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CONTINUED uncertainty over the chairmanship of Luton Town means that defender Sean Dyche might be playing his last game for us tonight (provided he gets over the rib injury that kept him out of the side against Blackpool and Walsall).

As we went to Press David Kohler remained chairman and managing director of the club, but still wants out. He will go when he can divest himself of his financial involvement in the club, and negotiations are still going on with the other three directors. Two meetings were held last week, and another is scheduled for tomorrow.

The discussion are confidential, and the only comment from Mr Kohler was that he hoped an agreement could be reached before long.

Lennie Lawrence, meanwhile, wants to do a deal over Dyche, the 27-year-old centre-half who is ready to sign for us permanently. His second month's loan expires after tonight's game, and yesterday Lawrence was trying to persuade Bristol City to extend it for a further month. But they would rather sell Dyche, and are looking for around £200,000. The Town manager is asking the directors to help him sort it out, and there may well be more news by the time Saturday's matchday magazine is published.

The Town manager has done one deal, with the directors united in giving the go-ahead for Gerry Harrison's loan from Sunderland to be extended into a third month. It was a matter of approving the wages, but again, the manger would like to set up a permanent deal, and a fee will be required.

But the loan extension was important. "I needed to do that," said the manager. "I would have liked to take him permanently, but that is not practical at the moment."

One-match ban - but three missed

WHILE we take on Fulham tonight Gary Doherty is with the Republic of Ireland squad involved in a UEFA under-18 championship match against Northern Ireland. Everyone at Kenilworth Road is pleased for him. But Lennie Lawrence was not so pleased at the way the Irish FA denied him the use of Doherty at Walsall on Saturday. Doherty was just beginning to make an impact as a striker when he had to serve a one-match suspension for the Blackpool game. Then came the call-up by Ireland, who use Doherty as a central defender.

Lawrence cheerfully agreed to leave Doherty out of tonight's squad to help him further his international career, but was astounded when the Irish FA invoked the



Matthew Spring, whose midfield mastery played a major part in the victory over Blackpool ten days ago.

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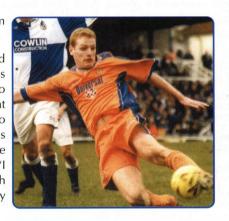
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five-day rule, preventing Doherty from being involved at Walsall on Saturday.

"Scandalous," said the Town boss. And with Andrew Fotiadis injured, the loss was all the greater because we had no striker available for the subs' bench at the Bescot Stadium. "I intended to select Phil Gray and Stuart Douglas anyway, but Gary Doherty would have been an ideal sub," said the boss. "I tried three or four times to get the Irish FA to release Doherty, but they wouldn't budge."



One door closes...

SEVERAL young players are waiting anxiously for decisions which will sort out their immediate future as the season approaches the last lap. It will be heartbreak for some as they are told that after a year or two as YTS boys they are not being offered contracts as professional footballers.

The Town have a rigid policy that all their lads take college courses during their YTS years, just in case, and wherever possible they try to make decisions early enough to help boys sort out their future.

This week Darren Howe, a central defender in the youth team, is coming to terms with the personal disappointment of being told he will not be hired when his second YTS year ends in the summer. But it may not be the end of the football road for him, because he has joined Cambridge United on trial, and will sign for them if he impresses.

Bank holiday date

OUR Easter match away to Oldham is to be played not on the Saturday, but on Good Friday, with a 3.30 kick-off, a time arranged at the request of the local police force.



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Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

			Appeara	inces		Goals			
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Alexander	24(1)	7	2	0	33(1)	3(1p)	2p	0	5(3p)
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	3(4)	1(1)	0	0	4(5)	0	0	0	0
Davis	31	7	2	0	40	0	0	0	0
Douglas	28	6	1(1)	0	35(1)	8	2	0	10
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	O	0	0
Gray	23(3)	. 6	2	0	31(3)	6	3	2	11
George	3(3)	0(2)	0	0	3(5)	0	0	0	0
Harrison	10	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0
Johnson	29	7	1	0	37	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	20(3)	7	2	0	29(3)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	9(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	12(6)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	23(1)	4(1)	2	0	29(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	11(5)	1(3)	2	1	15(8)	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	31	7	1(1)	0	39(1)	1	0	0	1
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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, 1 Auto Windscreens Shield. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.



