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THE VERY narrow line that separates success from failure was rarely better seen than in the result at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday. We made a sluggish start and conceded two goals to the league leaders. We lost Mitchell Thomas with a head injury and had to reorganise, with Paul McLaren going on for his first league action since August and Gavin McGowan dropping back to take Thomas's place.

In the second half we looked every bit as good as Stoke - but where they had scored twice when they were on top, we had two worthy efforts, by Matthew Spring and Graham Alexander, kept out by a good goalkeeper and the crossbar. Steve Davis had a header cleared off the line from a corner, and to complete our misery Alexander was sent off with 20 minutes go by a referee who caused problems for himself.

In his second season as a Football League referee, Mick Jones of Chester made a lot of decisions which surprised both clubs. He managed to see 40 free kick offences, missed one or two more, and seemed to be very keen to show the yellow card. Alexander's first, for a sixth-minute foul on Bryan Small, was fair enough, but it was harsh to lose one of our best players on the day for his later challenge on Kyle Lightbourne. But the ref was not the reason we lost - overall, his decisions balanced out. And the game was, as Lennie Lawrence said later, "highly competitive."

Stoke manager Brian Little was well pleased to get a result against a team he saw as a major threat to his promotion ambitions. "It was a game that had everything," he said. "At 2-1 to us we were getting nervous. I felt Luton could get another goal, even though overall we could have won by more."

Both teams seemed to be hyped up for a game which offered Stoke the chance to extend the gap over one of the rivals they respect. We wanted a win to cut the deficit between us and Stoke to one point. The upshot was that we had a match of high endeavour, crunching tackles, difficult decisions for a ref, and ultimately a cruel final twist as Stoke's margin was exaggerated by an injury-time third goal.

It was fitting that Stuart Douglas should be our scorer: his pace and growing strength on the ball was always a problem for Stoke, but they too had a striker of some menace in Kyle Lightbourne.

We were hit by sod's law after only four minutes, when David Oldfield scored his first goal for his new club. We were victims of the best weapon he possesses, and which we should have known about, the quick burst into space. He was not closed down, and expertly despatched the chance from Kevin Keen's pass.

Kelvin Davis saved us with a one-on-one stop when Lightbourne should have scored four minutes later, but by 36 minutes we were two down, Richard Forsyth taking retribution for more indecisive defending, this time from a cross which was knocked down in the area by Peter Thorne.

After that, the game flew back and forth at some speed, with both defences looking jittery, and both goalkeepers doing well. The loss of Thomas, to have stitches in his forehead, failed to unsettle us, but for all our pressure early in the second half a goal would not come. Spring's header was brilliantly tipped onto the bar by Carl Muggleton, and after Davis made an excellent save to prevent Marvin Johnson registering an OG, Steve Davis saw his header cleared off the line and Alexander brought the best out of Muggleton with a rasping 25-yarder.

The dismissal of the fullback did little to stop the Town pressing forward, but all we had to show for it was Douglas's seventh goal of the season ten minutes from time.

Stoke were pushed back for most of the rest of the game, but caught us stretched in stoppage time, and Lightbourne's header was, it has to be said, real quality, even if it did make the result flattering to Stoke, and unkind to us.



BEST FEET
FORWARD: Stuart Douglas in action at Stoke, where he scored our goal. Sadly, it was too late to affect the result.

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PENALTY, REF! One of several that was not given, as Phil Gray tumbled under a challenge by Phil Robinson.

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: K. Davis, Alexander, Thomas (McLaren 43 mins), Spring (Doherty 70 mins), S. Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas, Gray, McGowan. Unused sub: White.

Booked: Alexander 6 mins, S. Davis 20, Gray 63, Alexander and sent off, 70, McLaren 90,

Stoke City: Muggleton, Short, (MacKenzie 90 mins), Small (Whittle 85 mins), Sigurdsson, Robinson, Woods, Keen, Forsyth (Wallace 79), Thorne, Lightbourne, Oldfield

Booked: Thorne 8 mins, Small 14, Woods 46, Lightbourne 51.

The goals: 1-0 4 minutes: David Oldfield, like Kevin Keen who provided the pass, given too much space for a low drive across the face of goal; 2-0 36 mins: Richard Forsyth, shot on the turn from a knock-down by Peter Thorne; 2-1 80 mins: Stuart Douglas pouncing in a crowded area from a knock-down by Gary Doherty; 3-1 stoppage time: Karl Lightbourne header, from a diagonal cross by Steve Woods.

Referee: Mick Jones, Chester
Attendance: 12,964 including 1,584 from Luton.



SURELY THIS ONE IS: Well not, actually. The Town were sure Robinson handled to save a goal as the ball bounced down after Matthew Spring's header hit the bar and Stuart Douglas tried to cash in.

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Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



NICELY BALANCED: Stuart Douglas knocks in his seventh goal of the season.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: Steve Davis up with the Town attack. He too was subject of loud penalty appeals, with Stoke sure he had handled in the box. From the Press gallery view, they seemed to have a point.



OUT OF LUCK: Ray McKinnon fires off a shot which was deflected wide.



SUB RISES: Gary Doherty well above the opposition in his first league appearance of the season.

IT'S GOOD to be back on our own park again tonight, and involved in a cup-tie which offers both teams a glorious opportunity to reach the last eight.

It is a pleasant diversion from the major prize we seek, and defeat at Stoke on Saturday underlines the need to be consistent in the league.

It was a thrilling, full-blooded encounter which we lost somewhat unfortunately to one of the best teams we have played this season. We defended indifferently early on, but the last hour centred around our fight back in which we pinned Stoke back and made several chances. But we couldn't score until the 80th minute. Who knows what might have happened if we had got a goal earlier? Stoke were the best counter-attacking team I have seen in our league this season and they too created several chances on the break, as supporters were served up a full measure of entertainment. It was just tarnished a little by some inept decisions and a very debatable sending-off. It was a highly competitive match, but never cynical or dirty. Both teams warmed down on the pitch afterwards, and there was no bad blood between them. David Oldfield, for one, enjoyed the crack!

The serious result of Saturday's events is that we will now lose Steve Davis and Graham Alexander for the match at Lincoln on Saturday week. But we have two cup-ties before then, and we are focused on them.

It's a pleasure to welcome Barnsley tonight, especially their management partnership. John Hendrie was with me at Middlesbrough, when we reached the semi-final of this competition, and Peter Shirliff was my captain at Charlton when we had a good run in the cup there.

No doubt when the draw was made Barnsley's preference would have been Luton at home, to avoid the big guns of the Premiership. As the only Second Division club left in, we had similar thoughts, but Barnsley start the tie tonight as favourites.

I think it will be a close game, and the requirement is the same as it was for Oxford, Ipswich and Coventry: we must be at our very best, and hope the opposition is not. If we do not play to the best

of our ability, we will struggle. Just because we have beaten teams from higher divisions already does not make tonight's challenge any easier.

We will have contrasting problems in the games tonight and at Boreham Wood on Sunday: Barnsley are the Goliath team tonight, and we are the David, trying to upset the odds. The roles will be reversed on Sunday. At Boreham Wood we will have everything to lose, and nothing to gain. And we don't kid ourselves about why the game has been chosen for live TV - it's because of the possibility of a shock result. We must be professional enough to ensure we don't slip on that particular banana skin.

A good win tonight would put us in the right frame of mind, and we know we are capable of doing well. This must be the best chance we have had in the last ten years of reaching the quarter-finals, and it's up to us all to grab the opportunity. I include the supporters in that - we have been delighted to give you something to cheer about after all the troubles we endured a year ago. Together, we can, with a little bit of fortune, enjoy another happy occasion tonight. Most of all, I hope we all enjoy the game.



Lennie Lawrence

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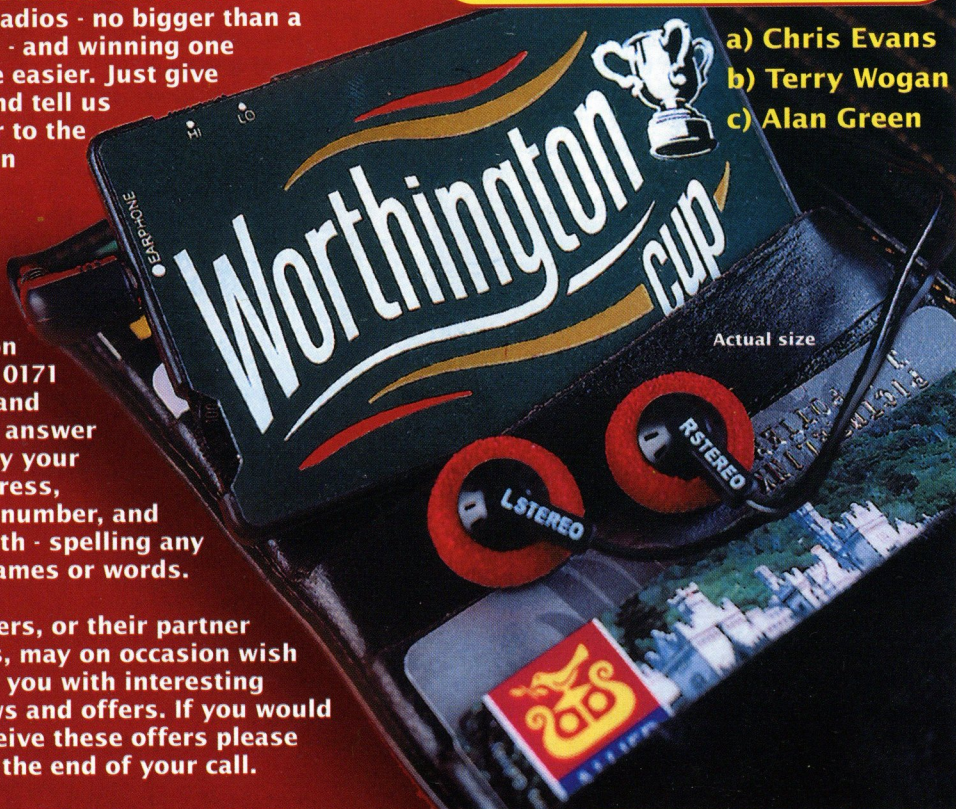
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Steve Davis

captain's log



Before the game at Stoke we enjoyed a mini-break, to recharge our batteries, due to the postponement of the Chesterfield match. During that time, we trained hard, with ballwork, some stamina circuits, and also some weights.

Between that lot, as promised by the chairman, we had another afternoon at the Daytona go-kart circuit. Conditions were difficult due to a slippery, slidey track, plus the fact that it was under floodlights, which made it very interesting.

After the ten-minute warm-up I was on pole position, with Gav second. Unfortunately Gav just hasn't got it, and despite a brave effort from Spider McKinnon, who was fifth on the grid, I was unchallenged, and scooped another gold medal. More importantly it was ten more championship points, leaving me 12 ahead on the overall standings.

The man I feared most, Mitch, finished sixth. If you remember I said to Marv last time that you get nowt for finishing fourth. Well, Marv, you definitely get nowt for finishing tenth! Whitey propped up everybody by spending more time off the track than on it... Having won two out of two, I am now looking forward to the next instalment.

We are back on the cup trail tonight after a disappointing result at Stoke, although I am sure that was a good game to watch for the neutral, if there were any in the ground. It started badly when Dave scored their first goal. I cannot understand why he was booed during the game, but there you go.

