



FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 19 December 1998 Kick Off 3.00pm Official matchday programme. Price £1.80







Match sponsors: J. J. Kelly & Sons Ltd, B. Thompson & friends Matchall sponsors: Critical Research



welcome to kenilworth road

Luton Town Football Club

Kenilworth Road Stadium 1 Maple Road, Luton

Main Reception

Ticket Office

Clubcall

Honours **Littlewoods Cup**

FA Cup

Simod Cup

Division 2

Division 3 (S)

Division 4

Official Matchday Programme

Brian Swain

Wolff Evans

Security Printers

Gareth Owen Johnston Press

IT HAS been good-bye to them and hello again to him in the last few days as the Town shuffle the pack a little to get the play-off challenge back on track.

Veteran Paul Showler could hold the key to solving a position which has been increasingly difficult, on the wide left of midfield. Two who have been tried with limited success, Simon Davies and Kofi Nyamah, have now left Kenilworth Road, while Showler is at long last coming out of an injury nightmare.

"It's been 18 months of utter frustration, and very depressing," said the 32-yearold midfielder. The darkest days were when he privately worried about whether he would ever get back to active football after a succession of injuries affecting just about every part of his body.

Last season he managed just one appearance, and that only as a sub for 20 minutes against Oldham in August, so he is keen to kick-start his career afresh. He was given 27 minutes at Macclesfield and admitted: "It was not the ideal place to come back - that's possibly the worst pitch I have ever played on, league or nonleague. But I can't tell you how good it feels to be involved again. I have never enjoyed watching football while I have been injured, and hopefully I don't have to worry about that again."

Showler played five times in the reserves before his call-up at Macclesfield, and said: "I'm not far off match fitness, and I'm ready to start a game as soon as the boss gives the word."

WHILE we say welcome back to one player, Simon Davies has joined Macclesfield on a free transfer and Kofi Nyamah has left after his contract was not renewed.

"I'm sorry it didn't work out for Simon, but it was important for him to get back to nearer his home," said Lennie Lawrence. Davies, from North Wales, cost £200,000 from Manchester United, where he played in an FA Youth Cup-winning side alongside the likes of David Beckham and Ryan Giggs. He was bought in the summer of 1997 to replace Ceri Hughes, but has managed only 29 first-team appearances. Two were this season in consecutive matches, at Lincoln and at home to Manchester City, and were clearly invitations to forget the past and claim a regular place.





BACK: Stuart Douglas, rested against Hull City, made a scoring return to the team at Macclesfield, giving us a lead inside three minutes. See page 34.

Contents

- 2. Inside Forward
- 7. Steve Davis
- Cherry Newberry
- 14. Community
- 17. Welcome to Millwall
- 21. Hatters Abroad
- 23. Hatters on Card

- 5. Lennie Lawrence
- 8. Club News from
- 10. Tickets and Travel

- 24. Top Hatters Gallery

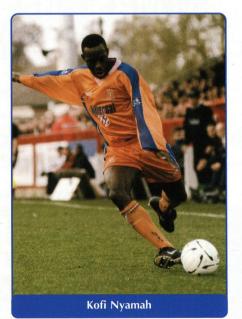
- 27. It Happened This Day
- 29. Into the Archives
- 32. Hull Action Replay
- 34. Macclesfield
- Action Replay 37. Junior Hatters
- 39. Treatment Room
- 42. Reserves
- 43 Youth
- 45. Division 2 Scene
- 46. Statistics
- 48. The Teams

He had been on the transfer list since the start of the season, without attracting offers, and would have been due a free transfer at the end of the season, so Macclesfield's offer helps him and us, taking him off the wages

Kofi Nyamah is looking for another club after being on a succession of short-term contracts at Kenilworth Road, Released by Stoke at the end of last season, he too was a potential wide left player, but failed to impress in two first team appearances, as a sub against Barnsley and in the FA Cup at Boreham Wood four days later. Formerly with Cambridge Utd and Kettering, his chances of earning another contract were not helped a lot when he managed to get sent off twice in a dozen appearances for the reserves.

WE WILL be due for a win when we open our Auto Windscreens Shield campaign with a second round tie at Kenilworth Road on January 5. It will be a bargain ticket night for supporters - see the special offer among the ticket office announcements on pages 10 and 11. The visitors will be Walsall, who have won their last two matches here. They were the first team to beat us at home this season, by a single goal in late September, and they were also 1-0 winners here just over a year ago. We had a bye in the first round, while Walsall went through by drawing 2-2 at home to Bristol Rovers, and winning a penalty shoot-out 5-4.





David Kohler Bsc (Hons) FRICS Directors

Chairman and

Managing Director

C.S. Bassett, C.T.F Green, N.S. Terry

Vice Presidents:

R.L. Banks, D. Ludlow, C. Bygrave, R. Safranek, P. Ireton, J. Sapsworth.

> Chief Executive and Company Secretary **Cherry Newbery**

Manager **Lennie Lawrence**

Reserves Coach John Moore

Youth Coach **Paul Lowe**

Club Coach **Trevor Hartley**

Physiotherapist Clive Goodyear

Consultant Physio John Sheridan

Sales & Marketing Managers John Bailey Jacqueline Parker

Financial Controller Anthony McNally A.C.A.

Youth Development **Dean Rastrick**

> Scouting **Les Shannon**

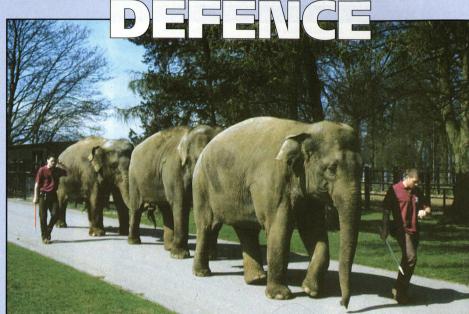
Fitness Trainer Mandy Malins

Safety Manager **Geoff Lovell**

Catering Manager **Fiona Wallace**

Medical Officer **Dr Bill Berry**

Club Dentist A.Chris BDS (Svd)



FOR TACKLING THOSE AWKW CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

ADOPT AN ANIMAL AT WHIPSNADE



20% Off list price for Hatters members



(QUOTE THIS REF: HATTERS 1011)

TELEPHONE 0990 200123 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVANCE BOOKINGS

from the manager's chair



WE NEED to get back into the winning groove today after last week's game at Macclesfield saw us continue our away form of the last couple of months - closely contested, scoring goals, and conceding them. It was not dissimilar to Lincoln York and Gillingham, but this time it was more disappointing after we had taken the lead so early.

But give credit to Macclesfield: for 25 minutes either side of half time they were the better side. But we started and finished the game better than

We are not playing as well as we would like, but we still have plenty of spirit and commitment, which was called for on a very heavy pitch at Macclesfield, and we created enough chances to deserve the draw, and maybe enough to have

In the FA Cup against Hull I made a few changes, including to our shape in midfield which turned out to be misconceived. We let ourselves down professionally, probably for the first time this season. It was an ignominious defeat, and it hurts, and now we know how Coventry and Barnsley felt after playing us in the Worthington Cup. The FA cup-tie was our ninth cup game of the season, and we have probably played more matches than any other club in this country, but the performance against Hull was uniustifiable.

The remedy is to collect points in the league, and today we face a Millwall side in a similar position to our own. It is the third season we have both been in the Second Division, and so far the pattern has been for us to win at Millwall, and Millwall to win at Luton. Needless to say, we need to reverse that sequence today. Millwall will give us a good test: they have lost only once in their last six visits to Kenilworth Road, and our reports say they were very unlucky last week to only draw at home to Reading. Even a draw is no mean result against a club that has spent a lot of money on players. We need to get back on the winning trail. The number of games we have lost is respectable enough, but we have not won enough. Draws are all very well, but they have left us a few points short of where we want to be, and I believe our future depends on how well we can

do at home over the second part of the season. We are doing all right in away games, but that will be irrelevant if we do not show good home form. So the task is to make Kenilworth Road our fortress, with three points today the target to set us up for a happy Christmas.

You will know by now that Simon Davies has left us to try to rebuild his career with Macclesfield. I am sorry things did not work out for him here at Luton, but we wish him well.

And on behalf of all the coaching and playing staff, we wish all Luton Town supporters Happy Christmas and a winning New Year. We need the backing of every one

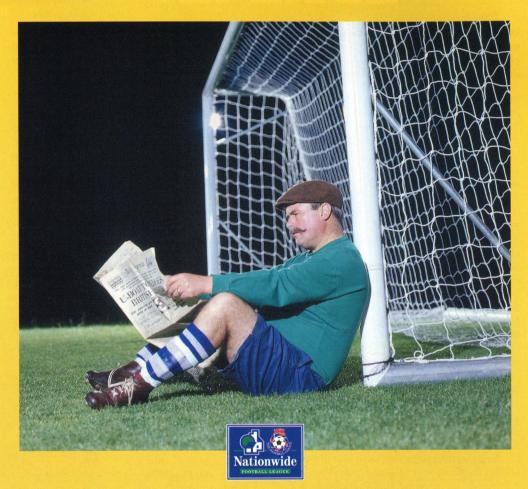
of you - and more! - as we face the challenge of chasing a top six place at the very least in 1999 - we think we can achieve it, and we know it matters to you as much as it does to us.

Your support appreciated, and rest assured we will do all we can to attain the goal. Enjoy today's game, and I hope we all have a very happy Christmas:

Lennie Lawrence



'Savings made easy with the World's No.1'



Last season the Nationwide Football League saw some spectacular saves

It pays to decide...



Contact your local Nationwide Building Society branch at 77-79 George Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 2AP Telephone: (01582) 680300 http://www.nationwide.co.uk

captain's log



SINCE THE last time I wrote, we find ourselves out of the FA Cup after a poor result at home to Hull. They, being the underdogs, as we have been a few times this season, were up for it and on the evidence of our performance we were not.

I managed to score a goal which I was delighted with, but in the end it counted for nothing as we went out with a whimper. It is obviously a disappointment to go out of any competition, but we deserved everything we got. But there is no point dwelling on it. It's gone. We're out.

We now have to try to get back on a run, and get back into the top six of the league, hopefully starting with three points today.

The league is now starting to spread out a bit, with the top three sides at least 12 points clear of ourselves, so we can't afford to lose many more games.

We are, however, unbeaten in our last three home games, but unfortunately they have all been draws so we need to start winning again and get back into that habit quickly.

Last Saturday saw us pinch a point at the death with Tippy scoring his 11th goal of the season. He showed good anticipation to latch on to the ball, and it was nice to take a point we probably didn't deserve.

The pitch was terrible, probably the worst we have played on this season, so to get one point was not disastrous even though it was against Macclesfield - I think they surprised a few people by showing they are not a bad side, despite their league position.

It was good to see Showls back. He has had a terrible time with injuries but as he is a natural left winger he has come back to fitness at the right time. He gets the ball in early, which is good news for forwards and anyone else who happens to be in the box.

Today we meet Millwall, who have beaten us here at Kenilworth Road in the last couple of seasons while we have beaten them at The Den.

A change in that sequence would be a good start to the holiday. A clean sheet would go down well, also, as we haven't had one of those since we beat Northampton in October. But I would settle for a 3-1!

Finally, on behalf of all the lads, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and hopefully Santa will be good to us.

Enjoy the game.

Steve Davis



Club secretary



TODAY we have a bucket collection in the ground for the Mayor of Luton's Christmas Appeal, for the elderly people of Luton, and I am sure that, as usual, our supporters will give generously at this festive time.

