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STEVE'S

I would like to welcome Lenny Lawrence and his Luton side to Layer Road for this afternoons League match. Luton had a good start to the season and did extremely well in the Worthington Cup. They are a good example to many Clubs with regard to their Youth system as they have many young talented players in their side, who will probably end up playing at a much higher level. Having said all this, they are still finding it tough in this Division, as we are.

After a good start to the season, we are finding it a real tough slog, week in, week out. Our main problem at the moment is obviously our lack of goals. Our effort and general play in most games has been acceptable, but our finishing, home and away, has been of a very low standard. The most difficult aspect of football is being creative and I feel we have created more than enough chances, especially at home this season, to be in a better position in the League, but unfortunately we haven't been able to capitalize on this. If you scan throughout this Division and take note of any heavy investments that clubs have made, ninety percent of this will have been invested in strikers and I think that the biggest difference between all the teams is the quality of their strike force. Bristol Rovers who beat us last Monday, have invested £1/2 million on their strike force and Gillingham, who tore us apart in the Autowindcreens some weeks ago, have invested more than a million pounds on their two strikers. This does not guarantee you success, but what I would say is, without being too disrespectful to my strikers, if you put Asaba and Taylor from Gillingham in my team at this moment in time, I'm sure results would be easy to come by. We are making basic errors defensively in most games and on nearly every occasion at home so far, we've been punished, which wasn't happening last year in the Third Division.

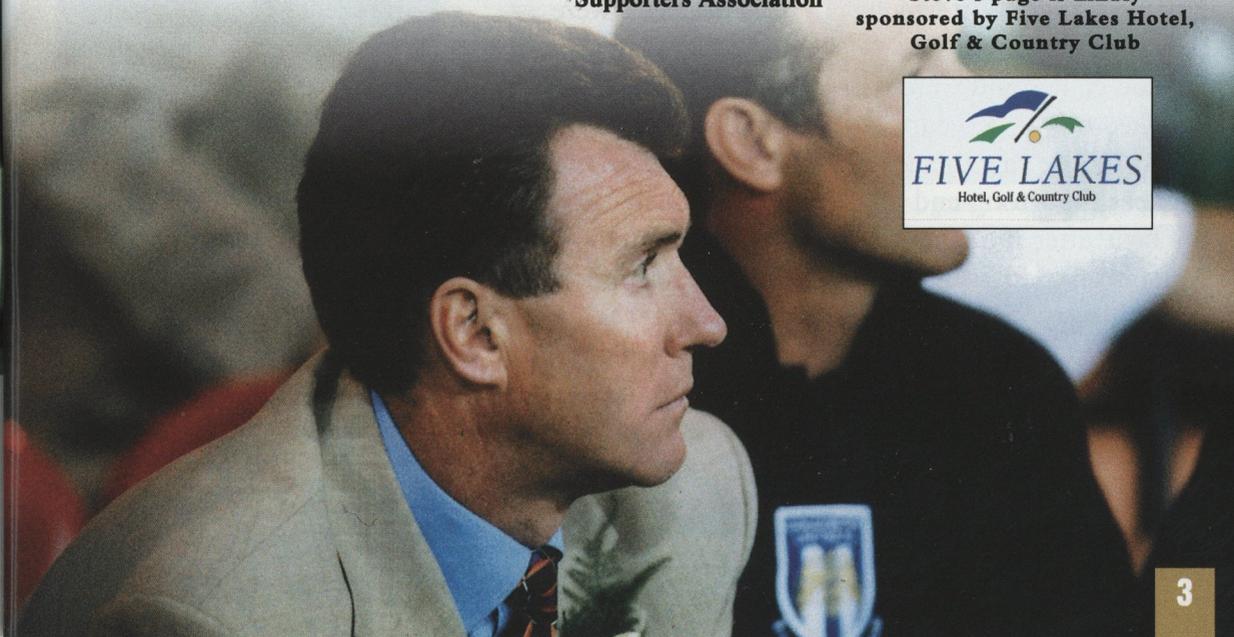
You have supported us tremendously this year and after last years promotion, everyone was very excited about the prospect of playing in the Second Division. I always knew it was going to be as hard as this and now I'm sure all of you realise this as well. What we need to do is stay as positive as possible. I can understand your frustrations and listening to some of the comments made by the crowd last Monday, which were perfectly understandable, I can see the frustration creeping in. We must put all this at the back of our mind, stick together and fight it through week in, week out, from now to the end of the season.

Over the next few weeks, I will try to change things round a little, regarding personnel, but as you know this is not easy, because of the level of finances required to compete in this Division. I will remain loyal to my players as long as possible, but if some don't come up to scratch, changes will have to be made and if the Club can afford them, they will be.

I've been at this Club for four years this month and I have no intention of letting things slide after all the hard work that has been put in over those years. I need you to stick with me, and the players, and see it through no matter how tough it gets over the coming months. Thank you for your support and a belated Happy New Year to everybody. Best wishes

STEVE WIGNALL
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THE OPPOSITION...

LUTON TOWN...

Universal Salvage Auctions



After a highly promising start to the season, Luton Town have experienced something of a mid-season slump. Up to Boxing Day they had a nine-week period in which they failed to win any League games and were knocked out of two cups. Last season saw them finish near the wrong end of the table after probably the worst crop of injuries in the club's history. Those troubles looked a thing of the past as The Hatters cruised into the top three by mid-

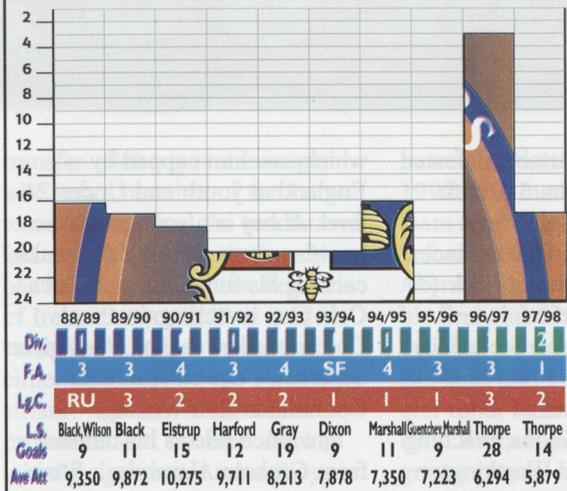
October this year, but a splendid run in the Worthington Cup seems to have distracted the players from the bread-and-butter League business. Cup victories were chalked up over Oxford, Ipswich Town, Coventry City, Barnsley and Boreham Wood, but league form simultaneously took a dive. Generally though, new signings Ray McKinnon and Gavin McGowan have shaped up well and Phil Gray has hit fine form. Gray's goalscoring has been

supplemented by the superb efforts of skipper and centre-half Steve Davis, who bagged his tenth of the campaign against Millwall a fortnight ago. In recent seasons Luton fans have got used to their most promising youngsters being sold to raise funds. Coach John Moore has nurtured another excellent crop in Evers, Spring, Douglas, Fraser, McIndoe and George and it will be a big surprise if none of them move in the coming months.

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Luton Town's last ten years - the full record



When Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



HATTERS CAUTIONS

McGowan...6
 Davis...5
 Alexander...3
 George...2
 Gray...2
 Johnson...2
 McKinnon...2
 Thomas...2
 Douglas...1
 Evers...1
 Mohdoo...1

McLaren...1
 Spring...1
 White...1

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US CAUTIONS

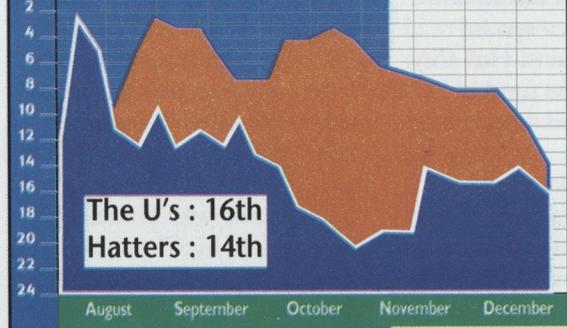
Stamps...5
 Duguid...4
 Forbes...4
 Gregory...4
 Buckle...2
 Dozell...2
 Cleare...2
 Seb...2
 Wilkins...2
 Abrahams...1
 Betts...1

