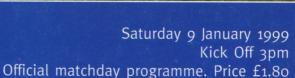
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LENNIE Lawrence moved swiftly to find a replacement for Steve Davis after the centrehalf and skipper insisted for personal reasons on a return to Burnley, turning down the best contract offer Luton Town have ever made to any player.

Sean Dyche, 28, best known as skipper of the Chesterfield side that stormed to the FA Cup semi-finals a couple of years ago, has joined us on a month's loan from Bristol City. It gives him the chance to rebuild his career after an unhappy time with injuries, and depending on how things go the central defender's loan period could be extended. He made his debut for us in Tuesday's Auto Windscreens Shield match against Walsall, and we hope he enjoys his time with us - and enjoys better results too!

Midfielder Gerry Harrison is also with us, on loan from Sunderland, and has played in our last three games, and this week a third signing was made. Landry Zahana-Oni, born on the Ivory Coast, has joined us for a nominal fee from Bromley, of the Ryman Premier League. He plays on the left side of midfield, and impressed in a trial game with the reserves, when he scored in a 3-0 victory, outshining one Rory Allen in the process (See page 42).

MARVIN Johnson has taken over the captaincy, for the time being at least, after the departure of Steve Davis. We recap his career on page 7, and naturally wish him well as we try to get our season moving again.

The 30-year-old defender said: "I'm still enjoying my football, even if it doesn't get any easier when the results are not so good. But we still have a chance of getting into the play-offs. We need to hit the sort of form we showed in the cup-ties. Two or three good results could make all the difference."

WE WERE very sorry that the Boxing Day match against Reading had to be called off after the deluge that swamped Luton in the previous 24 hours. The decision was a

formality when referee Lee Cable made a breakfast-time inspection. He might have been quietly pleased that it was an easy decision: he was the luckless ref at Colchester in October who started their game with Bournemouth, then had to call it off at half-time as the pitch became more and more waterlogged. Colchester had no arguments about it, but their fans were not too happy - Colchester had gone four games without a win, and were leading 3-1 when a halt was called.

PHIL GRAY and Paul McLaren are to team up for a fans' forum at Kenilworth Road. They will be the guests at Luton Town Supporters Club's next meeting, in the Eric Morecambe Lounge on Thursday January 28 (7.30). Admission will be £2 for LTSC members, £3 for others, and tickets are on sale before and after today's game from the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road.



Well cleared: Sean Dyche, on his Town debut, gets the ball away from Jason Brissett during Tuesday's Auto Windscreens Shield match against Walsall



**NEW HATTER:** Sean Dyche on his Luton Town debut after being signed from **Bristol City, one** of three players recruited in the last couple of weeks.

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EARLY EXIT: Lennie Lawrence took his share of the blame as an experimental team was outplayed by Walsall on Tuesday night in the Auto Windscreens Shield. The visitors, going strong for promotion, fielded a full-strength side, while Lennie chose to blood youngsters in the hope he would learn good things from them. Injuries played their part, with Graham Alexander, Mitchell Thomas, Marvin Johnson, Ray McKinnon and Paul Showler all unavailable. Emerson Boyce made his debut at right back, and

In the event, admitted Lawrence, we were boys against men, despite the addition of the experienced Sean Dyche.

teenager Tresor Kandol was also given his first

taste of senior football as a substitute.

The worst moment was when we were two down and awarded a penalty when Adrian Viveash clattered into Andrew Fotiadis. Herve Bacque, only recently restored to first team duties, scuffed his shot, and it was easily saved, and Walsall added their third goal with 11 minutes to go.

#### MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, Frase

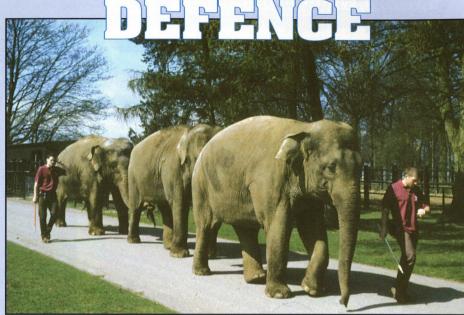
Booked: Michael McIndoe, foul on

Walsall: Walker, Evans, Pointon



TONIC: Every player on the Town's books supported a Club visit to the children's wards of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital at Christmas, to add a little cheer to the lives of youngsters who wished they were at home. Our picture shows Graham Alexander and Phil Gray with two of the young patients, Joe Smith and Cameron Forbes, who are both five. We particularly liked Joe's style, waiting for the doctors while wearing a Luton Town shirt.

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## from the manager's chair



AS WE prepare for our second home game this week, I realise supporters will be as disappointed as I was with our Auto Windscreens Shield defeat on Tuesday.

I selected a team to try to assess the depth of our squad, promoting several youngsters into the starting XI in the hope their performances would encourage me to consider them for places in today's league side.

Walsall fielded a full-strength team which is playing with a lot of confidence and proved to be much too good for us. The objective had been to make it a close game, and hopefully win it, but in fairness to the young players I have to say that perhaps too many were selected simultaneously. Nevertheless, anyone able to stand on his own two feet in that environment would have had a chance of being considered today. Unfortunately, the occasion was too much for too many players, but I am sure their time will come again.

It's a different occasion today as we welcome Wycombe, our opponents in 90 degrees of heat on the first day of the season, when we beat them 1-0. It seems a long time ago. Wycombe had a poor start to the campaign, but have picked up considerably over recent months.

A home defeat against York last week, followed by an Auto Windscreens reverse at the hands of Brentford, will have been disappointing, and they will be looking to bounce back today. They are a strong, well-organised team, playing to a tried and tested system. The onus is on us to break them down, make chances, and score goals.

There will be many changes in our team from Tuesday night's, although we are currently going through our worst spell of the season for injuries to senior players - Graham Alexander, Mitchell Thomas, Gavin McGowan, Ray

McKinnon and Paul Showler are all likely to be ruled out, although we will be able to recall Marvin Johnson, Matthew Spring and Kelvin Davis.

We were disappointed not to win at Colchester last week, when I thought we marginally deserved three points, especially after taking the lead twice.

Obviously, we are at a stage where we now have to dig deep. Today marks the half-way point of the season for us, and we have played three more away games than at home, so our league position is slightly false. This is going to be a key month, with three of our next four games here at Kenilworth Road. We need to win a couple at least to get back on track.





## club secretary

## Marvin Johnson



IN WISHING everyone a very happy New Year, my thanks to all supporters for their generosity at the Millwall match. The bucket collection for the Mayor of Luton's Christmas Appeal, for the benefit of elderly people in the community, raised £477.32, an excellent response.

The carol service also produced money for charity - thank you for supporting that as well, and as a result we have been able to give £400, plus donations, to the local children's hospice appeal and St. Mary's church.

We were all sorry that the Boxing Day match against Reading had to be postponed. We were all geared up for it, and of course Boxing Day matches are traditionally among the best-supported games of the season.

The referee had no option, and as it happens the heavens opened again round about 1 pm that day, so even if the match had been started it would not have finished.

We have not yet been able to agree a new date for the Chesterfield game, but two other re-scheduled fixtures, both home games, are now sorted out.

The Notts County match, postponed because we were engaged in the Worthington Cup, will be played on Tuesday February 23, with a 7.45 kick-off. The match against Reading

will be a month later, on March 23, also with a 7.45 kick-off.

I can now give details about our "home from home" venue for reserve team matches. As you will probably recall, we had expected to switch mid-winter games in the Avon Insurance Combination to Hitchin Town, to reduce wear on the Kenilworth Road pitch. That was not possible because Hitchin themselves had pitch problems, so we had to look at other possible venues. We are very grateful that Leighton Town were willing to help us out, and Monday's reserve match against Wimbledon (7pm) be played there. Admission will be £2, £1 for junior and senior citizens. I hope supporters will not find it too inconvenient, but I am sure you realise we have to do everything we can to ensure Kenilworth Road is a good surface for our first team.

On the subject of fixtures, please note that our youth team's South East Counties League game scheduled for January 2 will now be played at the end of the season, March 20. Hopefully, the lads will already be champions again by then!

Cherry Newberry



THE DECISION by Steve Davis to leave Kenilworth Road to return to Burnley meant we had to find a new skipper as well as a replacement centre-half, and it did not take Lennie Lawrence long to give the captain's armband to Marvin Johnson.

It was a logical choice - "Marvellous Marv" is easily the longest-serving Luton Town player currently in the first team squad, having joined us as an apprentice in the summer of 1985. He grew up in Aylesbury and first came into the Luton Town set-up while still a schoolboy. Today, he has well over 300 appearances behind him, and it would surely have been many more but for injuries. He has coped with those like a true professional, and Lennie Lawrence is not the first in the hot seat at Kenilworth Road to speak of Marvin as a "manager's player."

