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**Brian Swain reports**

**I WAS hoping today to bring fresh news of developments in the boardroom after David Kohler's decision to resign as chairman as soon as he can divest himself of his controlling interest in Luton Town. He and the other three directors are trying to arrange a meeting to begin sorting things out, but as we went to press they had not got together face to face.**

So there is nothing new to report beyond what was in Tuesday's magazine, which gave a full account of the week's events. If you missed it, copies of Tuesday's programme are still available at the ticket office.

**Resignation**

Mick Harford has severed his links with Loyal Luton Supporters Club, who distributed leaflets at the match a fortnight ago. Mick, a much-respected player who performed wonders for Luton Town, is now a coach at Wimbledon. The leaflet named Mick as the LLSC President.

He has written to Mr Kohler about the leaflet and its "unsavoury remarks about yourself, which are attributed to myself.

"Let me assure you that I was not personally contacted before this publication went to print, and had no prior knowledge of its content. Consequentially, I wish to totally and absolutely disassociate myself from any comments contained within it. I would also like to take this opportunity to apologise to you for any personal distress, upset or embarrassment this article may have caused.

"In the meantime I shall be writing to the Loyal Luton Supporters Association to let them know of my annoyance that they printed material attributed to me without my prior consent and to relinquish my presidency of their association forthwith."

We reported on Tuesday that the Met Police were considering the leaflet as part of their investigation into the attack on Mr Kohler's home and Loyal Luton said this week they vehemently denied any knowledge or involvement with the petrol bomb incident.

**Colourful**

To get back to more cheerful matters, plenty of readers spotted the trivia possibilities of the Town's squad on Tuesday night. Has any other club had three colours on the subs' bench, as we did in White, Gray and Scarlett?

And talking of trivia, here's another: why will Robert Fleck always remember Luton Town even though he never played for them? After nearly 400 league games in England for Norwich and Chelsea, injury has forced him to retire at the age of 33. He ended his career at Reading, and the last of his 92 league goals - I still think he was well offside - was against us, at the Majedski Stadium on the day it opened.

**Moving on**

Kofi Nyamah, the trialist who had just one full first team game for us, in the FA Cup at Borehamwood, is now playing in the Nationwide Conference for Kingstonian. He had



**FRUSTRATION:**  
**Stuart Douglas in athletic action against Notts County on Tuesday, when the Town struggled to find their form and went down to their second 0-1 defeat in four days.**

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a chance to knock Kettering off the top on Saturday, but whacked a penalty against the bar and the leaders won 2-1.

Also on the move, back to the USA, is Ian Feuer, the goalkeeper who left us to go back home nearly a year ago. After a loan to Rushden and Diamonds, and rave reviews in an FA Cup-tie against Leeds United, he tried to find a new club in this country. We hoped he would, so that we would collect a few bob on the sell-on clause in last year's transfer to New England. We collect if he joins a club in this country.

Feuer had trials with Leicester City, and also tried his luck in Scotland, but all in vain, and has now returned to the USA and signed for Colorado Rapids. It wasn't a big bucks deal - it was a player-swap arrangement.

**Belated Congratulations**

Because we had one or two other matters to report, the matchday magazine for the Notts County game was unable to find space to say happy birthday to Mrs Renee Degnan, from Sundon Park. She was 78 on Tuesday, so the game was not much of a present. "I have been a supporter since I was 12," she wrote. "I used to go with my father and stand on the terraces, packed like sardines. If one person moved, we all did, but it was a very friendly atmosphere."

"I remember special moments: Joe Payne's ten-goal performance in 1936, the 1959 Wembley run in the FA Cup, and the 1988 Littlewoods Cup triumph.

"I also have another very special memory, from 1974, when Luton Town played Sunderland in a thrilling match. We lost 3-4 but it was still a great day as we had already celebrated our team's promotion to the First Division. I was one of the lucky ladies who received a bouquet of flowers from one of the players, Peter Anderson."

Thanks to her son Mrs Degnan is still a season ticket holder in the New Stand, having previously watched from the old Bobbers Stand and then the main stand. Her two sons and their children are also loyal supporters, with one family travelling from Yorkshire and the other from Middlesex for home games.

They were hoping a good win would be Mrs Degnan's perfect birthday present on Tuesday. We're sorry she didn't get it, but hope she has a belated present today.

**Where's Mick?**

Paul Walshaw, from Sheffield, is trying to add Mick Cullen's to his autograph collection, but cannot find out where he is now. Cullen, a very lively character, played for us for seven years, and was in the squad that won promotion to the First Division in 1955. A year later he was capped by Scotland. He began as a not very brilliant centre-forward, but became a highly talented winger. Mick was still attending Town matches until a few years ago, and we think he might still be in this area. If so, Mr Walshaw, whose particular interest is autographs of players from the 1950s and 1960s, would appreciate a call. His phone number is 01142 306854.

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## Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances				Goals				
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Alexander	22(1)	7	2	0	31(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	3(3)	1(1)	0	0	4(4)	0	0	0	0
Davis	29	7	2	0	38	0	0	0	0
Douglas	26	6	1(1)	0	33(1)	7	2	0	9
Doherty	4(9)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	5(12)	5	0	0	5
Dyche	8	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
Evers	27	7	2	1	37	3	1	0	4
Fotiadis	6(8)	1(1)	0	1	8(9)	2	1	0	3
Fraser	1(1)	0	0	1	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Gray	22(3)	6	2	0	30(3)	6	3	2	11
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0
Harrison	8	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
Johnson	28	7	1	0	36	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	20(1)	7	2	0	29(1)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	9(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	12(6)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	21(1)	4(1)	2	0	27(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	11(3)	1(3)	2	1	15(6)	0	1	0	1
Scarlett	2(4)	0	0(1)	0(1)	2(6)	1	0	0	1
Showler	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Spring	29	7	1(1)	0	37(1)	1	0	0	1
Thomas	11(5)	3	0	0	14(5)	0	0	0	0
White	9(13)	0(3)	1	1	11(16)	1	0	0	1
Zahana-Oni	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	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.

# Lennie Lawrence

## from the manager's chair



TUESDAY'S home defeat against Notts County completed the worst week in Luton Town's recent history. We had a High Court case hearing on Wednesday, a deplorable incident leading to the chairman deciding to resign on Friday, a defeat at Bristol on Saturday and the rejection of the Kohlerdome plan on Monday. Then we lost at home again, and to pile on the misery we have lost Sean Evers, who needs an operation, and Marvin Johnson for this afternoon's game.

I have lived through some funny old times in football, but never have I experienced such a bizarre set of circumstances like the ones we have faced here.

With various other injury problems, we were restricted in our team choice for the visit of Notts County but I thought we were bright enough in the opening ten or 15 minutes, but we couldn't convert the half-chances, and gradually it became a case of having plenty of possession without being able to break County down.

I felt that we might be taking a tiny step in the right direction with a draw and a rare clean sheet, but even that was denied us. I don't know whether Kevin Rapley handled to put the ball into our net, but even if he did he should never have been given the opportunity from a set piece. Our marking left much to be desired, and dodgy goals, for or against, are part of football.

I thought that overall we deserved a draw, but the performance was uninspiring, and lacked quality. There was commitment and effort, and on another day we might have got something out of it - a few inches to the side, and Jimmy Cox's shot would have been in the net instead of hitting a post, and the "goal" ruled out for offside could have secured us a point. We were slightly unfortunate to get nothing out of the game.

I have had a go at fans in the past, but I have no quarrel with them on Tuesday night's showing. It was good to hear them getting behind the team when we were trying to pull it back and the hostility towards me at the final whistle was understandable. The buck stops with me, and I would rather be the target of abuse than see it

directed to players when they are doing their best.

It all means that this afternoon's game is vital, and I suspect it might pose problems similar to those Notts County posed. I am sure Blackpool will work hard to make it difficult for us to get through them, so we will have to be bright enough to solve the problem.

We will be without Evers, Johnson, Andrew Fotiadis and Gary Doherty, but that means others have opportunities to stake claims for places.

The need today is to put the trials and tribulations behind us. Things going on in the background may not be helpful to the team, but players are paid to play, and there is a job to be done.

We must all, supporters included, keep our spirits up. A win or two could make a huge difference and do wonders for confidence, and three points today could be the tonic we need.



Lennie Lawrence



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# Marv in charge

captain's log



**IT LOOKS** as though I am going to be no more than a spectator today, but I will be in the stand supporting the team and hopefully cheering a much-needed victory.

I've got a groin strain which started aching quite early in Tuesday's match and I knew before half-time that I ought not to play on with it. I had something similar earlier this season, and missed the match at Reading, but because it was treated early I was back after only one game on the sidelines.

I hope that will be the case again this time, and that I might be OK within a week or so - I would hate to think it would take ages at a time when it is obvious we need every fit player we can muster. Another home defeat on Tuesday was as big a disappointment for us as it must have been for the supporters. It's very frustrating because we don't know why we fail to hit form at home. Against Notts County the whole team seemed on edge, and when you are under pressure to perform the frustration gets worse when things don't go according to plan. Sometimes you try too hard. Sometimes you get frightened to express yourself in your football.

Whatever the reason, we have got to sort it out, and I am sure we will. And for the record, the lads involved know that the decisive goal should have been ruled out. It was a hand, not a head, which pushed the ball into the net, which was why there were so many protests to the referee. He didn't see it that way, and as the boss says, there's no point in moaning about it. The ref said it was a goal, and therefore it was.

We were grateful that the supporters still tried to give us a lift as we tried to get an equaliser, and we're only sorry we couldn't deliver.

You might wonder if the events off the field have any effect on playing performances, but I don't think they do. Once you go onto the pitch you focus on the game, and on your part in it, and you forget about everything else.

I think we are suffering for not having enough experience in the squad, and of course injuries (especially to seasoned old pros like me!) cause problems when they mean you have too many

young players in the side.

We are waiting to hear if Sean Dyche and Gerry Harrison will be staying with us. They have both made an impact, and the dressing room view is that they are assets. I enjoy playing alongside Sean, and he is enjoying his football with us. He is an experienced campaigner, as is Gerry, and they have both fitted in very well.

I hope they both play this afternoon,

and I will be trying to remain in my seat.