Alexander...1
 Johnson...1
 McGowan...1

Dubin...1
 Durie...1

Emmerson...1

League Positions throughout this season



When Colchester have scored goals... and conceded them



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

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gls					
Kelvin Davis	G	21	6	22	61	14	00	Eng U21
Steve Davis	D	21	6	30	62	14	07	Burnley
Matthew Spring	M	21	19	5	11	11	07	
Phil Gray	F	20(1)	6	30	59	12	09	Sunderland
Sean Evers	M	20	2	21	59	9	11	N Ire
Marvin Johnson	D	19	30	61	13	06		
Graham Alexander	M	18	2	27	51	12	02	Scunthorpe
Stuart Douglas	F	18	6	20	58	11	05	
Ray McKinnon	M	17(1)	1	28	510	11	09	Dundee Utd
Gavin McGowan	D	15(1)	22	58	11	07		Arsenal
Mitchell Thomas	D	10(6)	34	62	13	00		West Ham
Michael McIndoe	M	7(3)	19	58	11	00		Eng Yth
Alan White	D	4(7)	22	60	13	04		Eng B
Paul McLaren	M	3(4)	22	61	13	04		
Dwight Marshall	F	3(1)	1	33	61	11	02	Plymouth
Andrew Fotiadis	F	2(8)	21	51	11	00		
Herve Bacque	F	2(4)	22	59	11	10		Monaco
Liam George	F	2(3)	19	59	11	04		
Jimmy Cox	F	2(2)	18	56	10	07		
Paul Showler	M	2(1)	32	57	11	00		Bradford
Andre Scarlett	M	1(2)	18	54	9	04		
Simon Davies	M	1	24	60	12	03		Man Utd
Stuart Fraser	D	1	18	59	11	00		Wales
Gerry Harrison	M	1	26	59	12	03		on loan from Sunderland
Gary Doherty	F	(4)	2	18	61	13	00	

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

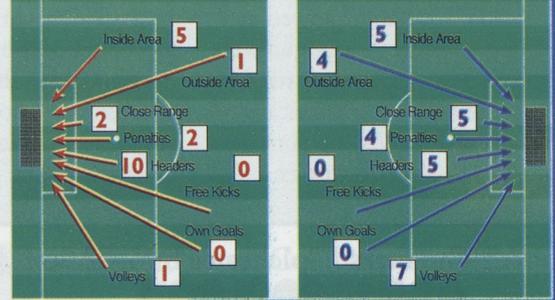


The U's v Hatters

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Colchester United	1	3	2	5	8	6	LLDDDW
Luton Town	0	3	3	7	11	3	LLDDDL

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How Colchester have scored goals... and conceded them



FACING THE U'S...

Luton manager Lennie Lawrence visits Layer Road today in charge of a team which has had spectacular success in the Worthington Cup as well as being comfortably placed to challenge for a promotion place.

Lawrence arrived at Kenilworth Road three years ago but was unable to prevent relegation from Division One in his first season.

The following campaign saw promotion hopes dashed by a play-off semi-final defeat at the hands of Crewe and then last season proved a real struggle with relegation being a threat until results picked up in the last couple of months of the campaign.

This time around The Hatters have made a solid start in the league currently lying in fourteenth place but with games in hand over the clubs above them. Their home form has been excellent with five wins in nine matches and only five goals conceded. Away from Kenilworth Road life has been slightly more difficult and the club is at present in a run of having won just one of their last six away league matches.

Their away campaign started with a 1-0 opening day win at Wycombe. A defeat followed at Reading (0-3) before Wigan were defeated 3-1. Indifferent results at Wrexham (1-1) and Blackpool (0-1) did not auger well but then The Hatters went to Craven

Cottage and comfortably defeated big spending Fulham 3-1 with goals from Phil Gray, Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis. Since then they have drawn at York (3-3) and lost on visits to Gillingham (0-1) and Stoke City (1-3).

Luton are now out of both major cup competitions, reaching the last eight of the Worthington Cup. A first round aggregate win over Oxford (5-4) produced a thrilling second round clash with Ipswich. Luton lost the first leg 2-1 but a 4-2 extra-time win in the second leg saw them through. Gray and Steve Davis then got the goals that saw off Premiership Coventry City before another victory over Barnsley put them in the fifth round. They eventually bowed out of the competition against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light. In the FA Cup the Hatters overcame a potentially difficult first round clash at Borehamwood when Gray scored twice and Davis got the other in a 3-2 win to set up a second round home tie against Hull City. The Tigers upset the form book, however, with a well deserved 2-1 victory.

Luton's first choice keeper is Kelvin Davis with teenager Nathan Abbey in reserve. Davis is a product of the club's youth development scheme who finally became first choice keeper last season. Previously given few chances despite showing form

which saw him capped by England at youth and Under 21 level. Abbey is a youngster who has also come through the ranks earning his full debut in a Coca Cola Cup match against Colchester last season. Also given experience out on loan with Conference club Woking.

Lawrence selects his defence from Graham Alexander, Steve Davis, Marvin Johnson, Gavin McGowan, Gary Doherty, Mitchell Thomas, Stuart Fraser, Julian James and Alan White. Alexander can play at either right back or in midfield. He was bought from Scunthorpe for £100,000 back in the summer of 1995 and has since showed his ability to score goals netting eight times last season. Davis is another player with an eye for goal having scored six times in the league and four times in the cup. He is a commanding central defender who was made club captain immediately on signing from Burnley for a £750,000 fee. Johnson is a veteran of over 300 league appearances for The Hatters who can play anywhere across the back four but is normally a central defender. He has been a first team regular for more than a decade with Luton being his only club. McGowan was twice on loan at Kenilworth Road before being signed in June this year from Arsenal on a permanent basis. Highly rated by the club who picked him up on a free

transfer. Doherty is a teenager who was a member of the Luton team that reached the last four of last season's FA Youth Cup. He has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth level and is versatile enough to operate at either centre half or as a central striker. Thomas is the senior professional at the club having initially signed as a schoolboy before coming through the ranks to make his league debut back in 1983. He moved on to Spurs and West Ham before returning to Luton who made him player-coach at the start of the season. Fraser is a Scottish born youngster who captained the Luton team which won last season's South East Counties League championship. He was given his league debut on the final day of last season. James is approaching 350 appearances for the club after making his debut as an 18 year old. Out of action after suffering a broken right leg in April this year. White played under Lawrence when the manager was in charge at Middlesbrough and was brought to Luton in September 1997 as cover during an injury crisis. He cost a bargain fee of £40,000.

In midfield Luton have the choice of Ray McKinnon, Sean Evers, Paul McLaren, Matthew Spring and Paul Showler. McKinnon is a former Scottish Under 21 cap whose first taste of English football came when he

moved to Nottingham Forest in 1992. He made only eight first team appearances in 20 months before returning north to Aberdeen and later went back to his first club Dundee United. He decided to try his luck again in England and Luton beat off several other clubs to win his signature. Evers is yet another home grown player. He is a tenacious midfielder man who was given his chance during an injury crisis last season and has since gone on to win a regular place. McLaren also came through the club's youth ranks firstly as a schoolboy then as a YT. He took over from Ceri Hughes after the Welsh international moved to Wimbledon and only missed three matches last season. Spring is a competitive midfielder player who was given his league debut at the age of 17. He is another successful product of the youth scheme. Showler is a winger who played part-time with Altrincham and Barnet before Lawrence gave him a chance when he was at Bradford City. He has been badly hit by injuries and only made one appearance last season.

Up front Lawrence selects from Phil Gray, Stuart Douglas, Andrew Fotiadis, Liam George, Andre Scarlett and Henry Bacque. Gray and Douglas are the first choice duo with Gray the more experienced. He is currently a member of the full Northern

Ireland squad having returned to Kenilworth Road in September 1997. His career began at Spurs before he moved to Luton in August 1991. Two years later he went to play in the Premiership for Sunderland and later played in Europe for the French club Nancy before a move to Fortuna Sittard in Holland. His career has been hit by a succession of injuries but Luton were happy to pay £400,000 to bring him back to the club and so far this season he has netted four league goals. Douglas made his debut as a 17 year old back in 1995 but injuries prevented him getting a regular place in the first team until this season. Fotiadis is an old-style centre forward who was another local discovery. He won England Schools caps at Under 15 and Under 18 before turning to football as a career. George is a youngster who has come through the youths and reserves before being given his debut last season.

He was a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that reached the European Youth Championship final. Scarlett is an 18 year old who was given his chance when he came on as sub in this season's home game with Oldham and went on to score in his club's 2-0 victory. Bacque is a French striker who came to Luton on a free transfer from Monaco in the summer.

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The first of today's two Matchball sponsors are also sponsoring a ball for the very first time, mainly because they are **Luton Town fans**, or at least their host, **Jack Green** is. **Jack 'mein host'** at the

Carlton Hotel in Clacton does admit to having a soft spot for **The U's** though. One of his guests this afternoon is the brother of **Club Secretary Marie Partner**, **Roger Hammond**, so there is sure to be plenty of good natured banter throughout the day.