The Supporters Club held their annual quiz night on December 3, and for those of you who haven't attended this is a real fun night, with a player in each of the eleven teams. I did promise a mention to our team if we won anything, and we came second (only by one point I might add!) so my thanks to my team-mates, Liam George great at the football pictures, not so hot on the trivia - Maggie and Pete Jaggs, Peter and Maureen Hartley, Vic and Merilyn Fussell, Keith Chamberlain and Robert Turner. See you next year!

The second annual carol service took place on Thursday at Luton Parish Church, and I do hope you were able to come and share this evening with us all.

Next week the players and staff will be taking presents to the children who unfortunately have to be in hospital at this time.

This busy month also saw the Junior Hatters Disco, where more than 100 children met the players and danced with Happy Harry. All of us were exhausted at the end of the evening.

Oh yes, and there has been football.

Unfortunately, due to problems with the pitch at Hitchin Town, we are unable to play our winter reserve matches there as normal. It will not be possible to play all our reserve games at Kenilworth Road, so we are presently actively looking at other venues, and will keep you informed via the press and local radio. Our apologies to those who regularly attend reserve matches. Monday's match, with Tottenham Hotspur, will be played at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm, weather permitting!

The second round of the Auto Windscreens Shield competition sees us playing Walsall at home on Tuesday January 5. We are pleased to advise you of a reduction in admission, to £10 adults, £1 concessions, pay on the night only, unreserved seating, so please do come and support the team.

Finally, a very happy Christmas to everyone - see you on Boxing Day, and don't forget it's a 12 noon kick-off.

Cherry Newberry



Viva Pizza

Tel (01582) 486 586 Any Pizza, any size Buy one... Get one free!

(offer valid all season)



R. J. BLOW &

THE FRIENDLY ACCOUNTANTS

Book-Keeping
Taxation and Wages etc.

GUILD HOUSE, 28 GUILDFORD STREET, LUTON, BEDS, LU1 2NR

Tel: (01582) 738792 Fax: (01582) 423347

The Football Trust has been providing support for football throughout the UK for 22 years.

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

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

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

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





Cup-tie Tickets

League Tickets

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD ROUND TWO



LUTON TOWN V WALSALL



Tuesday January 5, 7.45 pm

Special prices for the New Year for this game
Unreserved seating only
Pay at the turnstile on the night:
Adults £10
Concessions (senior citizens & juniors) £1

Come and support your team.

SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE

Don't know what to buy someone for Christmas?
Why not purchase a season ticket for our remaining league games? Pro rata prices, giving a saving on normal matchday prices, are available from the ticket office. Or treat yourself!

BUY NOW - BEAT THE RUSH!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER TO LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS

Any Luton supporter who buys a ticket for our match with Millwall on December 19 and Wycombe Wanderers on January 9 can claim a FREE TICKET (of the same value) for our home game with Wigan on January 23.

to obtain your FREE TICKET

Purchase the first two match tickets, and claim your free one at the same time OR

Keep your ticket stubs for Millwall and Wycombe, and claim after the Wycombe match by producing the stubs at the ticket office. But please note the offer is not available on the day of the Wigan game

LUTON TOWN v READING

Saturday December 26, kick-off 12 noon Tickets now on sale

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LUTON TOWN v WYCOMBE WDRS

Saturday January 9, kick-off 3pm Tickets for this match are available at discounted prices, but see details of our special "three for the price of two" offer.

A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH v LUTON TOWN

Monday December 28, kick-off 3pm
This match is pay on the day only.,
Terracing: £9.50 adults, £5 concessions
(under 16s and over 65s)
Seating - families only:
£11.50 adults, £8.50 concessions.
Seating is very limited.

COLCHESTER V LUTON TOWN

Saturday January 2, kick-off 3pm
This match is pay on the day only.
Terracing: £7 adults, £4.50 concessions
(under 16s and over 65s)
Seating £9 adults, £6 concessions.

PRESTON NORTH END v LUTON TOWN

Saturday January 16, kick-off 3pm
This match is pay on the day only.
Seating, in the new Bill Shankley Cop
costs £13 adults, £8 concessions
(under 16s and over 65s).

LUTON TOWN v WIGAN ATHLETIC

Saturday January 23, kick-off 3pm
Tickets for this match are now on sale
at discounted prices, but see details
of our special "three for the
price of two" offer.

Kenilworth Suite

Fisher Frozen Foods Ltd R W Harvey & Son Wilton Contract and Vehicle Rental Mr. Malcolm Eade Wolff Evans Mr. Roger Eade

Arrow Business Systems Limited I. Sapsworth Ltd Dr. D. Siegler Neahurst Ltd Grosvenor Casino Datapace Ltd Luton News and Leader

Good & Co. Critical Research Ltd Mr. R. Banks Ludlow Group Regal Litho Ltd Mr. Geoff Cooper

Executive Box Holders





T.S.I. (U.K.) LTD.

















and N.E.D





Graham





Club 82

The Magic Touch (GB) Ltd Mr. F.W. Pearce

Chris and Kim Clarke of The Weatsheaf, Flitwick Space Display Systems Limited **IP Hygiene Supplies**





WE OFFER a wide range of sponsorship packages to suit all requirements and budgets, and today we are delighted to welcome old friends who have supported us in the past, J. J. Kelly and Sons Ltd. of Luton.

They have built up a sound reputation for excellence in groundworks and civil engineering, mainly for the construction industry, and we hope they enjoy today at Kenilworth Road.

The matchball sponsors, whose support is also much appreciated, are Critical Research, whose backing also includes the season's sponsorship of our youth team - one winning team supporting another, they always say! For information on the various sponsorship and hospitality deals available, please contact the Commercial Department.

J. J. Kelly and Sons Ltd, groundworks and civil engineers, wish a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Near to all their staff, and to Barratts North London Ltd.



THE GOLDEN Gamble ensured that Christmas came early for Town supporter Ed Clark, who scooped a nice handful of cash to take away some of the pain of the FA Cup defeat in our last home match, against Hull. Marvin Johnson was the "Father Christmas" out of uniform who made Mr Clark's day by drawing out his winning ticket.

It was worth £425, not bad for an outlay of £1, which is all it costs to take part in the draw. We have Golden Gamble sellers in all parts of the ground, who will be pleased to give you a chance to take part in a competition with considerably better odds than the National Lottery. Half of the proceeds go to the winner and half to club funds, and there is another jackpot on offer today. Good luck!

TOWN TEASER

QUITE a lot of men have played for both Luton Town and Millwall. Who was our midfielder, and skipper during the 70s, who joined us from Burnley before moving to Millwall in the summer of 1981? Listen for the PA announcer to ask this question this afternoon - if you know the answer you could win a prize.



Coaching Courses • Stadium Tours • School Visits

Tournaments • After Schools Coaching



AFTER SCHOOLS INDOOR WINTER COACHING PROGRAMME

All courses begin week commencing January 11th 1999. To register a place or for further information, simply ring the Community & Schools Department at the club on 01582 411622

MONDAY

AMPTHILL Alameda Middle School 6 to 8 year old from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm 9 to 13 year old from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Luton Regional Sports Centre Girls only up to 15 years of age 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

TUESDAY

LUTON

Luton Regional Sports Centre 6 to 8 year old and 9 to 13 year old 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

WEDNESDAY

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Van Dyke Upper School 6 to 8 year olds 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (indoor sportshall)
9 to 13 year olds 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm (floodlit astro turf pitch)

THURSDAY

LUTON

Barnfield College, Rotherham Ave. (Farley Hill) 6 to 8 year olds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm 9 to 13 year olds from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

CADDINGTON/DUNSTABLE

Manshead Upper School 6 to 8 year olds from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm 9 to 11 year olds from 7.30 pm to 8. 30 pm 12 to 14 year olds from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm

FRIDAY

DUNSTABLE

Dunstable Leisure Centre 6 to 8 year olds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm 9 to 13 year olds from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

BOXING DAY COMPETITION WINNERS

Our 'Search for a Young Reporter Competition' in conjunction with the Luton News and Dunstable Gazette drew a great response and below we have included the winning match report from the Under 14's age group. It was sent in by Mark Pawley who lives in Caddington and features a match report from their Under 11's game with AFC Houghton on Sunday 29th November.

Caddinton U11's 4 AFC Houghton U11's 2

On a cold winter morning, Caddington started the match lively and confident after their 4-2 defeat of Harlington last week. They scored early on after a dipping cross by Stephen Meredith found the head of Rvan Moxon who headed it into the net. Shortly after that Houghton equalised when a shot ricochet over the line. Later in the first half, Caddington were caught napping when a superb strike found the net and left the Caddington keeper, Adam Crawley grasping for thin air. After kick off for the second half, Caddington got into gear and after a weaving dribble Sean Graham let fire and his

shot span past outstretched palm of the Houghton keeper. Then after a string of attacks by Houghton, Caddington broke free and Rvan Moxon found himself in space and beat the keeper with ease - but he was offside. Soon after. Caddington broke free again and it landed at Mark Hardings' feet. He slotted it cooly in and despite appeals for offside, the goal stood. Caddington manager Tim Shepard said "I thought the team played well. We created lots of chances, scored some good goals and it was a good team performance because every boy contributed

Well done to Mark and his Caddington U11's team who win 20 match tickets. We look forward to seeing you all here for our Boxing day game with Reading.

Our winning match report for the Under 10's age group will be featured next week.

Christmas & New Year Holiday Indoor Coaching Courses

To register a place or for further information, simply ring the Community & Schools Department at the club on 01582 411622.

LUTON

Luton Regional Sports Centre 6 to 8 years olds and 9 to 13 years olds 10.00am to 2.00pm Wed 23rd December £9.00 Mon & Tues 4th/5th January £18.00

LEIGHTON BUZZARD Vandyke Upper School

6 to 8 years olds -9.00am to 12.00 midday Mon to Wed 21st to 23rd December Price £20.00 9 to 13 years olds -12.00 midday to 3.00pm Mon to Wed 21st to 23rd December Price £20.00

AMPTHILL

Alameda Middle School 6 to 8 year olds 10.00 to 2.00pm Tue/Wed 29th/30th December Price £18.00 9 to 13 year olds Mon/Tue 4th/5th January Price £18.00

ONE DAY COACHING CLINIC LUTON

LUTON REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 10.00am to 2.00pm WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER Price: £9.00

6 TO 8 YEARS AGE GROUP

Learn the game and improve your technique with our coaching and skills programme designed to cover all aspects of the game.

9 TO 13 YEARS AGE GROUP (ADVANCED)

The course concentrates on key areas including shooting, heading, tackling and match tactics.

To register a place or for further information, simply ring our Community & Schools Department at the Club on

01582 411622

GOALKEEPERS COACHING **COURSE**

In addition to our general after school coaching courses we will be running from next January, a weekly specialised goalkeepers course for all aspiring young goalies. The course will cover basics such as safe diving and shot stopping through to match tactics and defending.

Any interested goalies who wish to register should simply phone our Community & Schools Department on

01582 411622



LTFC Community and

Schools Programme





Local & proud of it!

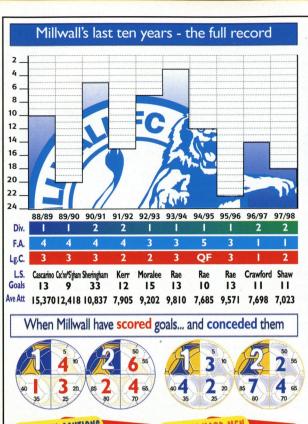




Local & proud of it!