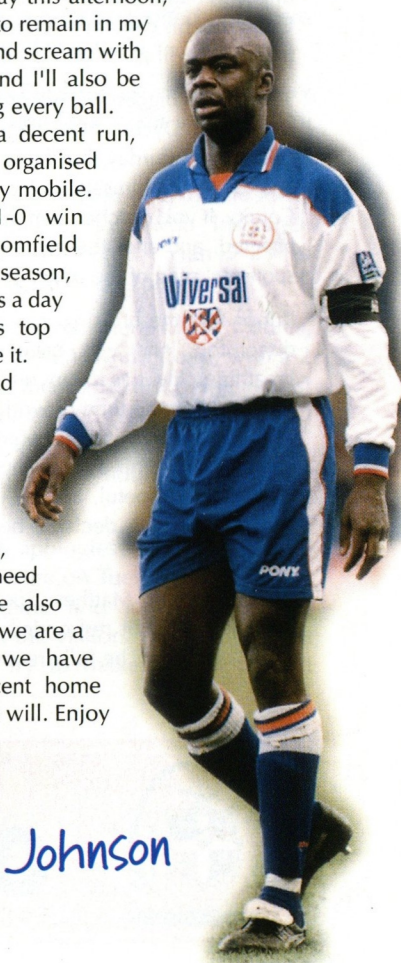
But I'll shout and scream with the best of them, and I'll also be kicking and heading every ball.

Blackpool are on a decent run, and they are well organised and strong, and very mobile.

They nicked a 1-0 win against us at Bloomfield Road earlier in the season,

and if ever there was a day when revenge was top priority, this must be it.

Good runs and bad runs all have to end one day, and our bad one has gone on more than long enough. I hope we all enjoy the game, but most of all we need a good result. We also want to prove that we are a better team than we have shown you in recent home matches. I think we will. Enjoy the game.



Marvin Johnson





# Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

**IT WAS not only the result that was painful on Tuesday night - by the end of the evening we had four more players needing treatment, with at least one, Marvin Johnson, certain to miss this afternoon's game.**

He suffered a groin strain during the first half against Notts County, and could not resume after half-time. Thanks to his experience, he knew it would be unwise to try to play on through the pain, because that would only have made the injury worse. As it is, with early treatment, we might get him over it within a week or two. Doubtless his captain's column elsewhere in this magazine will give you his personal view.

The second biggest worry from Tuesday's game is over Sean Dyche. He suffered bruised ribs at Bristol on Saturday, but he is a tough character and declared himself fit for the visit of Notts County. If you watched him, he seemed not to be affected, and after the game he was named the sponsors' man of the match.

But in fact the bruising was giving him serious discomfort, and was beginning to affect his breathing. He has been under treatment ever since, and at the time of writing it was a case of wait and see how it goes before a decision could be made about his availability for today. He and I were both hopeful, and we can afford to wait and make a late decision because his general fitness is A1.

Jimmy Cox and Matthew Spring both collected ankle knocks, but responded well to treatment, and they should be fully recovered by today.

The news is not so good on Sean Evers. A specialist discovered that he had a stomach muscle tear, and he went into a clinic on Thursday for an operation to repair it. It is routine surgery, and he was expecting to be back home yesterday. He will have to rest for a week or so, and then do a little very gentle training. As a young and very fit man he will make a quick recovery, but at this stage we are expecting him to be out of first team contention for perhaps six weeks.

Gerry Harrison, who missed Tuesday's game with a hamstring strain, was back in full training on Thursday, and I am optimistic that he will be fit again for today.

Thankfully, Andrew Fotiadis is on the way back after an ankle injury received against Wrexham. Fears that it might be a fracture were cleared up by X-rays. He has a a ligament injury, but he is now running again. We will monitor his progress carefully and perhaps step up the pace in the next few days and then it should not be too long before he is in first team contention again.

*Clive Goodyear*



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# Cherry Newbery

club secretary

**THESE are difficult times at Luton Town, but it has been business as usual at Kenilworth Road this week, with all the normal admin paperwork to be done, and teams to be prepared for matches.**

The office staff are also a team, and like everyone else our only aim is to see the team on the pitch playing well and winning. This is a time when we must all - including supporters - pull together.

As I promised in my notes for the Notts County programme, I am able to confirm football diary dates that have been notified.

If you are still sorting out your summer holiday arrangements, perhaps the biggest one is Saturday August 7 - that is the day next season will kick off for both the Premiership and the Nationwide League. The first leg of the first round of the Worthington Cup will be in the week immediately afterwards, with the second leg on August 23.

Before then there are several big Wembley dates to round off this season. First up is the Worthington Cup final on Sunday March 21, followed by the Auto Windscreens Shield final on Sunday April 18. We were keeping a Luton Town eye on that date: the day before we will play Lincoln City at home, and they reached the semi-final of the Southern Area. If they had got through for a Wembley appearance our game against them would have been postponed. In the event, Wrexham did us a favour, winning 2-1 at Sincil Bank thanks to a "golden goal" in extra time.

The FA Cup final will be on Saturday May 22, and the last Nationwide League play-off finals in the old stadium, before its major

refurbishment, will be on the following bank holiday weekend.

The Division Three play-off final will be on Saturday May 29, with Division Two taking the stage on the following day and promotion to the Premiership being decided on bank holiday Monday, May 31.

Our reserves have completed their mid-winter sojourn at Leighton Town, finishing with a 1-1 draw with Barnet, which is reported elsewhere in today's matchday magazine.

They are away to Biggleswade on Wednesday (7.30pm) in the semi-final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

We now have a re-arranged date for the away game with Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination: it will be on March 29 at Boreham Wood FC, kick-off 2pm.

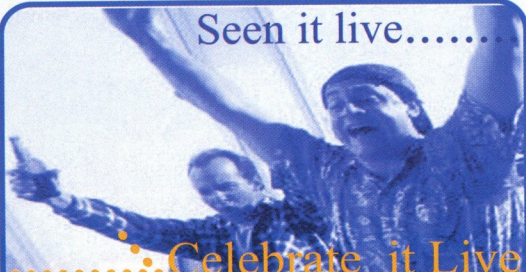
The reserves have three more home fixtures, and will be back at Kenilworth Road, with a 2 pm start, for all of them, the first being against Wycombe Wanderers on Wednesday March 17. Admission is free to season ticket holders. For others it is £2 for adults, and £1 for concessions.

Finally today, my apologies to supporters who were in the enclosure on Tuesday night for the Notts County game and found their view impaired around the visitors' dug-out. We are taking steps to try to make sure it doesn't happen again.

*Cherry Newbery*



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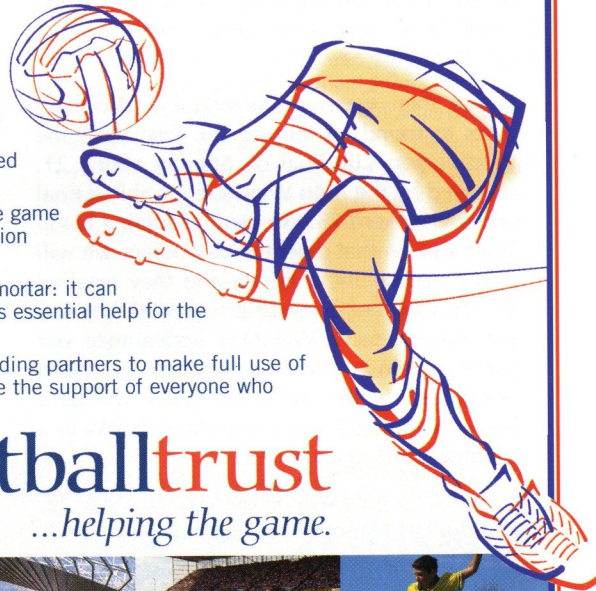
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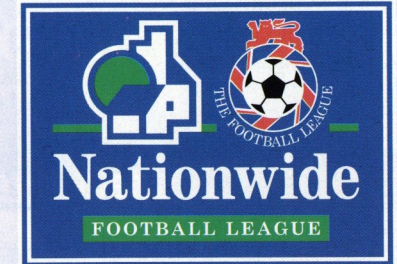
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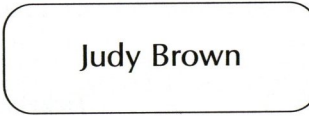
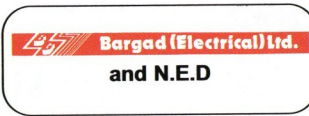
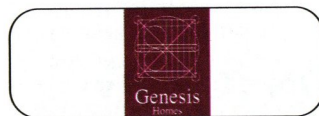
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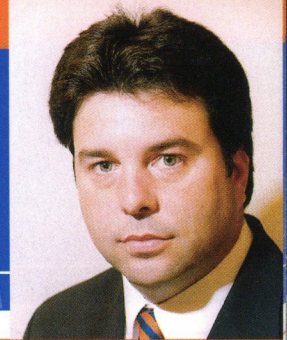
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WE HAVE visitors from far and wide in our sponsors' and guest lounges this afternoon. Our match sponsors are Grant James and friends, and this is the second time they have given us their valuable support this season, having done the same earlier for the game against Manchester City.

We also welcome five visitors from the Philippines, who are in this country on an exchange visit organised by Rotary International.

Today they are being hosted by Luton Rotary Club, and as well as our foreign visitors we extend a warm welcome to Luton Rotary President John Worboys, and his past-president colleagues John Maddocks and Jack Sapsworth.

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## Golden Gamble




IT WAS not all bad news on Tuesday night for Town supporter Phil Barrett, from Wootton. He was the lucky fan whose £1 ticket was pulled out of the drum to win the night's Golden Gamble jackpot, and he collected £378 in cash.

Holding the money is Christopher Swan, 8, who was picked out of the crowd to make the draw.

It's no secret the club needs every penny it can find, so every purchaser of Golden Gamble tickets is making a contribution which is much appreciated.

Golden Gamble tickets are sold in all parts of the ground, offering supporters the chance to collect a wad of ready 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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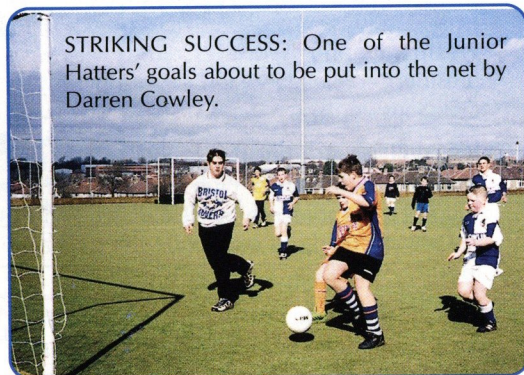
**WE HAVE to admit that we did not much enjoy the result when the Town played Bristol Rovers on Saturday, but that apart the Junior Hatters had a cracking day out.**

Rovers have a similar organisation, the Young Pirates, and the welcome they offered renewed a few old friendships and made many more new ones. We played a football match against them, and hoped it would be an omen when we managed to win 3-2. The Pirates plundered the first goal (ouch!) but Darren Cowley got two for us. A penalty allowed the home team to equalise, but Glenn Lewis headed a late winner for us. Our hosts were sporting losers, and invited us to join them in the Young Pirates clubhouse, and provided a bag of sweets and a drink for every Junior Hatter. To underline the point that we are all friends together in sport, they also gave us an invitation to supply a Luton mascot for the day, and as you will see from the

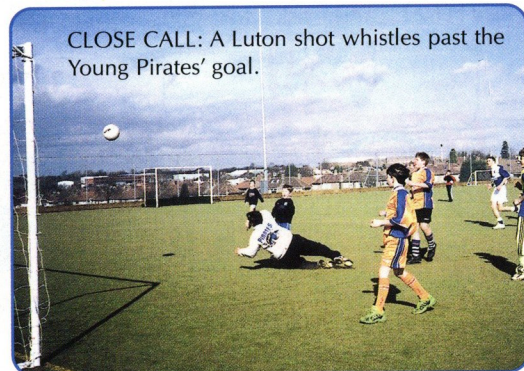
picture Aaron Coleman was chosen. Our coach to Bristol was not quite full because a lot of Junior Hatters were away on school trips for the half-term holiday, but we expect good demand for next week's trip, to Walsall. Like us, Walsall believe in fostering friendship between young supporters, and the plans for next week include a penalty shoot-out competition between their juniors and ours. As usual, the fare is a bargain £10 for Junior Hatters and £12 for guests, but bookings must be made in advance through the ticket office in Kenilworth Road. They can be taken by phone, with payment by credit card, and the ticket office is also the place to ask about joining the Junior Hatters.