Your reporter still remembers Marv's debut, up at Goodison Park in February 1988. It was the third round of the Simod Cup, which was not quite at the top of Ray Harford's list of priorities that season. We were comfortably mid-table in the First Division (the Premiership as it is now) and had drawn at Oxford in the first leg of the

Littlewoods Cup semi-final, with the second leg still to come. The FA Cup fifth round was also due four days after the match at Everton, so Harford fielded an understrength team. He handed debuts to David Oldfield, Paul Gray, Ricky McEvoy and Johnson, and even your reporter, ever the optimist, watched in

stunned wonder as Oldfield netted twice and Johnson played brilliantly in defence. We won 2-1, and the youngsters had to wait a little longer for the chance to establish themselves as a team led by Steve Foster reached the FA Cup semi final, played shambolically to lose to Reading in the Simod final, and then put us all on cloud nine by beating Arsenal to lift the Littlewoods Cup.

Johnson became a Town regular a couple of years later, but had to learn to fight back after various injuries, including a broken jaw and a couple of Achilles tendon problems.

Lesser players would have been finished by any of several blows Johnson suffered, but he came back every time, and his

colleagues have always appreciated his qualities, if not the occasional own goals! He was the players' player of the year for the 1994/95

season, after making yet another brilliant return after serious injury.

And having mentioned the occasional own goal, it has to be said Johnson has netted nine at the right end in 334 appearances so far. The header to see off Ipswich in injury-time in the Worthington

Cup in September will surely long be remembered. And on the subject of long service, five more games will bring Johnson level with our other long-serving defender, Julian James, who is now on the mend after a broken leg.

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## from the treatment room

#### **Our Marathon Man**

THE TURN of the year has seen the treatment room busier than it has been all season, and to add to the usual football-related injuries, the flu bug causing national news has hit some of our younger players. Fortunately, being very fit, they do not suffer from it too badly.

We have not offered flu jabs because there are two schools of thought about how good they are: sometimes the jab itself, which is an injection of the virus, can bring on flu. As it happens, the strain doing the rounds at the moment is more of a chest viral infection, and the traditional flu jab would have had no effect on it anyway.

Gavin McGowan is the first team man who suffered most from the virus. He tried to train, but it was soon clear that was not helping his recovery, and that means he is very doubtful for today's game.

And as it never rains without pouring Graham Alexander is also doubtful for today. Having just come back from a hamstring strain, he received a nasty kick on the ankle at Colchester, and it has been badly swollen, and black and blue, all week. There might also be some ligament damage, but a firm diagnosis had to wait for the swelling to ease. And to make it three fullbacks in the treatment room, Mitchell Thomas has been hit by a groin strain. It was affecting him to some degree at Colchester, and while he always wants to keep playing he has had to be told that he needs rest and treatment to put things right.

Goalkeeper Tanny Abbey, incidentally, also picked up a groin strain this week, overstretching to gather a high ball in the Walsall match, so we can be very pleased that Kelvin Davis is 100 per cent fit, and can return today after being rested from that game. Ray McKinnon, who was injured a month ago against Hull, is making slow progress, but his hamstring is still not quite right, and it seems unlikely he will be fit enough to be considered for today's match.

Sean Dyche made his debut for us against Walsall, and soon knew he was back in senior football, taking a whack on the head. It caused a lump and bruising but he soon shook it off, and is now looking forward to his first league game for some time. He and Gerry Harrison, our other loan signing, are both working hard to return to full match fitness after spells without first team football.



Paul Showler - back for just three games, including one as a sub, but now on the injured list again.

Finally, luckless Paul Showler is back on the injured list. He has gone through a dreadful year or so, and it is a bitter blow for him to start getting back into the swing of league football only to suffer yet one more injury. It might be a hernia problem, and we are getting a specialist's opinion. But to offer a little good news for the new year, I am glad to report that broken leg victims Liam George and Julian James are both on the mend. Liam might be able to resume training in two or three weeks, although we will be very careful with the timing, and it might be delayed while grounds are heavy. Julian is doing rehab work in the gym, and has just started jogging. We will all be pleased for them, as much as for the club, when they are both restored to full fitness again.

Clive Gloodyear

AT A TIME of the year when goodwill and generosity should be to the fore, we make no apologies for telling the story of a Town fan who hopes you will dig deep for charity to support him as our representative in the Flora London Marathon in April.

He has been accepted for the Football Challenge section of the event, having run as a private entrant last year in his Town strip with a very heavy heart.

Paul Smith, of Golden Riddy, Linslade recalled: "The race was one of immense sadness for me. I had agreed to raise money for Willen Hospice, who cared for my wife's father during his last battling days against cancer a few years ago.

"The day before the race my wife was rushed to hospital with a lump in her brain. I was all set to pull out, but she insisted I ran to raise the £550 pledged. I did, and finished in under four hours despite having very little sleep the evening before.

"The lump was later diagnosed as brain cancer, and despite radiotherapy and surgery my wife sadly passed away on August 10, aged 29.

"She spent her last three weeks at the Florence Nightingale House Hospice in Aylesbury, where the care she and all her family received was second to none. For this reason I would like to raise money for the hospice by means of a thank-you gesture."

Paul has been supporting the Town since he was six - his first match was a one-goal home defeat at the hands of Carlisle in November 1972. Out of the several hundred games he has seen since, he rates as the very best the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, followed by the Raddy Antic match at Maine Road in 1983, the 3-2 win on the last day at Derby in 1990, the 4-4 draw at Stoke in 1982 and this season's Worthington Cup victory over lpswich.



Aged 32, Paul has an office job, but is clocking seven miles a day at this stage of his training, and hopes to complete the marathon in around three and a half hours.

We wish Paul every success in April, both in coping with the demands of the marathon, and in raising money in memory of his wife. Last year Les Miller was the Luton Town runner in the Football Challenge, and he raised £2,200 for the Royal Marsden Hospital's cancer research fund. He clocked 4hrs 18mins. The Division Two event was won by a fan of Grimsby Town, and Paul has noted that his time of 2hrs 39mins was only a few minutes quicker than his own best for the distance. "I have a realistic chance of winning," he said.

Whether he does or not, we hope his chosen charity will be a winner, and in a later issue of this magazine we will be inviting you to join us in sponsoring him.

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Saturday January 23, kick-off 3pm

Tickets now on sale. Any Luton supporters who produce their ticket stubs from the games against Millwall and Wycombe can claim free tickets, of the same value, for the game against Wigan. They must be claimed BEFORE the day of the game.

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Saturday January 30, kick-off 3pm

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Saturday February 6, kick-off 3pm

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#### Travel News

WE ARE away to Preston North End on Saturday, and the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are offering reliable travel to Deepdale. Bobbers departure times are 8am Cranfield, 9am Kenilworth Road, and the fare is £13, or £10.50 for juniors and senior citizens. Town on Tour coaches leave Maple Road at 9.30, calling at Milton Keynes Coachway at 9.50. The fare is £15.50, or £14 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club. The concessionary rate is £10, available only to LTSC members under 16 or over 60.

Both organisations are offering tickets at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road before and after today's game.

The road journey is easy, and takes about three hours: simply go north up M1, then on to M6, and follow the signs to Preston. Leave M6 at junction 31 to follow Preston signs on the A59. After a mile, at a roundabout, take the ring road, A583, signposted towards Blackpool. It becomes the A5085 Blackpool Road, and follow signs towards the town centre and then the football ground into Deepdale Road. It is not quite 200 miles from Luton, and away fans will be in the redeveloped Bill Shankley Cop.

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WE ARE helping to make it a happy birthday for Neil Mangan, who is ten today. One of his special presents is to be commercial mascot, to meet the players and officials before the game, join them in the warm-up kick-about, and be part of the ritual of the tossup before the game starts.



Neil goes to Woodlands Middle School, Flitwick, and he plays in goal for Flitwick Eagles. Asked what other hobbies he enjoys, he replied football and football!

Neil comes to matches with his dad, David Mangan - they have been season ticket holders in the enclosure for the past two years - and his favourite player is Sean Evers. We hope it is a real birthday treat to remember for Neil today.

Being a commercial mascot is a perfect birthday present for any youngster, and is just one of the packages we offer. They can be tailored to suit all budgets. To find out more, call the commercial department on Luton 411622.

MATCH sponsors are always guaranteed a special welcome at Kenilworth Road, but today's give us extra pleasure because J. Sapsworth Ltd and J. P. Cantle Ceiling Services are using their sponsorship to support the Pasque Hospice, formerly the Luton and South Beds Hospice. It provides care for adults in Betty Robinson House, and care for sick children from all over Bedfordshire will be provided when Keech Cottage is opened later this year.

The adult hospice requires £1.2m a year to cover running costs, and the children's hospice still requires a further £1m to achieve its capital appeal target. Jack Sapsworth's message to supporters today is a hope that everyone enjoys the game, and thanks for continued support for the hospice.