Kelv made a couple of good saves later on to keep us in it, and in the second half after Stuart notched his

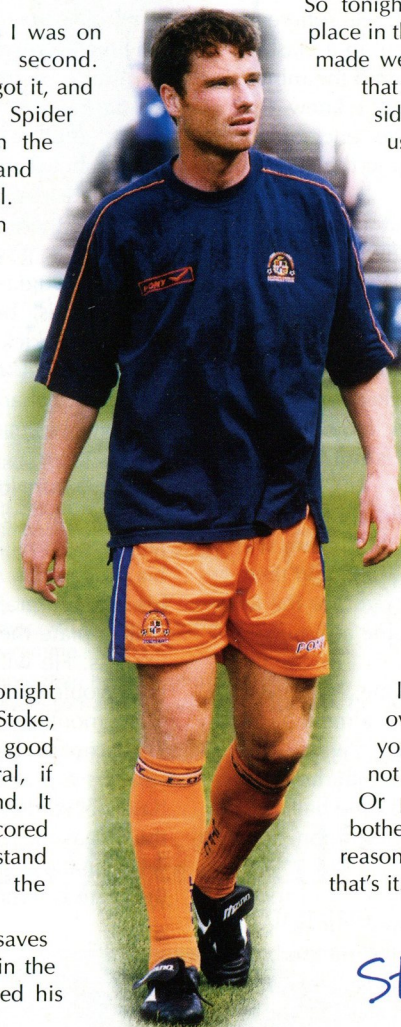
seventh of the season I think we were unlucky not to grab an equaliser.

Anyway, Saturday's game has gone and there is no point in dwelling on it. But I do hope we don't get that referee again!

So tonight we entertain Barnsley for a place in the last eight. After the draw was made we were all a little disappointed that we hadn't got one of the bigger sides left in the cup. But this gives us a real chance of progressing. I expect the Barnsley lads feel the same way.

If we can reproduce our form against Coventry, or indeed what we have shown throughout this competition, we have a chance of going through, and then who knows what could happen? Obviously your vocal support is vital, and as I have said many times we will try to do our best on the pitch.

Finally, you will see these notes have been written by me again, and not Paul McLaren. I didn't receive one letter asking for Macca to take over the column for a week, so you must think that what I write is not as boring as Macca thinks it is! Or perhaps you just couldn't be bothered to write in! Whatever the reason, you're stuck with me, and that's it.



Steve Davis



Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

THE TREATMENT room was a lot busier than usual yesterday following our very competitive match at Stoke on Saturday.



Mitchell Thomas

Our biggest problem is over Mitchell Thomas, who has been fighting an uphill battle to be fit to play tonight. He suffered a nasty cut in a clash of heads, and the minute I saw it I knew that was the end of his interest in the game at Stoke.

The cut is in a very awkward place, right across the bridge of the nose and close to his eye. We put in five stitches, and he was still a little dazed while that was being done, and had a headache for some time afterwards. It could have been worse - if he had been knocked out Mitch would not be allowed to play football for a fortnight, but fortunately that is not the case here.

Even so, we will be very careful about risking him tonight. My feeling is that the stitches will have to stay in until later this week, and there is every chance he will be all right for the FA



Ray McKinnon

Cup game at Boreham Wood. In the meantime, he can train almost as normal, with the proviso that he must not head the ball.

Ray McKinnon was another in the treatment room yesterday for a calf strain. It's not too bad, and in fact his first thought was that it was

cramp. It happened in the first half at Stoke, but he got through the game OK. I don't think it is a particularly serious strain, and yesterday it was a case of seeing how it responded to treatment. Hopefully, it will not rule him out of tonight's match.

Gavin McGowan was another with a headache on Saturday night after a head injury, but I do not anticipate any real problems there.

The same goes for Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis, both of whom got kicked on the ankle. They are both tough characters, and will be ready to play tonight if the boss selects them.

Two of our longer-term injured men are making varying degrees of progress. Julian James has now had another operation to heal his broken leg. A piece of bone was taken off his hip and grafted onto the fractured fibula, with a plate then added to assist the healing process. He will be in plaster for six weeks, but I would expect the plate to be left in for up to six months.

That's not as bad as it sounds: Liam George still has a plate in the leg he broke, and we have decided to leave it there until the end of the season. He is doing well with rehabilitation, and could play again before the plate is removed.



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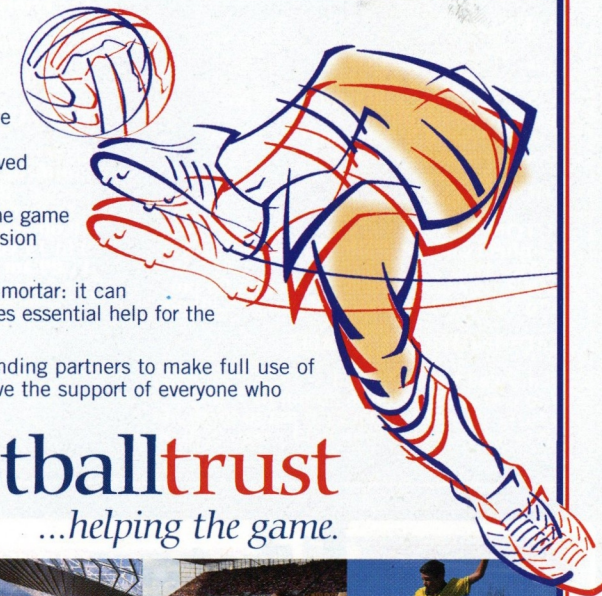
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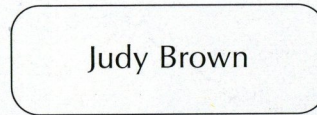
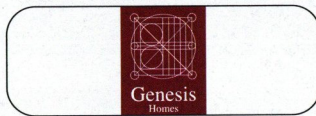
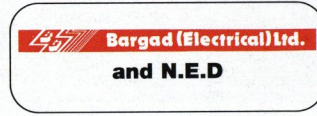
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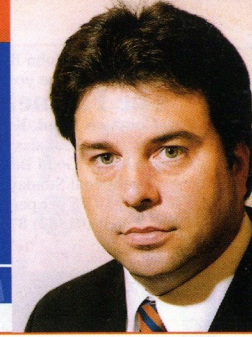


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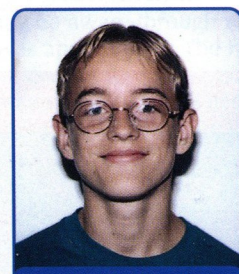
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Brett Mead

Brett also likes playing rugby, hockey, badminton and tennis. He comes to matches with his mum, brother Marc and sister Coral, and we hope they all enjoy themselves tonight. Tonight's ball sponsor is Critical Research Ltd, of Luton, and we welcome them and their guests to Kenilworth Road. They are good supporters of Luton Town, because they sponsor our youth team - a case of one winning team backing another!

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It was a real jackpot when Ian McCaskie won the Golden Gamble at the Coventry cup-tie - the prize of £560 was the highest we have paid out this season. He is pictured with sales and marketing manager Jacqueline Parker who, along with John Bailey, works in the commercial department raising money for the club. We run the draw at every match, and the stake is a pound, half of which goes into the prize fund and half to the club. We have sellers in all parts of the ground who will be pleased to offer you the chance to go home with a bundle of cash in your pocket.



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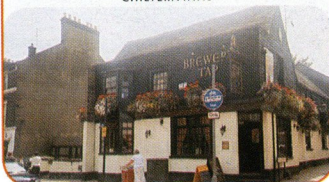


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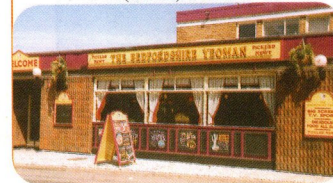
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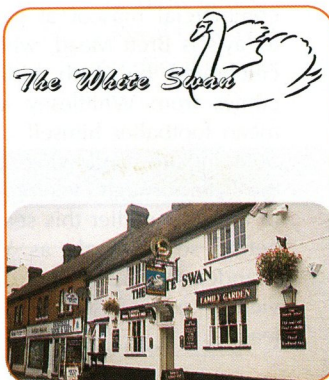
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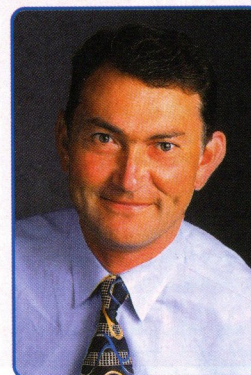


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As you may be aware through various interviews and comments in the media, I was appointed as The Football League's Chief Executive at the end of last season.

As a supporter who has travelled the length and breadth of the country supporting football outside the top flight all my life, it is a great honour to lead this prestigious and important organisation.

From the start of the season until the beginning of October, I had already seen half of the 72 sides in the Nationwide Football League and by Christmas I aim to have watched all our clubs in action.

Almost 14 million fans - 22% and almost 3 million more than the Premier League - flooded through our turnstiles last season and I am delighted to say that the enduring attraction of the World's Original League Football Competition continues.

Attendances are once again showing an increase and we are on course for the thirteenth consecutive rise in gates. This goes to show that fans all around the country continue to be impressed with the wealth of talent on show every week in our magnificent stadia.

We are currently enjoying our Centenary Championship Season in The Football League and I am delighted to say that every club is embracing these celebrations in the form of special initiatives for their fans and the 'Local Hero' scheme in which I know you have all been involved.

One issue which may have caught your notice in the media over the last few weeks was the coverage of The Football League's 'Pay Per View' experiment.

Although the matter was reported upon accurately in the press, I want to let you know personally what The Football League's position is on this very important issue.

Between Christmas and the end of the season, we plan to use six or seven matches on a pay per view basis. These matches will be selected on the basis of supply not being able to meet demand - for example, large and better supported sides travelling to clubs with smaller capacities.

By 'dipping our toe in the water' not only can we flush out any hidden problems with pay per view but we also give The Football League the best platform for the future.

This initiative is designed to give The Football League as much information as possible on this very important issue for the next time we enter into negotiations on television rights.

We are embarking on this experiment on behalf of you and your club. We have to be in the best position to secure your club's long term financial future when we enter into our next television agreement.

There will be no dilution of the number or quality of matches that are currently broadcast on Sky and fans will be given the choice of whether they wish to receive these additional matches.

I believe that The Football League, its 72 clubs and their supporters are moving forward together in a very positive direction. We, along with our clubs, are working tirelessly on your behalf and you are obviously enjoying the product that we are putting before you every week.

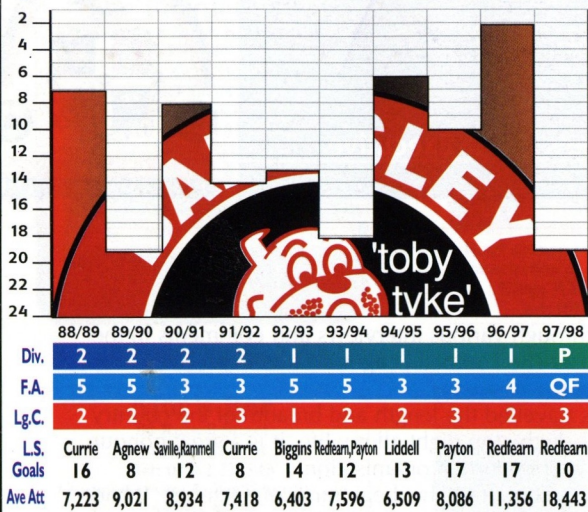
The Football League becomes more and more attractive because of the principles we hold dear. We are affordable, we are accessible, we are local and we also recognise how important the fans are to our nation's largest league.