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from the manager's chair



SINCE MY last column we have gained three more points, which were much-needed and well deserved, in the home match against Blackpool, on a day when we made considerable changes in personnel. In the first half it was the best attacking football we have played at home for some time, before we got nervous late on.

At Walsall on Saturday, as their manager also said, it was all about the conditions. Wind, rain, sleet and a very wet pitch were the biggest factors.

In the first half we gave as good as we got and had a couple of clear-cut chances and several halfchances. If we had scored first we might well have got something out of the game. That is my biggest worry at the moment - we have created a lot of chances in the last couple of games, and scored only one goal.

Walsall got on top in the second half, and we suffered for lack of the pace and strength, and the ability to get a goal.

We could have done with the likes of Sean Evers. Andrew Fotiadis and Gary Doherty, but they were all unavailable on the day. We didn't quite have what it takes to earn some reward, but for sure we were not disgraced and Walsall were mightily relieved to come out of a difficult game with three points.

They are a good team, and Ray Graydon is a good manager, but I think tonight we are facing the best in the division, on both counts. Fulham are carrying all before them in the league, and also acquitted themselves well in the FA Cup.

Our 3-1 win over them in October seems a long time ago now. They have changed their squad since then and are everyone's favourites to win the Second Division championship, and to do well in the First Division next year.

But they will know there is plenty of work to be done first, and if we can put in the sort of creditable performance we produced at Craven Cottage it will be a good contest. I am sure Kevin Keegan will remind his team of that day, still the only home game they have lost all season, and I am sure we will have the respect of the Fulham team and coaching staff.

We also will remember what can be done when we hit form, and it would be a tremendous boost to do it again, in front of our own supporters.

It has been said that Kevin Keegan cannot do two jobs at once, managing a club side and looking after England. I don't see it that way, and I wish him every success in his four games in charge of the national side.

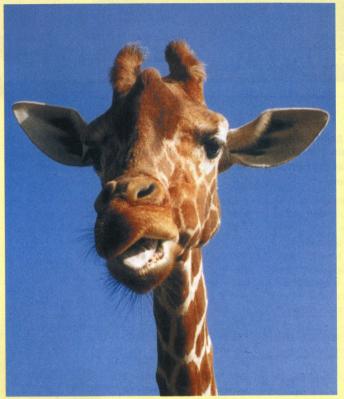
He is a manager for whom have very great respect. When I was at Middlesbrough, he was up the road at Newcastle United. He made a huge impression there, not least with his style of football, and he is one of the most charismatic men I have ever met. He knows and loves the game. and his results at Fulham speak for themselves.

I saw Fulham draw at Bournemouth last week. and they are a very good team. But we will not be in awe of them. We have shown, particularly in the Worthington Cup, that we can raise ourselves for big home games. We need to do it this evening. We want to put on a show. And we want to score goals.

With the uncertainty off the field, if we all pull together on it, and if supporters keep faith, we can make it a very enjoyable night for Luton Town.

Lennie Lawrence





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captain's log



TWO high-profile games in quick succession start with tonight's match, and after the disappointment of losing at Walsall we are all keen to test ourselves against a top team like Fulham.

Players need no motivation to gear up for a match like this, and we have all been looking forward to it. I am certainly pleased to be fit again, and hopefully keep my place in the team.

I was a spectator for the Blackpool match and I was so pleased for the lads to see them win that one. I think I was cheering as loudly as anyone when Stuart Douglas knocked in the winner.