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#### Golden Gamble



THE INCREASINGLY-popular Golden Gamble competition is, as usual, part of today's entertainment - your chance to pick up a fistful of cash when you come to Kenilworth Road.

At our last league game the recipient of a very welcome Christmas box was Simon Harrison, pictured after collecting £585 from Dawn Kevern, one of our Golden Gamble sellers. His lucky ticket cost just £1, and someone will cash in on a similar deal this afternoon. Golden Gamble tickets offer you the opportunity to win a good cash prize at every match. And when you take part you are also helping Luton Town, because half the proceeds go to the winner and half to club funds.

#### TOWN TEASER

SEVERAL players have turned out for both Wycombe and Luton Town. One was a striker who partnered Malcolm Macdonald in our attack, after joining us from Wycombe in 1970. Who is he?

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

## Welcome welcome

IT WAS a real disappointment when the Boxing Day match was called off because of bad weather, but the Junior Hatters have had two good football days out since then, one with a little unexpected twist in the tail.

We went to Bournemouth and had a good day with our friends, the Junior Cherries. But on the return journey the coach broke down a couple of miles out of Bournemouth. Our thanks to the Town on Tour coach that answered a mobile phone plea for assistance, and turned back to pick up as many of our party as it could carry. The rest had to wait nearly three hours for a minibus to be found, but everyone was in good spirits and treated it as a bit of an adventure.

We had another trip to Colchester, where everything went smoothly, and the result was better than at Bournemouth!

Today, as usual, our Saturday Club was in full swing, and we still have room for

more Junior Hatters to join in the fun - ask at the ticket office for details.

Next week we have an outing to Preston, and the usual bargain fares are being charged: £10 for Junior Hatters and £12 for guests. We hope also to have two football matches against our young Deepdale friends, so it will be three fixtures for the price of one!

A "fixture" that gave a lot of enjoyment was our annual Christmas party, and on behalf of all our members we say a big thank-you to Lennie Lawrence, Cherry Newbery and the players for helping to make it a big success. The Junior Hatters loved meeting the players especially, and we hope they too had a good time.

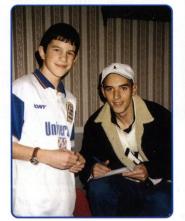
Father Christmas and Happy Harry were there, and the photographs will give you an idea of what a smashing party it was.

















ALL READY TO KICK OFF A DAY TO REMEMBER: Tony Fookes, 11, of Markyate Road, Slip End, was the Junior Hatters mascot for the Millwall match, and as usual part of the enjoyment was meeting the personalities, along with the Millwall mascot, before the game started.

#### Today's Mascot



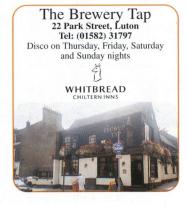
HAVING celebrated his 16th birthday on Tuesday, Liam Atkins gets another present today - he is the Junior Hatters Mascot, and will meet his favourite footballers and join in the traditional formalities of the pre-match kick-about and the toss-up.

He goes to Queensbury School, Dunstable, watches our matches from the Kenilworth stand with his mum, and his hobbies are magic, calligraphy and fishing. His favourite Town player is Andre Scarlett.

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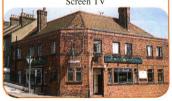


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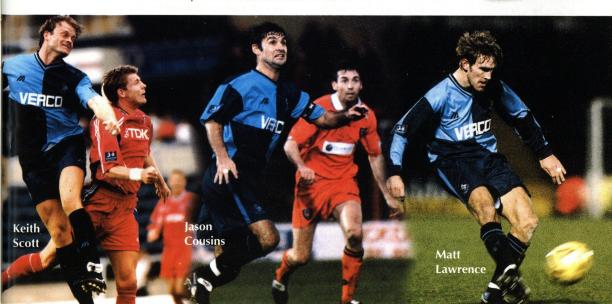
#### welcome to today's visitors

**NEIL SMILLIE - Manager** 

Started his playing career as a YTS at Crystal Palace. A 5'6" winger who could play either flank. Spotted while playing in the same Essex schoolboy side as Glen Hoddle. During his eight seasons at Palace he played under Malcolm Allison and Terry Venables before moving to Brighton & Hove Albion in 82-83. The three seasons spent at the Goldstone ground included an FA Cup Final appearance against Manchester United in 1983 (the famous Gordon Smith miss). Next stop came Watford with Graham Taylor 85-86 and two seasons later moved on to Reading. While at Elm Park his second Wembley appearance came in the Simod Cup Final scoring in a 4-1 win over Luton Town. Season 88-89 brought a move to Brentford where Neil was part of the successful side to gain promotion to Division One. After four seasons he made his final playing move to Gillingham where he had his first taste of managerial work. On the arrival of a new Chairman at Gillingham, Neil was released and joined Wycombe Wanderers as Youth Team Manager in July 1995. On the departure of Manager Alan Smith, Neil took temporary charge of the team prior to the arrival of John Gregory from Aston Villa. In February 1998, John Gregory returned to Aston Villa and Neil was asked to take charge once more. After taking 10 points from a possible 12 his official appointment was announced at the last home game of 1997-98 against Chesterfield. Neil Smillie finished the season being unbeaten in 10 of the last 12 games.

**GARY MICKLEWHITE** - Assistant Manager

Started his career at Manchester United as a YT in 1977 before moving to Queens Park Rangers in 1979. Appeared for QPR in the 1982 FA Cup Final and won the Division Two Championship under Terry Venables. Moved to Derby County in February 1985 winning the Third and Second Division Championships in successive seasons. After 8 years Gary departed for Gillingham where teamed up with Neil Smillie. When the Club went into receivership Neil Smillie became player/manager and Gary player/ coach. They both departed when new Chairman Paul Scully took over and brought in Tony Pulis from Bournemouth. After looking after the Youth set-up at QPR Gary teamed up once more with Neil Smillie at Wycombe in the summer of 1998.





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#### IASON COUSINS (Defender)

A summer 1991 signing from Brentford where he spent four seasons making a total of 28 appearances. Scored the first goal in the 1993 FA Trophy Final and was included in the 1992-93 Conference Team of the Year and the 1993-94 PFA Division Three Team of the Year. Voted Supporters' Player of the Year in 1994, Jason has made over 350 appearances for the Club. Now in his eighth season at Wycombe.

#### **DAVE CARROLL** (Midfield)

Signed in the summer of 1988 from Ruislip Manor following a short loan spell the previous season. Started out as a Fulham youth player before joining Wembley FC. Has represented England youth (3 caps), the FA and was an FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993. He scored two goals in the Play-off Final against Preston 1994. He has now made over 480 appearances for Wycombe and can play anywhere in midfield or up front. Signed a new two year contract this summer. He is the fifth longest serving player in the club's history.

#### **KEITH RYAN** (Midfield)

Arrived from Berkhamsted during the 1990 close season after making some reserve appearances the previous year. A central midfielder who can also play up front. He scored on his debut for Wycombe and was an FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993, and a Play-off winner in 1994. Keith has made 195 League appearances for the Club. Made two successful comebacks from serious injuries.

#### **STEVE BROWN** (Midfield)

Joined in February 1996 from Northampton Town where he was team captain, for a fee of £40,000. Made over 200 appearances for the Cobblers and 170 League appearances for Wycombe. Signed a new two year contract this Summer.

#### **STEVE McGAVIN** (Forward)

Signed for £140,000 from Birmingham City in March 1995. Started as a trainee with Ipswich Town before moving to non-league Sudbury Town. Then spent 18 months with Colchester United where he won Conference and FA Trophy honours in 1992, joining Birmingham in January 1994 for £150,000. Steve has made 115 League appearances to date.

#### PAUL McCARTHY (Central Defender)

Joined from Brighton & Hove Albion for £100,00. He has 10 under 21's Caps for the Republic of Ireland. A strong central defender who missed the last part of season 97-98 through injury.

#### PAUL READ (Striker)

Signed from Arsenal 1997 for an initial fee of £35,000. Trainee with Arsenal FC from 1991 to 1997. Scored two goals on his home debut for Wycombe vs York City on 25th January 1997. Has been in and out of the side, looking to gain a regular place.

#### IASON KAVANAGH (Defender)

Signed from Derby County in November 1996, following a month's loan period for a fee of £20,000. Played for Birmingham City as a schoolboy and joined Derby County during season 1998-89. His debut game for Wycombe was against Crewe Alexandra in November 1996. Made very good progress last season. Can play on either flank.

#### MICHAEL FORSYTH (Left Back/Central Defender)

A very experienced defender who moved from Derby County to Notts County during 1994/95 season for £275,000. Transferred to Wycombe on 5th December 1996 for a fee of £25,000. Debut game for Wycombe vs Rushden & Diamonds on the 18th December 1996. Very popular player who missed out last season through injury.