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**STRIKING SUCCESS:** One of the Junior Hatters' goals about to be put into the net by Darren Cowley.



**CLOSE CALL:** A Luton shot whistles past the Young Pirates' goal.

## Today's Mascot



NINE-year-old Louise Blockwell will meet one of her heroes today. She is the Junior Hatters mascot, which means that before the game she meets all the Town players, including her favourite, Stuart Douglas.

Louise will then run out onto the pitch with the team for the pre-match kick-about, and join skipper Marvin Johnson at the toss-up.

Louise comes to matches with her mum and dad, and her two sisters. She lives at Poplar Road, Kensworth, and attends Ashton Middle School, Dunstable. Her hobbies are dancing, swimming and the brownies.

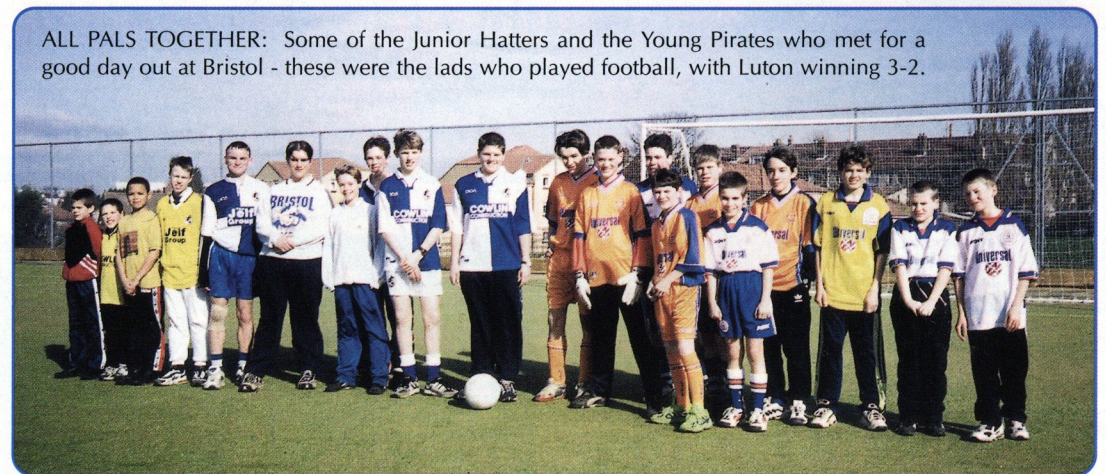
Today's ballboys are James Crocker of Slough and Stephen Lee of Caddington. Both have just celebrated birthdays on February 9 - James was ten and Stephen was 14.

OUR Saturday Club for Junior Hatters was in full swing again before this afternoon's game. We start at mid-day with games and football, before a sausage and chips lunch, more games, and then the match. The cost is only £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more details, please contact the ticket office.



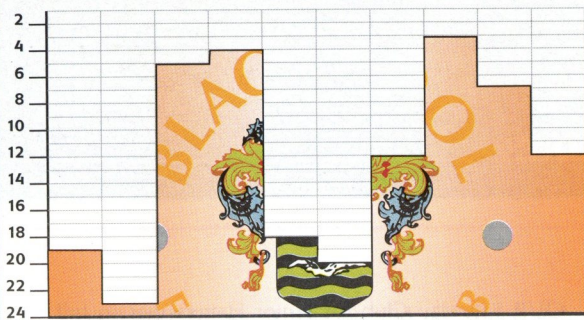
**AWAYDAY MASCOT:** Bristol Rovers very kindly invited us to provide a Luton Town mascot on Saturday, and the honour went to Aaron Coleman, who was on the Junior Hatters trip to the Memorial Ground. He is pictured with the match officials and skippers just before kick-off.

**ALL PALS TOGETHER:** Some of the Junior Hatters and the Young Pirates who met for a good day out at Bristol - these were the lads who played football, with Luton winning 3-2.





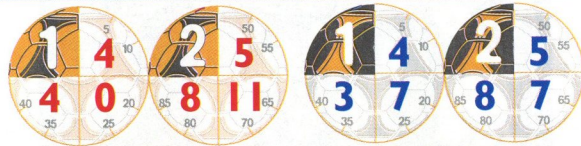
### Blackpool's last ten years - the full record



Div.	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
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Lg.C.	3	3	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	2

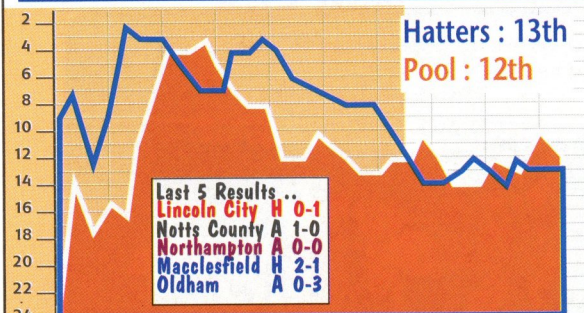
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Goals	11	8	17	27	16	20	18	14	15	13
Ave Att	4,277	4,077	4,058	4,362	5,501	4,756	4,763	5,818	4,987	5,212

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



POOLS' BAD BOYS		HATTERS' HARD MEN	
Bryan.....7	Nowland ..2	McGowan .7	Davis K...1
Carlisle...7	Thompson.2	McLaren .5	Doherty...1
Bushell...6	Bent.....2	Alexander 4	Dyche.....1
Butler...6	Blunt.....1	Davis S...4	Evers.....1
Clarkson...5	Conroy...1	McKinnon 4	Harrison...1
Hills.....5	Hughes...3	Douglas...3	Scarlett...1
Ormerod...5	Jarrett...1	Johnson...3	Spring...1
Brabin...4	Lawson...1	George...2	White.....1
Bardsley...3	Malkin...1	Gray.....2	
Patterson .3		McIndoe...2	
Shuttleworth 3		Thomas....2	

### League Positions throughout the season



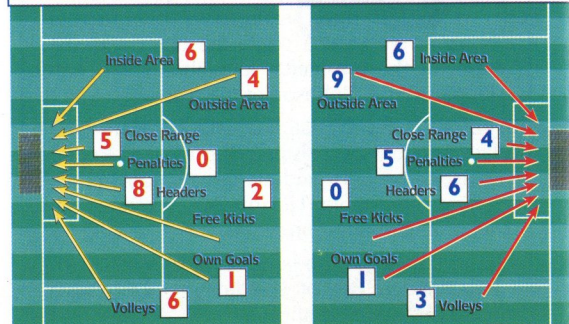
### When The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



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

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gl					
Steven Banks	G	30		27	60	1302	Gillingham	
Phil Clarkson	M	30	5	30	510	1205	Scunthorpe	
Steve Bushell	M	28	3	26	59	1105	York	
Marvin Bryan	D	27	1	23	60	1202	QPR	
David Bardsley	D	23		34	510	1203	QPR	England
Clarke Carlisle	D	22(5)	1	19	61	1207		
Chris Malkin	F	21(2)	1	31	63	1209	Millwall	
Brett Ormerod	F	17(9)	3	22	511	1104	Accrington	
Ian Hughes	D	17(2)	1	24	511	1200	Bury	Wales U21
Tony Butler	D	17		26	62	1200	Gillingham	
Martin Aldridge	F	16(2)	6	24	511	1203	Oxford	
Phil Thompson	D	16(1)	2	17	511	1200		
John Hills	D	16	1	20	59	1008	Everton	
Barry Shuttleworth	D	10	1	21	58	1000	Rotherham	
Junior Bent	F	9(14)	1	28	55	1006	Bristol City	
Mark Patterson	F	7		33	58	1112	Bury	
Adam Nowland	F	6(16)	1	17	511	1106		
Mike Conroy	F	6(1)		33	60	1304	Fulham	
Gary Brabin	M	5(2)		28	511	1408	Bury	
Steve Garvey	F	2(5)	1	25	59	1009	Crewe	
Phillip Robinson	D	2(3)		17	-	-		
Anton Rogan	D	2(2)		32	60	1300	Millwall	N Ire
Jason Blunt	M	1(1)		21	59	1010	Leeds	Eng Yth
Phil Barnes	G	1		19	61	1101	Rotherham	
Jason Jarrett	M	1		19	-	-		

### How Blackpool have scored goals... and conceded them



## Hatters v Blackpool

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sequence
Luton Town	1	1	4	5	11	4	LLLWDL
Blackpool	2	2	2	3	5	8	LWDWLD

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### How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



# Blackpool

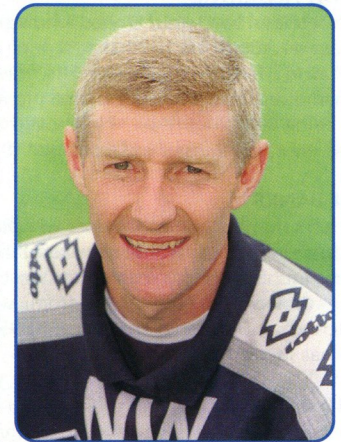
welcome to today's visitors

### NIGEL WORTHINGTON (Manager)

Nigel Worthington was appointed on July 8th 1997 to his first managerial post. Nigel is an experienced Northern Ireland International with 66 caps and he has been captain on a number of occasions. During his illustrious career he played at left back or in midfield but stated he would only play in an emergency and in his first year played just a handful of games in the early part of the season before retiring to concentrate on his management role.

He comes from Ballymena and was a Youth International and captain before joining Notts. County in 1981. He was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday in 1984 where he spent 10 years in which time they were Coca Cola winners and runners-up and F.A. Cup runners-up. He went to Leeds United for £325,000 in 1994 and in 1996 to Stoke City. He made over 600 Football League and Cup appearances.