Naturally, I was very interested to see how Chris Willmott reacted when asked to play his first league game, and I thought he handled it like a real pro. I hear he was crowing a bit afterwards as well, because he and Whitey had kept a clean sheet!

I remember watching Chris and Matthew Upson in the youth team, and I felt for him when a bad knee injury put him out of action for nine months. You need character to come back from that, but he has shown it and I thought he had a tremendous game against Blackpool.

He might be disappointed to go out of the side after only one appearance, but his time will surely come, and it's no bad thing for players like me to know there is a slightly (!) younger man ready to step into my shoes if he gets the chance.

The other big pleasure, as well as the result, from the Blackpool match was the return of Liam George. He is another of our younger players who has not only the ability, but also the right character and attitude, to make it as a professional footballer.

We thought we were a little unlucky to come home from Walsall empty-handed. It was a very difficult game, with awful weather and a very heavy pitch. I was delighted to be involved again, but a bit sick at another narrow defeat.

Defensively, we're not too bad, but as the boss says we have got to stick away more chances. The margin between success and failure is tight - there hasn't been more than one goal in it in any of our last six games, which have seen two wins and four defeats.

Walsall are a pretty useful side, as we know to our cost after losing to them three times this season, but we had the chances to see them off on Saturday. Matthew Spring had a good one very early in the game, and a few of us have mentioned to him that things might have been different if he had put that one away. He takes in on the chin, and to be fair he had another good all-round

game. I am sure the goals will come for him - let's hope they start flowing tonight!

The Walsall match could have gone either way, and it was a bit cruel to lose, but it's no good worrying about it now. As always, it's over and done with, and all we can do is learn the right lessons and do the business tonight.

I am looking forward to the match immensely. Over the years at Luton I have thought we play better when we meet better teams. We saw it this season,

against Coventry, Ipswich and Barnsley in the Worthington Cup. At Craven Cottage in October we taught Fulham a footballing lesson, and I'll bet Kevin Keegan will remind his men of that tonight. We well deserved to win that day, but Fulham have come on a bundle since then.

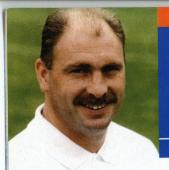
It ought to be a real cracker of a match tonight. For a start it's

match tonight. For a start it's not often you get the England manager here for a Second Division game. The FA made a good choice when they asked Kevin Keegan to step in as replacement for Glenn Hoddle, and I think he will do a good job for his country.

He's certainly doing well for Fulham, and I think they will finish the season as champions. But we won't mind being the underdogs tonight - we fancy our chances of causing a little hiccup to Fulham's drive for the title. Most of all, I hope we all provide you with good entertainment as well as the result we all want.

Marvin Johnson





from the treatment room

Club secretary



THE RESULT at Walsall may have been unkind to us, but I am glad to report that we did not pick up any more injuries.

Equally pleasing was to see how well Marvin Johnson, Mitchell Thomas and Liam George came through the game. All have recently recovered from injuries, and the very heavy pitch at Walsall meant that they had to pass a very stiff test of how well they have recovered.

On a surface like that, a physio is bound to worry about the extra strain, not so much on the injuries, but on muscles that have not been fully extended while players are under treatment.

I think I was most pleased for Liam George, in his second league game after his broken leg. Once more we subbed him before the end, but he was still feeling good, and would cheerfully have stayed on longer if we had let him.

Preparing for tonight's game, our major doubt was over Sean Dyche. He has missed the last two matches because of a rib injury which affected his breathing, and a decision on his availability tonight was being left late. Yesterday, it was touch and go. Ribs apart, his is fully fit.

Two of our longer-term "patients" are making progress, but neither Andrew Fotiadis nor Sean Evers can think about playing league football for a while yet.

Andrew is doing well after the ankle injury he received in the game against Wrexham, and I hope he will be able to resume full training later this week. But after being out for a month, I would think he will need at least one outing in the reserves to regain full match fitness. At this stage of the season, one comeback game would probably be enough to set him up for league duty.