#### JOHN CORNFORTH (Centre Midfield)

Signed from Birmingham City on 5th December 1996, for a fee of £50,000. Birminham paid £350,000 for him from Swansea FC in March 1996. Previously also played for Sunderland and has 2 full Welsh caps. Made his debut game for Wycombe vs Rushden & Diamonds in December 1996.

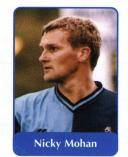
#### MICHAEL SIMPSON (Midfield)

Signed by tribunal from Notts County in January 1997. Trainee with Notts County 1992 to 1997. Mde his debut for Wycombe vs Chesterfield on Decmber 14th 1996.

#### MAURICE HARKIN (Midfield/Winger)

Had trials with Watford, Brentford and Nottingham Forest before joining the YTS scheme at WWFC. Has also made 9 appearances for Northern Ireland Youth. He made his debut for the Wanderers first team vs Barnet (FA Cup 2nd Round) on 7th December 1996. Very promising youngster who has attracted attention from the Premiership.









MARTIN TAYLOR (Goalkeeper)

Started his career with Mile Oak Rovers and after two seasons joined Derby County, where he made a total of 140 league and cup appearances. He made his ddebut for Wycombe, whilst on loan from Derby County, at a home match vs Shrewsbury on 28th March 1997. Kept 18 clean sheets last season.

#### MARK STALLARD (Forward)

Joined Wycombe in March 1997 from Bradford City for a fee of £110,000. Leading scorer last season with 18 goals, 17 in the Nationwide League.

#### **KEITH SCOTT** (Forward)

Returned to the club during season 1997/98 after leaving in November 1993 to join Swindon for a Club record transfer fee of £375,000. He made his return debut match for Wycombe on 29th March vs Shrewsbury whilst on loan from Norwich City. Scored 12 goals last season.

#### NICKY MOHAN (Central Defender)

YTS at Middlesbrough, transferred to Leicester City for £330,000 September 1994. After 26 appearances was transferred to Bradford City for £225,000 in September 1995. A regular at centree-half for Bradford during 1996/97. Transferred to Wycombe Wanderers for £80,000 in October 1997.

#### **ALAN BEETON**

Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 season. Alan made his debut in September 1997. A regular towards the end of last season and finished really well. Has signed a new two year contract.

#### **GARY WRAIGHT**

Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 season. Gary has been on the bench last season, still waiting to make an impact in the first team.

#### **AARON PATTON**

Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 season. Regularly played for the reserve side. Came on as sub at Walsall in the last game of the season. 97-98.

#### **LEE HOLSGROVE**

Son of former Wolves defenderJohn Holsgrove, elder brother, Dave, plays for Brighton & Hove Albion, while younger brother Peter is a member of Wycombe Youth Team. Lee was signed from Millwall in March 1997, yet to appear in the Football League.

#### PAUL EMBLEN

Signed from Charlton Athletic for £60,000, after a month's loan. Spotted playing for Tonbridge before moving to Charlton start of 97-98. His first season at Charlton he won a Combination Chamionship medal, younger brother Neil Emblen (Wolves). Brought to Wycombe by Neil Smillie in September 1998.

#### MARK WESTHEAD (Goalkeeper)

Goalkeeper who signed for Bolton Wanderers at 17. Went on loan to a number of clubs before released at end of 98-99 season. Signed for Wycombe from a goalkeeping course at Bisham Abbey in July 1998. Made first team debut at Burnley on 12th September 1998.

#### **DANNIE BULMAN**

Joined local club Ashford Town at 15 and made first team debut at 16. Spotted by John Gregory when manager at Wycombe and played four games for reserve side. Signed at start of 98-99 season for £10,000 and made first team debut against Bristol Rovers 31st August 1999. Scored equaliser coming on as sub when Rovers keeper slammed ball against his backside.

#### ANDREW BAIRD

Striker with pace and skill joined Wycombe as YT. Broke into the first team owing to injuries to Keith Scott and Paul Read. Made debut as sub in the last home game of 97-98 against Chesterfield.

#### JERMAINE McSPORRAN

Signed for Wycombe from Non League Oxford City in November 1998 on a three year contract. Played for Oxford City then moved to Abingdon Town before rejoining Oxford City in 1996. Played for Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination and scored two goals. Offered trials at West Ham, attracted lots of attention from Premier and Division One sides. Debut for Wycombe at Northampton Town on 7th November 1998.

#### CHRIS VINNICOMBE (Defender)

Started as YTS at Exceter City, before moving to Glasgow Rangers for £150,000 in November 1989. Did not make too many appearances for Rangers before being transferred to Burnley for £200,000 in May 1994. A good left sided defender he made over 70 appearances for Burnley before joining Wycombe on a free in the summer of 1998.

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IT MAY be mid winter, but the summer holiday memories are still trickling in, and today we feature two of our younger fans. It set us thinking about how old you have to be to be a Luton Town supporter. We have received a couple of letters

nominating very young children in Luton Town strip designed for very small dribblers. So in future magazines, we will feature those - if you have a nice picture of a very young Hatter we'd like to hear from you. Send us a photograph, and we'll do the rest.

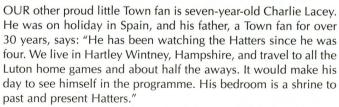
Amy Brannan is the Junior Hatter looking very smart in her Town kit in front of what looks like one of the world's most

In fact the picture was taken in Las Vegas, outside the New York New York hotel and casino on the famous Las Vegas strip.

She lives at Kempston, and her dad savs she will be very surprised and delighted to see her picture in the programme. It's our pleasure.

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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.





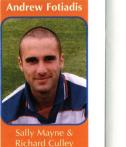
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#### by Home Office Minister Kate Hoey



TO STEP up the fight against football hooliganism, the Home Office is preparing a review of soccer-related legislation, and wants opinions from all parts of the football community. The Football League is backing the plea for supporters to have their say. This article is by Home Office Minister and Arsenal fan Kate Hoey.

FOOTBALL'S thriving. Our game's graced by some of the finest players in the world. Grounds are safe and comfortable. Hooliganism inside stadiums is now a rarity. Families are flocking back and there are far more women at matches that when I first started watching Arsenal 30 years ago.

There's still a buzz from England's brave performance at the World Cup. But events off the field showed we can't afford to be complacent about thugs who masquerade as football supporters. The conduct of a tiny minority shamed the vast majority of England

It prompted the Government to review all existing football legislation to see what else could be done to counter the threat to our image abroad and the game at home.

It is not just a matter of the government legislating. It is your game and your enjoyment they are ruining. You also have a major part in helping to root out hooliganism from soccer.

That's why we want your views on new proposals to tackle football hooliganism, and to prevent it starting in the first place.

We are putting forward a raft of new recommendations to tighten up the law and make sure punishments fit the crime.

Evidence from France this summer, for instance, suggests a ban on the sale and consumption of alcohol can help reduce trouble. So to improve our bid for the World Cup in 2006 there is a proposal to give our police similar power to be used in the most exceptional circumstances. This may not be

universally popular, but we want to listen to your views.

We believe the World Cup has also shown a strong case for insisting convicted thugs are forced to hand in their passports before international matches or tournaments abroad, and report to their local police station, so they can't travel. We also want your views on banning known hooligans from travelling to games abroad, even if they have not been convicted of football offences.

Among other recommendations are increasing to 10 years the maximum ban from grounds for those convicted of football-linked hooliganism; extending ticket touting legislation to matches outside England; and creating a new offence of racist or indecent chanting.

We want to put new measures in place before Euro 2000. I promise the Government will play its part. But it is up to all of us to play a role in speaking out against the thugs and making clear that hooligans will not be tolerated. Together we can mark them out of our game.

Kate Hoey

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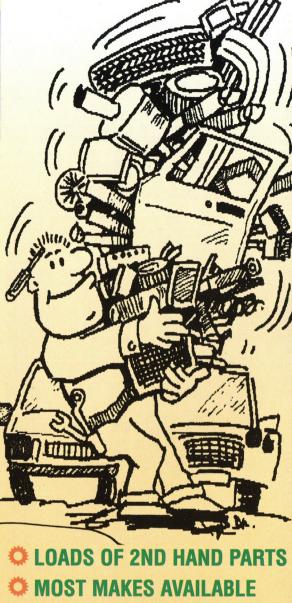
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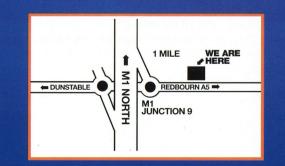
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## **ALL YOU CAN** DISMANTLE AND CARRY **FOR JUST** CASH



#### by Roger Wash

#### 9th January 1960 Exeter 1 Luton Town 2 (F.A.C.)

Losing finalists in the previous season the Hatters travelled to lowly Exeter for this Third Round tie where they were greeted by a crowd of 20193 which has never been beaten at St James Park

The Grecians were down to ten fit men after only ten minutes after left winger Gordon Dale injured knee ligaments in a clash with Billy Bingham. Despite this, the home side had the majority of the play and Nelson Stiffle fired them into the lead with a shot that took a deflection off Alan Daniel. Fortune favoured the Town after 67 minutes when Exeter goalkeeper John Lobbett could not hold a shot from Bob Morton with the ball running loose to Gordon Turner who made no mistake. Three minutes later Turner doubled his tally when Lobbett pushed out a Tony Gregory shot and lucky Luton managed to hold out until the end.