During his first season he was very busy in the transfer market reshaping the side by selling established players Tony Ellis, Micky Mellon and James Quinn whilst bringing in John Hills, Ian Hughes, Junior Bent and Mike Conroy. He also released the experienced Andy Preece, Jason Lydiate and Dave Linighan at the end of the 1997/8 season as he started to rebuild the squad. He is already proving to be very shrewd in his transfer activity and in his ability to bring young players into the team whilst not upsetting the balance.



**Back row (left to right)** Gary Brabin, James Quinn, Chris Malkin, Tony Butler, Henry Heighton, Steve Banks, Phil Barnes, Clark Carlisle, Phil Clarkson, Jamie Cross, Mike Davies.  
**Middle row:** Mick Hennigan (Coach), Alan Crawford, Paul Carden, Darren Bradshaw, Brett Ormerod, Keith Russell, Ben Dixon, John Reid, Jason Lydiate, Tony Ellis, Paul Kelly (Physio).  
**Front row:** Jackie Burke, Fred O'Donoghue, Paul Haddow, Marvin Bryan, Mark Bonner, Nigel Worthington (Manager), Dave Linighan, Micky Mellon, Andy Preece, Lee Philpott, Jack Chapman



### MARTIN ALDRIDGE

Striker released by Oxford United who signed a two year contract on August 1st 1998 after scoring 4 goals in two pre-season friendly games. His first club was Northampton Town where he signed pro in August 1993 after being a trainee their. He moved on to Oxford United on a free transfer in December 1995.

### STEVE BANKS

The club's number one goalkeeper who has missed only one game in the last two seasons and that only through suspension. Started his career at West Ham United before moving to Gillingham from where he was transferred to Blackpool in August 1995 for £60,000. Steve has made 141 apps. for the club.

### DAVID BARDSLEY

Former Blackpool trainee who is returning to his first club after leaving nearly fifteen years ago. He has signed a two year contract on July 2nd 1998 after being released by Q.P.R. A former England International, he left Blackpool after a short period as a pro when he signed for Watford for £150,000 in November 1983. He has also appeared for Oxford United. David will add great experience and pace to our defence.

### PHIL BARNES

Very highly rated 19 year old goalkeeper who cost the club £100,000 from Rotherham United in the summer of 1997 as cover and understudy to Steve Banks. He has continued to improve and is now pushing Steve all the way. Made just 1 first team appearance deputising for Steve at Plymouth when suspended in April 1998.

### JUNIOR BENT

Very speedy and tricky winger who came from Bristol City in August 1997. Scored some important goals last season including the winners away at both Oldham and Burnley. He started his career at Huddersfield Town before moving to Bristol City. Whilst at Huddersfield he also had loan spells at Burnley, Stoke City and Shrewsbury Town. Made 30 full and a further 11 sub. appearances for Blackpool scoring 3 goals.

### JASON BLUNT

Jason signed on a free transfer for a two year contract from Leeds United on June 8th 1998. A young midfielder who has represented England at youth level but found opportunities at Leeds United rare.

### MARVIN BRYAN

Right full back or wing back who cost £20,000 from Q.P.R. in August 1995. Popular with the crowd for his attacking raids down the right flank. He has so far managed only one goal per season but each has been spectacular. He has made 145 + 4 sub apps. with 3 goals for the club.

### STEVE BUSHELL

Signed under the Bosman ruling on a free transfer from York City on a three year contract on June 18th 1998. A hardworking midfielder he was York's 'Player of the Year' in 1997/8. Steve hails from Manchester but started his career at York signing pro in 1991.

### TONY BUTLER

Central Defender who cost £240,000 from Gillingham in July 1996. A very consistent performer who missed only a few games since arriving at Bloomfield Road. He was the subject of transfer speculation last season but stuck to his task well. Tony has made 90 + 1 sub appearance scoring one goal to the end of the 97/8 season.

### CLARKE CARLISLE

Young defender who looks a tremendous prospect after coming through the youth ranks. Scored the winner on only his second first team appearance for the club against Carlisle United. He has signed a two year extension to his contract in the summer of 1998. He has now cemented a regular place in the side following injury to Tony Butler.

### STEVE GARVEY

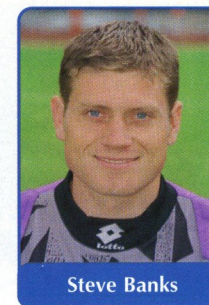
Signed on a three year contract on July 14th 1998 after being released by Crewe Alex, his only previous club. He has two good feet and is happy on either wing and has caused problems for many a defence.

### PHIL CLARKSON

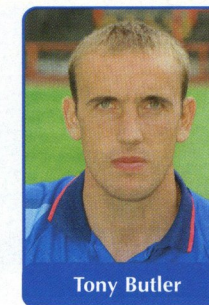
Midfielder signed from Scunthorpe United for £80,000 in February 1997 and known as 'The Ghost'. Soon made an impact from midfield with 16 goals last term which made him the club's top scorer. Supporters remember his goals against Burnley home and away and his 2 goals at Preston. He is a local player who started at Fleetwood before signing for Crewe and moving on to Scunthorpe. Signed a new four year contract in September 98.



Junior Bent



Steve Banks



Tony Butler



### MIKE CONROY

Experienced striker who was signed from Fulham for £50,000 in March 1998. He has been a consistent goal scorer in his career at Clydebank, St Mirren, Reading, Burnley, Preston North End and Fulham. Has made 5 + 1 sub appearance for the club.

### JOHN HILLS

Left back who was signed in February 1998 from Everton for £75,000 after a three month loan spell. He was previously a trainee at Blackpool before going to Everton in November 1995. A local lad who played youth football with the YMCA. club and has proved an excellent purchase with his performances culminating in his first ever league goal at Deepdale in last seasons 3-3 draw with Preston. He has made 21 appearances with 1 goal.

### IAN HUGHES

Signed from Bury in October 1997 as part of the deal which saw Tony Ellis move to Gigg Lane. He has been used in both defence and midfield and is a very honest hardworking, determined player. Bury was his only previous club. Ian has made 23 + 1 sub appearance.

### JASON JARRETT

Young midfielder who having come through the youth ranks has just signed as a first year professional. Made his debut coming on as substitute in the FA Cup first round at Wigan Athletic in November 1998.

### STEVE LONGWORTH

Hardworking young forward who has recently signed a pro contract after coming through the clubs youth ranks. Whilst still an apprentice he made 3 appearances for the club.

### CHRIS MALKIN

Club record signing from Millwall in October 1996 at a fee of £275,000. An experienced striker who started at Tranmere Rovers but has had consistent injury problems recently. Scored 9 goals in 12 reserve appearances last year but his first team appearances were restricted. However he did score a memorable goal after coming on as sub against Gillingham last season. 23 + 21 sub appearances with 5 goals.

### ADAM NOWLAND

Young striker who signed a two and a half year contract in January 1999. He is a consistent scorer at youth and reserve levels. Made his debut as sub in the last game of the 1997/8 season. Earlier this season he came on as sub against Luton Town to score the only goal of the game in the last minute.

### BRETT ORMEROD

Speedy young striker signed from Accrington Stanley in March 1997. Had one spell in the senior team in mid season scoring in consecutive games but was mainly featured in the reserves. He was previously a YTS at Blackburn Rovers and top scorer at Accrington before leaving. This season he has played just behind the two central strikers to greater effect.

### PHIL ROBINSON

Local lad, a defender who has signed a one and a half year contract in January 1999. Phil has come through the YTS ranks and made his first team debut as sub at Bournemouth earlier this season.

### ANTON ROGAN

Experienced defender released by Millwall in 1997 who signed a two year contract. A Northern Ireland International. Came from Distillery to Glasgow Celtic in 1986 then to Sunderland, Oxford United and Millwall. A resolute defender who is good in the air. We have yet to see his full potential as he played only 2 games before suffering a serious injury which kept him out for the rest of the season apart from a couple of late season reserve team appearances. Made one sub appearance this season only to come off injured some 20 minutes later.

### BARRY SHUTTLEWORTH

Signed a two year contract after an initial three month contract as cover on the left hand side of the defence. Barry, a trainee at Bury before signing a professional contract, subsequently moved to Rotherham United who released him at the end of the 1997/8 season. Took full advantage of a run in the pre-season friendly games to earn the chance to get a 3 month contract which was subsequently extended to a two year deal in September 1998 after a series of good performances. He is now competing directly with John Hills for the left back spot.

### PHIL THOMPSON

Young central defender who signed a three year contract with the club in September 1998 whilst still a second year YTS. Phil is a local lad who made his first team debut in the final home game of the 1997/8 season. Th's year injuries to Tony Butler and Ian Hughes led to him getting his chance which he grabbed and consolidated, not only with good performances, but also by scoring 2 vital goals in his first 4 appearances.

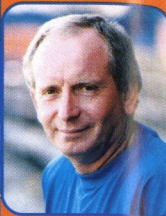


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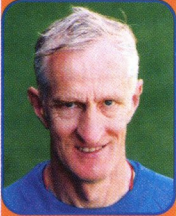
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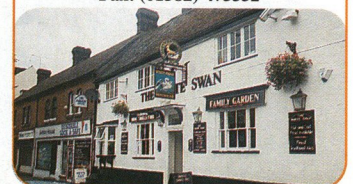
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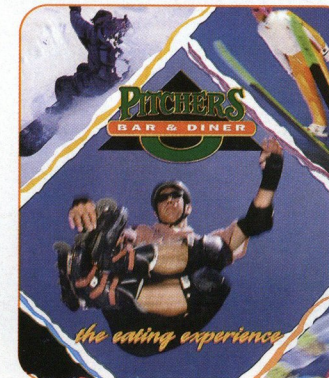
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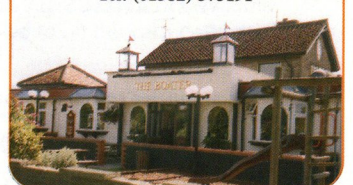
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# Hatters on card

by Alan Robinson

## The Master Vending Co Ltd - Football Tips, 1958

THIS week we feature another of the bubble-gum cards of the 1950s, from a set of 50 which included three Town heroes of that era in caricature form. In fact there were six cards to look out for in this "Cardmaster Football Tips" series. Allan Brown, Bob Morton and Gordon Turner all appeared twice, although one of cartoonist Paul Trevillion's drawings of Morton looked more like Syd Owen!

However, it is the legendary Turner who is perhaps captured best in this set, as you can judge from card No. 50, which is illustrated here.

Throughout the history of the Football League there have been only 11 players who have scored more goals for one club than Gordon Turner did for Luton. His record of 243 goals will probably never be beaten at this club. It is therefore fitting that this one-club man was honoured as the local hero in the Football League's recent search to establish the all-time favourite at each league club.

