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FOR the second time in a couple of weeks, the Town are to ask the FA to think again about a red card. They think referee Gurnam Singh and his assistant made an honest mistake when Kelvin Davis was sent off last week. The offence was handball outside the area, but the goalkeeper says it was not a case of him going for the ball with his hands, but an incident in which the ball hit his hand, and he could do nothing about it.

The appeal over Phil Gray's red card failed, so the striker is today sitting out the second of a three-match ban for violent conduct.

The hearing into Davis's claim will probably be on Monday. If the FA refuses to budge, he will be ruled out of one match, next week's trip to Burnley, and Tanny Abbey is standing by for his league debut.

## Happy to Stay

Pleased to be playing first team football after his temporary move from Sunderland, Gerry Harrison has extended his loan at Kenilworth into a second month. Said Harrison: "I have settled in well, and I like the club. Sunderland are going places, and I was out of the pecking order there. It looks like they will be promoted and will then bring in new players, so where does that leave me?"

Luton Town is the answer many of us hope to hear, but Harrison's good performances recently, including as a goalkeeper, are bound to alert other clubs to the value of the versatile 26-year-old who left Burnley last summer on a Bosman free. "I'll wait and see," was Harrison's answer to the Press about a possible permanent deal at Kenilworth Road.

### Au Revoir

With club and player alike realising that his career was going nowhere, French striker Herve Bacque has left Kenilworth Road, his contract cancelled by mutual consent. He looked so good in the August sunshine, when four goals in three pre-season friendlies persuaded Lennie Lawrence to sign him. At the time Phil Gray was getting over a serious injury, and it was not clear when he would be fit again. In the event, Gray made a full recovery, and Andrew Fotiadis and Stuart Douglas overtook the former Monaco player. The result was that Bacque was stuck in the reserves, making only four full appearances for our first team. It was all over when his final game, against Walsall in the Auto Windscreens Shield, saw him subbed after missing a penalty.

## Gratitude

A miserable night in Sunderland for four Town fans has brought a happier ending this afternoon. John Newman, an &insurance adviser, had treated himself to a new Merc shortly before the Town were drawn away to Sunderland in the Worthington Cup. But when a pal offered to take him in his Ford Escort, Mr Newman accepted a lift. He recalls: "We were delighted when we found a street parking space near the ground, within sight of a busy road junction, and just big enough for the Escort. We went to the match, saw the Town lose, and then returned to the car... except that all we found was an empty parking space. We couldn't believe it."

The Escort had been nicked, and Mr Newman, his son and two friends were stranded late at night 260 miles from home. They spotted one of the Town's executive coach trips about to set off on the homeward journey and cadged a lift.

Not only did they get a luxury ride back to Luton, but one of the passengers gave them



ON THE BALL: Alan White, now establishing himself in our league team after switching from centre-half to left back to cover for injuries which have decimated the squad.

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a lift back to their homes at Aylesbury. The Escort was found in Sunderland two days later, badly damaged, and was a write-off.

The sequel is that Mr Newman enjoyed his executive travel experience so much that today he is a match sponsor, which fits in nicely with his business connections with AXA Assurance, who sponsor the FA Cup. And he gets a secure parking spot as part of today's deal!

## **Eagles Will Land**

We are delighted today to announce the season's first winners of the Loval Luton Supporters Club community sponsorship awards. It offers match tickets to any deserving local junior football team and is backed by NatWest Bank.

Flitwick Eagles, who provide football for 13 teams from eight-year-olds to 18s, girls as well as boys, will be guests at a future Town match after David Mangan explained why he thought they deserved it.

He runs two Eagles teams in the Vauxhall Mini League. "They are very enthusiastic, and never show disappointment in lack of success on the field," he said. "We have won only two games all season, but still keep trying."

Mr Mangan and his son are already season ticket holders at Kenilworth Road, and his hope was that if the Eagles were chosen for free tickets some of them might also become committed Town supporters. We hope so too, and look forward to meeting

Under the scheme tickets are on offer to any youth club that is a deserving case, regular winners or losers. If you have a team to nominate, please submit nominations to the commercial department at Luton Town FC, giving the full name and address of an official of the club involved, and if possible a daytime phone number.

## **Future Orange?**

We have to change our playing strip next season, with another manufacturer taking over from Pony, and we might also be changing our colours, back to orange, which is currently our change gear.

Our thanks to the hundreds of supporters who took part in the kit census organised through the club shop, asking their views on future colours. A massive 79.5 per cent wanted orange strip to be the first choice. Seventeen per cent voted for the home kit to be white shirts and royal blue shorts, and "others" polled 3.5 per cent.

The coaching and playing staff are also being canvassed on their views and we understand that the choice there is much less clear-cut than it is among supporters. But the club promises that all views will have a bearing on the final decision.

## **Happy Birthday**

We know we have a lot of loyal supporters, and at the request of his daughter we wish happy birthday today to Peter Pollard, for his 79th. He has been following the Town since he was 15, and one of his earliest memories is of Joe Payne's ten-goal performance in 1936. His other happy memories were of the 1959 Wembley run and, even better, the 1988 Littlewoods Cup triumph over Arsenal. Naturally, the family is following in his footsteps as Town fans, and we hope he and they all enjoy today's match. If you know of anyone who has followed the Town for more than Mr Pollard's 64 years, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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## Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

			Appeara	ances			Goa	ls	
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Alexander	19	7	2	0	28	3(1p)	2p	O	5(3p)
Bacque	2(5)	1(2)	0	1	4(7)	0	Ó	O	0
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	2(2)	1(1)	0	0	3(3)	0	0	O	0
Davis	25	7	2	0	34	0	0	0	O
Douglas	22	6	1(1)	0	29(1)	7	2	O	9
Doherty	0(8)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	1(11)	2	O	O	2
Dyche	3	0	0	1	4	0	O	O	O
Evers	24	7	2	1	34	3	1	0	4
Fotiadis	4(8)	1(1)	0	1	6(9)	1	1	0	2
Fraser	1(1)	0	0	1	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Gray	22(1)	6	2	0	30(1)	6	3	2	11
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	O	0	0
Harrison	5	0	0	1	6	0	O	0	0
Johnson	23	7	1	0	31	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0	0	0	O(1)	0(1)				
McGowan	17(1)	7	2	0	26(1)	0	O	0	O
McIndoe	8(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	11(6)	0	O	0	0
McKinnon	16(1)	41)	2	0	22(2)	1	O	O	1
McLaren	6(3)	1(3)	2	1	10(6)	0	1	0	1
Scarlett	1(3)	0	0(1)	0(1)	1(5)	1	O	0	1
Showler	2(1)	0	O	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Spring	25	7	1(1)	0	33(1)	1	O	O	1
Thomas	11(5)	3	0	0	14(5)	0	0	O	O
White	8(9)	0(3)	1	1	10(12)	1	0	0	1
Zahana-Oni	2	0	0	0	2	. 6	0	0	0

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. Bacque 2(5) league apps; 1(2) Worthington Cup apps. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.

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# from the manager's chair



I WENT to watch Bournemouth on Tuesday, and saw them make Preston North End, until then the Second Division leaders, look very ordinary indeed. On the night, Bournemouth were better than Wigan.

Losing to Wigan was a disastrous result. By the standards of this division Wigan have invested very heavily in players, and they were strong and experienced. They started well, and we didn't, and we conceded a bad goal. But obviously the whole game turned around Kelvin Davis's sending-off. Realistically, looking at the two teams, it would have been difficult for us if it had stayed 11 men against 11. Circumstances had forced us to field too many young and inexperienced players, and at one down, reduced to ten men and with no goalkeeper, you have a mountain to climb.

It was to our credit that we rallied after an unfortunate second goal was conceded. We needed one of our chances to go in to throw a little doubt into Wigan's confidence, to make them worry a little. It didn't happen, but we kept going. We didn't cover ourselves in glory, but noone jacked it in.

I must say bluntly that the players did not deserve the derision that came from some parts of the ground at the end of the game.

I know you pay your money to have your shout, but we all have to accept the facts of life at Luton Town. We have been forced to field young and inexperienced teams in the last couple of weeks. We do not have the money to carry a big staff to cover for the run of injuries and suspensions we have suffered recently. So young men get their chance, and perhaps sooner than we would like. We lost at Preston a fortnight ago, and there our supporters were terrific. They cheered a losing team at the end because they seemed to appreciate that the players had done their best. Against Wigan, our players, especially the young ones, had a torrid time, and they did not need the sound of boos ringing in their ears. If we are to get back on the winning trail, which is what we want just as much as supporters do, the kind of support we received at Preston will do far more good than the treatment players were subjected to on Saturday. Think about it, please.

Hopefully we will have a couple of our seniors back today, in Ray McKinnon and Paul McLaren (and McLaren, at just turned 22, has to be classed as a senior in our situation).

Whatever formation we put out, we know for sure we face a difficult match against a team that has won 10 of its last 12 games. Bournemouth were certainly very impressive against Preston, who were very much second best on the night. We have had some close games with Bournemouth in recent times, but always seem

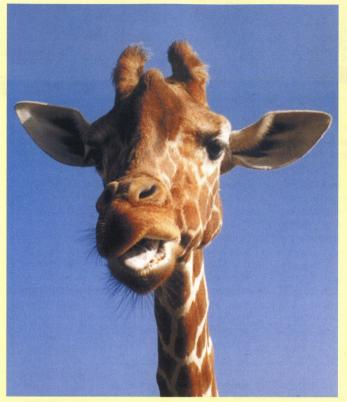
to come off second best since beating them here during our play-off season. They have done wonderfully well to survive, let alone prosper in

the higher reaches of the division, after so nearly going out of existence, and Mel Machin has done tremendous iob in difficult

circumstances.

After two defeats, it is important for us to end the sequence rapidly, and it can be done. We need to score the first goal, and to get a grip in midfield. Bournemouth are a good Second Division team. So were we before Christmas. Now, with players starting to come back from the treatment room, we have to pick ourselves up and prove that we are still a good Second Division team. It's certainly not impossible, but we must all pull together, on and off the field alike.





