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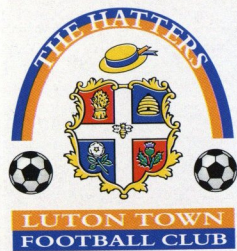
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WE WENT to Priestfield knowing that if we won, and other results were kind, we could be top of the Second Division by Saturday night. Instead, playing a team that had gone seven games without defeat, one almost-inevitable mistake cost us the game.

Gillingham will rarely earn three luckier points, from a match which might well have been called off before the start. It was the worst weather of the winter so far, with a gale driving heavy rain into stands, players and the pitch. My personal view is that it short-changed the supporters, of both sides, by reducing the game to a lottery. Sometimes the ball stuck in puddles, and occasionally it zipped off the surface quicker than a dam busters bomb.

Good football was impossible, and full credit goes to every player forced to take part in a severe test of stamina and character.

The worrying thing for the brave Town horde - "You're getting wet, we're not," chanted the home fans - was that having escaped an early scare, when Carl Asaba should have scored, we hardly threatened the Gillingham goal.

Kelvin Davis took the rap for the 61st-minute decider, charging a long way out of his penalty area to act as sweeper barely ten yards inside his own half. He's done it so many times before, although not perhaps at such long range, that it has become a valuable part of the Town's style. But this time he lost out. Asaba was also racing for the pass struck by Mark Saunders, blocked the goalkeeper's attempt to put the ball into touch, and reacted quickly to regain his balance and place his shot into the centre of the unattended goal from 40 to 45 yards. It was an expert finish, especially on a day when the high wind was liable to send the ball anywhere but its intended target, but that was little consolation to the Town fans, or to the mortified goalkeeper.

But Gillingham pointed to the fact that they created more scoring chances than the Town. Asaba shot straight at Davis in the third minute, when an alarming gap opened up in the centre of the Town defence.

Matthew Spring, who had another excellent match, did better eight minutes later with a surging run and shot from 25 yards. It was hit low and with venom, skidding towards the bottom corner until Vince Bartram dived to save with some difficulty.

Mitchell Thomas gave us a scare with a header from a corner which forced Davis into a diving save to prevent an own goal, and at the interval it was clear that this was a day when errors rather than smart play, might be decisive.

It was, and despite using two subs and sending Steve Davis upfield to beef up the attack, the Town could not find a lucky break to match Gillingham's.

Lennie Lawrence said he did not see it as three points lost because "We were never going to win it - we didn't create enough chances."

He added: "Conditions were terrible, but we are not making that our excuse. Once the referee decided to play we had to get on with it, and conditions did not deteriorate that much during the game.

"We said in the dressing room at half time that whoever made the fewest errors would win the game. I don't think Gillingham made any, but we made a vital one which lost the match.

"Except for that I don't think either team would have scored if we had stayed out there until next Saturday."

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: K. Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, S. Davis, Johnson, Evers, McKinnon (White 75 mins), Douglas, Gray, McGowan (Fotiadis 71 mins).
Unused sub: McLaren.

Gillingham: Bartram, Pennock, Patterson, Smith, Ashby, Bryant, Hodge (Saunders 55 mins), Elliott, Asaba, Southall, Taylor.
Unused subs: Galloway, Edge.

The goal: Carl Asaba, 61 mins, 45-yard shot into empty net after Kelvin Davis tried to beat him to the ball too near to the half-way line.

Referee: John Brandwood, Stafford.
Attendance: 5,602, 690 of them backing Luton.

Report: Brian Swain.
Pictures: Gareth Owen



MUDLARK: Ray McKinnon gets to close quarters with Gillingham's Mark Patterson at Priestfield on Saturday.

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PUSHING ON: Stuart Douglas battles to get round a Gillingham defender's shoulder-charge.



GATHERED IN: Vince Bartram holds a sharp drive by Matthew Spring, with Stuart Douglas and Gavin McGowan waiting in vain for a second bite. (Above)



MAKING A SPLASH: Gavin McGowan returned to the team at Gillingham, after missing three games, and found it difficult to cope with the conditions as well as the opposition, in this case Mark Patterson. (Left)

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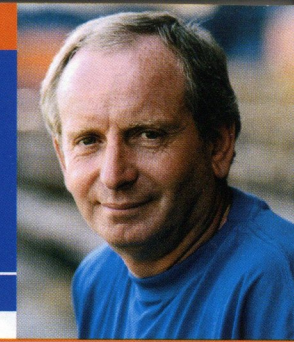
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Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



IT IS a pleasure tonight to welcome a Premiership club to Kenilworth Road, to test ourselves against the top level and, hopefully give the supporters another result to enjoy. But we know we must be at our best, and I have already told the players that we must be better than we were in our last two home games.

Our latest sequence of league games has brought a reasonable reward, and the home matches against Oldham and Northampton were hard-fought affairs in which an element of fortune helped us to six valuable points. But as so often happens in football that touch of luck went against us at Gillingham.

That game looked the most certain goal-less draw of all time, primarily because of the conditions, but the game was decided by a mistake.

In fairness to Kelvin Davis the conditions were instrumental: the wind held the ball up, and then it stuck in water. We know we will lost some games, and this happened on a day when there was nothing between the teams except for one isolated incident. It was disappointing and frustrating, but it is something we must put behind us.

At the end of the day we defend high up the pitch as often as possible to give us the chance to attack. To do that, the goalkeeper has to be quick and adept at coming off his line. If he is not, the defenders will not have the confidence to push up as far as we want them to. It's not an offside trap, but defending well up the pitch to enable back players to be nearer attackers, and thus more able to play in threatening passes. With that philosophy, Kelvin Davis is constantly asked to sweep up. We have occasionally conceded goals when people have got behind us, but Kelvin is an excellent one-on-one keeper, and overall the job done so far this season by the back four and goalkeeper has been very good. Occasional mix-ups are inevitable and annoying but you have to get over them and get on with the job.

I suspect Coventry will think their season so far has been disappointing, and defeat at Southampton on Saturday will doubtless make them all the more determined to do well tonight.

I saw them beat Sheffield Wednesday, and they were convincing winners, and they will look on tonight's game as a chance to get their season going again.

To have a chance of going into the draw for the next round we must be at our very best, and certainly better than we were in our last two home games. We might also hope that Coventry are below their best. If those two circumstances arise, then, with luck in the two penalty areas, we have a chance of winning. We have had the habit this season of raising ourselves for the big occasions, particularly in cup games, and it would be nice to do that again tonight.

What matters for us is to come off at the end knowing we gave it our best shot, didn't bottle it, and didn't under-achieve. And that will help put the disappointment of Saturday behind us. We know we are underdogs tonight, but with the right attitude we can give the supporters another night to remember. I hope we do!



Lennie Lawrence

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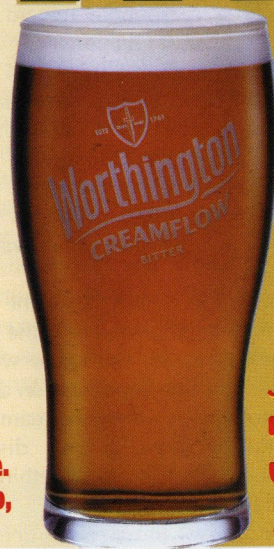
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Steve Davis

captain's log



HAVING got six points from the two previous home games, it was disappointing to say the least to lose at Gillingham. We certainly did not do enough to win the game, but also didn't really deserve to come away with nothing. A draw would have been a fair result.

As it turned out it took a good goal to beat us. I am sure that the way conditions were, Carl Asaba could have 20 attempts at what he did and probably wouldn't score with any of them.

The way the goal came about was disappointing. I should have cleared the ball, but got a call from Kelv and, as they say, the rest is history. I should take as much of the blame as Kelv, and I am certainly not going to have a go at him - he has been outstanding all season, and one mistake in 17 games isn't bad.

Tonight we are back at home again after a hard-fought win over Northampton in which there were a few physical battles. There always are against teams like Northampton, so it was nice that despite the fact people regard us as a footballing side we can also withstand any rough and tumble as well.

We will certainly have to be at our best tonight, both physically and footballing wise, to take on Coventry. Having played them in pre-season, they will know a little bit about us, and even though we won we will see a different Coventry tonight. There is a big difference between friendlies and cup games!

It should be a good game for supporters to watch, and hopefully the atmosphere we had the night we beat Ipswich can be reproduced. The same result would be very nice, too!

There has not really been a lot going on at the club since I last wrote. There are, however, a couple of birthdays coming up at the end of the week, significant ones as well. Marvin is 30, yes 30, on Thursday, and I am 30 the day after.

It doesn't seem two minutes since I was starting out as a 17-year-old playing against Marvin in the youth team when I was at Southampton. Time flies when you are having fun! Now we are at our playing peaks, and joining Tippy and Mitch in the 30s club.

We are not such a young team after all! Well, the back four isn't anyway!

Hopefully, for my next notes, for Saturday's league game against Chesterfield, I will be talking about who we have got in the next round of the cup. Enjoy the game, and let's all make it a night to remember.



Steve Davis



Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

THE TRIP to Gillingham saw us face the worst conditions we have had to suffer for a long time, and perhaps the best news to come out of a thoroughly miserable afternoon was that we did not pick up any further injuries.

When it is cold and you are playing on a heavy pitch muscle strains are always more likely than in good weather, and the Achilles area can also be vulnerable.

In the event, we had no problems, and as fans who went to the game will have seen we welcomed back Paul McLaren to the first team squad. He had been on the bench in midweek for the reserves game at Brache Sparta and was there again at Gillingham, for his first taste of the league scene since he injured his knee at Reading way back in the August sunshine. It is always good to see a player come back after injury and Paul is ready to resume his league career as soon as the manager decides the time is right.

