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Brian Swain reports

A GAME of soccer "musical chairs" Lennie Lawrence was trying to orchestrate last week did not quite go according to plan, which is why Tony Thorpe has not re-signed for us on loan. He has gone to Reading instead, but that does not mean that he may not be back before the end of the season.

In Sean Dyche and Gerry Harrison we have the maximum two loan players allowed at any one time, and both have impressed enough to have their loans extended into a second month, and to win public acknowledgement from the manager that he would like them both to sign full contracts.

But money, of course, comes into the equation at a club which cannot make ends meet in a ground where even regular full houses would not pay the bills.

Dyche and Harrison have both settled in well, and Lennie was hoping to tie up a deal with Sunderland for Harrison last week, as Thorpe neared the end of a week's training with us. Thorpe was keen to come back on loan, and Bristol City were ready to agree.

Harrison left Burnley last summer - to the evident dismay of their fans who gave him a tremendous reception at Turf Moor last week - on a free transfer, as he was entitled to do under the Bosman ruling.

The trouble with "free" in this respect is that it is not quite what it sounds. Footballers who have completed their contracts and are good enough to attract other clubs can negotiate their own deals, and signing-on fees replace transfer fees that would otherwise be paid to the clubs they are leaving.

Sunderland paid money for Harrison, and although he has not figured in their surge to the First Division championship, they want to recoup it. Rightly, neither they nor the Town will divulge details of the personal agreement between Harrison and Sunderland.

Lennie is well aware of the Town's financial restraints, and having failed to persuade Sunderland to offer the sort of deal he wants, Harrison had to stay on the loan list for the time being.

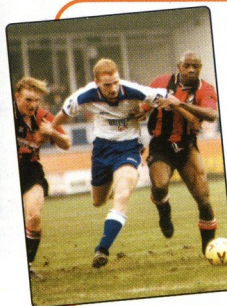
Reading, meanwhile, desperate to bounce back into the First Division, made contact with Thorpe on Thursday, and offered first team football immediately. Not surprisingly, the 24-year-old, whose career seemed to be stagnating after fees totalling £2m took him from Luton to Fulham and on to Bristol City, felt he had to accept that offer, and not wait to see what, if anything, might develop at Kenilworth Road.

Said Lawrence: "I need time to negotiate on Harrison's move, and I was not going to be rushed into anything just to get Thorpe in - that would be crisis management. He enjoyed being back with us, and I wished him good luck at Reading. If it doesn't work out there maybe we can pick it up again later."

Bristol City, meanwhile, are understood to be looking for around £200,000 for Dyche, who has been an instant hit with Town fans. Some of us see a Terry Branston there, a natural no-nonsense professional leader.

And perhaps - very much a personal view this - the future of Graham Alexander might come into the various transfer equations.

Signed by Terry Westley from Scunthorpe for £100,000 in the summer of 1995, his contract expires at the end of the season. So far he has been unable to agree terms for a new deal, and as is his right he could, if he wished, allow the current one to wind



RISING STAR: Gary Doherty, 19, who grabbed his chances in the Town attack while Phil Gray was out of action, scoring against Bournemouth, then going on as a sub and hitting the winner at Burnley.

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down and then leave on a Bosman, as David Oldfield and Darren Patterson did last summer.

It's potentially a gamble in which a player backs his own judgement as to his true worth. It's a short career, and any player worth his salt is bound to do the best he can for himself and his family. Likewise a manager does the best he can for his club. And we are approaching the time of year when managers hoping for promotion, or worrying about relegation, look around to strengthen their teams. The Town know that Alexander, 27, has the right to walk away at the end of the season, and they will receive no fee. But just suppose an offer comes in for the 27-year-old before then. If the price is right, the Town would be mad not to accept it. And that takes us back to the "musical chairs" theme - it would be disappointing to lose Alexander, but if it has to happen and it allows us to sign, for instance, Sean Dyche, that would certainly be no mean consolation.

WHILE the effects of the Bosman ruling have changed football's thinking on valuable and experienced players, it has also made clubs think a lot harder about their stars of the future. Bosman has no effect while a player is under contract, and clubs like ours, with the continual need to find good youngsters, to develop and often sell on to pay the bills, has to be canny over teen-agers' contracts.

Half a dozen new deals have been done in the last couple of weeks to tie up some of the bright talent in our youth and reserve teams. Defenders Russell Lawes and Richard Clarke have been awarded contracts to the end of the season, and James Ayres, Jerry Moses and Daniel Tate have signed agreements running through to June 2000. Midfielder Matthew Taylor, a first-year YTS boy from Oxford, has been signed on a contract which runs to June 2001.

SPARE a thought today for Tanny Abbey. After waiting patiently for so long, he got his chance for a league debut at Burnley last week, and played a crucial role in our victory. Not only did he make good saves, but at vital times - once to stop Burnley doubling their early lead, and in the closing minutes an amazing acrobatic tip-over prevented an equaliser which looked a certain goal. It must have strengthened his claims for a new contract at the end of the season, but today he is out of the team.

He did nothing to deserve to be dropped, said Lennie Lawrence, but equally Kelvin Davis had done more than enough before his suspension to deserve a recall.

And if Abbey is disappointed, he might like to know Davis had the same problem twice before he got established, once when Juergen Sommer was playing well, and then when Ian Feuer was brought in. Davis had to wait over a year after his equally impressive league debut before displacing Sommer, only to lose his place again when Feuer was signed. And it was three years after his debut at Stoke in May 1994 before Davis was finally fully established at Feuer's expense.

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Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances				Total	Goals			
	League	WC	FAC	AWS		League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Alexander	19(1)	7	2	0	28(1)	3(1p)	2p	0	5(3p)
Bacque	2(5)	1(2)	0	1	4(7)	0	0	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	26	7	2	0	35	0	0	0	0
Douglas	24	6	1(1)	0	31(1)	7	2	0	9
Doherty	1(9)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	2(12)	4	0	0	4
Dyche	5	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
Evers	26	7	2	1	36	3	1	0	4
Fotiadis	5(8)	1(1)	0	1	7(9)	2	1	0	3
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	0	0	0
Harrison	7	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0
Johnson	25	7	1	0	33	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	19(1)	7	2	0	28(1)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	8(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	11(6)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	18(1)	4(1)	2	0	24(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	8(3)	1(3)	2	1	12(6)	0	1	0	1
Scarlett	1(3)	0	0(1)	0(1)	1(5)	1	0	0	1
Showler	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Spring	27	7	1(1)	0	35(1)	1	0	0	1
Thomas	11(5)	3	0	0	14(5)	0	0	0	0
White	8(11)	0(3)	1	1	10(14)	1	0	0	1
Zahana-Oni	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	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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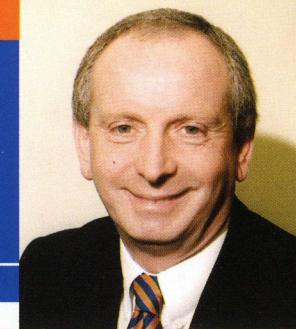
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Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



AFTER THE considerable promise we showed in our last home game, against Bournemouth, we earned a result at Burnley which was absolutely the very least we deserved. We could have come home with a much more decisive result on a day when we were, by some way, the better side.

We had been disappointed to surrender a two-goal lead at home to Bournemouth, but on current form they are probably the best team in this league, and you may have noticed they followed up their draw against us by thrashing Stoke 4-0.

We played very well in the first half against Bournemouth, and if any questions were posed by then conceding two goals, they were answered in emphatic fashion at Turf Moor. Our first half performance there was as good as anything we have produced this season. Their goal, good strike though it was, came from the only chance they had. We had five or six, but inevitably after the interval, doubtless with a few well-chosen words from the manager ringing in their ears, Burnley came at us. We wobbled slightly, but didn't crack, and rarely has a winning goal been more deserved.

It was always going to be an interesting game for us: we had an inexperienced goalkeeper making his league debut; we had a team containing not a single bought player; and we had a very young side.

In the event, we were the better team for at least two-thirds of the match, and I think we would have won even if Burnley had not been reduced to ten men. The sending-off, incidentally, was fully justified, as the Burnley manager acknowledged. Our preparation for the Burnley game was different from our usual pattern. We went to Lillleshall on the Thursday, and had the delight of training on good, firm green grass. We took full advantage of the facility on Thursday and the Friday, something we cannot do in Luton because every open space is so wet.

I am not very superstitious, but to see the quality of performance that followed that preparation has got me thinking - we might just do something similar once or twice before the end of the season for other games in the north of the country.

The task now, after the good result in Lancashire, is to get back to consistent winning ways at

home: three of our next four games are at Kenilworth Road, and if we turn those into a good points haul who knows what might happen. The play-offs might look a tall order, but a ten-point gap can be made up. Improbable? Perhaps, but in football you never know.

I am particularly keen to see us do well today, although Wrexham have proved they can play a bit. They looked good when I watched them lose at Huddersfield in an FA Cup replay, and they had the character to bounce back immediately by winning their next game, at Macclesfield. When we drew on their ground earlier in the season they were as good a team as we had met until then, and that draw maintained a record I want to see ended today: in the three years since I have been here Luton have never beaten Wrexham, and last season's home game against them was an embarrassment.

We have come a long way since, and if today we continue where we left off against Burnley we can start to believe that the promise we have shown can be turned into real achievement.



Lennie Lawrence



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captain's log



FIRST OF all today, we all send a big thank-you to the supporters who made the long trek to Burnley last week. The weather was horrible, but we were delighted for you as well as for ourselves to play so well at Turf Moor, and I don't think anyone can argue with the result.

I suspect even our best fans had a few worries before the game - away from home, missing our star striker, and with a young inexperienced goalkeeper making his league debut. But I can honestly say none of us shared those feelings.

I have told you before that we feel more relaxed away from home, and after looking at Burnley's home record we took the field believing we could get a result.

It was down to every single man that we got it, but I have to add a word of special praise for Tanny Abbey. He could have been forgiven if he was nervous and apprehensive, because a league debut is always a testing time for any player. In the event he had a super game, with an excellent double-save to prevent Burnley going two up after they scored against the run of play, and then more good work in the closing minutes when Burnley tried to put in a grandstand finish.

Even Steve Davis had to admit that on the day his old mates were too good for his new ones. We could easily have been two up before Burnley scored, and even after Micky Mellon's excellent strike we still felt confident.

We knew Steve Davis would be up for it, as players always are against their previous clubs, but perhaps we had an advantage in that Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis both knew exactly what they were up against - when you play in the same team, you get to know all the strengths and weaknesses of your colleagues.

We got on top from the word go, and our only disappointment was that we should have scored more goals. I bet Ray McKinnon thinks so as well! Confidence is flowing again, because we have proved to everyone, not least ourselves, that we are capable of playing some good football. We did in our last home match, against Bournemouth, when we ran them off their feet in the first half. Sure, it was disappointing to let them back into it after being two up, but you must have seen that in their following game Bournemouth thumped Stoke City 4-0 so perhaps our draw against them was not too bad.

Not that we expect to get nothing better than a draw

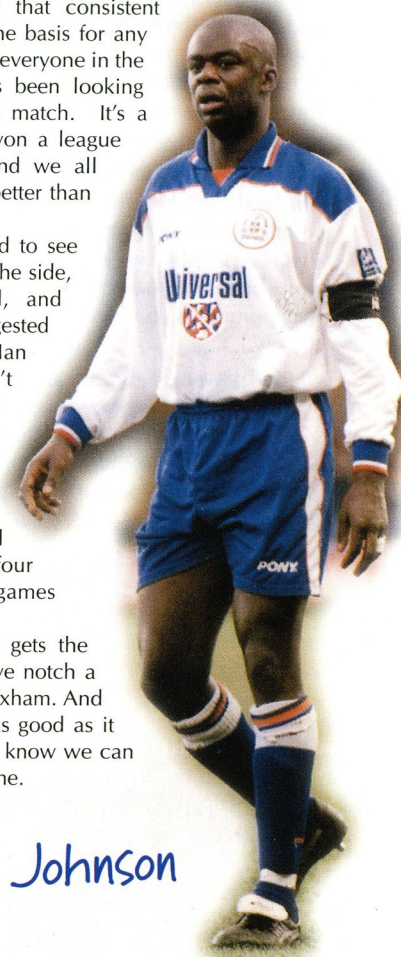
today. We don't under-estimate Wrexham, and I am sure their players will be reminded that last season they came here and won 5-2. I missed the game through injury, so I can blame the others for that one!

It was a cracking game at Wrexham in September, when Ray McKinnon's goal gave us a point in a match we could easily have won.

But we all know that consistent home results are the basis for any sort of success and everyone in the dressing room has been looking forward to today's match. It's a month since we won a league game at home, and we all know we can do better than that.