This is your league and this is your game. Together we will continue to keep it great!

Richard Scudamore

Chief Executive
The Football League

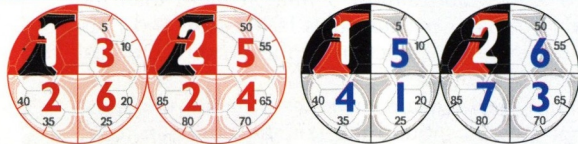
Barnsley's last ten years - the full record



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

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gls					
Darren Barnard	D	16	1	26	5.6	12.00	Bristol City	Eng Sch
Arjan De Zeeuw	D	15	2	28	6.1	13.04	Telstar	
Ashley Ward	F	15	10	27	6.2	13.09	Derby	
Matty Appleby	D	14		26	5.7	12.01	Barnsley	
Adrian Moses	D	13		23	5.10	12.02		Eng U21
Martin Bullock	M	12(3)	1	23	5.4	10.00	Eastwood Town	
Nicky Eaden	D	11(2)		25	5.8	12.08		
Kevin Richardson	M	10		35	5.7	11.07	Southampton	England
Sean McClare	M	9(6)	2	20	5.9	11.06		
Robbie van der Laan	M	9(1)	1	30	6.0	13.08	Derby	
Chris Morgan	D	9		20	5.10	12.09		
Jan-Aage Fjortoft	F	8(10)	3	31	6.2	14.00	Sheff Utd	Norway
Darren Sheridan	M	8(5)	1	30	5.4	11.05	Winsford Utd	
Lars Leese	G	8		29	6.3	14.07	Leverkusen	
Scott Jones	D	7(1)		23	5.10	12.08		
John Hendrie	F	6(2)	1	35	5.7	12.08	Middlesbrough	Scot Yth
David Watson	G	6		24	5.11	12.12		Eng U21
Tony Bullock	G	4		26	6.1	12.13	Leek	
Bruce Dyer	F	4		23	5.11	11.03	Palace	Eng U21
Eric Tinkler	M	4		28	6.2	12.03	Cagliari	S Africa
Andrew Liddell	F	3(5)		25	5.6	11.06		Scot U21
Alan Moore	M	3		23	5.9	11.06	on loan from Middlesbrough	
Clint Marcelle	M	2(3)		29	5.4	10.00	Felgueiras	Trin&Tob
Georgi Hristov	F	2		22	6.0	12.03	Partizan Belgrade	Macedonia
Paul Bagshaw	F			19	5.7	12.02		
Ales Krizan	D			27	5.8	12.12	Branik Maribor	Slovenia
Peter Markstedt	D			26	5.9	14.00	SK Vasteraas	Sweden U21

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



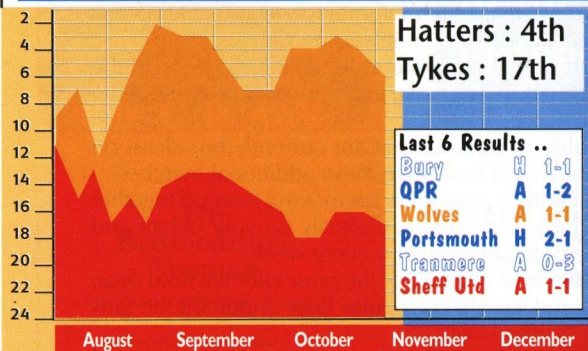
BARNLEY'S BAD BOYS

- De Zeeuw...4
- Appleby...3
- Barnard...3
- Dyer...3
- Jones S...3
- Morgan...3
- Sheridan...3
- Bullock M 2
- Eaden...2
- Moses...2
- Richardson 2

HATTERS' HARD MEN

- McGowan...6
- Davis S...4
- George...2
- Gray...2
- Johnson...2
- McKinnon...2
- Alexander...1
- Douglas...1
- Evers...1
- McIndoe...1
- McLaren...1

League Positions throughout the season



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

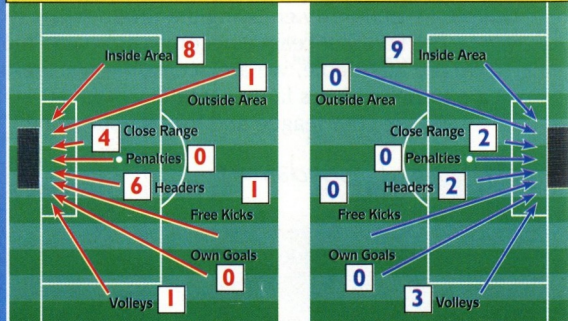


Hatters v Tykes

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	3	1	2	10	8	10	LLWWDW
Barnsley	1	3	2	6	9	6	DLDWLD

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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



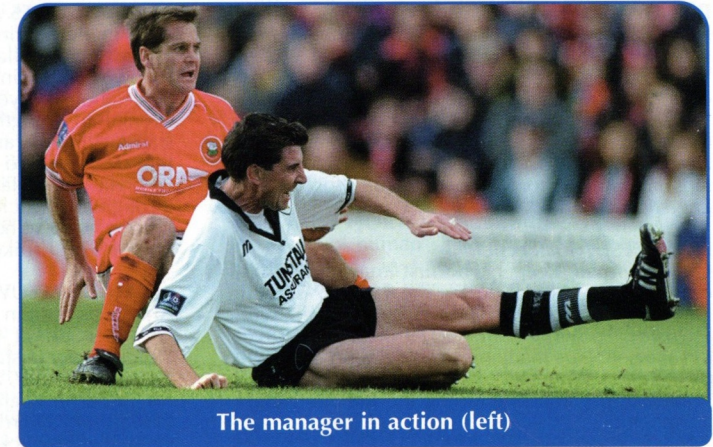
Barnsley

welcome to tonight's visitors

JOHN HENDRIE (Player/Manager)

Born: 24/10/63

Became an instant hero at Oakwell when he proved to be the catalyst for the promotion push of 1996-97, bagging 16 goals from 38 games and being voted the supporters' "Player of the Year" in his first season with the club. Signed from Middlesbrough for £250,000 in October 1996, after previously serving Coventry City, Hereford United, Bradford City, Newcastle United and Leeds. His experience at the top level was a valuable asset in the club's Premier League debut season, with John himself grabbing two unforgettable goals in the now-legendary FA Cup tussles with Manchester United.



The manager in action (left)

The mercurial Scottish striker has been a favourite and an inspiration wherever he has played, in a long and varied career which has encompassed over 500 League games and 117 League goals (including 16 goals in 51 games for the Reds). John took over as player/manager in July 1998 after Danny Wilson's departure, and inherited a team with a reputation for playing open, attacking football.

PETER SHIRTLIFF (Assistant Manager)

Born: 6/4/61

A veteran of well over 500 League games during 20 seasons in football, Peter assumed the role of John Hendrie's assistant in summer 1998. He had previously been the coach of Barnsley's reserve side, who he guided to promotion last year. Peter started with home-town club Sheffield Wednesday aged just 17, before moving south to join Charlton Athletic in 1986. He skippered Charlton for three seasons before returning to Hillsborough for a £500,000 fee - and going on to claim a League Cup Winners' medal. The commanding and rugged centre-half also served Wolves for a time before transferring back to his native Yorkshire in 1995 where he became a respected figure at Oakwell, lending invaluable experience to the promotion push of 1996-97.



KEVIN RICHARDSON



ASHLEY WARD

DAVID WATSON (Goalkeeper)

A local boy who joined the club straight from school, David has represented England at various Youth levels, and also won several England U-21 caps. He broke into the Reds first team in 1992-93, and has since gone on to establish himself in the number one jersey, earning many plaudits for an excellent first season in the Premiership. A real fans favourite who is tipped to play for the full England side one day.

LARS LEESE (Goalkeeper)

Giant German 'keeper who first impressed whilst on a trial at Oakwell during the 1996-97 season. He was signed the following summer with Barnsley paying out £275,000 to Bayer Leverkusen. Lars made his Reds debut in a 2-1 win over Bolton Wanderers and went on to figure in 9 Premiership games, including the famous victory at Anfield.

NICKY EADEN (Defender)

A Barnsley lad, Nicky fulfilled a lifelong ambition when he signed for the Reds after taking 'A' Levels. He made his senior debut at the end of the 1992-93 campaign, and went on to make the right-back spot his own the following year. Dependable and tough-tackling, Nicky has flourished as both an orthodox full-back and in the more advanced wing-back position.

DARREN BARNARD (Defender)

Former Chelsea man recruited from Bristol City for £750,000 just days before the start of the Premiership campaign. Darren quickly settled at Oakwell, catching the eye with some assured displays. A swashbuckling left wing-back, he is a competent defender - but really excels when bursting into opposition territory to produce a telling cross or unleash a fierce effort on goal. Scored one of the goals of last season to knock Spurs out of the FA Cup.

SCOTT JONES (Defender)

Became an overnight hero after his two goals disposed of Manchester United in last season's titanic FA Cup replay. Versatile and with a good touch on the ball, Scott served Notts County on loan and almost moved to Mansfield before returning to play in 13 games last term. What he lacks in inches he makes up for in bravery.

ALES KRIZAN (Defender)

Rangy left-footer Ales was signed last summer from Slovenian outfit Maribor Branik for £310,000. He had been their captain for five years, and was also a regular in Slovenia's national side, with over 30 caps to his name. Able to operate either at full-back or in the centre of defence.

ADRIAN MOSES (Defender)

Adie made his first-team debut in an FA Cup tie against Aston Villa in 1994 and kept his place the following week in a 3-1 victory over Luton Town. Since then the young centre-half has gone from strength to strength, securing a regular place in the starting line-up and sustaining the kind of form that led to two England U-21 caps, against Georgia and Poland. Visibly grew in confidence throughout the club's first season in the Premier League, where he stifled the threat of some of Europe's best strikers.

ARJAN DE ZEEUW (Defender)

Arjan was born in a small village called Castricum on the coast of Holland. He was signed from Dutch side Telstar for a bargain £200,000 in November 1995, and made an impressive start to his career in England, winning Oakwell's "Player of the Year" award in his first season. The cool and classy centre-back was also impressive during the promotion campaign of 1996-97, and acquitted himself well in the Premier League for good measure.

CHRIS MORGAN (Defender)

Brought into the first team last season, Chris settled quickly and produced a series of mature performances which belied his tender years. Fiercely committed, powerful in the air and with a biting tackle, he is earmarked as an Oakwell star of the future.

PETER MARKSTEDT (Defender)

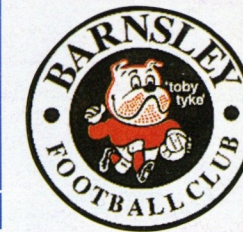
Tall, imposing centre-back bought from Swedish club SK Vasteraas for £250,000 just prior to last Christmas. Dogged by injury through the year, he nevertheless impressed when fit. Made a superb debut in the win over Liverpool.