Stuart Fraser, our reserve defender who made his league debut in the final game of last season, is facing a lay-off from competitive football for a month or so because of his knee injury. He has had a routine operation to trim and sort out a small tear in a cartilage, and so far it



Paul McLaren



Liam George

seems to have gone well. He is confined to light exercise at the moment, but should be back in full training in about four weeks.

Liam George has had some good news. After breaking a leg at Wigan in late August, he is now out of plaster, and the pin used to help the bone knit together has also been removed.

He has now started a programme of gentle mobilising and strengthening exercises. He suffered ankle ligament damage as well as a fractured fibula, so his recovery cannot be rushed.

When he is fit enough we will start him jogging, but at this stage there is no question of setting a time for his return. You have to be patient, and see how it goes, and I do not believe in setting fitness targets - it can do more harm than good if you are over-optimistic. All I will say at this stage is that I hope Liam can play again this season.

Clive Goodyear

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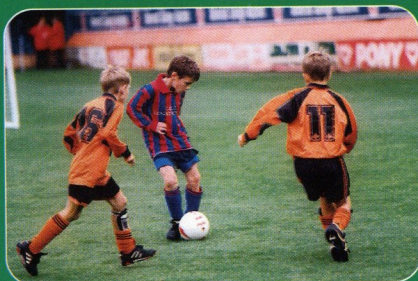
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St Joseph's Jnr School
Ravi Jessani age 8
Franco Diroberto age 9
Michael Power age 10
Craig Carey age 11
Sean Maloney age 11
Sean Forde age 12

Surrey St Jnr School
Shane Cannon age 9
Wayne Suverlian age 10
Aaron Taff age 10
Dion Chance age 10
Jodie Thomas age 11
Paula Fazikas age 13



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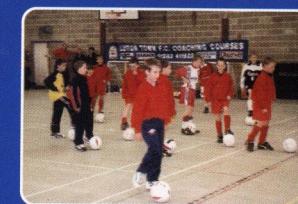
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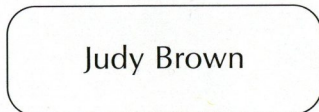
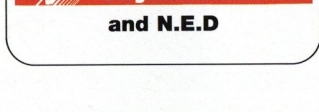
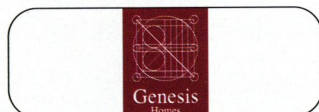
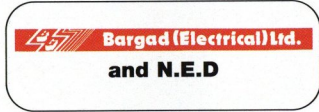
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Go men go!

The Go-Kart Grand Prix



ON THE GRID:
The squad under starter's orders

STEVE Davis wrote in his column recently about "the best day out I have had with the club." He was referring to a go-kart grand prix at Daytona, organised by **Marvin Johnson**. It was a highly competitive affair, with Stevo taking the chequered flag ahead of Kelvin Davis and **Graham Alexander**. **Marvellous Marv** insists he should be mentioned for coming fourth.



MEAN MACHINE: We think that's **Marvellous Marv** peering through the helmet, ready to take fourth place and a gleeful comment from his skipper along the lines of "You get nowt for fourth."

Go men go!

The Go-Kart Grand Prix

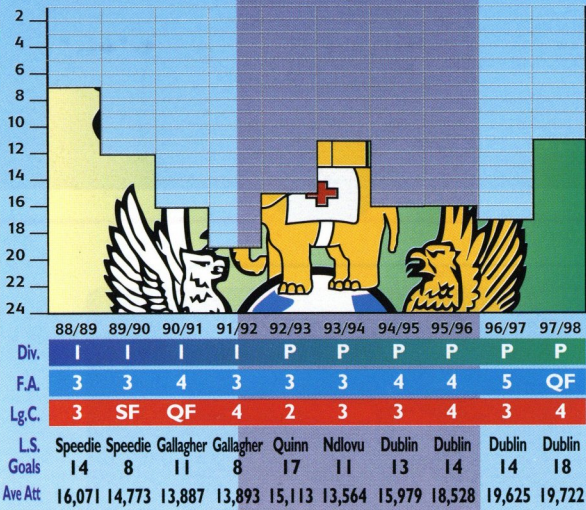


MEDAL WINNER: **Graham Alexander** collects his bubbly and medallion for finishing third. **Steve Davis**, **Kelvin Davis** and **Michael McIndoe** are the other hot-rod drivers nearest the camera.



SQUAD CAR LINE-UP: Players kitted out and ready for action at Daytona.

Coventry City's last ten years - the full record



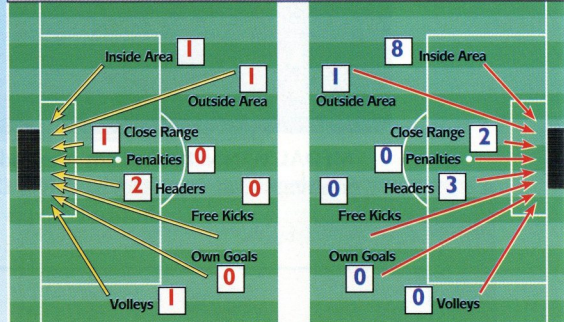
Who's played for The Sky Blues this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps						
George Boateng	M	9		23	5'9"	11'08"	Feyenoord	Holl U21
Dion Dublin	F	9	2	29	6'2"	12'04"	Man Utd	
Magnus Hedman	G	9		25	6'3"	14'00"	AIK Stockholm	Sweden
Gary Breen	D	8		24	6'3"	11'12"	Birmingham	Eire
Paul Telfer	M	8		27	5'9"	11'06"	Luton	Scot U21
Richard Shaw	D	7(1)		30	5'9"	12'08"	Palace	
David Burrows	D	7		29	5'10"	11'08"	Everton	Eng B
Noel Whelan	F	7	2	23	6'2"	12'03"	Leeds	Eng U21
Roland Nilsson	D	6		34	5'10"	12'13"	Helsingborgs	Sweden
Darren Huckerby	F	5(1)	1	22	5'9"	11'04"	Newcastle	Eng B
Marc Edworthy	D	4(3)		25	5'8"	10'03"	Palace	
Jean-Guy Wallemme	D	4(2)		31	6'0"	-	Lens	
Trond Egil Soltvedt	M	4(1)	1	31	6'1"	12'02"	Rosenborg	Norway
Barry Quinn	M	4		19	6'0"	12'02"		
Paul Hall	F	2(5)		26	5'9"	10'02"	Portsmouth	Jamaica
Sarn Shilton	M	1(2)		20	5'10"	11'06"	Plymouth	
Steve Froggatt	M	2		25	5'10"	11'00"	Wolves	Eng U21
Paul Williams	D	1		27	6'0"	12'10"	Derby	Eng U21
Gary McAllister	M	1		33	6'1"	11'11"	Leeds	Scotland
Marcus Hall	D	(1)		22	6'1"	12'02"		Eng B
Willie Boland	M			23	5'9"	11'02"		Eire U21
Philippe Clement	M			24	6'2"	-	Racing Genk	
Gavin Strachan	M			19	5'10"	11'07"		Scot U21

When The Sky Blues have scored goals... and conceded them



How Coventry have scored goals... and conceded them



COVENTRY'S CAUTIONS

Telfer.....3
Boateng...2
Burrows...2
Huckerby...2
Wallemme 2
Breen.....1
Dublin.....1
Soltvedt...1
Whelan.....1

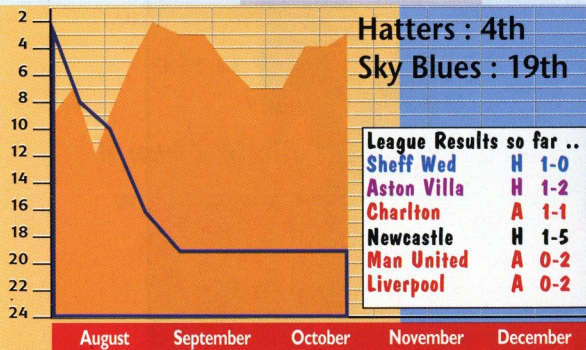
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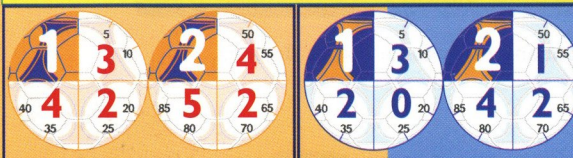
White.....1
Johnson...1
McGowan...1

McGowan...6
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George...2
Johnson...2
McKinnon...2
Douglas...1
Evers...1
Gray...1
Melndoe...1
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League Positions throughout the season



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

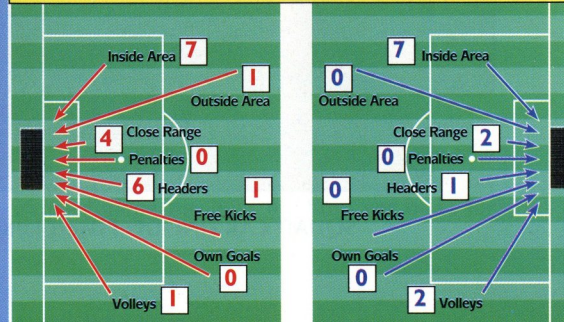


Hatters v Sky Blues

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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



Coventry City

welcome to tonight's visitors



Gordon Strachan - Manager

Joined Coventry City on a free transfer from Leeds United in March 1995, primarily to be groomed as successor to Ron Atkinson. He was handed sole responsibility in November 1996. Born in Edinburgh, his playing career started at Dundee before moving to Aberdeen in 1977. At Pittodrie he helped the club win the Premier Division, the Scottish Cup and the European Cup-Winners' Cup. He left Aberdeen in 1984 to move south with Manchester United and enjoyed more success, this time in the FA Cup, before leaving for Leeds United. In 1991 he was voted Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers. In 1992 he won his 50th, and last Scotland cap.