#### 9th January 1965 Luton Town 0 Sunderland 3 (F.A.C.)

After fighting past Southend and Gillingham in the early rounds of the F.A.Cup the Town's reward in Round Three was a home tie with Sunderland of Division One.

On a wet day a best of the season crowd of 16834 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the Town have the better of the first half but unable to put the ball in the net despite the efforts of wingers Fred Jardine and David Pleat.

As so often happens the away team soaks up the pressure and then attacks on the break to devastating effect. That is exactly the storyline on this particular afternoon with Nick Sharkey netting after a quick break from winger Brian Usher after 78 minutes.

To give the scoreline a completely unrealistic look Sunderland scored a further two goals in the final four minutes to complete a miserable afternoon as the Town pushed everyone forward.

#### 9th January 1988 **Hartlepool 1 Luton Town 2 (F.A.C.)**

A potential cup upset was on the cards with first division Town drawn away to lowly Hartlepool. The Hatters had not visited the Victoria Ground since their fourth division days in the mid 1960's and in three clashes had always returned pointless.

On a cold, wet afternoon Pool piled on the pressure in the opening minutes but Les Sealey in the Luton goal was not severely troubled. As the game wore on the Hatters' extra class began to show through and just before the interval efforts from both Brian and Mark Stein were ruled out by the referee for fouls.

Straight after the interval first division quality showed when Danny Wilson's cross was converted by Micky Weir but it was not until 15 minutes from the end that Darron McDonough's 20 yard shot made the game safe. Andy Toman gained a late consolation from a position that looked suspiciously offside but the effort came with only two minutes left to play and the Town had little difficulty in holding on to set themselves up for a fourth round tie at home to Southampton.



Brian Stein's first half effort at Hartlepool in 1988 is disallowed by the referee.

## a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

Following Wycombe's elevation to the Football League in 1993, and quick promotion, we did not have to wait long before clashing with them for points after our relegation to Division Two in 1996.

We started the 1996/97 campaign with three straight defeats after most supporters thought we would walk through the new division, but on the Saturday prior to our first ever trip to Adams Park we had finally managed to win a game picking up three points in a turgid 1-0 home victory over a poor Rotherham side. Buoyed by this victory a good number of Luton supporters made the relatively short trip to Buckinghamshire to see if the win over the 'Millers' was just a flash in the pan or whether our season had finally been kick-started.

Wycombe had started the campaign slowly with three draws and a defeat but included ex-England international Ray Wilkins in their lineup for, as it turned out, the first and only time. The Town had learned quickly that pretty football was not necessarily the way out of Division Two and a mixture of the long and short game was more likely to bring success. Both sides had efforts cleared off the line in a fairly even first half but early in the second period a Mitchell Thomas cross was headed back across goal by Andrew Fotiadis to David Oldfield who bundled the ball home.

From then on the Hatters had the majority of the play but Wycombe came close to an undeserved equaliser when Paul McCarthy saw his fierce shot strike the woodwork near the end.

The win certainly did kick-start the Town's season as by Christmas a string of victories had sent the team hurtling up the table. Unfortunately in the new year the wins turned into draws, especially at home, and by the time of the return game with Wycombe, in early April, the chasing pack was closing in fast.

Wycombe on the other hand had dipped down to the foot of the table but were now making a





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Andrew Fotiadis clashes with Ray Wilkins during the Town's 1-0 win at Adams Park in 1996.

concerted bid to free themselves from the shackles of the relegation positions. No attempt was made to disguise the fact that Wycombe had come for a point as they strung five men across the back snuffing out the threat of Tony Thorpe in the process. Thorpe did have the ball in the net twice in the first half but both efforts were disallowed for offside and handball respectively. As the Town ran out of ideas a couple of late Wycombe breakaways threatened to make a complete mockery of the scoreline.

The Town failed to win promotion at the death while Wycombe continued their fighting form and escaped relegation fairly easily at the end of a long campaign.

Both sides squared up again at Adams Park in November 1997 with this time Wycombe enjoying a comfortable mid-table position. The Town, on the other hand, were still at the wrong end of the table despite the cushion of three wins and a draw which followed the terrible 0-4 thrashing by near neighbours, Watford at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters continued their upsurge in form by taking the game to Wycombe but the home side moved into the lead after 12 minutes when Mark Stallard expertly turned in Steve McGavin's cross. Undeterred the Town fought back, with an effort from Thorpe wrongly ruled out for offside but the deserved equaliser arrived on the stroke of half time when a cross from

Steve Davis took a handy deflection into the path of Oldfield who made no mistake.

Oldfield almost scored a second straight after the break with a header that hit the bar before Wycombe broke away to score completely against the run of play. With all the Luton players expecting a free kick for a foul on Phil Gray a long punt upfield found Keith Scott whose cross was latched onto by McGavin who curled the ball home.

The Luton players refused to feel sorry for themselves, however, after having most of the play and fought back to equalise for a second time ten minutes later. An up and under from Julian James found Thorpe unmarked in the box and his looping header did the rest.

Wycombe were still comfortably placed in midtable by the time of the return, in March last year, but the Town were still struggling in the relegation positions. Although defensively we were not having too many problems, goalscoring was a major worry and so it proved against Wycombe who, for the second season running, decided to play for a draw. Despite having the lions share of the play the Hatters could not find a way through or around the Wycombe defence and a scoreless stalemate was on the cards long before the end. The Chairboys were happy to soak up the pressure once again and only had two shots on target throughout the game with the first arriving on 77 minutes!

As we all know the Town survived last season and the two teams were drawn to play each other on the opening day of the current campaign. The Town had not won away on the opening day since 1980 but a large Luton contingent were confident of a result after some stirring pre-season displays.

On a baking hot day Wycombe missed a gilt edged opportunity with Scott hitting a post when it appeared easier to score but the Town grew stronger after this let off and took the lead after 36 minutes. Matthew Spring was fouled outside the area leaving skipper Steve Davis to smack in a tremendous 25 yard free kick which Chairboys goalkeeper Martin Taylor did not see as the ball whistled past him into the net.

The Town kept up the pressure as the game wore on and the introduction of Liam George as substitute for the tiring Herve Bacque certainly livened things up as the young forward ran at the Wycombe defence creating havoc and making sure of the winning start to the season.



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Gary Doherty, Liam George and Kelvin Davis from our first team were on hand to present certificates, prizes and sign autographs for some of the lucky youngsters and we're really grateful to them for taking the time out during the busy holiday period. We will shortly be announcing details of our February half term courses - so watch this space! In the meantime our after schools coaching courses begin again from this Monday and all of the venue details are listed on the opposite page. We hope to see you all soon.



## NTL CableTel SCHOOLS VISIT PROJECT

The LTFC Community & Schools Programme have received a great new year boost with a sponsorship agreement with telecommunications giant, NTL CableTel, pledging £15,000 over the next three years to fund our 'Schools Visit Project'. In addition, with the aid of CableTel, we

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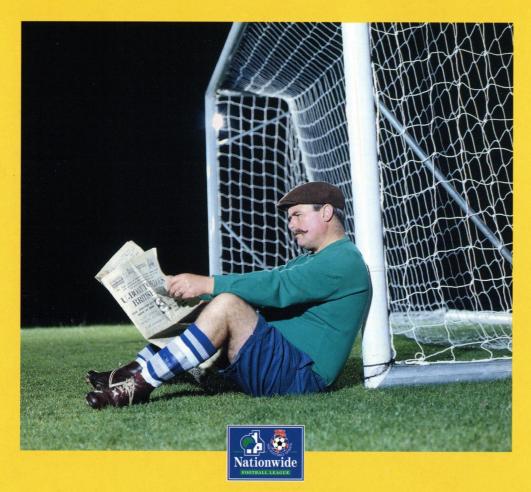


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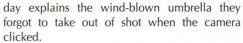


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#### on the net

THIS MAY not be the smartest squad picture ever published - note the mix of Luton Town kits - but the photograph shows a real team: some of the guys who ensure that Luton Town is on the internet.

They call themselves WHOSH. Worldwide Hatters On the Super Highway, and their website pages, strictly unofficial, occasionally critical, but very much a forum for Town fans, is always worth a visit. And Whosh now boasts its own football team, drawn from Hatters with Internetconnected computers. Their first game was in a monsoon at Gillingham where they drew 3-3. The weather that



They claim that years of watching "cultured passing football" as played by the Town has rubbed off onto the Whosh team, and that they were absolutely robbed at Gillingham where the home side provided the ref who gave the Gills a dubious penalty and refused a blatant one at the other end.