Our second Matchball sponsors are no strangers to **Layer Road**, as they have become big U's fans and sponsors over the past three years. Vice President, **Terry Ponder** is the man at the helm, making sure that his friends from **Carpet Comfort Ltd**, behave themselves. We're stocked up on brandy, **Terry** - so don't let us



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In the major competitions the clubs have only ever met on nine occasions to date, with Luton winning five and four drawn. Colchester's solitary success against the Bedfordshire club came in 1971's pre-season Watney Cup competition.

The last League meeting at Layer Road was during the Easter period of 1966 when The Hatters earned a 2-2 draw in front of a packed crowd of 10,200, our biggest gate of that season. Reg Stratton scored twice for the U's, while Ray Whittaker (penalty) and Dick Edwards hit back. The latter's strike turned out to be the only senior goal of his entire career.

That season ended with the U's gaining promotion from Division Four, pipping Luton on goal average! The two clubs have never met in the League since, despite the fact that Luton soon followed us out of Division Four. As they came up, we went back down and since those days The Hatters have had two spells in the top flight.

Jason signs on

Midfielder Jason Dozell last month signed a contract with the club which expires at the end of the current season. The former Ipswich and Spurs man had previously been on a 'month-to-month' arrangement.

Reserves in cup action

More action at Layer Road on Monday afternoon (January 4) when we take on Leyton Orient at home in the Essex Senior Challenge Cup, with a 2pm kick-off..

Tim's on the case

Remember Tim Allpress, the defender who played for both Colchester United and today's opponents Luton Town a few years ago?

Tim played around 50 senior games for Luton, Preston, Bayer Uerdigan and Colchester in the mid-nineties, but these days he is pounding the beat as a police officer in St. Neots.

Born in Hitchin 27 years ago, Tim never made too many headlines as a player, but recent crime-fighting events have seen him featured in regional papers in his new career.

Page 3 Jade visits Layer Road

As a treat for the players before Christmas page 3 model Jade, who comes from Colchester visited Layer Road to meet the squad. The day was arranged by Mike Emerson of Colchester Photographic, Jade was pictured with Ian Wiles on the front cover of the Bristol Rovers programme and also with the Youth Team on the centre pages.

Many thanks to Jade and to Mike for making it a memorable day for all concerned.

NEXT IN TOWN

Wrexham (Friday January 15, kick-off 7.45pm)

Wrexham have looked unimpressive in recent weeks and looked set go into 1999 without an away win to their name this season.

Before their attractive Boxing Day home game with Manchester City they had slipped slowly down the table and our point against Blackpool a fortnight ago put us ahead of them.

Back in August we celebrated our first away game in this division for 21 years by romping to a 4-2 victory at Wrexham, meaning January 15 will give us our first opportunity to do the 'double' on Second Division opposition this season.

Player-coach at the Racecourse these days is the legendary Ian Rush. Others to watch for include the evergreen former Leicester forward Kevin Russell and the dangerous raider Karl Connolly, who joined Wrexham eight years ago from Napoli. By the way, that's not the Italian Napoli, it's Napoli of the Liverpool Sunday League!

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FOOTBALL In The Community

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope you had a great Christmas and are now looking forward to the second half of the season. The first half has been a busy period and the remainder is going to be no different. Below is a list of the events to watch out for:

- 'Predator Cup'
'Monneret Championship'
'Mothers Day Card Competition'
'Reporters Competition'
'Holiday Courses'
'Trips to Premiership Games' plus much more.

Prince to defend his title
Mark Prince is preparing himself to defend his Colchester United Monneret Champion title. We have two tables which are in the Soccer Centre. The qualifying rounds are underway with over 30 children taking part. The whole competition is a national competition with club winners competing against one another in area and regional finals. Visit the Soccer Centre to either keep yourself updated with the Championship or if you want to

play table football.

West Ham Trip

Advertised in the last holiday booklet was a trip to see West Ham United play Arsenal on Feb 6th - this is now full. We are trying to obtain tickets for a future game in the Premiership. This will be advertised in our new booklet which will be available soon.

Celebrate a Birthday at Colchester United

'Football in the Community' have a Birthday package to please all young Birthday children. A grand tour of the Layer Road stadium, coaching and football matches, followed by McDonalds food. The price of the best football party is only £75 for 10 children.

So let us do all the hard work - all you need is a cake and a camera.

Who Forgot Xmas?

Is there someone you forgot to get a Christmas present for? Then a Colchester United 'Football in the Community' New Junior U's package could be a help.

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With Steve Bradshaw

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Mascots

Today we have two mascots, the first being Ashley Pritchard from Highwoods, Colchester who was 6 years old yesterday. Ashley attends Brinkley Grove Primary school and he loves football and computer games. His favourite team is Colchester United, with his favourite player being Neil Gregory.

Our second mascot is Michael Lace from Lawford in Essex who celebrated his 12th Birthday yesterday. Michael attends Manningtree High School and his favourite pastime is football. Colchester United are his favourite team and Paul Abrahams is his favourite player.

Hope you both enjoyed your Birthdays yesterday and enjoy today even more!!



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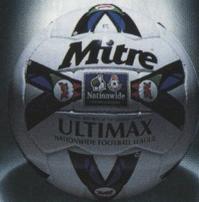
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Between 1960 and 1974 Luton dropped from the top flight into Div. 4 and rose all the way back again. Which top TV star was a director during part of that era?

Luton's Last Visit

In 1997 Luton's last visit here saw them win a cup tie thanks to a goal by a striker who later joined Fulham and Bristol City for big fees. Name him.

Name the Game

In the summer of 1971 we beat Luton 1-0 in front of a big crowd at Layer Road. It was the quarter-final of which now-defunct competition?

He Came, He Saw, He Conquered

Winger who signed for the U's for a second time in 1988, having spent five years away at Arsenal, Stoke and Luton. Can you name him?

He Played for Both

Former Arsenal and England youth winger who joined us from Luton and played 50 times between 1969 and 1971. Can you name him?

DIVISION TWO CHALLENGE

★ Division Two's most-booked player this season is a Luton full-back who signed in the summer from Arsenal. ★
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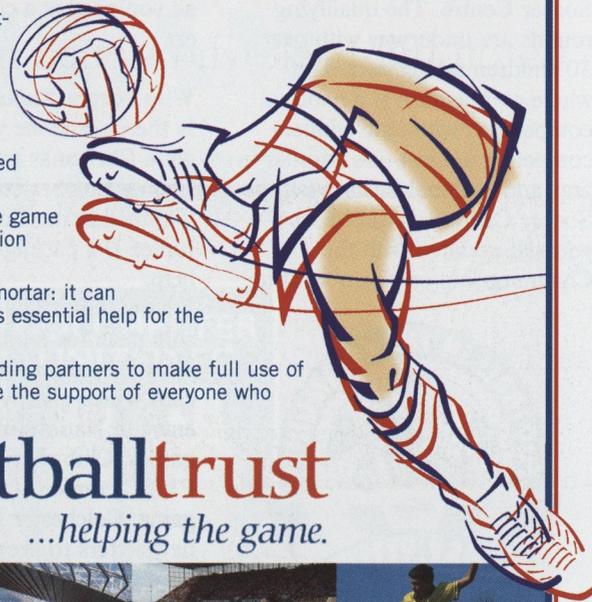
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Last time out

Second-half strikes by Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis gave Luton Town a 2-0 Second Division win at home to Colchester United five months ago. Reg Stratton scored twice as Colchester drew 2-2 on Luton's last League visit to Layer Road on 8th April 1966. The U's have failed to beat Luton in any of their previous seven League meetings and lost 2-1 on aggregate to them in last season's Coca-Cola cup first round.

Wembley Winners

Former Luton Town pair David Greene and Aaron Skelton featured in Colchester United's 1997/98 play-off final triumph at Wembley. Defender Greene signed professional for Luton in September 1991 and made 19 First Division appearances prior to joining The U's for £30,000 in June 1996 after an initial loan period, also playing at Wembley in the Auto Windscreen Shield final in 1997. Midfielder Aaron Skelton signed professional for Luton in December 1992 and made eight League appear-

ances before joining The U's in July 1997.

Leading Marksman

Ex- Luton Town striker Tony Adcock has been Colchester United's leading marksman on six occasions. Signing professional at Layer Road in February 1981, he scored 98 goals in 210 League outings before being sold to Manchester City for £75,000 in June 1987. He joined Luton from Peterborough United for £20,000 in August 1994 and made two substitute appearances in the first division prior to rejoining Colchester on a free transfer in August 1995, playing at Wembley in the 1997 Auto Windscreen Shield final.