MATTHEW APPLEBY (Defender)

Started with home-town club Newcastle United but really blossomed after a move to neighbours Darlington. Matty's performances at the Feethams Ground began attracting the attention of bigger clubs, with the Reds eventually pipping rivals Sheffield United for his signature. The ball-playing sweeper was an integral part of the promotion-winning side but found his chances to impress limited in the top flight.

KEVIN RICHARDSON (Midfield)

This former England international has made over 500 League appearances in his seven-club career with Everton, Watford, Arsenal, Real Sociedad, Aston Villa, Coventry City and Southampton. He has won many honours including the League Championship and the FA Cup, and amazingly, 1998-99 will be the first time he has ever played outside the top division. Kevin joined Barnsley in



July 1998 as one of John Hendrie's first signings as manager.

DARREN SHERIDAN (Midfield)

Came into the professional game late after playing non-League football with Winsford United in the HFS Loans League. A tenacious competitor with a sweet left foot, Darren started as a trainee with Leeds United but was not offered a contract at Elland Road. He joined the Reds in the summer of 1993 and has been a valuable member of the squad ever since. Darren is the brother of former Ireland international John.

ERIC TINKLER (Midfield)

A South African cap who made his international debut against Australia in 1994, Eric was captured from Italian side Cagliari for a then-record fee of £650,000 last summer. Previously with Vitoria Setubal of Portugal, Eric found his opportunities to impress at Oakwell hampered by niggling injuries but will be hoping for better this time. Narrowly missed out on being part of South Africa's squad for France '98.

ROBIN VAN DER LAAN (Midfield)

Robin was one of John Hendrie's first signings, from Derby County in July 1998. During his spell with the Rams he was the club captain, and in 1996 scored the vital goal that helped Derby secure promotion to the Premiership. Before his transfer to Derby in the summer of 1995, this influential Dutchman had also played for Port Vale.

MARTIN BULLOCK (Midfield)

Nippy winger Martin was signed from non-League Eastwood Town in September 1993. He made just one first team appearance during his debut season, but clocked up 29 appearances the following year and has never looked back. Nimble, tricky and with electric pace he terrorised Premiership fullbacks during 1997-98 and has begun to mature into an outstanding player.

CLINT MARCELLE (Midfield)

Current member of the Trinidad and Tobago national side (alongside Dwight Yorke) who joined the Reds in 1996 from Portuguese outfit Felgueiras. With 30 international caps to his name, great things were expected of Clint and he soon caught the imagination with some lively performances. He scored on his debut at West Bromwich Albion, and also netted one of the priceless goals against Bradford City in April 1997 which clinched promotion to the Premier League. Used mainly as sub last term.

ASHLEY WARD (Forward)

Ashley was captured from Derby County for £1.3

million in September 1997. Soon became extremely popular with supporters due to his prodigious work-rate and enviable strike ratio, scoring 10 goals last season and creating many others. Full of energy, powerful in the air and a natural in front of goal, it's easy to see why Danny Wilson described the former Crewe Alexandra and Norwich City centre-forward as "possibly the best signing I've ever made".

JAN AAGE FJORTOFT (Forward)

An ice-cool hitman signed from Sheffield United for £800,000 in January this year, Norwegian international Jan was quick to endear himself to the Barnsley faithful. Opening his account for the club with a header against Everton in only his third game for the Reds, Jan proceeded to rattle home 6 goals in just 13 starts. He and Ashley Ward make up a formidable partnership.

GEORGI HRISTOV (Forward)

Signed during the summer of 1997 for a club record fee of £1.5 million, Georgi is a lively and dynamic young attacker with a vast amount of potential. He previously played for Partizan Belgrade, whom he had helped to win the Yugoslav title for the third consecutive year. A proven goalscorer in his homeland (having been capped almost 20 times already by Macedonia) Georgi struggled to adapt to the English game on his arrival but 5 goals from just 12 starts showed that he had soon settled and will be a real threat this year.

ANDY LIDDELL (Forward)

This Player Joined Wigan Athletic on Thursday 15 October 1998. Intelligent and unselfish front runner who turned professional with the club in 1991. Often utilised to good effect when coming off the bench later in games, Andy is an alert, mobile alert striker who has scored his share of important goals for the club. Has represented Scotland at U-21 level on numerous occasions and has been on the verge of breaking into the full Scottish squad for some time.

BRUCE DYER (Forward)

Signed in October 1998 from Crystal Palace, Bruce has played for England at Under 21 level and made over 150 appearances for Crystal Palace in the four years that he was with them. Bruce was originally signed by Crystal Palace from Watford, where he had begun his career as a schoolboy, and cost them £1 million. He was Palaces' top scorer the last time they were in the First Division, and also during their 1997/98 season in the Premier League.

David Kohler



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Town Fans on holiday



TOWN fans come in all shapes and sizes, and while this family group was not on foreign soil the picture was too good to reject. It shows Kevin Odell with son Luke, who is four, and daughter Carly, who is two, with the Littlewoods Cup at the Match of the Day live show. Kevin and Luke watch home games from the Kenilworth upper tier, and tonight seems as good a time as any to revive memories of the Littlewoods Cup and Wembley 1988. Winning the Worthington Cup in 1999 would give us just as much pleasure!

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 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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News

Hatters On Card

Chix Confectionery Co - Famous Footballers, second series, 1956

AFTER the bubble-gum craze caught on in this country in the mid-1950s, several sweet manufacturers produced football cards in an effort to induce youngsters to buy their products. One such company was the Slough firm of Chix Confectionery Ltd, who produced three sets of "Famous Footballers" between 1954 and 1958.

In the second of these 48-card sets, on card number 36, there is a fine action study of probably Luton's finest captain, Syd Owen.

The cards, which featured an excellent photographic shot of each subject in full colour, were slightly narrower than the normal bubble-gum issues of that era.

The reverse of the cards gave brief details of the featured player. In Syd Owen's case it spoke of him being chosen for England honours "rather late" and the card's biography added "Holds the Luton side together from the centre-half position" and older supporters will agree that this was certainly no exaggeration.

After joining the Town from Birmingham in 1947, Owen originally occupied the left-half position, but soon took over the central role before being made captain in 1951.

Owen was chosen as a member of England's World Cup squad of 1954 - when Luton were still a Second Division side - and played in the opening match in Basle, a 4-4 draw against Belgium. But injury cost Syd his place, and allowed Billy Wright to make the England No. 5 shirt his own.

Although Syd was not called up for the full national team again, he did lead FA tours to the West Indies and South Africa, enhancing his reputation not only as an excellent defender, but also as a true sportsman. He was also an entertaining after-dinner speaker.

He also, of course, led Luton into the First Division for the first time in our history, in 1955, and in 1959 was afforded the supreme accolade of Footballer of the Year, chosen by the Football Writers Association. This came the night before Syd's last match, the FA Cup Final at Wembley. Alas, as we all know, those spoilsports from Nottingham ruined his farewell party. It was Syd's 415th senior game for Luton.

Stories of his dedication to physical fitness and training are legendary. Even on end-of-season tours, when discipline was relaxed, Syd would be up with the lark and going through his normal routines while many of his team-mates were returning to the hotel after a night out!

After a brief spell as Luton's manager, Syd became a coach at Leeds for several years, and still lives in Yorkshire in retirement.

Surprisingly, he did not feature on many other cards, certainly not in comparison to contemporaries such as Ron Baynham, Gordon Turner and Bob Morton. Coincidentally, Turner appears in Chix's third series of Famous Footballers, issued in 1958, along with Reg Pearce.

Examples of all these Chix gum cards are becoming increasingly difficult to find in good condition, and now cost around £2.50 each.



By Alan Robinson

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Marvin Johnson

Born: Wembley, 29.10.68

Previous clubs: None

Debut: Everton (A) 16.2.88

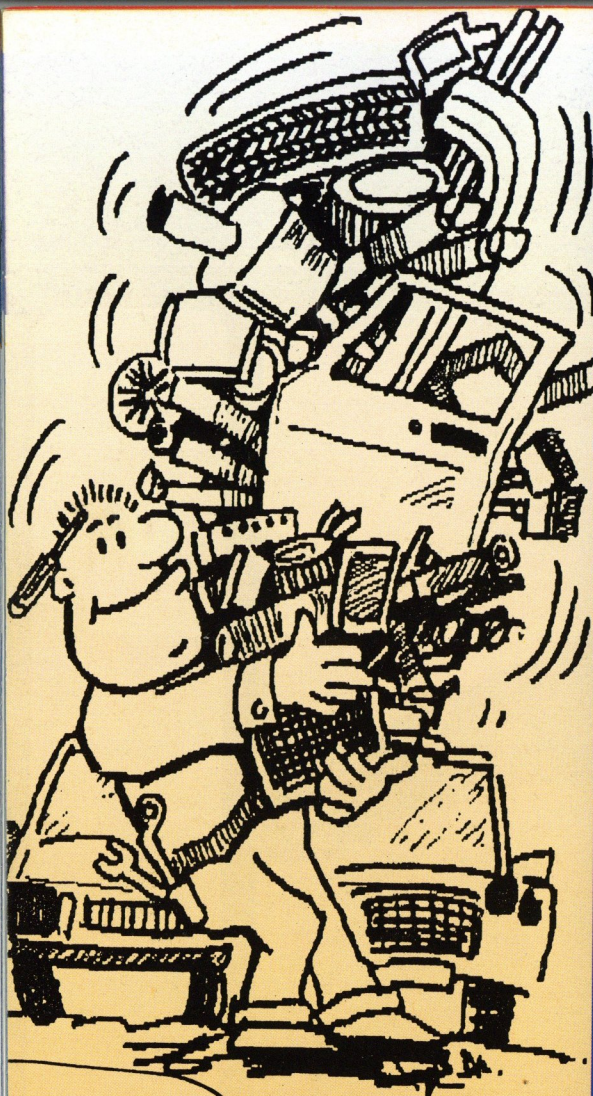
Luton Town Record to Nov 6: 324 appearances, 9 goals



Autograph

Top Hatters Gallery

Marvin Johnson



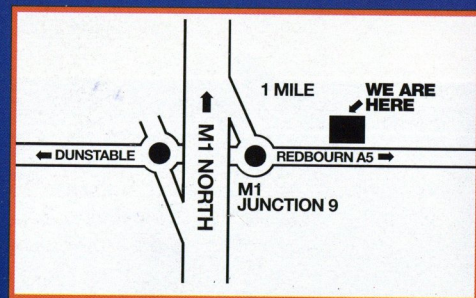
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It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

10th November 1951
Luton Town 5 Sheffield Wednesday 3

After two seasons of struggle in the old Division Two the Luton Town youth policy was beginning to bear fruit and by the time of the visit of Sheffield Wednesday both teams were in the top six.

A crowd of 19091 turned up to see an end to end thriller with Town skipper and centre-half Syd Owen up against the Owls' new scoring sensation Derek Dooley and his inside forwards Jackie Sewell and Albert Quixall.

Roy Davies opened the scoring for the Town, however, before Owen put through his own net and Dooley nodded the Owls in front.

