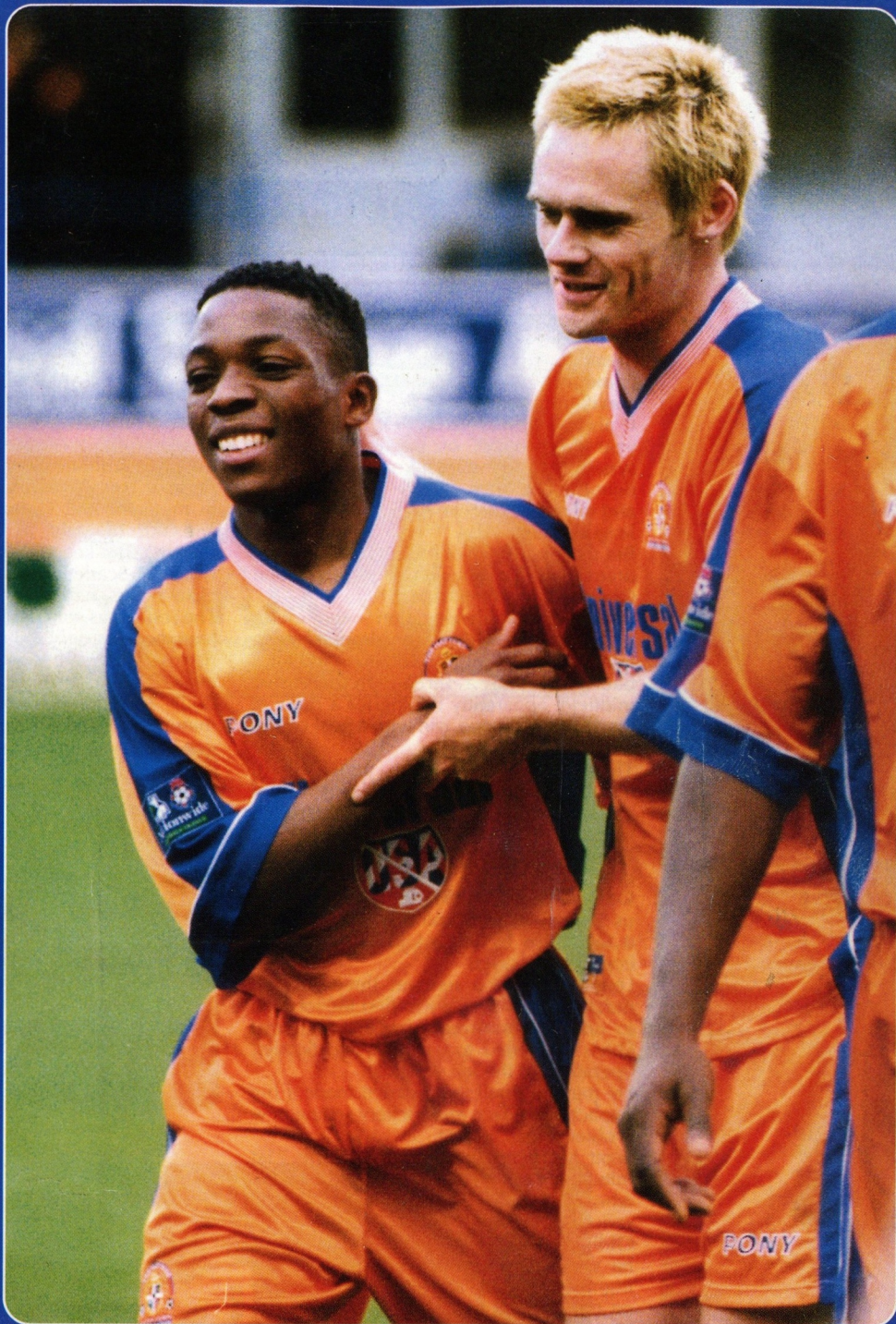




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A RED card which left the opposition fuming paved the way for the Town to break down a team which seemed to have come to Kenilworth Road to defend and survive.

It also made Andre Scarlett, another 18-year-old product of the Town's youth system, into an instant hero. His 25-minute debut led to Scott McNiven's rash tackle and red card, and ended with his first-ever league goal.

But there was a lot of frustration before the dramatic finale in which referee Raymond Olivier took centre stage.

Battling to avoid relegation - this fourth away defeat of the season dropped them into the bottom four - Oldham opted for a back five and a three-man defensive midfield, apparently hoping for a draw at least, and perhaps a win with a goal on the break.

They might even have achieved it, because Kelvin Davis had to make a top class save to keep out a thundering long-range drive by Mark Allott in a first half the Town dominated without getting to close quarters.

Oldham swamped the midfield and it took us 59 minutes to get our first shot on target, a low drive by Ray McKinnon that was comfortably saved.

Lennie Lawrence sent on three subs in quick succession to try to find the formula to unpick a massed defence, with Steve Davis converted to a striker and Scarlett operating on the left wing.

He may be small, but Scarlett made a big impact, with pace and trickery setting new problems for Oldham.

Scott McNiven was sent off in the 71st minute for serious foul play, for a tackle which the ref said could have caused serious injury to Scarlett.

Oldham boss Andy Ritchie was furious as he saw his gameplan wrecked - he was frightened to talk about it after the game on the grounds that he might incriminate himself with the FA if he spoke his mind. He might recall that, while Lawrence thought McNiven was "a bit hard done by" Paul Reid had escaped with a yellow in the first half for unloading McIndoe with a challenge that looked equally as bad as McNiven's.

The enforced change at last made a little space available, and Ritchie was doing his nut for a second time soon after McNiven's

departure when Phil Gray escaped his markers on the edge of the six-yard area to head in a cross by Graham Alexander.

That forced Oldham to be more adventurous, and Davis made another good save to keep out a piledriver by Lee Sinnott.

But five minutes into stoppage time Andrew Fotiadis won a crucial challenge in midfield, and Oldham were stretched and out of sight as Sean Evers burst forward. The keeper pushed out his cross-shot, but Scarlett raced in to snap up the close-range chance.

The result was well deserved, but the Town manager was only too well aware of how narrow is the line between victory and defeat. It had been frustration against a dour and defensive formation for 70 minutes, he said. The worry was that you can all too easily go a goal down in such circumstances.

"We took the plunge with substitutes, and that worked," said Lawrence. "And the sending-off helped us. We found them difficult to break down for a long time, but in the end it was a convincing victory."

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: K. Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, S. Davis, Johnson, McKinnon (White 69 mins), Evers, Douglas (Fotiadis 74 mins), Gray, McIndoe (Scarlett 67 mins).

Booked: Alan White, foul on Mark Allott 89 mins.

Oldham Athletic: Kelly, S. McNiven, McLean (Holt 79 mins), Garnett, Thom, Sinnott, Rickers, Orlygsson, Littlejohn (D. McNiven 83 mins), Allott, Reid. Unused sub Tipton.

Booked: Paul Reid, foul on Michael McIndoe 24 mins; Adrian Littlejohn, foul on Graham Alexander, 73 mins.

Sent off: Scott McNiven, foul on Andre Scarlett 71 mins.

Goals: 1-0 82 mins: Phil Gray easy header from right wing cross by Graham Alexander; 2-0 95 mins: Andre Scarlett, marking his debut with close-range tap-in after the goalkeeper parried a cross-drive by Sean Evers.

Referee: Raymond Olivier, Sutton Coldfield.

Attendance: 5,447.



INSTANT HERO: Andre Scarlett enjoys the cheers after his stunning debut against Oldham on Saturday, with Graham Alexander leading the congratulations.

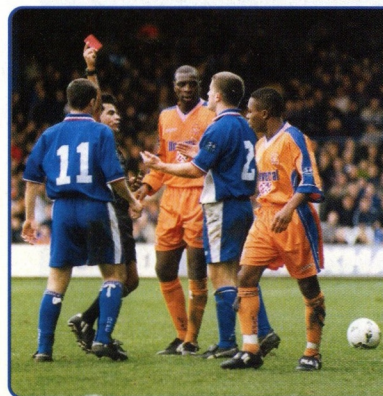
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ON OUR WAY: Phil Gray heads the opening goal



LEFT: The flashpoint that wrecked Oldham's defensive game plan: Scott McNiven is red-carded for a foul on Andre Scarlett.



BOTTOM: You little gem is the unanimous view after the 18-year-old nets his debut goal.

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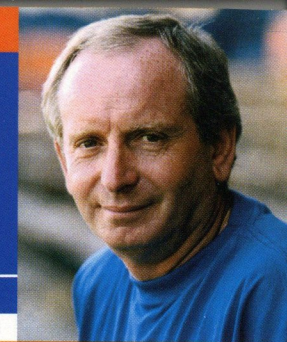
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from the manager's chair



HEADS WE WIN: Mitchell Thomas jumps to keep the opposition under pressure.



A BIT OF A HANDFUL: Stuart Douglas up against arms and legs as he is challenged by Stuart Thom, making his Oldham debut after signing on loan from Nottingham Forest.



POINTING THE WAY: Phil Gray advises on the destination of the next pass.

THREE more home points at the expense of Oldham was a very satisfying return from a game that was never going to be easy. We deserved to win, but there is always a danger in matches like Saturday's that you can be caught out.

The same is true tonight: Northampton's visit is a potential banana-skin, and we must make sure we do not slip up.

Oldham certainly set us a few problems. In previous games they had used a 4-4-2 formation, but they came to us with a back five, and their intentions were obvious. I don't criticise them for that: they are having a difficult time and I suspect many teams will come here with the aim of avoiding defeat.

I thought we did OK in the first half, but the final pass and cross left us down. The wind didn't help, either. Oldham defended well - but it's only very rarely that teams can keep up that standard of defence for the whole 90 minutes. The danger, which we spoke about in our dressing room at half-time, is that however much attacking you enjoy one silly mistake can cost a goal. Our feeling was that we are always capable of scoring at least one, and I recall telling the players at half-time that if we had to wait until 85 minutes and then get a scrappy goal, that would do.

In the event there was nothing scrappy about the 82nd-minute header by Phil Gray - he was alive and alert to meet an excellent cross by Graham Alexander. By then we had made our team changes, and it was certainly a 14-man game on Saturday. We needed everyone who was in the squad, as events proved. Andre Scarlett took his chance to make an impression on his debut, and we are all pleased for him. He is still a young man, but once again it was a case of if you're good enough, you're old enough.

I have seen all our reserve matches this season, and recently Scarlett had done more than enough to impress me and prove that he was ready for a taste of the first team.

Jimmy Cox and Michael McIndoe have also made the breakthrough this season, and the long-term future of the club is looking very promising.

The short term, however, is still a concern, and we are looking at possible loan deals. But they can be tricky: you may recall the wretched luck we had with loan players who got injured as soon as we signed them, and it's not often you strike as lucky as we did with Rory Allen last season. He is the best loan signing I have ever made in my career. At the moment, while we are monitoring a few possibilities, there is no great urgency, and the return of Gavin McGowan after suspension is bound to help us.

Three more points tonight will also be very welcome, but we can be sure they will not be yielded easily by Northampton.

Like Oldham they have had an indifferent spell recently, but a draw at Bournemouth on Saturday will have given their confidence a boost, and certainly I expect them to move up the table before too long.

We must work to ensure they do not do so at our expense tonight. My mind goes back to the last time they came here, on Boxing Day. They went two up early in the game, but that match turned out to be a turning point for us, because we pulled it level and then had a very good run-in to the end of the season.

We must make sure that tonight's game is not a turning point for Northampton, but we know they will give us a good game. They are a strong and determined team, and will probably be more attack-minded than Oldham were.

We will have to be a professional as we were on Saturday, and there is no reason to suppose we are not capable of another victory.