We will be pleased to see Phil Gray back in the side, if he is selected, and someone has suggested that he is our "Ian Rush" - we don't lose if he scores. I hope it's right, but we have of course reminded him that super-star or not, we have managed to find the net four times in two games without him!

I don't mind who gets the goals, so long as we notch a few more than Wrexham. And if your support is as good as it was at Burnley, we know we can do it. Enjoy the game.



Marvin Johnson



Cherry Newbery

club secretary

FIRST today, a thank-you to all supporters who gave to the Save the Children collection at the last home match.

About 18 months ago I advised supporters that we had purchased a new "loop system" for our deaf and partially-sighted supporters. It is still not being used to its full capacity, so if you know of anyone who would benefit from using it, please let them and us know.

It was nice to receive a letter from a supporter who used the system at our last home match, saying how much he enjoyed Simon Pitts's commentary, and how welcome he had been made on the day.

You will no doubt have noticed that the signs around the stadium relating to behaviour are now in bright yellow. This was due to the Supporters Club bringing to our attention the fact that they were not distinctive enough. We will always take on board constructive comments from any supporter, so if you have a suggestion, let us know.

Monday week, February 22, sees our final reserve game at Leighton, when we play Barnet, kick-off 7pm. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 concessions. Our thanks again to Leighton Town for their hospitality and for helping us out.

Please don't forget that Saturday's match away to Bristol Rovers is all-ticket for Luton supporters. If you want to go to the game you must buy tickets in advance from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road by 4pm on Friday at the latest.

Just to clarify the situation for season ticket holders, today's match is voucher 14, and you should simply continue with the vouchers at each game as it occurs, as per your book. This means that you will have no match voucher for the final home game, so please use cup voucher L for that. (I had hoped that we would have to use all the cup vouchers, but it wasn't to be!)

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Finally, Happy Harry would like to thank Val of Fleurette, in Hitchin Road, Luton, for her help with the flowers for Valentine's Day.

Cherry Newbery

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Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

AFTER THE very busy spell around the turn of the year, the treatment room is now much quieter than it has been for a long time, with Graham Alexander the latest to move back into full training and league action.

He came through very well after a month on the sidelines when he was given a quarter of an hour as a substitute at Burnley. He followed up with a full 90 minutes for the reserves at Fulham on Monday, and with no adverse reaction he should be available for consideration for this afternoon's match.

It is a tribute to his own dedication and hard work that he has shaken off his ankle ligament injury so well. At Burnley it was a case of brief but hectic action for him, because it was a very quick game, and Monday's reserve match was important because it provided confirmation that he is fully restored to fitness.

We came through the Burnley match with no injuries beyond the usual bumps and bruises, and although Stuart Douglas needed a spot of treatment for a kick on the ankle, he is fit and ready to go, but suffering frustration through being suspended today.

By contrast, Phil Gray hopes to be back in action today, after his suspension. It coincided with a nasty toe injury, which would probably have kept him out anyway. But suspensions don't mean days off, and Gray has proved an excellent worker in the gym to maintain his fitness.

The same willingness to work runs throughout our playing staff, and it has paid off for Liam George. When he broke his leg in August we privately expected to see him back in full training by March. In the event he has done even better. He has recovered from a slight muscle strain and was training at full pelt this week and hoping to return to competitive

football for the reserves in Monday's away game against Chelsea.

His return is a tribute to a combination of factors, not least his own determination and attitude. Overall fitness is a help to any player recovering from injuries, and I have to admit that today's footballers are fitter than they were in my day.

One player has returned to the treatment room this week. Paul Showler is back with us after a week at Lilleshall, where he was under the care of the FA's team of physiotherapists after being laid low by a stomach muscle strain. They have mapped out a two-week recovery programme for him, including friction massage and strengthening work in the gym, and once that has been completed we will take another look at him and hopefully help him take the next step towards full fitness.

And having started today's notes with the good news that the treatment room is much less busy than it was, there is even better news for Julian James, who broke a leg nearly a year ago at Bristol. The latest X-rays have shown that the bones have healed well, and he is stepping up his training routine. It will still be hard and lonely work, but he is another who has shown that with the right determination you can overcome adversity.

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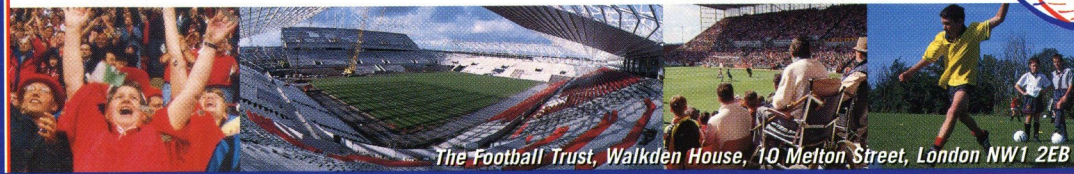
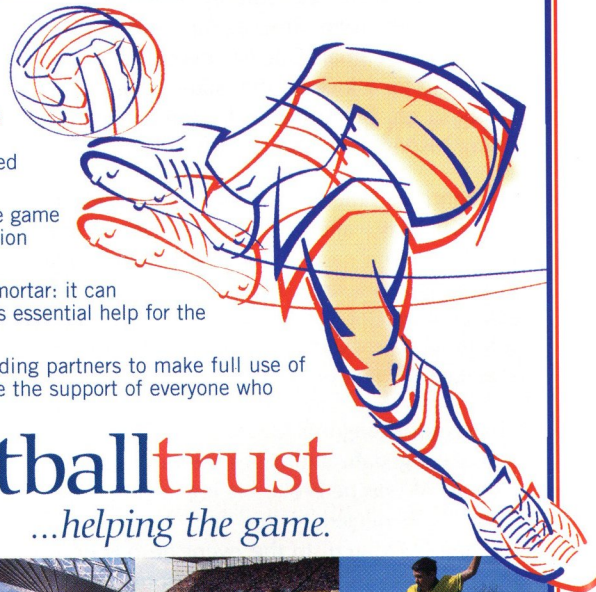
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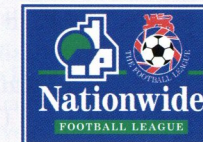
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Saturday March 6,
kick-off 3pm

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LUTON TOWN v NOTTS COUNTY

Tuesday February 23,
kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices. Normal guesting facilities apply. Tickets already purchased for this re-arranged fixture can still be used.

LUTON TOWN v FULHAM

Tuesday March 9,
kick-off 7.45pm

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

LUTON TOWN v BLACKPOOL

Saturday February 27,
kick-off 3pm

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LUTON TOWN v READING

Tuesday March 23,
kick-off 7.45pm

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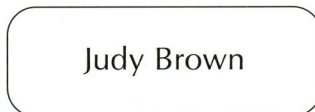
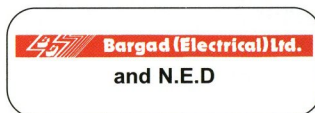
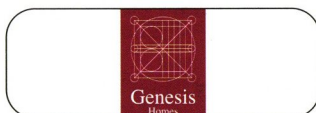
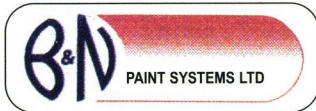
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AS USUAL our sponsors' lounges and suites are busy today, and we welcome all our guests.

The match sponsors are The Original Water Company, from Lilley. The company is headed by long-time Luton Town supporter Rob Parsons, and we are delighted to renew his acquaintance today, and to give him a very warm welcome, with our thanks for his support.

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And if supporters want to sample the product, a real taste of history according to Rob Parsons, they are invited to telephone him on 01462 768900.

Among other sponsorship guests attending today's match are NTL CableTel, and Sue Miller and friends, and we hope they all have an enjoyable day with us.

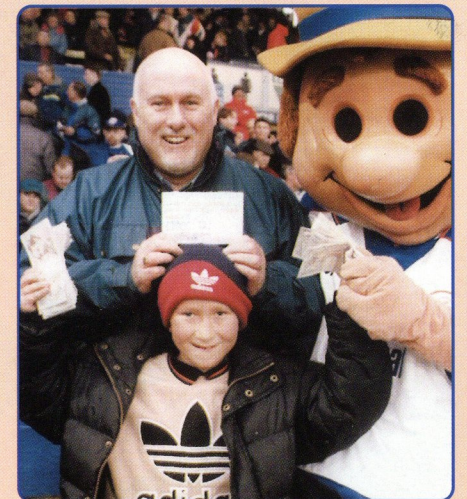
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Golden Gamble

WE HAVE pointed out before that the Luton Town Golden Gamble offers much better odds than the National Lottery - and the latest winners at Kenilworth Road were a syndicate delighted to prove the point.

They admit to being consistent failures in the search for Saturday night's six lucky numbers, but it was a different Saturday afternoon story for the three pals when they came to watch the Bournemouth match. They went home with £530 between them after one of their tickets won the Golden Gamble jackpot.

Denis O'Donoghue, who organises their flutter, collected the cash which puts the syndicate well in the black - the trio "invest" £3 each at every match, and are now guaranteed to make a Golden Gamble profit on the season. And their nine quid will be going into the pot again today.



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.



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Junior Hatters

welcome

OUR daytrip to Burnley was a huge success, and we are sorry that we did not have enough seats available for everyone who wanted to go.

The Junior Claret and Blues were good hosts, and we enjoyed using their leisure centre next to the ground. Because of the rain we were unable to play the planned six-a-side match at half-time in the big game, so we had a relay race instead between us and the Burnley juniors. We looked like winning it until the last few yards, before losing out to bigger boys, but after seeing the Town win 2-1 we didn't mind at all. It was a very happy coach trip home!

Next Saturday we are going to Bristol, leaving at 9 am, and we will be playing a football match against the Bristol Rovers Juniors.

As usual it's a real bargain: £10 for Junior Hatters and £12 for others, including a match ticket. To avoid disappointing people who turn

up on the day, we have decided that from now on bookings must be made in advance, first come, first served, at the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

You can book today for the Bristol trip, or during the week, including by post or by phone with a credit card.

OUR Saturday Club continues to be popular with Junior Hatters. 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, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

Today's Mascot

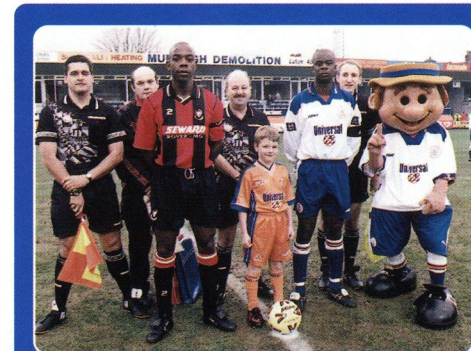
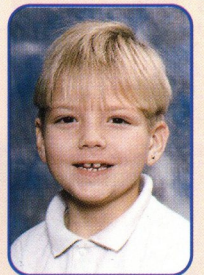
NINE-year-old Kyle Brightman, from Hillcroft Close, Luton, has the honour of being the Junior Hatters team mascot today.

He will enjoy meeting all the players, but especially skipper Marvin Johnson, who is his favourite Town star.

Kyle goes to Commonswood Junior High School at Welwyn Garden City, and his hobbies are ju-jitsu, computers and the cub scouts.

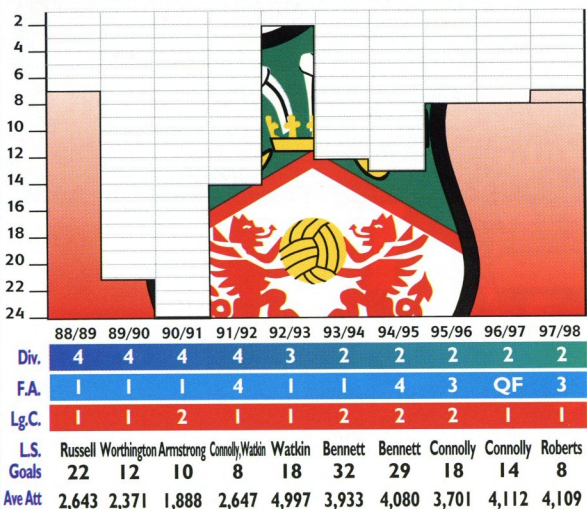
He comes to matches with his dad, and they sit in block J of the main stand. But today Kyle will be a lot closer to the action, not only meeting the teams but also running out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match kick-about.

We have two ballgirls on duty today, Amy Brannan, who will be 15 on March 8, and Vanessa Pullen, who will be seven on Tuesday.



STAR LINE-UP: James Bell was the Junior Hatters mascot for the game against Bournemouth, and is pictured at the pre-match ritual when the captains and match officials get together for the toss-up. The draw in the Second Division game completed a real day of equality for us, because in the matches between the Junior Hatters and the young Cherries our under-10s were beaten 8-3 while the under-16s won 10-7.