In Safe Keeping

One-time Luton Town goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain was ever present in four consecutive seasons for Colchester United. Following Allan Hunter from Ipswich Town to Layer Road in August 1982, he starred as Colchester qualified for the Fourth Division play-offs in 1986/87 and made 188 League appearances prior to joining Everton for £80,000 in July 1987. He joined Luton for £150,000 in July 1988 and played 138 League games for today's opponents before moving to Sunderland in June 1993. Fellow keepers George Ramage and Mark Walton have also played for both clubs.



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Managing To Succeed

Former Colchester United centre half Ray Harford managed Luton Town to three Wembley finals, including the 1988 Littlewoods cup triumph. Moving to Layer Road from Port Vale in January 1973, he was an ever-present in The U's 1973/74 promotion success and scored four goals in 108 League games before being appointed as youth team coach in September 1975. He joined Luton as assistant manager in July 1986 and succeeded John Moore as manager a year later, remaining in charge until being sacked in January 1990.

Title Triumph

Former Luton Town outside right Jack Hodge starred in Colchester United's 1938/39 Southern League title triumph. Joining Luton from Bristol City for £800 in March 1936, he provided the ammunition for Joe 'Ten Goal' Payne during their 20 League outings before moving to Colchester in July 1937. He also featured in United's 1937/38 Southern League Cup success and netted 25 goals in 66 Southern League games prior to joining Hereford United in July 1939.

Promotion Winner

Ex- Luton Town inside-left Ted Phillips was an experienced figure in Colchester United's 1965/66 promotion success. Moving to Luton from Leyton Orient in February 1965, he scored eight times in 12 Third Division games prior to joining Colchester in exchange for Billy Stark in September 1965. He netted 13 goals in 32 League outings for The U's before moving to

Maltese side Floriana as player-manager in May 1966. One-time Colchester pair Micky Brown and Ray Whittaker featured in Luton's 1967/68 promotion campaign.

Two Spells

Former Luton Town winger Ian Allinson had two spells at Colchester United. Signing professional at Layer Road in October 1975, he featured prominently in Colchester's 1976/77 promotion success and was twice top scorer prior to joining Arsenal in August 1983. He moved to Luton from Stoke City for £10,000 in October 1987 and netted three times in 32 First Division outings before returning to Layer Road in December 1988. Scoring 79 goals in 344 League games overall for The U's, he joined Baldock Town as player-manager a year later.

Cup Hero

Ex-Luton Town midfielder Brian Lewis was a member of The U's 1970/71 famous F. A. Cup run. Moving to Luton from Coventry City in July 1968, he featured in their 1968/69 promotion success and scored 22 times in 50 League outings for this afternoon's opponents prior to joining Oxford United in January 1970. He joined Colchester in December 1970 and also helped to win the Watney Cup in 1971, netting 17 goals in 46 Fourth Division matches before rejoining Portsmouth in April 1972. Brian sadly passed away at the beginning of December 1998.

The likes of Tim Allpress, Doug Beach, Sean Farrell, Tom McKechnie, Gareth Salisbury and John Taylor have also played for both clubs.

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Good Afternoon everyone and Happy New Year. On behalf of the Colchester United Supporters Association, I would like to welcome Luton Town and their supporters to Layer Road for the opening fixture of 1999.

What a difference a year makes. This time twelve months ago few of us would have put money on The U's fighting to hold their ground in a higher Division. Supporters are a fickle bunch, myself included, and generally have short memories. Yes, we demand success and yes, we expect to be entertained but we all knew that this Division was going to be tough, so if the next four months are going to be a struggle then let the true supporters amongst take us a step forward and prove that they are 100% behind the Club.

We have no super rich benefactor, but we do have a great structure at the Club and the determination from Board, Management and players should be commended.

Before you ask, I can assure you that I am not employed by the Football Club, but these comments reflect some of the thoughts from Association members that I know and travel with.

Moving quickly on and on the subject of membership, I am

proud to announce that we have more than doubled last seasons figure and there are now nearly 500 members of the Colchester United Supporters Association. Thank you very much for your support whether you travel or not - your subscriptions and fares go a long way to providing much needed equipment for the football club and players.

Apologies to those of you who were expecting a Xmas social event this season. With the lack of a suitable date for the players to attend, we decided to hold fire until near the end of the season. Details will follow in a month or two.

A week or so before Christmas, some of us were entertained at the Football Club Dinner and Dance. It was an outstanding evening with a hearty Xmas meal, plenty to drink and a great musical duo called 'Short People'! I understand that the fraud squad are still looking into the outcome of the raffle - can you believe it, the two top prizes went to Steve Whitton and Micky Cook - something fishy going on there I think.

Anyway, here's hoping for a successful 1999 for the U's and more of your most excellent support.

Happy New Year
Up The U's

Jon Burns

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37	COLCHESTER	100	39	26	35	128	124	4	176

THE RANKINGS TABLE

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The Fourth Carling Opta Team Rankings Table as at the night of November 30th 1998.

This rankings table is based on every teams last 100 matches in competitive football, these will **include League Games and all Cup games in domestic and European football** - excluded will be friendly games, Inter Toto Cup and The European Super Cup.

Points are awarded as follows: Three points for a win, One point for a draw **plus bonus points as follows**; One additional point if a team scores three goals or more in one game, two points if that team scores five goals or more. One bonus point if a team wins and keeps a clean sheet-this covers all 92 teams that will be playing in The FA Carling Premier League and The Nationwide Football League.

The next Carling Opta Team Rankings Table will be available on the night of December 31st 1998.

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Part 13 of a series by the Editor of "Programme Monthly" magazine **WHAT TO COLLECT - INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES**

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For current season programmes of this type, most club shops carry stocks and locally organised programme fairs are certainly a very good source. Most dealers also stock popular current season programmes. Ironically, despite the importance of the fixtures, copies of previous season big match issues may be picked up from dealers at a reasonable discount, or as part of bargain bundles. This is because the high match-day cover price (reflecting the sizeable nature of the productions) does not equate with the limited demand for these programmes a couple of years later.

In terms of cost of older programmes, international prices are less steep than, say, Cup Finals and early 60's programmes can be obtained for between £1 and £2, late 50's £3, early 50's £3 to £7. Pre war and immediate post-war programmes are more expensive, and harder to collect items may only surface via offer lists, but for selected programmes, prices can often be less than League match programmes of a similar vintage.

Of particular interest from the English team's point of view are programmes for home games played at stadium other than Wembley. Examples include 1966 v Poland at Liverpool, 1962 v France at Hillsborough, and 1961 v Luxembourg at Highbury and indeed the majority of pre-war internationals were staged at London club or provincial grounds.

Continental programmes for all the Home Countries' matches abroad vary in scarcity. Some are extremely difficult to obtain and very obscure, particularly those for South American or Iron Curtain countries before 1970. Others, particularly in the last 20 years when dealers imported in quantity, are rather more plentiful and are priced accordingly.

Inter-League programmes (up to the early 1970's) are an interesting feature for those with a sense of football history, covering a four way tournament most seasons between the Scottish League, English League, Irish League and League of Ireland (Eire), while Under 21 and their Under 23 predecessors and Youth International programmes are interesting items to collect and reflect upon in later years, particularly in view of the subsequent careers of the players involved.

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OFF THE *Ball...*

John Moore - a real unsung hero

Here's a quiz question that would test even the most knowledgeable of football fans:
Which manager led his club to their best-ever season in the top flight, and then immediately quit to become a double-glazing salesman?

The answer is John Moore, coach of today's opponents Luton Town, who managed The Hatters for a short and highly successful spell 11 years ago.

Moore has been a real unsung hero over the past 20 years or so, working behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road and being largely responsible for the conveyor belt of home-grown talent that has emerged out of Luton's junior ranks.

Moore's one brush with the high-profile big-time came in 1986-7 season when he was appointed manager to replace David Pleat, who left to take charge at Spurs. Eyebrows were raised at this appointment from within a relative 'unknown' - but Moore, assisted by coach Ray Harford, led Luton to the best season in their League history - seventh place in the old Division One.

However, instead of basking in the glory of this and making plans for the future, Moore thought long and hard about his personal situation and decided to step out of the hot seat. He resigned, announcing that he didn't enjoy the high profile nature of the job and all the side issues such as dealing with the media.

With no other football vacancy awaiting him, Moore had no qualms about taking a job as a double-glazing salesman and allowing Ray Harford to take over his job. The team that Pleat and Moore built then had another good season, winning the 1988 Littlewoods Cup, reaching the semi-finals of the FA Cup and the final of the Simod Cup.

