Harford and Brian Stein exchanged passes before the latter drilled a left foot shot past Judge from 20 yards.

Only 33 seconds after the interval Oxford were level when Judge's long clearance enabled Dean Saunders to beat Mal Donaghy for speed before falling over. The referee, still 40 yards behind play, pointed to the spot with Saunders sending Sealey the wrong way with his kick to keep up his record of scoring in every round.

The Town players were incensed when Saunders and Donaghy were involved in another tussle with the result that a second penalty being awarded. This time Sealey listened to the advice of Danny Wilson, who played with Saunders at Brighton, and went the right way to save the kick.

The drama was not yet over as Saunders went over for a third time in the area, which looked the most blatant penalty of the lot but the referee waved play on.

Afterwards, Saunders expressed surprise that the referee had awarded the first penalty from so far away and admitted that the second was no more than Ôa little bumpÕ!

Although the Town had beaten United twice in the

league during that season the second leg could not be looked on as a foregone conclusion. United quite liked playing on the TownÕs artificial surface and had won on it twice previously.

The second leg was played on a Sunday afternoon to accommodate a live T.V. audience. Even seasoned professionals like skipper Steve Foster were tense before the start as the feeling around the ground was that the Town had done the difficult job at Oxford. All Foster could do was trot out the old cliche about it being Õonly half time.Õ

On the pitch the Luton players were heartened to see creative midfield player, Trevor Hebberd, lining up as a sweeper for Oxford. Whatever the formation, the Town stuck to their game plan and attacked from the start and by the interval were two goals up and strolling.

Firstly Brian Stein took advantage of a clever cross from Rob Johnson to head the ball powerfully into the top corner of the net and then, after Tommy Caton was judged to have fouled Harford, Ashley Grimes curled a sweet left foot free kick over the wall for number two.

The Hatters easily contained Oxford in the second half with Les Sealey having only one save to make while at the other end both Wilson and Stein went close to adding to the tally.

The Hatters were going to Wembley and I think we all know what happened next!



Brian Stein looks pleased with himself after scoring The first goal against Oxford in the second leg at Kenilwaortl

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A. Harry Redknapp B. Brian Clough C. Danny Wilson

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SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	Н	3.00pm
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm
TUES	10	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	NOTTS COUNTY	н	7.45pm
TUES	10	WC4			
SAT	14	FACUP(R1)			
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	Н	3.00pm
TUES	01	DECEMBER	WC5		
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)			
TUES	80	AWS(1)			
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	Α	3.00pm
SAT	19		MILLWALL	Н	3.00pm
SAT	26		READING	Н	12 noon
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm
SAT	02	JANUARY or FA CUP (R3)	COLCHESTER UNITED	Α	3.00pm
TUES	05	AWS(2)	MANGO MER MANDEBERG		2.00
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	A H	3.00pm
SAT	23	FA CLID (D4)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	п	3.00pm
MED	27	or FA CUP (R4)			
WED SAT	27 30	WC SF(1)	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	н	3.00pm
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	Α	3.00pm
SAT	13	TEDROMIN	WREXHAM	Н	3.00pm
3/11		or FA CUP (R5)	***************************************		
WED	17	WC SF(2) or AV	VS SF		
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	Α	3.00pm
SAT	27		BLACKPOOL	Н	3.00pm
SAT	06	MARCH	WALSALL	. A	3.00pm
		or FA CUP (R6)			
TUES	09		FULHAM	Н	7.45pm
		or AWS (AF1)			
SAT	13		STOKE CITY	Н	3.00pm
WED	17	AWS (AF2)			
SAT	20		CHESTERFIELD	Α	3.00pm
SUN	21	WC FINAL			0.00
SAT	27		GILLINGHAM	Н	3.00pm
SAT	03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm
TUES	06		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm
SAT	10	EA CLID CE	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm
SUN	11	FA CUP SF	MANICHESTED CITY	Α	7.45pm
WED	14		MANCHESTER CITY LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm
SAT	17 18	AWS FINAL	LINCOLN CITT		3.00pm
SUN SAT	24	AVVSTINAL	NOTTS COUNTY	Α	3.00pm
SAT	01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm
SAT	08	ANT	MILLWALL	Α	3.00pm
SAT	22	FACUP FINAL			0.00
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town teaser

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Who did the Town beat 5-0 on aggregate in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup semi-final? Listen out for the PA announcer - you can win a prize if you know the answer.