Wrexham's last ten years - the full record



When Wrexham have scored goals... and conceded them



ROBINS' ROGUES

- Ward8
- Carey6
- Brammer3
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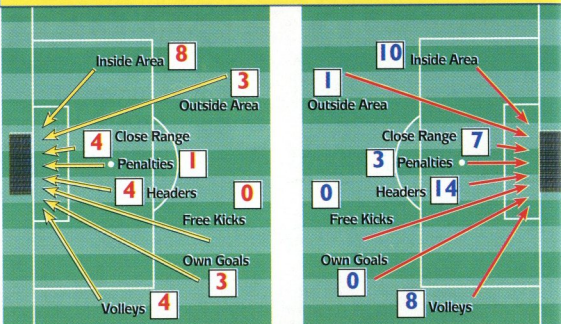
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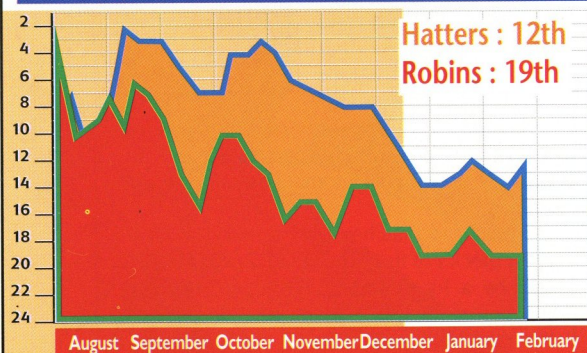
Who's played for The Robins this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps		Gls				
Mark Cartwright	G	28	26	62	13	06		
Karl Connolly	F	26(1)	6	28	59	11	00	
Mark McGregor	D	25	21	51	10	05		
David Brammer	M	24(3)	1	23	59	12	00	
Peter Ward	M	24	2	34	60	11	07	Stockport
Dave Ridler	D	22	1	22	60	12	02	
Gareth Owen	M	20	1	27	57	12	00	Wales U21
Brian Carey	D	19	1	30	63	13	12	Leicester
Phil Hardy	D	19	25	57	11	08		Eire U21
Kevin Russell	F	16(4)	2	32	59	10	12	Notts County
Dean Spink	F	12(7)	2	32	61	14	00	Shrewsbury
Craig Skinner	M	12	2	28	58	11	00	Plymouth
Neil Roberts	F	11(9)	3	20	51	10	01	
Deryn Brace	D	11	23	57	10	12		Norwich
Ian Rush	F	9(4)	37	60	12	06		Newcastle
Tony Humes	D	9(1)	32	60	12	00		Ipswich
Martyn Chalk	M	5(8)	29	56	10	00		Stockport
Carl Griffiths	F	3	2	27	51	10	05	on loan fro Orient
Jeff Whitley	M	3	1	23	59	11	00	on loan from Man City
Leigh Edwards	G	(2)	20	61	12	00		
Robin Gibson	F	(2)	19	57	-	-		
Steve Thomas	M	(1)	19	51	11	12		

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



League Positions throughout the season



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

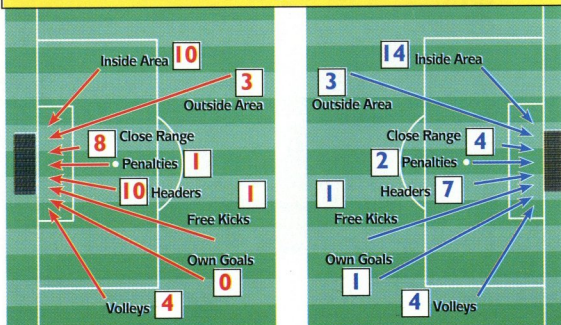


Hatters v Robins

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	2	2	2	10	12	8	WDLWD
Wrexham	2	0	4	6	14	6	WLWLL

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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



Wrexham AFC

welcome to today's visitors



BRIAN FLYNN (Manager)

THE LONGEST-serving manager in the Second Division is in charge of today's visitors to Kenilworth Road. Brian Flynn has been at the helm at the Racecourse since November 1989, when he succeeded former player Dixie McNeil.

Flynn took to management with ease after doing it all as a player, and has packed a lot of football experience into his 43 years.

He was a busy little midfielder when he made his name with Burnley, as part of their very successful side of the 1970s. Born in Port Talbot, he won his first Welsh cap in 1975, and after 120 league appearances for Burnley his international career continued after a transfer to Leeds United.

At Elland Road his first manager, in the post-Revie era, was Jimmy Adamson, who had previously been boss at Turf Moor.

Flynn chalked up 152 league appearances for Leeds before going back to Burnley for a second successful spell there. He was a Burnley player again by the time he made his 66th and final appearance for Wales, in 1984.



Back row: (left to right) Tony Humes (Capt.), Brian Carey, Karl Connolly, Jake Edwards, Andy Marriott, Mark Cartwright, David Walsh, David Brammer, Mark McGregor, Deryn Brace, Martyn Chalk.

Middle row: Craig Skinner, Kevin Russell, Dean Spink, Neil Roberts, Ian Rush, David Ridler, Gareth Owen, Phil Hardy, Stephen Thomas, Peter Ward.

Front row: Stephen Roberts, Paul Mazzarella, Andy Griffiths, Stephen Hopkins, Robin Gibson, Steven Cooper.

DAVE BRAMMER (*Midfield*)

A product of the Wrexham youth policy, Dave hails from the Wirral and has progressed successfully to the senior ranks. Once again injuries have hampered his efforts to secure a regular first team spot in recent years. Now back in the starting line-up, Dave is probably our most consistent performer this season.

BRIAN CAREY (*Defender*)

A case of third time lucky for Wrexham, as the big Republic of Iceland international finally joined the Reds on a permanent transfer in 1996. Twice the Cork born centre-half had been on loan at the Racecourse, but on both previous occasions Wrexham could not raise the cash needed to buy him from Manchester United. He eventually joined Leicester City in 1993, but after three seasons at Filbert Street the Reds finally got their man. Only missed three league games last season, all due to suspension, but this time around a cartilage operation saw him out for October and then an ankle operation in early December saw him miss another four weeks. Made a speedy return to the team for the Christmas match at Preston.

MARK CARTWRIGHT (*Goalkeeper*)

A very patient back-up to Andy Marriott, Mark began his career with York City, but injury as a YTS seemed to have ended his chances. After a spell studying in the USA, he wrote to several clubs and was offered a trial at Wrexham. Mark suspended his college course when given the chance of a professional contract at the Racecourse, but so far has had to be satisfied with just seven league appearances in two years, although he placed in most of our F.A. Wales Invitation Cup matches. He took over from the injured Marriott in February, only to be then carried off the pitch at Burnley with a deeply gashed thigh. This year though, he has been named the club's number one, beginning the season with a clean sheet against Reading and was the hero of our 0-0 draw at Manchester City.

MARTYN CHALK (*Winger*)

Manager Brian Flynn added to his options by taking Martyn from Stockport County, as part of a deal which saw Kieron Durkan move in the opposite direction in March, 1996. Came out of non-league football with Louth United to join Derby County and then switched to Stockport in a £40,000 deal during 1994. Since arriving at Wrexham, he has proved a popular player with the supporters, contributing his fair share of goals and was one of the stars in our televised F.A. Cup triumph over Chester City. Picked up an ankle injury in August, which took six weeks to get over, but he is now established back in the first team.

KARL CONNOLLY (*Forward*)

Since the sale of top scorer Gary Bennett in 1995, the responsibility of filling that gap has been with this shaven headed winger from Liverpool. Karl's response has been encouraging and he has found the net nearly 60 times during the last three years. Discovered playing Sunday League football in his home city, eight years ago, Karl has a great

passion for the game, rarely letting injuries stop him from turning out. Already back amongst the goals this season and is our leading scorer to date.

JAKE EDWARDS (*Foward*)

Although born in Manchester, Jake was raised in the USA and only returned to these shores 18 months ago for trials with Wrexham and Tranmere Rovers. He returned home to finish his college degree and was invited back by Wrexham last summer. Such was his progress, that Jake was offered a contract until the end of the season and scored on his debut, at Macclesfield in the AWS.

PHIL HARDY (*Full-back*)

Wrexham's regular left-back for the last eight seasons, since he dislodged former European Cup winner Alan Kennedy, when only aged 17. Family qualifications saw Phil selected for the Republic of Ireland U21's and he went onto captain his country at that level. With over 260 league appearances already under his belt, he is facing tough competition for a first team place with Deryn Brace. Missed the start of the last campaign due to a leg injury, but now back in the team and playing as well as ever.

MARK MCGREGOR (*Defender*)

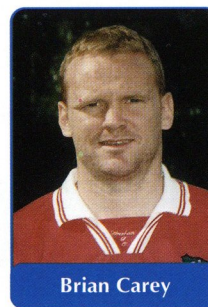
Was captain of the Wrexham youth team, before moving up to the full-time ranks in 1995. More recognised as a centre-half then, he has since made nearly all his senior appearances in the right-back role. Much was expected of this Chester born youngster and he is displaying the temperament to fulfil those hopes. Still only 21, he has already moved through the 120 league appearance barrier. Was voted the supporters' Young Player of the Year for 95/6 and 96/7. A head injury meant he missed a few games in November, but he is now restored to the first team.

GARETH OWEN (*Midfield*)

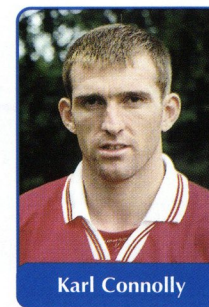
Still only 26, but now entering his tenth season of first team football at the Racecourse and nearing 350 appearances for the club. Locally born, Gareth joined Wrexham as a schoolboy and made his debut in 1989, since when he has been an important member of the Wrexham midfield. Gained eight Wales U21 caps and another at 'B' level, before being called up to the senior international squad two seasons ago. Scored a sensational goal at Brentford last November, running from the halfway line, evading three defenders and then beating the goalkeeper from the edge of the box. Was in excellent form last season, signing an extension to his contract and being watched again by Wales manager Bobby Gould. Also in 97/9 he played an hour as an emergency goalkeeper in our game at Burnley and still kept a clean sheet as the Reds went on to win the match.

DAVE RIDLER (*Centre-half*)

Came to the club two seasons ago on the recommendation of Karl Connolly, who had seen him play local football in Liverpool. A chef by trade, Dave has had a few attempts at making a career in the game, but last year he succeeded when



Brian Carey



Karl Connolly



Phil Hardy



Brian Flynn offered him a contract. Played in Wrexham's early FAW Invitation Cup matches, before starting against Rochdale in the F.A. Cup. Since then has become a regular fixture at the centre of defence, with only suspension forcing him out of the team in March. Fast approaching his 50th league appearance and now an established first teamer. Broke his goalscoring duck with a strike at Turf Moor in October.

NEIL ROBERTS (*Forward*)

Now a third year professional who has come through the ranks and finally broke into the first team in 1997/98. A full game against Cardiff in the FAW Invitation Cup, was quickly followed by his first league start at Carlisle, where he scored twice in the first-half. Neil then added another two in the following two home games, including the winner against Northampton and also took the Reds through into the second round of the F.A. Cup with another at Rochdale. A prolific scorer in the reserves, he has suffered a number of frustrating injury problems, including a knock to his leg that then required an operation to remove a blood clot. Locally born player, who has signed for the club he supported as a youngster. Played his first Under-21 game for Wales when coming on as a substitute against Italy in September, travelled with the squad to Portugal and named as a stand by for the 'B' international against Northern Ireland.

IAN RUSH (*Forward*)

Probably the biggest signing Wrexham have ever made, as manager Brian Flynn persuaded this Welsh footballing legend to move to the Racecourse in August. After finishing his contract with Newcastle United over the summer, Ian had offers from Japan, Switzerland and the USA, but chose to return to his roots. The lure of a chance to get into the coaching side of the game helped, while his vast experience will only benefit his new team mates. After starting out with Chester City, Ian moved to Liverpool for £300,000 in 1979 and began an amazing goal scoring record which helped the Anfield club to four League titles, five League Cups, three F.A. Cups and a European Cup. There was a short spell spent with Juventus in Italy, but on his return the goals just kept flowing. Two years ago he moved to Leeds United with the promise of coaching position, but a change of manager soon after put paid to that. Last season was spent at St. James Park, including a loan spell with Sheffield United. He also has 73 caps for Wales and is his country's leading goal scorer. A knee injury picked up at Halifax meant an operation, but he is now back to fitness and looking to get amongst the goals.