For Moore it was a chance to re-charge his batteries before eventually accepting a coaching role at Leicester City, following the arrival at Filbert Street of David Pleat.

Moore was glad to have got out of the limelight, but also glad to be back coaching youngsters, which is clearly his forte.

Before too long he was back at his beloved Luton, nurturing a long line of young players, many of whom have been sold off to bigger clubs to keep the hard-up Hatters alive.

In recent years he has seen managers come and go at Kenilworth Road, but has been content to maintain a low profile and continue the splendid work behind the scenes which has earned him respect from far and wide.

He's a genuine unsung hero and a real man of the people, who always has plenty of time for the fans. After Luton's recent home defeat in the FA Cup by lowly Hull City it was Moore who declined the chance to slink away to the dressing rooms and instead sat on the perimeter wall to discuss what had gone wrong with the disgruntled home fans.

ROB HADGRAFT



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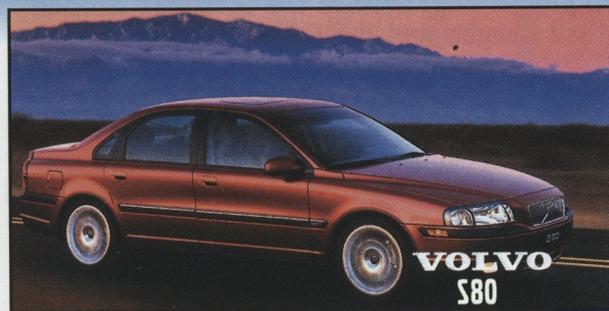
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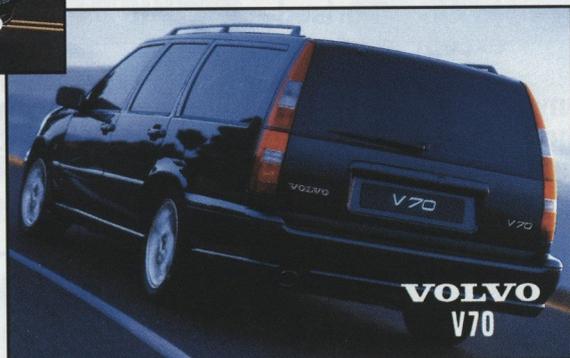
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The holiday period has been very exciting and enormously busy. Our U11's and U12's went to Lincoln City, played superbly and watched the first team play. The hospitality shown could not be faulted. Good performances were applauded by all in Sunday's School of Excellence fixtures.

The ACP (Advanced Coaching Programme) produced some good games on Monday 21st.

On Tuesday 22nd December, 20 young players were selected for the fitness programme held at Essex University's Human Performance Unit. A comprehensive selective Physiological Assessment was produced by Dr. Jerry Shearman and Steve Thomson.

At the club there are young players at Colchester United F.C with serious medical conditions but we assure you that, with the support and guidance from the (HPU) we will continue to give these youngsters every opportunity to fulfil their goals.

Our Under 16's were put through their paces with Director of Youth, Micky Cook, then the younger players (U10 & 12's) prepared to travel to Aston Villa for a new year tournament.

In between all this we successfully put on our 1st Xmas party for the School of Excellence at a full house of players, parents and families, proving beyond doubt that Colchester United Football Club has an excellent family orientation.

Happy New Year

Geoff



Geoff Harrop



Adrian Webster



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NATIONWIDE *Review*

Coleman delivers the points

As the Division Two clubs went into the testing holiday period, it was **Fulham** who had regained top spot with a hard-earned single-goal victory at **Preston**, while erstwhile leaders **Stoke City** were faltering down the M6 at **Walsall**.

Welsh international Chris Coleman powered home the 86th minute header that won the points for the Cottagers giving them their seventh win out of ten away trips this season. Stoke have also chalked up seven wins on their travels, but couldn't add to this tally at the Bescot Stadium, where Andy Rammell's header just before half-time was enough to give Walsall the points, and win second spot for the rejuvenated Saddlers.

Coming up powerfully in fifth place are **Gillingham**, who were on a long unbeaten run and brushed aside **Notts County** at Priestfield to the tune of 4-0. Carl Asaba bagged a hat-trick, his first for the Kent club, leaving him the division's leading marksman on 13.

Bournemouth, with games in hand, kept up their play-off challenge with a handy 1-0 away win at **Wrexham**, where Steve Fletcher grabbed a first-half winner.



For only the second time in 11 home matches, **Chesterfield** failed to win, having to be content with 1-1 at home to **Wigan** in a match of six bookings at Saltergate.

Millwall overtook **Luton Town** in the table by beating them 2-1 at Kenilworth Road, thus maintaining their jinx over The Hatters on Bedfordshire soil. It was Luton's sixth league game without a win and their troubles began when the speedy Neil Harris scored on the stroke of half-time.

Free-scoring centre-half Steve Davis equalised, but after he was thrown into attack in a bid to win the match, Millwall sneaked down the other end and Warren Neill squeezed home a near-post winner in the 82nd minute.

York's fortunes are improving and goals at either end of the 90 minutes were enough to see off **Manchester City** at

Bootham Crescent, in front of easily the biggest crowd at that ground this year.

Blackpool's late equaliser here at Layer Road meant we failed to close the gap on The Tangerines in the middle of the table, but at least **The U's** unbeaten league run was maintained.

Wycombe fans had a rare treat when their side hammered four past bottom-placed **Lincoln City**, with new-boy McSporrán grabbing two late goals to put the icing on the cake.

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Rare quiet day for Lee

Sunderland maintained their unbeaten away run with a goalless draw at Trevor Francis' Birmingham City, allowing Ipswich to close the gap at the top slightly when they bagged all three points at Sheffield United.

Bradford have made great strides lately and they moved into third place with a 2-1 win over Wolves. Watford went down at Grimsby which dropped them into fourth place.

First-half goals by Ieuan Roberts took the wind out of Bristol City's sails at Carrow Road, and the visitors' only consolation was a close-range goal by former Norwich striker Ade Akinbiyi.

For once, the Nationwide's leading scorer Lee Hughes had a non-productive afternoon as WBA slipped up at home to Tranmere.

Centre stage this time was Rovers' scorer Kenny Irons who is enjoying a real purple patch lately.

Streakiest goal of the month was surely that by Simon Rodger at Selhurst Park against QPR. His low cross from the left wing seemed to go along the deadball line before somehow missing the post and slipping past Ludek Miklosko into the net to give Palace the lead. Rangers' new man Rob Steiner levelled things up in the second period.

Welshmen break into song

Cardiff City's great run continued in Division Three where they opened up a gap at the top following a 4-2 win over promotion rivals Mansfield Town.

A crowd of 9,000-plus celebrated the Bluebirds arriving on this unaccustomed lofty perch. Brentford beat Cambridge 1-0 to hang on to second spot, but with Halifax failing to beat Exeter at The Shay, Peterborough have crept back into the frame again following their 3-1 win over Scarborough. Former U's loan striker Sean Farrell was one of two players sent off at London Road.



Hull's FA Cup run and change of manager doesn't seem to have helped their league form a great deal. Warren Joyce watched his side go down 2-0 at home to Swansea City and the Tigers remain rooted to the bottom of the league.

After recent disappointments, Southend romping to a 4-2 win at Hartlepool was a surprise result and came after they had fallen behind to a very early goal by Di Lella, too.

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Tue Aug 18	Arsenal	A 0-4
Wed Aug 26	T'ham Hotspur	H 2-1
Wed Sept 2	Charlton Athletic	H 0-1
Thur Sept 10	West Ham United	A 0-5
Mon Sept 14	Chelsea	A 1-2
Wed Sept 23	Wimbledon	H 1-1
Wed Sept 30	Peterborough Utd	A 0-2
Wed Oct 7	Southampton	A 1-2
Wed Oct 14	AFC Bournemouth	H 4-2
Wed Oct 28	Barnet	H 0-1
Wed Nov 4	Fulham	A 1-3
Wed Nov 11	Stanway Rovers (ESC 3)	A 6-0
Wed Nov 18	Wycombe Wnders	H 1-1
Mon Nov 23	Queens Park Rgrs	A 1-4
Wed Dec 2	Watford	H 4-2
Wed Dec 9	Northampton Town	H 3-2
Mon Dec 14	Luton Town	A 2-0
Mon 4 Jan	Leyton Orient E.S.C.C 4	H
Wed Jan 13	Brighton & Hove Albion	H
Wed Jan 20	Witham Town EA Cup 1	H
Wed Jan 27	Portsmouth	H
Mon Feb 1	Reading	A
Wed Feb 10	Swindon Town	H
Tue Feb 23	Millwall	H
Wed Mar 3	Gillingham	H
Wed Mar 10	Cambridge United	H
Wed Mar 17	Crystal Palace	H
Wed Mar 24	Brentford	A
Wed Mar 31	Ipswich Town	A
Wed Apr 7	Norwich City	A
Wed Apr 21	Oxford United	A