Sean Evers is well on the way after his stomach muscle operation, and is currently working in the gym on a rehab programme. It takes time for the body to settle down after surgery, and he still has some soreness, but if he maintains current



but if he maintains current progress he has a good chance of being ready

to play again by Easter.

The same goes for Paul Showler, who is training again and hoping that this time his various injury problems really are all behind him.

Clive Goodyear

For the latest news

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FIRST today can I please draw your attention to the report on page 10 about the special events surrounding our home match with Gillingham on March 27. All over the country clubs are taking part in a day to help celebrate the centenary of the Football League.

It will be a big day for football anyway, with England playing Poland that afternoon, and it goes without saying that we will all be rooting for Kevin Keegan's men that day however much we want to see him beaten tonight!

We are making special offers to try to attract more young supporters, and will be giving prizes for face-painting. I am pleased to tell you that we will also have a visit by the Sandye Band, who were very popular with supporters when they were here a few weeks ago.

Don't forget that the Gillingham match will kick off at 11.30, to give us the opportunity to watch the England game, either at Wembley or on TV.

Speaking of fixtures, please note that our first match of the Easter holiday weekend, at Oldham, is now confirmed for Good Friday, April 2, kickoff 3.30. Our policy for Easter matches is to play on Saturdays when we are at home. but Oldham wanted the Friday date, and we were happy to cooperate. With so much top competition on their doorstep -Old Trafford, for instance, is less than 15 miles from Boundary Park - Oldham have to do everything possible to maximise attendances. The kick-off time, incidentally, was fixed after discussions with their local police force.

DANCING PARTNERS:
Happy Harry and Cable
Cat tripping their version
of a light fantastic.

We now have an extra fixture for our reserves in April. A report on their victory at Biggleswade in the semi-final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup appears elsewhere in today's magazine. The final will be on Arlesey Town's ground on April 21, kick-off 7.30pm, against Stotfold, who beat Leighton Town 1-0 in the other semi-final last week. The match is pencilled in to be the first to be played on Arlesey's new ground, as the major event in its official opening. I will give more information about that when I have it.

Finally tonight I want to put on record my appreciation of the way Happy Harry and Cable Cat contributed to the entertainment when we played Blackpool. They were both great, and it was a real pleasure to hear laughter ringing around the ground at their antics. The penalty competition was something else!

We want to do everything possible to make football a happy day out, and I think everyone enjoyed the contributions of the two mascots. They are old friends - they met in a parade of mascots at Derby a few weeks ago at an England under-21 match.

I hope Happy Harry has plenty to smile about again tonight!

Cherry



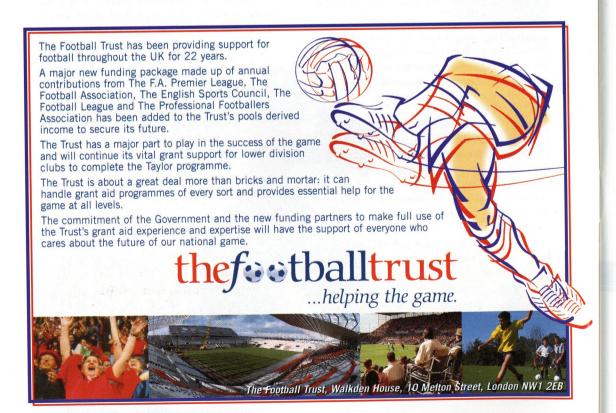
Luton Town v Gillingham



Saturday March 27, kick-off 11.30am

The weekend of this match has been designated by the Football League as a Centenary Day Promotion.

- •We will therefore he offering all under-16s entry for just £1, in all areas of the ground.
- All youngsters are invited to participate on the day by painting their faces in club colours, or England colours - England play Poland that afternoon, which is why our game kicks off early.
- Happy Harry will be giving out prizes for the best and most original face-painting designs. We will also have a band playing at the match.
- Our Community Department will be giving away 250 tickets to local schools and clubs, and there will be a reciprocal exchange visit between our Junior Hatters and the Gillingham Juniors.