Travel

Oxford United

Travel to Oxford United, Worthington Cup, August 18 (7.30)
Leave Luton on the A505 to Dunstable, and go straight on through the crazy roundabouts in the centre of Dunstable. Follow the signs to Aston Clinton and Aylesbury. Then pick up the signs to Oxford, via Thame on the A418. Go into Oxford on the A40, and as you approach Oxford, at the ring road go straight ahead at Headington roundabout, and the Manor Ground is a few minutes down the road, or your right. Street parking only, and can be hard to find. Mileage from Luton town centre: 47.

Reading

To Reading, Division Two,
August 20 (3pm)
Leave Luton on M1 south, then take M25
west, then M4 west. Leave M4 at junction
11 and turn right, following the A33,
signposted to Reading. After three miles,
turn left at Bennet Road, which is
signposted to the new Madejski Stadium.
Follow the signs, and there is plenty of
parking at the stadium, but the price is £5,
a fee set by the local council, which gave
the land to the club on condition that
parking FEES were higher than the cost of
family bus tickets to the ground. Mileage
from Luton town centre: 64.

News

McKinnon Evers

S.Davis Johnson

Town on tour: A new travel service to away games has been inaugurated this season by the Luton Town Supporters Club. The aim is to offer luxury travel at competitive prices to all league and cup games.

Bacque

It should be popular – in terms of proportion of home attendances, we probably have one of the best away followings in the country.

The new service started on Saturday, with a trip to Wycombe. All coaches used will be air conditioned, fully stewarded, and with hot drinks and video facilities on board.

Coaches leave from the Maple Road car park, but other departure points will be added if demand justifies.

The next trip is to Oxford next Tuesday, leaving at 4.45. The price is £9 or £8 for members of LTSC. Concessions, for under-16s and over-60s, offer a £1 discount, but only to LTSC members. Pre-assigned seats can be booked at the club shop, or, on match days, at the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road. And if you are not already a member of the Supporters Club, you can join at the same time, to qualify immediately for a discount.

Sorry Herve: Because of a mis-reading of a document written out in long hand, our new French striker Herve Bacque's name was given to the Press with an incorrect spelling. His transfer from Monaco has now been completed, and Saturday's matchday magazine will include a full profile and interview. The right way to pronounce his name, incidentally, is Ervay Back-kay.

For the Record: Our first team squad's pre-season results: Harrow Borough 1, Luton Town 2 (Bacque, Fotiadis); St. Albans City 2, Luton Town 4 (McIndoe, Gray, McKinnon, Willmott pen); Arsenal 1 Luton Town 1 (Bacque); Hull City 0, Luton Town 1 (Davis); Luton Town 2 (Bacque 2), Coventry City 1.

referee

Barry Knight, a chartered surveyor has been refereeing for 20 years, making steady progress to the Nationwide League via the Southern League. He was put onto the Football League's linesmen's list five years ago, promoted to a panel referee a year later, and then to the national list three years ago.



Worthington Cup - First Round, Second Leg Oxford United v Luton Town Tuesday 11th August 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at the turnstile Terrace £11 Adults £6.50 SC/Juniors Seating £14 Adults £9.50 SC/Juniors

Nationwide League Division Two Reading v Luton Town Saturday 22nd August 1998, kick off 3.00pm

This is an all-ticket match for Luton Town supporters and tickets are now available.

Prices:

Marshall Subs: George (for Bacque 71, McGowan for Marshall 81,

£14 Adults £8 SC/Under 15

Evacuation procedure

In the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club



have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to: a) Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd. b) ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event of an evacuation of all or part

of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian trafiic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated. Geoff Lovell, safety Manager.

The teams