COVENTRY CITY 1998-99

Back row: Liam Daish, Gary Breen, Steve Ogrizovic, Magnus Hedman, Philip Clement, Paul Williams.
Middle row: Garry Pendrey (coach), Jim Blyth (goalkeeping coach), Willie Boand, Roland Nilsson, Marcus Hall, Jean-Guy Wallemme, Simon Haworth, Richard Shaw, Trevor Peake (coach), Stuart Collie (coach).
Front row: Ian Brightwell, Paul Telfer, Gavin Strachan, Trond Soltvedt, Gary McAllister, Gordon Strachan (manager), Dion Dublin, George Boateng, David Burrows, Noel Whelan, Darren Huckerby.

Coventry

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MAGNUS HEDMAN

Age: 25
Position: goalkeeper
Signed for £500,000 from AIK Solna in July 1997, this good shot-stopper had to wait until December 13 for his debut in the 4-0 defeat of Tottenham. A Swedish international, he played in goal against England last Saturday. Played ice hockey before turning to football.

STEVE OGRIZOVIC

Age: 41
Position: goalkeeper
Holds the club record for 502 league appearances since joining the Sky Blues for £72,000 in June 1984 from Shrewsbury Town. Member of 1987 FA Cup winning team and was honoured with the PFA Award of Merit for services to football last season. Turns 41 today.

ROLAND-NILSSON

Age: 34
Position: defender
Rapidly approaching the 100 appearance mark for Sweden after playing in the 2-1 defeat of England. A £200,000 capture from Helsingborg in July 1997, this right-back has also played for Sheffield Wednesday and won a League Cup winners' medal in 1991.

PAUL WILLIAMS

Age: 27
Position: defender
Former England under-21 international, who made nearly 200 appearances for Derby County before arriving at Highfield Road for £975,000 in August 1995. Suffered with disciplinary problems last season and was booked five times in the opening six games. Can also play in midfield.

JEAN-GUY WALLEMME

Age: 29
Position: defender
The first Frenchman to join the Sky Blues this summer after a £500,000 move from Lens, whom he had captained to the French league championship before leaving the club he joined from school. A tough tackler.

GARY BREEN

Age: 24
Position: defender
Signed from Birmingham City in February 1997 for £2.4 million, he formed a strong partnership with

Richard Shaw last term and was rewarded for some impressive displays with a recall to the Republic of Ireland squad. Right-footed central defender, who is confident bringing the ball out of defence.

RICHARD SHAW

Age: 30
Position: defender
Ended a nine year association with Crystal Palace, during which time he made more than 250 appearances for the Eagles, to join City for £1 million in November 1995. A strong and pacey central defender, he improved his all-round game last term.

DAVID BURROWS

Age: 29
Position: defender
A vastly experienced left-back, he won the Charity Shield, Division One championship and FA Cup during his time at Liverpool. Former England B international, who joined City for £1.1 million in March 1995 from Everton. A tough tackler he enjoyed an impressive season last term and missed only five league games.

MARCUS HALL

Age: 22
Position: midfielder
Local-born player who had the dubious honour of scoring at both ends against Greece as England under-21s failed to qualify for the European Championships. Scored his first senior goals for City last season and also played for England B against Chile.

GARY MCALLISTER

Age: 33
Position: midfielder
Signed for a then club record £3 million in July 1996 from Leeds United, this Scottish international endured a nightmare season after twice collapsing with a cruciate ligament injury. Missed the World Cup but is now nearing full fitness.

PAUL TELFER

Age: 26
Position: midfielder
An energetic and persistent midfielder, who missed only five games last season and weighed in with five goals. Has made more than 100 appearances since a £1.5 million move from Luton Town in July 1995. A favourite with the Sky Blues' fans.

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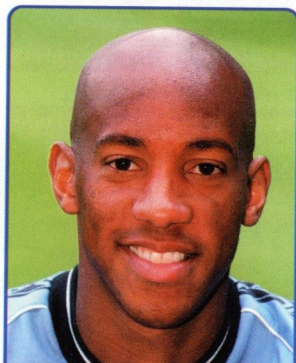
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MAGNUS HEDMAN



DARREN HUCKERBY



DION DUBLIN

TROND EGIL SOLTVEDT

Age: 31
Position: defender
Norwegian international, who had a trial two years before he actually signed for the club in a £500,000 deal from Rosenborg in July 1997. Quickly established himself as a rock in the City midfield and enjoys getting forward to support the strikers.

GEORGE BOATENG

Age: 22
Position: midfielder
Born in Ghana, this Dutch under-21 captain was signed for £250,000 last December from Feyenoord. A firm favourite with the Sky Blues' fans for his fierce tackling and endless energy.

PHILIPPE CLEMENT

Age: 24
Position: midfielder
Hard-working player who won the Belgian Cup with Genk after having agreed a £500,000 move to England at the end of last season. Played in the World Cup against rivals Holland.

GAVIN STRACHAN

Age: 19
Position: midfielder
Capped by Scotland at under-21 level, he is expected to have as much impact in the game as his managerial father. A combative midfielder, who came through the ranks at Highfield Road to make his breakthrough last season.

NOEL WHELAN

Age: 23
Position: midfielder/striker
Unable to dislodge the formidable Huckerby-Dublin partnership, this former England under-21 international was happy playing in a deeper role on the left-side of midfield. Is nearing the 100 appearance mark after a £2 million move from Leeds in December 1995.

DARREN HUCKERBY

Age: 22
Position: striker
Enjoyed a tremendous season last term, breaking into the England B side against Chile and winning the December Goal of the Month competition for his strike against United. Signed for £1.1 million from Newcastle in November 1996, this pacey striker with good ball control was rewarded for his displays with a four-year contract in March.

DION DUBLIN

Age: 29
Position: striker
Made his England debut against Chile in February and, after sharing the Golden Boot award with 18 league goals, narrowly missed out on selection for France '98. A £2 million capture from Manchester United in September 1994, he was City's topscorer for the fourth successive season. Signed a new five-year contract to end speculation about his future.

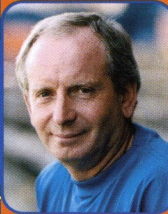
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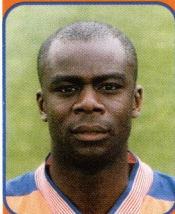
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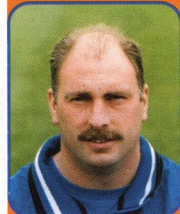
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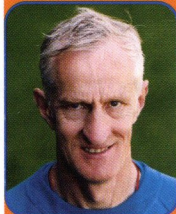
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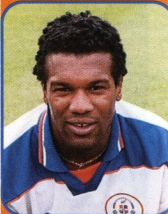
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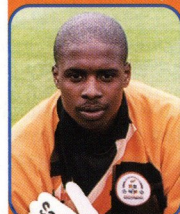
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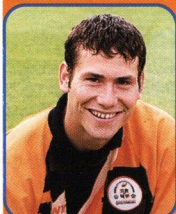
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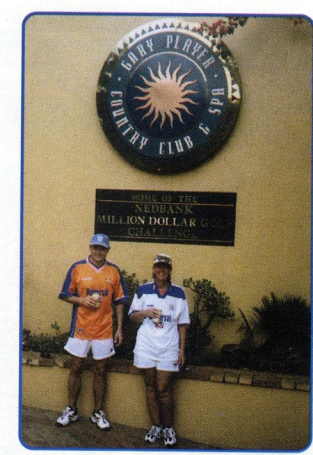


Sally Mayne & Richard Cullley

Hatters Abroad

Town Fans in South Africa and France

Modelling two fetching Luton Town strips, John and Lynne Newman are pictured carrying the colours to what used to be known as the dark continent. They are seen brightening up a part of Sun City, in Bophuthatswana, South Africa. It's an amazing place, a kind of Las Vegas plus a man-made beach on the shore of a choppy oceans hundreds of miles from the sea, and a volcano that shakes the earth on a schedule worked out to fit in with the flow of tourists. John and Lynne chose a sporting connection - the resort also includes the Gary Player Golf and Country Club, home of the richest single tournament in the world, and therefore the obvious setting for a couple of swells who support Luton Town.



We were not sure whether this picture should be on the Junior Hatters page - it shows nine-year-old Nathan Osborne, of Telscombe Way, Luton, wearing his Luton Town top on the way home from holiday in France. The Junior Hatter is a season ticket holder, along with his dad and pals, in the Kenilworth Stand.

Have you carried the colours of Luton Town to unusual or interesting places? We are always pleased to hear from fans and see their pictures, and if you would care to show them off to other supporters the matchday magazine editor would be delighted to hear from you - write to Brian Swain c/o Luton Town FC.



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Hatters On Card

W.A & A. C Churchman's Association Footballers, second series, 1939

THE INTER-WAR period was the most prolific in terms of cigarette card output, with many fine football sets produced.

Unfortunately for Luton Town fans, manufacturers tended to concentrate on the so-called big names - some things never change! - and of course, for most of this era The Hatters were in the Third Division.

However, after promotion in 1937 the Suffolk firm of Churchman's decided to include Town forward Ted Vinall in their second series entitled "Association Footballers."

It was certainly worth the wait, for this was a splendid set of 50 black and white photographs, showing a fine action shot of each player featured.

Vinall was in the traditional white shirt and black shorts that were synonymous with Luton Town for so long, and the famous hat badge of that period is clearly evident. Also evident is the slicked-down hairstyle sported by so many players of this era.

Vinall, who was usually known as Jack, was certainly a favourite with card manufacturers, for he appears in at least two previous sets in the colours of his former club, Norwich City.

A head and shoulders photograph of him was also on card 39 of R. & J. Hill's issue of "Famous Footballers" - such original titles these sets had! - which also appeared in 1939.

Birmingham, born, Vinall had joined Sunderland from Folkestone in 1931, but found opportunities limited at Roker Park. However, he found fame at Norwich, where he scored freely from either inside or centre forward. He came to Luton in October 1937, and partnered Joe Payne in attack until Payne's transfer to Chelsea the following March.