KEVIN RUSSELL (*Midfield*)

Most Wrexham supporters remembered Kevin as the free scoring forward, who so nearly carried the Reds to promotion in 1989. He then left the club to continue a career that has seen him turn out in the colours of Portsmouth, Leicester, Stoke, Burnley, Peterborough, Cardiff, Hereford, Bournemouth and Notts Co., before he returned to the Racecourse in 1995. The pace might have slowed a little, but he now puts his experience to good use in a left-sided midfield role. Missed all of the second-half of 1997/98 due to

an ankle injury, but returned for an end of season friendly with Wales, scoring a magnificent equaliser. Used as a forward in recent weeks, to good effect, but a sending off at Bristol Rovers meant he missed three games in November.

CRAIG SKINNER (*Winger*)

Came through the junior ranks at Blackburn Rovers as the wing partner to Jason Wilcox, turned professional in 1989 and made 20 appearances over the next three years. A move to Plymouth Argyle followed, where his displays continued to impress Wrexham manager Brian Flynn, who signed Craig for £50,000 in the summer of 1995. Injuries reduced his appearances last season, but he still finished the campaign with 33 appearances.

DEAN SPINK (*Forward*)

Signed in the summer of 1997 from Shrewsbury Town, for a fee of £70,000. Started to make a name for himself in local football around the Birmingham area, so much so that as a 22 year-old Aston Villa signed him from Halesowen Town. After loan spells with Scarborough and Bury, he joined Shrewsbury in 1990. In seven years at the Meadow, Dean played as both a centre-half and a centre-forward, but it was as a striker that Brian Flynn recruited him. Another to suffer injury problems, this time to his heel, which bothered him for a while and finally forced him to miss all of November. Switched to centre-half recently has become a regular in that position in recent weeks.

PETER WARD (*Midfield*)

Joined Wrexham from Stockport County in 1995, to add his experience to a fairly youthful midfield unit. A native of the North-East, Peter finally broke into professional football with Huddersfield Town in 1987, before switching to Rochdale and then rejoining manager Danny Bergara at Edgeley Park. Captained County to several Wembley appearances and did his best to get back there with Wrexham in our 1996/97 F.A. Cup run. Another to suffer injury, the most recent was a cartilage operation in January.

CARL GRIFFITHS (*Forward*)

Taken from Leyton Orient and scored on his debut at Colchester United. Started his career at Shrewsbury Town, before a £500,000 move to Manchester City, since when he also played with Peterborough United. Turned down a move back to Shrewsbury before Christmas and is looking to make his mark in North Wales.

JEFF WHITLEY (*Midfield*)

Also scored on his debut at Colchester, arriving at the Racecourse from Manchester City. Ironically, Jeff and his brother Jim, were brought up in Wrexham but signed for City as trainees. A Northern Ireland international due to his father being born in Belfast, he has made a number of appearances for his adopted country despite only turning 20 last month. Out of the picture at Maine Road at the moment, Jeff welcomed the opportunity of first team football at the Racecourse and is making the right kind of impression.

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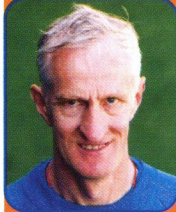
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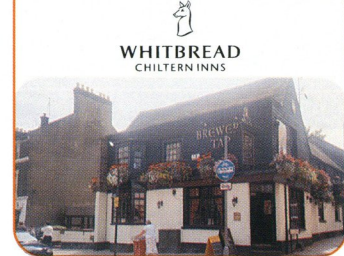
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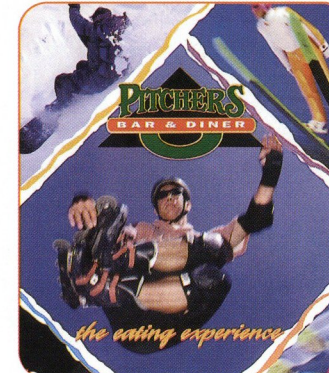
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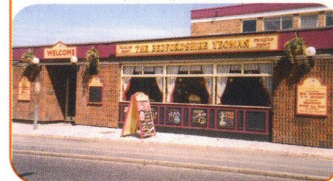
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At number 25 of this 1933 offering from Ogden's we find our very own Luton Town, who are, of course, represented by a large straw boater.

Most of the leading clubs of the day are featured in this 50-card series, but lesser lights such as Darlington, Exeter City and New Brighton, are also depicted.

It is worth remembering that Luton were then in the Third Division (South) of the League, and were certainly not among the tobacco firms' favourites when it came to choosing subjects for cigarette card sets in the 1930s.

This, therefore, makes this set one of my personal favourites - and it is interesting to note that neither Manchester United nor Watford were included!

The reverse of each card gives a short description of how each club came to acquire its nickname, together with a very brief summary of its history and principal achievements. Interestingly, our nickname is given as "The Straw Hatters", with Stockport County being dubbed as the plain "Hatters."

Also mentioned in the text is the fact that supporters who journeyed to watch Luton take on Everton in the FA Cup quarter-finals in that 1932/33 season wore straw boaters.

This was the furthest the club had reached in the Cup, but unfortunately the men from Goodison hammered us 6-0 on their way to lifting the trophy. Nevertheless it was a

magnificent achievement to progress that far - Luton were only the third team ever from the Southern Section of Division Three to get to round six.

League form that season was rather patchy, especially away from home, where only one win was gained, at Bournemouth on Boxing Day.

At home, eight goals were put past Cardiff in October, while on February 1, against Brentford, we recorded our only 5-5 draw in league football.

Top scorer that term was Tommy Tait with 23 in total, while defenders Charlie Fraser and Reg Kingham made the most appearances, with 48 league and cup outings each.

After all the excitement in the FA Cup, Luton managed only a modest final position of 14th in the table, although they did have a mammoth total of ten matches to play in April, due to the cup run, which no doubt took its toll.

Good examples from this classic series now cost around £4 per card, but for those of more limited means the set has been re-printed by Imperial Publishing Ltd at the very reasonable price of £7.50 for all 50 subjects.





Ray McKinnon

Born: Dundee, 5.8.70

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Joined Luton Town: August 1998

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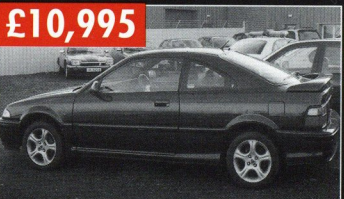
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It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

Luton Town 4 Swindon 1 13th February 1926.

An injury to wing-half Dave Richards at Bristol Rovers the previous week, meant a reshuffle in the middle line for the visit of Swindon to Kenilworth Road and a league debut for Andy Rennie. Rennie, destined to become the Town's second highest goalscorer, was not allowed to show his future potential as he began his Luton career at centre-half. He had a comfortable time against a Robins side that showed little in attack and it came as no surprise when Billy Agnew gave the Town a deserved interval lead.

A shock Swindon equaliser after the break threatened to upset the Town but the game then hinged on a disputed penalty after Norman Thomson was fouled. George Dennis made no mistake from the spot and a dispirited Swindon side conceded a further two goals from the prolific Jimmy Thompson to give the final scoreline a slightly flattering look.

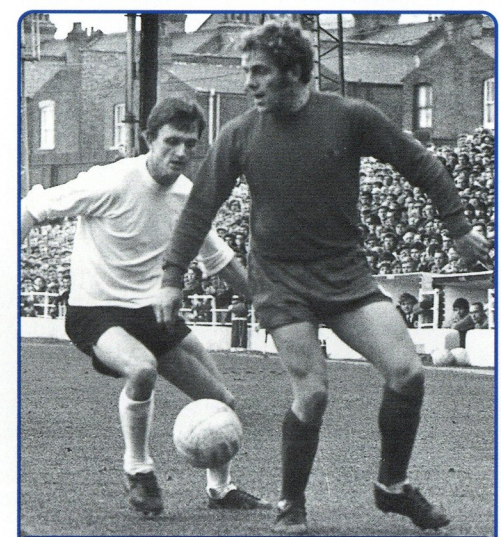
Luton Town 1 Watford 0 13th February 1971.

After beating Watford at Vicarage Road in mid-December the Town had gone four games without a win and the dreams of rising from Division Four to the top flight in only four years were rapidly disappearing.

The return against Watford gave the players the chance to get back to winning ways and also gave the chance for recent signing from Hendon, Peter Anderson, to show that he could bridge the gap between league and non-league.

The club decided to make the game all-ticket in view of the crowd disorder that took place the last time the Hornets visited Kenilworth Road and 'only' 20,066 turned up to see a match ruined by the wind.

The only goal came after ten minutes when a speculative shot from Malcolm Macdonald confused Watford goalkeeper Derek Edmonds and crept inside the post. The remainder of the game was a non-event but the Luton supporters did not mind as two more valuable points were in the bag and the 'double' had been achieved over the old enemy.



Jim Ryan tangles with Watford's Terry Garbett during the clash at Kenilworth Road in February 1971.

Tranmere 0 Luton Town 2 13th February 1993.

Following relegation from the old Division One in 1992 the Town had suffered a dismal time at the new level and had been hovering around the bottom of the table all autumn.

Since the middle of January 1993, however, manager David Pleat seemed to have sorted out his defence as the team had embarked on a run of five games without conceding a goal, picking up a valuable seven points in the process.

The trip to high flying Tranmere, unbeaten at home that season, was seen to be a test of the highest order but in a classic performance of solid defence and quick counter attacking the Town left Prenton Park with all three points.

Phil Gray opened the scoring after 17 minutes when he took advantage of a clever pass from David Preece after a corner was only half cleared and Marvin Johnson made sure of the points when he blasted the ball home from 25 yards in the 65th minute, his second goal in three games. The win took the Town out of the bottom four as they steadily climbed the table to a position of safety.

Into the archives

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

As we featured in a recent programme it is now 40 years since we embarked on the F.A.Cup run that took us to Wembley for the first time in our history. Starting off with a 5-1 home thumping of Leeds at Kenilworth Road, Leicester were then seen off in Round Four after a replay. On now to the events of February 1959.

Ipswich manager Alf Ramsey was present to see the Town tear apart Leicester at Kenilworth Road in a Round Four replay and probably shuddered to think that his Second Division side were next up to face the rampant Hatters.

As soon as the draw was made, Ipswich decided to make the game all-ticket with a capacity set at 26,700. The Town were allocated 6,000 tickets which was regarded as more than enough but surprisingly, such was the Cup fever enveloping Bedfordshire, they soon sold out. Luckily the decision of the Portman Road board to increase prices did not go down too well in Suffolk and a further 1,000 spaces were found for Luton supporters and even then some were disappointed.

The Town players warmed up with a 6-2 home win over Burnley in the league and were confident they could score goals. Instructions were passed to keep the Ipswich game tight for the first twenty minutes and then go searching for goals but, of course, things did not go exactly to plan.

Almost straight from the kick-off Ray Crawford of Ipswich found space on the right and from his accurate cross the unmarked Derek Rees headed the home side into the lead. The Luton supporters were silenced, but found their voices only a minute later when Dave Pacey was needlessly brought down on the edge of the area. Picking himself up and sizing up the situation he hammered the free kick into the roof of the net with Ipswich goalkeeper Roy Bailey groping thin air.

Suitably stung by the early set back the Town players then put on a display of devastating football that had the game all but won by the 17th minute. Firstly some clever interplay between George Cummins and Billy Bingham ended with an Allan Brown shot being parried leaving Bob Morton to fire home. This was immediately followed by a header from Bingham, who climbed above Ken Malcolm, which soared into the top corner and then an effort from Tony Gregory who fired in a Brown through ball just as two Ipswich defenders converged on him.

Despite this pummelling Ipswich refused to surrender and as the interval approached Jimmy Leadbetter should have done better with a header that bounced off the top of the bar to safety. The danger as far as the Town was concerned was to concede a goal early in the second period and thus cause a terrific upsurge in fighting spirit.

Of course the inevitable happened with a poor ball from John Groves being intercepted by Crawford, whose astute pass set up Rees to gallop through to beat Ron Baynham in the Luton goal.

With more than 30 minutes remaining the Luton supporters expected a barnstorming display from Ipswich but although they tried desperately hard they were always kept at arms length by Syd Owen and his fellow defenders. With the game creeping towards the close a header by Morton from Bingham's accurate cross finally made the game safe and allowed the large Luton following to breath more easily.

The Town were now through to the quarter-finals of the competition for only the third time in their history but the draw was not kind with the long trip to play Blackpool the reward. The Seasideers were arguably the strongest side left in the competition and the tie revived memories of a titanic struggle five



Allan Brown in action against his old team mates at Blackpool.

years before when the Town went out to Blackpool after three replays.

Despite the distance, a good number of Luton supporters made their way up to the north west but found little to excite them in a rugged game dominated by the respective defences. The match seemed to be petering out to a draw when, with only five minutes left, a long cross from Morton was expertly headed home by Bingham who had ghosted in on the blind side.