Nationwide Second Division

LUTON TOWN v STOKE CITY

Saturday March 13, kick-off 3pm

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

CHESTERFIELD v LUTON TOWN

Saturday March 20, kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only.

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£4 concessions (under 16s & over 65s). Limited seating: £9.50 adults, £5 concessions.

LUTON TOWN v READING

Tuesday March 23, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.

Normal guesting facilities apply.

This is a re-arranged date and tickets purchased for the original date are still valid.



LUTON TOWN v GILLINGHAM

Saturday March 27, kick-off 11.30am Please note changed kick-off time).

Tickets for this match are on sale at discounted prices, except for special offers - please see notice on opposite page. Normal guesting facilities apply.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC v LUTON TOWN

Good Friday, April 2, kick-off 3.30pm

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We also welcome and thank FlexLink Systems Ltd of Milton Keynes, who are here for the second time this season. They specialise in providing tailor-made handling solutions to meet all business needs.

Our other guests in the sponsors' lounges are with Rob Stringer, of Epic Records, another regular supporter. Managing Director Mr Stringer is a lifelong Town supporter, and the record label represents many of the top stars in the music business. Rob is hoping to convert members of the Manic Street Preachers and the Lightning Seeds to Luton Town!

Tonight's matchball sponsors are Dave and Jack Rankin.

We are very grateful for all support and sponsorships, and we are always ready to come up with packages to suit all pockets. We offer good value for money, and to find out more, please ring Luton 411622 and ask for the commercial department.



VISITORS: Luton Rotary Club hosted guests from the Philippines at the Blackpool match. They are in this country on an exchange visit and they are pictured with Luton Rotary President John Worboys, second from the right, and past-president John Maddocks on the left. SUPPORTING Luton Town has its problems for young Roger Moss and his family, because they live near Oxford. But Roger, who was ten a couple of weeks ago, will have found the journey even more rewarding than this usual evening, because he is the commercial mascot.

He plays left wing-back

for Kidlington under-10s, and also attends Tackley cubs, where he is a sixer. He comes to games with his dad Graham, his brother Craig, and his best friend Chris, and this evening his mum, Ann, is also here.

We hope they all have a night to remember, and Roger would like to see us win for two reasons: he supports the Town, of course, and also Fulham's near-neighbours Chelsea! His favourite Town player is Stuart Douglas.

Golden Gamble

ONE lucky lady went home with two good reasons to celebrate after the match against Blackpool. The day got better by the minute for her shortly after the half-time whistle sounded. Her £1 ticket was pulled out of the drum to win the Golden Gamble jackpot, and she collected £473 in cash. Then she sat back and watched the Town complete a stylish victory.

If you were at the game, you may have noticed that the prize was not claimed on the pitch, at the time of the draw, and for a change we have no picture of the lucky winner. The reason is that the lady did not want to be identified, and we respected her wishes.

Golden Gamble tickets are on sale again tonight in all parts of the ground, offering supporters the chance to collect a 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.

Welcome

defender's debut, striker's return

WE MIGHT have had cause to worry a little when we heard that both Sean Dyche and Marvin Johnson were on the injured list as preparations were made for the visit of Blackpool.

But the re-shaped defence did its job perfectly, with a first clean sheet in the league for four months. At the heart of it were Alan White, and 21-year-old Chris Willmott, who was making his debut and drew applause from the crowd, and a tribute from his manager.

Born in Bedford, the defender was spotted by the Town when he was a schoolboy, and joined the staff as a YTS boy five years ago.

For a time he and Matthew Upson were the brightest young talents in the youth squad, with Willmott, if anything, looking the better prospect.

But at 19, just as he was getting nearer to the first team squad, Willmott suffered a serious knee injury. It was to keep him sidelined for nine months, during which time Upson impressed Arsenal so much they bought him for a down-payment of £1million.