Ironically, by the time he was featured by Churchman's and Hill's, Vinall had lost his place in the Luton team to Hughie Billington. In all, he managed 20 goals in 50 appearances, before moving on to Walsall, where he had a couple of post-war league outings.

His appearance on card 48 of this Churchman's set is worth looking out for, and at around £1 for an example in good conditions it is both affordable and relatively easy to come by.

The full set of 50 cards also included, among others, Sam Bartram of Charlton, and later Luton manger, Stan Cullis of Wolves, Tommy Lawton of Everton, Joe Payne of Chelsea and Bill Shankly of Preston.



Ted Vinall



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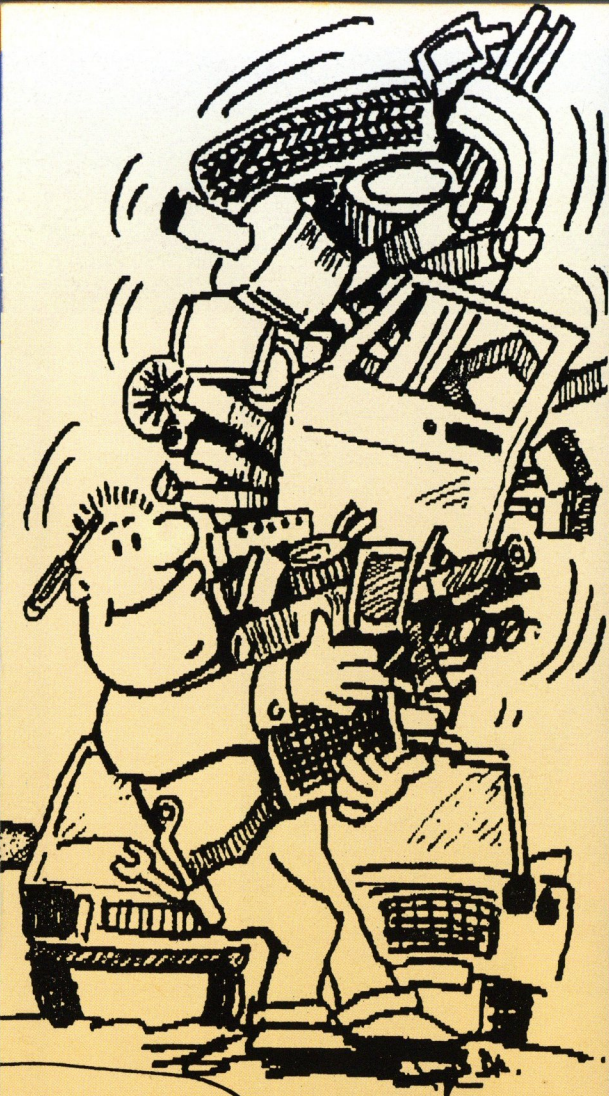
Sean Evers
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Sean Evers

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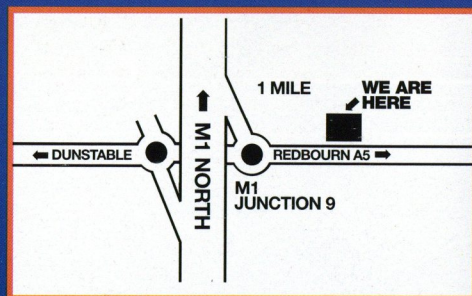
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It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

27th October 1962. Middlesbrough 0 Luton Town 2.

By the end of October 1962 the Town were really struggling in the old Division Two and looked odds on suffering relegation for the second time in three years. Only one win had been recorded at that stage in the campaign and a position of rock bottom in the table was about all the team deserved.

The trip to Teesside to play promotion chasing Middlesbrough was not seen as a match to end the sorry sequence of results and with Boro pressing right from the start another thrashing was on the cards.

In the 11th minute, however, came the stroke of luck that had been missing all season. Town inside forward Alwyn McGuffie tried an optimistic shot from 35 yards which seemed to be covered by Boro goalkeeper Arthur Lightening but the ball was suddenly caught by a gust of wind and ended up in the back of the net.

Middlesbrough attacked with a vengeance after that and saw several shots go narrowly wide before McGuffie caught their defence on the break and set up Gordon Turner to stroke home number two.

After a brief flurry of pressure at the beginning of the second half Boro realised that it was not going to be their day and long before the end supporters were drifting out of the ground. The Town held on without much difficulty to record their first away win in the league since January.

27th October 1973. Luton Town 2 Hull 2.

On the previous Saturday the Town had lost an unbeaten record that had stretched back to the opening day and were determined to put themselves back on the promotion trail with Hull City, the next visitors to Kenilworth Road, being expected to lie down and die.

The Hatters, as befitting their record of Division Two's leading scorers, took a two goal lead through Peter Anderson and Barry Butlin mid-way through the first half. The Tigers were made of stern stuff though, and roared back with Roy Greenwood heading past Keith Barber in the Luton goal in the 42nd minute. The game was turned on its head just before the interval when Hull levelled through a 30

yard strike from Malcolm Lord which was deflected past Barber by a defenders arm.

27th October 1990. Luton Town 1 Everton 1.

Following the traumas of the previous two seasons when relegation had only been avoided on the final day, the current campaign had started off fairly brightly and at the end of September the Town were up to the heady heights of sixth in the table.

Since then, leading up to the visit of Everton, only one league game had been played, which was lost, and Tim Breacker had been sold to West Ham.

The Town opened up brightly against the Toffees and took the lead when Lars Elstrup headed home Richard Harvey's accurate cross. Shortly afterwards Everton goalkeeper, Neville Southall, should have been dismissed for handling outside the box but survived with only a yellow card and went on to pull off a string of miraculous saves.

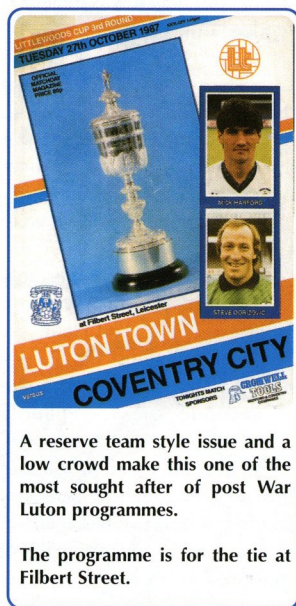
Shortly after the break Everton scored a soft equaliser when Harvey failed to cut out a long cross from Martin Keown, leaving Pat Nevin with a simple opportunity. The Town continued to press against their defensively minded visitors but failed to get the winner their superior play deserved with Iain Dowie guilty of missing a hat-trick of good chances as the game drew to a close.



Jim Ryan manages to get a cross in despite the close attention of a Hull defender. (October 1973)

Into the archives

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash



A reserve team style issue and a low crowd make this one of the most sought after of post War Luton programmes.

The programme is for the tie at Filbert Street.

We welcome the Sky Blues to Kenilworth Road this evening for our third clash in the League Cup competition (in its various guises). With both sides showing a win each in meetings thus far between the sides a record has to go tonight.

Our first clash took place on September

25th 1963 in a Second Round tie at Kenilworth Road. The League Cup competition, as it was then called, was still very much in its infancy with quite a few clubs declining to take part and with no Wembley final and U.E.F.A. Cup place to look forward to.

The Town had been relegated to the old Division Three at the end of the previous campaign and looked likely to continue their spiral down to the football basement. Coventry, on the other hand, although also in Division Three, were on the ascendancy fired by manager Jimmy Hill and his "Sky Blue" revolution.

The Sky Blues had visited Kenilworth Road only eleven days before the League Cup clash and in front of a crowd of 14511, of which over half were from Coventry, were comfortable 3-1 victors after scoring two early goals.

The Town's subsequent poor form and the lack of interest in the competition reduced the crowd to 3821 for the League Cup tie with again Coventry storming into a swift two goal lead. Strikes from Ernie Machin and Ronnie Rees on 15 and 35 minutes seemed to have put the Sky Blues in a comfortable position but this time the Town were not prepared to give up without a fight.

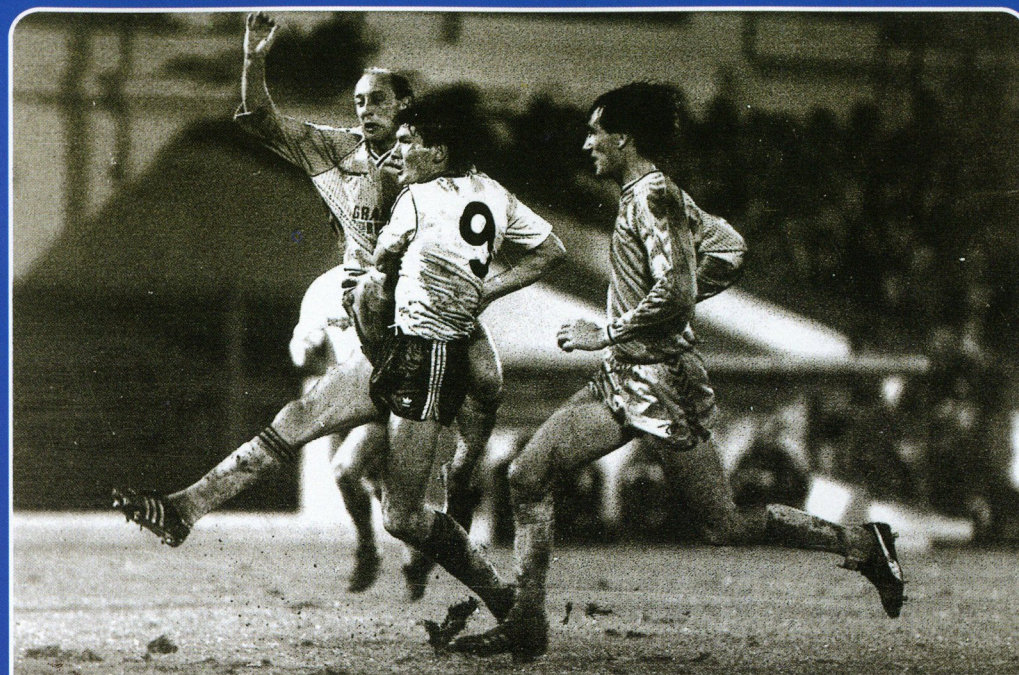
A shot from Gareth Salisbury and a penalty from Gordon Fincham, after Coventry skipper George Curtis had fouled Tom McKechnie in the area, brought the scores level by half time. In the second period the Sky Blues defence was under almost constant pressure but ably marshalled by Curtis they managed to hold out and, to make it a miserable night for the Town, then break and net twice in two minutes.