The Town seemed to have booked their passage into the semi-finals when, with the referee looking at his watch, a Blackpool attack seemed to have broken down with the ball running through to Luton full back Ken Hawkes on the edge of the box. Hawkes could have thumped the ball out of the ground but instead played a weak back pass to Baynham. The ball never reached Baynham as Blackpool forward Ray Charnley nipped in to level the score. There was not enough time left to

restart the game and a devastated Hawkes said afterwards, "I ought to be whipped."

Skipper Owen stood up for his distraught colleague and promised that the Town would win through in the replay, which was to take place at Kenilworth Road on the following Wednesday afternoon.

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an important role in the community based initiatives". Our coaches are now out and about every day in schools delivering football and PE lessons and already have dates in Flitwick, Bedford, Hitchin, Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable ahead of them after half-term. So, if you are a teacher or a school pupil and you are wondering how you can benefit from our NTL CableTel 'Schools Visit Project', it couldn't be simpler. Either write to or telephone our Community & Schools department on 01582 411622 and invite us to visit your school. We're ready, willing and now, thanks to NTL CableTel and Sportsmatch, able to offer your school some free expert coaching. We've set ourselves a target of 300 school visits in 1999 - so come on! - drop us a line or give us a ring - we want to visit as many schools as possible!



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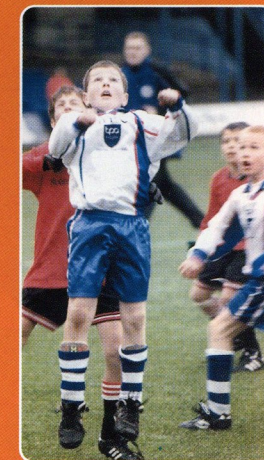
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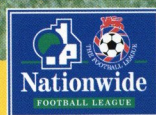
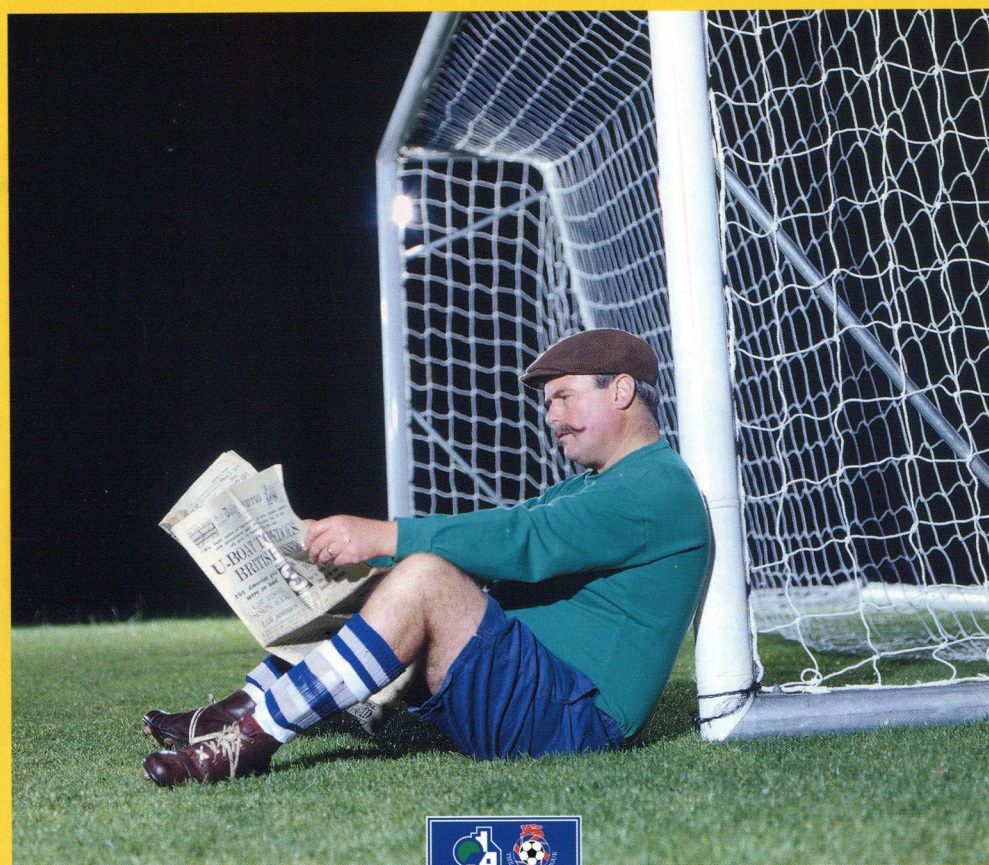


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Hatters Abroad

Carrying the colours

WE UNDERSTAND David Hylden might be a little surprised to see a picture of himself in today's magazine.

Larry Hagan, of Torbay Road, Harrow, admits to being responsible. He wrote: "The picture was taken at Disney-MGM studios in Florida, on the Tower of Terror ride. The shy, unassuming gentleman in the orange was one of our party called David Hylden, who is unaware of this rogue copy being sent to you. A Luton shirt was worn most places we went, and this shot was spotted by myself at 100 yards on a TV monitor. I class David as a true supporter. He travels all over the country when possible, but due to work is not a regular Saturday attender - more a midweek specialist. But he is due to attend the home fixture against Wrexham, and it would make his day to see this in print."

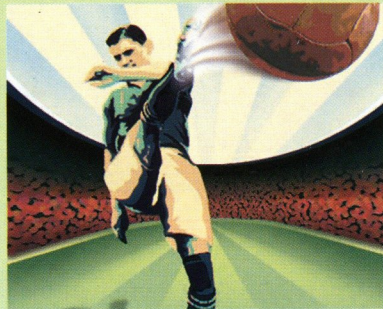


THE NEW York skyline was the backdrop for a Town strip more often seen in the centre of the Kenilworth Upper Tier. Wearing it is Paul Lindsay, of Lindum Place, St. Albans, photographed on the Statue of Liberty Ferry. A Town fan for 15 years, and a member of WHOSH FC he was on holiday with his dad, grand-dad, brother and fiancée, and the family party are regulars at home games.



IT'S NOT so much a question of where, but who is the gentleman pointing with an air of bewilderment at the Town badge modelled by Danny Fallon? Danny, who has been following the Hatters for more than 30 years, is a bit of a flasher at home games. Nothing nasty, we promise: he phones goal flashes from the Pressbox to radio and TV organisations, including Teletext and Ceefax. The picture was taken in the Dominican Republic and if Danny looks a little lightweight, it is not surprising: the other chap is John L. Gardner, former British boxing heavyweight champion.

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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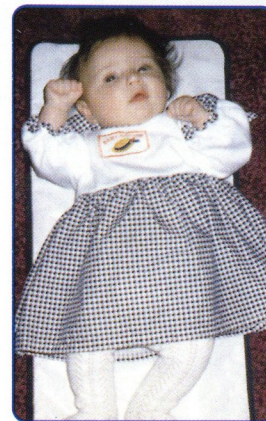
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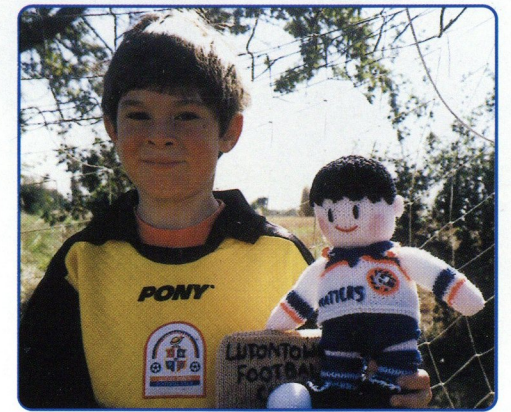
Our Mini-fans

The Youngest Hatter?

THEY SAY you know you're getting old when the policemen look younger. So far it doesn't happen for all of us when we see Pc Palmer and his colleagues on duty, but in recent weeks we have been reminded that Town supporters learn to be Hatters at very early ages.



Take Chloe Wells, for instance, the third generation of her family seen at a recent match. She is pictured wearing a natty Luton Town top at the age of just eight weeks. Mrs Jennifer Wells tells us: "She was enrolled as a Junior Hatter at seven days old, and has been to two reserves matches already, with her grandad Brian Wells, her mum Karen, and myself."



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Christopher Robinson, from Westoning, is not satisfied with his own Luton Town strip - one of his proudest possessions is a special Luton Town doll, knitted for him by a kindly aunt. Like all true Hatters supporters, Christopher's mascot keeps smiling whatever bad luck hits the team on occasions.

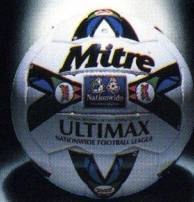
TALKING of smiles, Tom Ellis, from Barton, had every reason to look pleased at his tenth birthday party: a new Luton Town tracksuit was no surprise to a soccer-made boy who already had the rest of the kit, but the cake was something else: specially made, in Town home strip colours, and with the club badge neatly copied in icing sugar, with all the right colours.



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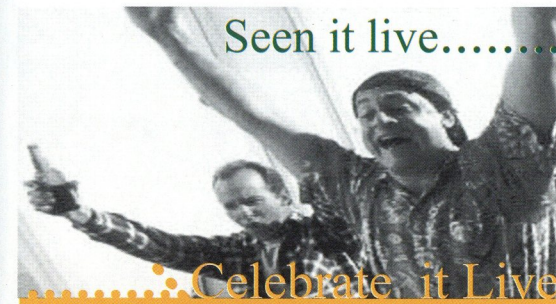


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Burnley 1 Luton Town 2

A LATE winner by sub Gary Doherty sealed our first away win for four months, to complete a good afternoon's work in very difficult conditions at Turf Moor.

Burnley, Steve Davis and all, were just about run off their feet in the first half as the Town put together a lot of sharp passing and attacking moves. Their manager, Stan Ternent, had a real go at his players at the interval, and while they competed a little better in the second half they failed to achieve domination.

Two factors were mainly responsible: they had a man sent off for his second booking, in the 53rd minute, and when the ten men produced the usual extra effort and commitment Tanny Abbey, on his league debut, produced the best saves of the match.

Deputising for suspended Kelvin Davis, the 20-year-old showed little sign of nerves, and if Davis was not so well-established as the Town's number one he might be hard pushed to reclaim his place today.

In attack Andrew Fotiadis returned after injury to partner Stuart Douglas and the two worked with a will. Douglas's ability to turn and twist swiftly was responsible for Burnley losing defender Neil Moore early in the second half. Moore was booked for tripping Douglas in the 12th minute, and when he did it again in the 53rd the second yellow, then the red, was inevitable.

Ternent had no sympathy for a player who should have known better. "To get booked a second time was stupid," said the Burnley manager.

For Town fans, it was good to see how the extra space was exploited, and the defence knew exactly what was coming in the closing stages when Burnley opted to play three at the back to free Steve Davis to play in attack.

They were looking for a winner which Davis thought they could have got but for the heroics of Abbey.

The young goalkeeper had little chance of saving when Burnley took the lead against the run of play in the 29th minute, through a wonderful 25-

yard strike by Micky Mellon, a real goal out of nothing.

By then Matthew Spring had been denied by a good save and Ray McKinnon had missed two decent chances. The goal of the season almost arrived six minutes before Burnley's opener, with the Town putting together a move starting with Marvin Johnson deep in defence, and working the ball all the way upfield with accurate passing. Gavin McGowan and Sean Evers played the final telling balls to put Douglas in, but Paul Crichton made a good spreading save.

Mellon's strike might have knocked the stuffing out of lesser teams, but Abbey made a double-block save against Graham Branch, and the Town persisted with their football philosophy, with the wind and rain behind them in the first half.

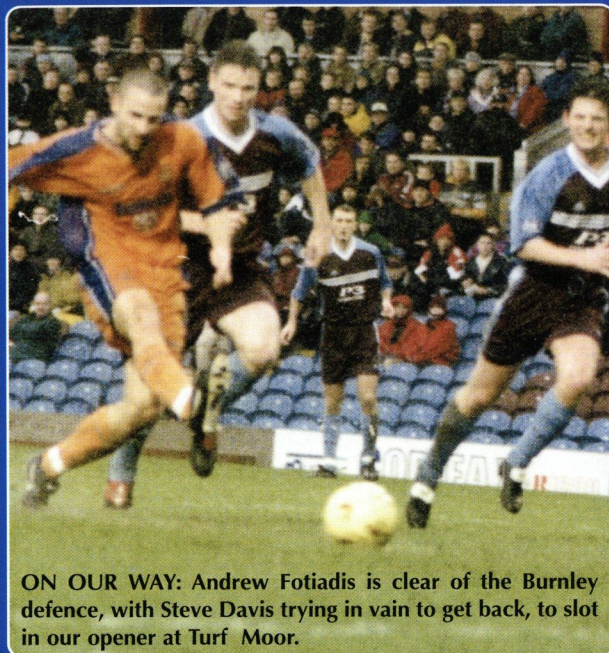
It was sad for Mellon that he should be the man embarrassed when he tried to play football on the edge of his own penalty area. Harried by McKinnon, he lost the ball to Fotiadis, who carefully advanced a couple of yards and shot past Crichton.