Back came the Town with goals from Bert Mitchell, Bob Morton and Jack Taylor, who had previously missed three gilt edged chances, before Dooley pulled one back. The goalscoring was completed and the game made safe when winger Mitchell netted his second with two minutes to go.

10th November 1973
Luton Town 2 Bolton 1

The Town had gone three games without a win as they struggled to regain the early season form that had seen them shooting up the table. When top scorer Barry Butlin had to leave the field after 32 minutes with a broken jaw the Town's chances seemed to go with him especially as Neil Whatmore put the Trotters into a shock lead five minutes later.

A lifeline was thrown their way early in the second half, however, but John Aston saw his spot kick saved by Bolton goalkeeper Barry Siddall. Soon after, the Town won another penalty but this time Jim Ryan managed to score from the rebound after Siddall pushed his kick against a post.

The scoring was completed just before the end of an eventful game when Don McAllister obligingly put through his own net to secure a fortunate Town victory.

10th November 1979
Luton Town 1 Q.P.R. 1

Early season table toppers Luton, faced one of their sternest challenges when Rangers, who also had eyes on promotion, visited Kenilworth Road. Watched by the biggest crowd at Kenilworth Road for three years, as well as England manager Ron Greenwood, the Town roared into attack but had only one goal to show for their efforts when Mike Saxby headed in Paul Price's free kick deep into first half injury time.

Poor back passes from Rangers centre half Steve Wicks early in the second period let in David Moss and Brian Stein but neither was able to take full advantage. As so often happens, the team under siege breaks out to score with Clive Allen firing an equaliser after 64 minutes. Rangers then enjoyed an equal share of the play as the game ebbed and flowed to an eventual stalemate.



The Town players successfully appeal for a penalty during the clash with Bolton at Kenilworth Road in November 1973.

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

Cup clashes against tonight's opponents have been few and far between in the past, with only two meetings in the F.A.Cup and one in the Football League Cup to show in our respective histories.

Our first meeting took place in 1933 as we were embarking on the most successful F.A.Cup run in our history at that point. We had eased past non-League Kingstonian, after a replay, in Round One and then pulled off a fighting victory at Stockport of Division Three (North) at the next stage in the competition.

Our reward was another trip north to meet Barnsley, also of Division Three (North) who, because they had only suffered relegation the season before, had been excused until Round Three.

In a tough match, in front of Oakwell's highest crowd of the season of 15106, the Hatters were involved in a 'backs to the wall' job and managed a 0-0 draw. In the replay the following Wednesday two goals from Andy Rennie secured a 2-0 victory and pushed the Town into previously uncharted territory and a chance to take on one of the big boys. As it turned out the Hatters were paired with Second Division Tottenham at Kenilworth Road and in one of the shocks of the day managed to win through 2-0 without the goalscoring skills of Andy Rennie who was injured. The honours that day went to Tom Alderson and Tom Tait who sent the crowd of 17213 wild.

In Round Five the Town had to travel to Halifax and, in front of a record Shay crowd of 29325, and having to suffer a blizzard, goals from Jack Nelson and Tait secured another famous 2-0 win.

The cup run unfortunately ended rather abruptly in the quarter-finals where Everton of Division One, who included the great Dixie Dean, proved far too powerful and were easy

6-0 winners. The Town's only consolation was a share of the 55431 Goodison Park gate. First game.

Luton: Harford, Kingham, Mackey, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Tait, Rennie, Alderson, Roberts.

Barnsley: Ellis, Richards, Shotton, Lax, Henderson, Whitworth, Ashton, Smith, Wallbanks, Andrews, Archibald.

Second game.

Luton: Unchanged.

Barnsley: Lockie for Henderson.

The next clash took place in the F.A.Cup in 1961 at a time when the Town were beginning their downward spiral through the divisions. Only two seasons before the Hatters had appeared in the F.A.Cup final at Wembley but since that momentous occasion matters had gone from bad to worse on the football pitch. Relegated from Division One in 1960 the team was expected to bounce back first time but had struggled at their new level. The only saving grace was an extended Cup run.

In Round Three, Northampton had been beaten 4-0 in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 26220 with Gordon Turner, who scored twice, in inspired form. First Division Manchester City were next in line and at a soggy Kenilworth Road Denis Law knocked in six goals before the referee called the players off with 20 minutes left to play.

The referee had originally intended to call the players off only until the rain had eased but the Luton team, showing admirable speed of thought, jumped straight into the bath leaving the poor official with little option but to abandon the match. City were leading 6-2 when the match was abandoned so according to the unwritten rules of perverse football results the Town quite predictably won the replay 3-1!



Marvin Johnson goes for goal during Barnsley's last league visit to Kenilworth Road in April 1996.

Barnsley of Division Three, at Oakwell, was the Town's reward in Round Five and a crowd of 32923 gathered to see Jim Fleming and Alec Ashworth both go close in the opening ten minutes. Gradually, though, the Tykes gained the upper hand and with centre-half Duncan Sharp holding Luton dangerman Turner, started to push forward.

Ken Oliver and Bert Tindill each headed against the woodwork for the home side but the Town seemed to have taken the lead when David Noake netted, only for the linesman to spot Turner lurking in an offside position.

The goal that Barnsley deserved on the run of play came on 68 minutes when Jackie Lunn, controlling a long ball from Billy Houghton cleverly lobbed Jim Standen in the Luton goal. Despite a desperate late Hatters rally, Barnsley managed to hold on to win through to the quarter finals for the first time since 1936.

Luton: Standen, Dunne, Bramwell, Morton, Kelly, Groves, Noake, Ashworth, Turner, Brown, Fleming.

Barnsley: Williams, Swift, Brookes, Wood, Sharp, Houghton, Smillie, Bartlett, Tindill, Oliver, Lunn.

The Town had a quick chance to avenge the

defeat when they were paired together with Barnsley in the League Cup competition in October 1962. The Tykes had a talented young team at the time and were looked on as favourites against a Luton side that was propping up Division Two.

A best of the season crowd of 10335 were present at Oakwell to see Barnsley of Division Three put the Luton defence under a lot of pressure but ex-England goalkeeper Ron Baynham was in inspired form.

The Town took a shock lead after ten minutes when Turner's shot was parried by Tykes goalkeeper Alan Hill but the veteran forward was first to the rebound. The lead was doubled on 27 minutes when Mike Fairchild headed home from a corner and, although Tony Leighton reduced the deficit soon after half time, Baynham and his defence held firm and eased through to the next round where they went down 0-1 to Manchester City at Maine Road.

Luton: Baynham, McNally, Bramwell, Morton, Pacey, McGuffie, Fairchild, Fleming, Turner, Jardine, Walden.

Barnsley: Hill, Hopper, Brookes, Nicol, Winstanley, Wood, Hosie, Kerr, Leighton, Oliver, O'Hara.

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Junior Hatters

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WELCOME to all young supporters for another big cup-tie at Kenilworth Road - we hope it will be as exciting, and with the same results, as the other Worthington Cup games have been this season.

Those who went to Stoke had a good day out, and thanks to all those who came to support the team.

The FA Cup draw sending us to Boreham Wood means that we have to wait until the end of the month for our next home match, unless there is a cup replay, but already interest is building up for the visit of Manchester City. Our Saturday Club is the ideal start to the day's entertainment, costing £5 for season ticket holders and £9 for others. Lunch is included, and all young supporters are invited to join in by becoming Junior Hatters.

Meanwhile, enjoy tonight's game.



The football was a wash-out when the game against Chesterfield had to be postponed, but five-year-old Thomas Finch, mascot for the day, still managed to meet the important personalities around Kenilworth Road, including Happy Harry.



William Kemp, from Flitwick, was the lucky mascot for the Junior Hatters at the cup-tie with Coventry City, and is pictured before kick-off, with the captains and officials. We're sorry the Coventry City mascot didn't have so much to cheer about on the night, but hope he too enjoyed his visit to Luton.

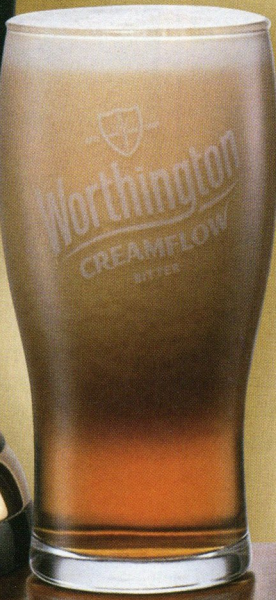


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grateful indeed, when local company Murtagh Demolition came to our rescue with one very expensive item - sponsorship of the track suits and travelling suits for the young players. The lads are pictured showing off their new gear at St. Christopher's School, Letchworth. Like the club they are all very grateful for the generosity of a company which supports Luton Town in a very effective manner. Thanks from all of us.

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FA Cup Tickets and Travel



BOREHAM WOOD v LUTON TOWN Sunday November 15, kick-off 1pm

We have a small allocation of tickets, seats at £16, with no concessions, terracing at £10, or £7 for junior and senior citizens. Sales are to personal callers only to the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

Sales up until kick-off time tonight are restricted to season ticket holders and members only, one per person, and subject to availability. Cup voucher D applies to season ticket holders.

Any tickets left after tonight will go on general sale tomorrow at 10am. If a replay is needed it will be at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday November 24, kick-off 7.45pm.

Tickets would go on sale on Monday November 16, at normal matchday prices. Season ticket holders would have their seats reserved until November 19. Cup voucher E would apply.

If there is a replay, ticket office opening hours would be extended: 10 am until 8pm each day between Monday November 16 and Friday November 20, 10-4 on Saturday November 21, 10-2 on Sunday November 22, 10-8 on Monday November 23, and 10 until kick-off time on Tuesday November 24.

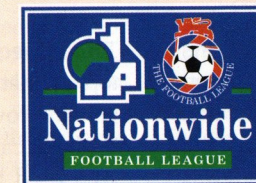
Additionally, from Monday November 16 to Friday November 20 the ticket office phone lines, on Luton 416976, would remain open until 10pm. Tickets can be purchased by post, personal visit, or telephone.

Prices: Main Stand A-E £17, concessions £8.50. Block F £13.50, concessions £7. Block G £9, concessions £6. Main Stand Enclosure C-G £13.50, concessions £7. Enclosure blocks A, B, H & J £8.50, concessions £6. Kenilworth Stand £13.50, concessions £7. New stand £17, concessions £8.50.

Travel

Elstree and Borehamwood station, on the Thameslink rail line from Luton, is a 10-minute walk from Meadow Park, home of Boreham Wood FC. There are various road routes for a journey which is about 15 miles each way. You can use the M1 and M10, or the A5, or the A1. For Sunday we recommend leaving Luton on M1 and then taking the M25 east to junction 23 at South Mimms. Take the A1 south towards London for about five miles. Take the turning off the A1 which is signposted Borehamwood, taking you back over the A1. Follow the signs to the town centre. Go straight across two mini-roundabouts, and at the large roundabout take the second exit, into Brook Road. The ground is about 200 yards on the right. There is a council car park in Brook Road, but it may be more convenient to use the Hertsmere Council car park just before you reach the roundabout to turn into Brook Road.

League Tickets



LINCOLN CITY v LUTON TOWN Saturday November 21, kick-off 3pm

Admission to Sincil Bank is pay on the day only, and for away supporters it is terracing only. The cost is £13 for adults, £8 for junior and senior citizens.