Firstly Luton goalkeeper, Ron Baynham, completely misjudged a 30 yard shot from John Sillett closely followed by a Brian Hill strike. Salisbury managed to reduce the arrears with 15 minutes to go but it was too little too late.

Luton: Baynham, Morton, Bramwell, Pacey, Fincham, Lownds, Fairchild, Salisbury, McKechnie, Riddick, Weir.

Coventry: Wesson, Sillett, Kearns, Hill, Curtis, Bruck, Humphries, Hale, Hudson, Machin, Rees.

The Town had to wait 24 years for the chance to avenge this defeat, this time in a Third Round tie in the newly named Littlewoods Cup. It had, in fact, been re-named at the beginning of the 1986/87 season but the Town had been excluded due to their refusal to allow away supporters into Kenilworth Road. The Hatters were not prepared to be excluded again and in 1987/88 allowed Wigan supporters into a segregated section of



Mick Harford manages to get in his shot despite the close attentions of two Coventry defenders at Filbert Street.

Kenilworth Road as the Town went through 5-2 on aggregate in a Second Round tie.

The proposed visit of Coventry was a different matter, however, with the Sky Blues requesting their full allocation of 3000 tickets which included 25% of the available seats. The Town could have coped with 3000 on the terraces but could not segregate off a quarter of the main stand seats and were advised by the police to move the game elsewhere.

The Town's initial plan was to play the match at Craven Cottage, Fulham but the Metropolitan Police wanted to charge £20,000 for their services which was out of the question. The only other sensible option was Filbert Street, Leicester where the policing costs were much cheaper but it was only 25 miles from Coventry and 70 from Luton.

On a wet night, coincidentally 27th October, 1,500 Luton supporters made their way to Leicester to "swell" the gate to 8,113. Both sides were missing influential players, the Town being without the injured Ricky Hill and David Preece while the Sky Blues were minus Cyrille Regis and David Phillips.

It was the Town who were quicker to settle on the greasy surface and, after Coventry lost skipper Lloyd McGrath after 20 minutes following a clash of heads with Danny Wilson,

a swift passing movement ended up with Mick Harford toe ending a Tim Breacker cross past Steve Ogrizovic in the Sky Blues goal.

The Town's lead was doubled soon after the interval when Brian Stein's accurate left wing centre was headed home at the far post by Harford. Three minutes later a 20 yard drive from Micky Weir beat Ogrizovic all ends up and the Town seemed to be coasting through to the next round.

F.A.Cup holders Coventry attempted to make a fight of it as the pitch turned into a muddy morass and Nick Pickering pulled one back on 69 minutes after taking advantage of some slack Luton defending. It was the Town who finished the stronger, however, and Harford passed up the chance of a hat-trick when his last minute penalty, awarded for a Steve Sedgley trip on Stein, was saved by Ogrizovic.

The Town were now safely through to the next round and we know what happened at the end of that particular cup run in April 1988!

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Johnson, McDonough, Wilson, Grimes, Weir, Stein, Harford.

Coventry: Ogrizovic, Borrows, Rodger, Sedgley, Downes, McGrath (Cook), Bennett, Gynn, Pickering, Houchen, Speedie.

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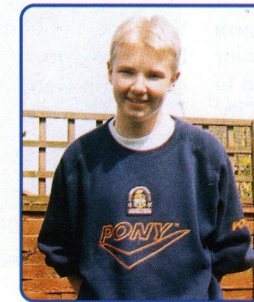


I am a Scottish Luton Town fan, and am wondering if any kind reader of the programme, male or female, would care to be my pen-pal, to discuss views on Luton Town, and Scottish and English football.

I'll gladly answer all replies.

Best of luck to Luton, and their push for promotion to Division One.

Sam H. Ortle
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My son Daniel was 18 on the day of the first home game of the season. He travels to as many away games as possible, ranging from Lancashire to Plymouth, and attends every home game.

He goes to matches with his dad and his best friend, Mark, and travels to away games on the Bobbers coach.

It would mean so much to him to see his photo, or even just his name, in the programme. He is a very loyal fan, and his bedroom is a shrine of previous kits and players.

Mrs G. Soper
Almond Road,

We are sorry that Mrs Soper's letter was not published earlier, nearer to Daniel's 18th birthday, but hope he enjoys seeing his name in the programme of his favourite football club.



I enclose a photo of my daughter, Gemma Gooch, who is three years old, wearing her new football shirt we purchased on a visit to your club shop while visiting relatives in Luton. I hope she continues to be a Luton Town fan like myself and her great grandfather, Fred Godfrey, who has been attending games regularly for 75 years.

Carol Gooch
Raglan Street,
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I have a collection of 500 Luton Town programmes, from 1969/1970 which I am putting up for sale.

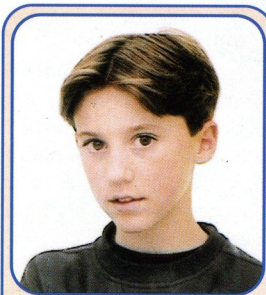
They are mostly home programmes, but with a few away matches, cup games, and fanzines. I think they would make an excellent collection for a new collector, and I would like them to go to a good home. They are all boxed, and in good order and I will accept a fair offer for them. I can be contacted on Luton 617023.

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Junior Hatters welcome

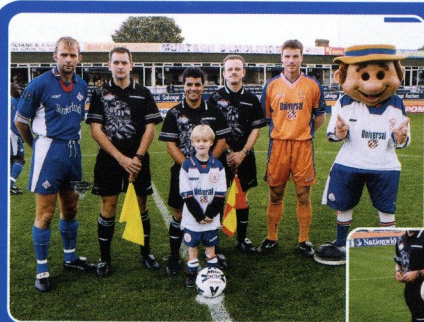
WE OFFER our usual warm welcome today to all Junior Hatters and their families, and to our visitors from Coventry City. Isn't it nice to be able to enjoy a big night of cup football at Kenilworth Road?



Today's Mascot

William Kemp is tonight's Junior Hatters Mascot. He is 11 and goes to Woodland Middle School, Flitwick, and comes to our games with his uncle. He plays for Flitwick Eagles and his hobbies are karate and computers. He is having a re-think about his favourite player: it was Dwight Marshall, who now plays for Plymouth.

We hope all our members enjoyed the trip to Gillingham, and we will be running more away trips to Luton Town matches throughout the season, so watch this column for details. Our Saturday Club continues to be very popular, and all young football supporters are invited to become members of the Junior Hatters and enjoy what we have to offer. The price is £5 for season ticket holders, or £9 for non season ticket holders, and it includes a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink. If you want to know more, please contact the football club on Luton 411622.



Meeting the players and match officials is only part of the fun when you are the Junior Hatters mascot at Kenilworth Road.

Daniel Barnes, who is six, enjoyed the day at our game against Oldham, and as you can see as well as the formal pose before kick-off he also met Happy Harry to exchange a sort of low high-fives greeting. Daniel goes to Shortstown Lower School, comes to matches with his dad and uncles and when he is not playing or watching football enjoys his PlayStation, fishing and swimming. His favourite player is Andrew Fotiadis.



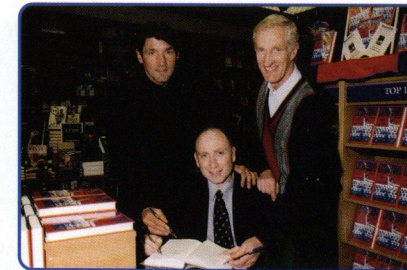
TOWN TEASER

As we are playing a cup-tie tonight, our Town Teaser is about another big occasion, when we met Newcastle in the FA Cup fourth round in February 1994. We drew 1-1 at St. James's Park and won the replay 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. Tony Thorpe scored at Newcastle, but who got the goals in the replay?

Listen for the PA announcer to ask this question tonight - if you know the answer you can win a prize.

Roger's Hatters in print

THE best book yet about Luton Town - that has to be the verdict on Roger Wash's history of the Hatters over the past 30 years. "Luton Town, the Modern Era" is a goldmine of information and memories for any who have followed the club in recent years. All the highlights and low spots are there - from the Fourth Division championship, to Maine Road 1983, Wembley 1988, Notts County 1992 and a whole lot more. Not just the great and not-so-great matches, but the background as well, with a good flavour of the behind-the-scenes ups and downs. The book is published by Desert Island Books, at £16.99, and it's worth every penny - the fondness



Roger Wash has for Luton Town shines through the pages, without shirking from some of the background memories that reflect little credit on those running the club at the time - for instance the sacking of Jim Ryan. It adds up to a lovely wallow down memory lane for those of us who have been around for the

past 30 years - and no bad read, either, for those lucky enough to be a lot younger!-BS

Pictured: Roger Wash, our club statistician, gets help with the launch of his book from John Moore and Mick Harford, who topped the subscribers' poll as the fans' favourite player.