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
PETERBOROUGH	14	9	2	3	33	17	29
CHARLTON	12	9	2	1	23	9	29
FULHAM	13	7	4	2	29	16	25
TOTTENHAM	14	8	1	5	21	13	25
IPSWICH	13	7	3	3	22	16	24
SOUTHAMPTON	13	7	2	4	27	17	23
WATFORD	12	6	4	2	24	10	22
NORWICH	14	6	4	4	18	10	22
Q.P.R	14	6	3	5	22	14	21
ARSENAL	11	6	2	3	23	15	20
CHELSEA	13	6	1	6	15	14	19
LUTON	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	14	11	18
PORTSMOUTH	13	5	3	5	23	23	18
COLCHESTER	16	5	2	9	21	33	17
CRYSTAL PALACE	14	4	4	6	28	27	16
BOURNEMOUTH	13	5	1	7	24	24	16
WIMBLEDON	14	4	4	6	18	24	16
OXFORD	13	5	1	7	16	24	16
MILLWALL	13	4	3	6	17	18	15
SWINDON	13	4	2	7	17	25	14
BARNET	12	4	2	6	14	31	14
CAMBRIDGE	13	3	3	7	12	28	12
BRENTFORD	10	2	3	5	14	18	9
READING	12	2	2	8	18	28	8
GILLINGHAM	12	1	4	7	9	21	7
WYCOMBE	11	1	2	8	7	23	5

Youth Team - S.E. Counties fixtures 98/99

Sat Aug 08	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-0
Sat Aug 15	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	0-1
Sat Aug 22	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2
Sat Aug 29	Oxford United	H	0-2
Sat Sept 05	Reading	A	1-2
Sat Sept 12	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-1
Sat Sept 19	Gillingham	A	0-1
Sat Sept 26	Leyton Orient	H	0-1
Thur Oct 1	Diss Town	H	9-1
Sat Oct 03	Portsmouth	A	2-1
Sat Oct 10	Cambridge United	H	3-2
Mon 12 Oct	Leyton Orient (S.J.F.C 1)	A	3-3
Sat Oct 17	Southend United	H	5-1
Wed Oct 21	Luton Town (FAYC 1)	A	1-0
Sat Oct 24	Luton Town	A	0-2
Sat Oct 31	Swindon Town	H	1-3
Sat Nov 07	Barnet	H	1-2
Sat Nov 14	Brentford	H	0-3
Mon 16 Nov	Leyton Orient (S.J.F.C. Rep)*	H	5-6
Sat Nov 21	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	3-1
Tues Nov 24	Leyton Orient (FAYC2)	A	1-3
Sat Nov 28	Bristol Rovers	H	5-0
Sat Dec 05	Brentford	A	2-2
Sat Dec 12	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-3
Thu Jan 07	Ipswich Wanderers	A	
Sat Jan 09	Reading	H	
Sat Jan 16	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
Sat Jan 23	Gillingham	H	
Sat Jan 30	Leyton Orient	A	
Sat Feb 06	Portsmouth	H	
Sat Feb 13	Cambridge United	A	
Sat Feb 20	Southend United	A	
Sat Feb 27	Luton Town	H	
Sat Mar 06	Swindon Town	A	
Sat Mar 13	Barnet	A	
TBA	Oxford United	A	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE & SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

(As at 12th December 1998)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	19	14	3	2	41	16	45
BRENTFORD	17	9	4	4	35	20	31
LEYTON ORIENT	17	7	6	4	28	24	27
PORTSMOUTH	18	7	6	5	26	25	27
BRISTOL ROVERS	19	7	5	7	35	31	26
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	17	6	7	4	24	22	25
BARNET	17	7	3	7	16	17	24
READING	18	4	10	4	21	22	22
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	16	7	1	8	26	31	22
SWINDON TOWN	18	6	3	9	23	26	21
BRIGHTON & HOVE AL	16	5	5	6	21	24	20
COLCHESTER UNITED	19	6	2	11	26	30	20
SOUTHEND UNITED	19	6	2	11	28	37	20
GILLINGHAM	17	5	4	8	20	26	19
OXFORD UNITED	17	5	4	8	17	26	19
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	16	4	5	7	27	37	17



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TOMORROW'S United

AVON INSURANCE COMB. LGE Monday 14th December 1998 LUTON TOWN 0 COLCHESTER UNITED 2

The U's continued their winning streak with an impressive display against The Hatters on a mild Monday afternoon, the final reserve outing before the Christmas break.

Neil Gregory opened the scoring with a good strike in the seventeenth minute following a neat build up play involving the 'Scarlet Pimpernel' himself, Arafath Heuvel, who was making his return after a long period out of the game, due to a number of recurring ailments.

Luton had a number of young lads on display and were controlling the match but they found Tamer Fernandes in tremendous form, saving everything that was thrown at him. The Hatters were then caught with a sucker punch as Gregory made it 2-0 before half time. This time his goal was slightly easier, tapping home after the keeper had spilled a shot by David Rainford.

In the second half, Luton pushed forward again but they couldn't get past the U's custodian and the score-line remained the same.

Three wins in the space of twelve days for The U's and a place midway up the table is a respectable position at this stage of the campaign.

NEXT RESERVE OUTING

The next reserve match is on Monday

4th January in the Essex Senior Challenge Cup, round 4, when we take on Leyton Orient at Layer Road, kick off - 2.00pm.

In the East Anglian Cup, 1st round, we have been drawn at home against Witham Town. The match will be played on Wednesday 20th January, kick off- 7.30pm.

A WORD FROM MICKY LESSONS TO BE LEARNT SO FAR

Our season so far has certainly been one of more lows than highs, so far this season I have seen qualities like self confidence become as fragile as the icing on a Christmas cake, I've seen self inflicted pressure so intense that one mistake and I've lost that player for the rest of the game. Who said this game was about having some fun?

The last six months has been a great learning curve for the boys as well as a testing time for them. I'm sure that if they'd been given a choice, they would certainly have chosen a much easier path to follow in the first half of this season.

The one thing that I am sure of is that they are all better for the experience. They have found that being bottom of the League for several months is not a great place to be and have realised that no one gives you anything in this game, you have to make it happen yourself. They have also learnt that an appreciation of team spirit and how essential it is as a tool to be used



against the opposition when the going gets rough, that taking responsibility for yourself and your team mates is vital to the effort and something that at times has not been readily accepted. Self belief, above all else, must remain strong at all times as well as understanding your role in the team and the way the team functions - get this right and it will add to an effective and productive performance. These are all areas that the professional ranks will insist are in place if a young lad is going to make it in the professional game.

Over the last month I have seen the boys start to play to their true potential, although results are not the be-all-and-end-all, confidence grows with good performance and results, the mind is more receptive and the job becomes a joy. The good news is, that we have climbed five places off the bottom of the League and that sets us up quite nicely to push for the top half in the New Year.

There is no greater feeling of joy for a coach when he sees his players start to develop and grow and that some of their potential is starting to be realised. So here's to a really great 1999 to everyone connected to Colchester United and to all the teams from the Advance Coaching Programme right the way through to the First Team. Happy New Year

Micky Cook.

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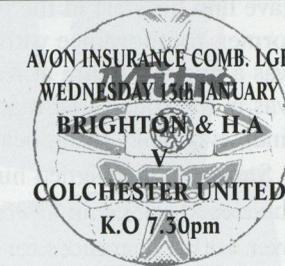
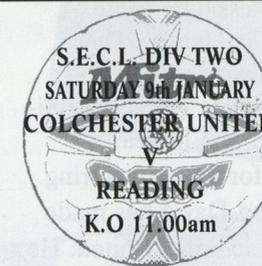
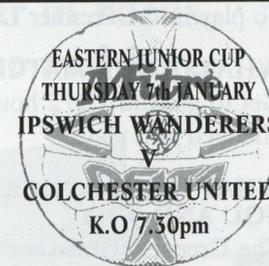
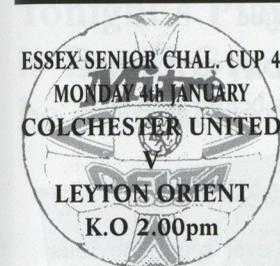
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A profile of all your U's favourites

DAVID GREENE

This afternoon David plays against the cub that gave him his start in the professional game. A former Youth trainee with The Hatters, David was a popular figure at Kenilworth Road and was in the squad that reached the FA Cup semi-final, eventually being beaten by Chelsea.