LUTON TOWN v MANCHESTER CITY Saturday November 28, 3 pm.

Please note that this match is ALL TICKET for ALL SUPPORTERS, with none being sold on the day of the match. Tickets are now on sale. Discounted prices for early booking apply until Saturday next, November 14, after which normal matchday prices apply.

POSTPONED MATCH LUTON TOWN v CHESTERFIELD

Arrangements for ticket holders

Season ticket holders: Voucher 8 is now void. Please use voucher 9 for the Manchester City match.

Ticket holders: You can either retain tickets for the re-arranged date, or collect a refund, but it must be claimed before the re-arranged match takes place.

Travel

The Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are both running trips to Lincoln on Saturday week, and tickets can be bought from their kiosks at Kenilworth Road tonight. The Town on Tour trip will leave Maple Road car park at 11 am, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway at 11.20. The fare is £11 for adults who are members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £12.50 for adult non-members and £8.50 for under-16s and senior citizens.

The Bobbers Travel Club is charging £10 for adults, and £8 for junior and senior citizens. Its service begins at Cranfield at 10 am, calling at Marston-Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick and Westoning. The top end of Kenilworth Road is the Luton pick-up point, and all passengers must be members of the Bobbers Travel Club. If you are driving to Lincoln, it's about 110 miles each way from Luton. Go to the A1, which you can join at Stevenage, or Baldock, or via Shefford, and head north. Leave at the junction with the A46 and follow the signs towards Lincoln. At 9.4 miles after leaving the A1 you reach a roundabout. Take the third exit, on the A1434, signposted Lincoln South. After 4.3 miles, get into the left hand lane to join the A57, signposted to the city centre and Worksop. Go straight on at the roundabout to drive into the High Street. Move to the outside lane, and go straight on at traffic lights, then take the next on the right, which is Scorer Street, and then first right into Sincil Bank.

Local Legend Gordon Turner

GORDON Turner is the fans' choice as the Luton Legend, the name which has been forwarded to the Football League as our choice for the national Hall of Fame list to mark the League's centenary. In a poll ran through this magazine and by BBC Three Counties Radio and the Luton News, our record goalscorer was a clear winner. Mick Harford was second, just ahead of Malcom Macdonald and Ricky Hill, who tied for third place.

The full list shows that the Town have had more than their share of players who might rightly be called legends, with 18 nominated. A surprise was that Joe Payne was not mentioned, presumably because there are fewer supporters who remember him, or his 10-goals-in-a-match record, set in 1936.

The full list, with the percentage of votes, was: Gordon Turner 21.5, Mick Harford 14.2, Malcolm Macdonald and Ricky Hill 12.8, Syd Owen and John Moore 5.7 Bob Morton and Bernard Streten 4.2, Ron Baynham, Jesse Pye, Graham French, Steve Foster all 2.8, and Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Terry Branston, David Moss, Kirk Stephens and Steve Davis all 1.4. Turner, whose goals helped drive the Town into the First Division for the first time, was deadly anywhere within 20 yards of goal, scoring 243 times in 406 games between 1949 and 1964. It was a privilege to watch him, and an even greater one of this writer to get to know him after he retired. It still hurts to remember him being struck down by illness, and dead at the age of only 46.

Thanks are due to all supporters who helped make the choice, and especially those who added a few lines to explain their reasons. Typical was a note from Reg Clark, of Spurway Gardens, Combe Martin, North Devon.

Turner's record, he said, spoke for itself, but on top of that he was a loyal clubman with a genuine love of Luton Town. "Why never an England cap?" he asked. So did many of us who used to watch from the open terrace at Kenilworth Road! We also asked about why Gordon was denied his rightful place in our FA Cup final team of 1959 - Elton John's uncle would never have a winner's medal to ease the pain of his broken leg if Turner had been there! Other players also drew praise and fond memories, and we will try to include some of their fans' letters in a future matchday magazine.



News We Want Our Dome!

THERE is a simmering air of anger and frustration around Kenilworth Road as we wait for the final decision on the plan for our new stadium. If fans are upset, you can imagine how much more galling it is for the club, particularly the directors, who are having to shore up our parlous financial position.

We all know that Luton Town can never hope to make ends meet at Kenilworth Road without raising money from off-the-pitch activities. Sadly, as has always been the case right back to the days of Billy Bingham and Malcolm Macdonald, that means player sales.

When the new dome is built, with its versatile facilities and associated amenities, we might at long last have a chance of competing in football on a level playing field. But why are we waiting? Someone must know - but no-one's telling. No wonder patience is in danger of wearing very thin in the boardroom. We've done our best and spent a not very small fortune on the planning saga. Why have we been treated like this? Think about all the other new stadia that have been built: at Middlesbrough, for instance, they put in their planning application after we put in ours. They've been playing in their new Riverside arena since we rang down the curtain at Ayresome Park's final match, in May 1995!

There is a feeling of helplessness as our scheme stays in the bowels of a planning and government machine that appears to have gummed up completely.

The club had hoped to recruit supporters at the last home game for a gentle but telling protest demo. Placards bearing a No. 4 were given out, and we had made sure Press and TV cameras would get the message when thousands were brandished all round the ground.

Alas, it did not happen because of the weather. The Football League might be pleased that we had nothing more dramatic in mind. One suggestion turned down was that we might lock both teams in the changing room before kick-off and not let them out until the game had been delayed by four minutes. It would have made the headlines to draw attention to our case, but might have detracted from the day's enjoyment for our friends and supporters.

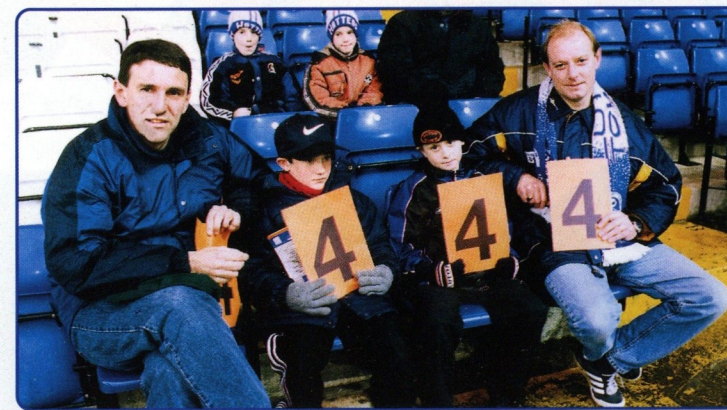
The reason the figure four was chosen is simple. It has been a four-year delay in getting a decision. There are four main issues: Why, if we have one of the worst grounds in the country?

Why, if our plan was unanimously approved by Luton Borough Council?

Why, if the public enquiry inspector recommended permission be granted?

Why, if the club is prepared to accept a smaller capacity until the M1 has been widened?

We know from feedback from supporters they share our frustration and resentment. But we still believe it will happen. And we will keep up the pressure to try to make it happen as soon as possible.



Fans in support - ready to ask the four questions about the four-year delay.



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It was very disappointing for everyone that the match against Chesterfield was postponed so late, but the weather of late has been so erratic that you can never be sure, and that was the message we were putting out all morning - the pitch was playable providing conditions did not deteriorate.

As you will know, they did. The referee was here at 11.30 am, and continually checked the pitch. At 1.30, gate-opening time, there was still no real problem.

But the rain got worse, and both managers agreed with the referee that he had little choice when the final decision was made. As always, it's down to the match referee to make the judgement, and Mr Leake thought that if the game went ahead there was a real risk that players could suffer serious injury. In view of the day's weather forecast, his judgement was that even if the game started there was little prospect of it being completed.

The game has still not been re-arranged, but we will let you know about a new date as soon as we have it. Meanwhile please see page 39 for details of match ticket refunds. The important thing for season ticket holders to note is that the next league match, for the visit of Manchester City, goes to voucher 9 - voucher 8 is now void.

The great success of the team has placed enormous pressure on all other areas of the club, and I know supporters have been very frustrated at not getting through to the ticket office. We have extended the opening hours and deployed extra staff, and to prevent

problems in future we are looking at upgrading the ticket office telephone system. Please remember that normally, depending on the match, you can post in your order, and it will be processed within 24 hours of receipt. We have also extended the ticket office opening hours for the sale of Boreham Wood FA Cup tickets - see page 34 for details.

TOMORROW sees the youth team in action at Kenilworth Road (7pm) in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup against Northampton. Entry, via Kenilworth Road only, is £3 for adults, concessions £1.50.

DUE TO unforeseen circumstances, Watford have a free reserve match date tomorrow, so we have agreed to bring forward our Avon Insurance Combination fixture against them, scheduled for March 31 next year, to tomorrow evening. It kicks off at 7.30 at Northwood FC.

FINALLY, our thanks to all supporters who gave to the local poppy appeal last week. At the time of writing I have no final figure as to how much was raised, but I will let you know in due course.

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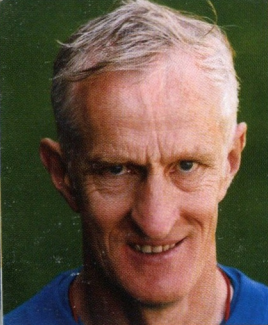
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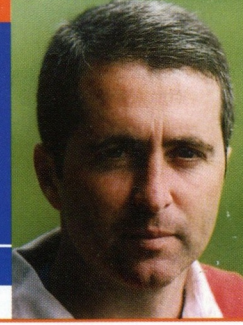
John Moore & Trevor Hartley

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Luton Town 1 Crystal Palace 3

BECAUSE Kenilworth Road was still very wet, we switched our home game in the Avon Combination to Palace's training ground, but suffered our second defeat of the season on a day when we should have won by a big margin.

You can look at it in one of two different ways: rarely have so many chances been squandered in one match, and that obviously gives us cause for concern.

But the good thing was that we made the chances - if they were not being created, that might be a bigger problem.

A further plus point was that Paul McLaren came through another 90 minutes, his second for the reserves, scored our goal, and confirmed that he was fit enough to be included in the league squad preparing for the trip to Stoke.

We should have been four up before Crystal Palace scored, and while it is disappointing to concede three goals, for only the second time this season, we did quite well in building attacks. We could easily have come off the field with eight goals of our own.

McLaren's left-foot drive brought our goal from one of the most difficult chances of the lot, very well taken after Palace struggled to clear a cross. But we were already three down at the time.

We fielded quite a young side, against a home team that was worth more than £10million - Palace included Lee Bradbury, who has just joined from Manchester City for well over £1million. Our view was that it was a poor result for us, but a promising performance.

For the record, it was still a home game for us, despite the fact it was played in south London. We were grateful to Palace for getting the game on, even if we did not intend to be so generous to them on the pitch!

Luton Town: Abbey, Clarke (Boyce 65 mins), Nyamah, McLaren, Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Davies (Bacque 70 mins), Cox, Fotiadis (Sylla 65 mins), McIndoe

Brentford 2 Luton Town 2

MISSED chances were also the story of our endeavours against Brentford last week, in a game where McLaren started his comeback and put in 90 minutes to give his knee a thorough testing. Defenders showed the strikers the way to goal - both ours came from centre-backs, Gary Doherty and Alan White, who is averaging a goal a game. Illness forced him out of the team at Crystal Palace, but he's sure we would have won there if he had been playing!