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# captain's log



THE WAVING of another red card, this time for Kelvin Davis, was a real body-blow to our hopes in last week's match. It was our fifth sending-off of the season, which sounds pretty awful, but this was a case where we firmly believe the referee got it wrong. Our defensive style asks a lot of our goalkeeper, because we push upfield to be close to the attack, leaving the keeper to cover the space behind us.

I am sure vou will have seen him do the job often enough to realise that we have confidence in Kelvin operating as a sweeper as well as a shot-stopper.

When he raced out to cover a run by Graeme lones, he was simply trying to tackle, and the Wigan man flicked the ball against Kelvin's hand. We did not think it was deliberate handball. But the ref did, and that was that, The ref's word is law, and quite right too.

It seems to me that there are now far more red cards in football than there were years ago, and it's difficult to know why. I don't think the game has got any "dirtier" than when I was starting out, and I have sympathy with referees, even if I do wonder about their consistency. They are under enormous pressure, especially in matches watched by lots of TV cameras. I know, for sure, I would rather be a player than a ref!

We tried to talk to Gurnam Singh about his decision when he blew up for Kelvin's offence, but he guickly made it clear that he was not going to be moved by anything we said.

I suspect we would have had problems coping with Wigan when we had 11 men, and as we were without so many of our senior professionals it became a very hard task for a mainly young side to withstand the quality football the opposition played.

The red card killed us off, and we were playing for pride after that. Wigan were very well organised, and their depth of squad showed. They had more "old men" on the pitch than we did, and while we know that our young players are making good progress this was a day when perhaps we asked too much of too many of them. In games like Saturday's, it's all right to have perhaps two or three young players among eight seniors, but not the other way around.

When I broke through, the team included Ricky Hill, Ashley Grimes, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, Mick Harford and Peter Nicholas. Our youngsters need men like Mitchell Thomas, Phil Gray and Ray McKinnon, but for one reason or another we had to do without them.

We took a beating, but that is no reason to sink into doom and gloom. The attitude has been that we can't wait for today's match, because we all want to go out there and prove that we are very much better than a 0-4 home defeat sounds.

We will keep our heads up, and we will keep going, and thankfully today we are up against a footballing side. Bournemouth played well against us at Dean Court, and

we know it is going to be a difficult game today. We will welcome Mark Stein back to Kenilworth Road, but do all we can to ensure he does not extend his record as the Second Division's top scorer! Steiney and Mitch are still close friends, and I speak with Mark guite often, and we meet now and again.

Speaking of old friends, we will be up against Steve Davis next week, and with Kelvin suspended along with Phil Gray I suppose the odds will be against

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strain that little bit harder to pull out your best. With Steve's goal-scoring record as a centre-half, we know, as other teams have discovered, that we will have to be at our best to stop him getting onto the score-sheet. It may sound strange, but we quite fancy our chances in any away match. We seem to be able to relax more away from home, but we also know that we must rapidly make Kenilworth Road our

us. But that's the very time when you

Bournemouth are one of the best teams in the Second Division. as their record proves. We respect them - but we still think we can beat them, and we all know home victories are vital, for our chances, and to keep the supporters coming through the turnstiles.

fortress again.

Perhaps we all had a bit of a raw deal last week. We are all determined to do better today, and with your help and backing we can. Enjoy the game.

> Marvin Johnson





# Club secretary



# from the treatment room

I EXPECT some supporters will have noticed that there is a possibility our next home game in the Nationwide League could go by the board because of Wrexham's involvement in the FA Cup. But if Wrexham are unable to come here in a fortnight, there will still be football at Kenilworth Road, because we have already finalised contingency plans.

Wrexham have reached the fourth round of the FA Cup, and drew 1-1 at home to Huddersfield on Saturday. The replay will be on Wednesday. If Wrexham lose, they will be here in a fortnight's time.

If they win, however, they will be entertaining Derby County in the fifth round. If that happens, we and Chesterfield have agreed to slot in our fixture which was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch in October. So, come what may (except for more bad weather!) there will be league football here at Kenilworth Road on Saturday week.

After that, we are away to Bristol Rovers, and please note that we have now been advised by Rovers that the game will be ALL-TICKET for Luton supporters. See page 11 for details, and please remember that if you want to go to the game you must buy tickets in advance from our ticket office, by 4pm on Friday February 19 at the latest

We now have a date for our Bedfordshire County Premier Cup semi-final. We will be away to Biggleswade on Wednesday March 3, kick-off 7.30. Stotfold and Arlesey meet on Thursday to decide who takes on Leighton Town in the other semi-final. The final will be played at Arlesey on April 21 (7.30).

Our reserves are still using Leighton Town's ground as our mid-winter home venue, and will be playing there on Monday, against Bournemouth, kick-off 7pm. The next two matches in the Avon Insurance Combination are away to Fulham on Monday week and away to Chelsea a week later, before our final match at Leighton, against Barnet on February 22.

In March, home fixtures for the reserves will come back to Kenilworth Road, hopefully with pitches everywhere much drier than they are at present.

Finally, there is a bucket collection in the ground today for the Save the Children Fund, and I am sure all supporters will maintain the Luton Town tradition of giving generously to a good cause.

Cherry Newbery

## NOTICE TO ALL SUPPORTERS

The use of foul or abusive language, or gesturing, will not be tolerated by Luton Town Football Club. Any supporter doing so is liable to be ejected from the stadium. Anyone who refuses to leave will be arrested, charged, and banned from the Club.

This policy has been in effect for over six years, and notices regarding unacceptable behaviour and the consequences are clearly displayed around the stadium.

**GEOFF LOVELL - Safety Officer** 

WET WEATHER that has caused a few football postponements in recent weeks is not only a problem for players who are fit - in Graham Alexander's case, it is a hindrance to his recovery schedule.



His ankle ligament injury is showing a big improvement, but at the time of writing it is still touch and go as to whether he can play in today's match.

Wet training grounds are a real problem for players recovering from injury, because when the ground is heavy you dare not carry out a proper fitness test.

After nearly a month out of training, Alexander has had to work hard. He has to strengthen the whole of the lower leg again, re-educate the muscles, you might say. The exercises have including hopping on one leg, and a lot of hard work means that he is not far off full fitness.

Normally, I would have expected to give him a thorough test this week, including running, twisting and turning, and ballwork. But that is out of the question on heavy ground - players who are fit find wet pitches difficult, and the danger of a fitness test in such circumstances is that you cause a setback.

Mitchell Thomas is making steady progress after his thigh strain. He is running again, but only at half pace, and the chances were against him being able to return today - as always it's not worth taking a risk by trying to hurry the healing process.

One man who has got time on his side is Phil Gray, who is making good progress after his toe injury. He completes a three-match suspension after next Saturday's game at Burnley, but he is certainly not wasting his time while he "serves his sentence." He is working hard in the gym and I expect him to start running again next week, and then resume full training. He should be OK, and doubtless raring to go, by the time his suspension is over.

With Gray ruled out, it was bad luck for Andrew Fotiadis to pick up a groin injury through a bad tackle in the Wigan game. He missed training early this week, and my best forecast is that he had no more than a 50-50 chance of being fit to face Bournemouth today.

Definitely out is Paul Showler, whose latest injury is a stomach muscle strain. He is going to Lilleshall next week to continue his recuperation under the eye of FA physiotherapists. A change of venue can often be beneficial, and Showler certainly deserves a change of luck after the run of injuries that have beset him.

Liam George's luck has turned for the better, although he had to report back to the treatment room this week after picking up a thigh strain in training. It often happens after a long lay-off - he has only just resumed training after breaking his leg last August. It's not a major problem, and I am glad to report



that the ankle and fracture area is looking brilliant.

George is delighted to be training again, while Julian James, our other broken leg patient, is still working hard in the gym, and still making steady progress, but we have not yet set any firm target for a return to league football. We only know that he will make it, and it will be a good day for him and the club when it happens.

Clive Gloodyear

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Saturday February 6, kick-off 3pm

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£6 concessions
(under 16s and over 65s)



Saturday February 13, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at discounted prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

## BRISTOL ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

Saturday February 20, kick-off 3pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Luton supporters. No tickets available on day of match. Tickets on sale until 4pm on 19 February. Prices, terracing only: £10 adults, £6 concessions



## LUTON TOWN v NOTTS COUNTY

Tuesday February 23, kick-off 7.45pm

This game has now been re-arranged for the above date. Tickets already purchased can still be used for the re-arranged fixture.

## LUTON TOWN v READING

Tuesday March 23, kick-off 7.45pm

This game has now been re-arranged for the above date. Tickets already purchased can still be used for this re-arranged fixture.

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## WE ARE pleased to welcome three organisations as match sponsors today, and one from Hampshire who are the matchball sponsors.

For John Newman, it is a case of sponsoring a team he supports home and away - you may have read on page 3 of his unhappy experience when he went to see our Worthington Cup game at Sunderland. His sponsorship today brings in a name which is becoming well known in football, AXA Assurance.

John Newman, Aylesbury Financial Services, are representatives of AXA. John provides expert advice on a wide range of investments, life assurance and pensions. AXA are one of the world's largest insurance groups, and now sponsor one of the most exciting tournaments in the British sporting calendar, the FA Cup.

Also welcome today are G. Owen Ceramic Tiling, a compnay which has made considerable progress since it was established 15 years ago. The firm supplies and fixes ceramic tiles to house builders, such as Connolly Homes, with whom

they have had a very long association. The company expanded and moved its headquarters to Northampton in 1988, and now has contracts with several major house builders throughout the South East of England.

Our other match sponsors today are regular guests at Kenilworth Road, The Whitbread Beer Company, who have long been involved in the local community, and are staunch supporters of Luton Town.