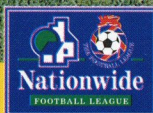
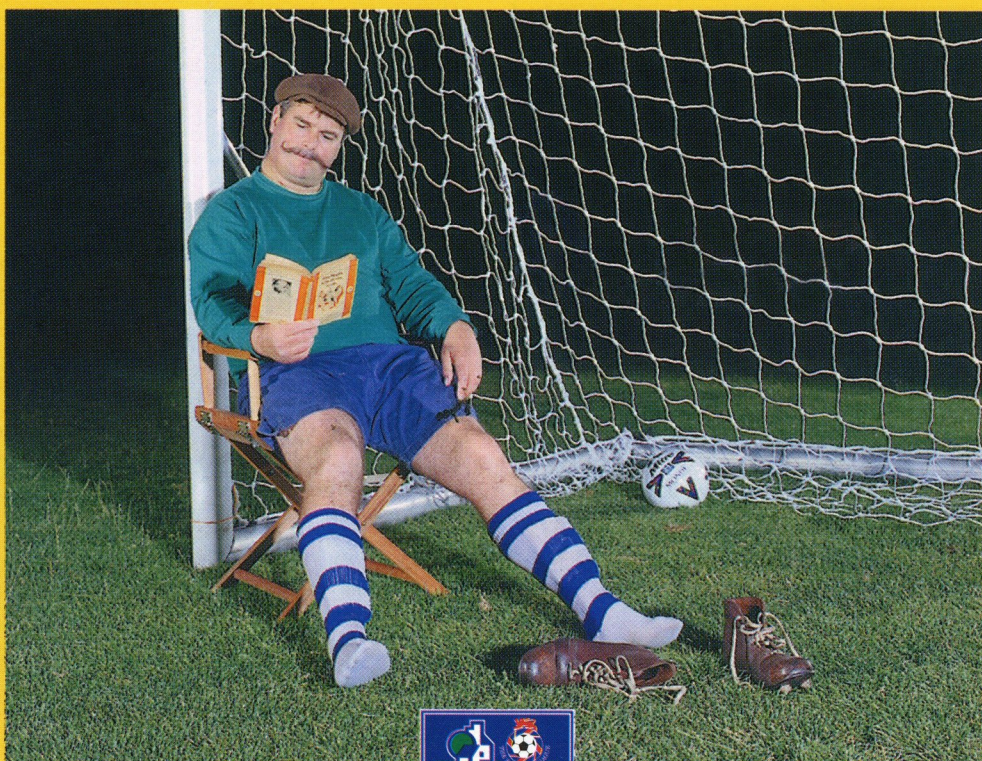
It would cement our place in the top six, set us up nicely for Saturday's trip to Gillingham, and hopefully leave us nice and relaxed for next Tuesday's cup-tie against Coventry City.

There's plenty to look forward to - but work to be done, and I hope all of us, players, coaches, directors and supporters, have performances to enjoy in the next eight days.



Lennie Lawrence

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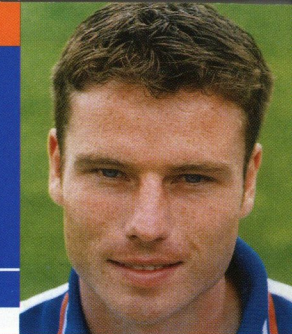
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IN SATURDAY'S notes I asked for at least four points from the next two games. We have got three, and now I and the lads want three more.

I was telling Whitey before the game with Oldham that I had to write my notes for tonight's match by Sunday evening. What am I going to write about?

He said it would probably be a nil-nil draw, with no bookings or anything interesting happening...

Well, it was heading that way with 20 or so minutes to go But as it turned out we then scored twice, Tippy again on the scoresheet with a good header on the far stick and young Andrew, making his debut, managing to convert a difficult chance in the last minute! It will certainly be a day he will not forget.

I remember when I first came to the club Stuart Douglas also scoring against Oldham on his debut - now there's a boring bit of trivia for you. (I told you I was struggling for things to write).

On top of all that they had a man sent off for a bad challenge on Andre, which resulted in John Moore, Clive Goodyear and a few others asking the Oldham lads if they fancied a pint after the game!

It just goes to prove that we are all in it together, players and staff alike, and desperate to succeed.

The club as a whole is doing well at the moment. The reserves have gone to the top of their league, with another centre-half, Whitey, joint top scorer.

Well done son - us defenders have

got to keep the forwards on their toes! Wouldn't it be nice, though, to have a midfielder among the top scorers, Sean Evers excluded?!

The youth team are top of their league, and having won the South East Counties championship twice in succession it would be a great achievement to get the hat-trick. The future of the club looks to be in safe hands.

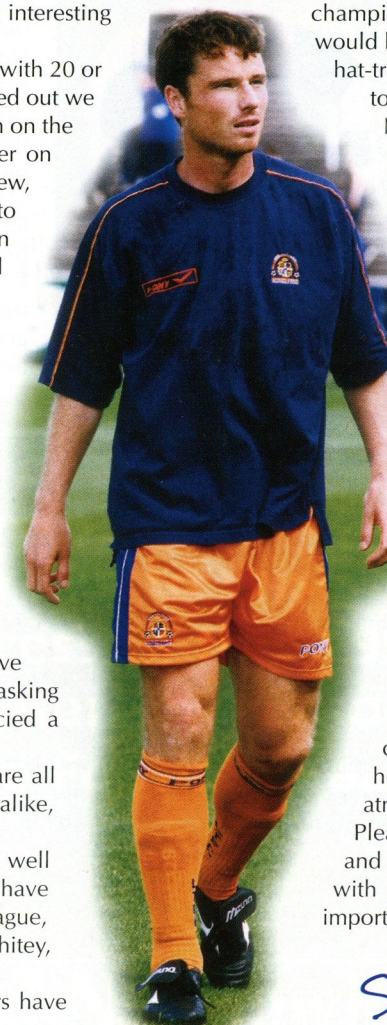
No fewer than 12 of the 20 players used in first team games this season have come up through the youth system, with most of the credit going to John Moore, who has helped bring these lads on.

Tonight's game, I am sure, will be similar to Saturday's.

Northampton will get plenty of men behind the ball and try to nick one on the break.

They have had an indifferent start to this year's campaign after a great season last year, but having picked up a good point at Bournemouth they will be looking forward to coming here for a local derby, hopefully with a good atmosphere.

Please keep up your vocal support, and hopefully we will provide you with a good performance and, more importantly, another win.



Steve Davis



SATURDAY'S match against Oldham was the first of three in eight days, and thankfully all the players involved came through it without injury.

There were the usual bumps and bruises, but nothing too serious. The worst was an ankle injury suffered by Marvin Johnson, but I do not expect it to keep him out of contention for tonight's match.

Ray McKinnon had a dead leg, but again I will be very surprised if it has not cleared up by tonight.

We winced during Saturday's game when first Michael McIndoe and then Andre Scarlett went down under strong challenges which brought action from the referee, but both are OK. McIndoe needed a little treatment on the field, but Scarlett jumped out of the way of Scott McNiven's "tackle" very smartly, and to his credit got up quickly after being brought down. Our players are not encouraged to play it any other way.

One who has suffered a disappointment this week is Gavin McGowan, who has now completed a two-match suspension. He was hoping to be in with a chance of returning to the team tonight, if the manager decided on a change, but he twisted an ankle in training on Thursday, and if he had not been suspended I don't think he would have been able to play against Oldham.

It is not a very serious injury, but enough to make him doubtful for tonight. He will, however, almost certainly be OK for Saturday, if selected.

Paul Showler's latest setback is a groin strain, but I anticipate he will be fit in time to have



JULIAN JAMES

another outing with the reserves at Brentford next Wednesday, although probably not for tomorrow's Bedfordshire Senior Cup match at Brache Sparta.

Liam George, who broke a leg at Wigan at the end of August, is looking forward to having the plaster off and a pin removed later this week. Then his real work starts, in the gym and on the exercise bike.

Paul McLaren is in full training again and looking good, and he should be able to begin his comeback by playing at least part of the reserves match at Brentford a week tomorrow.

He has worked very hard in the gym and on general fitness, and it will not take him long to be ready for first team consideration again.

Unfortunately Julian James has had a setback as he works to get over his broken leg, sustained at Bristol in April.

As you may recall both bones between the knee and ankle were fractured. One has healed, but the other has not knitted together as it should, so Julian will have another operation within the next week or two.

Then he will have the leg set in plaster again, ready for rehabilitation work six weeks later. Julian has taken the knock-back like the good pro he is, and we all look forward to him making a full recovery as quickly as possible. He should be well on the way before Christmas.

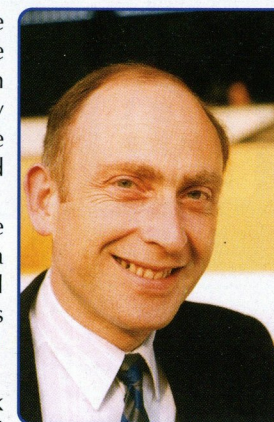
Clive Goodyear

SUPPORTERS who enjoy the regular matchday magazine contributions of Roger Wash (pictured) will be glad to know that his book, *Luton Town: The Modern Era*, is now published and on sale.

He is in the club shop after the game signing copies of a publication which is a very full account of the town's ups and downs over the last 31 years.

By co-incidence, the book appears just as the Football League is asking fans to name their own club's legends - full details of how you can have your say are on pages 34 and 35 of tonight's programme.

The League is looking for the Town's

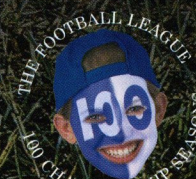


greatest-ever player, but while Roger's book was being prepared the publishers invited supporters to place advance orders and name their favourites, with the names to be printed in the book. Joe Payne was not a contender for the book poll because it referred to the men who played for us from 1967 to 1998.

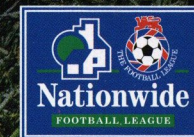
Mick Harford was easily No. 1 choice of the fans, followed by Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Malcolm Macdonald, David Moss and Graham French.

Desert Island Books, specialists in club histories, are the publishers and *Luton Town: The Modern Era*, is priced at £16.99. We will be reviewing the book in the matchday magazine at a later date.

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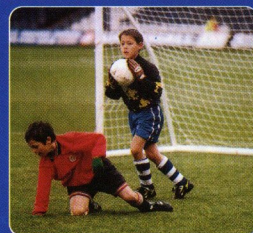
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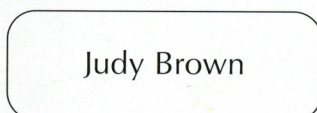
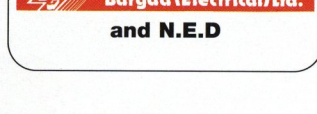
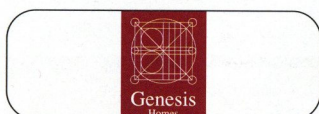
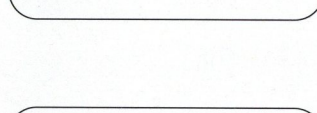
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Stop the take-over!

One of the most controversial issues facing football today is the question of BSkyB's attempt to take over Manchester United. The FA has expressed its doubts about the plan, and its effect on the game, and today David Sheepshanks, Chairman of the Football League, and Chairman of Ipswich Town, explains why he too believes the take-over should be resisted. Our own chairman, David Kohler, says he agrees with every word. Mr Sheepshanks writes:

THE PROPOSED take-over of Manchester United by BSkyB highlights the great importance for the FA Premiership of winning the case that the Office of Fair Trading is bringing against them in the Restrictive Practices Court early next year.

The OFT case essentially concerns the question of whether the Premiership may sell its broadcasting rights collectively on behalf of its members (ie the existing Sky contract) or whether it is acting as a cartel against the public interest, and that therefore such TV rights should be sold individually by clubs.

The Premier League and all those who have been members are vigorously defending their right to sell collectively, but it is ironic that the OFT should be pursuing a deal supposedly for the public good when actually their success would be to the detriment of the game and its supporters. It is certainly preferable to retain plenty of terrestrial coverage, but at least the current Sky contract ensures reasonably equitable distribution of monies among the top 20 clubs.

For the majority of Premiership clubs, successfully defending the OFT case provides the last chance of retaining the concept of a level playing field. This is vital for all supporters of the game who understand that wider prosperity among a greater number of clubs is needed to provide meaningful competition, and equally vital for the Nationwide League, for whom it cannot be allowed that they are cut adrift to satisfy the financial avarice of our most famous club in England.