Turner was signed by the Town in 1950 by Dally Duncan, and the fact that the Luton boss and Gordon's father were once team-mates at Hull City probably had a hand in this. Originally a wing-half, Gordon was given a run-out at inside forward in December 1951 and scored his first goals - a hat-trick - in the 6-1 thrashing of West Ham on Boxing Day. The rest is history.

Gordon was top scorer in 1953-54 and repeated that feat for the next four seasons. His best haul in the league was in 1957-58, with 33 goals, which was one more than in the promotion season three years earlier.

Despite this prolific output, the England cap he so richly deserved was not forthcoming. More disappointment followed in 1959, when he missed out on the FA Cup run to Wembley.

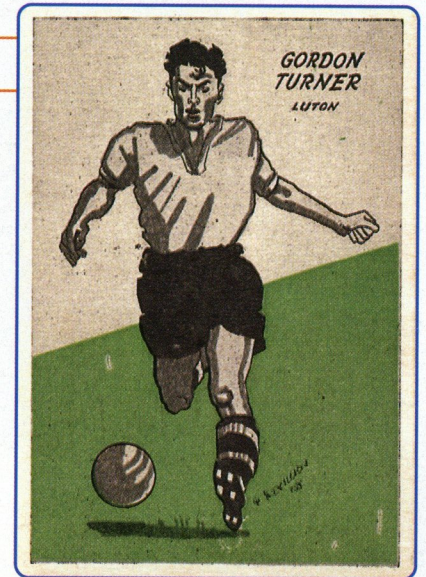
When I had the privilege of meeting him some years later I asked which had been the bigger disappointment. "I would have loved to play at Wembley, just once," was his diplomatic reply. He also said he had no regrets about spending his whole career at Luton.

After the cup final Turner found his form again, and in season 1960-61 and 1961-62 was again our leading scorer, often playing at centre-forward.

He eventually left in 1964 after 438 league and cup matches for the Town, and then turned out for Wisbech and Kettering Town.

Sadly, after being in partnership with former team-mate Wally Shanks in a retail sports business, Gordon fell victim to multiple sclerosis, and passed away in December 1976.

A full set of these Cardmaster Football Tips is now catalogued at £40 in the latest edition of "Cigarette Card Values", which is produced by Murrays of Hendon, and is acknowledged to be the card collectors' bible.







**Kelvin Davis**

**Born:** Bedford 29.9.76

**Previous clubs:** None, except for loan spells at Torquay and Hartlepool

**Joined Luton Town:** Summer 1992, as a YTS boy

**Luton debut:** v Stoke City (A) 8.5.94

**Luton Town record:** 93 appearances



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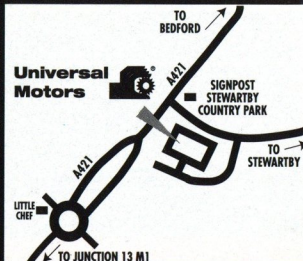
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# It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

### February 27th 1937

#### Luton Town 2 Brighton 1

Following a brilliant win at local rivals Watford the previous week in front of a record Vicarage Road crowd the Town, who had moved up to third place in Division Three, took on table toppers Brighton.

A crowd of 19,488 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the Seagulls have slightly the better of the first half but it was the Town who stole the lead when Joe Payne headed a typical goal from a cross by Albert Dawes.

After the interval Brighton levelled straight from the kick-off without a Luton player touching the ball and when Payne limped off injured it looked likely that the Seagulls would go on to win. Payne came back on after a twenty minutes absence and it was the Town who finished the stronger side with George Stephenson netting the winner with two minutes to go.

The Town were now truly on the road to promotion.

### February 27th 1982

#### Luton Town 2 Oldham 0

The Town had now gone eight games unbeaten and were walking away at the top of the old Division Two. Third placed Oldham were expected to give the Hatters a stern test but they made their ambitions clear from the kick-off when they strung four men across midfield in an attempt to deny the Town space.

Their plans were undone, however, in the eighth minute when ex-Hatter Paul Futcher pulled down Brian Stein in the box leaving David Moss to net his ninth penalty of the season.

The game was as good as over when future Hatter Darron McDonough was sent off for a crude foul on Lil Fuccillo on the half hour and the remainder of the match was little short of shooting practice for the Town forwards.

Surprisingly, in view of their total dominance, only one other effort counted when Latics goalkeeper Peter McDonnell could only palm an inswinging Moss corner into his own net.

### February 27th 1993

#### Luton Town 2 Barnsley 2

Having gone seven games without conceding a goal, equalling a record set in 1923, the Town looked to go one further and received the best possible boost when Kerry Dixon headed home after only ten minutes.

The Hatters completely dominated the opening half with bright attacking play but could not add to their lead despite near misses by Scott Oakes, Paul Telfer and Phil Gray.

Barnsley manager, Mel Machin, gave his players a tongue lashing at half-time and they re-started with more purpose and levelled on 49 minutes through Brendan O'Connell's far post header, the first goal conceded by the Town in over eleven hours of play.

The Tykes shocked the Town by going further ahead through David Currie with fifteen minutes left but the Hatters earned a deserved point when Neil Redfearn handled a John Dreyer header in the area, leaving Gray to expertly despatch the resultant penalty.



David Moss fires in against Oldham in February 1982.



# Into the Archives

## a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

**The rapid promotion of David Pleat to manager at Kenilworth Road in January 1978, which came about only a few short months after he was plying his trade as reserve team coach, came as a shock to the Luton faithful.**

Early results did not give cause for much rejoicing with Pleat's first game in charge seeing the Town walloped 0-4 at Millwall in a delayed F.A.Cup tie. His first league game ended with Bristol Rovers snatching a last gasp equaliser at Kenilworth Road, which was then followed by a defeat at Blackburn on an icy pitch that was positively dangerous.

All this was in stark contrast to the balmy days of the previous autumn when the Town had moved up to second position in the table after a string of impressive victories. The loss, through injury, of new signing Phil Boersma and much talked about defender Paul Futcher did not help matters but the slump in form had been alarming.

It was left to Pleat to pick up the pieces but the new broom heard a few dissenting voices in the changing rooms. Several senior professionals at the club were expressing the desire to move to pastures new, notably the U.S.A. where the game was the latest 'craze', and although Pleat was not going to stand in their way he was about to be left with some promising youngsters but precious little experience.

After the defeat at Blackburn, high flying Tottenham were next in line to visit Kenilworth Road. The Spurs were about to bounce back at the first time of asking to Division One but were flattered by their 1-4 win to deepen the gloom surrounding Kenilworth Road.

Sloppy finishing cost the next game, at Notts County, with the Futcher twins both spurning chances that looked easier to score from.

These missed efforts enabled the struggling Magpies to pick up an easy two points and send the Town further down the table.

Finally the first win bonus in eight games came the way of the players when Cardiff were seen off 3-1 at Kenilworth Road. Ironically Pleat missed this first victory since taking control as he was away on a scouting mission. On a muddy pitch the Town made good use of the dryer wings and were ahead after only eleven minutes when fit-again Phil Boersma's free kick was fumbled by Bluebirds goalkeeper Ron Healey. From then on it was mostly one way traffic but even so it was not until ten minutes from time that Boersma made the game safe.

All the good work was undone the following week when the Town travelled to Fulham and were beaten 0-1. It was not the defeat that bothered Pleat so much as the fact that certain players showed little appetite for the job and instead resorted to niggling fouls which was totally alien to the Luton style. The local press pilloried the team for its lack of commitment and mean spirited play and Pleat threatened major changes if the players attitude did not alter.

Stung by the criticism the players had the chance to prove themselves against a Blackpool side who were suffering from a similar run of poor form. Challenging for promotion at Christmas, Blackpool had nosedived but had managed to halt the slide with a win over Hull at Bloomfield Road the previous week.

Pleat demanded that the players make the Seasiders catch the backlash of the poor Fulham performance and they responded in brilliant fashion. Twice in the opening minutes the recalled Ricky Hill sent in fierce shots. The first whistled wide while the second



Brian Stein tangles with the Blackpool defence while Ron Futcher waits to pounce.

smacked against the bar.

Despite all the territorial advantage enjoyed by the Town they had difficulty in making a breakthrough until Alan West headed home his second goal of the campaign in the 39th minute following a bout of head tennis in the area.

Blackpool were lucky to go in at the interval only one goal down and manager Jimmy Meadows tore into his players, accusing them of being complacent and expecting the Town to be a walkover.

The Seasiders began to make more of an impact on the game but perversely the Hatters seemed to step up a gear and scored three times in eleven minutes. Twice in two minutes Brian Stein played clever passes through to overlapping full-back Paul Price and from his crosses Ron Futcher walloped a first time drive

into the roof of the net and then Boersma headed powerfully home. Lil Fuccillo killed off Blackpool completely towards the end when he ran through to smash in a blistering low drive.

David Pleat was a relieved and pleased man at the end of the game and praised his previously criticised team for their professional performance. Blackpool failed to win another game that season and after being in tenth position in mid-April slipped into the relegation positions on the final day.

**Luton Town:** Aleksic, Price, Carr, Faulkner, P. Futcher, Hill, West, Fuccillo, Stein, R. Futcher, Boersma.

**Blackpool:** Ward, Gardner, Milligan, McEwan, Suddaby, Ronson, Tong (Wilson), Chandler, Waldron, Walsh, Ainscow.

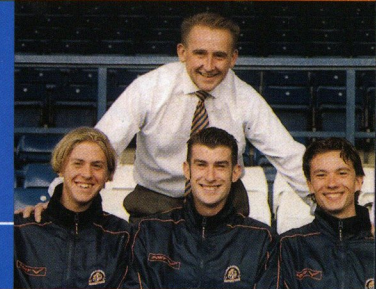




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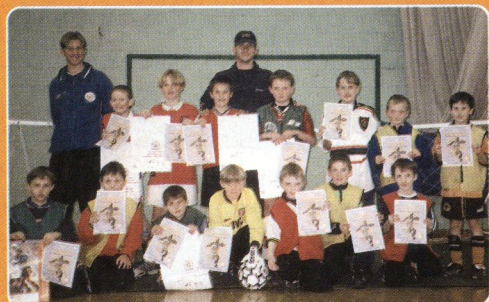
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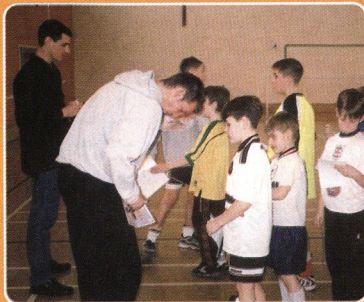
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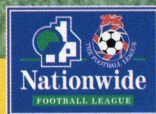
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# Action Replay

## Luton Town 0 Notts County 1

**NEWS that Marvin Johnson had collected a groin injury which might well keep him out of the side today was the latest in a string of blows suffered by the Town on Tuesday night.**

With all that was going on off the pitch, the smallest league gate of the season hoped for more on it, but an unconvincing display sent us to our third consecutive defeat.