Luton Town: Abbey, Willmott, Nyamah, McLaren, Doherty, White, Scarlett, Bacque (Lawes 70 mins), Fotiadis, Davies, Sylla (Clarke 70 mins). Unused sub: Boyce.

IN THE second round of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup, we have been drawn away to Kempston Rovers next Monday, November 16, kick-off 7.30. Next up in the Avon Combination is Norwich away on the following Thursday.

Appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):
Abbey 11, Akurang 1, Bacque 9 (1 + 1 pen), Boyce 8, Clarke 7, Cox 5, Davies 10, Doherty 8 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 8 (7), Fraser 4 (1), Kandol 3 (2), Lawes 6, Lough 5, Lopez 1, McIndoe 2, McKoy 1, McLaren 2(1), Minton 1, Nyamah 9 (2), Scarlett 10 (2), Showler 3, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Thomas 2, White 5 (5), Willmott 10 (1).

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Peterborough	9	6	0	3	21	12	18
Luton Town	9	5	3	1	19	12	18
Watford	8	5	2	1	20	5	17
Ipswich	9	4	3	2	15	13	15
Norwich	9	4	3	2	7	5	15
Brighton	9	4	2	3	10	16	14
Arsenal	7	4	1	2	15	7	13
Portsmouth	8	4	1	3	14	14	13
Bournemouth	9	4	1	4	15	16	13
Chelsea	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Fulham	7	3	3	1	14	7	12
Tottenham	8	4	0	4	11	10	12
C. Palace	10	3	2	5	24	24	11
Barnet	9	3	2	4	13	23	11
West Ham	7	2	3	2	11	9	9
Milwall	7	2	3	2	9	7	9
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Colchester	10	2	1	7	9	21	7
Brentford	7	1	3	3	10	13	6
Gillingham	8	1	2	5	6	15	5
Swindon	8	1	1	6	7	16	4
Wycombe	8	1	1	6	6	18	4

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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	2-2
Wed 04	November	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Thur 19		Norwich City	A	
Wed 25		Ipswich Town	H	2.00pm
Tues 01	December	West Ham United	A	
Mon 07		Arsenal	A	
Mon 14		Colchester United	H	7.00pm
Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	H	7.00pm
Mon 04	January	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	March	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

SE Counties League

Swindon 0 Luton Town 1

TWO more victories have kept us clear at the top of the South East Counties League, and the latest was down to a good professional performance in difficult conditions. We included three schoolboys against a strong home team, and had to fight for the points.

Swindon passed the ball well, and in the first half, when we were facing a strong wind, we had to defend well. But for all their possession, Swindon were not allowed to create clear chances.

We edged the second half, and got the winner seven minutes after the interval. Moses Jerry played a corner to the back post, and James Ayres and Tresor Kandol both went for it. TK got the decisive header, for his tenth goal of the season.

We came under a lot of pressure in the closing stages, but Ayres and Darren Howe gave good protection to goalkeeper Daniel Tate.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling (Moran 50 mins), Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Mansell, Minton, Hudson, Jerry, Clarke (Carroll 55 mins), Kandol. Unused sub Ward.

Luton Town 3 Southend Utd 1

OUR scout in Gloucester, Stuart White, could hardly have asked for more with the latest boy he has brought to us. He is the man responsible for Jimmy Cox joining us, and Lee Mansell, another schoolboy from Gloucester, made his South East Counties League debut for us against Southend, played well, and scored a very good goal, with a sharp volley.

He is on associate schoolboy forms with us, and spent a week in digs here during the half-term holiday, and his league debut was the perfect way to finish off the experience. An own goal and a strike by Delroy McKoy completed a good win, on a day goalkeeper Scott Ward enjoyed - he too was making his league debut after being out since the start of the season with an elbow injury.

Luton Town: Ward, Stirling (Plant 55 mins) Taylor, Hudson, Ayres, Howe, Moran, Minton (McKoy 60 mins), Kandol, Tyson, (Jerry 45 mins), Mansell.

Tomorrow evening Northampton face us at Kenilworth Road (7pm) in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. Entry will be via the Kenilworth Road end only. On Saturday we entertain Barnet in the South East Counties League, at Luton RFC, kick-off 11 am.

Youth team appearances, including as subs

(goals in brackets):
Akurang 13 (4), Ayres 14 (1), Carroll 3, Clarke 2(2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 3 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 16, Hudson 3, Jerry 13, Kandol 15 (10), Mansell 2(1), McKoy 13 (3), Mentore 2, Minton 16, Moran 9, Mortara 1, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 16 (1), Tate 15, Taylor 14 (2), Thomas 10 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 1.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	13	9	3	1	32	12	30
Brentford	12	6	3	3	25	15	21
Bristol Rovers	13	5	4	4	24	19	19
Wycombe	12	5	4	3	16	16	19
Bournemouth	11	6	1	4	14	16	19
Brighton	11	5	3	3	18	16	18
Reading	13	4	6	3	18	17	18
Oxford	13	5	3	5	14	18	18
Portsmouth	13	4	5	4	18	19	17
L. Orient	12	4	4	4	17	17	16
Barnet	12	4	3	5	8	10	15
Swindon	13	4	3	6	14	17	15
Cambridge	12	3	5	4	19	26	14
Gillingham	12	3	3	6	16	18	12
Colchester	13	3	1	9	13	19	10
Southend	13	3	1	9	15	26	10

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	3-1
Sat 07	November	Swindon	A	1-0
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	



Critical Research - Main Sponsors of Luton Town Youth Team

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
6	2	2	3	0	3	7	0	Bournemouth	4	6	1	2	0	1	2	0
6	4	2	4	2	0	4	0	Blackpool	4	2	6	2	0	4	4	1
0	8	2	0	0	1	10	0	Bristol Rovers	4	4	2	0	1	0	6	1
2	3	2	6	0	0	8	0	Burnley	2	9	5	1	0	2	4	0
4	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
7	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	Colchester United	4	4	3	5	0	3	3	0
8	2	1	1	1	1	10	0	Fulham	6	1	2	0	2	0	1	0
5	3	4	6	1	1	5	1	Gillingham	4	3	3	0	1	0	5	1
4	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	Lincoln City	5	7	2	4	0	2	9	1
6	4	1	1	1	0	8	0	Luton Town	2	2	0	3	0	0	9	0
2	3	5	1	0	0	3	0	Macclesfield Town	2	2	4	2	3	3	6	1
5	5	3	3	1	1	4	1	Manchester City	4	2	1	2	0	2	6	0
4	2	3	1	0	0	6	1	Millwall	4	1	2	3	0	3	7	0
2	4	2	2	1	3	3	0	Northampton Town	5	0	3	3	0	2	3	2
6	2	1	3	1	4	3	0	Notts County	4	3	4	1	1	0	8	0
4	4	1	0	0	0	3	1	Oldham Athletic	6	9	3	3	1	0	4	0
8	7	4	2	0	1	8	2	Preston North End	3	3	1	1	0	2	6	0
7	6	1	3	0	1	2	0	Reading	7	4	4	0	0	2	5	1
9	4	2	1	0	3	5	1	Stoke City	4	4	2	0	0	0	5	0
6	3	4	4	0	2	4	3	Walsall	6	5	3	2	0	0	6	0
3	5	3	1	0	1	6	2	Wigan Athletic	1	2	2	4	0	0	7	2
2	1	3	3	0	1	6	1	Wrexham	6	5	0	4	0	1	6	0
5	0	2	2	1	0	5	0	Wycombe Wanderers	9	1	2	1	3	3	5	1
1	0	4	1	2	4	10	0	York City	12	3	0	3	0	2	7	1

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

Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	.....Pts
Bristol Rovers	33	6	.....51
Wycombe Wanderers	38	3	.....47
Burnley	34	2	.....40
Gillingham	27	4	.....39
Millwall	32	2	.....38
Lincoln City	30	2	.....36
Manchester City	27	3	.....36
Luton Town	26	3	.....35
Oldham Athletic	23	4	.....35
Northampton Town	31	1	.....34
Wigan Athletic	33	0	.....33
Blackpool	32	0	.....32
Preston North End	20	4	.....32
Wrexham	24	2	.....30
Chesterfield	23	2	.....29
Stoke City	29	0	.....29
Reading	22	2	.....28
Macclesfield Town	21	2	.....27
York City	18	3	.....27
Walsall	20	2	.....26
Notts County	22	1	.....25
AFC Bournemouth	20	1	.....23
Colchester United	20	0	.....20
Fulham	14	0	.....14

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug
2,634 York v Gillingham 15-Aug

Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct

Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct

Biggest Away Win

Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct

Consecutive Wins

Stoke 6

Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 10

Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln 6

Games without a Win

Wycombe 12

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Fulham 4

Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 10

Consecutive Defeats

Bristol Rovers, Lincoln, Luton 2

Games without a Win

Blackpool, Colchester, Oldham, York 6

Div.2 Stat Attack

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	18	23	16	6	9	2	Stein	8	5	13
Blackpool	23	22	23	3	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	8
Bristol Rovers	20	21	20	6	13	6	Hayles	9	1	10
Burnley	30	21	23	2	20	7	Payton	10	1	11
Chesterfield	21	14	9	8	20	7	Holland/Reeves/Howard	3/4/4	2/1/1	5
Colchester United	22	15	22	1	20	2	Gregory D	2	2	4
Fulham	23	24	12	8	8	1	Lehmann/Beardsley	2/3	2/1	4
Gillingham	21	26	17	6	22	7	Asaba	9	0	9
Lincoln City	21	15	30	3	24	14	Battersby	4	1	5
Luton Town	21	21	16	6	12	2	Davis S/Douglas	5/5	2/2	7
Macclesfield Town	21	14	23	2	24	20	McDonald/Wood/Smith	2/2/3	1/1/0	3
Manchester City	27	23	17	5	14	1	Goater	8	2	10
Millwall	23	17	20	5	14	5	Shaw	6	1	7
Northampton Town	25	17	20	3	22	14	Corazzin	7	0	7
Notts County	27	20	21	3	17	5	Hendon	5	0	5
Oldham Athletic	25	13	26	3	22	14	Allott	3	1	4
Preston North End	19	32	16	7	7	1	Nogan	7	0	7
Reading	29	20	23	5	23	10	Williams	9	0	9
Stoke City	20	25	15	7	4	1	Kavanagh/Crowe	5/6	1/0	6
Walsall	24	26	22	7	11	2	Rammell	9	1	10
Wigan Athletic	23	21	18	5	23	10	Barlow	8	1	9
Wrexham	20	17	22	5	16	2	Connolly	4	1	5
Wycombe Wanderers	25	15	25	3	24	19	Scott/Brown/Read	3/1/2	0/2/1	3
York City	19	22	28	3	24	8	Cresswell	9	0	9

Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,443
Stoke City	15,002	10,557	12,755
Reading	18,108	7,914	11,396
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,856
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	10,815
Burnley	11,781	8,526	9,942
Millwall	12,726	4,249	7,061
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,416	6,412
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,333
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,236
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,231	6,183
Bournemouth	6,956	5,151	5,984
Luton Town	6,087	5,005	5,510
Gillingham	6,093	4,575	5,411
Blackpool	5,904	3,849	4,956
Colchester United	6,377	3,927	4,775
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,532
Wycombe Wndrs	6,373	3,361	4,405
Chesterfield	5,426	3,681	4,313
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,277
Walsall	5,802	3,098	4,207
Wrexham	7,290	2,766	4,115
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,668
York City	3,780	2,634	3,063

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Brian Swain

second division scene

THE STRANGE mixture of pointless league days and glorious cup success has left us to experience all sorts of emotions at Kenilworth Road in the last couple of weeks.