Willmott, meanwhile, worked to get over his injury and reestablished himself in the reserves, and when Dyche and Johnson were both ruled out of action ten days ago Lennie Lawrence had no qualms about giving the cheerful defender a debut.

The 21-year-old handled it with remarkable maturity, and also gave a good account of himself talking to reporters afterwards. "It was easier than I expected, but I was just glad we got the win," he said. "And a clean sheet for me, as a defender, was the other main thing."

He had three days to think about his debut, after knowing the injury situation with Dyche and Johnson, but was not told until three hours before kick-off that he was definitely playing.

It may be the start of a new chapter in his career, but was also the happy ending to one that had included some bad days. "I was going all right before the knee injury took me out for nine months," he said. "But I have been steadily getting back, and now I feel I am ready for the first team." He knows that it might, for the time being, be a one-off, with Johnson and Dyche first choices for central defence, and White next in line. But he added: "Hopefully after today's form I can stay in the frame, and keep a place in the squad.

"I found the first half against Blackpool quite easy, but after we went ahead we knew they would come back at us strongly. I didn't feel nervous, because I was concentrating."

The other very happy young man at Kenilworth Road after the Blackpool game was Liam George, who confounded the experts and returned to league action a month earlier than the medics forecast.

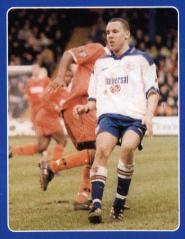
"It felt really good," he said. "When I was injured at Wigan I was told it would be April or May before I got back, and that I might as well just about forget this season. I was really upset because I was just beginning to push for a regular first team place, and the broken leg knocked me for six.

"But Clive Goodyear and the doctors have been marvellous. I realised that I had to apply myself in getting fit again, and I did, with the physio's help.

"It was frustrating watching the team, believing that I could have been out there with them instead of being in the stands, and I am absolutely delighted to be back on the pitch again. I felt fine for most of the game, but then I got a bit tired, and stiffened up and it was no surprise to be substituted. I'm just so pleased to be playing again, and now I want to show that I am worth a regular place in the side."



UNHAPPY MEMORY: The tackle that broke Liam George's leg at Wigan in August.



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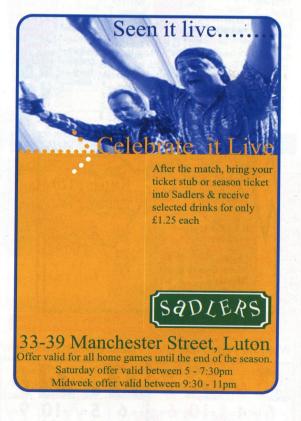
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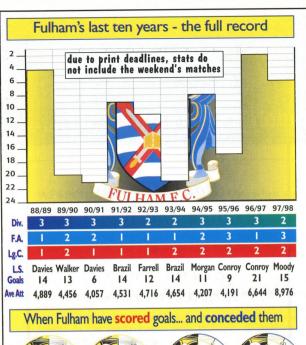
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SMILING AGAIN: Chris Willmott meets the Press after his debut helped to achieve a result against Blackpool which made Kenilworth Road a much happier place.





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Who's played for Fulham this season...

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Maik Taylor	G	32		27	63	13 09	Southampton	N Ire U21
Chris Coleman	D	31	3	28	62	14 04	Blackburn	Wales
Kit Symons	D	31	6	27	61	13 07	Man City	Wales
Steve Hayward	M	28	2	27	511	12 07	Carlisle	Eng Yth
Paul Bracewell	M	25	1	36	59	12 03	Sunderland	England
Simon Morgan	D	24	4	32	5 10	12 05	Leicester	Eng U21
Paul Peschisolido	F	16(7)	6	27	57	11 02	West Brom	Canada
Wayne Collins	M	16(3)	2	29	60	11 07	Sheff Wed	
Geoff Horsfield	F	15(2)	9	25	60		Halifax	
Dirk Lehmann	F	14(7)		27	61	13 02	Energie Cottbu	IS
Barry Hayles	F	12(4)	4	26	59	13 00	Bristol Rovers	
Steve Finnan	F	12(1)		22	59	10 09	Notts County	
Gus Uhlenbeek	M	11(9)	1	28	5 10	12 06	Ipswich	
Neil Smith	M	11(5)		27	58	12 02	Gillingham	
John Salako	M	7(3)	-1	30	59	12 03	Bolton	Nigeria
Paul Trollope	M	7(3)		26	60	1201	Derby	Wales
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Paul Moody	F	2(3)	- 1	31	63	14 08	Oxford	
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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