The second half was full of entertainment, attack and counter-attack. And after seeing goals conceded in the closing minutes so often recently, the final pleasure for the away supporters came with three minutes to go when Spring's perfect pass sent sub Doherty free to lash in the winner.

Even then there was more drama to come, with Abbey saving from Andy Cooke and then defying the odds when he started to advance towards a cross, and was apparently caught in no-mans-land as Peter Swan looped a header over the goalkeeper. Somehow Abbey sprinted backwards and finger-tipped the ball away.

"I couldn't believe it," said Burnley skipper Gordon Armstrong.

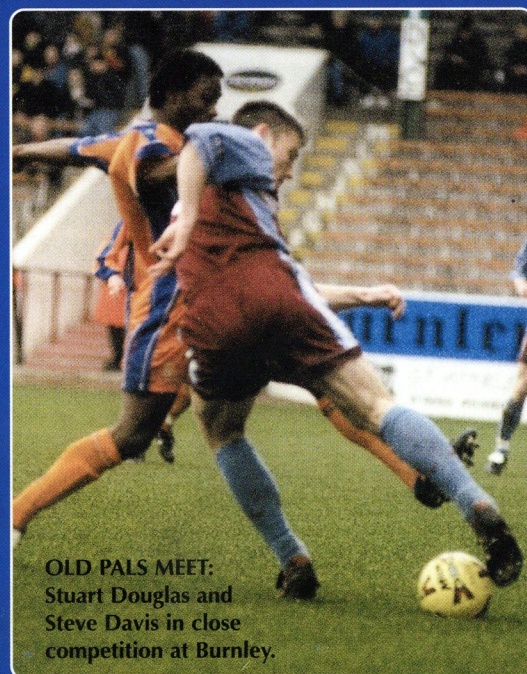
Lennie Lawrence said: "It would have been an injustice if we had not won that game. The double-save Tanny made just after Burnley scored was vital. If they had gone two up then it might have been a different ball-game."



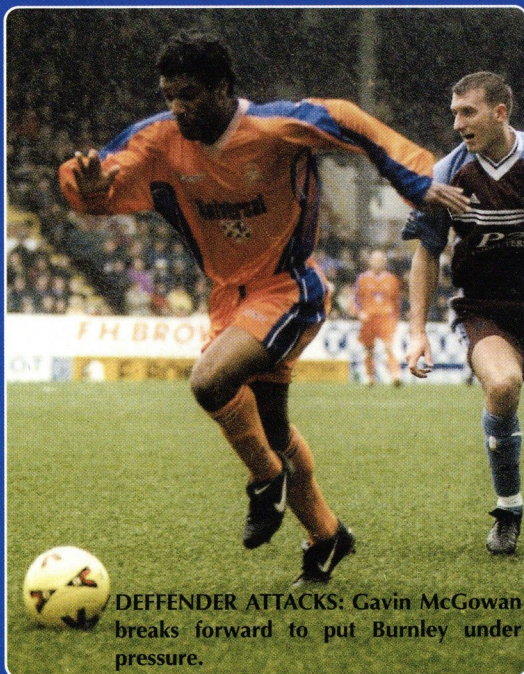
ON OUR WAY: Andrew Fotiadis is clear of the Burnley defence, with Steve Davis trying in vain to get back, to slot in our opener at Turf Moor.



NICE ONE, ANDREW: Stuart Douglas is first to congratulate Andrew Fotiadis after his goal at Turf Moor.



OLD PALS MEET: Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis in close competition at Burnley.



DEFENDER ATTACKS: Gavin McGowan breaks forward to put Burnley under pressure.

Action Replay

Luton Town 2 AFC Bournemouth 2

THE BEST footballing display we had seen for some time gave the fans a lift in the first half against a confident Bournemouth team. We well deserved our one-goal interval lead, courtesy of a crisp strike by Ray McKinnon, but the Cherries, with ten wins from their previous 12 games, showed why they are going well for a play-off place by earning a draw after Gary Doherty doubled our lead.

"We had the first half and Bournemouth had the

second," was Lennie Lawrence's summing up. "We might have got away with a win if we had held on for another ten minutes after our second goal. But Bournemouth are a good team. Overall we put in a creditable performance."

Gerry Harrison had another excellent match at right back, and the returning Paul McLaren after suspension, and McKinnon, after an eight-week injury absence, sparked much of the first-half domination.

DOHERTY DELIGHT: Gary Doherty salutes his goal against Bournemouth. And he did it again last week at Turf Moor, going on as sub to hit the winner against Burnley.



BURNLEY DETAILS

Luton Town: Abbey, Harrison, McGowan (White 88 mins), Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Evers, McLaren, Douglas (Doherty 72 mins), Fotiadis, McKinnon (Alexander 77 mins).

Booked: Ray McKinnon, 25 mins, foul on Gordon Armstrong.

Burnley: Crichton, Moore, Morgan, Mellon, Davis, Reid, Little (Swan 77 mins), Armstrong, Cooke, Payton (Robertson 57 mins), Branch (Maylett 70 mins).

Booked: Neil Moore, 12 mins, foul on Douglas; Graham Branch, 41 mins, throwing ball away in gesture of dissent; Moore again, and red carded, 53 mins, another foul on Douglas; Micky Mellon, 64 mins, foul on Matthew Spring.

The goals: 1-0 28 mins: Micky Mellon, expert 25-yard strike; 1-1 33 mins: Andrew Fotiadis after Mellon was harried out of possession on the edge of his own penalty area; 2-1 87 mins: Gary Doherty, rasping angled drive from opening created by Matthew Spring's pass.

Referee: Peter Walton, Winwick

Attendance: 10,285 including 406 from Luton.

BOURNEMOUTH DETAILS

Luton Town: Davis, Harrison (White 79 mins), McGowan, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Evers, McLaren Douglas (Zahana-Oni 74 mins), Doherty, McKinnon. Unused sub Scarlett.

Booked: Ray McKinnon, four on John Bailey 14 mins, Stuart Douglas, four on Neil Young, 36 mins; Gavin McGowan, trip on Mark Stein, 66 mins.

Bournemouth: Ovendale, Young, Vincent, Howe, O'Neill, Bailey, Cox, Robinson, Stein, Fletcher, Hughes. Subs, all unused, Broadhurst, Boli, Dean.

Booked: Neil Young, foul on McKinnon, 73 mins; John O'Neill foul on Matthew Spring, 90 mins.

The goals: 1-0 6 mins: Ray McKinnon volley from a low cross by Gerry Harrison; 2-0 53 mins: Gary Doherty, close range after Mark Ovendale blocked Stuart Douglas's shot; 2-1 62 mins: Steve Robinson, after missing two chances before that; 2-2 68 mins: Jamie Vincent 20-yard deflected free kick, swift retribution for Gavin McGowan who might have been red-carded, instead of yellow, for tripping 22-goal Mark Stein.

Referee: Kevin Lynch, Kirk Hammerton.

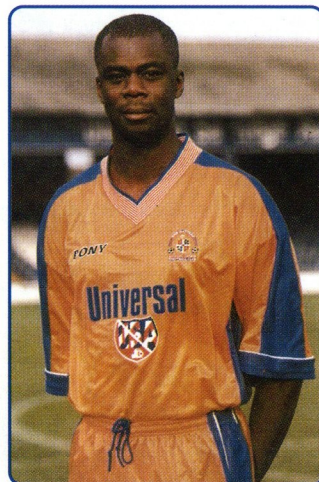
Attendance: 5,426.

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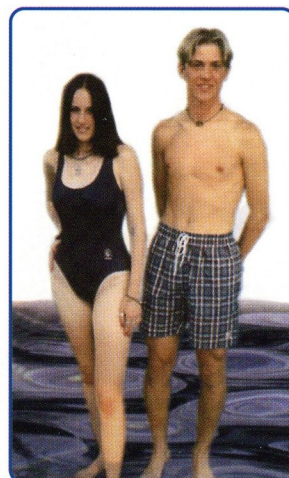
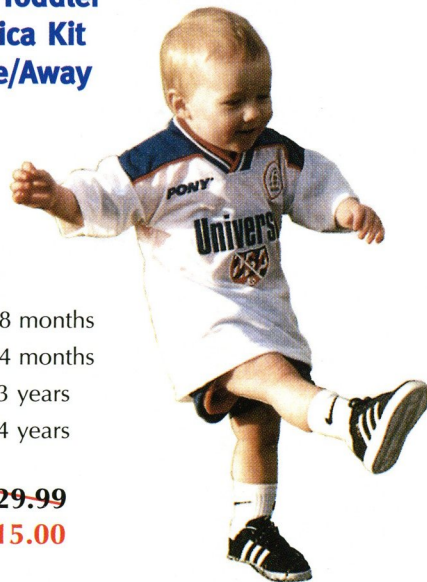
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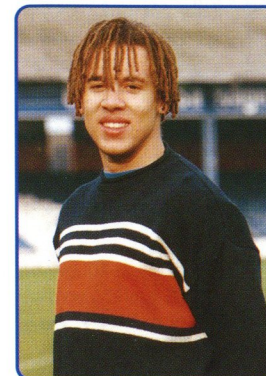
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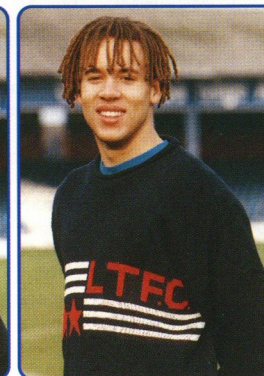
HATTERS SHOP

The following items have also been reduced to clear as have many other lines in the Club Shop.



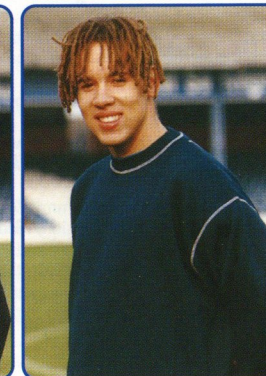
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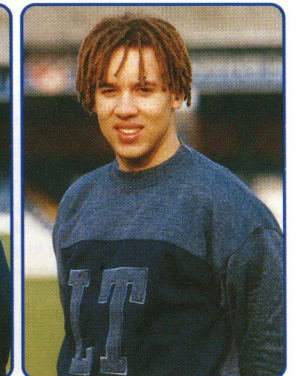
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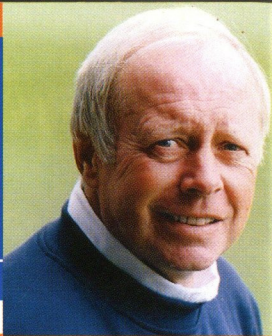
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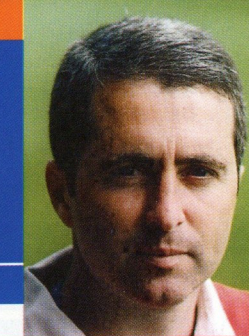


THE HATTERS SHOP SALE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF FEBRUARY '99

John Moore & Trevor Hartley reserves



Paul Lowe youth



Luton Town 1 Bournemouth 0

ALTHOUGH we should have scored more goals, we were good value for our first win of 1999 in the Avon Insurance Combination.

Our young team had the better of the first half, and Tresor Kandol got the winner, his 20th goal of the season, just before the interval. He was one of seven youth team players in the squad of 14.

Another was goalkeeper Daniel Tate, promoted because Tanny Abbey was on stand-by for his Second Division debut at Burnley. Tate had an excellent game, as did the defence as a whole, and the clean sheet was well deserved. Matthew Taylor, on his debut for the reserves, Russell Lawes and Richard Clarke had good games.

The deciding goal was well made and well taken. Kandol and Jimmy Cox both made good runs as Michael McIndoe was in possession, and McIndoe's pass sent Kandol in to slot home.

The pitch at Leighton was a bit sticky in places, but we coped with the mixed conditions very well, and if there is a criticism it is that we should have finished off Bournemouth in the first half. But we held them in the second, when they threatened to get back into it.

Luton Town: Tate, Lawes, Taylor, Clarke, Willmott, Boyce, Scarlett (Hudson 75 mins), Cox, Kandol, McIndoe, Zahana-Oni (Jerry 88 mins). Unused sub: Ayres.

Fulham 3 Luton Town 2

FACING a very experienced Fulham side - there are effectively two first teams at Craven Cottage - we turned in an encouraging performance on their £1.5million training ground at Motspur Park, and could easily have got something out of the game.