Steve Wignall signed him for The U's during the closed season in 1996 and David has made over 100 appearances for Colchester United. He also gets his fair share of goals and is closing in on his target of ten for the season.

NAME: David Greene

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Luton Town

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FIRST DIVISION WINNERS: Birmingham

SECOND DIVISION TOP THREE:

Colchester, Reading and Luton.

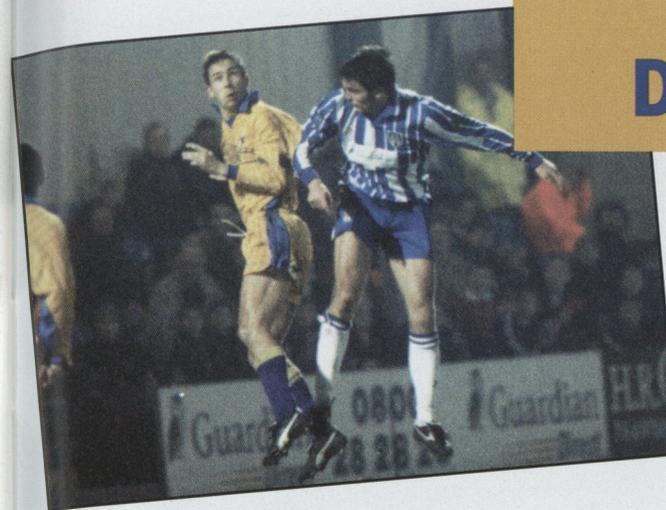
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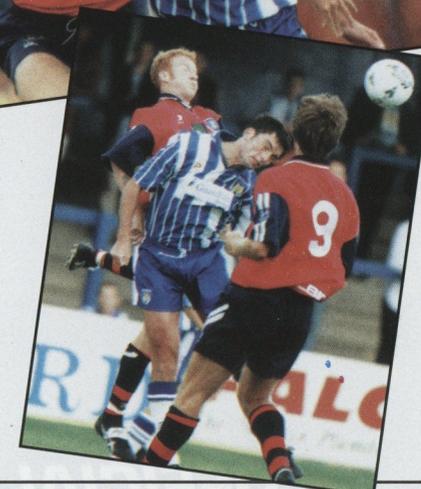
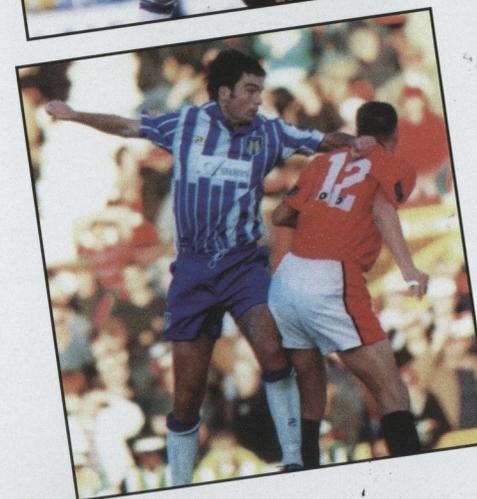
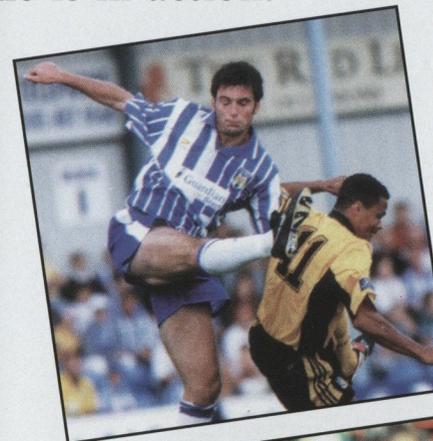
U's TOP SCORER: Dave Greene and Tony Lock

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MATCH Report...

EMBO SEES RED AS IT'S BOXING DAY BLUES AT THE COTTAGE

U's keeper, Carl Emberson was controversially sent off as the U's took on championship favourites and League leaders, Fulham, at Craven Cottage on Boxing Day.

We were a goal down following Neil Smith's first half header, but were having probably our best spell of the game, when Fulham's substitute, Dirk Lehmann, was allowed through the centre of U's defence. Emberson came out to near the edge of the penalty area and stood his ground as Lehmann touched the ball past him. With nowhere else to go, the Fulham striker ran straight into The U's keeper, sending both players crashing to the floor. Referee, Mr. P. Walton instantly pointed to the spot and then showed the red card to the disbelieving Emberson.

Neil Gregory, who had just replaced the injured Scott Stamps, went between the sticks but could do nothing to prevent £2 million forward, Barry Hayles,

from scoring from the penalty.

Playing with only ten men, it was obvious that the final twenty minutes would see us on the back foot, however, Gregory was only called upon to make one save, diving to his left to tip a Lehmann header around the post.

We started the game with only one striker, Jason Dozzell and although he worked hard, the support was never really there, as Fulham forced us into a rear-guard action without actually creating much in front of goal.

Tony Lock replaced Paul Abrahams at the start of the second half and we looked as though we might pull the game back.....until the dismissal of Carl Emberson.

Perhaps, with a bit more first half adventure, we may have got more out of the game, especially against a Fulham side that were not at the top of their game.

The one bright spot, the tremendous support from The U's fans, over six hundred on a bitterly cold and wet day. Well done to you all!

BANK HOLIDAY CROWD GO HOME UNHAPPY

The U's struggled to recover after conceding a goal within a minute on Bank Holiday Monday.

A mix up at the back allowed Jamie Cureton the simple task of stroking the ball into an empty net to set The Rovers up for a valuable away win. And it could have been worse five minutes later as Jason Roberts chip was cleared off the line by Richard Wilkins and then player manager, Ian Holloway's long range effort, following a poor Emberson clearance, looked to be heading into the net, however Emberson redeemed himself with a flying save.

Paul Buckle should have levelled the match on twenty one minutes but his far post header missed the target and another header on thirty

seven minutes was well saved by Lee Jones in the Pirates goal.

With time running out in the first half, Rovers doubled their lead with a superb piece of football. The ball was knocked long to Roberts who back-headed to Cureton. He then volleyed the ball into Roberts path who continued his run and coolly slipped the ball past Embo.

Steve Wignall changed things around in the second half, throwing Mark Sale, Paul Abrahams and Nicky Haydon into the action and within a minute, Abrahams had struck the post following a goalmouth scramble.

Rovers were reduced to ten men midway through the half after Jamie Shore threw a punch at Richard Wilkins, who was cautioned at the same time. However, we couldn't reduce the arrears and with time running out, Rovers sub, Guy Ipoua, made it three.



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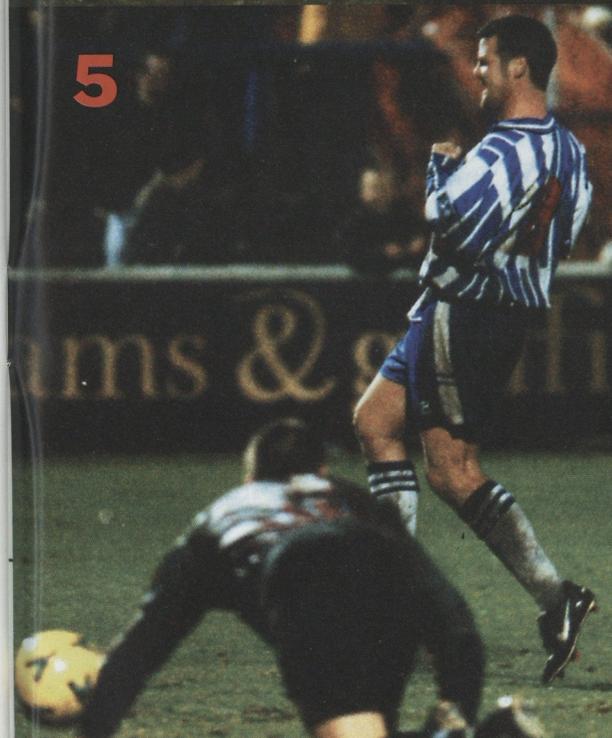
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ACTION versus BLACKPOOL 18/12/98

1. David Greene opens the scoring...
2. ...and is congratulated by David Gregory and Jason Dozell.
3. Simon Betts curls this free-kick just wide of the target.
4. The Tangerines 'keeper blocks this Neil Gregory effort.
5. David Gregory restores The U's lead.
6. Tony Lock's drive almost wraps up the points before Blackpool's last minute equaliser.