The Worthington Cup win over Coventry City completed a unique double: we became the first team to win the Scottish Mutual Performance of the Week award twice, only a month after victory at Fulham in the League had brought the first. The League Managers' Association makes the selection, with Alex Ferguson of Manchester United among the adjudicators. They said: "There was no need for deep soul-searching... it had to be Second Division Luton Town's notable giant-killing."

So Lennie Lawrence has collected on behalf of the club a second engraved chalice - but he would willingly have swapped it for six league points.

The latest Second Division table shows why: we're still in the play-off frame, but only just, and the top four are beginning to pull away. When we lost at Gillingham we dropped from third to fourth place. The postponement of the Chesterfield game allowed Walsall to overtake us, with a 4-3 win at Bristol Rovers. The day's best news was that Sean Farell, who learned his football at Kenilworth Road, did us a favour by scoring the only goal of the game for Notts County, to beat Stoke City. It was County's first win in six outings. Preston's chance of displacing Stoke again vanished when their game at

Bournemouth was rained off. Our defeat at the Britannia Stadium came on a day when other promotion hopefuls all did the business. While we were drawing two blanks in eight days, but bagging a game in hand, Stoke, Fulham, Walsall, Manchester City and Gillingham were all pocketing six points. Manchester City overtook us at the weekend by winning 3-0 at Oldham, while Fulham scraped through by a single goal at home to Bristol Rovers and Preston thumped Burnley 4-1 at Deepdale. Walsall cruised to a 3-0 win over Millwall at The Bescot Stadium and Gillingham got closer to us with a 2-0 home win over Wigan.

So are we capable of sustaining a promotion challenge? Some of us will discover what Steve Davis and Kelvin Davis think of our chances on Thursday (7.30), when they are to be guest speakers at a meeting of Luton Town Supporters Club in the Eric Morecambe suite. There are only a few tickets left, and they can be bought at the LTSC kiosk after tonight's game.

Another note for members: the popular annual Christmas quiz will be on December 3, and tickets are now available from the kiosk on match days, or on Town on Tour coaches.

By then we should have more points in the bag, starting with the game at Lincoln on Saturday week. The Imps have just gone bottom of the table, because while they were losing 3-0 at Chesterfield Wycombe were drawing at Northampton, which enabled Wycombe to edge ahead of Lincoln on goals.

And one last word about the postponement of the Chesterfield match: galling though it was for everyone involved, youth team striker Clifford Akurang had extra reason to be annoyed - he was under suspension for his disciplinary record in the South East Counties League. He had been given a two-game ban, and the system is that the two games must be first team fixtures, no matter what level you play at.

The Chesterfield game was the first - but because it was not played, Akurang's suspension was extended for an extra week.

	The Second Division											Pts
	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Stoke	17	6	1	1	13	5	5	0	4	12	10	34
Fulham	15	5	2	1	15	7	5	1	1	9	5	33
Preston	16	5	2	1	21	8	4	3	1	11	8	32
Walsall	17	5	2	2	14	9	5	0	3	12	13	32
Man City	17	4	3	2	13	8	3	3	2	10	9	27
Luton Town	16	5	1	1	9	2	3	2	4	12	14	27
Gillingham	17	5	2	2	16	7	1	6	1	10	10	26
Chesterfield	15	7	0	1	13	3	0	4	3	1	6	25
Bournemouth	15	4	3	0	13	5	2	3	3	10	11	24
Reading	16	5	5	0	12	7	3	0	5	8	16	23
Millwall	17	4	4	1	11	6	2	1	5	6	14	23
Blackpool	16	4	1	3	14	11	2	3	3	8	12	22
Bristol Rovers	17	5	3	1	17	9	0	3	5	4	11	21
Notts County	17	3	2	3	10	9	2	4	3	10	12	21
Wrexham	17	5	3	2	14	10	0	3	4	3	12	21
York City	16	2	4	1	11	8	3	1	5	11	20	20
Wigan	16	4	1	3	13	6	2	1	5	8	12	20
Burnley	17	4	3	1	10	7	1	2	6	11	16	20
Northampton	17	1	6	1	10	10	2	2	5	7	10	17
Colchester	16	2	2	3	5	9	2	3	4	10	13	17
Macclesfield	17	2	2	4	6	8	1	4	4	8	15	15
Oldham	17	2	2	5	8	13	1	2	5	5	13	13
Wycombe	17	2	2	5	11	11	0	3	5	4	15	11
Lincoln	16	2	0	6	11	16	1	2	5	4	14	11

Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Date	Competition	Home Team	Time	Result	Goalscorers	Assistants	Referee
Sat 08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A 3.00pm	1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
TUES 11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	H 7.45pm	2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
SAT 15		PRESTON NORTH END	H 3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
TUES 18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	A 7.45pm	3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 22		READING	A 3.00pm	0-3	18,108	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 29		COLCHESTER UNITED	H 3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
MON 31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H 3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
TUES 08		WREXHAM	A 7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 12		BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
TUES 15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	A 7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 19		BLACKPOOL	A 3.00pm	0-1	5,695	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
TUES 22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	H 7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 26		WALSALL	H 3.00pm	0-1	5,530	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan
SAT 03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A 3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
SAT 10		YORK CITY	A 3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
SAT 17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
TUES 20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 7.45pm	1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
SAT 24		GILLINGHAM	A 3.00pm	0-1	5,602	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
TUES 27	WC3	COVENTRY	H 7.45pm	2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
SAT 31		CHESTERFIELD	H 3.00pm	(postponed)			
SAT 07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A 3.00pm	1-3 (Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas
TUES 10	WC4	BARNSELEY	H 7.45pm	(postponed)			
TUES 10		NOTTS COUNTY	H 7.45pm	(postponed)			
TUES 10	WC4						
SUN 15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A 1.00pm				
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				
TUES 05	or FA CUP (R3)						
SAT 09	AWS(2)						
SAT 16	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 3.00pm				
SAT 23		PRESTON NORTH END	A 3.00pm				
SAT 23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm				
WED 27	or FA CUP (R4)						
SAT 30	WC SF(1)						
SAT 06	FEBRUARY	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H 3.00pm				
SAT 13		BURNLEY	A 3.00pm				
SAT 13		WREXHAM	H 3.00pm				
WED 17	or FA CUP (R5)						
SAT 20	WC SF(2) or AWS SF						
SAT 27		BRISTOL ROVERS	A 3.00pm				
SAT 06	MARCH	BLACKPOOL	H 3.00pm				
SAT 06	or FA CUP (R6)	WALSALL	A 3.00pm				
TUES 09		FULHAM	H 7.45pm				
SAT 13	or AWS (AF1)						
WED 17	AWS (AF2)						
SAT 20		STOKE CITY	H 3.00pm				
SUN 21	WC FINAL						
SAT 27		CHESTERFIELD	A 3.00pm				
SAT 03	APRIL	GILLINGHAM	H 3.00pm				
TUES 06		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm				
SAT 10		YORK CITY	H 7.45pm				
SUN 11	FA CUP SF	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 3.00pm				
WED 14							
SAT 17		MANCHESTER CITY	A 7.45pm				
SUN 18	AWS FINAL	LINCOLN CITY	H 3.00pm				
SAT 24							
SAT 01	MAY	NOTTS COUNTY	A 3.00pm				
SAT 08		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H 3.00pm				
SAT 22	FA CUP FINAL	MILLWALL	A 3.00pm				

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TONIGHT'S REFEREE



TONIGHT we welcome back Steve Bennett, a teacher from Orpington, who is refereeing at Kenilworth Road for the second time this season. He was here in the August sunshine, when we played Preston North End. In his fourth season as a Football League referee, Mr Bennett qualified to take charge of local park football in Kent in 1984. In eight years he moved up the ladder via the Winstonlead Kent League, Isthmian League and the Conference to start as a linesman with the Football League. Within a year he was on the line for the Premiership, and as a FIFA linesman he was visited Norway, Poland, Russia and Bulgaria. He is Chairman of the Bromley Referees' Association.

Substitutes

George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacque 69; White for McGowan 85. George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacque. McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62. Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79. McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas

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Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox

Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall. Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88. Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87

McGowan Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White Douglas Gray McIndoe White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis Douglas Gray McIndoe Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74 White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett

McKinnon Douglas Gray McGowan Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren McKinnon Douglas Gray McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren

S. Davis Johnson KcKinnon Evers Douglas Gray McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White

TOWN TEASER

AS WE look forward to another night of cup football, our Town Teaser is about a man who helped us win the Football League Cup, when it was known as the Littlewoods Cup, in 1988. He played for us at Wembley, and is still banging in goals for a Second Division club. Who is he?

Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances					Goals				
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
Alexander	16	5	0	0	21	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	16	5	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0
S. Davis	16	5	0	0	21	5	2	0	0	7
Douglas	14	4	0	0	18	5	2	0	0	7
Doherty	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Evers	16	5	0	0	21	2	1	0	0	3
Fotiadis	1(7)	1(1)	0	0	2(8)	0	1	0	0	1
Gray	15(1)	4	0	0	19(1)	4	2	0	0	6
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	14	5	0	0	19	0	1	0	0	1
Marshall	3(1)	3	0	0	6(1)	1	0	0	0	1
McGowan	12(1)	5	0	0	17(1)	0	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	7(2)	1(1)	0	0	8(3)	0	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	14(1)	2(1)	0	0	16(2)	1	0	0	0	1
McLaren	1(1)	1(1)	0	0	2(2)	0	1	0	0	1
Scarlett	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	1	0	0	0	1
Spring	16	5	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	7(5)	2	0	0	9(5)	0	0	0	0	0
White	2(6)	0(1)	0	0	2(7)	0	0	0	0	0



Luton Town v Barnsley

Kelvin Davis	1.	1.	Tony Bullock
Graham Alexander	2.	2.	Chris Morgan
Mitchell Thomas	3.	3.	Arjan de Zeeuw
Matthew Spring	4.	4.	Darren Sheridan
Steve Davis	5.	5.	Eric Tinkler
Marvin Johnson	6.	6.	Matty Appleby
Sean Evers	7.	7.	Martin Bullock
Ray McKinnon	8.	8.	Sean McClare
Stuart Douglas	9.	9.	Ashley Ward
Phil Gray	10.	10.	Jan-Aage Fjortoft
Gavin McGowan	11.	11.	Darren Barnard
Alan White	12.	12.	Scott Jones
Gary Doherty	13.	13.	Lars Leese (gk)
Paul McLaren	14.	14.	Adrian Moses
Tanny Abbey (gk)	15.	15.	Nicky Eaden
Michael McIndoe	16.	16.	Clint Marcelle

Referee: Steve Bennett, Orpington

Assistants: M. Ebbage, Burnham (yellow flag)
K. S. Reynolds, East Barnet (yellow & red flag)

Reserve official: P. T. McCaul, Huntingdon



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