This take-over can, in my view, only result in the widening of the gap between the richest and the rest, and for this primary reason it must be resisted

with the strongest possible force as being potentially anti-competitive, and against the public interest.

It is a fallacy to suggest, as some have, that what is good for Manchester United is necessarily good for our game in this country.

Of course we want our best clubs to flourish, but not at the expense of their breeding ground. The strength of our game now and in the future will come from the strongest possible professional competition, and this requires a level playing field among the Premiership, with a profitable and vibrant Football League structure to underpin and feed into it.

BSkyB have backed both horses: if the Premiership win the case then they have a seat at the Premier League table, with all the difficulties of conflicts of interest then to be confronted. How would the Premiership openly consider their options for the future TV arrangements with Sky at the table?

If the OFT win their case, then not only do BSkyB own our biggest club, but the door is open for other TV companies, eg Carlton with Arsenal, to conclude individual deals with a handful of our elite at the expense of the rest.

The consequences for our game would be huge, with half a dozen wealthy giants, and the rest of us scrapping for the crumbs under the rich man's table.

And where do the customers come in all this? We are in danger of seeing no further than the broadcasters as the final customer - but of course they are not the end user.

How long will the supporters put up with it? Many Manchester United supporters have shown

they can see further than the end of their noses, and their pockets, unlike the directors of their beloved club.

They know that although the riches may be good for the club today, tomorrow they are in danger of being priced out and bored out, left to watch a less meaningful European Super League without the passion either on the pitch or in the boardroom. And What are we to make of the secret meetings between Murdoch and the Berlusconi brigade?

The majority of Premiership clubs face being left behind as, of course, do the Football League.

It is a little known fact that 50,000 more people attend the 72 Nationwide League clubs in their matches every weekend than go to Premiership games.

It is a huge number of customers who care, and who can only be ignored at peril.

Some of us may feel uncomfortable trying to reconcile what is good for the game with living in a free market culture. There is no bigger free market economy than in the United States, where they are fiercely competitive in sport and in business, but by the same token must satisfy the most stringent regulatory bodies, particularly in the event of take-overs - far more draconian than here in the UK.

The philosophy is that a free market can only thrive with adequate consumer protection.

We have a free market economy here in football, but we lack controls to protect us from ourselves, hence the advent of the Task Force and the growing political lobby that action must be taken. The game is enjoying unparalleled popularity, but our players and our clubs have overtaken the administration.

This must now be addressed with strong governance and with the adoption of firm standards and regulatory controls.

So where does this all leave us?

It is entirely logical that media companies should want to invest in highly profitable leisure and entertainment enterprises like top football clubs.

Why should we stop them? In the long, even



David Sheepshanks

medium, term, perhaps we should not resist, but indeed encourage it... but only after we have properly set the ground rules that provide for competition on the widest sensible basis, in the public interest. I believe that until those ground rules have been set all such media take-overs should go on hold.

In American football the NFL television contract provides the equivalent of £40million to EACH of their 30 clubs.

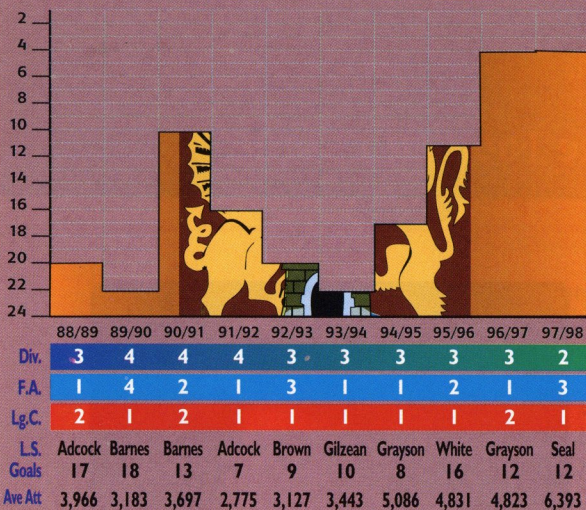
Ignoring the amount, which from a Football League perspective at a club like mine is hard, the point is the level playing field and the culture is about equal opportunity for all.

Every club has a chance, and they compete like mad in packed stadia to a variety of TV audiences. A template for our Premiership perhaps?

Keeping the shareholders happy before, or without, the customers - that was surely never intended.

I think we need to rediscover the plot... and quickly.

Northampton Town's last ten years - the full record



When The Cobblers have scored goals... and conceded them



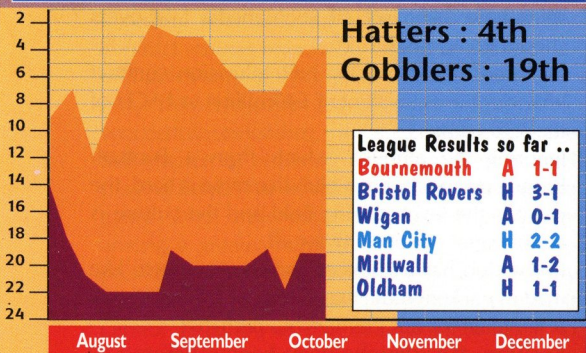
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League Positions throughout the season



League Results so far ..

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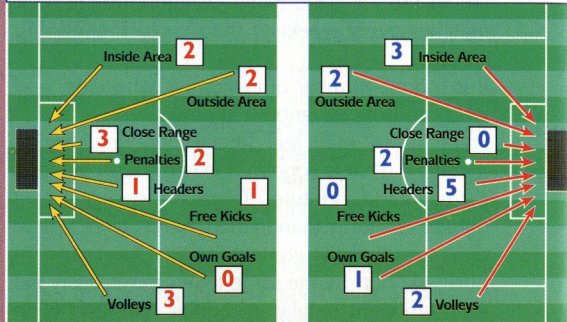
When The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for The Cobblers this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
			Apps					
Carlo Corazzini	F	13	5	26	5'9"	12'05"	Plymouth	Canada
Andy Woodman	G	13		27	6'2"	13'06"	Exeter	
Ray Warburton	D	12	1	31	6'0"	13'00"	York	
Ali Gibb	M	11(2)		22	5'9"	11'07"	Norwich	
John Frain	D	10(1)		30	5'9"	12'00"	Birmingham	
Sean Parrish	M	10		26	5'10"	11'05"	Doncaster	
Dean Peer	M	10	1	29	6'2"	12'02"	Walsall	
Ian Sampson	D	10	1	29	6'2"	13'01"	Sunderland	
Carl Heggs	F	8(4)	1	28	6'1"	13'02"	Swansea	
Colin Hill	D	8		34	6'0"	12'07"	Helsingborgs	N Ire
Chris Freestone	F	6(7)	1	27	5'10"	12'01"	Middlesbrough	
Duncan Spedding	D	6(2)	1	21	6'1"	11'03"	Southampton	
James Hunt	M	5(4)	1	21	5'8"	10'03"	Notts County	
Paul Wilkinson	F	4(1)		33	6'1"	12'06"	Millwall	Eng U21
Charlie Bishop	D	4		30	5'9"	13'07"	Wigan	
Roy Hunter	M	4	1	24	5'10"	12'08"	West Brom	
Tony Dobson	D	3(3)		29	6'1"	13'07"	West Brom	Eng U21
Ian Clarkson	D	3(2)		27	5'10"	12'07"	Stoke	
Tony Witter	D	1(3)		33	6'2"	13'02"	Millwall	
Doug Hodgson	D	1(1)	1	29	6'1"	12'07"	Oldham	
Damian Matthew	M	1		28	5'11"	10'10"	Burnley	Eng U21
Dave Savage	M	(2)		25	6'2"	12'07"	Millwall	
Christian Lee	F	(1)		22	6'1"	11'09"	Doncaster	
Michael Warner	M	(1)		24	5'9"	10'12"		

How Northampton have scored goals... and conceded them

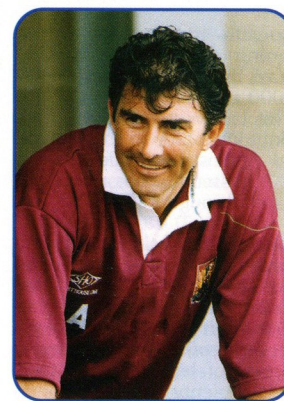
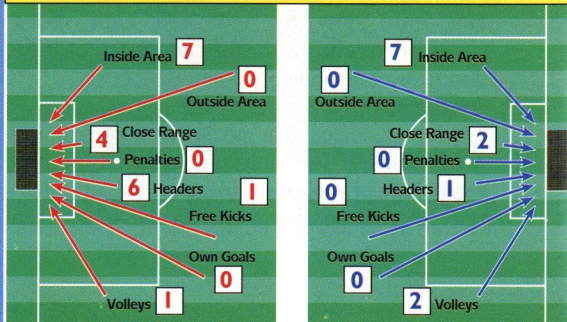


Hatters v Cobblers

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	3	1	2	10	6	10	WDWLLW
Northampton Town	1	3	2	8	8	6	DWDLDD

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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



Ian Atkins - Manager

Born in Birmingham 1957

Started his career as an apprentice with Shrewsbury Town in 1973 and went on to play over 300 league and cup games, scoring 58 goals and helped them to secure a place in the old second division for the first time in the clubs history. He then joined Sunderland in 1982 and played over 50 matches before joining Everton in 1984, where he achieved a League Championship Winners medal and a Cup Winners Cup medal. He left for Ipswich Town in 1986 and played in over 50 games before joining Birmingham City in 1988 during which time he played just under 100 games, his leadership qualities were such that he captained all of the sides that he played for with the exception of Everton.

Ian's managerial career started as player-manager for Colchester United in 1990, the season following their relegation to the Vauxhall Conference, in his first season as a manager he secured them runners-up position behind Barnet and played 41 games, scoring 7 goals. His next move took him back to Birmingham City, this time as assistant manager to Terry Cooper in the latter half of 1992 and also played in 8 matches before joining Cambridge United as manager for the remainder of the season. His next managerial post was a

brief spell at Doncaster Rovers, where again he continued to play first team football before leaving Belle Vue and taking up his current post as manager of the 'Cobblers' in early 1995, and steady improvements saw promotion via the play-offs at Wembley in May 1997. With a tight budget he has assembled a squad which is capable of holding its own in Division Two and has fully deserved his two manager of the month awards, April 1997 and September 1997.

Following promotion to Division Two, Ian successfully guided the 'Cobblers' to a second successive play-off final with Grimsby after an exciting 3-0 home win against Bristol Rovers in the play-off second leg, to send the club through 4-3 on aggregate, only to lose at Wembley in front of a record Division Two crowd of 62,998.



Back Row (L-R) Denis Casey (Physio), Colin Hill, Chris Freestone, Gary Hughes, Michael Warner, Sean Parrish, Tony Godden (Coach).

Middle Row (L-R) Kevin Broadhurst (Yth Coach), Charlie Bishop, Dean Peer, Chris Lee, Billy Turley, Duncan Spedding, Andy Woodman, Carl Heggs, James Hunt, David Seal, Gary Thompson (Reserve Team Coach).

Front Row (L-R) Ian Atkins (Manager), Damian Matthew, John Frain, Roy Hunter, Ali Gibb, Ray Warburton, Carlo Corazzini, Ian Clarkson, Kevin Wilson (Assistant Manager)

Northampton

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ANDY WOODMAN

(Goalkeeper), Highly rated, big-kicking keeper who started his career as a trainee at Crystal Palace. Andy was allowed to join Exeter City on a free transfer, and only stayed with the "Grecians" for a brief spell before joining the "Cobblers" on a free transfer in March 1995. Andy has now made over 150 appearances for the Cobblers and was the only ever present player during the 1997/98 league campaign.