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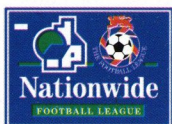


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Action Replay

Luton 1 Northampton 0



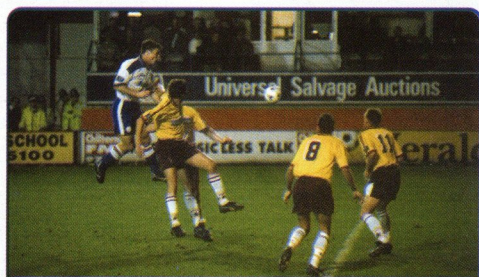
IT WAS a case of enjoying the result more than the performance as the Town moved up to third place by beating Northampton in front of the biggest home

crowd of the season.

The narrow margin meant that it was a game to hold the interest to the final minute, with the nagging fear that while the Town were the better footballing side Northampton looked capable, with their muscle and direct style, of nicking a goal.

And the Cobblers were able to claim that they had all the bad luck going. Ian Sampson stroked in a quick free kick, but his sharp thinking came to naught - the "goal" was ruled out because he had not waited for the ref's signal, while the Town were still organising their wall. At the retake Carlo Corazzin saw one of his own men deflect his shot well wide.

Five minutes later Sampson, who found Phil Gray a hot handful, fouled the striker on the edge of the box. Ray McKinnon touched off the free kick to Graham Alexander, and his thumping low drive was inadvertently diverted past his wrong-footed goalkeeper by Northampton's Colin Hill. Northampton were full of battle and determination, and unlucky again when Dave Savage crashed a shot against the bar in the closing seconds of the first half.



OUTNUMBERED... but not outclassed. Steve Davis goes head to head with the Northampton defence

But with Alexander outstanding, the Town made the better chances, with Stuart Douglas denied by the save of the match when Andy Woodman miraculously tipped away a rising shot on the turn.

Cobblers boss Ian Atkins claimed that if Sampson's free kick trick had been at Sixfields the ref would have allowed it, and he was sure Alexander's shot would have been saved but for the deflection. Anyway, it was never a free kick in the first place, he added.

Town boss Lennie Lawrence summed it up as a case of grinding out a result for the second home game on the trot. "I don't think we were at our best in either this match or the one against Oldham, but we have kept two clean sheets and got the points," he said. "Perhaps we have enjoyed a little bit of fortune."

THE MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: K. Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring (White 81 mins), S. Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas (Fotiadis 81 mins), Gray, McIndoe. Unused sub Scarlett.

Booked: Steve Davis, 44 mins, foul on Carlo Corazzin.

Northampton: Woodman, Gibb, Frain, Sampson, Hodgson (Freestone 85 mins), Parrish, Hunt, Wilkinson, Corazzin, Savage (Heggs 55 mins), Hill. Unused sub Dobson.

Booked: Ian Sampson, 24 mins, foul on Phil Gray; Carl Heggs, 75 mins, elbow in the eye on Graham Alexander, and lucky to stay on the field.

The goal: Graham Alexander thunderbolt drive, deflected by Colin Hill, following a 20th-minute free kick.

Referee: Mick Fletcher, Warley

Attendance: 6,087.

Action Replay

Luton 1 Northampton 0



COBBLERS' LAST: Andy Woodman saves at the feet of Michael McIndoe.



GOTCHA: Graham Alexander's reaction to his winning goal - suggestions that it was an own goal by Colin Hill were just a load of Cobblers, he said. Steve Davis is on the extreme left, also looking pretty pleased.

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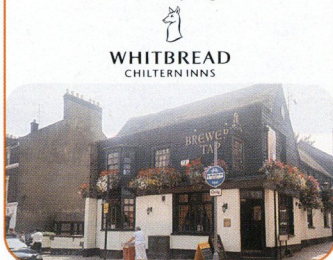


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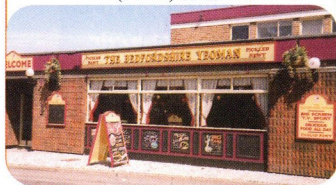


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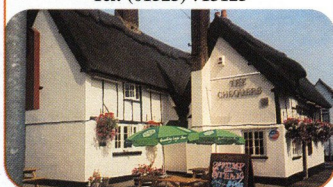
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Travel News

Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club are running coaches to the Britannia Ground, Stoke, on November 7, and Stoke City advise travelling supporters to go by coach. The Bobbers Travel Club departure time is 10 am from Cranfield, 11 am from Luton, and the fare is £10 for adults, £8 for under-16s and pensioners.

Town on Tour coaches will leave Maple Road car park (secure parking £3 if booked in advance with Luton Town FC) at 11.30, calling at Milton Keynes Coachway at 11.50. The fare is £12.50, or £11 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club, and £8.50 concessions.

Both organisations are selling travel tickets at their kiosks tonight, before and after the game.

Stoke City point out that there is no street parking near their new stadium and the only car parking for supporters is at the south car park. They say they will not take cash on the day for parking, and car park tickets, at £3 each, MUST be booked in advance, via the ticket office at Kenilworth Road.

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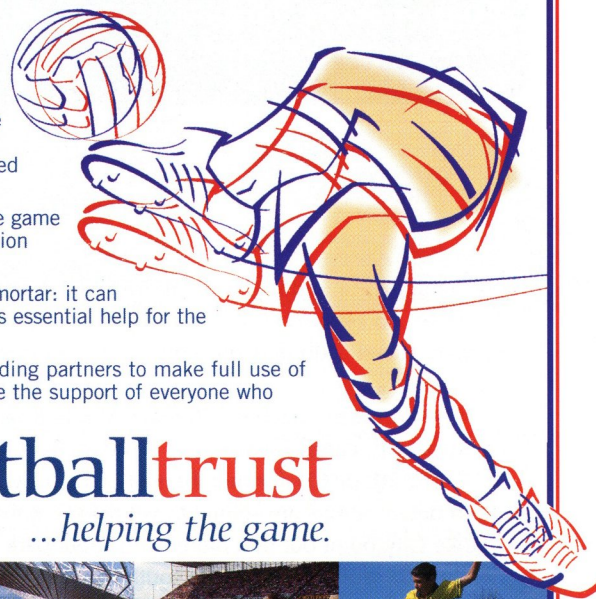
A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A. Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future.

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.

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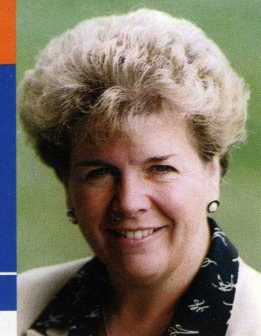
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ON A night when cup football holds the stage at Kenilworth Road, we are already looking forward to future knock-out tournaments in which we will be involved.

Next up for us will be the first round of the FA Cup, to be played on Saturday November 14, and we will give full details, including ticket arrangements, in Saturday's programme.

Before then, of course, we hope to have made progress in the Worthington Cup. Supporters will know by the end of this evening who has got through to the fourth round, because in this competition, until the semi-finals, all ties are one-off matches. If it is a draw at 90 minutes tonight, there is no question of a replay. An extra 30 minutes will be played, and if the teams are still level after that the tie will be decided on a penalty shoot-out. Tonight's winners can look forward to a fourth round match on Tuesday November 10 or Wednesday November 11.

This season is the second in which we are also involved in the Auto Windscreens Shield, another knock-out tournament which offers the prospect of a final appearance at Wembley.

The tournament is in two sections, north and south, to minimise travelling for clubs and supporters, and we were fortunate enough to be given a bye in the draw for the first round. Other byes in the Southern Section went to Brighton, Cambridge, Exeter, Fulham, Northampton, Southend and Torquay. We will be involved in the second round, but we must wait until after the first round has been completed, in the week beginning December 7, to know who our opponents will be.

The draw for the Southern Section first round is Shrewsbury v Wycombe, Walsall v Bristol Rovers, Swansea v Barnet, Millwall v Cardiff,

Brentford v Plymouth, Colchester v Gillingham, Bournemouth v Reading and Peterborough v Leyton Orient.

In the Northern Section byes were drawn by Carlisle, Chesterfield, Halifax, Lincoln, Rochdale, Scarborough, Scunthorpe and York. First round matches are Chester v Hartlepool, Macclesfield v Wrexham, Oldham v Darlington, Manchester City v Mansfield, Burnley v Preston, Rotherham v Wigan, Blackpool v Stoke and Notts County v Hull.

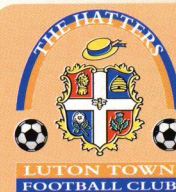
The second round brings together the last 16 in each section, with the regional system operating to find a finalist in each, with the two winners meeting at Wembley in the spring.

Sadly, our interest in the Times FA Youth Cup is over already. Our youth team was beaten by Colchester in the first round last week - see page 43 of tonight's matchday magazine for full details.

But we are still in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup after a mainly reserve side beat Brache Sparta 8-0 in the first round. The report is on page 42. We will be away to Arlesey in the second round, date and details to be confirmed shortly.

Meanwhile, we all hope that we can look forward to the draw for the next round of the Worthington Cup!

Cherry Newbery



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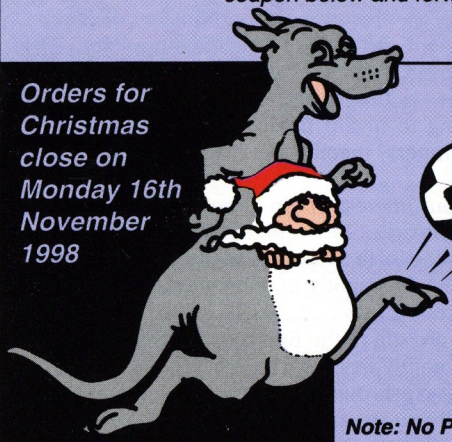
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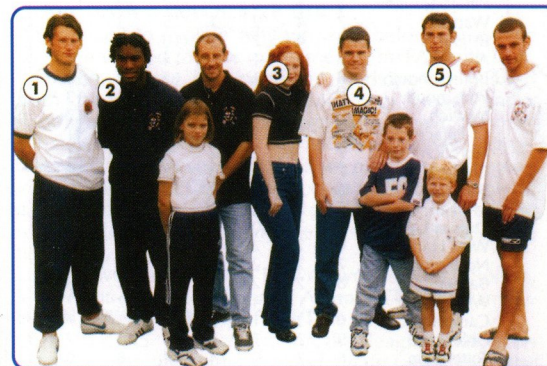
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Brache Sparta 0 Luton Town 8

ANDREW Fotiadis, who doesn't seem to like scoring his goals in singles, netted a hat-trick as we made professional class and fitness count in the first round of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

Our friends at Brache Sparta were not as bad as the score-line might suggest, but it was a night when we did a very professional job.