Official Drinks Supplier to Community & Schools **Programme**





Stewart ...5

Bircham ..4

Bowry3

Fitzgerald 3

Harris3

Newman...3

Sadlier 3

Neill

League Positions throughout the season Hatters: 8th Lions: 12th Last 6 Results Reading Colchester Rough Reading Reading

r	Decembe	November	October	iber	Septem	ıgust	A
em	eded th	and conc	red goals.	ve sc	tters ha	he Ha	Vhen 7
55	50	5 10		50		5 10	
65	5 4	20 85	40 5	2	85 9	2 20	40 5
1	5 4	20 85	40 5	70	85 80	20 25	40 5

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

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht'	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps						
Scott Fitzgerald	D	21	-	29	60	12 02	Wimbledon	Eire B
Gerard Lavin	D	18		24	5 10	11 00	Watford	Scot U21
Paul Shaw	F	17(1)	7	25	511	12 02	Arsenal	
Neil Harris	F	16(1)	4	21	511	12 08		
Jimmy Carter	F	16		33	5 10	11 02	Portsmouth	
Lucas Neill	M	15(2)	4	20	61	12 00	NSW Academy	Australia
Stuart Nethercott	D	14(1)		25	61	14 00	Tottenham	Eng U21
Tim Cahill	M	13(2)	1	19	5 10	1011	Sydney Utd	
Jamie Stewart	D	13(1)		22	5 10	11 00	Charlton	Eng U21
Ricky Newman	M	13		28	5 10	12 06	Palace	
Nigel Spink	G	13		40	62	14 06	West Brom	England
Robbie Ryan	D	11(3)		21	5 10	11 06	Huddersfield	Eire Yth
Marc Bircham	M	10(5)		20	5 11	12 08		
Richard Sadlier	F	9(3)	2	19	62	12 10	Belvedere	Eire Yth
Bobby Bowry	M	9(1)		27	58	10 08	Palace	
Tony Roberts	G	8		29	60	13 07	QPR	Wales
Brian Law	D	5		28	62	14 02	Wolves	Wales
Steven Reid	M	4		17	5 11	11 10		
Stephen Roche	M	3		20	61	11 05		
Alan McLeary	D	2		34	60	11.11	Bristol City	England B
Kim Grant	F	1(7)		26	5 10	11 05	Luton	Ghana
Danny Hockton	F	(3)		- 19	60	11.11		
Dave Savage	M	(2)		25	62	12 07	Longford Town	Eire
Junior McDougald	F	(i)		23	59	11 00	Rotherham	
Keith Stephens	D	(i)		34	60	12 12		
		()						

How Millwall have scored goals... and conceded them





Hatters v Lions

FORM CUIDE W D L F A PTS Sequence
Luctom Town I 3 2 7 9 6 DDDLLY
Millwall I 4 1 4 6 7 DDDVLL

Statistics compiled by Football Information Services Telephone: 0151-632 5679

How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



welcome to today's visitors

KEITH STEVENS (Player/Manager)

A Lions legend, 'Rhino' was appointed manager of Millwall, his only club, in succession to Billy Bonds at the age of 33 in May 1998. The second longest serving Lions player of all time (to Barry Kitchener), Keith has experienced all the joys and despairs of a footballer's life since making his League debut as a sixteen year old back in 1981. He won promotion with Millwall from the old Third Division to the Second under George Graham in 1985 and was a member of the side which

won the Second Division championship three years later to claim a place in the top flight for the first time in the club's history. After two years at the top The Lions were relegated, and in spite of the fact that Rhino appeared in the Play-Offs twice in the nineties, Millwall failed to return to what has now become the Premiership. An even bigger blow came in 1996 when The Lions, in spite of Rhino's inspiring captaincy, were relegated again, this time to Division Two.



During the course of his career, Stevens has appeared as both a combative midfielder and at full back, before settling at centre back in recent years. His reputation as a fierce competitor has often overshadowed his undoubted playing ability, and he has gained great respect from managers and opponents

In the early part of the 1996/97 season Rhino suffered a serious cruciate knee ligament injury with threatened his career. An attempt to make a comeback in early 1997 ended in heartbreak,

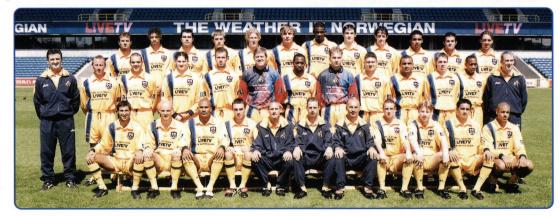
but typically, Stevens refused to concede defeat and in the latter part of the 1997/98 campaign he made four League appearances in addition to playing regularly at Reserve level. With the brief return of John Docherty to the Den hot seat in February 1997, Rhino was brought onto the coaching staff, taking charge of the Reserve side, a post he held throughout 1997/98. Doubtless this experience will stand him in good stead as he takes his first steps on the management ladder.

ALAN McLEARY (Player/Assistant)

Progressed through the Millwall Youth ranks along with Keith Stevens, making his senior debut for the Lions in December 1992. Having won six England Youth caps, he soon became established in the first team at the old Den, and shared the heady successes of the late eighties with Rhino. Having reached the elite, McLeary, a cultured centre back, didn't look out of place amongst the best players in the land, and possibly should have competed at the highest level for more than the two years of Millwall's stay. A Millwall man through and through, he made a painful departure from the Club in 1993 after a fall-out with the then manager, Mick McCarthy, and went on to captain neighbours Charlton for several years

before moving briefly to Bristol City.

Alan returned 'home' on a free transfer just before a transfer embargo was imposed on the Club during the 'administration period' in March 1997. He played his part in helping keep Millwall out of relegation trouble, but following John Docherty's departure at the end of the 1996/97 campaign, it appeared that 'Macca' was destined to leave the Club once again. However, by a twist of fate, he stayed. Former Boss Billy Bonds admitted he had made an error of judgement, and McLeary went on to become Millwall's outstanding player in the first four months last season. Fate then decided to even things up, and an ankle injury sustained at Bristol Rovers in late November finished his season.



Millwall Squad 1998/99

MARC BIRCHAM (Full Back/Midfield)

A product of the Millwall Youth system, Marc made his debut along with Stephen Roche against Preston in January 1997 as a full back, a position he has largely continued to fill in senior games in spite of playing predominantly in midfield as a junior. A forceful competitive player with bags of enthusiasm, he earned himself a new contract towards the end of last season and will hope to stake a claim for a regular place in the side this season.

BOBBY BOWRY (Midfield)

Signed from Crystal Palace in July 1995, Bobby made his 100th League appearance for the Lions towards the end of the 97/98 season. A neat skillful midfielder with the ability to make telling passes, it took him a while to win over the fans at The Den. However, he kept battling away and was one of Millwall's most consistent performers in the first half of last season. Bob had the opportunity to represent St. Kitts at international level last season, but the timing of the call was not the best and he was unable to go. He is, however, keeping his options open.

TIM CAHILL (Midfield)

One of a number of promising youngsters to have progressed through the Youth ranks at The Den, Tim experienced mixed fortunes last season, being sidelined for several months with a foot injury before returning to make his League debut against Bournemouth in May. Like his compatriot Lucas Neill, Tim has made light of travelling half way round the world, leaving friends and family at a tender age to forge a career in League football. His ability and attitude suggest that he could become a regular member of the first team squad.

SCOTT FITZGERALD (Central Defender)

Scott made over 100 League appearances for Wimbledon before joining The Lions, initially on loan, in October 1996. Unfortunately, after impressing during that two month loan spell, he broke his ankle at Bristol City just as he was about to sign for Millwall on a full-time basis. The deal eventually went through during the summer of 1997, but Scott's first full season at The Den was hampered by injury and illness. The former Irish Under 21 international now finds himself vying with Stuart Nethercott, Brian Law, plus the 'managerial duo' for a centre back spot.

NEIL HARRIS (Striker)

Signed from non-League Cambridge City just prior to the transfer deadline in March 1998 for an initial fee of £30,000, Neil made his debut at senior level against Bristol Rovers on April 4th, Harris had been the subject of interest from a number of League clubs and had a trial at Liverpool earlier in the season, but the persistence of Lions Scout Bob Pearson ultimately paid off. Having scored a handful of goals at reserve level before the end of the campaign, his first pre-season programme as a professional may well give him the impetus he needs to make an impact this term.

GERARD LAVIN (Full Back)

Having joined Millwall from Watford in November 1995 for a £400,000 fee, Lavin has been constantly plagued by a knee problem which kept him out of action completely for more than a year. However, it appears that the long hard road to recovery is now complete, and the Scottish Under 21 international made seven senior appearances towards the end of the 97/98 campaign and reported no ill effects after working hard throughout the summer. Having won a major physical and emotional battle. Gerard will be doubtly determined to make up for lost time and show Lions fans just what he is capable of.

LUCAS NEILL (Midfield/Full Back)*

Having exploded onto the scene during the 1996/97 season culminating in winning a full cap for Australia, the Millwall Player of the Year award, and reportedly attracting an offer of £1 million plus from Glasgow Rangers, Lucas has suffered a major setback when broken bones in both feet decimated his attempts to fulfil his potential. The first injury occurred during the 'Mini World Cup' tournament in Malaysia in June 1997, when the seeds of the second problem were also sown. An attempted comeback in November 1997 was short lived, when the other foot gave out at Bristol City on Boxing Day. Eventually Lucas returned for the last game of the season and has set his sights on making up for the 'lost year' this time round.

STUART NETHERCOTT (Central Defender)

Former England Under 21 international who grew up with the likes of Sol Campbell at Tottenham, for whom he made over 50 League appearances without ever establishing himself as a first choice centre back. Nevertheless he won eight caps for England at Under 21 level and at the age of 25 elected to leave White Hart Lane in search of regular first team football. His move to The Den was initially on a loan basis, and in keeping with







goals in just three League starts, Richard fell victim to a hernia problem which proved to be more complicated than originally thought, and he missed the remainder of the campaign. A pelvic problem having been diagnosed, Sadlier appears to be well on the road to recovery.

dislocated shoulder at Fulham in March and his season was over. However, he signed for Millwall on a permanent basis before the end of the campaign and is now restored to full fitness.

the Club's fortunes on the injury front, he suffered a

RICKY NEWMAN (Midfield)

Signed from Crystal Palace during the summer of 1985. Ricky's forte is playing a holding midfield role, although he has demonstrated his adaptability by slotting in at right back or centre back on occasions. Ricky is now on his way towards 150 senior appearances for The Lions, and has from time to time produced spectacular strikes from distance.

STEVEN REID (Striker)

England Under 16 international striker who made his League debut at the age of 17, coming on as a substitute in the final game of last season against Bournemouth. One of a significant number of local products who was looking to force his way into contention at the start of the new campaign. Last season, he was one of four Millwall players to have a hernia operation.

STEPHEN ROCHE (Midfield)

Former Irish Youth international who looked set for great things after progressing through the junior ranks to make his debut as an eighteen year old in January 1997. Last season, however, he lost his way somewhat and was scheduled to be released during the summer. But Millwall's new management elected to give Roche a new six month contract with the encouragement to resurrect his career. A very talented midfielder with a sweet left foot. Steve certainly has the ability to do so.

ROBBIE RYAN (Full Back)

A bargain at £10,000 capture from Huddersfield Town, Robbie was brought in to fill the troublesome left back slot, and did so with some aplomb during a difficult time for the club. One of four Dubliners at The Den, Robbie's displays were rewarded during the summer when he was called into the Irish Under 21 squad for games against Northern Ireland and Wales. With the arrival of Jamie Stuart during the summer and Andy Cook fit again there will be some competition for the left back berth in August.

RICHARD SADLIER (Striker)

Another very exciting prospect from the Millwall production line, and also yet another player ravaged by injury last season. Having scored three

PAUL SHAW (Midfield/Striker)

Joined Millwall from Arsenal in September 1997 for a fee which could reach upwards of £400,000 and went on to become The Lions top scorer for the season and Player of the Year. Many of Shaw's goals were spectacular strikes from outside the box, making him one of the best long range sharp shooters in the Division. Having previously played only a handful of senior games at Highbury, some adjustment was necessary for Shaw who visibly tired towards the end of the game. It will be interesting to see where Shaw fits into the 4-4-2 system which Stevens and McLeary are keen to employ, having floated behind the strikers for much of last season as well as playing as a striker and in midfield.