COLCHESTER UNITED STATS & FACTS SEASON 1997/1998

Date	Opponents/Venue	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Aug 08	Chesterfield	H	1-0	4042	Emberson	Betts	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Aug 11	A.F.C Bournemouth (W.C 1/1)	A	0-2	3745	Emberson	Betts	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Haydon
Aug 15	Wrexham	A	4-2	4157	Emberson	Betts	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Haydon
Aug 18	A.F.C Bournemouth (W.C. 1/2)	H	3-2	2550	Emberson	Betts	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Haydon
Aug 22	Fulham	H	0-1	6377	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Aug 29	Luton Town	A	0-2	5,005	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Aug 31	Stoke City	H	0-1	4,728	Emberson	Haydon	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Sep 05	York City	A	2-1	2,699	Emberson	Haydon	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Sep 08	Wigan Athletic	A	1-1	2,784	Emberson	Haydon	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Sep 12	Gillingham	H	1-1	4,612	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Sep 19	Reading	A	1-1	9,058	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Sep 26	Wycombe Wanderers	H	2-1	4,205	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Oct 03	Oldham Athletic	A	0-1	4,231	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Oct 09	Burnley	H	0-4	5,532	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Oct 17	Preston North End	A	0-2	10,483	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Oct 20	Walsall	A	1-1	3,319	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dozzell
Oct 31	Manchester City	A	1-2	24,820	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dozzell
Nov 06	Macclesfield Town	H	1-1	3,925	Emberson	Dunne	Haydon	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dozzell
Nov 10	Northampton Town	H	1-0	3,598	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dozzell
Nov 14	Bedlington Terriers (F.A.1)	A	1-4	2,027	Emberson	Dunne	Stamps	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dozzell
Nov 21	Notts County	A	3-1	4,598	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene2	Buckle	Dublin
Nov 28	Millwall	H	0-0	4,476	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Dublin
Dec 05	Gillingham (AWS1)	H	1-5	1,742	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Forbes
Dec 12	Lincoln City	A	0-0	4,513	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Dec 18	Blackpool	H	2-2	3,228	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Abrahams	Wilkins
Dec 26	Fulham	A	0-2	11,939	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Dec 28	Bristol Rovers	H	0-3	4,609	Emberson	Dunne	Betts	Williams	Greene	Buckle	Wilkins
Jan 02	Luton Town	H									
Jan 09	Chesterfield	A									
Jan 15	Wrexham	H									
Jan 19	AFC Bournemouth	H									
Jan 23	Stoke City	A									
Jan 30	Bristol Rovers	A									
Feb 05	York City	H									
Feb 12	Wigan Athletic	H									
Feb 20	Gillingham	A									
Feb 27	Reading	H									
Mar 06	Wycombe Wanderers	A									
Mar 09	Oldham Athletic	H									
Mar 13	Macclesfield Town	A									
Mar 20	Manchester City	H									
Mar 27	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A									
Apr 02	Preston North End	H									
Apr 05	Burnley	A									
Apr 10	Walsall	H									
Apr 14	Millwall	A									
Apr 16	Notts County	H									
Apr 24	Northampton Town	A									
May 01	Lincoln City	H									
May 08	Blackpool	A									
May 22	F.A. Cup Final										

KEY: () Player came on for Scorers in Bold ? Own Goal P Penalty

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
D Gregory	Sale	Lock	Abrahams	Duguid(7)	Dunne(8)	N Gregory(10)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Duguid(10)	Adcock(11)	Dunne
D Gregory(P)	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Adcock(10)	Dunne(7)	Wiles(11)
D Gregory2(P)	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Adcock	Forbes(10)	Dunne(2)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Haydon(2)	Adcock(9)	Forbes(11)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Haydon	Duguid	Forbes
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Duguid	Abrahams(11)	Forbes(6)	Branston
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Forbes(11)	Rainford(10)	Betts(7)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Betts(2)	Hathaway	Dunne(11)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Haydon(3)	Duguid(7)	Betts
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Adcock(10)	Duguid(11)	Betts(7)
D Gregory(P)	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Adcock(10)	Duguid(11)	Branston
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Lock	Skelton(4)	Duguid(11)	Branston(6)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Lock(7)	Duguid(3)	Skelton(9)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Dozzell(7)	Duguid(11)	Betts(4)
D Gregory	Sale	N Gregory	Duguid	Forbes(7)	Lock(9)	Betts
D Gregory	Lock	N Gregory	Duguid	Sale(10)	Abrahams(12)	Betts
D Gregory	Lock	N Gregory	Duguid	Sale(4)	Forbes(11)	Adcock(10)
D Gregory	Sale	Lock	Forbes	N Gregory(11)	Haydon(10)	Adcock
D Gregory	Sale	Lock	Forbes	Adcock(11)	Haydon(3)	Duguid(7)
D Gregory	Sale	Lock	Duguid	Adcock	Dozzell(10)	N Gregory(9)
D Gregory	Sale	Lock	Duguid	Adcock(10)	Dozzell(9)	N Gregory(11)
D Gregory(P)	Sale	N Gregory	Abrahams	Dozzell(9)	Lock(10)	Stamps(7)
D Gregory	Dozzell	Duguid	Stamps	Sale	Abrahams(3)	Lock(10)
D Gregory	Dozzell	N Gregory	Stamps	Sale(6)	Lock(10)	Buckle
D Gregory	Dozzell	Abrahams	Stamps	N Gregory(11)	Lock(10)	Sale(9)
D Gregory	Dozzell	N Gregory	Lock	Sale(4)	Haydon(2)	Abrahams(10)

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Up to and including Tuesday 29th December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GS
Fulham	23	15	4	4	36	17	49	36
Walsall	24	14	4	6	35	28	46	35
Stoke	24	14	2	8	31	19	44	31
Preston	23	12	7	4	41	23	43	41
Bournemouth	22	11	6	5	35	22	39	35
Gillingham	22	9	10	3	33	18	37	33
Man. City	24	9	9	6	28	22	36	28
Wigan	24	9	7	8	31	23	34	31
Reading	22	9	7	6	26	27	34	26
Blackpool	24	8	9	7	29	28	33	29
Chesterfield	23	9	6	8	23	19	33	23
Millwall	23	8	8	7	23	25	32	23
York	24	8	7	9	33	40	31	33
Luton	21	8	6	7	27	24	30	27
Bristol R	23	6	10	7	27	25	28	27
Colchester	23	6	7	9	21	30	26	21
Burnley	24	6	7	9	26	40	25	26
Northampton	24	5	10	9	23	27	25	23
Wrexham	24	6	7	11	22	33	25	22
Notts. C	23	6	6	11	26	34	24	26
Wycombe	24	5	8	11	23	29	23	23
Oldham	24	5	6	13	23	38	21	23
Macclesfield	24	4	9	11	19	28	21	19
Lincoln	24	4	5	15	23	43	17	23

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	LGE	GOALS	CUP	GOALS	TOTALS
				APP.	GOALS
P.Abrahams	8(4)	1	3	1	11(4) 2
T.Adcock	(6)		(2)	1	(8) 1
S.Betts	10(4)		3		13(4)
P.Buckle	22		4		26
J.Dozzell	8(3)		1	1(1)	9(4) 1
K. Dublin	2		-		2
K.Duguid	7 (8)		1	(2)	7(10) 1
J.Dunne	18(3)		2(1)		20(4)
C.Emberson	23		4		27
S.Forbes	8 (6)		2	2	10(6) 2
D.Greene	23	5	4		27 5
D.Gregory	23	4(2p)	4	3(3p)	27 7(5p)
N.Gregory	17(5)		3	3	20(5) 3
N.Haydon	5(4)		1	2(1)	7(5) 1
T.Lock	14(5)		1	1(1)	15(6) 1
D.Rainford			(1)		(1)
M.Sale	17(5)		2	4	22(5) 2
A.Skelton			(2)		(2)
S.Stamps	17		3(1)		20(1)
I.Wiles	(1)		-		(1)
R.Wilkins	9		-		9
G.Williams	23		4		27

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TODAYS REFEREE

Today's referee is 38 year old Barry Knight from Orpington in Kent. Barry is a Chartered Surveyor and is married with three children.

He began refereeing in 1978 and gained his Class One badge in 1982. From then he has officiated on the Southern League as a linesman and referee and was promoted to the National List of Referees in 1995.

His hobbies include watching and playing all sports and he enjoys travelling and holidays.

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- 8 DAVID GREGORY
- 9 JASON DOZZELL
- 10 NEIL GREGORY
- 11 TONY LOCK
- 12 MARK SALE
- 13 NICKY HAYDON
- 14 PAUL ABRAHAMS

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MATCH OFFICIALS: REFEREE: MR. B. KNIGHT (ORPINGTON, KENT)
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