welcome to tonight's visitors

KEVIN KEEGAN (Manager)

IT IS A considerable pleasure tonight to welcome to Kenilworth Road the Chief Operations Officer of Fulham, Kevin Keegan. We will of course try to ensure he is a loser tonight, but we wish him every success in his other big job, as temporary manager of England.

He is one of the most remarkable characters football has ever produced, having reached great heights as a champion player and then proving to have a much wider knowledge of the game as a manager.

Born in Yorkshire, he started his soccer career as an apprentice at Scunthorpe in December 1968, and two and a half years later was transferred to Liverpool, still only 20, for £55,000.

Six phenomenal years at Anfield saw him win his first England cap in 1972, followed by three Football League championships an FA Cup and a European Cup winners' medal, and two UEFA Cup winners' awards.

A £500,0090 transfer to SV Hamburg in June 1977 produced a unique record - in his three seasons with them he was European Footballer of the Year twice, having been English Footballer of the Year in 1976. Keegan came home to join Southampton for



£420,000 in the summer of 1980, and two years later moved on to Newcastle for £100,000.

The last of his 63 England caps came as a sub against Spain in Madrid in the 1982 World Cup, and a couple of years later he retired, and opted for a complete break from football.

Financially, he was set up for life, but Newcastle United did the game a huge service in February 1992 when they persuaded their old crowd-pleaser to return as manager. He guided Newcastle for five glorious years,

transforming a relegation-threatened Division Two side into a top Premiership outfit. They loved his football, even if the closest they got to major honours was to be runners-up in the Premiership in his last full season. The team he left behind when he resigned as Director of Football in January 1997 was also second in the Premiership that season.

Keegan's departure from a club where boardroom problems were soon to be aired in the tabloids, led to another sabbatical, before he returned to the game again as Chief Operations Officer at Fulham in November 1997. He now looks well set to lead a Craven Cottage revival every bit as dramatic as the one he produced at Newcastle.



Back row, left to right: Chris Smith (physiotherapist), Ryan Palmer, Alan Neilson, Paul Trollope, Andy Arnott, Paul Moody, Kit Symons, Sean Maher, Ian McGuckin, Matthew Lawrence, Sean Davis.
 Middle row: Malcolm Martin (assistant physiotherapist), Alex Court (physiologist), Paul Peschisolido, Rufus Brevett, Ian Selley, Luke Cornwall, Andre Arendse, Maik Taylor, Rod McAree, Simon Morgan, Steve McAnespie, Gus Uhlenbeek, John Marshall (coach), Alan Bevan (kit manager).
 Front row: Neil Smith, Rob Scott, Wayne Collins, Chris Coleman, Paul Bracewell (player-coach), Kevin

Keegan, Frank Sibley (assistant manager), Matthew Brazier, Paul Brooker, John Salako, Steve Hayward.

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MAIK TAYLOR

(Goalkeeper)

German-born goalkeeper who joined Fulham from Southampton for £800,000 in November 1997. A former Northern Ireland international who left the army to join Barnet after being spotted playing for Farnborough Town by former England keeper Ray Clemence. The six-foot-four-inch keeper is renowned as a good shot-stopper with safe hands.

ANDRE ARENDSE

(Goalkeeper)

South African who represented his country in the World Cup last summer. Signed after impressing in the May 1997 international friendly against England at Old Trafford.