NIGEL SPINK (Goalkeeper)

A vastly experienced keeper who made 361 League appearances for Aston Villa and gained a European Cup winners medal in 1982 when he dramatically came on to replace the injured Jimmy Rimmer early in the final and kept a clean sheet as Villa beat Bayern Munich 1-0. Moved from Villa Park to West Bromich Albion before former Lions Boss Billy Bonds paid £50,000 for his signature in September 1997. He replaced Tim Carter as the number one keeper at The Den until January when he underwent a hernia operation, which meant he only returned to the first team action for the last three games of the campaign.

IAMIE STUART (Full Back)

Ironically, Stuart was the man who replaced Sturgess as left back at Charlton, and has now followed his former team mate to The Den to vie for a spot in the Millwall first team. Jamie's arrival followed his release from Charlton when he was banned from the game for a period after testing positive for an illegal substance. The local born voungster has clearly learned from the experience and is grateful for the chance to resurrect his career with the club he supported as a boy. The England Under 21 international will clearly strengthen Keith Stevens' hand defensively, and the player is desperately keen to put the past behind him and get back into action.

David Kohler



If you would like to sponsor a player?
Call the Commercial Department on 01582 411622

Marvin Johnson



Clive Goodyear

Nathan Abbey

John Moore





Michael McIndoe

























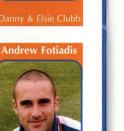
Hervé Bacque



Alan White







Carrying the colours

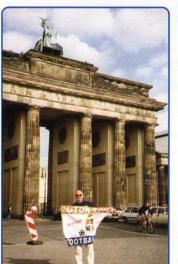
THE BARRETT family from Sandy are not content to carry just one set of **Luton Town** colours when they go on holiday - they take the full Monty, and not iust for the benefit of one country at a time.





Mrs Maureen Barrett, of Weavers Green, Sandy, sent us a nice selection from a holiday spent in France, but as you can see they also ventured into Spain for a day. "We displayed our colours in two countries at once," she wrote. Her husband Kevin, and sons Shaun and Chris are demonstrating the range of kits available to discerning Town supporters.

The other picture shows Chris jogging across the border in his awayday strip. For home matches, the family, supporters for many years, sit behind the goal in the Kenilworth lower tier.



ONE of the world's most recognisable features is in our other picture. And behind the Luton Town flag is the equally famous Brandenburg Gate in Berlin...

George Hucklesby from Monkswood Drive, Bishop's Stortford, is the Town fan enjoying the freedom to take a holiday in a beautiful city which is again fully open to visitors.

He added in his letter: "As a lifelong supporter of the club I am pleased to seen an emerging team capable of reproducing some of the 80s form - that is until current financial forces in the game dictate otherwise."

DO YOU have a good picture - a holiday snap or anything slightly unusual - that you would like to see in the matchday magazine? We are always pleased to hear from fans and see their photographs, and if you would care to let other supporters see them as well, please send them to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC.









Ray McKinnon







Quality secondhand motor cycle parts available. Most makes in stock.

Breaking all models.

The UK's largest motorcycle auction network

From an alternator to a bodyshell, we supply recycled mechanical and body parts for all Rovers.

Private and trade enquiries welcome.

Warranties available on selected parts. Nationwide delivery. Telephone for more information.

Motorcycle enquiries contact Richard Howe on

Tel: **01234 766500**

Rover spares contact Nick Ventrone on

Tel: **01234 765555**

Acrey Fields, Woburn Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9EJ

Hatters On Card

THIS WEEK we go way back to before the First World War, to the period that cartophilists - the posh word for cigarette card collectors - define as the golden age of cards.

At this time by far the most prominent Town player, and the first to be capped by England, was left-half Robert Hawkes. In those days of limited media coverage, perhaps the most

Gallaher's Cigarettes: Association Football Club Colours (1910)

prominent way a player's picture could reach a wide audience was via cigarette cards. Hawkes certainly played his part in putting Luton on the map, for he appeared in several sets of the day.

The one chosen here, from the Belfast firm of Gallaher's, is admittedly not the best portrait of him, but it does accurately illustrate the club's colours of the time, sky blue shirts, with a dark blue V.

As the title suggests this was the main purpose of this 100-card set, which featured the leading clubs from the four home countries. The reverse of each card gives a very brief history of each club, and on No. 64 we are informed that "Luton's record in the English Cup is a modest one."

However there was nothing modest about the performances of Bob Hawkes. His superb displays and temperament after breaking into the first team in 1902 made him a wonderful ambassador for the club.

Born locally, at Breachwood Green, Hawkes joined the Town from Luton Clarence, and was soon made captain of the side. Such was his progress that he was picked to play for the England team that beat Ireland at Goodison in February 1907, and he went on to win four more caps the following year.



Despite this Bob remained a genuine amateur, steadfastly refusing many offers to join the paid ranks of the top clubs. As a result he won many amateur caps, and was a member of the victorious Olympic team which won a gold medal in 1908.

When he was eventually persuaded to turn professional during the 1911-12 season, he was almost 30, but continued to perform in the same Corinthian spirit as before.

The war effectively ended his career, although he managed one appearance in the 1919-20 season, this being his 349th Southern League outing. During that time he scored over 40 goals, and was reputed never to have missed a penalty.

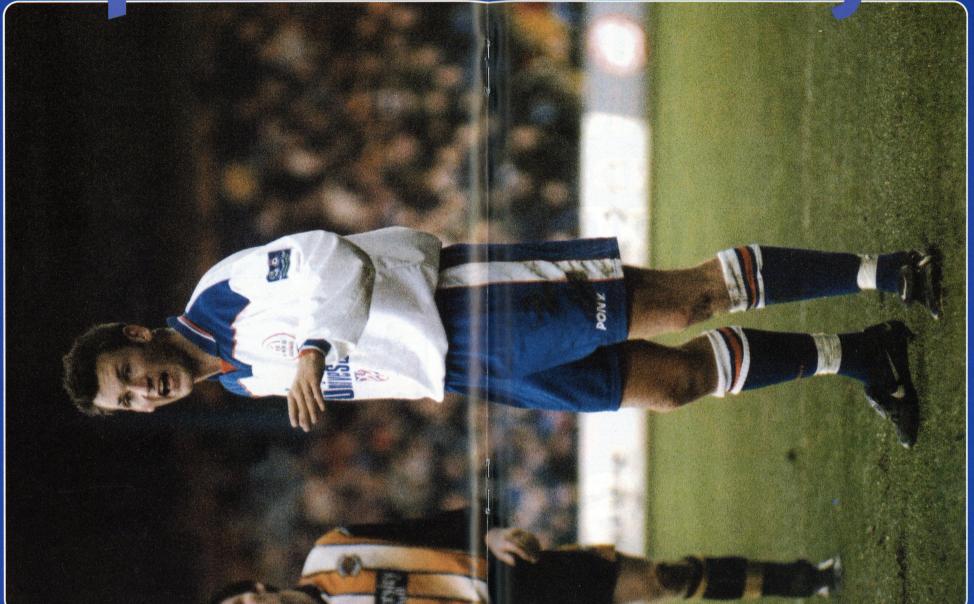
Other manufacturers to include this legendary half-back among their sets of cards included Ogden's and Taddy's, and a good portrait of him can be found in Cohen Weenen's "60 Football Captains."

However, this latter set is now catalogued at a cool £660. The Gallahers card featured here will cost around a fiver.

Alan Robinson

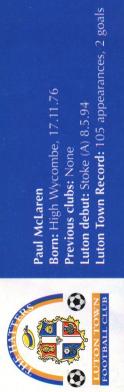


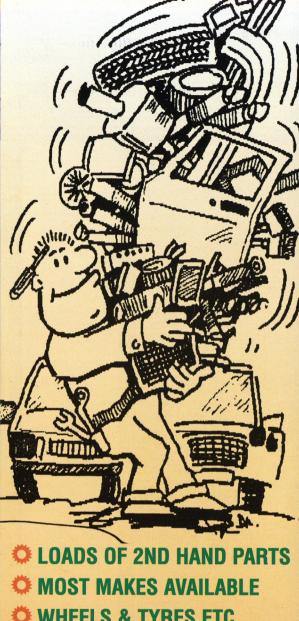
Top Hatters Gallery



Autograph







- WHEELS & TYRES ETC
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE PARTS

UNIVERSAL

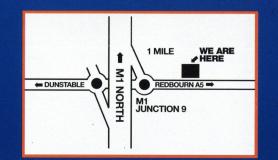




JUST OFF JUNC 9 M1 MOTORWAY DUNSTABLE RD, REDBOURN HERTS AL3 7PX

TEL: 01582 79 46 46

ALL YOU CAN DISMANTLE AND CARRY FOR JUST CASH



by Roger Wash

19th December 1970. Norwich 1 Luton Town 1

After promotion from the old Division Three in the summer of 1970 the Town had taken Division Two by storm and as Christmas approached were sitting snugly in second place.

A win at Norwich could have led to the team heading the table and a good number of Luton supporters travelled to Norfolk to swell the Carrow Road crowd to a best of the season 17038. Also watching was England manager Sir Alf Ramsey who was there to run his eve over Malcolm Macdonald.

Ramsey was not disappointed as Macdonald led the Canaries defence a merry dance in the first half and was on hand to net his 19th goal of the season after taking advantage of a defensive mistake in the 13th minute.

The Town decided to sit back on their lead in the second period and looked to be cruising to another win until the second minute of injury time when Norwich substitute Terry Anderson saw his header fisted onto the crossbar by Hatters defender lack Bannister. Ken Foggo blasted in the resultant spot kick leaving the Town players to wonder what might have been had they been more positive after the interval

19th December 1980. Shrewsbury 0 Luton Town 1

Following a stuttering start to the season the Town had gradually pulled themselves up by the bootstraps and were now challenging for a place at the top of the table.

A Friday night trip to Shrewsbury in December was set to test the players resolve but on a greasy Gay Meadow surface all the football seemed to come from the Town. Godfrey Ingram, deputising for the injured Steve White, proved difficult to control and it was he who scored the only goal of the game in the 65th minute.

Ricky Hill won the ball in midfield with a sliding tackle and fed Brian Stein who sped on and fired in a shot that Shrewsbury goalkeeper Bob Wardle

> David Preece whels away in delight after netting against the Hornets in December 1993.

could not hold. The ball fell loose to Ingram who blasted home from 20 yards.

Shrewsbury forwards John Dungworth and new signing Chic Bates both then missed acceptable opportunities but the Town defence held firm to claim another two valuable points.

19th December 1993. Watford 2 Luton Town 2.

With both sides struggling near the bottom of the table the local derby clash with the Hornets attracted a crowd of only 7567 to Vicarage Road. The game, however, turned out to be a cracker with the Hornets winning the first half but the Hatters fighting back strongly in the second. The speed of Bruce Dyer proved tricky for the Town to counter and he bagged two goals in a devastating first half display and should have netted a hat trick but for a near miss just before the interval.

Manager David Pleat changed things around at the break and with John Dreyer and Trevor Peake sitting tighter on the Watford front two the Town took the game to the Hornets and David Preece knocked one in after 47 minutes.

Despite having the lions share of the play the Town could not break through the Watford rearguard until they were gifted an equaliser just before the end. Hornets defender Alan McCarthy handled a Scott Houghton cross leaving Drever to net the Town's first spot kick of the season.



a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

Back in this country for a short visit, Roger Hoy, star of the Luton side that so nearly won promotion to the old Division One in 1971, spent some time looking up some old friends as well as reminiscing about the past.