Match No. 2 was at Lincoln, and Whosh won 6-1 and enjoyed the visit to much they hope Lincoln win promotion alongside us next May.

Whosh then played their first "home" game, at Dunstable, in another monsoon, against Manchester City's internet group. They were hammered: the attack drew a blank while the City boys got six lucky goals...

"We play better away from home, and we don't prosper on heavy pitches - now who does that remind me of?" was the analysis of Whosh webmaster Liam Madden.

We gather that moves are afoot to strengthen the



squad and if you are a Hatters fan into the net, and aged under about 43, team manager Andy Smith is the man to talk terms with. His address is andrew.smith49@virgin.net.

He is arranging a full fixture list for the rest of this season and Whosh will also enter the end-of-season tournament involving other internet-based teams. They expect one easy victory in that, because also entered is a side from Hertfordshire whose name tends to escape them when they talk football!

If you want more information on Whosh, they meet at the Newt and Cucumber in King Street before home games and a pre-arranged pub before away fixtures. And they promise that talk in the pub is all about football, not about computers or propeller-heads.

And they give the club real backing where it counts most: sponsoring games and players, and hiring executive boxes. Dr Ralph Highnam, who started it all off, runs the Whosh mailbag list and you can join it by sending a blank message to whosh-subscribe@egroups.com

WITH VERY great sadness today we report the deaths of two of our former favourites, Syd Owen and Brian Lewis. Everyone at Kenilworth Road sends condolences to the families, and we share their great sadness.

Syd. Owen, in particular, holds a special place in the history of Luton Town - he was player, captain and manager, and the only Town man ever to win the Player of the Year award.

That was in 1959, when he skippered us in our only FA Cup final appearance, when we lost to Nottingham Forest.

As a player, he was the major driving force to take us into the old First Division, now the Premiership, for the first time in 1955. Fair-haired and elegant on the field, and a real gentleman off it, Syd was a right half when we signed him from Birmingham in the summer of 1947. But he soon became a commanding centre-half and in the next 12 seasons he made 388 league appearances for us.

He was a truly dominant defender and captain, and many of us found it difficult to believe that he should win only three England caps before Billy Wright came on the scene. A fitness fanatic and wonderfully professional in everything he did, he became player-coach in the year he led us to our first season in the top flight.

Sadly, it all went wrong for Syd and for us after the 1959 cup final. He became manager, but it was a team in which too many were growing old together, and we were relegated in his only season as a boss. Syd became a much-respected coach at Leeds United.

Many will remember his Christian beliefs, and his visits to schools and youth clubs to coach and talk about football to wide-eyed youngsters. This reporter was one who could scarcely believe that the greatest centre-half he was ever to see in a Town shirt could find time to chat like a mere mortal to a bunch of adoring kids.

Ill health dogged Syd in latter years, and the death of his wife was a bitter blow. He died in Yorkshire at the age of 76 after a long illness. But he will always be immortal to many of us who remember a brilliant player, an inspiring leader, and a true gentleman.



THE NEWS of the death of Brian Lewis at the age of only 55 will sadden Town fans of a slightly different generation who remember the part he played in our rise back to the top levels of football after the disasters of the early and mid-1960s.

He was one of the out of the ordinary characters we have had over the years at Kenilworth Road. Lennie Lawrence felt the shock as well - Brian Lewis began his career as a junior at Selhurst Park, and was in the Crystal Palace team Lennie supported as a boy.

Lewis was a small and very tricky winger, and if you think ducking and diving to win free kicks, especially in the penalty area, is a modern phenomenon, I can promise Lewis turned it into an art form 30 years ago.

After 32 matches for Palace, he went to Portsmouthand Coventry, and on to Luton in the summer of 1968, the year we climbed out of the Fourth Division.

He was here for only 18 months, and the stats

book shows 49 appearances and 22 goals, but, regrettably, not how many times he won controversial "assists" by falling over at the right time.

It might seem odd that at the time we never thought of it as unsporting. Lewis would approach a defender, take good care not to be tackled, and choose his moment to make it look as though he had been clattered. To be fair, sometimes he was, but we always felt that was his mistake, not the defender's. Countless times we chuckled as bemused defenders heard the whistle blow for fouls they knew they had never committed. And in those days, the victim would sometimes chuckle with us at the audacity of the little man.

He could play a bit, too, and many of us were disappointed that he didn't stay longer. From Kenilworth Road he went to Oxford for a year, then to Colchester, where he played his part in a famous shock FA Cup result, when Leeds, the most powerful and unpopular team in the country, were dumped out of the FA Cup by Lewis and his lowly teammates. He ended his league career back at Portsmouth and retired in 1975 after a season with Hastings to work in the retail trade.



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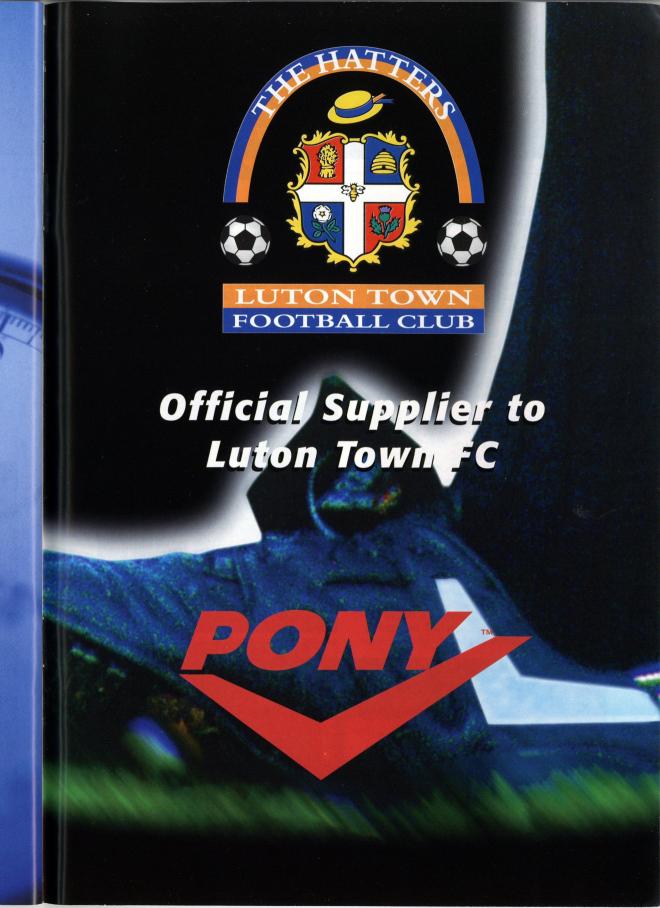
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PLAYING Sean Evers as a forward in a 4-3-3 formation, the Town came within 20 minutes of their first double of the season at Laver Road. only to concede a late second equaliser.

The match was a contest between a Town side trying to play passing football to end a run of seven league games without a win and a Colchester team that played a more basic style, with more physical effort, after six games without a victory.

Graham Alexander's return at right back after injury and suspension improved our potential down the right flank, and Alan White replaced Steve Davis alongside Marvin Johnson. Paul McLaren returned after injury, and Stuart Douglas was also back after missing the Bournemouth

In the opening 20 minutes or so the travelling fans saw plenty to encourage them, with the Town's football giving them the ascendancy. Matthew Spring saw a powerful drive deflected for a corner when it might easily have produced his first league goal, but the breakthrough was not long delayed. Evers was bearing down on goal in the inside right position when Simon Betts upended him and Graham Alexander smashed home his fifth goal of the season, and his third from the penalty spot.

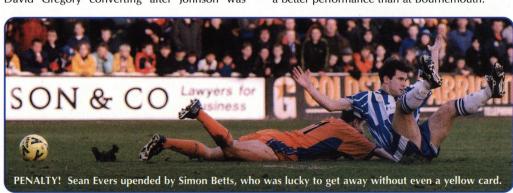
Colchester replied with sheer hard work, and a lot of long balls aiming for the lanky Mark Sale, and referee Barry Knight of Orpington was in danger of losing it as some of the tackling became more than fierce.

McLaren was denied by a good save before the second penalty of the day levelled the scores, David Gregory converting after Johnson was unluckily penalised for a trip on Sale.