TODAY'S matchball sponsors have a keen interest in both teams. Mitchell Carpets Ltd are based in Poole, near Bournemouth, and supply carpets to the area around Hampshire, Dorset and Avon. Robert Mitchell's party today includes two life-long Luton Town supporters, his father-in-law Colin White, and John Hooper.

We hope they all enjoy their day with us, and as always if you want to see football from a different angle we have all kinds of sponsorship packages on offer - just ring Luton 411622 and ask for the commercial department.

## Golden Gamble



THE GOLDEN Gamble continues to offer supporters considerable consolation even when the Town lose at home, as they did to Wigan. Clifford Letting is pictured collecting a £511 jackpot in cash after his lucky number was drawn at half-time last Saturday.

Golden Gamble sellers are in all parts of the ground again today, offering supporters the chance to collect a useful wad of readies for an outlay of just £1. The prize fund is a straight 50/50 split, half going into club funds and half to the winner's jackpot.

# La Welcome

## La Melcome

## WE ARE very pleased today to welcome not only Junior Hatters to Kenilworth Road, but also their counterparts from Dean Court, the Junior Cherries.

They were very good hosts when we went to Bournemouth in December, and we intend to repay their hospitality today. They were hoping to bring two football teams to play our lads, before joining us for lunch and the usual Junior Hatters programme before watching the League game.

We all support our own team, and want them to win, but we also find that football rivalry can make for good friendships too, and that was certainly the case when we were at Preston.

They offered good facilities and a very friendly welcome to all sorts of activities, including basketball, rock climbing and football matches on a plastic pitch.

There was a nice gesture from the Young North Enders when we played them at football - helpers with each team were asked to nominate the three best players from the opposition, to receive little mementoes.

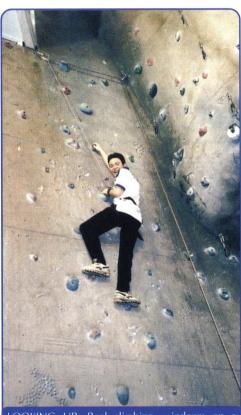
And it was a real thrill for our lads to meet one of the all-time greats of English football to receive their medals.

Tom Finney was guest of honour at Deepdale,



PROUD MOMENT: The three Junior hatters prizewinners get their awards from the great Tom Finney. Left to right are Matthew O'Brien, Daniel Miller, and Glenn Lewis, whose Town kit was soaked and discarded after he had taken a tumble in a large puddle during the football.

and it was a pleasure to meet him, especially for those of us who are considerably older than the Junior Hatters. Preston v Luton is a special occasion for him - in the last match of the 1959/60 season he made his 433rd and final league appearance for Preston. Luton Town were the visitors that day, and he still remembers the game. (We were already relegated, and were beaten 2-0).



LOOKING UP: Rock-climbing - indoors on a purpose-built wall - was one of the attractions we tried out at Preston. David Forsey is the Junior Hatter showing he has a head for heights.

AS USUAL our Saturday Club for Junior Hatters was part of today's entertainment, and if you want more information on that, please contact the ticket office. It helps to make going to football a good day out, because we start at mid-day with games and football, before a sausage and chips lunch, more games, and then the match.

The cost is only £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more details please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

## Today's Mascot

HAVING celebrated his eighth birthday yesterday, James Bell, from Wardown Crescent, Luton, has another treat today, because he is the Junior Hatters Mascot.

He will meet the teams, join the Town players in the pre-match kick-in,

and meet the referee and his assistants for the toss-up.

James attends Bushmead Junior School, Luton, and comes to matches with his father.

Asked which is his favourite Town player, he replied: "All of them!" His hobbies are football, horse riding, abseiling and gymnastics.

Today's ballboys are Ian Trussler and Mark Pearson. And belated happy birthday greetings to Mark, who was 11 on Wednesday.



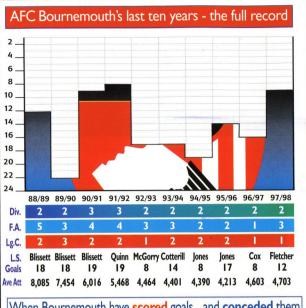
A DAY TO REMEMBER: Mark Boland, 13, from Great Linford, might not have liked the result of the match against Wigan, but he thoroughly enjoyed being the Junior Hatters mascot. He is pictured with the skippers and officials at the centre spot get-together before kick-off.

NEXT WEEK we are planning a daytrip to Turf Moor to see the Town take on Burnley. There will be at least one Junior Hatters coach, leaving Kenilworth Road at 9 am, and the cost is £10 for Junior Hatters, £12 for guests, and as that includes a match ticket it is very good value.

Burnley are another club keen to foster friendship between young supporters, and they have organised plenty of entertainment for our boys and girls. They also offer a McDonald's lunch, which will cost an extra £4.

If the weather is kind, and the groundsman very tolerant, we hope to play a five-a-side challenge match against the Burnley Juniors during the half-time interval. If that is not possible, we will go for an American-style penalty shoot-out competition.





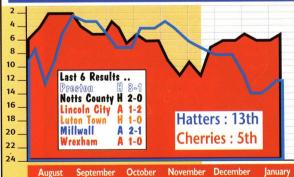
## When Bournemouth have scored goals... and conceded them







## League Positions throughout the season

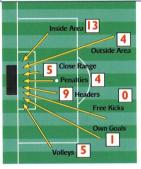




## Who's played for The Cherries this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht		Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
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Eddie Howe	D	25		21	5 9		11 02		
Mark Ovendale	G	25		25	62		13 02	Barry Town	
Mark Stein	F	25	13	32	5 6		11 07	Chelsea	Eng Yth
Neil Young	D	24		25	5 9	)	12 00	Tottenham	
Richard Hughes	D	22(1)		19	5 9	)	9 12	Arsenal	Scot Yth
John Bailey	M	22		29	5 8	3	10 02		
Steve Robinson	F	22	7	24	5 9	)	11 02	Tottenham	N Ire
amie Vincent	D	20(1)		23	5 1	0	11 09	Palace	
Steve Fletcher	F	18(1)	4	26	62	2	14 09	Hartlepool	
Christer Warren	F	12(4)	3	24	51	0	11 12	Southampton	
Mohamed Berthe	M	12(3)	2	26	64	4	13 00	Chateauroux	
Jon O'Neill	F	10(3)	3	25	51		12 00	Celtic	
Jason Tindall	D	6(7)		21	61	ı	11 10	Charlton	
Roger Boli	F	4(1)		33	5 8	B	10 12	Dundee Utd	
Mark Rawlinson	M	2		23	51	0	11 04	Man Utd	
David Town	F	1(7)		22	57	7	11 13		
Danny Rodrigues	F	(5)		19	51		11 03		Port U21
Michael Dean	M	(4)		20	5 9	9	11 10		
Anthony Griffin	D	(I)		19	51		11 02		

## How The Cherries have scored goals... and conceded them





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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



## welcome to today's visitors

### MEL MACHIN - Manager

Mel joined Bournemouth in September 1994 and has certainly seen a a lot in his time in the hot seat. In his first season, he managed to steer a team who had nine points at Christmas to safety. He kept the players' morale up during the traumatic months when the receivers were at Dean Court and then led the club to their first Wembley appearance last season. As a manager, Mel has also been in charge at Manchester City and Barnsley and held a coaching position at Norwich. As a player he served Port Vale, Gillingham, Bournemouth and Norwich. A highly popular figure at Dean Court, Mel put his own money in to the club when it was close to going under. He has displayed a knack of getting the best out of players by giving them unfamiliar roles where they have excelled. A superb December which included 6 wins, earned the popular and well respected manager the Division Two Manager of the Month award.



## JOHN WILLIAMS - Assistant Manager

Former Cherries player who was part of the famous 86-87 Third Division Championship winning team. John also played for Tranmere, Port Vale and Cardiff, but it is at Bournemouth where he has enjoyed most success. A very loyal club man, 'Willo' was sacked by the receivers in 1997, but supporter power saw him quickly reinstated.



Back row: (left to right) Richard Hughes, Karl Broadhurst, Mark Ovendale, Ian Cox, Steve Fletcher, Mohamed Berthe, Nick Colgan, Eddie Howe, Jason Tindall.

Middle row: Sean O'Driscoll (Youth Team Manager), Franck Rolling (No longer with club), Christer Warren, Anthony Griffin, Jamie Vincent, John Williams (Assistant Manager), John O'Neill, Michael Dean, Carl Fletcher, Neil Young, Steve Hardwick (Physio).

Front row: Mark Stein, Russell Beardsmore, James Hayter, Steve Robinson, Mel Machin (Manager), John Bailey, David Town, Mark Rawlinson, Jamie Jenkins.

### MARK OVENDALE - Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: Wisbech Town, Northampton Town, Barry Town

Leicester born goalkeeper who joined Bournemouth at the end of last season from League of Wales side Barry Town. He started his career with Wisbech and then moved to Northampton where he made 6 League appearances. He has experienced European football at Barry Town and is relishing the prospect of playing English league football again.

### IAMIE VINCENT - Defender

Previous Clubs: Crystal Palace, AFC Bournemouth

Cultured left back who enjoyed a fine 1997-98 campaign. He originally joined Bournemouth on loan from Crystal Palace in 1994 before returning to the club 1996 on a permanent basis. His form has attracted many scouts to Dean Court, but he has signed a new four year contract to stay with the club.

## **NEIL YOUNG - Defender**

Previous Clubs: Tottenham Hotspur

Cool and confident right back who has been a regular in the number 2 shirt he since joined Bournemouth from Tottenham in 1994. Rarely missing a game since he arrived, Neil finally scored his first goals in his career last season. His pace and strength allows him the opportunity to link up with the attack on the right hand side.