County, second bottom in the league when they kicked off, were made to withstand a little early pressure, but then found it all too easy to brush aside a Town team that forgot its passing traditions, and resorted to kick and rush - "one chasing and ten watching," said despondent Lennie Lawrence.

While he wonders about the future for him, and for his players, County were enjoying rare delights. They spent £250,000 last week on Port Vale striker Peter Beadle, and a few hours before coming to Luton they picked up what looks like a bargain, Kevin Rapley, for £50,000 from Brentford.

Nothing goes right when you are down, and the Town players were incensed when Rapley netted the 71st-minute goal that gave County their first win since a home game with Northampton on Boxing Day.

They accused the striker of punching the ball into the net, but the Town boss was more concerned with how the ball reached him in the first place, following a flick-on from a corner. "Where was the marking?"

County had more good luck at the other end, when Jimmy Cox hit the outside of a post early in the second half, and when offside ruled out a goal by Andre Scarlett. But the linesman's flag was already raised when sub Phil Gray created the chance by firing in a shot which rebounded to Scarlett off both posts.

Teams hope to make a fortress out of their home grounds, but these days the Town seem to be treating it more like a minefield, with nerves and tension taking over.

Injuries have not helped, and playing resources seem perilously stretched to try to plug the gaps. Sean Evers and Gerry Harrison were both missed

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Dyche, Johnson (White HT), Cox (Scarlett 73 mins), McLaren, Douglas (Gray 66 mins), Doherty, McKinnon.

**Booked:** Paul McLaren, 19 mins, foul on Gary Owers.

**Notts County:** Ward, Hendon, Pearce, Liburd, Warren, Richardson, Owers, Bolland, Rapley, Beadle, Tierney. Unused subs Creaney, Hughes, Fairclough.

**Booked:** Ian Hendon, 30 mins, foul on Ray McKinnon; Paul Bolland, 32 mins, foul on Stuart Douglas; Gary Owers, 54 mins, foul on Paul McLaren; Dennis Pearce, 70 mins, handball..

The goal: Kevin Rapley, 71 minutes. Header - or was it handball missed by the ref? - after a corner was flicked on to the far post.

**Referee:** Rob Styles, Waterlooville.

**Attendance:** 4,021, another lowest league gate of the season, but again with very few visiting supporters.

on Tuesday, on a night when except for the two threats already recorded above, the visiting goalkeeper had an easy time of it.

Kelvin Davis had a lot more to do, and with more composure Rapley might have made his debut even more dramatic, wasting a good early chance by shooting wide, putting another drive too close to Davis, and heading weakly off target a few minutes before his goal.

The crowd did its best to induce some sort of revival after County scored, and Lawrence was pleased about that. And he had no moans about those who had a go at him at the final whistle. He said: "If you are the manager of a team that performs like that, it is a spontaneous gesture, and you have got to take it on the chin."



**OFF TARGET:** County have plenty of men covering as Stuart Douglas goes for goal.

**OUTNUMBERED:** Gary Doherty surrounded by defenders as he looks for a breakthrough



**ANDY CHALLENGE:** Stuart Douglas shoved off balance by a robust "tackle."



**OUT OF REACH:** Darren Ward makes a safe interception from a low cross, with Stuart Douglas and Gary Doherty hoping in vain that the keeper might spill it.





# Action Replay

## Bristol Rovers 1 Luton Town 0

**WEAKENED by injuries and a suspension, the Town battled hard with no reward at the Memorial Ground, beaten by a moment of indecision at one end and lack of a quality finishing touch at the other.**

On the run of play Rovers scarcely deserved the points, on a day when the Town put in plenty of effort without really showing flair.

An uneven pitch helped neither side, and for the travelling fans the consolation was that the team failed to be rolled over as easily as it had been in the previous game, at home to Wrexham.

It was a day when too many boys were asked to do man's work, tried valiantly, and had no luck where it most mattered.

Gavin McGowan was completing a suspension, and injuries removed Sean Evers, Matthew Spring, Gerry Harrison, Phil Gray and Andrew Fotiadis from the squad.

With resources well stretched, youth team striker Tresor Kandol was on the bench, and went on as a sub for his league debut for the closing stages when the Town gambled on attack to try to save a point.

"We competed well enough," said Lennie Lawrence. "We conceded a bad goal, but rallied afterwards, although we lacked the quality to create clear-cut chances. We didn't get the bounce of the ball, either."

That was very much the case in the two most telling moments of the first half. Michael McIndoe, deputising for Matthew Spring, was on the end of an incisive move started by Graham Alexander and continued by Andre Scarlett. McIndoe, on the edge of the box, fired in a drive which was deflected just enough to take it wide of the goal.

And luck was with the home side again in the 26th minute, when Alexander and Jason Roberts competed for the ball 35 yards from goal. One was pushing, one holding, was the Pressbox view, but the referee chose to penalise Alexander. Unlucky, perhaps, but the Town had time to organise themselves for the free kick.

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Alexander, White, McIndoe (Kandol 77 mins), Dyche, Johnson, Scarlett (Zahana-Oni 73 mins), McLaren, Douglas, Doherty, McKinnon. Unused sub Fraser.

**Booked:** Andre Scarlett, 57 mins, foul on Josh Low.

**Bristol Rovers:** Jones, Pethick, Challis, Trees, Thomson, Tillson, Shore, Low (Penrice 80 mins), Holloway, Cureton, Roberts. Unused subs Leoni, Lee.

**The goal:** Andy Tillson header from a 26th-minute free kick by Ian Holloway..

**Referee:** George Cain, Seaforth.

**Attendance:** 6,361, including 414 from Luton.

Player-manager Ian Holloway played it in, and Marvin Johnson took the rap for letting Andy Tillson get goal-side of him. Tillson celebrated his return from a long injury lay-off with a header that turned out to be worth three points.

Kelvin Davis made a good save from Roberts, and in the second half Gary Doherty's solo run ended with Lee Jones making an equally good stop.

With Kandol and Landry Zahana-Oni replacing McIndoe and Scarlett, the Town finished the game with three up front and three at the back, but neither attack looked really potent. Kandol's best intervention put Stuart Douglas in with a chance to save a point, but the shot went just wide.

Thankfully, there was no sign of the surrender we had seen against Wrexham, and as the manager said, the young ones did not let us down. With a touch of luck we might have nicked a goal to reward much effort, but it was hard to see where from.



**AT FULL STRETCH:** Gary Doherty wraps his foot around the ball for a shot which went narrowly wide.

**TAKING THEM ON:** Michael McIndoe, deputising for injured Matthew Spring, tries to find a way through the Rovers defence.



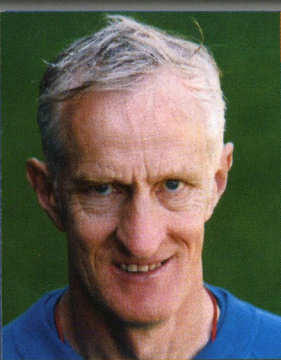
**GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS:** Alan White slides in to stop Rovers player-manager Ian Holloway.





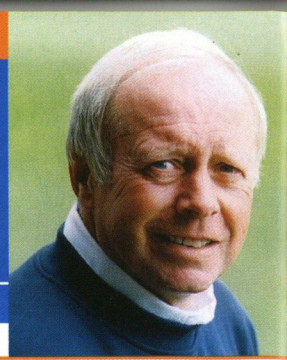






# John Moore & Trevor Hartley

## reserves



### Luton Town 1 Barnet 1

THE best news from our Avon Combination match at Leighton on Monday was that Liam George not only came through his second competitive game, but also scored our goal in a performance that suggested he is within a couple of weeks of a return to the first team squad after his broken leg.



He has now had one 45-minute run-out, followed by 70 minutes against Barnet. We took him off while he was still going well, and he might have a full 90 minutes on Wednesday when we go to Biggleswade for the semi-final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

Our squad on Monday, for our final game of the season at Leighton, included six members of the youth team - if the reserves get much younger they'll be wearing nappies!

We put in a reasonable first-half performance, and picked up the pace in the second, and the draw was about right.

We went ahead when George fired in a sharp drive across the goalkeeper, and on the run of play we should have added to the lead.

But Barnet perked up after they equalised, and would have won but for a wonderful save by Maxime Agueh, the French goalkeeper who is having trials with us.

As a club, we owe Leighton Town our very grateful thanks for offering their pitch and facilities for mid-winter matches.

The change was made to reduce wear and tear on the Kenilworth Road pitch, and we found nothing but friendship at Leighton. Our thanks also to supporters who went to the games at Leighton - we know it was an inconvenience for some, although we also met supporters who liked the change of venue because they live nearer to Leighton than to Luton.

**Luton Town:** Agueh, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Willmott, Boyce, Jerry, Akurang, George (Kandol, 70 mins), Hudson (Taylor, 75 mins), Turner. Unused sub: Ayres.

**Reserve appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):**  
Abbey 16, Agueh 2, Akurang 3, Alexander 1, Ayres 4, Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 19 (1), Clarke 15, Cox 13 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 10 (1), George 2 (1), Hudson 5, Jerry 5, Kandol 10 (3), Lawes 14, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 11 (1), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 19 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 4, Thomas 3 (1), Turner 2, White 8 (5), Willmott 20 (1), Zahana-Oni 5 (2)

### Avon Insurance Combination

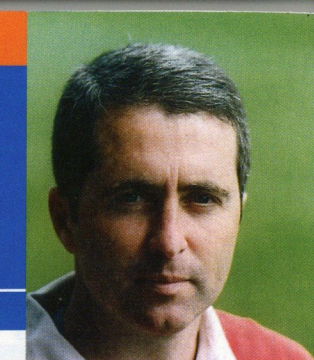
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	20	13	3	4	44	22	42
Southampton	20	12	2	6	41	25	38
Fulham	19	10	5	4	46	25	35
Watford	18	9	7	2	34	15	34
Tottenham	20	11	2	7	27	19	34
Charlton	17	10	3	4	31	19	33
Ipswich	18	10	3	5	32	24	33
Chelsea	18	10	1	7	22	18	29
QPR	20	8	4	8	28	22	28
Norwich	20	8	4	8	26	22	28
West Ham	16	7	6	3	31	20	27
Northampton	17	8	3	6	22	16	27
Portsmouth	18	8	3	7	29	29	27
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>
C. Palace	18	7	5	6	35	28	26
Arsenal	18	7	4	7	28	24	25
Bournemouth	21	7	4	10	33	32	25
Brighton	19	6	6	7	17	26	24
Colchester	20	7	2	11	26	37	23
Barnet	18	7	3	8	24	41	23
Wimbledon	19	5	7	7	22	28	22
Oxford Utd	19	7	1	11	22	36	22
Millwall	16	5	4	7	21	23	19
Cambridge	17	5	4	8	24	37	19
Swindon	18	5	3	10	20	33	18
Brentford	15	3	6	6	19	25	15
Reading	18	4	3	11	21	32	15
Gillingham	18	2	4	12	12	32	10
Wycombe	16	2	4	10	14	37	10

### Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

<b>Wed 12 August</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b>	<b>H 4-1</b>
Wed 26	Cambridge United	A 2-2
<b>Wed 2 September</b>	Portsmouth	A 3-2
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>H 3-0</b>
Wed 23	Swindon Town	A 1-0
<b>Wed 30</b>	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	<b>H 1-3</b>
<b>Wed 7 October</b>	<b>Millwall</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Wed 14	Gillingham	A 2-1
Wed 21	Brache Sparta (BPC)	A 8-0
Wed 28	Brentford	A 2-2
<b>Wed 04 November</b>	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	<b>H 1-3</b>
Wed 11	Watford	A 0-0
Mon 16	Kempston Rov (BPC)	A 3-0
Thur 19	Norwich City	A 0-6
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	<b>H 2-3</b>
<b>Mon 14 December</b>	<b>Colchester United</b>	<b>H 0-2</b>
<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	<b>H 3-0</b>
<b>Mon 11 January</b>	<b>Wimbledon</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Wed 20	Southampton	A 0-1
<b>Mon 01 February</b>	<b>AFC Bournemouth</b>	<b>H 1-0</b>
Mon 8	Fulham	A 2-3
Mon 15	Chelsea	A 0-1
<b>Mon 22</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>H 1-1</b>
Wed 3 March	Biggleswade (BPC)	A 7.30pm
Wed 10	Queens Park Rangers	A
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Wycombe Wdrs</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
Mon 29	Arsenal	A 2pm
<b>Wed 07 April</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
Thur 15	Northampton Town	A
<b>Wed 21</b>	<b>Peterborough United</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
To be arranged	West Ham	A
To be arranged	Bournemouth	A

# Paul Lowe

## youth



### Luton Town 2 Cambridge Utd 1

CIRCUMSTANCES seemed to be conspiring against us as we prepared for our latest South East Counties match. Tresor Kandol was promoted to the first team squad and three other regulars were unavailable. We put four schoolboys into the side, and they all did well, including goalkeeper Graham Wraight.

Cambridge were a much stronger side than the one we beat 4-0 away earlier in the season, but it was good to see how our boys responded.

Second-year lads had to take on more responsibility, and we had to reorganise again during the game when first Delroy McKoy and then James Ayres had to be subbed, one for a heel injury and the other with a knock on the head.

We started quite brightly with a 4-4-2 formation, and gained control without creating real scoring opportunities.

Cambridge settled into a defensive formation, so we changed it, pushing Matthew Taylor further upfield in a 3-4-3 shape.

Ayres was unable to resume for the second half, and we reverted to 4-4-2 when Jude Stirling replaced him.

We got the breakthrough early in the second half, and scored twice in quick succession. Clifford Akurang set up Duane Clarke for a calm finish, and the second goal was very pleasing.

For corners we usually send up Ayres to look for far post headers. As he was no longer playing, Darren Howe took over the role, and showed he had taken note of what we do in training by heading his first goal of the season from the position usually taken up by his central defensive partner.

Howe was unlucky to be forced into a desperate tackle which led to Cambridge being awarded a penalty from which they reduced their arrears, and that set up an interesting last 25 minutes.

Cambridge put on their subs and really had a go, but we survived, with Wraight making one outstanding save.

**Luton Town:** Wraight, Moran, Taylor, Minton, Ayres (Stirling HT), Howe, McKoy (Mansell 15 mins), Hudson, Akurang, Clarke (Dogby 80 mins), Jerry.

WE WERE due to be away to Colchester this morning, and next Saturday we are away again, to Southend. A week later, March 13, we are at home to Swindon, at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am. Spectators are welcome.

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

Akurang 21 (8), Ayres 23 (1), Barribeau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 4 (3), Crane 3 (2), Dogby 1, Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 7 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 26 (1), Hudson 10, Jerry 23 (1), Kandol 24 (16), Mansell 6 (1), McKoy 20 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 25, Moran 18, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 23 (1), Tate 21, Taylor 24 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 3.

### South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	23	16	4	4	58	24	52
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>50</b>
L. Orient	24	13	7	4	52	28	46
Bristol Rovers	24	10	5	9	46	44	35
Reading	25	7	12	6	32	33	33
Wycombe	24	7	11	6	29	28	32
Barnet	21	9	4	8	24	22	31
Brighton	21	8	6	7	31	29	30
Portsmouth	26	7	9	10	33	47	30
Swindon	24	8	5	11	34	34	29
Colchester	25	9	2	14	39	41	29
Cambridge	23	6	9	8	36	45	27
Bournemouth	23	8	2	13	33	47	26
Gillingham	23	7	4	12	25	38	24
Southend	27	6	5	16	33	54	23
Oxford	21	6	4	11	21	36	22

### Youth Team Fixtures

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



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

0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	
2	8	6	12	10	10	Bournemouth	4	5	3	4	5	8
4	0	4	5	11	8	Blackpool	4	7	3	5	7	8
6	7	6	7	7	7	Bristol Rovers	8	2	7	5	3	8
6	5	6	5	6	8	Burnley	4	5	8	13	10	12
3	7	7	3	8	6	Chesterfield	2	3	2	4	8	8
6	7	1	5	4	11	Colchester United	8	8	5	5	9	10
3	10	9	10	8	6	Fulham	2	3	2	5	8	3
6	5	3	6	13	15	Gillingham	1	3	5	5	7	6
6	5	6	2	9	2	Lincoln City	4	5	5	11	13	14
6	4	6	6	6	10	Luton Town	5	5	6	5	9	10
2	6	3	3	2	5	Macclesfield Town	6	5	2	7	11	8
2	6	5	7	9	9	Manchester City	2	2	7	5	4	3
4	3	3	9	7	10	Millwall	6	4	4	2	9	12
2	4	4	4	6	5	Northampton Town	5	4	3	7	11	5
6	2	3	8	7	3	Notts County	5	8	5	9	8	9
5	4	2	7	5	7	Oldham Athletic	7	6	5	7	8	8
11	5	8	8	14	15	Preston North End	4	9	0	7	8	4
8	5	3	7	7	7	Reading	2	2	13	7	7	12
2	2	8	7	8	10	Stoke City	6	3	6	3	6	6
3	5	10	9	9	8	Walsall	7	2	3	4	11	7
5	5	3	7	12	12	Wigan Athletic	1	4	2	8	6	9
8	2	4	4	7	5	Wrexham	8	9	6	10	4	8
2	5	5	4	6	7	Wycombe Wanderers	6	5	4	4	11	10
7	5	2	7	11	8	York City	8	8	11	10	9	6

### Club's Top League Scorers

AFC Bournemouth	Stein	13
Blackpool	Aldridge	6
Bristol Rovers	Cureton	13
Burnley	Payton	14
Chesterfield	Howard	9
Colchester United	Gregory D	8
Fulham	Horsfield	8
Gillingham	Asaba	16
Lincoln City	Battersby	7
Luton Town	Douglas	7
Macclesfield Town	Sodje/Smith	3
Manchester City	Goater	10
Millwall	Harris	11
Northampton Town	Corazzin	10
Notts County	Hendon	5
Oldham Athletic	Allott	7
Preston North End	Nogan	15
Reading	Williams	11
Stoke City	Kavanagh/Lightbourne/Crowe	6
Walsall	Rammell	15
Wigan Athletic	Barlow	13
Wrexham	Connolly	6
Wycombe Wanderers	Scott	5
York City	Cresswell	15

### 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

<b>Highest/Lowest Gates</b>	32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug
1,998 Macclesfield v Millwall 26-Jan	
<b>Highest Aggregate Scores</b>	Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct	
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan	
<b>Biggest Home Win</b>	Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct
Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov	
Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb	

In the table below the index represents the difficulty of the 6 games played. If the matches had been against the top 6 sides the index would be high, if against the bottom six sides the index would be low

### Form Table based on last 6 games

Club	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Gillingham	4	2	0	12	6	14	49%	WDWWDW
Man City	4	2	0	10	1	14	73%	WDWWDW
Fulham	4	1	1	9	6	13	30%	WWDWWL
Wigan	4	0	2	13	7	12	54%	WWLWWL
Bournemouth	3	2	1	12	5	11	65%	LDWDDW
Walsall	3	2	1	7	5	11	53%	WDWWLD
Preston	3	1	2	16	8	10	36%	WLWDWL
Chesterfield	3	1	2	9	7	10	57%	DLWLWW
Wrexham	3	1	2	8	12	10	46%	DWWLWL
Lincoln	3	1	2	5	8	10	53%	LWWLDW
Colchester	2	3	1	10	10	9	58%	DWWDDL
Oldham	3	0	3	6	3	9	36%	LLWWLW
Bristol Rovers	2	2	2	13	8	8	60%	LWDDWL
Blackpool	2	2	2	3	5	8	22%	LWDWLD
Millwall	2	1	3	8	10	7	47%	WLDWL
Reading	1	3	2	6	8	6	66%	LWDLDD
Burnley	1	2	3	6	9	5	42%	LDLDWL
Stoke	1	1	4	7	13	4	58%	LLLDWL
Luton	1	1	4	5	11	4	40%	LLWDL
Wycombe	1	1	4	5	9	4	67%	WDLDDL
Notts County	1	1	4	3	9	4	66%	WLLDL
Northampton	1	1	4	1	5	4	58%	LWLDLL
Macclesfield	1	0	5	2	9	3	56%	LWLLLL
York	0	2	4	5	10	2	52%	DLLLDL

### Current Sequences

<b>Consecutive Wins</b>	Fulham, Wigan 2
<b>Games Unbeaten</b>	Man City 9
<b>Consecutive Defeats</b>	Luton, Stoke 3
<b>Games without a Win</b>	York 7

<b>Biggest Away Win</b>	Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
<b>Consecutive Wins</b>	Fulham, Stoke 6
<b>Games Unbeaten</b>	Gillingham 17
<b>Consecutive Defeats</b>	Lincoln, Macclesfield 6
<b>Games without a Win</b>	Wycombe 12

### Div.2 Stat Attack

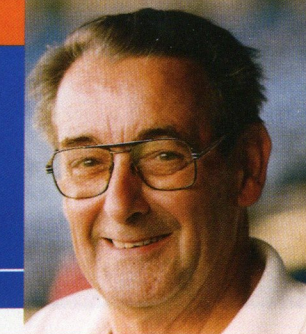
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### Average no. of goals scored home & away