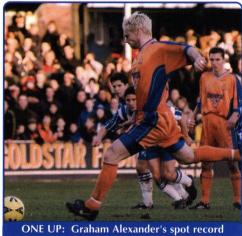
Colchester tried to batter their way through, and it was fortunate for us that Sale and Karl Duguid were short of the required finesse when they might have scored. When Sale was on target with a header, Kelvin Davis made an excellent tip-over

As the heat came on Gerry Harrison was hit by a dreadful two-footed "tackle" which the ref saw as perfectly OK, and for a few seconds a melee of players threatened to get out of hand. It settled down, but John Moore, in the dug-out, had a few choice words with a linesman for not reporting what he had seen. Unfortunately the linesman with dodgy vision well understood basic Scottish, complained to the ref. and Moore was "sent off" to watch the rest of the action from the main stand. Tempers cooled after that, but it was more of a battle than a football match, and it was therefore all the more satisfying to see the Town retake the lead after 71 minutes, with White going upfield to hook in his second goal Luton Town goal. The first was a late winner at Carlisle 14 months ago, but there was to be no similar happy ending this time as Colchester put everything into a hectic finale. Paul Abrahams saw Davis save one effort, but with six minutes to go, and despite being surrounded by Town players, he found space on the edge of the box to turn and despatch a shot across the goalkeeper for the equaliser.

"We were OK and in control for the first half, and for most of the second," said Lennie Lawrence. "But I am not happy with the way we finished the game. A lot of people looked tired, and we struggled for the last ten or 15 minutes. But it was a better performance than at Bournemouth."



GERRY Harrison, on loan from Sunderland, made his debut for the Town at Dean Court, while Steve Davis was making his final appearance. It was not an occasion anyone in the Town side will remember with much pleasure, with Kelvin Davis forced to be our man of the match as Bournemouth made much better use of their possession than we did. We had only two worthwhile goal attempts in the 90 minutes, a fourth-minute header by Alan White, who played as an emergency right back because Graham Alexander was suspended, and an 86th-minute 20-yarder by sub Herve Bacque which flew narrowly wide.



becomes three out of three at Colchester.



LEAD REGAINED: Alan White watches goalkeeper Tamer Fernandes leap in vain as the defender's volley gives us the lead for the second time.

#### **COLCHESTER MATCH DETAILS**

Booked: Paul McLaren 2 mins, Marvin Johnson

Sent off: John Moore for expressing dissent to

Colchester: Fernandes, Dunne, Betts, Williams

Referee: Barry Knight, Orpington

#### **BOURNEMOUTH MATCH DETAILS**

Booked: Steve Davis, 85th minute, pulling

The goal: Ian Cox, 53rd minute, smashing in

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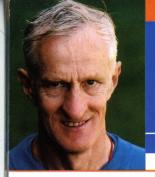
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## reserves





#### **Luton Town 3** Tottenham 0

THE OLD year finished on a high note as a run of three consecutive defeats in the Avon Insurance Combination was ended in emphatic style, and against a much more experienced team.

Tottenham included Colin Calderwood and Justin Edinburgh in defence, and in attack Rory Allen came back to the scene of his scoring triumphs last season. But he hardly got a kick as our team settled down to be the better all-round unit. We had the greater determination, and after a sequence of games in which we had missed so many chances it was good to see three very good goals taken. The result was a fair reflection of the way the game went.

Herve Bacque's performance, scoring one and making another, led to him being recalled to the first team squad, and a Second Division appearance as a sub at Bournemouth.

He gave us the lead with a glancing header from a right-wing free kick, taken with his left foot by Michael McIndoe. The second goal came from trialist Landry Zahana-Oni, a Frenchman playing for Bromley in the Ryman Premier League. Bacque laid off a good ball and it was expertly side-footed into the net by his countryman.

Mitchell Thomas completed the scoring, with a far post header from another cross by McIndoe.

Luton Town: Abbey, Clarke, Thomas, Lough, White, Boyce, Cox, Fotiadis, Bacque, McIndoe, Zahana-Oni. Subs, not used: Lawes, Moses, Ayres.

OUR fixture at Chelsea this week, which was due to kick off the new year, was postponed because of an unfit pitch, and we hope for better luck on Monday, when we meet Wimbledon on Leighton Town's ground, which is our new mid-winter "home" venue. Kick-off is at 7pm.

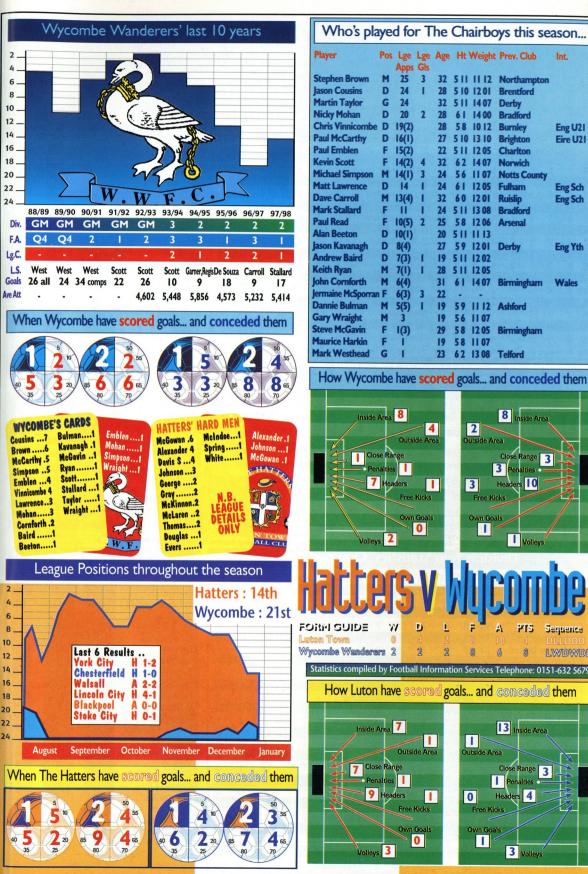
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THE youth team were back in action this morning after the Christmas and New Year break, at home to Oxford in the South East Counties League. They are away to Reading next week, and the following Saturday, January 23, entertain Wycombe Wanderers at Luton RFC (11am).

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Fulham	15	7			30	18	26
Southampton	15	8	2	5	30	22	26
Tottenham	16	8	1	7	21	18	25
QPR	15	7	3	5	24	14	24
Ipswich	14	7	3	4	24	20	24
Norwich	15	6	4	5	20	14	22
Chelsea	14	7	1	6	17	15	22
Luton Town	15	6	4	5	25	26	22
Arsenal	12	6	2	4	23	17	20
West Ham	11	5	4	2	22	13	19
Bournemouth	15	6	1	8	29	27	19
Brighton	12	5	4	3	13	18	19
Northampton	12	5	3	4	14	11	18
Portsmouth	14	- 5	3	6	23	24	18
Wimbledon	16	4	5	7	20	27	17
Colchester	16	5	5 2 2	9	21	33	17
Barnet	13	5		6	16	31	17
C. Palace	14	4	4	6	28	27	18
Oxford Utd	13	5	1	7	16	24	16
Milwall	13	4	3	6	17	18	15
Swindon	13	4	2	7	17	25	14
Cambridge	13	3	3	7	12	28	12
Reading	13	3	2	8	19	28	11
Gillingham	14	2	4	8	10	22	10
Brentford	10		3	5	14	18	9
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#### **Avon Insurance Combination League** Fixtures - Season 1998/99

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	Wed 30		Charlton Athletic	Н	1-3	l
	Wed 7	October	Millwall	Н	1-1	l
	Wed 14		Gillingham	A	2-1	l
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	Mon 22		Barnet	Н	7.00pm	l
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	Wed 17		Wycombe Wanderers		2.00pm	l
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#### 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

**Biggest Away Win** Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct **Consecutive Wins** Fulham, Stoke 6 **Games Unbeaten** Gillingham 17 **Consecutive Defeats** Lincoln 6 **Games without a Win** 

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Key: PU = Players Used ; GF = Goals For ; GA = Goals Against ; CS = Clean Sheets ; LP = Lowest position ; HP = Highest Position Division Two Statistics Club by Clu

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Bournemouth	20	35	22	9	11	2	Stein	11	5	0
Blackpool	26	29	29	7	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	24	27	25	9	17	6	Cureton	7	1	2
Burnley	35	26	40	4	20	7	Payton	12	1	2
Chesterfield	23	25	20	9	20	6	Howard	6	1	0
<b>Colchester United</b>	24	23	32	4	20	2	Gregory	5	2	0
Fulham	27	36	17	12	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	35	19	11	22	5	Asaba	13	0	0
Lincoln City	26	23	43	5	24	14	Battersby	5	1	1
Luton Town	26	29	26	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
<b>Macclesfield Town</b>	26	19	30	4	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
<b>Manchester City</b>	28	28	22	8	14	1	Goater	8	2	1
Millwall	27	24	26	7	14	5	Shaw	7	1	0
<b>Northampton Town</b>	30	23	27	5	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	31	26	34	3	20	5	Jones	2	0	4
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	27	23	38	3	23	14	Allott	6	1	0
Preston North End	20	41	23	9	7	1	Nogan	8	0	3
Reading	32	27	29	7	23	9	Williams	9	0	0
Stoke City	21	31	19	11	4	1	Kavanagh	6	1	0
Walsall	25	35	28	11	11	2	Rammell	13	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	31	23	9	23	8	Barlow	10	1	1
Wrexham	21	22	33	6	19	2	Connolly	5	1	4
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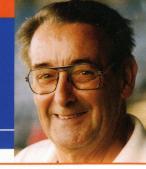
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Notts County	27	1	30
Fulham	28	0	28