Now a full time minister in Australia, Roger was born in Bow, and played his early football in the area turning out for the East London schoolboy representative side where one of his team mates was current West Ham boss Harry Redknapp.

After studying for his G.C.E's he was tempted to Tottenham by scout Dick Walker and joined a Spurs side that, only a couple of seasons before, had become the first side this century to win the 'Double'.

Signing professional forms in May 1964, Roger eventually made his Tottenham debut in March 1966 as a replacement for Laurie Brown in the Spurs defence.

"I thought I was in for a chance of a good run in the Tottenham side but the signing of Mike England in the summer of 1966 meant that my appearances were not too frequent," recalled Roger "Bert Head of Crystal Palace then came in for me and more or less guaranteed a first team place.

"Although the Tottenham manager, Bill Nicholson, tried to keep me he could not promise a first team place and as I was just about to get married decided that the security at Palace was too good to turn down."

Roger signed for Palace in the summer of 1968 and joined a side that had been reinforced by several 'bargain basement' players. The new look side gelled and won promotion to Division One at the first time of asking but was found wanting in the top flight

with the result that the 1969/70 season was one of struggle with Palace still a few players short of being a top side.

"Luton had come in for me in the summer of 1969 but I did not want to drop down two divisions, but a year later I was ready for a move as I fully expected the Hatters to walk through Division Two after they had won promotion.

"I had a wonderful time at Kenilworth Road and came into a side that was at the height of its powers with Malcolm Macdonald and Don Givens knocking the goals in and Chris Nicholl organising a mean defence. My job was midfield hard man where I pushed the ball around at the same time always giving 110% effort.

"I can well remember the wins at Sheffield Wednesday and Hull and some of the big home victories and I really thought that we would win promotion to Division One. The Vehicle and General collapse came as a disappointment rather than a shock as we all knew something was wrong. I finished the season in and out of the side as I received a badly broken nose during the home game against Charlton and, following the subsequent reshuffle in the team, Viv Busby took my place and it was difficult to dislodge him.

"At the start of the following season I played in the Watney Cup defeat at Colchester but was unfairly blamed for the penalty that cost us the game. When Jimmy Scoular, the Cardiff manager, came in for me I was off like a shot to Ninian Park."

Roger's stay in South Wales was not particularly fruitful as not long into his time there he received a bad knee injury during a



The menacing Roger Hoy

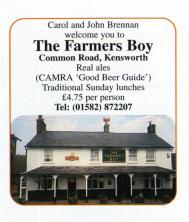
training match that kept him out of the game for 18 months and effectively ended his league career.

After a short spell at Bath City under his old Palace mentor Bert Head, during which time he successfully sued Cardiff for wrongful dismissal, he decided to head for Australia.

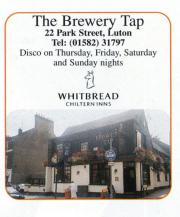
Down under he turned out for Apia of Sydney and had twelve months as a player-coach for Manley. Following this he enjoyed a successful spell working for a transport group before turning to full time ministry eight years ago.

Now sporting a bionic knee and hip as a legacy of his playing days Roger professes to be the picture of health and vitality and looks forward to his infrequent trips to England.

	Roger	Hoy	caree	er rec	ord
		League apps	Cup apps	League goals	Cup goals
	TOTTENHA	M	5.0	100	
	1965/66	5			
	1966/67				
	1967/68	5			
7	C.PALACE	1 0	-9 1	/	
	1968/69	26	3	3	
	1969/70	28	5	3	1
P	LUTON	~ (
	1970/71	32	4		
	CARDIFF				
	1971/72	8			
	1972/73	7			
	TOTALS	111	12	6	1











For all the match predictions, results, fixtures and news from The Football League visit the new Nationwide football internet site at www.football.nationwide.co.uk







Live music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night Karaoke every Monday night Sky & Setanta Sports shown on Big Screen TV



Green Man 52 Duke Street High Town Luton 01582 429893

Awful beer, poor service, All welcome

Footie on the Giant Screen





Drink a toast to the Hatters in these pubs



The Boater Fine traditional ales.

home cooked lunch and evening meals Regular Jazz and live music evenings. Quiz night every Tuesday

> 121 Ickenield Way, Luton LU3 2JR Tel: (01582) 575191



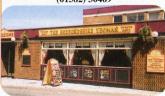
Bedfordshire

Just a two-minute walk from the ground. Food available on matchdays. Supporters welcome.
214 Dallow Road, Luton

The

Yeoman

(01582) 30469

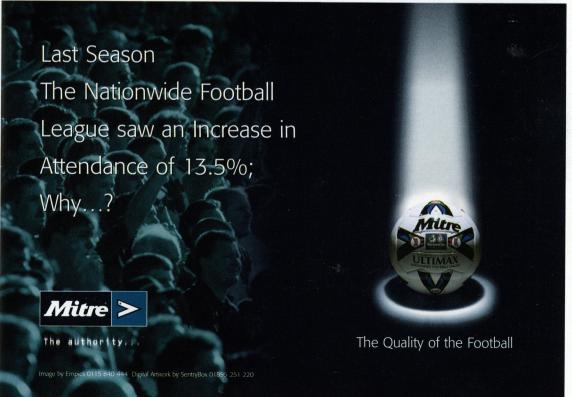




Stopsley, Luton, LU2 8AB Tel: (01582) 727400

XMAS Party Menu; From only £7.95 for 2 courses, all served on our famous 17" big plates Please phone for more details







Luton Town 1 Hull City 3



THE BEST goal scored at Kenilworth Road for a long time was the only highlight of a depressing FA Cup exit.

Hull City, bottom of the whole of the Football League, and without ten players who were injured or suspended, did to us what we had done to Ipswich, Coventry and Barnsley in the Worthington Cup. So now we know how they felt. We enjoyed dishing it out to the big boys, and an inept Town display meant that we had to learn to take it on the chin.

Having sacked Mark Hateley as manager a couple of weeks earlier, Hull were up for it, and prepared to pull out all the stops to back new player-manager Warren Joyce.

He was one of the walking wounded who missed the game, and as an old mate of Steve

MATCH DETAILS

Town: K. Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, S. Davis, White, McKinnon (McIndoe 61 mins), Evers, Doherty (Douglas 64 mins), Gray, McLaren (Scarlett 80 mins). Unused subs: Abbey, Thomas.

Booked: Gavin McGowan, foul on Matt Hocking, 65 mins.

Hull City: Wilson, Greaves, Edwards, Hocking, Whittle, Dewhurst, French, D'Auria, David Brown (Ellington 86 mins), Morley, McGinty. Unused subs Danny Brown, Boulder, Sharman, Poole

Booked: David D'Auria, body-check on Ray McKinnon, 39 mins; Justin Whittle, foul on Phil Gray, 41mins.

The goals: 0-1 29 mins: 17-year-old YTS boy Ben Morley, a midfielder in his first senior outing as an emergency striker, with a sharp shot after David Brown got clear down the Town's left; 1-1 36 mins: Steve Davis wondergoal - all his own work except for a spot-on return pass by Phil Gray in a surging 60-yard run that sliced through the Hull midfield and defence, then round the goalkeeper; 1-2 64 mins: defender Rob Dewhurst unmarked for a free header from a free kick by David D'Auria. Referee: Chris Foy, St. Helens.

Davis - they were at Burnley together - he might have been glad he was not on the pitch when Stevo decided to show our faltering strikeforce how the opposition should be attacked.

You need a good memory to recall a better goal. One by Scott Oakes, against Derby in January 1994, comes to mind, along with perhaps the best-ever, by Graham French against Mansfield just over 30 years ago.

The differences were that Oakes and French were expected to score goals, and their two most memorable contributed to victories.

Davis, at 30 surely the best central defender outside the Premiership, is paid to stop attackers, but is still a consistent marksman.

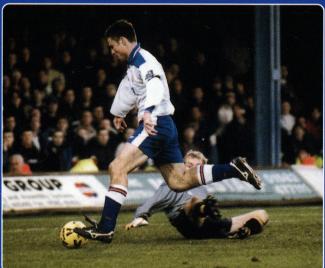
We needed more of the same from others against Hull - we were already a goal down before Davis embarked on a solo run from ten yards inside his own half. He brushed past opponents with apparent ease, played a 1-2 with Phil Gray, and with the nimbleness of a young Gascoigne or a Beardsley waltzed round the goalkeeper and rolled in his ninth goal of the season.

We won't want to remember a lot else from a day when the opposition were the underdogs with a bite every bit as hurtful as ours had been to supposed better teams from the Premiership and First Division.



LATE SCARE: Wilson comes out on top against Sean Evers as the Town throw everyone forward in the attempt to stage a grandstand finish.





ONE ON ONE (above): Steve Davis, having started off with the ball in his own half, commits Hull's last line of defence.

BAFFLED(left): Steve Wilson is left floundering as Stevo jinks around him.

PICK THAT ONE OUT (below): Having beaten the lot, Davis rolls the ball into the empty net.



Macclesfield 2 Luton Town 2

RELIEF was the major feeling after the Town's first-ever visit to the Moss Rose ground and its dreadful pitch ended with Phil Gray's point-saver two minutes into stoppage time.

The Town were again not firing on all cylinders. Macclesfield, according to their Press followers, most certainly were. And the result was that the home side was the one left deflated at seeing a win they badly needed snatched away at the death.

The Luton following hoped for so much more after a dream start. Graham Alexander sent Gray racing away down the right wing, and his quick cross was met at the near post by Stuart Douglas, who turned in his eighth goal of the season.

But Macclesfield, needing points to stave off the threat of relegation, were full of fight and vigour, and Graeme Tomlinson, whose loan at Kenilworth Road a couple of years ago ended in a broken leg, is clearly keen to make up for lost time.

He netted as he was given offside, saw Kelvin Davis pull off a marvellous save to deny Martin McDonald, and then celebrated when Neil Sorvel swept in an equaliser after the Town's left flank had been pierced by John Askey.

Within a minute of the start of the second half, Tomlinson was even happier. Steve Davis had gone over to our right to help Graham Alexander try to cope with the nippy Stuart Whittaker, and no-one filled in as the cross went over - Tomlinson was yards from any Town defender as he carefully headed his sixth goal in as many games.

Kelvin Davis denied Tomlinson the goal that might have clinched it, before the Town got back into their stride in the closing stages.

Alexander had seen a tremendous volley pushed away, with Gray poking the rebound wide when it looked easier to hit the net, and Gary Doherty, sub for Douglas, wasted another chance.

Macclesfield were on the ropes for the last few minutes, when Alan White was sent on to allow Steve Davis to augment the attack, and it paid off in stoppage time, with Davis flicking on the ball to give Gray the halfchance to nip in and save a point.

Lennie Lawrence confessed: "Macclesfield deserved to win more than we did. They had more chances, so we have to be pleased with a point. But we know we can play better than that, and Macclesfield played very well, probably at their peak, while we were not. A lot of games like that you lose 2-1 so a point is welcome. But it was disappointing about the way the goals were conceded, especially the second."

And there could be a real bonus from the game: Paul Showler came back, as a sub for 27 minutes, to shrug off a long succession of injuries with his first league appearance in more than a year. As we report elsewhere, he is ready to fight for a regular place, and it could be a happy New Year for him, and for a hard-pressed manager with no money to buy a man to play on the side left of midfield.

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: K. Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring (White 82 mins), S. Davis, Johnson, McLaren, Evers, Douglas (Doherty 67 mins), Gray, McIndoe (Showler 63 mins).

Booked: Graham Alexander, 40 mins, foul on Neil Sorvel.