We were four up at the interval, and it might have been all too easy to take our foot off the pedal after that. Our half-time talk was about the need to keep pushing on, and the players responded.

Conditions were very heavy, but we stuck with the 11 who kicked off, without using any subs. Paul McLaren, on the way back after injury, was on the bench but we decided it was not the right occasion to play his first competitive football since the middle of August.

Gary Doherty, now a centre-half, played in attack for the first time this season and took the opportunity to score his first goals of the campaign, and for much of the game we were able to get four men up, two of them wide.

Our team went about its job in a good professional manner, and the goals came at regular intervals.

Doherty scored twice, and Kofi Nyamah and Herve Bacque were also on target, with an unlucky Brache defender putting one into his own net. Andre Scarlett was unfortunate not to be on the scoresheet, because he had a shot which brought an incredible save from the Brache goalkeeper.

A result like this should add to confidence, and it was certainly much better than a training session.

Fotiadis was wondering after the game if he should have the matchball to mark his hat-trick. Brache were ready to hand it over, but on behalf of the club we politely declined!

Luton Town: Abbey, Lawes, Willmott, Boyce, Clarke, Bacque, Scarlett, Davies, Nyamah, Doherty, Fotiadis.

We are away to Brentford tomorrow afternoon in the Avon Insurance Combination. Our next home game is a week tomorrow, when we meet Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.

Appearances (goals in brackets): Abbey 9 Akurang 1, Bacque 7 (1 + 1 pen), Boyce 7, Clarke 5, Cox 4, Davies 8, Doherty 6 (2), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 6 (7), Fraser 4 (1), Kandal 3 (2), Lawes 5, Lough 5, Lopez 1, McIndoe 1, McKoy 1, Minton 1, Nyamah 7 (2), Scarlett 8 (2), Showler 3, Sweeney 4, Thomas 2, White 4 (4), Willmott 8 (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
Milwall	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	Cambridge United	A	2-2
Wed 2 September	Portsmouth	A	3-2
Wed 16	Reading	H	3-0
Wed 23	Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30	Charlton Athletic	H	1-3
Wed 7 October	Millwall	H	1-1
Wed 14	Gillingham	A	2-1
Wed 21	Brache Sparta (BSC)	A	8-0
Wed 28	Brentford	A	
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H	2.00pm
Thur 19	Norwich City	A	
Wed 25	Ipswich Town	H	2.00pm
Tues 01	West Ham United	A	
Mon 07	Arsenal	A	
Mon 14	Colchester United	H	7.00pm
Mon 21	Tottenham Hotspur	H	7.00pm
Mon 04	Chelsea	A	
Mon 11	Wimbledon	H	7.00pm
Wed 20	Southampton	A	
Mon 01 February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	7.00pm
Wed 10	Fulham	A	
Mon 22	Barnet	H	7.00pm
Wed 10	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed 17	Wycombe Wanderers	H	2.00pm
Wed 31	Watford	A	
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H	2.00pm
Thur 15	Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21	Peterborough United	H	2.00pm

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SE Counties League

WE HAVE played Colchester twice in four days, suffering a very disappointing defeat in the Times FA Youth Cup, then gaining some measure of revenge by beating them in the South East Counties League to maintain our place on top of the table.

LUTON TOWN 0 COLCHESTER UTD 1

It is difficult to explain why we were below par on the night we wanted to raise our game for the FA Youth Cup. Perhaps we were over-confident. Perhaps we suffered from nerves, playing at Kenilworth Road under floodlights, and in front of an expectant crowd.

Whatever the reason, we did not do ourselves justice. Overall it was an even game, but we missed several good chances, with the Colchester keeper making a couple of good saves. And we paid the price of poor defending when Colchester snatched victory seven minutes from time.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Thomas, Jerry, Minton, McKoy, Kandal, Akurang (Tyson 88 mins).

LUTON TOWN 2 COLCHESTER UTD 0

CONDITIONS were awful for the league match on Saturday morning, with rain and a gale facing us in the first 45 minutes, when we found it almost impossible to get out of our own half. But we defended well, to keep a clean sheet, and we were always favourites to win after that.

We changed from a 4-4-2 to a 4-3-3 formation in the second half, and Matthew Taylor gave us the lead with a tremendous strike, hitting a clean low drive from well outside the box. The second goal was a bit of a freak - Daniel Tate, our goalkeeper, kicked upfield and as their defence pushed up the ball carried over them. The Colchester goalkeeper started to come for it, realised he was going to be beaten by the bounce, and back-pedalled furiously. The ball bounced over him, and hit the bar, and with their defence still stranded Duane Clarke tapped in from a range of a few inches with the Colchester goalkeeper still in the back of his net.

The result was well-deserved, against a Colchester team that was unchanged from the one that beat us in midweek. We were forced into changes, with Clifford Akurang suspended and three regulars out through injuries.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Moran, Minton (Carroll 75 mins), Hudson, Mentore, Tyson (Dollin 88 mins), Kandal.

We are at home again in the league on Saturday, against Southend, kick-off 11am at Luton RFC.

Youth team appearances (goals in brackets):

Akurang 13 (4), Ayres 12 (1), Carroll 2, Clarke 1 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 3 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 14, Hudson 1, Jerry 11, Kandal 13 (9), McKoy 12 (2), Mentore 2, Minton 14, Moran 7, Mortara 1, Orchard 1, Stirling 14 (1), Tate 14, Taylor 12 (2), Thomas 10 (1), Tyson 10 (2).

South East Counties League

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Luton Town	10	6	3	1	23	11	21
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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	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-2
Sat 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0
Sat 29	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A	3-0
Sat 07	Swindon (FJC)	H	2-0
Sat 12	Reading	H	2-2
Sat 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 26	Gillingham	H	2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A	3-0
Sat 10	Portsmouth	H	3-0
Sat 17	Cambridge United	A	4-0
Tue 21 October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	0-1
Sat 24	Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat 31	Southend United	H	
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A	
Sat 14	Barnet	H	
Sat 21	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat 28	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A	
Sat 12	Brentford	H	
Sat 02 January	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 09	Oxford United	H	
Sat 16	Reading	A	
Sat 23	Wycombe Wanderers	H	
Sat 30	Gillingham	A	
Sat 06 February	Leyton Orient	H	
Sat 13	Portsmouth	A	
Sat 20	Cambridge United	H	
Sat 27	Colchester United	A	
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A	
Sat 13	Swindon Town	H	



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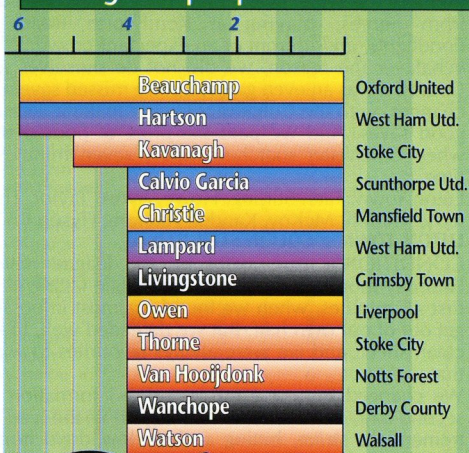
League Cup Finals 1961 - 1998

Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score	The Football League Cup
1961	Aston Villa	Rotherham Utd	0-2, 3-0 (aet)	
1962	Norwich City	Rochdale	3-0, 1-0	
1963	Birmingham City	Aston Villa	3-1, 0-0	
1964	Leicester City	Stoke City	1-1, 3-2	
1965	Chelsea	Leicester City	3-2, 0-0	
1966	West Bromwich A.	West Ham United	1-2, 4-1	
1967	Q.P.R.	West Bromwich A.	3-2	
1968	Leeds United	Arsenal	1-0	
1969	Swindon Town	Arsenal	3-1 (aet)	
1970	Manchester City	West Bromwich A.	2-1 (aet)	
1971	Tottenham H.	Aston Villa	2-0	
1972	Stoke City	Chelsea	2-1	
1973	Tottenham H.	Norwich City	1-0	
1974	Wolverhampton W.	Manchester C.	2-1	
1975	Aston Villa	Norwich City	1-0	
1976	Manchester C.	Newcastle United	2-1	
1977	Aston Villa	Everton	0-0, 1-1 (aet), 3-2 (aet)	
1978	Nottingham Forest	Liverpool	0-0 (aet), 1-0	
1979	Nottingham Forest	Southampton	3-2	
1980	Wolverhampton W.	Nottingham Forest	1-0	
1981	Liverpool	West Ham United	1-1 (aet), 2-1	
1982	Liverpool	Tottenham H.	3-1 (aet)	The Milk Cup
1983	Liverpool	Manchester United	2-1 (aet)	
1984	Liverpool	Everton	0-0 (aet), 1-0	
1985	Norwich City	Sunderland	1-0	
1986	Oxford United	Q.P.R.	3-0	
1987	Arsenal	Liverpool	2-1	The Littlewoods Cup
1988	Luton Town	Arsenal	3-2	
1989	Nottingham Forest	Luton Town	3-1	
1990	Nottingham Forest	Oldham Athletic	1-0	
1991	Sheffield Weds.	Manchester United	1-0	The Rumbelows League Cup
1992	Manchester United	Nottingham Forest	1-0	
1993	Arsenal	Sheffield Weds.	2-1	The Coca-Cola Cup
1994	Aston Villa	Manchester United	3-1	
1995	Liverpool	Bolton Wanderers	2-1	
1996	Aston Villa	Leeds United	3-0	
1997	Leicester City	Middlesbrough	1-1 (aet), 1-0 (aet)	
1998	Chelsea	Middlesbrough	2-0	