COLIN HILL (Defender),

Current Northern Ireland International who has been capped on 27 occasions, the most recent being on 5th September 1998 for their opening European Championship Qualifier against Turkey. Signed for the "Cobblers" in November 1997 having just competed the final match of the Sweden season for Trelleborg. Colin started his career at Highbury as an apprentice and stayed with the "Gunners" for 5 seasons before joining Maritimo on a free transfer in the Summer of 1986. Returned to England with Colchester United in October 1987 and played in over 80 games before an £85,000 move from Layer Road to Bramall Lane in August 1989. He played just under 100 games for the "Blades" before a £200,000 transfer to Filbert Street in March 1992 where he played over 150 games for the "Foxes" before being released in the Summer and opting to play in Sweden.

TONY DOBSON (Defender),

Left-sided central defender, who can also fill in at left back. Tony started his career as an apprentice with Coventry City and was part of the squad that won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1987, subsequently he signed professional forms for the "Blues". He stayed at Highfield Road for four and a half years, playing over 50 top flight

matches them. In addition he was also recognised at International level, gaining 4 England under-21 caps. In January 1991, Blackburn Rovers paid £300,000 to take him to Ewood Park, where he figured in 49 matches before a £150,000 transfer took him to Fratton Park in September 1993. He remained at Portsmouth for four years during which time he spent time on loan to Oxford United and Peterborough United, before he signed for West Bromwich Albion for an undisclosed fee. Tony left the "Baggies" to join the "Cobblers" in September 1998 for a fee of £22,500.

IAN SAMPSON (Defender),

Started out with non-league Goole Town before moving to Sunderland in November 1990. Signed by the "Cobblers" for £30,000 in August 1994 after impressing during a loan spell. Ian was the only ever present player during 1994/95 season, and was loaned to Tottenham Hotspur for the Inter-Toto Cup. Ian has made the number 4 shirt his own since joining the club, only missing a handful of games due to suspension and injury. Has now played in over 200 games. Did not start this season until the Wrexham game on 29th August as a result of an injury sustained in a preseason game with Cambridge United.

JOHN FRAIN (Defender),

Signed on a free transfer from Birmingham City on transfer deadline day after some impressive performances whilst on loan earlier in the year, especially so when considering he had only just recovered from a double hernia operation. John started his career with the "Blues" as a trainee and spent over ten years there, playing well over 300 first team matches and was deservedly granted a testimonial. John was also in the Birmingham City team which played at Wembley in the

Associate Members Cup winning side of 1991. Will always be remembered by 32,000 ecstatic "Cobblers" fans for his last minute winning free-kick at Wembley in the play-off final against Swansea City in 1997. Missed just one match last season, through injury.

JAMES HUNT (Midfielder),

Highly rated young midfielder who was signed on a free transfer during the Summer of 1997 when he was surprisingly released from Notts County at the end of his contract. James displays plenty of determination along with good passing and vision, which he has displayed when called upon on numerous occasions this season. Has now played in over 50 games, including last seasons play-off final.

DEAN PEER (Midfielder),

Hard running midfielder with tremendous stamina, who can also play at the back. Progressed through Birmingham City's youth policy, played over 100 league games for the St. Andrews outfit and also appeared in the side which won the Associated Members Cup in 1991. Dean moved to Walsall on a free transfer in November 1993 and signed for the "Cobblers" during the Summer of 1994/95 after being released and has been a valuable squad member over the past three seasons playing in over 100 league and cup games.

DAVID SAVAGE (Midfielder),

A hard working midfielder with a stunning shot, who has appeared 5 times for the full Republic of Ireland squad in addition to the 5 caps he won at Under-21 level. David started his career in England with Brighton & Hove Albion, having signed from Kilkenny in March 1991. However he did not play for the "Albion" before signing for Longford Town in May 1992. Re-joined league football in May



1994 when Millwall paid £15,000 to bring him to the Den, where he figured in over 150 games for the "Lions" scoring 11 goals in his four and half year stay at the club. Joined the "Cobblers" in a deal worth £80,000 on 7th October 1998.

ALISTAIR GIBB (Forward),

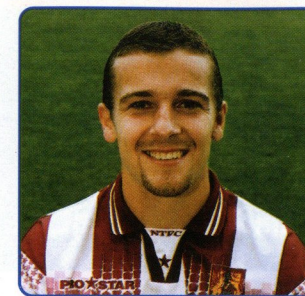
A promising young right winger who was bought from Norwich City for £30,000 in February 1996 after an impressive loan spell earlier in the season. Featured in 25 of the "Cobblers" first team matches throughout the 1995/96 season, scoring two goals. Ali has been featured regularly since his arrival and now is fast approaching 100 appearances for the "Cobblers".

CARL HEGGS (Forward),

Started his league career with West Bromwich Albion in time for the 1991/92 season when they signed him from Leicester United for £25,000. He stayed at the "Hawthorns" for three and a half years before Swansea City paid £60,000 for his services. Played against the "Cobblers" in the play-off final before signing at the end of July for a tribunal fixed sum of £40,000. Helped to achieve a second consecutive Wembley appearance with the first goal against Bristol Rovers, in his first game following a four match suspension.

PAUL WILKINSON (Forward),

Excellent target man who will weigh in with his fair share of goals. Former England under-21 International who started his career as a trainee with Grimsby Town. Everton paid £250,000 for his services in March 1985 scoring 16 goals from just 31 starts, collecting a Charity Shield Winners medal in 1985 and the League title medal in 1987 before moving from Goodison Park to the City Ground in March 1987 for £200,000. He spent just over a season with Nottingham Forest before a £300,000 move to Watford in August 1988. During his three



seasons there he figured in over 150 games, scoring 56 goals. He then moved to Middlesbrough in August 1991 for £550,000 and played just short of 200 games, scoring 66 goals for "Boro" and had loan spells with Oldham Athletic, Watford and Luton Town before being released on a free transfer in the Summer of 1996, signing for Barnsley. Paul was a major influence in helping Barnsley achieve promotion to the Premier League, as he had done with Middlesbrough two seasons earlier. Millwall paid £200,000 for him prior to the start of the 1997/98 season where he stayed for the season before agreeing to join Northampton in the close season on a free transfer.

DAVID SEAL (Forward),

"Cobblers" record signing when he signed from Bristol City in September 1997 for £90,000 part way through his loan period having scored four goals in just five starts (one being against Bristol City!!). A natural goalscorer, most of which are spectacular signed for the "Robins" from Eendracht Aalst for £80,000 in October 1994. He went on to score 14 goals in just 26 starts during the 1995/96 season, finishing top scorer. However, he did not start a match during 1996/97 and only used a substitute on 13 occasions before he was granted a transfer from Ashton Gate.

KEVIN WILSON (Forward),

Former International who made 42 appearances for Northern Ireland and has now surpassed 200 first team goals. Started his career with Derby County who paid £20,000 for him from Banbury United in 1979. After scoring 41 goals in 124 starts for the "Rams" he was snapped up by Ipswich Town for £100,000 in 1985 where his goalscoring record remained just as impressive with 49 goals in 119 starts. Chelsea bought him from "Town" in 1987 for £335,000



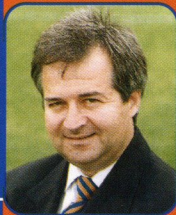
during which time he scored 55 goals in 155 starts before being transferred to Notts County in 1992 for £225,000. The "Magpies" granted him a free transfer to Walsall in 1994 via a brief loan spell at Bradford City. After three years at Bescot Stadium he joined the "Cobblers" as player/assistant manager for the 1997/98 season.

CHRISTOPHER FREESTONE

(Forward), Speedy striker who was signed permanently from Middlesbrough for £75,000 on Christmas Eve following a bright loan spell, where he scored both goals on his full debut against Plymouth on 20th December in a 2-1 win. Chris was signed by Middlesbrough for £10,000 in December 1994 from non-league Arnold Town. His first team chances were limited and as such he was loaned to Carlisle United where he scored twice in three starts before being recalled. Although his time at the Riverside Stadium was brief, he did manage substitute appearances against Manchester United at Old Trafford and Leeds United at Elland Road last season. Scored the first hatrick of his career in the 3-1 away win at Plymouth Argyle in April.

GIANCARLO CORAZZINI

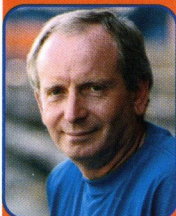
(Forward), Canadian International who has represented his Country on over 25 occasions. Started his career with Vancouver S6ers, before signing for Cambridge United in December 1993 for £20,000. During his three seasons at the "Abbey", he played in over 100 games scoring 43 goals before signing for Plymouth Argyle just before the transfer deadline, 1996 for £150,000. International call-ups for Canada limited his appearances, however he still managed to figure in 84 games scoring 24 goals before his contract expired. Signed for the "Cobblers" in July 1998, under the Bosman ruling.



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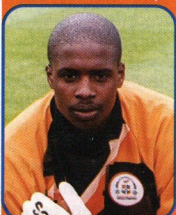
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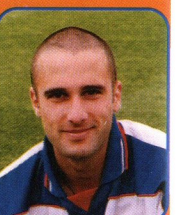
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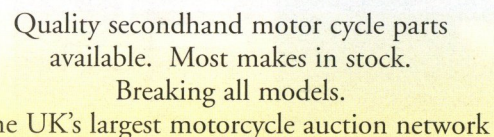
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Woodward, and her young son, Steven Woodward. If you want a chance to share their delight, our Golden Gamble ticket sellers are on duty again today, and even if you don't win you are helping the club if you take a chance: half the income goes to Luton Town FC, and the other half to the holder of the ticket drawn out at half-time.



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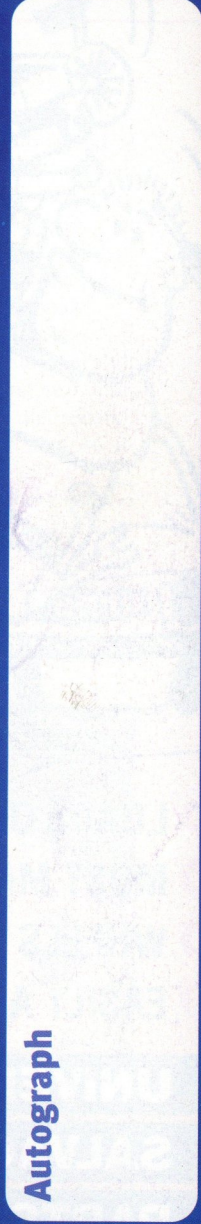
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Graham Alexander
Born: Coventry, 10.10.71
Previous club: Scunthorpe Utd
Luton debut: Norwich (H) 13.8.95
Luton record: 162 appearances, 4 goals

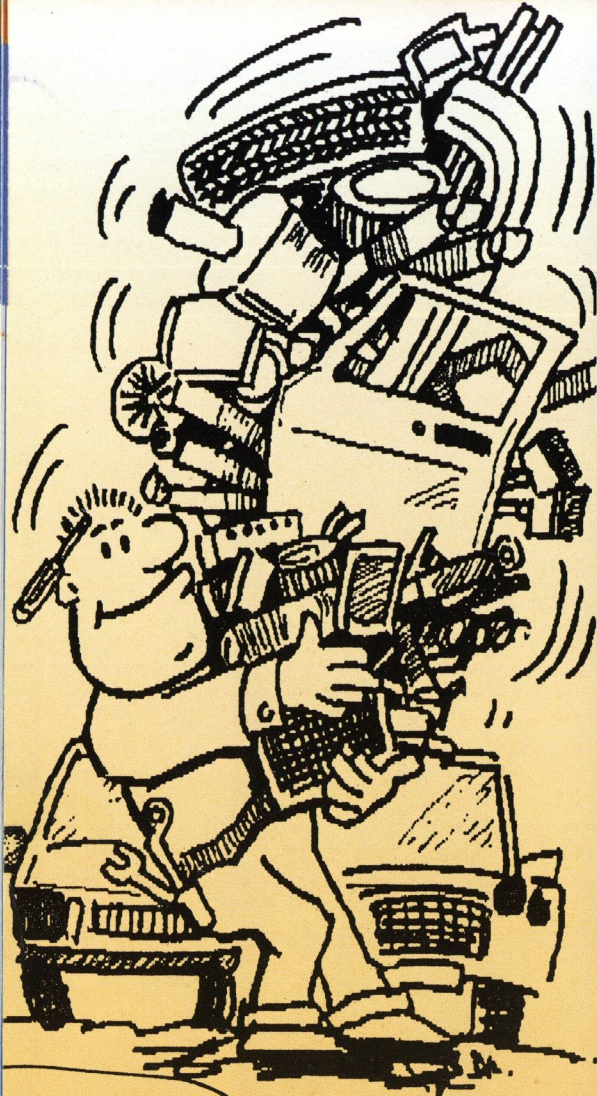


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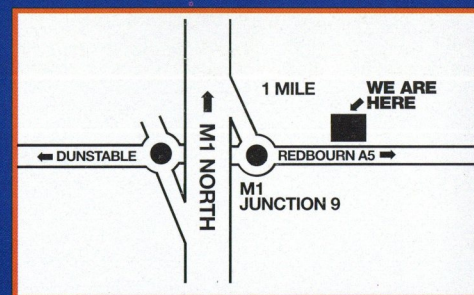
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20th October 1966

Luton Town 0 Bradford City 0

The Town were now approaching their lowest ebb. Having suffered three straight defeats, including a 2-5 thumping by Notts County at Kenilworth Road, the team was drifting towards the bottom of Division Four.