A challenge by Jimmy Cox led to the ball running loose for Landry Zahana-Oni to net a first-half equaliser, but we suffered for a mad ten-minute spell after the break in which former England winger John Solako threw in a string of crosses which found us out. Fulham scored twice, but we still came back well, with Emerson Boyce going on as a sub and scoring with a cross-shot.

The performance was quite encouraging, and it does young players good to test their skills against good teams like the one Fulham fielded. In their previous match Fulham had won 9-0 at Wycombe.

Graham Alexander did well, completing his first full 90 minutes for a month, playing in central midfield.

Luton Town: Tate, Lawes (Boyce 60 mins), Fraser, Alexander, Willmott, White, Scarlett (Hudson 80 mins), Cox, Kandol, McIndoe, Zahana-Oni (Taylor 60 mins).

OUR next fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination is away to Chelsea, at Kingstonsians, on Monday (7pm). We will be using Leighton Town's ground for the last time on Monday week, at home to Barnet, kick-off 7pm. After that our home fixtures in the Avon Combination come back to Kenilworth Road.

IN THE Bedfordshire County Premier Cup semi-final, we will be away to Biggleswade on Wednesday March 3 (7.30pm).

Appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets): Abbey 16, Akurang 1, Alexander 1, Ayres 4, Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 17 (1), Clarke 14, Cox 13 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 8 (1), Hudson 3, Jerry 4, Kandol 8 (3), Lawes 12, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 10 (1), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 18 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 2, Thomas 3 (1), White 8 (5), Willmott 18 (1), Zahana-Oni 4 (2)

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	18	11	3	4	39	21	36
Southampton	19	11	2	6	34	25	35
Watford	17	9	6	2	33	14	33
Charlton	15	10	3	2	26	12	33
Tottenham	19	11	1	7	27	19	33
Ipswich	18	10	3	5	32	24	33
Fulham	17	9	5	3	43	21	32
Norwich	19	8	4	7	25	19	28
Northampton	16	8	3	5	22	15	27
Chelsea	17	9	1	7	21	18	26
Luton Town	18	7	5	6	27	28	26
QPR	18	7	4	7	26	18	25
Portsmouth	17	7	3	7	28	29	24
West Ham	14	6	5	3	27	17	23
Colchester	19	7	2	10	26	36	23
Barnet	16	7	2	7	23	37	22
Brighton	16	6	4	6	17	25	22
Arsenal	16	6	3	7	26	24	21
Bournemouth	19	6	3	10	31	31	21
Wimbledon	18	5	6	7	22	28	21
C. Palace	15	5	4	6	30	27	19
Oxford Utd	16	6	1	9	19	28	19
Cambridge	15	4	4	7	18	31	16
Milwall	14	4	3	7	18	22	15
Swindon	16	4	3	9	19	30	15
Reading	16	4	2	10	21	31	14
Brentford	13	3	4	6	18	24	13
Gillingham	17	2	4	11	12	30	10
Wycombe	14	1	3	10	8	34	5

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

Wed 12 August	Brighton & Hove	H 4-1
Wed 26	Cambridge United	A 2-2
Wed 2 September	Portsmouth	A 3-2
Wed 16	Reading	H 3-0
Wed 23	Swindon Town	A 1-0
Wed 30	Charlton Athletic	H 1-3
Wed 7 October	Millwall	H 1-1
Wed 14	Gillingham	A 2-1
Wed 21	Brache Sparta (BPC)	A 8-0
Wed 28	Brentford	A 2-2
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H 1-3
Wed 11	Watford	A 0-0
Mon 16	Kempston Rov (BPC)	A 3-0
Thur 19	Norwich City	A 0-6
Wed 25	Ipswich Town	H 2-3
Mon 14 December	Colchester United	H 0-2
Mon 21	Tottenham Hotspur	H 3-0
Mon 11 January	Wimbledon	H 1-1
Wed 20	Southampton	A 0-1
Mon 01 February	AFC Bournemouth	H 1-0
Mon 8	Fulham	A 2-3
Mon 15	Chelsea	A 7pm
Mon 22	Barnet	H 7pm
Wed 3	Biggleswade (BPC)	A 7.30pm
Wed 10	Queens Park Rangers	A
Wed 17	Wycombe Wdrs	H 2pm
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H 2pm
Thur 15	Northampton Town	A
Wed 21	Peterborough United	H 2pm
To be arranged	West Ham	A
To be arranged	Arsenal	A
To be arranged	Bournemouth	A

Luton Town 1 Leyton Orient 3

AFTER cruising along at the top of the table for so long, the combination of one game postponed and then one lost on our own ground has knocked us off our proud perch, and perhaps delivered a sharp reminder that you have to work for rewards in football.

We still have a game in hand on Brentford, who lead us on goal difference, so our championship hopes are in our own hands.

A waterlogged pitch washed out our match at Gillingham a fortnight ago on a day when Brentford won 4-1 at Oxford.

Last Saturday we were at home to Leyton Orient, a team we had beaten 3-0 comfortably in the away fixture in October. But Orient were a very different side this time, as you often find in youth football. And on the day, they were the better side, and we could have no complaints about the result. Orient have lost only four times in 23 league games, and defensively they were very well organised and disciplined. They provided a very good test for our boys, and it was disappointing that we didn't handle the situation very well. Too many individuals were below their best, and perhaps the recent spell of only two matches in two and a half months has disrupted us.

We looked bright in the early stages, but missed a couple of chances, and it was not until the last minute that Clifford Akurang scored our consolation goal. It was a close-range effort after a goalmouth scramble, but just reward for the striker, who worked tremendously hard throughout the match. But overall it was a case of Orient playing very well, and deserving the points, and our lads must learn the lesson from the experience. It was our first home league defeat of the season, and further bad news was that Brentford had won again, at home to Reading. But defeat will do no lasting harm if we turn it to our advantage as a reminder that we have to stick to our task if we are to retain the title. It's within our capabilities if we roll up our sleeves and react in the right way.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Jerry (Harrington 75 mins), Minton, Hudson (Mansell HT), McKoy, Akurang, Kandol. Unused sub: Moran.

WE WERE hoping to get back on the winning track at Portsmouth this morning, and next Saturday we are at home to Cambridge United. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, is at 11 am, and spectators are welcome.

Youth team appearances, including as subs (goals in brackets): Akurang 19 (7), Ayres 21 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 3 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 7 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 24, Hudson 8, Jerry 21 (1), Kandol 23 (16), Mansell 5 (1), McKoy 18 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 23, Moran 16, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 22 (1), Tate 20, Taylor 22 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 2.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	22	14	4	4	54	24	46
Luton Town	21	14	4	3	42	19	46
L. Orient	23	12	7	4	50	27	43
Barnet	20	9	4	7	24	20	31
Wycombe	22	6	11	5	27	26	29
Bristol Rov	22	8	5	9	39	43	29
Portsmouth	24	7	8	9	30	39	29
Brighton	19	7	6	6	29	27	27
Reading	22	5	12	5	25	26	27
Colchester	23	8	2	13	35	37	26
Swindon	22	7	5	10	28	31	26
Bournemouth	21	8	2	11	31	41	26
Cambridge	21	5	9	7	32	41	24
Southend	25	6	5	14	31	49	23
Oxford	19	6	4	9	21	31	22
Gillingham	25	6	4	11	23	35	22

Youth Team Fixtures

Sat 08 August	Brentford	A 2-4
Sat 15	AFC Bournemouth	H 4-2
Sat 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 0-0
Sat 29	Bristol Rovers	H 3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A 3-0
Sat 07	Swindon (SJFCP)	H 2-0
Sat 12	Reading	H 2-2
Sat 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-0
Sat 26	Gillingham	H 2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A 3-0
Sat 10	Portsmouth	H 3-0
Sat 17	Cambridge United	A 4-0
Tue 21 October	Colchester (FAYC)	H 0-1
Sat 24	Colchester United	H 2-0
Sat 31	Southend United	H 3-1
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A 1-0
Wed 11	Northampton (SJFC1)	H 3-1
Sat 14	Barnet	H 2-0
Sat 21	AFC Bournemouth	A 2-1
Sat 28	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 2-0
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A 0-2
Sat 12	Brentford	H 2-1
Sat 23 January	Wycombe Wanderers	H 0-0
Sat 06 February	Leyton Orient	H 1-3
Sat 13	Portsmouth	A
Sat 20	Cambridge United	H
Sat 27	Colchester United	A
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A
Sat 13	Swindon Town	H
Sat 20	Bristol Rovers	A
TBA	Oxford	H
TBA	Reading	A
TBA	Gillingham	A



Critical Research – Main Sponsors of Luton Town Youth Team

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
11	7	5	5	1	4	13	1	Bournemouth	5	9	3	3	0	1	6	0
8	5	4	6	2	0	5	1	Blackpool	5	4	9	3	0	5	6	1
1	8	5	0	0	2	23	0	Bristol Rovers	5	7	3	3	0	2	11	1
6	5	5	6	0	1	12	0	Burnley	7	12	8	1	0	3	17	1
10	8	3	3	0	3	5	1	Chesterfield	10	3	3	1	0	1	6	2
13	2	4	1	0	4	7	0	Colchester United	8	5	4	9	0	6	9	2
13	4	3	2	1	3	15	0	Fulham	9	2	2	2	3	0	3	0
8	7	9	8	2	1	9	1	Gillingham	7	6	3	0	1	1	7	1
4	8	3	1	0	2	8	1	Lincoln City	11	11	4	4	0	2	13	2
10	8	3	4	1	1	10	0	Luton Town	7	4	3	4	1	2	14	1
5	5	5	1	0	0	4	0	Macclesfield Town	5	6	5	5	3	3	8	2
11	5	6	4	2	1	6	1	Manchester City	6	3	1	2	0	3	8	0
8	5	5	3	0	1	11	1	Millwall	8	1	7	4	1	3	11	0
6	5	3	2	1	4	3	0	Northampton Town	12	2	3	5	0	2	5	2
10	2	1	4	1	4	4	1	Notts County	12	7	3	2	1	0	12	1
11	6	3	4	0	0	5	1	Oldham Athletic	10	10	6	5	1	0	7	0
18	11	4	4	0	1	13	2	Preston North End	9	4	3	2	0	2	7	2
9	9	2	3	0	3	6	1	Reading	9	7	6	1	0	5	9	1
15	4	2	3	0	3	8	2	Stoke City	11	6	3	1	0	0	7	0
11	8	6	4	0	2	6	3	Walsall	9	9	3	3	0	0	8	0
9	6	4	3	0	2	12	2	Wigan Athletic	4	2	5	5	0	0	9	2
4	4	3	4	0	1	8	3	Wrexham	14	7	1	8	0	3	10	0
7	1	4	3	1	2	8	0	Wycombe Wanderers	11	5	4	2	3	3	9	1
5	2	4	3	2	5	16	1	York City	20	4	3	4	0	3	14	1

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

Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	.....Pts
Millwall	57	7	.....78
Wycombe Wanderers	57	6	.....75
Burnley	58	5	.....73
Bristol Rovers	44	8	.....68
Wigan Athletic	63	1	.....66
Gillingham	49	4	.....61
Luton Town	43	5	.....58
Blackpool	56	0	.....56
Lincoln City	47	3	.....56
Manchester City	46	3	.....55
Reading	46	3	.....55
Stoke City	49	2	.....55
Oldham Athletic	39	4	.....51
Northampton Town	47	1	.....50
Walsall	39	3	.....48
Wrexham	41	2	.....47
Chesterfield	34	4	.....46
Preston North End	34	4	.....46
Colchester United	42	1	.....45
York City	29	4	.....41
AFC Bournemouth	33	2	.....39
Macclesfield Town	29	3	.....38
Notts County	33	1	.....36
Fulham	33	0	.....33

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	Biggest Away Win Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Highest Aggregate Scores Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	Consecutive Wins Fulham, Stoke 6
Biggest Home Win Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov	Games Unbeaten Gillingham 17
Consecutive Defeats Lincoln, Macclesfield 6	Games without a Win Wrexham 12

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

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins Man City, Oldham, Wigan 2	Consecutive Defeats Macclesfield 6
Games Unbeaten Man City 7	Games without a Win Macclesfield 10