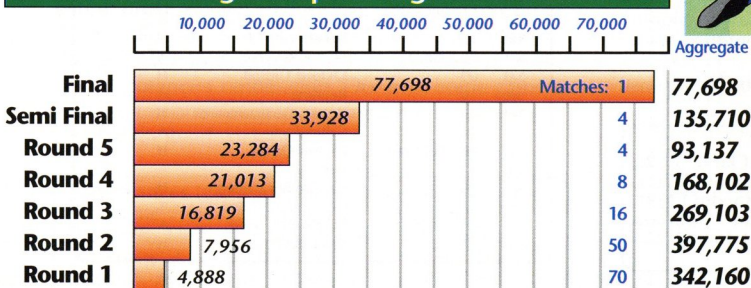
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League Cup Top Scorers 1997-98



1997-98 League Cup Average Attendances



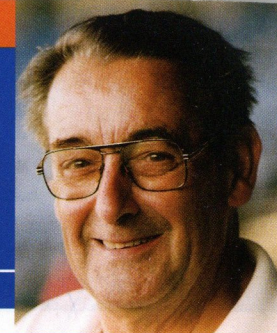
Aggregate
Total Att **1,483,685**
Games **153**
Average Att. per match **9,697**

The Milk Cup

Liverpool, Norwich and Oxford liked their pintas!



Brian Swain second division scene



THE SECOND Division league table made encouraging reading for us on Saturday morning. We went to Gillingham knowing that if we collected our fourth away win of the season, and Stoke and Preston got nothing better than draws we would be top.

Dream on... a couple of own goals helped our rivals pick up points while we were losing, and in the event Fulham also won, knocking us down a notch.

We had risen to third with last Tuesday's win over Northampton, on a night when Preston went top of the table for the first time this season by drawing 2-2 at home to lowly Macclesfield while Stoke were going down to their fourth defeat of the season, 1-0 at Bristol Rovers.

So Saturday kicked off with the Town just one point behind Preston and Stoke - Preston were top on goals scored - and all the optimists had to do was to cheer on the lads to victory at Gillingham and trust Northampton and Wigan to take at least a point off Preston and Stoke respectively.

Northampton did the business, but only just. Colin Hill, who accidentally deflected Graham Alexander's shot for our winner on Tuesday, netted a more obvious own goal to give Preston an early lead at Sixfields, but James Hunt drove in a 90th-minute equaliser.

Stoke beat Wigan at the Britannia Stadium with two goals in two minutes early in the second half, the second an own goal by Wigan's Gareth Griffiths. Stuart Barlow replied for Wigan.

To increase our pain, Fulham took over third place by crushing Walsall 4-1, with two of their goals

coming in the last 15 minutes. It put a dent in Walsall's promotion hopes - second at the beginning of this month, a run of only one win in four outings has dropped the Saddlers to fifth place.

Bournemouth are still in the play-off frame, and in former Town star Mark Stein have the Division's joint top scorer. He and Sean Goater of Bristol Rovers have both hit ten goals.

But Bournemouth were grateful for Saturday's terrible weather. They were away to Colchester and being beaten 3-1 at the interval, at which point the game was abandoned. Pity referee Lee Cable wasn't in charge at Priestfield!

Bournemouth gave a debut to Roger Boli, the French striker who played for Walsall last season. He went to Dundee Utd in the summer for £150,000, and the Scottish club has taken a £50,000 loss in two months.

Chesterfield, who come to Kenilworth Road on Saturday, are only a point adrift of the play-off zone despite having no match on Saturday. They were due at Blackpool, but the game was called off early because of the gales and rain. It leaves the Spireites with a run of five games without defeat.

Down at the bottom Wycombe are making a spirited bid for survival. They were eight points adrift of the safety line three weeks ago, without a single win from their first 12 outings. But they have won two and drawn one in what for them is a brilliant sequence, and although they are still bottom they are only three points behind 21st-placed Northampton.

Macclesfield are also on the up - after their very creditable draw at Deepdale on Tuesday they beat Burnley 2-1 at home on Saturday, to rise three places, to 20th.

Lincoln City took over bottom-but-one berth because their scheduled visit to York was another victim of the bad weather.

But they must be heartened by a 2-1 victory away to Manchester City last Tuesday, and the Maine Road fanatics are still being given very little to cheer about. City managed to lose at home again on Saturday, to Reading. The only goal was knocked in by Martin Williams, another ex-Luton man, who now has seven to his credit this season.

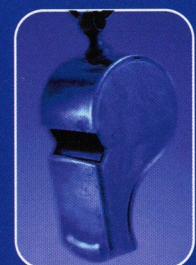
The Second Division

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Stoke	15	5	1	1	10	4	5	0	3	12	9	31
Preston	15	4	2	1	17	7	4	3	1	11	8	29
Fulham	13	4	2	1	14	7	4	1	1	6	3	27
Luton Town	15	5	1	1	9	2	3	2	3	11	11	27
Walsall	15	4	2	2	11	9	4	0	3	8	10	26
Bournemouth	14	4	3	0	13	5	2	2	3	7	8	23
Millwall	15	4	3	1	10	5	2	1	4	6	11	22
Chesterfield	14	6	0	1	10	3	0	4	3	1	6	22
Blackpool	14	4	1	2	12	8	2	2	3	7	11	21
Bristol Rov	15	5	3	0	14	5	0	3	4	4	10	21
Man City	15	3	3	2	11	7	2	3	2	7	9	21
Gillingham	15	4	2	2	14	7	0	6	1	8	9	20
Wrexham	15	5	2	2	13	9	0	3	3	2	10	20
York City	13	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	3	11	14	19
Burnley	15	3	3	1	8	6	1	2	5	10	12	17
Notts Co	15	2	2	3	9	9	2	3	3	9	11	17
Wigan	14	3	1	3	8	6	2	1	4	8	10	17
Reading	13	2	4	0	8	4	2	0	5	5	14	16
Colchester	14	2	1	3	4	8	2	3	3	9	11	16
Macclesfield	15	2	2	3	6	7	1	3	4	7	14	14
Northampton	15	1	5	1	9	9	1	2	5	6	10	13
Oldham	15	2	2	4	8	10	1	1	5	4	12	12
Lincoln	14	2	0	5	10	14	1	2	4	4	11	11
Wycombe	15	2	2	4	9	8	0	2	5	3	13	10

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 (S. Davis, 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	1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,602	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
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)									
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm						
TUES	01	DECEMBER	WC5								
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									



TONIGHTS REFEREE

ALTHOUGH this is his first visit to Kenilworth Road as a referee this season, Clive Wilkes of Gloucester is in charge of one of our Worthington Cup games for the second time. He officiated at The Manor Ground, Oxford, in August, in the second leg of the first round. A car trader, he is one of the country's most experienced referees, having started on his local parks in 1974. He was appointed to the Football League linesman's panel ten years later, and has been a league ref for eight years. He has been at Wembley three times to referee play-off finals, and for hobbies he says "All sports" as well as martial arts and conservation.

Substitutes											
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White				
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White				
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.				
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.				
S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	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	George	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	Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White				
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				
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett				
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren				

Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances					Goals				
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
Alexander	15	4	0	0	19	2	2p	0	0	4(2p)
Bacque	2(4)	1(2)	0	0	3(6)	0	0	0	0	0
Cox	2(2)	1(1)	0	0	3(3)	0	0	0	0	0
K. Davis	15	4	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
S. Davis	15	4	0	0	19	5	1	0	0	6
Douglas	13	3	0	0	16	4	2	0	0	6
Evers	15	4	0	0	19	2	1	0	0	3
Fotiadis	1(7)	1(1)	0	0	2(8)	0	1	0	0	1
Gray	14(1)	3	0	0	17(1)	4	1	0	0	5
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	13	4	0	0	17	0	1	0	0	1
Marshall	3(1)	3	0	0	6(1)	1	0	0	0	1
McGowan	11(1)	4	0	0	15(1)	0	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	7(2)	1(1)	0	0	8(3)	0	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	13(1)	1(1)	0	0	14(2)	1	0	0	0	1
McLaren	1	1(1)	0	0	2(1)	0	1	0	0	1
Scarlett	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	1	0	0	0	1
Spring	15	4	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	6(5)	1	0	0	7(5)	0	0	0	0	0
White	2(6)	0(1)	0	0	2(7)	0	0	0	0	0



Luton Town v Coventry City



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|------------------|-----|-----|------------------|
| Kelvin Davis | 1. | 1. | Magnus Hedman |
| Graham Alexander | 2. | 2. | Roland Nilsson |
| Mitchell Thomas | 3. | 3. | David Burrows |
| Matthew Spring | 4. | 5. | Richard Shaw |
| Steve Davis | 5. | 6. | Gary Breen |
| Marvin Johnson | 6. | 7. | Darren Huckerby |
| Sean Evers | 7. | 8. | Noel Whelan |
| Ray McKinnon | 8. | 9. | Dion Dublin |
| Stuart Douglas | 9. | 10. | Gary McAllister |
| Phil Gray | 10. | 11. | George Boateng |
| Gavin McGowan | 11. | 26. | Stephen Froggatt |
| Alan White | 12. | 12. | Paul Telfer |
| Andrew Fotiadis | 13. | 27. | Marc Edworthy |
| Tanny Abbey | 14. | 14. | Trond Soltvedt |
| Michael McIndoe | 15. | 4. | Paul Williams |
| | | 16. | Steve Ogrizovic |

Referee: Clive Wilkes, Gloucester
Assistants: G. L. Ives, Hornchurch (yellow flag)
P. A. Vosper, London (yellow & red flag)



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