## **EDDIE HOWE - Defender**

Previous Clubs: None

Young central defender who worked his way through the Youth team to enjoy a sensational 1997-98 season. He quickly grabbed a first team slot and his form meant he was awarded a club record 6 year contract which has now been extended a further two years contracting Eddie to Dean Court until 2005. At the end of the season he was voted player of the season and was then included in the England squad for the Toulon Tournament. He made his debut when he came as a substitute against South Africa and made his full debut in the match against Argentina. He was recently selected to travel to Italy with the Nationwide League team to take on the Italian Serie B representative side, along with our own Sean Evers.

### IAN COX - Defender

Previous Clubs: Whyteleafe, Carshalton, Crystal

Stylish central defender and club captain. Ian joined Bournemouth in March 1996 from Crystal Palace as a midfielder but Mel Machin converted him to a central defensive role and he hasn't looked back since. Dominant in the air, lan is a great motivator at the back. After scoring the winner against Luton, lan was suspended for the match against West Bromwich Albion, the first match he missed for over 18 months.

## **ANTONY GRIFFIN - Defender**

Previous Clubs: None

A product of the Cherries Youth scheme, local lad Antony also served the club in the School of Excellence and the junior supporters teams. Right back with lightening pace, Antony realised his dream of playing first team football for AFC Bournemouth when he came on as a late substitute in the 5-0 win over Burnley and was also on the bench for the FA Cup tie against West Bromwich Albion.

### MOHAMED BERTHE - Midfield

Previous Clubs: West Ham

Huge winger who was on West Ham's books last season. Born in Guinea, he is a French national and became an instant hit with the Bournemouth faithful with his powerful play. Made his league debut against Lincoln, scored his first league goal a week later at Notts County and recently scored a memorable winner against Wigan at Dean Court.

### **JOHN BAILEY - Midfield**

Previous Clubs: Croydon, Enfield

Incredibly hard working player who's non stop running and commitment to the side can lift those around him. John came in to the professional game late from Enfield but made the transition to full time football with ease. Enjoyed a tremendous 97-98 season, a season which he capped by giving Bournemouth the lead at Wembley in the Auto Windscreen Final against Grimsby.

### MIKE DEAN - Midfield

Previous Clubs: None

Highly talented midfielder who has proved to be an excellent squad member over the last couple of









seasons. Mike came through the youth ranks to sign a professional contract in 1996 after making his first team debut whilst still a youth player.

## **RICHARD HUGHES - Midfield**

Previous Clubs: Atalanta, Arsenal

Young left sided defender who signed for the club from Arsenal two days after making his football league debut whilst on loan from the Gunners. Good, pacey player who likes to push up with the attack and is an excellent crosser of the ball. He has established himself as a regular in the side with some mature performances and his £20,000 fee looks like a steal.

#### MARK RAWLINSON - Midfield

Previous Clubs: None

Mark joined Bournemouth in 1996 from Manchester United and after initially failing to gain a regular first team place, Mark took his chance superbly and has become a vital member of the squad.

### STEVE ROBINSON - Midfield/Forward

Previous Clubs: Tottenham Hotspur

Northern Ireland international who reached double figures in the goal scoring stakes last term. 'Robbo' signed for Bournemouth from Tottenham in 1994 and has proved to be one of the most consistent players in the side. Good on the ball with an excellent eye for goal, he is the side's regular penalty taker and found the net against Macclesfield and Burnley from the spot. Steve is showing fine form and scored the winner the in the 1-0 FA Cup win at Torquay, made the vital breakthrough in the 2-1 win over York and scored a candidate for goal of the season in the AWS win over Peterborough.

### JOHN O'NEILL - Midfield/Forward

Previous Clubs: Queens Park, Glasgow Celtic John joined Bournemouth on transfer deadline day in 1996 initially as a striker but Mel Machin gave him a deeper role where he has excelled. He does a

lot of unnoticed work during the game and when he pushes forward, he has proved what a handful in front of goal he is. John started his career as an amateur with Queens Park before moving across Glasgow to Celtic.

Brighton (loan), Fulham (loan) Local lad who joined Bournemouth from Southampton in October 1997 and marked his debut at Preston with the only goal of the game. Despite coming from the Bournemouth area. Christer started his career at Cheltenham Town before the move to the Dell. He also served both Brighton and Fulham.

Previous Clubs: Cheltenham Town, Southampton,

### STEVE FLETCHER - Forward

**CHRISTER WARREN - Forward** 

Previous Clubs: Hartlepool

Long serving and highly popular player at Dean Court and after a superb 97-98 season, he was awarded the Supporters Club player of the year award. One of the best target men in the division, the former Hartlepool forward had by far his best campaign last season and was top scorer. A tower of strength in the air, 'Fletch' will once again be looking to make double figures again this season and opened his account in the Worthington Cup tie against Colchester and grabbed his first league goal with a superb headed effort at Manchester City.

## **MARK STEIN - Forward**

Previous Clubs: Luton, Aldershot (loan), Queens Park Rangers, Oxford United, Stoke City, Chelsea, Ipswich (loan), AFC Bournemouth (loan)

Former Luton, QPR, Oxford, Stoke and Chelsea forward who joined the Cherries on loan from Stamford Bridge at the end of last season and joined the club on a permanent basis just prior to the preseason. He has proved his sharpness this season and is the leading scorer in the side and the Second Division with 21 goals.

### DANIEL RODRIGUES - Forward

Previous Clubs: Farense

18 year old striker who has joined Bournemouth initially on a £25,000 three month loan deal from Portuguese first division club Farense.

### **ROGER BOLI - Forward**

Previous Clubs: Le Harve, Lens, Walsall, Dundee United

Exciting new signing for the Cherries, Roger made the headlines last season with some tremendous displays for Walsall, scoring twice against Bournemouth. In the summer he moved to Dundee United but he failed to settle north of the border and the Cherries were quick to move for his signature.



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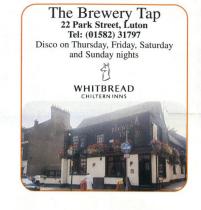
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# by Alan Robinson

FOLLOWING the success of their "Swap cards" and "3-D football cards" in the early 1970s, the Sun newspaper decided to go for soccer cards in a big way in 1979.

In keeping with their image, they went right over the top, producing a set of 1,000 soccer cards which were billed as being "like the oldfashioned cigarette cards."

Certainly they were the same size as the pre-war gems, and featured a portrait on the front, with the player's biography on the reverse. Unfortunately, the quality was nowhere near as good.

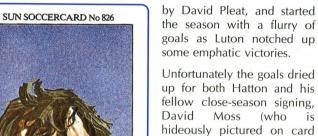
As with previous Sun offerings, the cards were obtained by collecting tokens from the paper and sending them off in exchange for, if my memory is correct, sealed packets containing 20 soccer cards.

The players' head and shoulders were hand drawn, but the likeness left a lot to be desired. Of the Luton players pictured in this mammoth set. this was certainly the case,

with downright grotesque impressions of Milija Aleksic, Mark Aizlewood, and Alan West. However, on card 826 was a reasonable portrait of football's happy wanderer, Bob Hatton.

Hull-born, he had joined the Town that summer from Blackpool where, as the reverse of the card explained, he had the strange experience of being top scorer in the Second Division in 1977/78, and also being relegated.

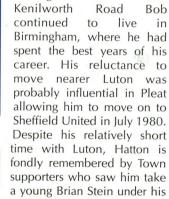
Bob was immediately made captain of the side



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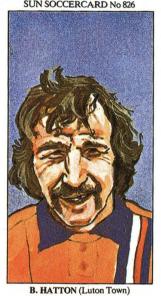
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wing. Bob maintained a remarkable record by scoring on his debut for each of his nine league clubs.

After hanging up his boots Hatton forged a career in insurance, and currently works for the Professional Footballers Association. whose office is a stone's throw from his old stamping ground at St. Andrew's, Birmingham.

As one would expect, the full 1,000-strong set does not surface too often, but odd cards are still relatively easy and inexpensively obtained, from local cigarette card fairs.



The Sun Newspaper -Sun Soccer Cards, 1979



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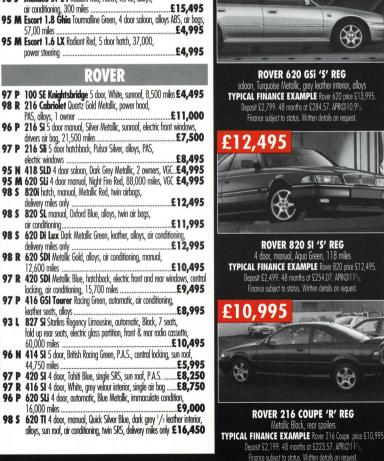
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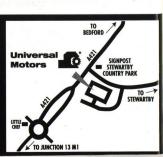


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## by Roger Wash

## 30th January 1937. Luton Town 2 Sunderland 2 (FAC)

After fighting their way past Blackpool in Round Three, after a replay, the Town received a plum draw at the next stage when they were first out of the hat to play Sunderland, then one of the forces in the land.

Going well in the league, the Hatters started full of confidence against their Division One opponents on an icy pitch and took the lead when, after forcing four corners in quick succession, Fred Roberts fired home. Roberts added a second soon after, following a clever flick from Joe Payne and Jack Hodge missed the chance of giving the Town a commanding lead at the interval.

Rain started to fall in the second period, melting the ice, and Sunderland began to gain the upper hand. A goal from Connor put the Town defence on the back foot and severe pressure ended with Duns levelling the tie.

Despite this, Roberts had the chance to secure the game in the final minute but shot wide, a miss that was to prove costly as Sunderland strolled through the replay winning 1-3 and eventually going on to lift the trophy.

## 30th January 1982. Luton Town 2 Leicester 1

The Town desperately needed to get back to winning ways after the 0-3 mauling by Ipswich in the F.A.Cup the previous week. In their first home league game for over two months the Hatters played like potential champions in the first half but had only a Steve White header to show for their total dominance.

Leicester could only improve in the second period and a half chance was snapped up by Gary Lineker after hesitation in the Luton defence. All turned out well in the end, though, with Mal Donaghy's towering header from a David Moss corner sealing the points.