Div. 2 Stat Attack

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	FA
Bournemouth	22	47	27	11	11	2	Stein	13	5	1
Blackpool	26	31	33	9	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	25	39	32	10	17	6	Cureton	13	1	2
Burnley	36	35	49	4	20	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	33	26	10	20	6	Howard	9	1	0
Colchester United	25	31	43	4	20	2	Gregory D	7	2	0
Fulham	28	41	21	15	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	45	26	11	22	5	Asaba	15	0	0
Lincoln City	29	27	47	6	24	14	Battersby	6	1	1
Luton Town	29	37	36	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	28	20	37	4	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	29	36	23	12	14	1	Goater	9	2	1
Millwall	26	34	35	9	14	5	Harris	10	0	0
Northampton Town	31	24	33	6	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	33	27	38	3	21	5	Jones	2	0	6
Oldham Athletic	28	30	39	7	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	22	53	29	12	7	1	Nogan	13	0	3
Reading	35	33	38	8	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	21	37	28	11	6	1	Kavanagh/Lightbourne	6/6	1/0	0/1
Walsall	26	40	32	12	11	2	Rammell	14	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	38	27	10	23	8	Barlow	11	1	1
Wrexham	24	27	43	7	19	2	Connolly	6	1	5
Wycombe Wanderers	26	26	38	7	24	19	Scott/Brown	4/3	0/2	1/0
York City	24	38	49	4	24	8	Cresswell	14	0	3

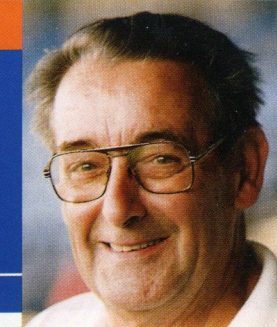
Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,791
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	13,693
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,139
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,802
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,623
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,174
Millwall	12,726	4,249	7,109
Bournemouth	8,863	4,863	6,253
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,039	6,222
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,171
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	6,040
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,873
Luton Town	9,070	4,934	5,750
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,729
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,446
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	5,099
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,078
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,536
Chesterfield	6,138	3,681	4,438
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,393
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,374
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,128
York City	7,527	2,075	3,655
Macclesfield T.	6,381	1,998	3,379

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Brian Swain

second division scene



VICTORY at Turf Moor enabled us to creep back into the top half of the Second Division table, and with 11 of our last 19 league games being at home perhaps a play-off spot is still a possibility. The gap currently is ten points between us and sixth place, so it needs a good run of consistent results.

Fulham are still setting the pace, with Kevin Keegan named Second Division manager of the month for January. Fulham won three of their four league games, and beat Premiership Aston Villa and Southampton in the FA Cup.

But they could be knocked off their perch today. Fulham have the distraction of playing Manchester United in the fifth round of the cup at Old Trafford tomorrow, offering Preston the chance of regaining the leadership they held briefly a month ago. Deepdale gets a visit from struggling Wycombe, and a Preston win would edge North End above Fulham on goals scored.

But Wycombe might not be a push-over, despite their lowly league placing. Having sacked Neil Smillie after the defeat at Kenilworth Road, Wycombe have replaced him with Lawrie Sanchez, a 1988 cup final scorer and winner with Wimbledon - alongside our own Clive Goodyear - and his first match in charge saw the Wanderers hold Fulham to a 1-1 draw at Adams Park. Goodyear thinks Sanchez will do a good job, after a long spell as a coach at Wimbledon. "He's well educated, very intelligent, and very good on tactics," said our physio. "He will instil discipline and organisation, and I think he will do well."

While Fulham were below par at Wycombe, Preston missed a chance to close the gap when Bristol Rovers,

our opponents next week, held them to a 2-2 draw at Deepdale. Kurt Nogan netted Preston's late point-saver. Walsall are still third after winning 1-0 at Reading, where the manager is moaning about a pitch suffering because Richmond also use it, for rugby. Their fans were moaning too as Walsall cruised to the points. The previous home game at the magnificent Madejski Stadium had been a 6-0 romp for Bristol Rovers. Bournemouth moved up fourth place by thumping Stoke 4-0 at Dean Court. The Second Division's leading scorer, Mark Stein, was out of the side with flu, but was hardly missed.

Stoke's tumble down the table is beginning to alarm their fans. Not long ago they were cheering on the league leaders. Now they are jeering a team that has scraped just five points from the last 24. They have no game today, and could well drop out of the play-off zone tonight.

In the Second Division's match of the day Bournemouth are at home to Manchester City, so Stoke are condemned to seeing close rivals improve their situation, whatever the result. If City win they will be in the top six for the first time this season. Their current run is seven league games without defeat.

Down at the other end of the table, Northampton have gone six games without a win, but a 0-0 home draw with Blackpool inched them out of the bottom four, ahead of Notts County, whose match at Wigan was postponed.

Wrexham come to Kenilworth Road today having achieved something that was too difficult for us - a Saturday victory after playing a midweek cup replay. They lost at Huddersfield to miss the chance of a home tie with Derby instead of a trip to Luton, but went to Macclesfield on Saturday and won 2-0 with goals by Karl Connolly and Andy Griffiths.

Today's other Second Division fixtures

- Bournemouth v Manchester City
- Burnley v Reading
- Lincoln v Millwall
- Macclesfield v Oldham
- Northampton v Gillingham
- Notts County v Blackpool
- Preston v Wycombe
- York v Walsall

Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Date	Month	Opposition	Time	Result	Goals	Assists	Appearances	Goalscorers	Assistors
Sat 08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A 3.00pm	1-0	(S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
TUES 11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	H 7.45pm	2-3	(Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 15		PRESTON NORTH END	H 3.00pm	1-1	(Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
TUES 18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	A 7.45pm	3-1	(Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 22		READING	A 3.00pm	0-3		18,108	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 29		COLCHESTER UNITED	H 3.00pm	2-0	(S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
MON 31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm	3-1	(S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H 3.00pm	1-0	(Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
TUES 08		WREXHAM	A 7.45pm	1-1	(McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 12		BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3.00pm	2-0	(S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
TUES 15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	A 7.45pm	1-2	(Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 19		BLACKPOOL	A 3.00pm	0-1		5,695	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
TUES 22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	H 7.45pm	4-2	(Fotiadis, Douglas S.Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 26		WALSALL	H 3.00pm	0-1		5,530	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A 3.00pm	3-1	(Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 10		YORK CITY	A 3.00pm	3-3	(Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm	2-0	(Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
TUES 20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 7.45pm	1-0	(Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 24		GILLINGHAM	A 3.00pm	0-1		5,602	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
TUES 27	WC3	COVENTRY	H 7.45pm	2-0	(Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 31		CHESTERFIELD	H 3.00pm	(postponed)					
SAT 07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A 3.00pm	1-3	(Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
TUES 10	WC4	BARNSELY	H 7.45pm	1-0	(Gray)	8,453	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SUN 15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A 1.00pm	3-2	(Gray 2, S. Davis)	11,772	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 21		LINCOLN CITY	A 3.00pm	2-2	(Gray, Doherty)	4,893	K. Davis	McGowan	Thomas
SAT 28		MANCHESTER CITY	H 3.00pm	1-1	(Doherty)	9,070	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
TUES 01	DECEMBER	SUNDERLAND	A 7.45pm	0-3		35,742	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	H 3.00pm	1-2	(S. Davis)	5,021	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan
SAT 12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A 3.00pm	2-2	(Douglas, Gray)	2,902	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
SAT 19		MILLWALL	H 3.00pm	1-2	(S. Davis)	5,939	K. Davis	McGowan	Fraser
MON 28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A 3.00pm	0-1		8,863	K. Davis	White	Thomas
SAT 02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A 3.00pm	2-2	(Alexander pen, White)	4,694	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas
TUES 05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	H 7.45pm	0-3		1,870	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser
SAT 09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 3.00pm	3-1	(Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063	Davis	Harrison	White
SAT 16		PRESTON NORTH END	A 3.00pm	1-2	(Fotiadis)	11,034	Davis	Harrison	White
SAT 23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm	0-4		4,934	Davis	Harrison	White
SAT 30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H 3.00pm	2-2	(McKinnon, Doherty)	5,426	Davis	Harrison	McGowan
SAT 06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A 3.00pm	2-1	(Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285	Abbey	Harrison	McGowan
SAT 13		WREXHAM	H 3.00pm						
SAT 20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A 3.00pm						
TUES 23		NOTTS COUNTY	H 7.45pm						
SAT 27		BLACKPOOL	H 3.00pm						
SAT 06	MARCH	WALSALL	A 3.00pm						
TUES 09		FULHAM	H 7.45pm						
SAT 13		STOKE CITY	H 3.00pm						
SAT 20		CHESTERFIELD	A 3.00pm						
TUE 23		READING	H 7.45pm						
SAT 27		GILLINGHAM	H 11.30am						
SAT 03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm						
TUES 06		YORK CITY	H 7.45pm						
SAT 10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 3.00pm						
WED 14		MANCHESTER CITY	A 7.45pm						
SAT 17		LINCOLN CITY	H 3.00pm						
SAT 24		NOTTS COUNTY	A 3.00pm						
SAT 01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H 3.00pm						
SAT 08		MILLWALL	A 3.00pm						

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S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	George for Bacqué 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White		
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.		
S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81. Unused: Bacque.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox		
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall.		
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White		
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Marshall	Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Cox	Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 89. Fotiadis for Douglas 74		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren		
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	McLaren for McKinnon 56, Nyamah for McIndoe 57, White for Douglas 82. Unused: Abbey Scarlett		
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Nyamah	McIndoe for Nyamah 62, Doherty for Douglas 66, Spring for McKinnon 89. Unused: White, Abbey		
White	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Davies	Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	Davies	McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 63, McLaren for McKinnon 70, White for McGowan 75. Unused Abbey, McIndoe		
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Doherty	Gray	McLaren	McIndoe for McKinnon 61, Douglas for Doherty 64, Scarlett for McLaren 80. Unused Abbey, Thomas.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82		
S. Davis	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Showler	Fotiadis for Showler 63, White for Gray 77. Unused: McIndoe		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	Harrison	Fotiadis	Gray	Showler	Scarlett for Showler 60; Bacque for Harrison 74. Unused: McIndoe.		
White	Johnson	McLaren	Harrison	Douglas	Gray	Evers	Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser		
White	Dyche	McLaren	Harrison	Bacque	McIndoe	Fotiadis	Kandol for Bacque 58, Doherty for Fotiadis 58, Scarlett for McLaren 72		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Zahana-Oni HT, Scarlett for Douglas 81. Unused: Fraser		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 83, Fraser for McGowan 89. Unused Zahana-Oni		
Dyche	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Fotiadis HT, McIndoe for Zahana-Oni 64. Unused: Scarlett		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Douglas 74; White for Harrison 79. Unused: Scarlett		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McKinnon	Doherty for Douglas 72; Alexander for McKinnon 77; White for McGowan 88.		


Substitutes

TOWN TEASER

BORN in 1914, he joined Luton Town in 1934 and scored 87 goals in 77 appearances. Who is he?

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

TODAY'S REFEREE



A POLICE officer from Staffordshire, Alan Wiley, our referee this afternoon, is very much into football. Having passed the exams to become a referee, he is also a qualified soccer coach, having won his FA preliminary badge. He started refereeing in the Walsall Minor League in 1981, and has moved steadily up the ladder ever since, becoming a Football League linesman in 1991 and a Premiership linesman three years later. He was promoted to the refs' list of the Football League in 1995. Away from work and football, he enjoys running, squash and playing most sports, plus spending time with his family, a wife and two young daughters.

HATTERS AWAY

FOR next Saturday's away game against Bristol Rovers the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour offer reliable coach travel, and bookings can be made at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road today. If you prefer to drive yourself to the Memorial Stadium, where Rovers are tenants of Bristol RFC, it's a very simple journey, about 150 miles each way, and almost all of it motorway. Take the M1 south out of Luton, the M25 west and then the M4 west. Leave M4 at junction 19, on the M32, signposted to Bristol. Leave M32 at junction 2, and turn right, signposted to Fishponds and Horfield. Where the road forks, bear right, and at the sixth set of traffic lights, about a quarter of a mile further on, turn left into Filton Avenue. The ground is on your left, and there is plenty of street parking in the area.



The Teams

Luton Town v Wrexham



Kelvin Davis	1	1 Mark Cartwright
Graham Alexander	2	2 Mark McGregor
Gerry Harrison	3	3 Philip Hardy
Matthew Spring	4	4 David Brammer
Sean Dyche	5	5 Dean Spink
Marvin Johnson	6	6 Brian Carey
Sean Evers	7	7 Martyn Chalk
Paul McLaren	8	8 Kevin Russell
Gary Doherty	9	9 Karl Connolly
Andrew Fotiadis	10	10 Carl Griffiths
Ray McKinnon	11	11 Jeff Whitley
Phil Gray	12	12 Dave Ridler
Alan White	13	13 Robin Gibson
Landry Zahana-Oni	14	14 Jake Edwards

Referee: Alan Wiley, Staffordshire
Assistants: P. Armstrong, Thatcham (yellow flag)
 R. J. Beeby, Northants (yellow & red flag)
Reserve official: C. Reeve, Huntingdon



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