Macclesfield: Price, Hitchen, Ingram, Howarth, McDonald, Sodje, Askey, Sorvel, Tomlinson, Wood, Whittaker (Sedgemore 82 mins). Unused subs Lonergan, Durkan.

Booked: John Askey, 41 mins, foul on Matthew Spring.

The goals: 0-1 3 mins: Stuart Douglas, near post turn and shot from cross by Phil Gray; 1-1 36 mins: Neil Sorvel shot from right wing cross by John Askey; 2-1 46 mins: Graeme Tomlinson, free header to meet left wing cross by Stuart Whittaker; 2-2 93 mins: Phil Gray darting through to convert a flick-on by Steve Davis

Referee: Mark Warren, Walsall

Attendance: 2,902, including 580 Town supporters.

EARLY STRIKE: Stuart Douglas gets on the right side of former Stevenage Borough defender Efetobore Sodje to give the Town the lead.





BRIGHTENING OUR GLOOM: Sorry about the Macclesfield floodlights, but this was a real bright spot, Phil Gray netting our stoppage-time equaliser.



SCRAMBLE: Panic in the Macclesfield goalmouth as the Town attack in numbers.



wolff evans

Football programmes

Annual reports

Catalogues

Corporate identity

Corporate manuals

Copywritin

Digital re-touching

Exhibition design

Interior design

Literature packs

Marketing brochures

Packaging design

Photography

Product brochures

Publications

Stationery

Styling

London: 287 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 4X5
Phone: 0181 882 7882 Fax: 0181 882 7847 Isdn: 0181 882 1182
Hertfordshire: The Studio, 28 Wentworth Close, Watford, Herts WD1 3LW
Phone: 01923 228887 Fax: 01923 248981

welcome

WELCOME to all young football supporters to today's match, and not only to our own Junior Hatters, but also to the young Lions from Millwall, who are joining us for a full day's entertainment.

It started this morning, not only with our usual Saturday Club, but also with two matches against the Millwall juniors. We hope supporters of both teams enjoy the day, and that everyone has a very happy Christmas.

THE Junior Hatters Christmas party was a brilliant success, not least because we had the chance to meet the players, and we will have a special report with pictures in the Boxing Day programme.

After that game, against Reading, we are away to Bournemouth, and the Junior Hatters will be going. We will have two football games against the young Cherries, and the fare for Junior Hatters, including a match ticket, is only £10. For guests it is £12, and places can be booked through the Kenilworth Road ticket office. A similar trip, at the same price, will be made to Colchester, for the first match of 1999.



MEETING THE STARS: Two mascots proudly pose with the skippers, match officials and Happy Harry before some of the pleasure of the day vanished when we lost to Hull. In the white shirt is Greg Roberts, and in the orange is the commercial mascot, Allen Bridgeman.

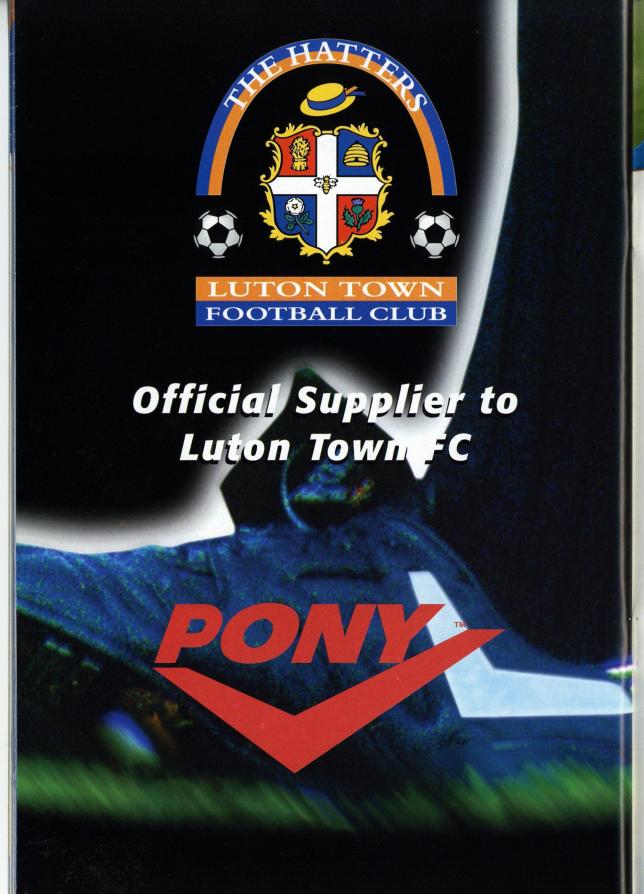
Today's Mascot



OUR mascot today is 11-year-old Tony Fookes, of Markyate Road, Slip End. He goes to Five Oaks School, Caddington, and plays for their football team. He likes drawing, especially animals, computing and horseriding, and his favourite Town player is Steve Davis.

Our ballboys - sorry, one is a ballgirl - are brother and sister Darragh and Sinead Doherty.







from the treatment room

I GUESSED I might be tempting providence in the last notes I wrote when I spoke of how pleasing it was to see the treatment room not very busy. Surprise, surprise, fickle fate has made sure I have had work to do this week, with three first-team men under treatment for very similar injuries.

Ray McKinnon missed last week's game at Macclesfield with a hamstring problem. It started to cause discomfort during the FA Cuptie against Hull, but he is responding to treatment and has a chance of being all right for this afternoon's match.

Alongside him in the treatment room this week have been Graham Alexander and Sean Evers, also with hamstring niggles. Again, we hope they will be fit enough to keep their places today, if selected. They are not serious hamstring pulls, but both midfielders are suffering from inflammation of a nerve which runs from the spine to the hamstring.

They have been doing careful stretching exercises, and undergoing deep massage, plus a bit of work on the exercise bike.

For Sean Evers and Graham Alexander, playing on a very heavy pitch at Macclesfield did not help, and speaking of that it gave a lot of us great pleasure to see Paul Showler play

his part in that game. I don't suppose it was the sort of surface he would have chosen for his league comeback, even if it was for only half an hour, but I am very pleased to report that there has been no adverse reaction. He has had a long and frustrating fight to regain fitness, and I hope his problems are now all behind him.

Herve Bacque has also been under treatment this week, for a back injury which caused him to miss the reserves' match in midweek, but he has come on well, and he will not have to miss much training.

And perhaps the best news from my viewpoint is that Liam George is still looking good as he continues his work to get over a broken leg. He is still doing strengthening work, but has started running and kicking a ball. We will take care not to rush things, and he is not yet going at full pace, but it looks as though he will have good news early in the New Year.

It should also be a brighter year for Julian James, who is out of plaster and walking around. He can drive again, which means he is coming in for treatment and exercise on a regular basis. We will wait a few more weeks to make sure the bones have healed properly, but all the signs are good, and we all look forward to the time when he is back in contention for the first team squad.





Clive Gloodyear

HATTERS SHOP

Ideal Christmas Gifts available in the Club Shop

BOOKS AND VIDEOS



Kenilworth Sunset

by Tim Kingston £8.99

A Hatter Goes Mad

by Kristina Howells £7.99

Definative Luton Town Statistics

by Steve Bailey, Brian Ellis, Alan Shury £7.99

Luton Town, The Modern Era by Roger Wash

£16.99

Highlights and Goals of Last Season 1997-98 £12.00

1998 Littlewoods Cup Video Luton vs Arsenal £15.99





If you cannot decide, how about a Gift Voucher?

HATTERS SHOP

Pony Training Kit now available in the Club Shop

These garments will only be available to buy during season 1998/99 while stocks last



Pony Bubble Jacket Navy SB, B, LB £59.99 Y, S, M, L, XL, XXL £74.99



Pony Bench Coat
Navy
SB, B, LB
£54.99
Y, S, M, L, XL, XXL
£69.99



Pony Travel Suit Navy SB, B, LB £54.99 Y, S, M, L, XL, XXL £69.99



Pony Rain Jackets
SB, B, LB
£44.99
(available mid December)
Y, S, M, L, XL, XXL
£54.99
(in stock)



John Moore & Trevor Hartley



Paul youth





Luton Town 0 Colchester Utd 2

A VERY young team worked hard without getting the goals we deserved against a very strong visiting side in the Avon Insurance Combination. Four players who started the match are still in the youth squad, and two more went on as subs when we changed the pattern.

The disappointing feature, once again, was that we created a hatful of chances and failed to take a single one. We might have scored seven or eight goals, and while it is something we must work on we would be even more worried if we were not making the openings.

And it is encouraging to see young players coming through - Moses Jerry, for instance, did all right in his first match at this level, playing wide on the right of midfield, with Andre Scarlett in the middle, and Tresor Kandol partnering Andrew Fotiadis in attack.

Our performance was ten out of ten for effort, but against that we gave away silly goals in the first half. The danger then is that heads might drop, but they didn't. The spirit was still there, and while Colchester were more physical we showed we're no soft touch.

Overall, we were quite pleased with the performance, and the coaches know that reserve team football can be difficult - the average reserve side tends to include some players who are upset because they are not in the first team, some coming back from injury, and always in our case, young players striving to make an impact. Here, the youngsters get their chance earlier than they might at other clubs, but they also have to learn not to be carried away by that - you kid yourself you've arrived, and you'll soon learn differently!

So it is a pleasure to report that for all the ups and downs the reserves have gone through so far this season, every player has shown the right attitude, a characteristic which is very important, no matter how talented he may or may not be.

Luton Town: Abbey, Clarke (Ayres 80 mins), Willmott, Boyce (McKoy 80 mins), Fraser, Jerry, Lough, Nyamah, Scarlett, Fotiadis, Kandol, Unused sub Lawes.

We are due to play our last game of the year on Monday, against Spurs Reserves at Kenilworth Road (2pm) subject to the pitch being fit. Then we have a break, before playing away to Chelsea on January 4.

Appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets): Abbey 15, Akurang 1, Ayres 3, Bacque 12 (1 + 1 pen), Boyce 12, Clarke 11, Cox 9 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 10 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 11 (8), Fraser 45 (1), Hudson 1, Jerry 2, Kandol 5 (3), Lawes 9, Lough 8 (1), Lawes 1, Lopez 1, McIndoe 5 (1), McKoy 1, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 14 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 1, Thomas 2, White 6 (5), Willmott 14 (1).

Avor	n Insi	uran	ce C	ombi	inatio	n	
	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Peterborough	14	9	2	3	33	17	29
Charlton	12	9	2	1	23	9	29
Fulham	13	7	4	2	28	16	25
Tottenham	14	8	1	2 5 3	21	13	25
Ipswich	13	7	3		22	16	24
Southampton	13	7	2	4	27	17	23
Watford	12	8 .	4	2	24	10	22
Norwich	14	6	4	4	18	10	22
QPR	14	6	3	5	22	14	21
Arsenal	11	6	2	3	23	15	20
Chelsea	13	6	. 1	6	15	14	19
Luton Town	14	5	4	5	22	26	19
Brighton	12	5	4	3	13	18	19
West Ham	10	5	3	. 2	20	11	18
Northampton	12	5	3	4 5	14	11	18
Portsmouth	13	5	3	5	23	23	18
C. Palace	14	4	4	6	28	27	18
Bournemouth	13	5	1	7	24	24	16
Wimbledon	14	4	4	6	18	24	16
Oxford Utd	13	5	1	7	16	24	16
Millwall	13	4	3	6	17	18	15
Swindon	13	4	2	7	17	25	14
Colchester	15	4	2	9	19	33	14
Barnet	12	4	2	6	14	31	14
Cambridge	13	3	2 2 2 3	7	12	28	12
Brentford	10	2	3	5	14	18	9
Reading	12	2		8	18	28	8
Gillingham	12	1	2	7	9	21	7
Wycombe	11	1	2	8	7	23	5

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

- 1					
	Wed 12	August	Brighton & Hove	H	4-1
	Wed 26	0	Cambridge United	Α	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	Н	1-1
١	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
	Wed 11		Watford	A	0-0
	Mon 16		Kempston Rov (BSC)	A	3-0
	Thur 19		Norwich City	A	0-6
1	Wed 25		Ipswich Town	Н	2-3
	Mon 14		Colchester United	H	0-2
	Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	H	2.00pm
1	Mon 04	January	Chelsea	A	
	Mon 11		Wimbledon	H	7.00pm
	Wed 20		Southampton	A	
	Mon 01	February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Н	7.00pm
	Mon 8		Fulham	A	
	Mon 22		Barnet	Н	7.00pm
	Wed 10	March	Queens Park Rangers	A	
	Wed 17		Wycombe Wanderers	s H	2.00pm
	Wed 07	April	Oxford	Н	2.00pm
	Thur 15		Northampton Town	A	
	Wed 21		Peterborough United	H	2.00pm
	Wed 25		Ipswich	Н	2-3
	To be arr	anged	West Ham	Α	
	To be arr	anged	Arsenal	A)
	10 bc an				
	To be arr		Bournemouth	A	

Luton Town 2 Brentford 1

AFTER the unpleasant shock of losing to a mid-table team a week earlier, our players responded in the best possible way by beating Brentford, our nearest challengers for the South East Counties League title. It was sweet revenge for a defeat we suffered at Brentford on the opening day of the season.