Little wonder that a crowd of only 4150, which turned out to be the lowest of the season, rolled up on a miserable evening to see a game completely devoid of goalmouth action.

Missing Bruce Rioch through injury, the Town did not have a worthwhile shot on target all night with the Bantams content to settle for the point with which they had started.

What a woeful time!

20th October 1979

West Ham 1 Luton Town 2

The Town had already topped the Division Two table during the campaign and, following two sparkling home victories over Bristol Rovers and Sunderland, they had the chance to regain top spot if they could beat fellow promotion contenders West Ham at Upton Park.

Missing veteran Bob Hatton following a training accident the Town recalled Godfrey Ingram to the starting line-up for the first time that season. This enforced change did not seem to upset the Town and they started the brighter side, taking the lead after 16 minutes when Paul Price knocked back a David Moss corner for Brian Stein to sweep the ball home- his first goal of the season.

Centre-half Mike Saxby extended the lead on 35 minutes when he stole in on the blind side to head in a Moss free kick and by half time the Town were cruising comfortably.

In the second period the Hammers tried to make a game of it and Paul Allen reduced the deficit just after the hour mark, taking advantage of a punched clearance from Town goalkeeper, Jake Findlay. The Hatters then decided to defend in depth and the offside tactics and backpassing did not endear them to the Upton Park faithful but the players did not mind as they were back on top of the league.

20th October 1984

Luton Town 3 Watford 2

With both teams struggling at the wrong end of Division One the local derby scrap took on more significance than usual. The Hornets had more reason to be alarmed having won only once that season but they were the more lively side early on and took the lead when George Reilly headed in Nigel Callaghan's corner after eight minutes.

Frank Bunn levelled after taking advantage of a poor Richard Jobson back pass but Luther Blissett put the Hornets back into the driving seat soon after. Not to be outdone Bunn hit his second, slightly against the run of play, latching on to Brian Stein's incisive pass.

If the Hornets shaded the first half there was no doubt who took the second as, after Steve Elliott fired the Town in front for the first time on 61 minutes, there was only one likely winner as the Watford defence caved in and were lucky not to concede a hat-full.



Brian Stein being closely guarded by Billy Bonds at West Ham - October 1979

Into the archives a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

The Hatters got off to a brilliant start to the 1968/69 season when they simply kept up the form that had seen them pick up the Division Four championship trophy at the end of the previous campaign. Backed by the wealth of club directors Tony Hunt and Reggie Burr, vast amounts of money, by Luton Town standards, had been spent on improving the facilities at Kenilworth Road and on strengthening the playing squad.

Brian Lewis, Mike Harrison and Laurie Sheffield were all signed for big fees during the close season and all made their debuts on the opening day of the campaign when Oldham were beaten out of sight at Kenilworth Road. The Town, in fact, went eight games unbeaten at the beginning of the season earning top spot in the process, but then things started to go wrong.

A 0-1 defeat at Brighton ended the unbeaten run but this was then followed by losses at Watford, Barnsley and Plymouth in quick succession. Cavalier football was all very well at home, where the Town still boasted a 100% record, but on their travels the same system was too easily countered by teams that packed their midfield.

Before the visit of Northampton at the end of October, manager Allan Brown decided to spend some more money in a bid to strengthen the Town's rearguard. Goalkeeper Sandy Davie was signed from Dundee United for £8000 while £10000 was handed to Crystal Palace for defender Jack Bannister.

Both made their debuts as the Town entertained the Cobblers for the first time in the league since March 1937. Northampton had been in Division One as recently as 1966 but were now in free-fall and would be back in Division Four at the end of the season. They would therefore

have completed a crazy roller-coaster ride of moving from Division Four to the top and back again in only nine years.

A crowd of 17818 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the new boys as well as see whether the Town could extend their home run to eight straight victories since the start of the campaign.

Davie took over in goal from Bob Taylor who, in turn, had stood in for the injured Tony Read while Bannister slotted into a defence that was missing both Fred Jardine and skipper Terry Branston. The Cobblers included future Hatter, Bob Hatton who had scored twice on his Northampton debut the previous week.

By half-time the game looked over as the Town were two up and coasting. After 25 minutes Brian Lewis was body checked outside the Northampton box and Keith Allen floated in on the blind side to head Ray Whittaker's accurate free kick into the roof of the net.

Two minutes later Bruce Rioch was tripped on one of his typical surging runs towards goal. This time Lewis's free kick was deflected off the wall but the ball was fumbled by Cobblers goalkeeper Gordon Morritt with Sheffield first to react.

The Hatters received a rude awakening in the second period, however, as the Cobblers fought with a passion to get back into the game. Ably led by ex-Wolves and England half-back Ron Flowers, Northampton pressed the Town back and it came as no surprise when John Fairbrother netted from close range after a throw in was back headed into his path by John Byrne on 63 minutes.

Shortly afterwards Byrne kicked Bannister in the "groin" and was booked but spent the rest of the game being booed every time he touched the ball. It was generally regarded that he was lucky to stay on the pitch.



Northampton Goalkeeper Gordon Morritt Gathers the Ball at Kenilworth Road October 1968

Northampton continued to press and it was more by luck than judgment that the Luton defence managed to hold out and it was from at least 15 minutes before the end that the supporters were calling for the referee to blow the final whistle.

By the time of the return, played at the County Ground at the end of December, quite a lot had happened at Luton Town F.C. Manager Allan Brown had been dismissed for "disloyalty" having applied for and failing to get the manager's job at Leicester. His place was immediately taken by Alec Stock who had been dismissed in controversial circumstances by Q.P.R. the previous summer.

Stock's first game in charge, just before Christmas, had seen the Town put on a sparkling show to beat Plymouth at Kenilworth Road in a match that saw the Pilgrims goalkeeper Pat Dunne pull off a string of amazing saves to keep the score down.

One thing had not changed, however, in that the Town had now lost seven away games on the trot scoring only one goal in the process.

For the Town's first league visit to Northampton since 1936, Alec Stock's simple instruction was

"impress me." This was easier said than done as the players had to scurry around seeking out rubber soled boots to counter the rock hard, icy surface.

For some reason I decided to hitch a lift for the first (and last) time to a Luton game and amazingly was picked up within minutes- I certainly would not have given me a lift! At the ground the crowd was a best of the season 15161, a figure not subsequently beaten in a league game at the County Ground.

The Hatters adapted better to the treacherous pitch and took the lead after seven minutes when Brian Lewis stepped over a pass from the right leaving Bruce Rioch clear to blast the ball past Gordon Morritt in the Cobblers goal. The lead was doubled on 21 minutes when Morritt, attempting to clear the ball from the edge of the area, miscued it straight to Rioch who shot into an empty net from 30 yards.

Northampton rarely threatened after that with ex-Cobbler Terry Branston in commanding form and to cap a memorable day I was given a lift home by the people who brought me!

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Junior Hatters

welcome

A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending tonight's match and we hope you all enjoy the game.

Travelling to away matches is part of being a true football supporter, and the Junior Hatters always enjoy their trips to follow the Town. Our next trip will be on Saturday, to Gillingham. The price will be £12 for adults and £10 for juniors. For information, or to place a booking, contact the ticket office on Luton 416976.

The Saturday Club is in full swing at home games, and the price is £5 for season ticket holders, and £9 for non season ticket holders. It includes a sausage and chips lunch, with a drink, and all young supporters are cordially invited to become members of the Junior Hatters and join in the fun.

Meanwhile, enjoy the match.



Today's Mascot

TEN-year-old Paul Williams has the honour of being the Junior Hatters mascot tonight.

He attends Downside Junior School, Luton, and plays football for Luton Boys Club.

Paul comes to Luton Town games with his pal Richard, and we hope he too enjoys tonight's match.

Paul's favourite player is Stuart Douglas.



Meeting the team captains and the referee and his assistants is part of the duties of being a mascot, and six-year-old Regan Murphy is pictured shaking hands with Walsall skipper Neil Pointon on the day she was mascot.



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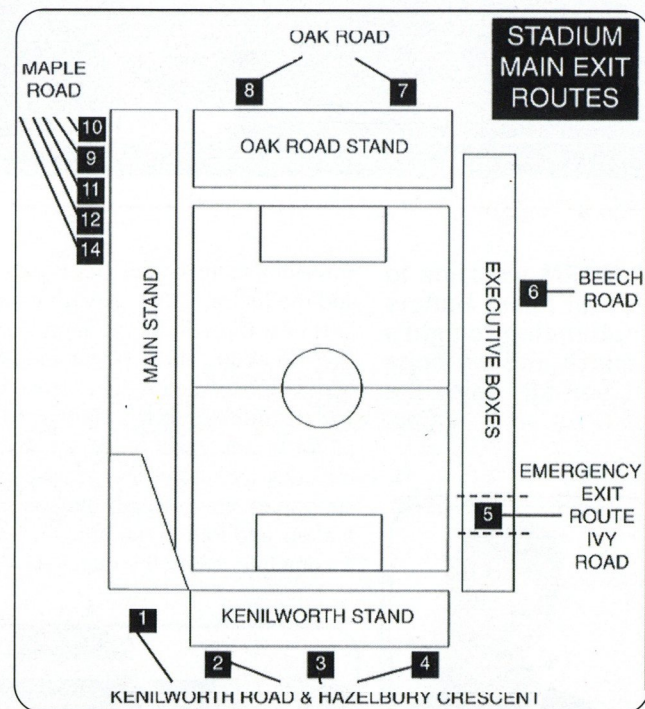
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In the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to: a) Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd. b) ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



Worthington Cup and Nationwide League



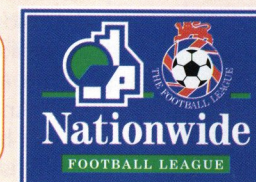
Worthington Cup Round 3 Luton Town v Coventry City

Tuesday October 27, Kick-off 7.45

Supporters are advised that there are only a few seats left for this match. Normal Nationwide League matchday prices apply. The priority purchase period for season ticket holders to claim their seats has now expired.



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Gillingham v Luton Town October 24, kick-off 3 pm

It is pay on the day for away supporters at Priestfield Stadium, terracing only.

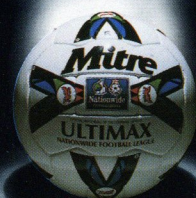
Prices: £9.50 adults, £7.50 senior citizens, £4.50 juniors

Luton Town v Chesterfield October 31 kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices. Discounted prices for early booking are still available.

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Luton

name your top hatter

IF YOU had to choose just one Luton Town player to be named as the best the club has ever produced, in more than a century of football, who would it be?