"Luton are the best side we have played this season. They will win promotion" said Leicester manager lock Wallace after the game, and this statement was endorsed by the millions watching that night on 'Match of the Day'.

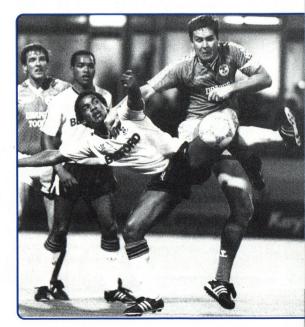
## 30th January 1988. **Luton Town 2 Southampton 1 (FAC)**

Fellow First Division side Southampton set their stall out for a replay in this Fourth Round tie and the first half was a turgid affair with very little football played.

The game seemed to be drifting towards a draw when Saints striker, Colin Clarke, way out on the left, sent in a speculative cross that completely deceived Hatters' goalkeeper Les Sealey and bounced into the net off the far post.

Immediately Luton manager Ray Harford sent on Ashley Grimes in a do or die bid to save the tie and it was his pulled back corner that set up Ian Allinson who fired in through a sea of legs.

With five minutes to go Brian Stein took advantage of a clever flick from brother Mark to coolly fire the ball home and claim an unlikely win. Saints manager Chris Nicholl was not a happy man and kept his players in the changing rooms for over an hour at the end of the game!



Mark Stein battles with the Southampton defence, watched by brother Brian - January 1988.

## a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

After narrowly missing out on promotion from the old Division Three in 1969, manager Alec Stock set about attempting to rebuild his side in a bid to make a fresh tilt at the title.

Stock was quick off the mark in persuading 21 year old full-back John Ryan to come to Kenilworth Road on a free transfer from Fulham and then to sign two ex-University graduates, Peter Phillips from Bishops Stortford and Alan Guild from East Fife.

Rumours abounded that Stock was chasing both John Collins of Reading and Frank Large of Fulham but before the fans could take in the fact that we appeared to be a buying club for a change, a bombshell hit the streets of Luton.

On 10th July 1969 it was announced that 'golden boy' Bruce Rioch and his younger brother Neil were to be transferred to Tommy Docherty's Aston Villa for a combined fee of £110,000, which was a divisional record at the time. "Bruce was a great favourite with the fans and we are sorry to see him go. But £110,000...." said Stock after the deal was sealed.

Immediately pledging to spend the money for the good of the team, but in his own-time, Stock would not be hurried and only used up £17,500 of the windfall in signing another young full-back from Fulham who we had never heard of. Malcolm Macdonald was 19 and had played for Fulham as both a forward and defender. "I have signed him as a full-back to release Jack Bannister into the midfield" said a jubilant Stock. Macdonald suffered the worst possible baptism when he, along with the other Luton defenders, were given the complete run-around by Fourth Division Aldershot at the Recreation Ground in a pre-season friendly. The 2-5 defeat sent Stock scurrying back to the drawing board as he prepared for the next friendly, against an Italian Under 21 X1 at Kenilworth Road.

This time the Town put up a much more spirited performance and beat the Italians 3-2 in an entertaining game with Macdonald catching the eye with some surging overlaps down the left wing.

In the next game, against Clyde at Kenilworth Road, the Scottish side were 0-1 up at half-time when an injury to left winger Mike Harrison meant that Macdonald moved up to that position for the second period. He was an immediate success up front as the Town clawed their way back to level and retained his place in the final friendly, at home to Gibraltar.

The 'match' against the amateurs from the Rock was completely one sided as the Hatters ended up 10-0 winners, but the run out gave Macdonald the opportunity to open his Kenilworth Road goal account with a couple of efforts against brave goalkeeper Michael Borge. Just before the opening league clash of the campaign, against Barrow at Kenilworth Road, Stock finally loosened the purse strings and bought John Collins from Reading for £10,000. Collins was regarded as a 'utility' forward and

had played for Stock at Q.P.R. and was purchased to bring more competition to the front line.

Despite the addition of the new face to the side, Macdonald was picked at outside-left again but switched to inside-right in the second half to earn more rave reviews as the Town comprehensively beat Barrow 3-0. Unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet, Macdonald was a constant thorn in the side of the Barrow defence with his aggressive power, ability in the air and fierce shooting.

By now Stock realised that he had a find on his hands and Macdonald was picked to partner Laurie Sheffield up front in a League Cup tie at Peterborough. This time he was even closer to scoring his first competitive goal when he hit the post with a header from a Ryan centre, but created the space for Sheffield to net what turned out to be a replay earning goal.

Fifteen coachloads of Luton supporters were prepared to make, which was in those days, the awkward trip to Bournemouth on the following. Saturday to see if the Town could keep up their bright start to the campaign. They were not disappointed as the Hatters put in a professional performance that the Cherries had no real answer to despite the best efforts of the much talked about Ted MacDougall in their forward line. It was Luton's own Mac who finally broke his

goalscoring duck when, after 28 minutes, he shot between two careless defenders to chase an astute pass from Mike Keen. Finding himself in splendid isolation he calmly rounded Bournemouth goalkeeper Roger Jones before slipping the ball into the net.

Although the Town had to endure a bit of a battering for a spell in the second half the defence stood firm and long before the end the Bournemouth forwards had run out of ideas. It was left to new found terrace hero Macdonald to have the last word in the final minute when he latched on to another through ball, this time from Keith Allen, before rounding Jones and then see his shot roll agonisingly along the goal line after hitting a post.

"If there is a better 19 year old striker around at the moment I have yet to see him" said a happy Alec Stock after the game. We all agreed and felt that more was going to heard about this lad!

**Luton:** Read, Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Branston, Slough, Collins, Macdonald, Sheffield, Allen, French

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Malcolm Macdonald scores his first league goal for the Town at Bournemouth in 1969.



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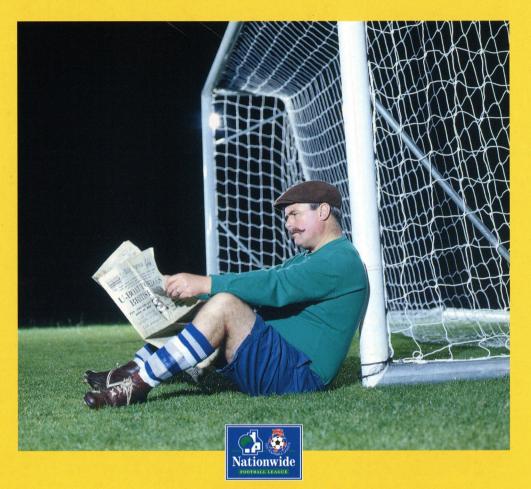


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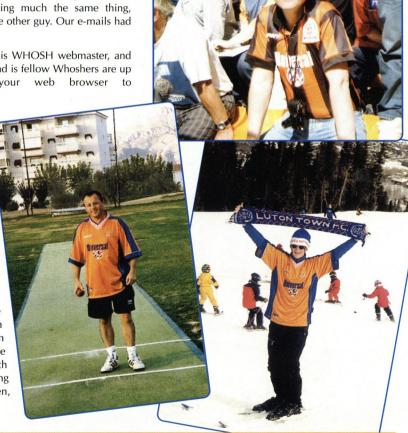
MEMORIES of France '98 may be fading for most people, but Town fan Liam Madden is determined to share his with matchday magazine readers.

His was one of two Town strips seen at the France v Paraguay match in Lens. "We spotted another fellow wearing the Luton orange and black away shirt, but could not get through the crowds to say hello," he says. "When I returned to Blighty I sent an e-mail to WHOSH on the internet mentioning there were at least two Hatters at the match. Shortly afterwards another appeared, saving much the same thing, obviously written by the other guy. Our e-mails had crossed in the ether."

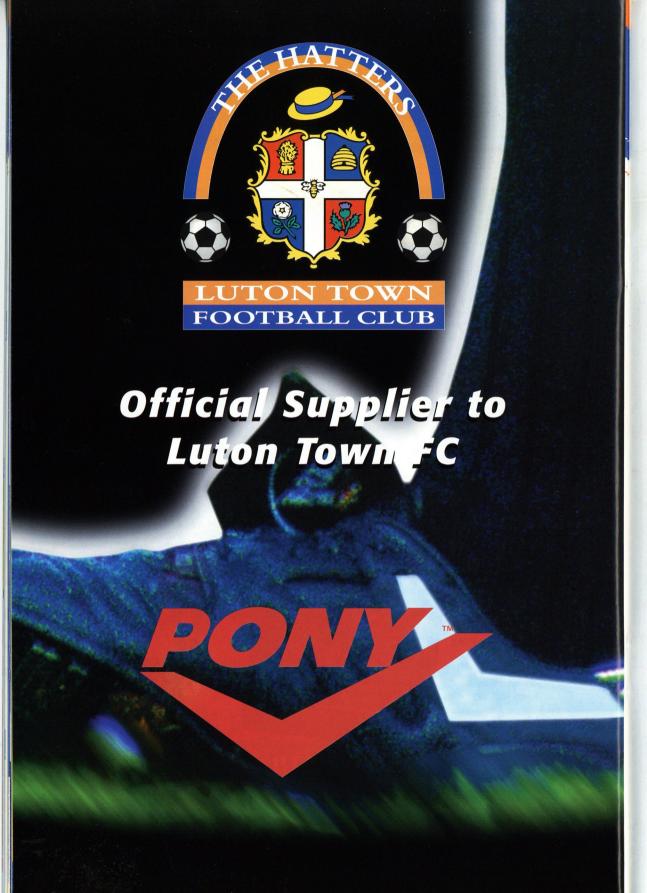
Liam, from Stevenage, is WHOSH webmaster. and you can see what he and is fellow Whoshers are up to by directing your web browser to www.whosh.co.uk

The smart Luton Town modelled on an artificial cricket pitch is owned by Nick Clarke, a Town fan despite living in Brighton. While we were putting up with a miserable wet winter, he escaped some of it by going on a cricket tour to Alfaz del Pi, in Spain.