With both first-choice goalkeepers injured schoolboy Graham Wraight came in for his second game of the season and played an important part with two good saves to keep us in the game in the first half.

It was a flowing match between two good sides, with Brentford looking very bright in the early stages and our lads taking over when the game got stretched later on, giving us more room to pass the ball.

We broke the deadlock on 65 minutes, when Tresor Kandol and Delroy McKoy exchanged passes before McKoy struck a good drive into the bottom corner.

We were lucky with the second goal: TK was through on his own, over-ran the ball, and as the goalkeeper gathered it safely TK stumbled as he tried to jump over him. It was a complete shock to see a penalty awarded, but TK didn't worry about that, and netted his 16th youth team goal of the season.

And the luck balanced out when a fortunate deflection gave Brentford their late consolation goal.

Luton Town: Wraight, Moran (Stirling 75 mins), Taylor, Minton, Ayres, Harrington (Barriteau 80 mins), Howe, Jerry, Carroll (Akurang HT), Kandol, McKoy

Barnet 2 Luton Town o

THERE can be no excuses for our second league defeat of the season, but it was very disappointing at the way our unbeaten 16-game run ended. No-one played very well, and Barnet deserved the points. It is difficult to pinpoint the cause of our inability to hit normal form - perhaps the number of games we have played caught up with us, or perhaps we were too relaxed.

Whatever the cause, it had to be put right against Brentford, and it was!

Luton Town: Tate, Moran, Taylor, Minton, Ayres, Howe, Harrington, Jerry, Kandol, Stirling (McKoy 70 mins), Carroll (Barriteau 55 mins).

The youth team takes a break over Christmas and New Year, so that the boys can go home to their families. Our next fixture is on January 9, against Oxford United at Luton RFC (11am).

Youth team appearances, including as subs (goals in brackets):

Akurang 17 (6), Ayres 19 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 3 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 5 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 22, Hudson 6, Jerry 19 (1), Kandol 21 (16), Mansell 4 (1), McKoy 16 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 21, Moran 15, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 20 (1), Tate 18, Taylor 20 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 2.

South East Counties League

are the first the same	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	19	14	3	2	41	16	45
Brentford	17	9	4	4	35	20	31
L. Orient	17	7	6	4	28	24	27
Portsmouth	18	7	6	5	26	25	27
Bristol Rov	19	7	5	7	35	31	26
Wycombe	17	6	7	4	24	22	25
Barnet	17	7	3	7	16	17	24
Reading	18	4	10	4	21	22	22
Bournemouth	16	7	1	8	26	31	22
Swindon	18	6	3	9	23	26	21
Brighton	16	5	5	6	21	24	20
Colchester	19	6	2	11	26	30	20
Southend	19	6	2	11	28	37	20
Gillingham	17	5	4	8	20	26	19
Oxford	17	5	4	8	17	26	19
Cambridge	16	4	5	7	27	37	17

Youth Team Fixtures Brentford

	Jal	00	August	Dicitioru	11	2-4	
	Sat	15		AFC Bournemouth	Н	4-2	
	Sat	22		Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0	
	Sat	29		Bristol Rovers	Н	3-1	
	Sat	05	September	Oxford United	A	3-0	
	Sat	07		Swindon (SJFCP)	Н	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	Α	3-0	
	Sat	10		Portsmouth	Н	3-0	
	Sat	17		Cambridge United	A	4-0	
	Tue	21	October	Colchester (FAYC)	Н	0-1	
	Sat	24		Colchester United	H	2-0	
	Sat	31		Southend United	H	3-1	
	Sat	07	November	Swindon	A	1-0	
	Wed	11		Northampton (SJFC1)	H	3-1	
	Sat	14		Barnet	H	2-0	
	Sat	21		AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1	
	Sat	28		Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0	
	Sat	05	December	Barnet	A	0-2	
	Sat	12		Brentford	Н	2-1	
	Sat	09	January	Oxford United	Н		
	Sat	16		Reading	Α		
	Sat	23		Wycombe Wanderers	Н		
	Sat	30		Gillingham	A		
	Sat	06	February	Leyton Orient	Н		
10	Sat	13		Portsmouth	A		
	Sat	20		Cambridge United	H		
	Sat	27		Colchester United	Α		
	Sat	06	March	Southend United	Α		
	Sat	13		Swindon Town	Н		
	Sat	20		Bristol Rovers	A		



Critical Research - Main Sponsors of Luton Town Youth Team

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them see key below H CR OB V FK P IB OG H CR OB V FK P IB OG 2 5 2 0 5 0 4 3 6 2 0 5 4 11 5 1 0 3 10 0 2 6 0 1 8 0 Burnley Chesterfield 0 1 0 2 4 0 Colchester United 4 4 3 6 0 Gillingham 5 3 3 0 1 0 5 6 3 5 7 1 1 5 1 **Lincoln City** 1 2 1 0 7 0 **Luton Town** 4 2 0 3 0 0 11 5 1 0 0 4 0 Macclesfield Town 4 3 4 4 Manchester City 5 2 1 2 0 3 6 0 6 5 3 3 1 1 4 1 1 0 0 6 2 2 1 4 3 0 Northampton Town 7 0 3 Notts County **Oldham Athletic** 10 9 4 6 4 1 2 0 0 5 1 Preston Nort End Reading 2 3 0 11 4 2 2 0 3 7 Walsall 9 4 4 4 0 2 6 3 3 2 0 4 1 0 2 8 2 0 6 4 2 3 3 0 Wrexham 16 3 1 4 0 3 8 1 3 0 3 3 2 4 10 1 **York City**

Key H = Header; CR = Close Range; OB = Outside Box; V = Volley; FK = Free Kick; P = Penalty; IB = Inside Box; OG = Own Goal 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug 2.075 York v Lincoln 8-Dec

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

Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov

Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct **Consecutive Wins** Fulham, Stoke 6 **Games Unbeaten** Gillingham 14 **Consecutive Defeats** Lincoln 6

Biggest Away Win

Games without a Win

Wycombe 12

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

Div	isic	on i	Two	Sta	itist	ics,	Club by Club			
see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	wc	FA
Bournemouth	20	31	21	7	11	2	Stein	10	5	1
Blackpool	25	25	25	6	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	22	24	25	7	17	6	Hayles	9	1	0
Burnley	32	22	34	3	20	7	Payton	11	1	2
Chesterfield	23	21	14	9	20	6	Howard	6	1	0
Colchester United	23	19	23	4	20	2	Gregory D	3	2	0
Fulham	27	32	16	10	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	29	18	9	22	5	Asaba	10	0	0
Lincoln City	24	20	38	4	24	14	Battersby	5	1	1
Luton Town	24	26	21	6	12	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	23	19	28	3	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	28	24	19	7	14	1	Goater	8	2	1
Millwall	25	20	22	7	14	5	Shaw	7	1	0
Northampton Town	29	19	23	4	22	14	Corazzin	8	0	0
Notts County	29	23	28	3	19	5	Hendon/Jones	5/2	0/0	0/3
Oldham Athletic	25	19	34	3	23	14	Allott	3	1	0
Preston North End	20	37	21	8	7	1	Nogan	7	0	1
Reading	32	24	26	6	23	9	Williams	9	0	0
Stoke City	21	30	15	11	4	1	Kavanagh	6	1	0
Walsall	25	32	24	9	11	2	Rammell	10	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	27	21	8	23	10	Barlow	8	1	1
Wrexham	20	21	28	6	17	2	Connolly	5	1	1
Wycombe Wanderer	25	16	26	6	24	19	Scott	3	0	1
York City	22	26	36	3	24	8	Cresswell	11	0	3

Yellow &	Red	Cards	
	Yellow	Red	Pts
Bristol Rovers	38	7	59
Millwall	44	4	56
Wycombe Wandere	rs 43	3	52
Burnley	41	3	50
Wigan Athletic	47	1	50
Gillingham	37	4	49
Lincoln City	40	3	
Manchester City	32	3	41
Northampton Town	37	1	40
Luton Town	29	3	38
Oldham Athletic	26	4	38
Blackpool	37	0	37
Reading	30	2	36
Walsall	27	3	36
Chesterfield	26	3	35
Preston North End	23	4	35
Wrexham	29	2	35
Macclesfield Town	24	3	33
Stoke City	33	0	33
York City	24	3	33
AFC Bournemouth	27	1	30
Notts County	24	1	27
Colchester United	24	0	24
Fulham	21	0	21

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins Walsall 2

Games Unbeaten Gillingham 14

Consecutive Defeats

Notts County 3

Games without a Win

Bristol Rovers, Lincoln 7

Div. 2 Attendance Details									
	lighest	Lowest	Average						
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,135						
Stoke City	17,233	10,557	13,107						
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,918						
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	10,831						
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,684						
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,203						
Millwall	12,726	4,249	6,851						
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,361	6,244						
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,114						
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,036						
Luton Town	9,070	5,005	5,955						
Bournemouth	6,956	4,863	5,851						
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,845						
Gillingham	7,614	4,575	5,591						
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,162						
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,891						
Colchester United	6,377	3,597	4,611						
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,566						
Chesterfield	5,426	3,681	4,309						
Walsall	5,802	3,098	4,132						
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,087						
Wrexham	7,290	2,766	3,954						
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,543						
York City	3,780	2,075	2,888						

second division scene



ONE LOOK at the league table is enough to show how important it is for the Town to pouch three points today. A run of five Second Division matches without a victory has seen us slide out of the playoff frame, and grateful that other teams in and around us are also less than consistent.

32

30

25

17

We dropped to eight place with the draw at Macclesfield, overtaken by Bournemouth, who beat York 2-1 at home. They are ahead of us on goals scored, the same feature being responsible for our slight lead over Manchester City and Reading.

The problem for all those teams is that Stoke, Fulham and Walsall are opening up a gap at the top, and even a brilliant run by anyone from the chasing pack will not make real inroads unless the top three have a startling loss of form.

Stoke were kicking themselves for missing a stack of chances when they were held to a scoreless draw at home to Gillingham. In mid-September the Gills were down in 18th place, but a run of 14 league games without defeat has hoisted them to fifth. Their only defeat in that sequence was in the FA Cup at Oldham.

Fulham and Walsall closed the gap to two points. After two defeats, Fulham thumped Burnley 4-0, and Turf Moor manager Stan Ternent had one word to describe his lot - "pathetic."