#### **Current Sequences**

Consecutive Wins **Bournemouth 4 Games Unbeaten** Gillingham 17 **Consecutive Defeats** Stoke, Wrexham 3 Games without a Win Luton 8

Div. 2 Atte	endan	ce De	tails
	Highest	Lowest	Average
<b>Manchester City</b>	32,134	24,291	27,414
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	14,031
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,062
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,924
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,798
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,103
Millwall	12,726	4,249	6,931
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,223
Bournemouth	8,863	4,863	6,152
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	7,529	5,039	6,144
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,045
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	5,987
<b>Luton Town</b>	9,070	5,005	5,954
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	12,976	4,195	5,803
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,161
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,895
Walsall	9,056	3,098	4,675
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,502
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,490
Chesterfield	5,448	3,681	4,369
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,230
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,128
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,578
York City	7,527	2,075	3,503
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#### second division scene



A DISAPPOINTING holiday haul of only one point from two away games, with another home match postponed, leaves the Town with a lot to do to rekindle play-off hopes. We have dropped to 14th, our lowest league place of the season, but the table is well out of balance in our case, because we have played 13 league games away and only nine at home.

The mystery is how a team that did so well in the Worthington Cup has gone eight league matches without a win, and now needs more than the six points available from games in hand to climb back into the top six. And the gap has been growing wider for a lot of teams in the last fortnight as the top and bottom ends of the table start to split from the rest.

Fulham are proving that money talks. The team we beat easily at Craven Cottage in October is now two points clear of the field at the top of the table after four wins and a draw in the last five league games, plus a draw at Southampton in the FA Cup.

Walsall's challenge faltered a little over Christmas and the New Year, with only two points out of six collected, and Burnley felt aggrieved that the Saddlers got away with a 0-0 draw at Turf Moor on Steve Davis's second debut.

Stoke, leaders for so long earlier in the season, are now three points adrift of the top two after a miserable December - four league games played and only one point collected, including vital single-goal defeats against promotion rivals Walsall and Preston.

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Deepdale, where we play next Saturday, is in much happier mood. Preston lost the big one, at home to Fulham just before Christmas, but won their three other league games in December, and even an FA Cup defeat, at home to Arsenal, may not be too much of a disaster. Kurt Nogan, who learned his trade at Kenilworth Road, now has 11 goals to his credit, including two which rocked the Gunners in the cup before Arsenal replied

But the former Town striker doing most for his club in this division is Mark Stein, in a Bournemouth side that can do no wrong at present. Their December stats were played six. won six, including a Dean Court success at our expense. Stein was denied a goal against his old pals in that game, but took his season's total to 20 with an Auto Windscreens Shield hat-trick in the 5-1 demolition of Peterborough on Tuesday, Add an FA Cup win at home to West Brom last Saturday, and it's no wonder Mel Machin was named Second Division manager of the month.

Today's visitors to Kenilworth Road are still in the relegation zone, but having been bottom until mid-October are making a good fist of the

> survival battle, with only two defeats in the last 12. Like us, they still need every point they can gather, so it could be a hard task for us to achieve our first double of the season following the opening-day win at Adams Park. But for all their recent good run, Wycombe share with Wrexham the unwanted ng for their

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**Division fixtures** 

Sat	80	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, McLaren)
SAT	22		READING	A	3.00pm	0-3
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	Н	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A		3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	Н	3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)
TUES	08		WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	Н	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)
TUES	15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	A	7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)
SAT	19		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1
TUES	22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	Н	7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, John
SAT	26		WALSALL	Н		0-1
SAT	03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A	3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)
SAT	10		YORK CITY	Α	3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Н		1-0 (Alexander)
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	Α	3.00pm	0-1
TUES	27	WC3	COVENTRY	H	7:45pm	2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	Н	3.00pm	(postponed)
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm	1-3 (Douglas)
TUES	10	WC4	BARNSLEY	H	7.45pm	1-0 (Gray)
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		A	7.45pm	0-3
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	Н	3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Douglas, Gray)
SAT	19		MILLWALL	Н		1-2 (S. Davis)
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Α	3.00pm	0-1
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Alexander pen, White)
TUES	05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	Н	7.45pm	0-3
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Н	3.00pm	
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	Α	3.00pm	
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm	
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Н	3.00pm	
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	Α	3.00pm	TOD
SAT	13		WREXHAM	Н	3.00pm	
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	Α	3.00pm	
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Douglas)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	<b>Douglas</b>	Gray	McInd
Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McInd
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Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	<b>Fotiadis</b>	Marsha
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Gray, Douglas, Davis) 1	1,856	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGo
Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McInd
Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	<b>Douglas</b>	Gray	McInd
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recreation, and is a football coach as well as a fully qualified referee. He began his career as a whistler in the local leagues at York, and by 1992 had worked his way up to become a linesman on the Football League, and for the Premiership a year later. In 1995 he enjoyed a double promotion: to the panel of league referees and to FIFA's linesman's list.

He was appointed to the Football League referees' list 18 months ago, shortly after running the line in a Hungary v Norway World Cup qualifying match.

His hobbies are all sports, especially coaching football, athletics and basketball.

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

McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.

McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15: Thomas for Douglas 62.

Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.

McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas

Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox

McGowan Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White

McIndoe White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis

McIndoe White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett

Fotiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81. Unused: Bacque.

Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall.

Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88.

Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87

McIndoe Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74

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

Fotiadis for Showler 63, White for Gray 77. Unused: McIndoe

Scarlett for Showler 60; Bacque for Harrison 74. Unused: McIndoe

Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82.

Kandol for Bacque 58, Doherty for Fotiadis 58, Scarlett for McLaren 72

McGowan Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren

McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren

McGowan McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White

Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser

Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White

George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.

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

Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe

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

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.

			Appea	rances			(	Goals	
	League	WC	FAC	<b>AWS</b>	<b>Total</b>	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Alexander	19	7	2	0	28	3(1p)	2p	0	5(3p)
Bacque	2(5)	1(2)	0	1	4(7)	0	Ö	0	0
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	2(2)	1(1)	0	0	3(3)	0	0	0	0
Davis	22	7	2	0	31	0	0	0	0
Douglas	19	6	1(1)	O	26(1)	6	2	0	8
Doherty	0(5)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	1(8)	2	0	0	2
Dyche	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Evers	21	7	2	1	31	2	1	0	3
Fotiadis	2(8)	1(1)	0	1	4(9)	. 0	1	0	1
Fraser	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Gray	21(1)	6	2	0	29(1)	6	3	2	11
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0
Harrison	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Johnson	20	7	1	0	28	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)				
McGowan	15(1)	7	2	0	24(1)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	8(2)	2(1)	(2)	1	11(5)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	16(1)	41)	2	0	22(2)	1	0	0	1
McLaren	4(3)	1(3)	2	1	7(7)	0	1	0	1
Scarlett	1(2)	0	0(1)	0(1)	1(4)	1	0	0	1
Showler	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Spring	22	7	1(1)	0	30(1)	0	0	0	0
Thomas	11(5)	3	0	0	14(5)	0	0	0	0
White	5(9)	0(3)	1	1	7(12)	1	0	0	1

Also played: S. Davis 21 league appearances, 6 goals; 6 Worthington Cup apps, 2 goals; 2 FA Cup apps, 2 goals. Marshall 3(1) League apps, 1 goal: 3 Worthington Cup apps. Davies 2 League appearances. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.



## The



#### **Luton Town v Wycombe Wanderers**

Kelvin Davis 1
Graham Alexander 2
Mitchell Thomas 3
Matthew Spring 4
Sean Dyche 5
Marvin Johnson 6
Paul McLaren 7
Gerry Harrison 8
Stuart Douglas 9
Phil Gray 10

Sean Evers 11 Michael McIndoe 12 Gary Doherty 13 Alan White 14 1 Martin Taylor

2 Matthew Lawrence

3 Chris Vinnicombe

4 Keith Ryan

5 Jason Cousins

6 Paul McCarthy

7 Michael Simpson

8 Steve Brown

9 Jermaine McSporran

10 Keith Scott

11 Dave Carroll

12 Paul Read

13 Jason Kavanagh

14 Paul Emblen

Referee: Matt Messias, York

Assistants: M. E. Bishop, Kent (yellow flag)
P. J. P. McGirl, Bedford (yellow & red flag)
Reserve official: S. J. Gadsden, Oakley



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