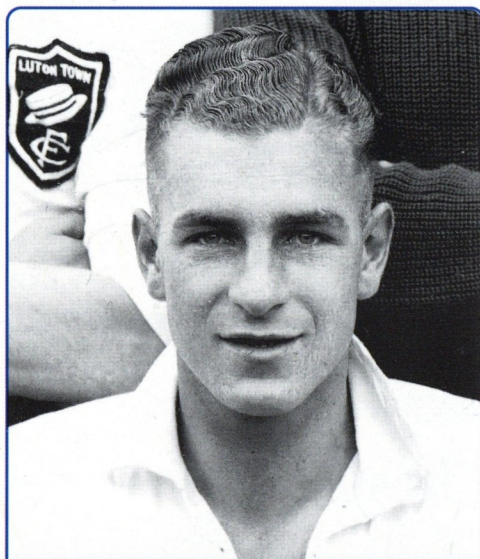
You may recall a month or two ago that the Football League, to mark its centenary season, produced a national list of the best 100 players in the League's history.

As always the choices were open to argument, and now there might be a few more because the league has asked each club to find out which of its players can be named as its local hero.

As with the national list, it might just depend on your age, and how long you have been watching the Town.

Our own feeling is that to be called a legend you have to be a very special footballer. Thankfully, we have had a few of those over the years.

You could make a very good case for suggesting the late Joe Payne is the only



**Joe Payne -
our top local hero?**



Brian Stein

true legendary figure Luton Town have produced in that he is the only player we have who is in the record books.

It is unlikely that anyone will beat his ten goals in a match, against Bristol Rovers in 1936. And yes, we know the story that suggests he only got nine, and that George Martin disclaimed one to enable Joe to beat the then record of nine goals in a match.

Joe still holds another Town record that is likely to last for ever: 55 goals in a season, 1936/37 in Division Three South.

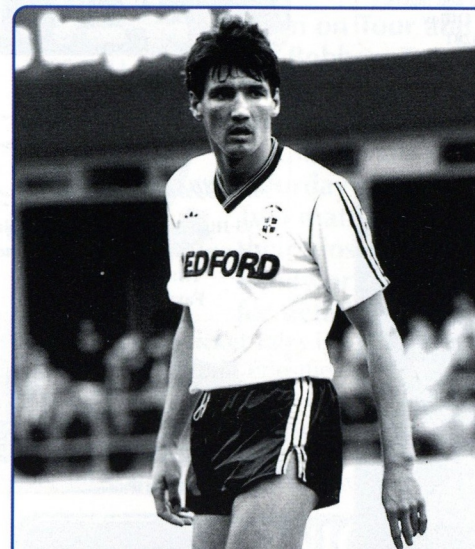
But those of us not old enough to have seen Payne play have some lovely memories of others who were and are legends of Luton Town.

When subscribers were asked to name their favourites for Roger Wash's new book, Mick Harford topped the poll. So is he the man who should represent Luton Town in the Hall of Fame?

What about Gordon Turner, our record goal-scorer and a wonderful clubman? Or Bob Morton, our record-holder for appearances?

Legends

name your top hatter



**Or was Mick Harford
even better?**

And would Mick Harford have been as good if he did not have the likes of Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster backing him up?

And anyway, was big Mick as good as Malcolm Macdonald in his heyday?

Those, and doubtless many more, are the questions guaranteed to keep a bar-room debate going for months.

But what we want to know is which Luton Town player is the top Local Hero? Listeners to BBC Three Counties Radio and readers of the Luton News have been asked the same question, and by the end of the month we

will collate the replies, and pass on the name to the Football League.

You can nominate who you like and we don't mind why you make your choice. But if you do want to add a word of explanation it might be nice to give an airing to your comments in a later edition of the matchday magazine. To register your vote, please fill in the coupon and send it to the editor at Luton Town FC.

Or, if you prefer not to mutilate a legendary matchday magazine, you can use a photocopy. And thanks, in advance, for all your letters - they are taken on board and are welcome on any subject concerning the football club.



Ricky Hill

THE LUTON LEGEND

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their kiosks in
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for details.**

Information on ticket sales is on page 33.

The car journey to Priestfield Stadium is
simple and quick: Take the M.1 south out of
Luton, then the M.25 east, to cross the
Thames at Dartford. Immediately after the
river crossing (you have to pay a toll) take

the M.2 motorway. Leave at junction 4,
signposted to Gillingham A278. Stay on that
road towards Gillingham town centre for
2.6 miles and at the third roundabout turn
left onto the A2. Go straight ahead at the
first roundabout, then move into the right
filter lane to turn right into Woodlands
Road, which is signposted to the Strand
Leisure Park. After a mile, just before a BP
station, turn left into Chicago Avenue, and
the ground is in front of you. If you can, it's
advisable to park this side of the ground to
beat congestion on the way home. Mileage:
94.

After the trip to Kent we are at home to
Coventry and Chesterfield, and the
following Saturday we make our first-ever
visit to Stoke City's new Britannia Stadium.
We will give more details in our next
matchday magazine, but an early warning is
in order. Stoke have asked us to pass on the
news that there is no street parking near the
stadium, and that the car park must be
booked and paid for in advance. No cash
will be taken on the day.
Stoke charge £3 and we hope to be able to
offer car park tickets - see the next
matchday magazine for confirmation.
But Stoke's message to visiting clubs' fans is
printed in big capitals: "We cannot
emphasise enough that for the ease of
visiting supporters we strongly recommend
they travel by coach."



TONIGHT'S REFEREE

A FOOTBALL League
referee in his fourth
season, Mick Fletcher
ended last season in style
- he was in charge of the
Division Three play-off
final at Wembley between

Colchester and Torquay.

Before being handed responsibility as the
man in the middle in the league he had
been a linesman for five years, and in that
capacity played a part in several big games,
including a UEFA Cup match in Cyprus
between Famagusta and Juventus. He has
also taken the line at FA and Coca Cola Cup
semi-finals.

A local government officer from Warley, in
the West Midlands, Mr Fletcher started his
refereeing career in 1981 in local leagues
affiliated to Birmingham FA.

Outside of football he enjoys a relaxing
frame of snooker, and watching most sports.

TOWN TEASER

A LITTLE pass-master who made more than
350 appearances for Luton Town started his
career with us by scoring the winner on his
Luton debut against Aston Villa in
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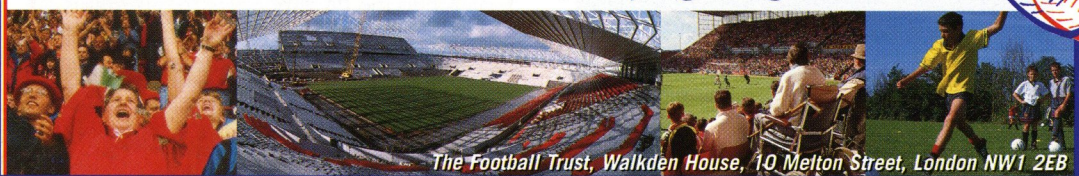
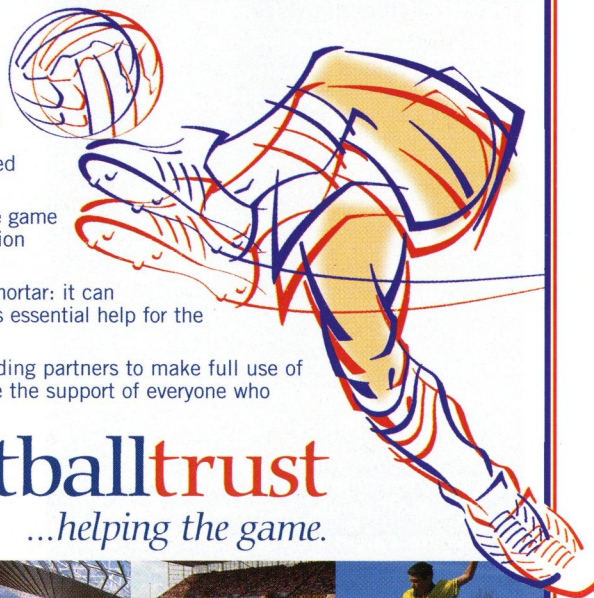
A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A. Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future.

The Trust has a major part to play in the success of the game and will continue its vital grant support for lower division clubs to complete the Taylor programme.

The Trust is about a great deal more than bricks and mortar: it can handle grant aid programmes of every sort and provides essential help for the game at all levels.

The commitment of the Government and the new funding partners to make full use of the Trust's grant aid experience and expertise will have the support of everyone who cares about the future of our national game.

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chief executive and club secretary



FIRSTLY tonight many thanks to all those who gave so generously at the last home game to the Herald & Post scanner appeal.

You contributed the grand sum of £573.43, and every penny is appreciated by the appeal organisers.

With our continuing success on the field, it was pleasing to see that so many supporters have heeded our advice and purchased tickets early for our match against Coventry on October 27 in the third round of the Worthington Cup. Please don't leave it until the night, because you may well be disappointed.

We have been notified that Anglia TV will be transmitting highlights of the match later that same evening - let's hope they have a good story to tell for Luton supporters!

Talking of cups, you may be interested to know that the draw for the FA Cup first round proper, which is when we come into the competition, will be made live on Sky TV Sports 1 on Saturday October 31 at 5.15.

Our youth team has been drawn at home in the first round of the Times FA Youth Cup, and will take on Colchester at Kenilworth Road tomorrow evening, kick-off 7 pm. Admission will be £3, for adults, £1.50 for concessions, and entry will be via the

Kenilworth Road end only. If the game is drawn there will be a replay at Layer Road, on Monday November 2, kick-off 7pm. There will now be two Luton Town matches tomorrow evening, because we are away to Brache Sparta (7.30) in the Bedfordshire Junior Cup.

Another cup of interest to us is the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. We will play Northampton at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday November 11, kick-off 7 pm, and entry will again be through Kenilworth Road only. Admission will be £3 for adults and £1.50 for senior and junior citizens.

We have been given a bye in the first round of the Auto-windcreens Shield.

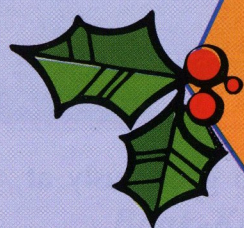
Finally, it is with very deep regret that we record the passing of Fred Andrews, a life-long supporter of the club. He worked behind the scenes for us after match days for many years and he will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to his family at this sad time.

Cherry Newbery

JUNIOR HATTERS CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to help us run our very successful Junior Hatters Club. The work is not difficult or stressful and the duties are mainly on home match days.

If you would like to help, please contact Luton Town FC Club Secretary
Cherry Newbery on Luton 411622 for further information



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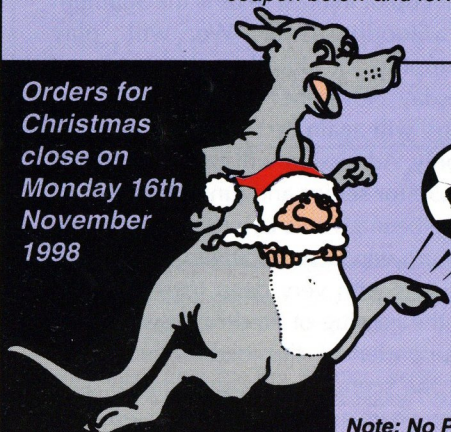


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reserves



Gillingham 1 Luton Town 2

TWO more goals by defenders gave us a well-deserved victory which we hope will be an omen for the first team's visit to Kent on Saturday. It also edged us to the top of the Avon Insurance Combination.

Alan White is feeling chirpy about his efforts, telling anyone who will listen - and some of those who would rather not! - that he has now netted four goals in four games.

But it is a little worrying that we are not scoring too many from open play.

In the first half at Gillingham our movement by the four front men was not good enough. Gillingham operated an offside trap to close us down, and we didn't do too well at beating it.

But in the second half we changed things around, and got a good response from the players, and by the end we were worthy winners.

Herve Bacque went wide, and a 20-year-old French trialist, Lamine Syella, joined Andrew Fotiadis in the centre of attack, with Jimmy Cox wide on the left.

It looked much better, with Andrew Scarlett continuing his good form in midfield. It was also nice for youth team player Alex Minton to go on as a sub for ten minutes, to make his debut at this level. All the goals came in the second half, with Simon Davies swinging in a free kick for White to send a good header into the top corner.