Preston's fifth away win of the season came at

Stoke

Fulham

Walsall Preston

Gillingham

Chesterfield

Bournemouth

Luton Town Man City

Reading Wigan

Millwall Blackpool

Wrexham

Colchester

Bristol Roy

York City

Burnley

Notts Co Northampton

Oldham

Lincoln

Wycombe

v Blackpool.

Macclesfield

The Second Division

11 17

2 6 12 12 0 21 2 2 6 13 18 1

*Not including last night's matches, Bristol Rovers v Macclesfield and Colchester

Notts County, Jason Harris snatching a winner at about the same time Phil Grav was poking the ball into the Macclesfield net.

Something has to give this afternoon, when Preston play Fulham at Deepdale.

Walsall, who visit us in the Auto Windscreens Shield on January 5, strolled to their sixth away win of the season, 2-0 at Oldham, to deepen the relegation fears at Boundary Park. It was Oldham's sixth home defeat of the season, and along with Wycombe and Lincoln they are in danger of losing touch with safety.

Today's visitors to Kenilworth Road were another team wondering how they had failed to slaughter outplayed opposition. Millwall had Reading on the rack for most of their game at the New Den, led at half-time through Lucas Neill, but were pegged back in the second half by Mass Sarr's equaliser.

Down among the strugglers, Lincoln have signed a new goalkeeper. Bruce Grobbelaar, now 41, made his home debut in a goal-less draw against Colchester.

The only team in the bottom half of the table to

manage victory was Northampton who scraped through 1-0 at home to Chesterfield to move out of the bottom

They could be back in it by today: Macclesfield were away to Bristol Rovers last night. Colchester v Blackpool was the other Friday night fixture as clubs hoped to stave off the depression caused by Christmas shopping. A Town win today will lift mine... Happy Christmas!

Today's other Second Division fixtures

Burnley v Northampton Chesterfield v Wigan Gillingham v Notts County Preston v Fulham Reading v Oldham Walsall v Stoke Wrexham v Bournemouth Wycombe v Lincoln York v Manchester City

3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)

3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)

2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)

3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)

3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)

3-2 (Gray 2, S. Davis)

4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, Johnson) 5,665

2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)

Sat	08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Α	3.00pm	1-0	(S. Davis)
TUES	11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	Н	7.45pm	2-3	(Alexander 2p)
SAT	15		PRESTON NORTH END	Н	3.00pm	1-1	(Marshall)
TUES	18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	Α	7.45pm	3-1	(Gray, Evers, McI
SAT	22		READING	Α	3.00pm	0-3	
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	Н	3.00pm	2-0	(S. Davis, Dougla
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm	3-1	(S. Davis, Evers,
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	Н	3.00pm		(Douglas)
TUES	08	JEI TEITIBETT	WREXHAM	Α	7.45pm		(McKinnon)
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	Н	3.00pm		(S. Davis, Alexan
TUES	15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	Α	7.45pm		(Douglas)
SAT	19	VVC2(1)	BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1	(Douglus)
TUES	22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	H	7.45pm		(Fotiadis, Douglas S. D
	26	VVC2(2)	WALSALL	н	3.00pm	0-1	(Foliadis, Douglas 3. L
SAT		OCTORER	FULHAM	Α	3.00pm		(Gray, Douglas,
SAT	03	OCTOBER		A	3.00pm		(Douglas, Evers,
SAT	10		YORK CITY	Н			
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC		3.00pm		(Gray, Scarlett)
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm		(Alexander)
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm	0-1	
TUES	27	WC3	COVENTRY	Н			(Gray, S. Davis)
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	Н	3.00pm		
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm		(Douglas)
TUES	10	WC4	BARNSLEY	Н	7.45pm		(Gray)
TUES	10		NOTTS COUNTY	Н	7.45pm		
SUN	15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	Α	1.00pm	3-2	(Gray 2, S. Davis
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	Α	3.00pm	2-2	(Gray, Doherty)
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	Н	3.00pm	1-1	(Doherty)
TUES	01	DECEMBER WC5	SUNDERLAND	Α	7.45pm	0-3	
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	H	3.00pm	1-2	(S. Davis)
SAT	12	,	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm	2-2	(Douglas, Gray)
SAT	19		MILLWALL	H	3.00pm		
SAT	26		READING	H	12 noon	1	
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm		TO
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm		TC RE
TUES	05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	Н	7.45pm		
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Н	3.00pm		
SAT	16	1333	PRESTON NORTH END	Α	3.00pm		RF
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm		
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Н	3.00pm		
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	Α	3.00pm		WE ARE
SAT	13	LDKOAKI	WREXHAM	Ĥ	3.00pm		for the
WED	17	AWS SF	VVKLATIAM	• • •	3.00pm		month -
	20	AVV3 3F	BRISTOL ROVERS	Α	3.00pm		
SAT			BLACKPOOL	н	3.00pm		Manche
SAT	27	MARCH	WALSALL	A	3.00pm		middle
SAT	06	MARCH		Ĥ	7.45pm		Cup
TUES	09	AVA/C (A E1)	FULHAM		7.43piii		
	40	or AWS (AF1)	STOVE CITY	Н	3.00pm		Sunderla
SAT	13		STOKE CITY	п	3.00pm		this time
WED	17	AWS (AF2)	OLIFOTEDELE D		2.00		Mr Lom
SAT	20		CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm		Salford
SAT	27		GILLINGHAM	H	3.00pm		
SAT	03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm		qualified
TUES	06		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm		football
SAT	10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Α	3.00pm		
WED	14		MANCHESTER CITY	Α	7.45pm		He wo
SAT	17		LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm		referees
SUN	18	AWS FINAL					league
SAT	24		NOTTS COUNTY	Α	3.00pm		Europea
SAT	01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	Н	3.00pm		the second secon
SAT	08		MILLWALL	A	3.00pm		Sampdo
							Cun and

5,252

3,165

5,392

5,099

18 108

5.005

3778

5,554

2.951

5.558

9.032

5,695

5.530

11,856

3.780

5,447

6.087

5.602

9.051

12.964

8,453

1,772

4 893

9,070

35,742

5.021

2.902

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K Davis

K. Davis

K Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K Davis

K. Davis

K. Davis

K Davis

K. Davis

Alexander

McGowan

Alexander

Alexander

Alexander

Alexander

Thomas

McGowan

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

McGowan

McGowan

McGowan

McGowan

Thomas

Thomas

Thomas

s Davis

S. Davis

S. Davis

S Davis

S. Davis

S. Davis

S. Davis

C Davis

S. Davis

S Davis

S. Davis

S Davis

S. Davis

S. Davis

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Iohnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

Johnson

White

White.

Spring

WE ARE meeting today's ref for the second time in a month - Eddie Lomas from Manchester was in the middle for our Worthington Cup quarter-final at

Sunderland. We hope the result is a little different this time!

Mr Lomas, a property services manager with the Salford NHS Trust, celebrates 25 years as a qualified ref in 1999, having started in local parks football in the Eccles and District League.

He worked his way up to join the national referees' list in 1993 having spent nine years as a league linesman, which gave him experience of European football, assisting the referees in Sampdoria and AC Milan in the Cup-Winners Cup and the Champions Cup.

He has been a panel league referee for the past four years, and is an all-round sports lover, listing as his hobbies golf, cycling, gardening and going to the gym.

S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	The
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	Mo
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fot
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Bad
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fot
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fot
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Ma
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Marshall	Co
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Cox	Gra
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Cox
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	W
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Sca

Evers

McKinnon

McGowan

McKinnon

Mcl aren

McLaren

McKinnon

KcKinnon

KcKinnon

McKinnon

McKinnon

McKinnon

McLaren

Evers

Evers

Evers

Bacqué Grav

Bacqué Gray

Bacqué Gray

Douglas Gray

Doherty Gray

Douglas Gray

Davies

McKinnon Douglas Gray

McKinnon Douglas Grav

McKinnon Douglas Gray

McKinnon Douglas Gray

Marshall

Marshall

Marshall McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85. Marshall George for Douglas 84: McKinnon for Marshall 90, Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué, Marshall McKinnon for Marshall 10: George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62. iomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79. cIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas tiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81, Unused: Bacque. acque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox

tiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall. tiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White arshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88. ox for Marshall 66: Bacque for Fotiadis 73: White for McKinnon 78, Unused Abbey, McIndoe ray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87 x for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White hite for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis

McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White

McIndoe Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74 McIndoe White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett McGowan Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75, Unused: McLaren McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren

George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White

McGowan McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White McIndoe McLaren for McKinnon 56, Nyamah for McIndoe 57, White for Douglas 82. Unused: Abbey Scarlett McIndoe for Nyamah 62, Doherty for Douglas 66, Spring for McKinnon 89, Unused: White, Abbey

> Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84.

McGowan Doherty for Douglas 63, McLaren for McKinnon 70, White for McGowan 75. Unused Abbey, McIndoe McLaren McIndoe for McKinnon 61, Douglas for Doherty 64, Scarlett for McLaren 80. Unused Abbey, Thomas. McIndoe Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82.

Hatters Roll-Call 1008/00

Hatters Nott-Catt 1990/99										
	Appearances						Goals			
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
Alexander	18	7	2	0	27	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	19	7	2	0	28	0	0	0	0	0
S. Davis	17	6	2	0	26	5	2	2	0	9
Douglas	17	6	1(1)	0	24(1)	6	2	0	0	8
Doherty	0(4)	0(1)	1(1)	0	1(6)	2	0	0	0	2
Evers	19	7	2	0	28	2	1	0	0	3
Fotiadis	1(7)	1(1)	0	0	2(8)	0	1	0	0	1
Gray	18(1)	6	2	0	26(1)	6	3	2	0	11
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	17	7	1	O	25	0	1	0	0	1
McGowan	14(1)	7	2	0	23(1)	0	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	8(2)	2(1)	(2)	O	10(5)	0	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	16(1)	41)	2	0	22(2)	1	0	0	0	1
McLaren	2(3)	1(3)	2	0	5(6)	0	1	0	0	1
Scarlett	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	O(2)	1	0	0	0	1
Showler	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Spring	19	7	1(1)	0	27(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	9(5)	3	0	O	12(5)	0	0	0	0	0
White	3(8)	0(3)	1	O	4(11)	0	0	0	0	0

Also played: Davies 2 League appearances; Marshall 3(1) League apps, 1 goal, 3 Worthington Cup apps; Nyamah 1 F.A. Cup appearance, 1 appearance as sub in Worthington Cup.





Luton Town v Millwall

Kelvin Davis 1
Graham Alexander 2
Gavin McGowan 3
Matthew Spring 4
Steve Davis 5
Marvin Johnson 6
Ray McKinnon 7
Sean Evers 8
Stuart Douglas 9
Phil Gray 10
Michael McIndoe 11
Alan White 12
Gary Doherty 13
Paul Showler 14

1 Nigel Spink
2 Gerard Lavin
3 Robbie Ryan
4 Tim Cahill
5 Keith Stevens
6 Scott Fitzgerald
7 Steven Reid
8 Marc Bircham
9 Neil Harris
10 Paul Shaw
11 Stephen Roche
12 Lucas Neill
13 Ricky Newman
14 Richard Sadlier

Referee: Eddie Lomas, Manchester Assistants: G. D. Pearson, Kidderminster (yellow flag) N. F. Perkin, Gravesend (yellow & red flag) Reserve official: S. C. Symonds, Cambridge



Plowmans of Luton Motorbodies of Luton



THE PERFECT MATCH

You'll do a great deal better with us!

Open 7 Days

Plowmans, 15 Hitchin Road, Luton. Tel: 454666

Motorbodies, Memorial Road, Leagrave, Luton. Tel: 567500