More seasonal is the photograph of Gareth Moore, from Harpenden, who wore his Town colours with pride on a winter skiing holiday to Aspen, Colorado.



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.







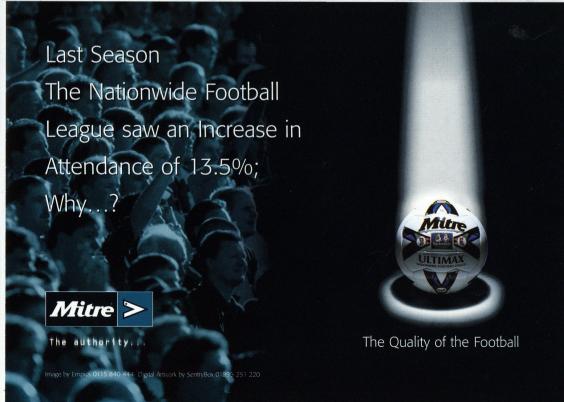
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# Carrying the Colours

NOW LIVING and working in Scotland, the Rev Colin Marsh does not get to see as many Town matches as he would like, but he was here just before Christmas, and as a result has been in touch to tell us of a group of Hatters fans in Africa.

Writing from his home in Inverleith, Edinburgh, he said: "I am an exiled Luton Town supporter. After ten years in Liverpool I have ended up in Edinburgh. I went to the match last Saturday and saw your 'carrying the colours' article in the matchday programme.

"This reminded me of a set of photos that I have, and I include two of them. After leaving Liverpool, and before moving to Edinburgh, I worked for three years in Zambia. During this time my friends, all season ticket holders, kept me in contact with the relegation battles and cup runs from 1992 to 1995.

"They also decided to do some fund-raising, and sent me a full set of Luton strips to be given to a worthy cause. The main person behind this idea was Chris Stokes, who wrote endlessly to the club, who eventually donated

a set of shirts. The shorts were donated by the fund-raising efforts of Chris's friends.

"The result for me was a wonderful day in a Zambian village, with an official presentation to the team who were top of the newly-formed football league. With their new kit they then went on to win a game on a grass field, most of them playing barefooted.

"It was an honour for me to represent the club in this way, and the picture can convince you of their newly-found allegiance to English football. Later in the day the Luton scarf was presented to the local chief.

"Football is the national game in Zambia, and most of them follow the fortunes of one of the Premiership sides. You can guess my pleasure in telling you there is now a group of villages in Southern Zambia who are all 'Mad Hatters'!"



# Luton Town o Wigan Althletic 4

DISCONSOLATE Kelvin Davis trudged off the field after only 23 minutes of the match against Wigan, red-carded for the first time in his career. It was, both managers agreed later, harsh on the goalkeeper, who was dismissed by Gurnam Singh for handling the ball outside his area when Graeme Jones looked like going through to score Wigan's second goal.

The question the ref had to answer, and which seemed to be down more to the assistant's ref's view, was whether the ball hit Davis's hand, or if he had handled intentionally. The goalkeeper said he spread himself, and was not trying to handle.

Gerry Harrison volunteered to become emergency goalkeeper, and rightly earned the man of the match award for his efforts, but the ten men were left with little hope of saving a game against a good footballing side.

Wigan put in a very professional performance, and with our side understrength before kick-off because of injuries and suspensions, it was another cruel lesson of how money talks. Lennie Lawrence pointed out that Wigan were able to put on a substitute who had cost £600,000. The only bought players in our side were £40,000 Alan White and £25,000 Landry Zahana-Oni.

On a day when our midfield, without suspended Paul McLaren, failed to get going, the task for ten men was simply too much, although we might easily have had a goal or two - Sean Dyche was denied by a super save, sub Gary Doherty had a shot cleared off the line, and White netted with a header which was ruled out because the ball had gone out of play before reaching him.

But we kid ourselves if we think we were unlucky, because Wigan, with three at the back, two wing-backs and three attackers, were on song and had taken the lead before Davis's misfortune, through Pat McGibbon after we failed to deal with a corner.

Wigan boss Ray Mathias warned his men at the interval that ten-man teams can often be more

## **MATCH DETAILS**

**Luton Town:** Davis, Harrison, White, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, McGowan, Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Doherty HT), Zahana-Oni (McIndoe 64 mins), Unused sub Scarlett.

**Sent off:** Kelvin Davis, 23 mins, for handling outside the area to stop Graeme Jones on a run down the middle.

**Booked:** Michael McIndoe, 76 mins, foul on McGibbon.

Wigan: Carroll, Green, Sharp, McGibbon Balmer (Kilford 68 mins), Rogers, Liddell Greenall, Jones (Lee 74 mins), O'Neill Barlow (Haworth 74 mins).

**Booked:** O'Neill, 26 mins, delaying a free kick; Rogers, 36 mins, foul on Fotiadis; Sharp 56 mins, foul on McGowan; McGibbon, 79 mins, foul on Douglas.

The goals: Pat McGibbon, 14 mins, header from a corner flicked on inadvertently by Alan White; Andy Liddell, 29 mins, solo run behind a stretched defence; Graeme Jones, 63 mins, excellent far post header from good left wing cross by Stuart Barlow; Simon Haworth, 77 mins, clinical control and shot from inside the area after taking a headed pass on his chest.

Referee: Gurnam Singh, Wolverhampton

**Attendance:** 4,934, first league gate below 5,000 this season.

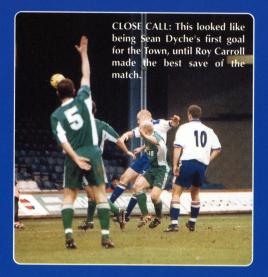
difficult to beat than full sides, and to their credit both teams contributed to a lot of good football, with Michael O'Neill outstanding as Wigan's midfield link man.

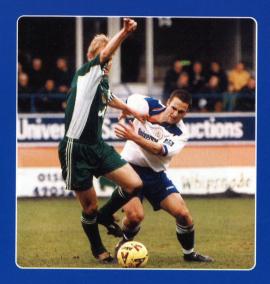
Sure, we deserved at least some consolation, but on the day Wigan were professional enough to exact revenge for the defeat they suffered against us in the Springfield Park sunshine last August.

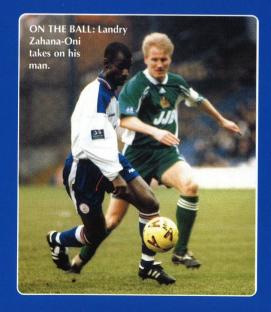


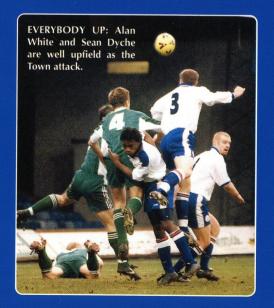
◀ RULED OUT: Alan White nets in the last minute - but the referee's assistant already has his flag raised, and we were awarded a corner instead of a goal.

► HANDY TACKLE: Andrew Fotiadis in the thick of the action before having to miss the second half with a groin strain.





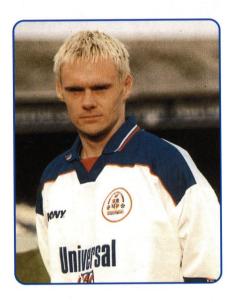




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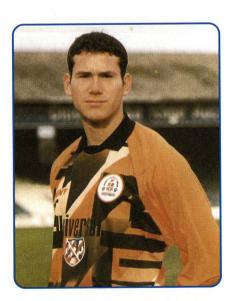
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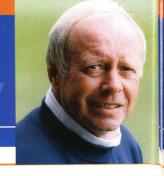






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## Southampton 1 Luton Town 0

WE LOST, but the coaches were not at all disappointed about our performance in the Avon Insurance Combination at Southampton. We might just have gained more pleasure from it than the home team.

Because injuries and suspensions had taken men out of our league squad, senior reserves were with the first team squad, and we fielded a very young side - Chris Willmott, at 21, was our oldest player. We wonder if it might be the youngest-ever reserve team fielded by Luton Town - it consisted of some of last year's youth team, and three of this year's, Daniel Tate, Tresor Kandol and Jerry Moses. Except for Willmott, not one of our players has yet reached his 20th birthday.

Southampton fielded a very strong and experienced side, and were up for it, with their manager watching a few days after their Premiership team had been slaughtered 7-1 at Liverpool.

The game was played at a hot pace, but we competed well throughout. We conceded the only goal just before half-time to a counter-attack, but except for that it was a very pleasing display by our lads. Every one of them stood up well to men who were physically bigger and more powerful.

Willmott and Gary Doherty were excellent at the back, and Richard Clarke, in the centre of midfield, was another who did very well.

Certainly the defeat has not damaged our confidence, and while we are not complaining about the result we might just have nicked a draw, because Doherty, Kandol and Jimmy Cox all had chances to score, but were denied by outstanding saves.

**Luton Town:** Tate, Boyce, Fraser, Clarke, Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Cox (Ayres 75 mins), Kandol, McIndoe, Moses (McKoy 55 mins). Unused sub: Lawes.

OUR next fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination is a home game with Bournemouth on Monday (7pm) on Leighton Town's ground. Our thanks are due to the supporters who came to our first mid-winter match at Leighton. The change has been made to reduce wear and tear on the Kenilworth Road pitch, and admission charges at Leighton are £2 for adults and £1 for junior and senior citizens.

Appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets): Abbey 16, Akurang 1, Ayres 4, Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 15, Clarke 13, Cox 11 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 7 (1), Hudson 1, Jerry 3, Kandol 6 (3), Lawes 9, Lough 10 (1), Lawes 1, Lopez 1, McIndoe 8 (1), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 16 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 3, Thomas 3 (1), White 7 (5), Willmott 16 (1), Zahana-Oni 2 (1)

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Wed 2	September	Portsmouth	Α	3-2
Wed 16		Reading	H	3-0
Wed 23		Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30		Charlton Athletic	Н	1-3
Wed 7	October	Millwall	Н	1-1
Wed 14		Gillingham	Α	2-1
Wed 21		Brache Sparta (BPC)	A	8-0
Wed 28		Brentford	A	2-2
Wed 04	November	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Wed 11		Watford	Α	0-0
Mon 16		Kempston Rov (BPC)	Α	3-0
Thur 19		Norwich City	Α	0-6
Wed 25		Ipswich Town	Н	2-3
Mon 14	December	Colchester United	Н	0-2
Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	Н	3-0
Mon 11	January	Wimbledon	Н	1-1
Wed 20		Southampton	A	0-1
Mon 01	February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Н	7.00pm
Mon 8		Fulham	A	
Mon 15		Chelsea	A	7.00pm
Mon 22		Barnet	Н	7.00pm
Wed 10	March	Queens Park Rangers		
Wed 17		Wycombe Wanderer		2.00pm
Wed 07	April	Oxford	Н	2.00pm
Thur 15		Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21		Peterborough United		2.00pm
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## **Luton Town 0 Wycombe Wdrs 0**

OUT OF action for five weeks because of Christmas and bad weather postponements, we looked decidedly rusty when we finally returned to South East Counties League football.

We are still top of the table, but opponents tend to lift their games when they play us, and while we greeted the final whistle with disappointment at two points being lost, Wycombe looked absolutely delighted with the draw. Apart from the early stages, when they had a bit of a go at us, Wycombe were quite happy to play to avoid defeat. They defended very well, and made things difficult for us.

We also looked strong at the back, and Wycombe never looked like scoring, but we were short of the required quality in attack. On the day, our forward play was quite poor.

We did create chances, and often got into good positions to cross the ball, but then failed to find quality final passes.

On the run of play we should have won, but you have to bear in mind that after the long lay-off this was like starting a new season for us.

On top of that, youth team players have been called up to help out in the reserves, and, as always, their general development is more important than individual results.

Daniel Tate, for instance, has stepped up to the Avon Insurance Combination with some success, and several others have been given their first taste of more senior football.

We still have an excellent chance of retaining the South East Counties League championship, after suffering only two defeats in the first 20 fixtures, with ten more to play, and the next two or three weeks will be important as we meet other teams well placed in the table.

**Luton Town:** Tate, Moran (Stirling 65 mins), Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Akurang (Harrington 70 mins), Minton, Hudson, McKoy, Kandol, Jerry. Unused sub: Carroll.

WE WERE away to Gillingham this morning, weather permitting, and next Saturday we take on Leyton Orient at home. That game will be played at Luton Rugby Club, with an 11am kick-off, and spectators are welcome.

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

Akurang 18 (6), Ayres 20 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 3 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 6 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 23, Hudson 7, Jerry 20 (1), Kandol 22 (16), Mansell 4 (1), McKoy 17 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 22, Moran 16, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 21 (1), Tate 19, Taylor 21 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 2.

## South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
<b>Luton Town</b>	20	14	4	2	41	16	46	
Brentford	20	12	4	4	47	22	40	
L. Orient	21,	10	7	4	42	26	37	
Portsmouth	22	7	8	7	30	35	29	
Wycombe	20	6	10	4	24	22	28	
Reading	21	5	12	4	24	23	27	
Bristol Rov	20	7	5	8	35	38	26	
Bournemouth	19	8	2	9	30	35	26	
Barnet	18	7	4	7	17	18	25	
Colchester	21	7	2	12	31	32	23	
Brighton	17	6	5	6	24	26	23	
Swindon	20	6	4	10	25	29	22	
Gillingham	20	6	4	10	23	34	22	
Southend	23	6	3	14	31	49	21	
Cambridge	19	4	8	7	30	40	20	
Oxford	17	5	4	8	17	26	19	

## **Youth Team Fixtures**

Sat	80	August	Brentford	A	2-4
Sat	15		AFC Bournemouth	H	4-2
Sat	22		Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0
Sat	29		Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Sat	05	September	Oxford United	A	3-0
Sat	07		Swindon (SJFCP)	Н	2-0
Sat	12		Reading	Н	2-2
Sat	19		Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat	26		Gillingham	Н	2-2
Sat	03	October	Leyton Orient	Α	3-0
Sat	10		Portsmouth	Н	3-0
Sat	17		Cambridge United	A	4-0
Tue	21	October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	0-1
Sat	24		Colchester United	Н	2-0
Sat	31		Southend United	H	3-1
Sat	07	November	Swindon	A	1-0
Wed	11		Northampton (SJFC1)	H	3-1
Sat	14		Barnet	H	2-0
Sat	21		AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat	28		Brighton & Hove Albion	Н	2-0
Sat	05	December	Barnet	Α	0-2
Sat	12		Brentford	Н	2-1
Sat	23	January	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-0
Sat	30		Gillingham	A	
Sat	06	February	Leyton Orient	H	
Sat	13		Portsmouth	A	
Sat	20		Cambridge United	H	
Sat	27		Colchester United	A	
Sat	06	March	Southend United	A	
Sat	13		Swindon Town	Н	
Sat	20		Bristol Rovers	Α	
TBA			Oxford	Н	
TBA			Reading	Α	

#### How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them H CR OB V FK P IB OG see key below H CR OB V FK P IB OG 0 Blackpool 2 4 0 2 11 0 7 5 0 1 11 1 **Bristol Rovers** 2 5 10 4 5 2 0 3 7 Burnley 9 2 7 3 2 2 16 2 Chesterfield 10 0 **Colchester United** 6 3 5 5 1 0 8 7 2 0 0 12 1 Gillingham 7 7 1 4 0 **Lincoln City** 2 12 0 **Luton Town** 4 3 5 3 8 2 Macclesfield Town 16 3 7 2 **Manchester City** 3 14 2 Northampton Town 9 8 1 4 **Notts County Oldham Athletic** 5 2 2 3 3 2 3 5 2 2 7 0 Preston North End 7 5 Reading 11 6 5 5 11 10 5 6 2 4 13 0 Walsall 1 10 0 2 12 2 ligan Athletic 3 2 0 1 11 2 Wrexham 3 4 8 7 3 0 0 9 0 15 1 0 3 1 1 8 0 Wycombe Wanderers 7 5 10 4 5 4 0 4 8 6 5 3 1 0 0 15 0 **York City**

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

## 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates 32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug 1,998 Macclesfield v Millwall 26-Jan

Highest Aggregate Scores
Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug

Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug Bristol Royers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct

Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan

**Biggest Home Win** 

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct

Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov

Biggest Away Win
Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Consecutive Wins
Fulham, Stoke 6
Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 17
Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln 6

Games without a Win

Wycombe 12

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

Divi	sio	n 1	Two	Sta	tisti	cs,	Club by Club			
see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	<b>Leading Scorer</b>	Lge		FA
Bournemouth	20	41	25	10	11	2	Stein	13	5	1
Blackpool	26	29	32	8	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	25	36	29	10	17	6	Cureton	12	1	2
Burnley	36	33	46	4	20	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	30	23	9	20	6	Howard	7	1	0
<b>Colchester United</b>	25	28	41	4	20	2	Gregory D	6	2	0
Fullham	27	38	20	14	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	39	22	11	22	5	Asaba	14	0	0
Lincoln City	27	26	44	6	24	14	Battersby	6	1	1
Luton Town	28	33	33	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	27	19	33	4	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
<b>Manchester City</b>	29	32	23	10	14	1	Goater	9	2	1
Millwall	26	31	29	9	14	5	Shaw	8	1	0
Northampton Town	31	24	31	5	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	32	26	37	3	21	5	Jones	2	0	6
Oldham Athletic	28	27	39	5	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	21	46	27	11	7	1	Nogan	11	0	3
Reading	34	32	36	8	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	21	37	23	11	4	1	Kavanagh/Lightbour	ne 6/6	1/0	0/1
Walsall	25	38	30	11	11	2	Rammell	14	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	36	26	10	23	8	Barlow	10	1	1
Wrexham	23	25	38	6	19	2	Connolly	5	1	5
Wycombe Wanderer	25	25	35	7	24	19	Scott/Brown	4/3	0/2	1/0
York City	23	37	46	4	24	8	Cresswell	13	0	3

Yellow & R	led	Card	ds
Y	ellov	Red	Pts
Wycombe Wanderers	54	6.	72
Millwall	52	6.	70
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	42	8	66
Burnley	53	4.	65
Wigan Athletic	62	1.	65
Gillingham	44	4	56
Reading	46	3	
Luton Town	39	5	54
Blackpool	53	0	53
Manchester City	44	3	53
Lincoln City	42	3	51
Northampton Town	45	1	48
Oldham Athletic	36	4	48
Walsall	37	3	46
Wrexham	39	2	45
Chesterfield	32	4	44
Preston North End	31	4	43
Stoke City	43	0	43
Colchester United	38	1	41
York City	28	4	40
Macclesfield Town	28	3	
AFC Bournemouth	31	1	34
Notts County	30	1	

## **Current Sequences**

**Fulham** 

Consecutive Wins
Bournemouth, Lincoln 2
Games Unbeaten
Man City 5
Consecutive Defeats
Macclesfield 4
Games without a Win
Colchester 9

## Div.2 Stat Attack

Div.	2	Attend	ance	e De	tails	
		Highe	est I	owest	Average	

	liquest	LOWCSE	Average
<b>Manchester City</b>	32,134	24,291	27,632
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	13,694
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,059
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,890
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,545
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,166
Millwall	12,726	4,249	6,871
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,223
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	7,529	5,039	6,220
Bournemouth	8,863	4,863	6,138
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	6,004
<b>Notts County</b>	10,316	4,445	5,930
Luton Town	9,070	4,934	5,780
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	12,976	4,195	5,768
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,514
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,052
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,936
Chesterfield	6,138	3,681	4,452
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,424
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,395
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,230
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,128
York City	7,527	2,075	3,647
Macclesfield T.	6,381	1,998	3,446

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## second division scene



OUR THIRD home defeat of the season dropped us a place to 13th in the Second Division on Saturday, and the gap between us and the top teams widened on Tuesday, when Bournemouth and Fulham chalked up home wins.