Club	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.66	2.14	1.20	1.00	0.50	1.47
Blackpool	1.03	1.20	0.88	1.10	1.00	1.19
Bristol Rovers	1.38	1.50	1.23	1.14	1.19	1.08
Burnley	1.13	0.94	1.31	1.63	1.06	2.19
Chesterfield	1.13	1.67	0.60	0.90	0.67	1.13
Colchester United	1.10	1.00	1.19	1.45	1.40	1.50
Fulham	1.53	2.00	1.00	0.77	0.63	0.93
Gillingham	1.55	1.88	1.14	0.87	0.71	1.07
Lincoln City	0.97	1.33	0.63	1.68	1.33	2.00
Luton Town	1.27	1.21	1.31	1.33	1.07	1.56
Macclesfield Town	0.70	0.71	0.69	1.30	1.14	1.44
Manchester City	1.23	1.53	0.94	0.74	0.60	0.88
Millwall	1.13	1.44	0.81	1.16	1.00	1.31
Northampton Town	0.81	0.86	0.76	1.13	1.00	1.24
Notts County	0.97	1.21	0.75	1.47	1.36	1.56
Oldham Athletic	0.97	1.07	0.88	1.32	1.33	1.31
Preston North End	1.91	2.31	1.50	1.00	1.06	0.94
Reading	1.19	1.35	1.00	1.39	1.18	1.64
Stoke City	1.28	1.50	1.07	1.03	0.79	1.27
Walsall	1.38	1.47	1.27	1.06	1.00	1.13
Wigan Athletic	1.47	1.64	1.31	1.00	0.57	1.38
Wrexham	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.25	1.79
Wycombe Wanderers	0.94	1.24	0.57	1.29	1.00	1.64
York City	1.25	1.31	1.19	1.63	1.31	1.94

## Brian Swain

### second division scene



HAVING missed the chance on Tuesday night, we have another opportunity today to rise one place up the Second Division table. We will overtake Blackpool, on goals scored, if we beat them, and once more edge into the top half of the table.

Notts County's delight at winning at Kenilworth Road - their first win of 1999 and their first away victory since they were at Macclesfield last August - was doubled before they set off for home. While at least one Luton Pressman was weeping into his whisky, the visitors' smiles became near-unbearable as they heard the results come in from the night's other Second Division games.

Bottom but one when they arrived at Kenilworth Road, County climbed one place, above Wycombe, by winning, and then heard the other two results they wanted: fellow strugglers Northampton lost by the only goal at home to Walsall, while Lincoln were stuffed 5-0 at Preston.

Northampton's fourth home defeat of the season undid the good work they had done on Saturday with a 1-0 success at Oldham, their only win in their last nine league outings.

Preston and Walsall both needed victories to

retain second and third places respectively, but made up no ground on the leaders because Fulham were also winning, at home to Reading. Grant Brebner gave Reading a fourth-minute lead, but Tony Thorpe was unable to enjoy his return to Craven Cottage as Fulham made it 10 home wins on the trot with two more goals by Geoff Horsfield. The bargain buy from Halifax has now scored 11 for Fulham, to add to the eight he netted before his transfer last autumn. He also notched two last Saturday, to see off Notts County.

On the same day Thorpe netted the penalty winner for Reading after Kurt Nogan missed one for Preston. But Nogan was on target twice on Tuesday night to take his tally to 18 for the season. Steve Basham also claimed two goals against Lincoln, making it five in three games since he signed on loan from Southampton.

There was one good result for us on Tuesday: Bristol Rovers were at home again, and if they had won they would have climbed above us in the table. But fourth-placed Gillingham succeeded where we had failed, winning 1-0. We have to thank an old friend, Andy Hessenthaler, for scoring the 29th-minute winner. (Well, we can call him a friend now...)

### The Second Division

Club	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Fulham	30	13	2	1	32	10	7	3	4	14	13	65
Preston	32	9	4	3	37	17	9	4	3	24	15	62
Walsall	32	9	5	3	25	17	9	2	4	19	17	61
Gillingham	31	11	4	2	32	12	3	9	2	16	15	55
Man City	31	8	5	2	23	9	5	7	4	15	14	51
Bournemouth	29	10	4	0	30	7	4	4	7	18	22	50
Stoke	29	8	3	3	21	11	7	0	8	16	19	48
Wigan	30	8	3	3	23	8	5	4	7	21	22	46
Millwall	32	6	7	3	23	16	6	3	7	13	21	46
Chesterfield	30	11	1	3	25	10	2	6	7	9	17	46
Reading	31	7	6	4	23	20	4	4	6	14	23	43
Blackpool	31	5	6	4	18	15	5	5	6	14	19	41
Luton Town	30	6	3	5	17	15	4	5	7	21	25	38
Bristol Rov	28	6	6	4	24	19	2	6	5	16	14	36
York City	32	4	7	5	21	21	5	2	9	19	31	36
Colchester	31	5	5	5	15	21	3	7	6	19	24	36
Wrexham	30	6	4	6	16	20	3	4	7	14	25	35
Burnley	32	5	6	5	15	17	3	4	9	21	35	34
Oldham	31	5	2	8	16	20	4	4	8	14	21	33
Lincoln	31	6	3	6	20	20	2	3	11	10	32	30
Northampton	31	2	8	4	12	14	4	3	10	13	21	29
Notts Co	30	4	3	7	17	19	3	4	9	12	25	28
Wycombe	31	6	3	8	21	17	0	6	8	8	23	27
Macclesfield	30	3	4	7	10	16	2	5	9	11	23	24

### Today's other Second Division fixtures

- Bournemouth v Wycombe
- Burnley v Gillingham
- Chesterfield v Manchester City
- Colchester v Reading
- Lincoln v Bristol Rovers
- Macclesfield v Wigan
- Northampton v Millwall
- Notts County v Walsall
- Preston v Oldham
- Stoke v Wrexham
- York v Fulham



# Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Date	Competition	Home Team	Away Team	Time	Result	Goalscorers	Appearances
Sat 08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	3.00pm	1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis
TUES 11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	H	7.45pm	2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis
SAT 15		PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis
TUES 18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	A	7.45pm	3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis
SAT 22		READING	A	3.00pm	0-3	18,108	K. Davis
SAT 29		COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis
MON 31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis
SAT 05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H	3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis
TUES 08		WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis
SAT 12		BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis
TUES 15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	A	7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis
SAT 19		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,695	K. Davis
TUES 22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	H	7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S.Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis
SAT 26		WALSALL	H	3.00pm	0-1	5,530	K. Davis
SAT 03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A	3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis
SAT 10		YORK CITY	A	3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis
SAT 17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis
TUES 20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm	1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis
SAT 24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,602	K. Davis
TUES 27	WC3	COVENTRY	H	7:45pm	2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis
SAT 31		CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00pm	(postponed)		
SAT 07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm	1-3 (Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis
TUES 10	WC4	BARNSELY	H	7.45pm	1-0 (Gray)	8,453	K. Davis
SUN 15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A	1.00pm	3-2 (Gray 2, S. Davis)	1,772	K. Davis
SAT 21		LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Gray, Doherty)	4,893	K. Davis
SAT 28		MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Doherty)	9,070	K. Davis
TUES 01	DECEMBER	SUNDERLAND	A	7.45pm	0-3	35,742	K. Davis
SAT 05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	H	3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,021	K. Davis
SAT 12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Douglas, Gray)	2,902	K. Davis
SAT 19		MILLWALL	H	3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,939	K. Davis
MON 28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm	0-1	8,863	K. Davis
SAT 02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Alexander pen, White)	4,694	K. Davis
TUES 05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	H	7.45pm	0-3	1,870	Abbey
SAT 09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm	3-1 (Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063	Davis
SAT 16		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm	1-2 (Fotiadis)	11,034	Davis
SAT 23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm	0-4	4,934	Davis
SAT 30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00pm	2-2 (McKinnon, Doherty)	5,426	Davis
SAT 06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A	3.00pm	2-1 (Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285	Abbey
SAT 13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm	1-2 (Doherty)	4,759	Davis
SAT 20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm	0-1	6,361	Davis
TUES 23		NOTTS COUNTY	H	7.45pm	0-1	4,021	Davis
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			
SAT 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			

## Away with the Hatters

WE ARE at Walsall on Saturday, and as usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches - you can book at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road today.

The road journey is straight forward, up M1 north, and then onto M6. Leave at junction 7, which avoids the M5 hold-up zone. Follow the signs towards Walsall. After passing the Beacon pub on your left go on for a mile and turn left by the Bell and follow the signs to the Bescot Stadium. The journey is just under 100 miles from Luton. There is a Bescot Stadium rail station next to the ground, with trains to and from Birmingham New Street.

## The Man in Charge

ROGER Furnandiz, this afternoon's referee, is approaching a remarkable milestone after taking up the whistle in Doncaster local soccer 24 years ago. He will soon chalk up his 500th game for the Premiership and Football League, as linesman or ref. He worked his way up through the pyramid to become a Football



League linesman in 1985, and a national list ref in 1994. A technical sales manager, and fond of golf and cricket, he is at Kenilworth Road for the second time this season, having taken charge of our match against Colchester in August.

## TOWN TEASER

THE LAST time Luton Town scored seven goals in a senior match was in the League Cup in October, 1989. Who were the opposition?

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

### Substitutes

Substitutes	Goalscorers
S. Davis Johnson McKinnon Evers Bacqué Gray Marshall	George for Bacque 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 George	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 69, 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.
S. Davis 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 Evers McLaren 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
Dyche Johnson Evers McLaren Doherty Fotiadis McKinnon	Gray for Fotiadis 25; Cox for McKinnon 67; White for Harrison 73
Dyche Johnson Scarlett McLaren Douglas Doherty McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Scarlett 73; Kandol for McIndoe 77. Unused: Fraser
Dyche Johnson Cox McLaren Douglas Doherty McKinnon	White for Johnson HT, Gray for Douglas 66; Scarlett for Cox 73





# The Teams

## Luton Town v Blackpool



Kelvin Davis	1	1 Steve Banks
Graham Alexander	2	2 Martin Bryan
Gavin McGowan	3	3 John Hills
Matthew Spring	4	4 Phil Thompson
Sean Dyche	5	5 Ian Hughes
Alan White	6	6 David Bardsley
Gerry Harrison	7	7 Adam Nowland
Paul McLaren	8	8 Phil Clarkson
Stuart Douglas	9	9 Martin Aldridge
Phil Gray	10	10 Steve Bushell
Ray McKinnon	11	11 Junior Bent
Jimmy Cox	12	12 Phil Robinson
Michael McIndoe	13	13 Phil Barnes
Andre Scarlett	14	14 Steve Garvey

**Referee:** Roger Furnandiz, Doncaster

**Assistants:** M. D. Dearing, Northolt (yellow flag)

K. Merchant, West Ewell (yellow & red flag)

**Reserve official:** F. Nemeth, Flitwick



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