Gillingham equalised when we were chasing the game for a second goal, but the winner we deserved came soon afterwards, with Chris Wilmott heading in from a good cross by Bacque.

LUTON TOWN: Abbey, Boyce (Lawes 80), Clarke, Davies, White, Willmott, Scarlett, Cox, Bacque (Minton 80), Fotiadis, Nyamah (Syella HT).

***Our next reserves game is at Brache Sparta tomorrow (7.30) in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.**

Appearances (goals in brackets): Abbey 8, Akurang 1, Bacque 6 (1 pen), Boyce 6, Clarke 4, Cox 4, Davies 7, Doherty 5, Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 5 (4), Fraser 4 (1), Kandol 3 (2), Lawes 4, Lough 5, Lopez 1, McIndoe 1, McKoy 1, Minton 1, Nyamah 6 (1),

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	8	5	2	1	17	10	17
Southampton	8	5	1	2	21	8	16
Charlton	7	5	1	1	14	6	16
QPR	7	4	3	0	16	6	15
Peterborough	8	5	0	3	19	12	15
Watford	7	4	2	1	15	3	14
Brighton	8	4	2	2	10	13	14
Arsenal	8	4	1	1	14	13	13
Bournemouth	8	4	1	3	12	9	13
Portsmouth	8	4	1	3	14	14	13
Ipswich	8	3	3	2	14	13	12
C. Palace	9	3	2	4	22	19	11
Norwich	7	3	2	2	6	5	11
Chelsea	7	3	1	3	9	10	10
Fulham	6	2	3	1	11	7	9
Millwall	6	2	3	1	9	6	9
Oxford Utd	7	3	0	4	10	11	9
West Ham	6	2	2	2	10	8	8
Northampton	7	2	2	3	4	6	8
Barnet	8	2	2	4	12	23	8
Wimbledon	7	1	4	2	6	12	7
Cambridge	6	2	1	3	5	10	7
Colchester	9	2	1	6	9	20	7
Tottenham	6	2	0	4	4	8	6
Brentford	6	1	2	3	8	11	5
Reading	8	1	2	5	8	17	5
Gillingham	8	1	2	5	6	15	5
Swindon	7	1	1	5	7	14	4
Wycombe	7	1	1	5	6	17	4

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

Wed 12 August	Brighton & Hove	H	4-1
Wed 26 August	Cambridge United	A	2-2
Wed 2 September	Portsmouth	A	3-2
Wed 16 September	Reading	H	3-0
Wed 23 September	Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30 September	Charlton Athletic	H	1-3
Wed 7 October	Millwall	H	1-1
Wed 14 October	Gillingham	A	2-1
Wed 28 October	Brentford	A	
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H	2.00pm
Thur 19 November	Norwich City	A	
Wed 25 November	Ipswich Town	H	2.00pm
Tues 01 December	West Ham United	A	
Mon 07 December	Arsenal	A	
Mon 14 December	Colchester United	H	7.00pm
Mon 21 December	Tottenham Hotspur	H	7.00pm
Mon 04 January	Chelsea	A	
Mon 11 January	Wimbledon	H	7.00pm
Wed 20 January	Southampton	A	
Mon 01 February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	7.00pm
Wed 10 February	Fulham	A	
Mon 22 February	Barnet	H	7.00pm
Wed 10 March	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed 17 March	Wycombe Wanderers	H	2.00pm
Wed 31 March	Watford	A	
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H	2.00pm
Thur 15 April	Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21 April	Peterborough United	H	2.00pm

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AWAY victories are always welcome, but ours on Saturday was even more satisfying than usual in view of the difficulties we had to overcome off the field.

Injuries cost us five of the players who have played a big part in taking us to the top of the South East Counties League - Tresor Kandol, Delroy McKoy, Moses Jerry, Scott Ward and Joe Harrington.

So we went to Cambridge with a team which on paper was below strength, including four under-16s and a trialist.

But they did the club proud, and it is no bad thing for schoolboys to get South East Counties League experience under their belts.

One of them, Duane Clarke, a local boy, went on as a sub and celebrated his league debut with two second-half goals. We had the boost of an early goal, Clifford Akurang netting at the far post from an excellent cross by Matthew Taylor.

On the half-hour mark Alex Minton, fresh from his first appearance with the reserves, threaded a pass through a Cambridge defence trying to play the offside trap, and Nathan Tyson, a trialist from Reading, raced through and shot powerfully. The goalkeeper got a hand to the ball, but could not keep it out of the net.

We played some good passing football, and Clarke's brace in a 15-minute spell midway through the second half made it certain that Cambridge would go down to their second defeat of the season.

He took his shot early to score his first goal after a good build-up, and his second came with a calm finish after the offside trap failed again.

It was a good team performance, and very pleasing under the circumstances, and while the forwards earned credit for four more goals, the back four also played their part, giving solid support to goalkeeper Daniel Tate to make it three clean sheets in a row.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Moran, Thomas, Minton, Mentmore (Orchard 80 mins), Tyson (Clarke 55 mins), Akurang.

***WE make our entry into the Times FA Youth Cup tomorrow evening, at home to Colchester Utd. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road is at 7pm and admission, via the Kenilworth Road end only, is £3 for adults, £1.50 for junior and senior citizens. If the first round tie needs a replay that will be at Layer Road on November 2 (7pm).**

By co-incidence we play Colchester again on Saturday, in the South East Counties League, kick-off 11 am at Luton RFC.

Youth team appearances (goals in brackets): Akurang 12 (4), Ayres 10 (1), Carroll 1, Clarke 1 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 5, Harrington 3 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 12, Jerry 10, Kandol 11 (9), McKoy 11 (2), Mentmore 1, Minton 12, Moran 6, Mortara 1, Orchard 1, Stirling 12 (1), Tate 12, Taylor 10 (2), Thomas 9 (1), Tyson 8 (2).

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	10	6	3	1	23	11	21
Bournemouth	10	6	1	3	13	14	19
L. Orient	10	4	4	2	15	12	16
Brighton	9	5	1	3	14	12	16
Bristol Rov	10	4	3	3	20	16	15
Wycombe	10	4	3	3	12	13	15
Brentford	9	4	2	3	17	10	14
Cambridge	10	3	5	2	19	18	14
Reading	10	3	5	2	16	15	14
Portsmouth	10	3	3	4	13	16	12
Oxford	10	3	3	4	12	16	12
Gillingham	10	3	2	5	12	13	11
Barnet	10	3	2	5	6	9	11
Southend	10	3	1	6	13	17	10
Swindon	10	2	3	5	7	14	9
Colchester	10	2	1	7	7	13	7

South East Counties League

Sat 08 August	Brentford	A	2-4
Sat 15 August	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-2
Sat 22 August	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0
Sat 29 August	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A	3-0
Sat 07 September	Swindon (FJC)	H	2-0
Sat 12 September	Reading	H	2-2
Sat 19 September	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 26 September	Gillingham	H	2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A	3-0
Sat 10 October	Portsmouth	H	3-0
Sat 17 October	Cambridge United	A	4-0
Tue 21 October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	
Sat 24 October	Colchester United	H	
Sat 31 October	Southend United	H	
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A	
Sat 14 November	Barnet	H	
Sat 21 November	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat 28 November	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A	
Sat 12 December	Brentford	H	
Sat 02 January	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 09 January	Oxford United	H	
Sat 16 January	Reading	A	
Sat 23 January	Wycombe Wanderers	H	
Sat 30 January	Gillingham	A	
Sat 06 February	Leyton Orient	H	
Sat 13 February	Portsmouth	A	
Sat 20 February	Cambridge United	H	
Sat 27 February	Colchester United	A	
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A	
Sat 13 March	Swindon Town	H	



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How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
5	1	2	3	0	2	4	0	Bournemouth	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	0
6	3	0	4	1	0	4	0	Blackpool	4	2	5	0	0	0	3	1
0	6	1	0	0	1	8	0	Bristol Rovers	3	3	1	2	0	1	4	0
0	3	1	6	0	0	6	0	Burnley	2	7	1	1	0	2	3	0
2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
6	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	Colchester United	3	4	2	4	0	2	3	0
7	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	Fulham	6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
4	3	3	3	1	1	3	0	Gillingham	4	1	3	0	1	0	3	1
3	3	1	1	0	1	3	0	Lincoln City	3	8	1	3	0	1	8	0
6	4	0	1	1	0	7	0	Luton Town	1	2	0	2	0	0	7	0
2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	Macclesfield Town	1	2	2	2	3	3	5	0
4	4	2	3	0	0	4	0	Manchester City	2	1	1	2	0	2	5	0
3	1	3	0	0	0	5	1	Millwall	3	1	0	3	0	2	6	0
1	3	2	3	1	2	2	0	Northampton Town	5	0	2	2	0	2	3	1
5	1	1	3	1	4	2	0	Notts County	3	2	2	2	1	0	6	0
4	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	Oldham Athletic	6	7	2	2	0	0	4	0
7	6	2	2	0	1	7	0	Preston North End	1	2	1	1	0	2	5	0
3	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	Reading	4	4	3	0	0	1	4	1
7	4	2	0	0	3	4	0	Stoke City	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	0
4	2	2	0	2	3	2	0	Walsall	5	3	1	2	0	0	3	0
1	4	3	1	0	1	4	1	Wigan Athletic	1	1	2	3	0	0	7	0
2	0	3	3	0	1	5	1	Wrexham	4	4	0	4	0	1	3	0
2	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	Wycombe Wanderers	6	1	2	1	3	2	5	1
1	0	3	1	2	3	10	0	York City	9	2	0	1	0	2	4	0

Key: H = Header; CR = Close Range; OB = Outside Box; V = Volley; FK = Free Kick; P = Penalty; IB = Inside Box; OG = Own Goal

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates	Consecutive Wins	Consecutive Wins
32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug	Stoke 6	Preston 2
2,634 York v Gillingham 15-Aug	Games Unbeaten	Games Unbeaten
Highest Aggregate Scores	Man City 9	Gillingham 6
Preston 3-4 Wrexham 22-Aug	Consecutive Defeats	Consecutive Defeats
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	M.C.F. Lincoln 6	Blackpool, Colchester 3
Biggest Home Win	Games without a Win	Games without a Win
Gillingham 4-0 Wrexham 1-Sep	Wycombe 12	Bournemouth, Blackpool, Colchester, Macclesfield, Notts County 3
Preston 4-0 Reading 12-Sep		
Biggest Away Win		
Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct		

Key: PU = Players Used; GF = Goals For; GA = Goals Against; CS = Clean Sheets; LP = Lowest position; HP = Highest Position

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	Tot
Bournemouth	16	17	10	6	6	2	Stein	5	4	9
Blackpool	22	18	18	3	23	3	Aldridge	5	2	7
Bristol Rovers	20	16	14	5	13	6	Hayles	7	1	8
Burnley	30	16	16	1	20	7	Payton	8	1	9
Chesterfield	21	8	9	6	20	10	Reeves/Howard	3/3	1/1	4
Colchester United	22	12	18	1	17	2	Gregory D	2	2	4
Fulham	20	16	9	7	8	1	Lehmann/Beardsley	2/3	2/1	4
Gillingham	20	18	13	4	22	12	Smith/Taylor/Asaba	3/3/3	0	3
Lincoln City	21	12	24	3	23	14	Battersby	3	1	4
Luton Town	21	19	12	5	12	2	Davis S/Douglas	5/4	1/2	6
Macclesfield Town	21	9	18	2	24	20	McDonald/Wood	2/2	1/1	3
Manchester City	23	17	13	4	14	1	Goater	8	2	10
Millwall	22	13	15	4	14	5	Shaw	5	1	6
Northampton Town	24	14	17	2	22	14	Corazzini	5	0	5
Notts County	26	17	16	2	16	5	Hendon	5	0	5
Oldham Athletic	22	12	21	2	21	14	Allott	3	1	4
Preston North End	17	25	12	7	7	2	Nogan	6	0	6
Reading	28	11	17	3	23	15	Williams	5	0	5
Stoke City	18	20	11	7	4	1	Crowe	6	0	6
Walsall	23	17	14	6	11	2	Rammell	7	1	8
Wigan Athletic	23	15	14	4	23	10	Barlow	7	1	8
Wrexham	19	15	16	4	15	2	Connolly	3	1	4
Wycombe Wanderers	24	9	21	1	24	19	Read	2	1	3
York City	20	20	18	3	24	8	Cresswell	8	0	8

Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	Pts
Bristol Rovers	27	6	45
Lincoln City	29	2	35
Wycombe Wanderers	28	2	34
Millwall	27	2	33
Gillingham	20	4	32
Burnley	25	1	28
Chesterfield	22	2	28
Wigan Athletic	28	0	28
Luton Town	21	2	27
Manchester City	21	2	27
Preston North End	18	3	27
Wrexham	21	2	27
Northampton Town	23	1	26
Blackpool	24	0	24
Notts County	21	1	24
Oldham Athletic	16	2	22
AFC Bournemouth	17	1	20
York City	14	2	20
Macclesfield Town	16	1	19
Colchester United	18	0	18
Walsall	15	1	18
Reading	12	1	15
Stoke City	15	0	15
Fulham	12	0	12

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins	Consecutive Wins
Stoke 6	Preston 2
Games Unbeaten	Games Unbeaten
Man City 9	Gillingham 6
Consecutive Defeats	Consecutive Defeats
M.C.F. Lincoln 6	Blackpool, Colchester 3
Games without a Win	Games without a Win
Wycombe 12	Bournemouth, Blackpool, Colchester, Macclesfield, Notts County 3

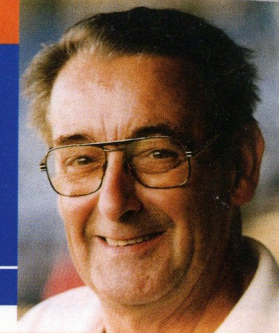
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Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	28,257
Stoke City	15,002	10,557	12,933
Reading	18,108	9,058	12,360
Fulham	14,284	7,447	11,137
Preston North E.	11,587	8,656	10,053
Burnley	11,781	8,526	9,981
Millwall	12,726	4,424	7,670
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,416	6,458
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,259
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,216
Bournemouth	6,956	5,151	6,117
Oldham Athletic	8,205	4,231	5,477
Luton Town	5,558	5,005	5,414
Gillingham	6,093	4,575	5,318
Colchester United	6,377	4,042	4,916
Blackpool	5,695	3,849	4,820
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,376
Wrexham	7,290	2,951	4,360
Walsall	5,802	3,098	4,330
Wycombe Wndrs	5,252	3,800	4,274
Chesterfield	5,426	3,681	4,217
Lincoln City	6,159	2,949	4,091
Macclesfield To.	6,381	2,794	3,692
York City	3,780	2,634	3,008

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Brian Swain



FOR THE second consecutive match we are tonight meeting a team whose need for points is as great as ours, but for more unwelcome reasons. Northampton, like Oldham, are in danger of being dragged into the relegation mire, although a draw at Bournemouth on Saturday did us as well as them a favour.

Our victory failed to move us higher up the table because Stoke, Preston and Walsall, the teams above us, also won.

But Bournemouth, who were fifth and are still unbeaten at home, were pegged back by Northampton at Dean Court. Mark Stein's ninth goal of the season gave Bournemouth a first-half lead, but four minutes after the break Dougie Hodgson, on his full debut for the Cobblers after a £20,000 move from Oldham, cashed in on a goalkeeping error to equalise.

Bournemouth dropped a place, Fulham easing above them with a 1-0 victory at Millwall - Kit Symons scored a timely first goal for Fulham, in the 89th minute.

Leaders Stoke ended a run of three games without a win by scoring twice in the second half after turning round a goal down at Lincoln.

Preston stayed second by seeing off Colchester 2-0 at Deepdale while third-placed Walsall beat Blackpool 1-0 at the Bescot Stadium.

That was the third defeat on the trot for Blackpool, who were third three weeks ago and are now eighth.

Manchester City are beginning to look more like

the pre-season favourites tipped by the bookies for an instant return to the First Division: they bounced back from a midweek home defeat by Preston with a win at Wigan. Shaun Goater netted the only goal, his tenth of the season, to become leading marksman in the division.

Gillingham, our opponents on Saturday, kept their good run going - a 0-0 draw at Reading made it six games without defeat, since they were beaten at home by Northampton. Walsall are the other visiting team to take all three points from Priestfield Stadium. Bristol Rovers and Macclesfield escaped with draws, and Gillingham chalked up home wins at the expense of Wrexham, Burnley and Wycombe. They are away to Bournemouth tonight.

Wycombe are still adrift at the bottom of the table, but it was 13th time lucky on Saturday, when they managed their first win of the season, 3-0 at home to Macclesfield. That was the end of the Silkmen's run of three games without defeat, and they are still third from bottom, one place above Lincoln, who were promoted with them last season.

Oldham dropped into the bottom four for the first time this season because of their defeat at Kenilworth Road, and Reading and Northampton are hovering dangerously close to the dropping zone.

Tonight's other Second Division games

Bournemouth v Gillingham
Bristol Rov v Stoke City
Burnley v Oldham
Chesterfield v Notts County
Lincoln v Man City
Preston v Macclesfield
Walsall v Colchester
Wigan v Fulham
Wycombe v Wrexham

TOMORROW

Millwall v York
Reading v Blackpool

The Second Division

	HOME										AWAY										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Stoke City	13	4	1	1	1	8	3	5	0	2	12	8	2	1	10	7	27	28			
Preston	13	4	1	1	15	5	4	2	1	10	7	27						28			
Walsall	13	4	1	2	10	8	4	0	2	7	6	25						25			
LUTON TN	13	4	1	1	8	2	3	2	2	11	10	24						24			
Fulham	12	3	2	1	10	6	4	1	1	6	3	24						24			
Bournemouth	13	4	2	0	10	2	2	2	3	7	8	22						22			
Man City	13	3	3	1	11	6	2	3	1	6	7	21						21			
Blackpool	13	4	1	2	12	8	2	1	3	6	10	20						20			
York City	12	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	2	10	11	19						19			
Wrexham	13	5	1	2	13	9	0	3	2	2	7	19						19			
Chesterfield	13	5	0	1	7	3	0	4	3	1	6	19						19			
Millwall	13	3	3	1	7	4	2	0	4	6	11	18						18			
Bristol Rov	13	4	3	0	13	5	0	2	4	3	9	17						17			
Wigan Ath	13	3	1	3	8	6	2	1	3	7	8	17						17			
Gillingham	13	3	2	2	13	7	0	5	1	5	6	16						16			
Notts Co	13	2	1	3	8	8	2	3	2	9	8	16						16			
Colchester	13	2	1	3	4	8	2	2	3	8	10	15						15			
Burnley	13	2	3	1	7	6	1	2	4	9	10	14						14			
Northampton	13	1	4	1	8	8	1	2	4	6	9	12						12			
Reading	11	2	3	0	7	3	1	0	5	4	14	12						12			
Oldham	13	2	1	4	8	10	1	1	4	4	11	11						11			
Macclesfield	13	1	2	3	4	6	1	2	4	5	12	10						10			
Lincoln	13	1	0	5	8	13	1	2	4	4	11	8						8			
Wycombe	13	1	2	4	6	8	0	1	5	3	13	6						6			

Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Sat	08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	3.00pm	1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	H	7.45pm	2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	15		PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	A	7.45pm	3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	22		READING	A	3.00pm	0-3	18,108	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3.00pm	2-0 (Cavis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H	3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	08		WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	15		IPSWICH TOWN WC2(1)	A	7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	19		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,695	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	22		IPSWICH TOWN WC2(2)	H	7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	26		WALSALL	H	3.00pm	0-1	5,530	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A	3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	10		YORK CITY	A	3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm						
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm						
TUES	27	WC3	COVENTRY	H	7.45pm						
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00pm						
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm						
TUES	10		NOTTS COUNTY	H	7.45pm						
TUES	10	WC4									
SAT	14	FACUP(R1)	LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	21		MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	28		WC5								
TUES	01	DECEMBER									
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)									
TUES	08	AWS(1)									
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SAT	19		MILLWALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	26		READING	H	12 noon						
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm						
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm						
		or FA CUP (R3)									
TUES	05	AWS(2)									
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm						
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm						
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
		or FA CUP (R4)									
WED	27	WC SF(1)									
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00pm						
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm						
		or FA CUP (R5)									
WED	17	WC SF(2) or AWS SF									
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm						
SAT	27		BLACKPOOL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	06	MARCH	WALSALL	A	3.00pm						
		or FA CUP (R6)									
TUES	09		FULHAM	H	7.45pm						
		or AWS (AF1)									
SAT	13		STOKE CITY	H	3.00pm						
WED	17	AWS (AF2)									
SAT	20		CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm						
SUN	21	WC FINAL									
SAT	27		GILLINGHAM	H	3.00pm						
SAT	03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm						
TUES	06		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm						
SAT	10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SUN	11	FA CUP SF									
WED	14		MANCHESTER CITY	A	7.45pm						
SAT	17		LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm						
SUN	18	AWS FINAL									
SAT	24		NOTTS COUNTY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm						
SAT	08		MILLWALL	A	3.00pm						
SAT	22	FA CUP FINAL									

S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	Substitutes
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.
S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	Douglas for George 84; George for Marshall 69; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81. Unused: Bacque.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall.
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Marshall	Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Cox	Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74



WE ALL know that Steve Davis is the best central defender in the Second Division (and probably better than many in the divisions above us!) and tonight comes confirmation that the neutrals think so too. He's not just the best defender... he's top of the lot in Division Two.

Leading soccer magazine Match gives marks out of ten for every player at every game as part of its results service, with football writers making their judgements. And tonight, with the August and September figures totted up, our skipper will collect the award for being the Division Two player of the month.

Congratulations, Stevo!

Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

Appearances

	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
Alexander	13	4	0	0	17
Bacque	2(4)	1(2)	0	0	3(6)
Cox	2(2)	1(1)	0	0	3(3)
K. Davis	13	4	0	0	17
S. Davis	13	4	0	0	17
Douglas	11	3	0	0	14
Evers	13	4	0	0	17
Fotiadis	1(5)	1(1)	0	0	2(6)
Gray	12(1)	3	0	0	15(1)
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)
Johnson	11	4	0	0	15
Marshall	3(1)	3	0	0	6(1)
McGowan	10(1)	4	0	0	14(1)
McIndoe	6(2)	1(1)	0	0	7(3)
McKinnon	1	1(1)	1(1)	00	12(2)
McLaren	1	1(1)	0	0	2(1)
Scarlett	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)
Spring	13	4	0	0	17
Thomas	4(5)	1	0	0	5(5)
White	2(4)	0(1)	0	0	2(5)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
	3(2p)	2p			3(2p)
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	5	1	0	0	6
	4	2	0	0	6
	2	1	0	0	3
	0	1	0	0	1
	4	1	0	0	5
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	0	0	1
	1	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	0	0	1
	1	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0



Luton Town v Northampton



Kelvin Davis	1.	1.	Andy Woodman
Graham Alexander	2.	2.	Ali Gibb
Mitchell Thomas	3.	3.	John Frain
Matthew Spring	4.	4.	Ian Sampson
Steve Davis	5.	5.	Dougie Hodgson
Marvin Johnson	6.	6.	Tony Dobson
Ray McKinnon	7.	7.	James Hunt
Sean Evers	8.	8.	Paul Wilkinson
Stuart Douglas	9.	9.	Carlo Corazzin
Phil Gray	10.	10.	Carl Heggs
Michael McIndoe	11.	11.	Sean Parrish
Andre Scarlett	12.	12.	Dave Savage
Andrew Fotiadis	13.	13.	Colin Hill
Alan White	14.	14.	Chris Freestone

Referee: Mick Fletcher, Warley

Assistants: A. J. Conn, Royston (yellow flag)

R. P. Desmond, Swindon (yellow & red flag)

Reserve official: D. S. Cross, Peterborough



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