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Preston had little time to enjoy the experience of being top of the table. They became the new leaders on Saturday by taking their run to five games without defeat with a 1-0 win at Chesterfield. It edged them ahead, on goals scored, of Fulham, who were busy earning FA Cup glory by winning 2-0 at Aston Villa in the fourth round.

But it was all change again on Tuesday night, when Preston were away to our visitors today. Unbeaten at home this season, Bournemouth did the business again, with a comfortable 3-1 victory. Two former Town boys were on the scoresheet, Mark Stein netting the final Bournemouth goal, his 22nd of the season, and Kurt Nogan notching Preston's late consolation..

Bournemouth needed the points, to consolidate their place in the play-off frame as well as to help them get over Saturday's 3-1 FA Cup reverse at Barnsley. And while they are on a hot streak, their away results should give us some encouragement today - they have won at Notts County, Wycombe, Millwall and Wrexham, but taken only three points from the other nine games on their travels,

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Preston Walsall

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Bournemouth

Gillingham Millwall Chesterfield

Reading

Luton Town

Blackpool Burnley

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Colchester

Wrexham Oldham

Notts Co Lincoln

Wycombe

Macclesfield

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Northampton

Wigan York City The Second Division

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\*Not including last night's match, Stoke v Manchester City

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losing at Stoke, Manchester City, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Walsall and Lincoln, and drawing at Fulham, Macclesfield and Reading.

While Bournemouth were moving into fifth place on Tuesday night, Kevin Keegan's men reclaimed top spot by edging out Oldham 1-0 at Craven Cottage, Simon Morgan heading the winner.

Walsall are still third after holding ever-improving Manchester City to a 1-1 draw at the Bescot Stadium. It was City's fifth game without defeat. Stoke City continue to blow hot and cold. League leaders from the start of the season to mid-December, they went into last night's game with only one win to their name - at home to Northampton - in their last six outings, they dropped to fourth place on Saturday with a 3-3 draw at home to struggling Colchester.

Burnley, our opponents next week, are now only two points below us after a 2-1 victory at Millwall. Steve Davis got the winner, his second for Burnley after ten for us, and they have lost only one of their four matches since he went back to Turf Moor.

In the relegation dogfight, Lincoln City moved off the bottom with a 1-0 home win over Northampton, condemning Macclesfield to 24th place. Macclesfield had a day off because of FA Cup ties. They had a chance to overtake Lincoln and Wycombe on Tuesday night, but fluffed it when they were beaten 2-0 at home by Millwall.

## Today's other Second Division fixtures

Blackpool v Macclesfield Bristol Rovers v Colchester Chesterfield v Wycombe Fulham v Northampton Lincoln v Burnley Millwall v Gillingham Notts County v Reading Walsall v Wigan Wrexham v Preston York v Oldham

Sat	08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Α	3.00pm	1-0	(S. Davis)	5,252
TUES	11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	Н			(Alexander 2p)	3,165
SAT	15		PRESTON NORTH END	Н			(Marshall)	5,392
TUES	18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	Α	7.45pm	3-1	(Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099
SAT	22		READING	Α	3.00pm			18,108
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	Н	3.00pm	2-0	(S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A			(S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3778
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	Н	3.00pm	1-0	(Douglas)	5,554
TUES	08		WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1	(McKinnon)	2,951
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	Н	3.00pm	2-0	(S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558
TUES	15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	Α	7.45pm	1-2	(Douglas)	9,032
SAT	19		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1		5,695
TUES	22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	Н			(Fotiadis, Douglas S.Davis, Johnson	
SAT	26		WALSALL	Н	3.00pm			5,530
SAT	03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A			(Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856
SAT	10		YORK CITY	Α			(Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Н			(Gray, Scarlett)	5,447
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Н			(Alexander)	6,087
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	Α	3.00pm			5,602
TUES	27	WC3	COVENTRY	Н			(Gray, S. Davis)	9,051
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	Н	3.00pm			
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	Α	3.00pm			12,964
TUES	10	WC4	BARNSLEY	Н	7.45pm			8,453
SUN	15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	Α			(Gray 2, S. Davis)	1,772
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	Α			(Gray, Doherty)	4,893
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	Н			(Doherty)	9,070
TUES	01	DECEMBER WC5	SUNDERLAND	Α	7.45pm			35,742
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	Н			(S. Davis)	5,021
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A			(Douglas, Gray)	2,902
SAT	19		MILLWALL	Н			(S. Davis)	5,939
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Α	3.00pm			8,863
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	Α	3.00pm		(Alexander pen, White)	4,694
TUES	05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	Н	7.45pm	0-3		1,870
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Н	3.00pm		(Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm		(Fotiadis)	11,034
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm	0-4		4,934
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Н	3.00pm			
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	Α	3.00pm			
SAT	13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm			
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm			
TUES	23		NOTTS COUNTY	Н	7.45pm		TOD	
SAT	27		BLACKPOOL	H	3.00pm			
SAT	06	MARCH	WALSALL	Α.	3.00pm		REF	
TUES	09		FULHAM	Н	7.45pm			
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SAT	20		CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm		CELEBRATING	C bie 2
TUE	23		READING	Н	7.45pm			
SAT	27		GILLINGHAM	H	11.30an		as a referee	
SAT	03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm		schoolboy i	n Dei
TUES	06		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm		Kevin Lynch i	
SAT	10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm			
WED	14		MANCHESTER CITY	A	7.45pm		afternoon's g	
SAT	17		LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm		season to Ke	enilwor
SAT	24	1.111	NOTTS COUNTY	A	3.00pm		manager for	
SAT	01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm			
SAT	80		MILLWALL	Α	3.00pm		through the	referee

## TOWN TEASER

WHICH outspoken Third Division manager made seven appearances for the Hatters in the mid-60s? Listen for the PA announcer to ask this question this afternoon - if you know the answer you could win a prize.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

CELEBRATING his 33rd season as a referee - he started as a schoolboy in Derbyshire Kevin Lynch is in charge of this

afternoon's game, making his first visit of the season to Kenilworth Road. A regional sales manager for a finance company, he progressed through the refereeing ranks via the Northern Premier League to the Football League line in 1985 and the referees list in 1992. He was appointed a FIFA linesman the same year. Mr. Lynch has earned the respect of his colleagues, being the immediate past-president of the Association of Premier League and Football League Match Officials. Outside football, he likes foreign travel and classical music.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McIndoe Bacque for Douglas 72, Unused: Thomas Cox

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

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

Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Grav 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88. Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe

Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87 McGowan Cox for McGowan 86 Fotiadis for Douglas 87 Unused: White

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

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

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

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

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

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

McLaren for McKinnon 56, Nyamah for McIndoe 57, White for Douglas 82. Unused: Abbey Scarlett

McIndoe for Nyamah 62, Doherty for Douglas 66, Spring for McKinnon 89. Unused: White, Abbey

Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe

McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84.

McGowan Doherty for Douglas 63, McLaren for McKinnon 70, White for McGowan 75. Unused Abbey, McIndoe

McIndoe for McKinnon 61, Douglas for Doherty 64, Scarlett for McLaren 80, Unused Abbey, Thomas,

Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82 Fotiadis for Showler 63. White for Gray 77. Unused: McIndoe

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

Doherty for Douglas 65, Unused McIndoe, Fraser

Kandol for Bacque 58, Doherty for Fotiadis 58, Scarlett for McLaren 72 Douglas Gray Zahana-Oni Doherty for Zahana-Oni HT, Scarlett for Douglas 81. Unused: Fraser

McLaren Douglas Fotiadis McGowan Doherty for Douglas 83, Fraser for McGowan 89. Unused Zahana-Oni

Douglas Fotiadis Zahana-Oni Doherty for Fotiadis HT, McIndoe for Zahana-Oni 64. Unused: Scarlett

## HATTERS AWAY

WE ARE away to Burnley next week, and as usual excellent and reliable coaches will be Bobbers Travel Club and others by Town on Tour. Check at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road this afternoon for details and bookings. If you fancy driving, the journey is nearly all then turn left, or leave M1 to go onto the M6 almost to Preston.

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Your reporter prefers the Leeds route, a little longer in miles, but usually quicker through Pennines. Leave M62 at junction 26 to take through Hebden Bridge and Todmorden, and follow the signs to Burnley. As you approach the town centre you will see the ground on vour right

If you choose M1 and M6, leave at junction 31 of M6 and take the A677 towards Blackburn and then the M65 to Burnley. leaving at junction 9. Follow the signs towards Halifax until you come to a left turn signposted A671 into Burnley. Turf Moor is close to the Town centre and railway station. It is about 215 miles from Luton on this





## Luton Town v Bournemouth

Kelvin Davis 1 **Gerry Harrison 2** Alan White 3 **Matthew Spring 4** Sean Dyche 5 Marvin Johnson 6 Gavin McGowan 7 Sean Evers 8 Stuart Douglas 9 Andrew Fotiadis 10 Landry Zahana-Oni 11 Michael McIndoe 12 **Gary Doherty 13 Andre Scarlett 14** 

- 1 Mark Ovendale
- 2 Neil Young
- 3 Jamie Vincent
- 4 Eddie Howe
- 5 John O'Neill
- 6 John Bailey
- 7 Ian Cox
- 8 Steve Robinson
- 9 Mark Stein
- 10 Steve Fletcher
- 11 Richard Hughes
- 12 Mark Rawlinson
- 13 Roger Boli
- 14 David Town

Referee: Kevin Lynch, Kirk Hammerton, Yorkshire Assistants: I. F. Bentley, Mitcham (yellow flag) C. F. Francis, Ely (yellow & red flag) Reserve official: R. K. Franklin, Biggleswade



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