RUFUS BREVETT

(Defender)

After making more than 150 appearances for Queens Park Rangers, the attacking full-back signed for Fulham in January 1998. Despite a short absence with a finger tendon injury last season, he has been a regular in the side, providing pace and good service down the left flank.

GUS UHLENBEEK

(Defender)

An attacking full-back known for his pace. Signed from Ipswich Town last summer under the Bosman ruling. He began his career at Dutch giants Ajax and is never afraid to run at the opposition.

SIMON MORGAN

(Defender)

Former England under-21 international who is the club's longest serving player after joining in October 1990 for £100,000 from Leicester. An influential centre-back, he missed most of last season through injury but is now back to his best. Scored a vital goal against Aston Villa in the fourth round of the FA Cup.

CHRIS COLEMAN

(Defender)

Welsh international who joined from Blackburn Rovers in December 1997 for a club and Second Division record of £2.1 million. The centre-back is both strong in the air and confident with the ball at his feet. Additionally, a danger at set pieces.

PHILIPPE ALBERT

(Defender)

Belgian international currently on-loan from Kevin Keegan's former club Newcastle. An elegant centre-back who has both the physique to command the defence but also the skill and finesse to play the passing game.

KIT SYMONS

(Defender)

Welsh international who joined from Manchester City last summer under the Bosman ruling. Began his career at Portsmouth and is a determined and disciplined player who provides a steadying influence in the back-line.

STEVE HAYWARD

(Midfielder)

A former England youth player, he joined the Cottagers from Carlisle United for £175,000 in June 1997. He started his career at Derby County. His passing and vision in the centre of the midfield is a great asset to the club.









PAUL BRACEWELL

(Midfielder)

The first signing of the Kevin Keegan era when he signed in October 1997 for £75,000 from Sunderland. Vastly experienced former England international, he marshalls the Fulham midfield with gritty and consistent displays.

NEIL SMITH

(Midfielder)

Began his career at Tottenham Hotspur where he spent seven years and helped the club to win the FA Youth Cup in 1989. Signed in July 1997 for £100,000, he made more than 200 appearances for previous club Gillingham.

WAYNE COLLINS

(Midfielder)

Versatile and hard-working, he joined the club in January 1998 from Sheffield Wednesday for £400,000. Preferring to play in the middle of the park, he can also be used as a winger or centre-forward.

PAUL TROLLOPE

(Midfielder)

Welsh international who joined the club from Derby County in November 1997 for £600,000. Excellent at linking play between the defence and the attack, he is a danger with his supply of crosses from the left.

STEVE FINNAN

(Midfielder)

One of Kevin Keegan's most recent acquisitions, this former Republic of Ireland under-21 international and former Birmingham player was signed from Notts County for £600,000 last November.

JOHN SALAKO

(Midfielder)

Former England international who joined Fulham from Bolton on a free transfer last July. The winger is looking to reproduce the pace and skill that he showed at Crystal Palace and Coventry and provide his front men with consistent pinpoint crosses.

BARRY HAYLES

(Forward)

A talented and exciting striker, the former Stevenage player joined Fulham from Bristol Rovers last summer for £2 million. Possesses pace and excellent control, he is always a threat to defences as Southampton found out in the FA Cup when he scored the winner in their third round replay.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO

(Forward)

Canadian international who arrived at Craven Cottage in October 1997 from West Bromwich Albion for a fee of £1.1 million. Blessed with a quick turn of pace, he came to prominence for the Canadian under-16 World Cup and under-19 Olympic teams.

DIRK LEHMANN

(Forward)

Signed from German club Energie Cottbus for around £34,000, the six foot striker has become an instant hit with the Fulham faithful, scoring many important goals.

GEOFF HORSFIELD

(Forward)

Joined Fulham from Halifax for £350,000 last October. A versatile forward, he is capable of running at defences and is a constant threat with his aerial power.

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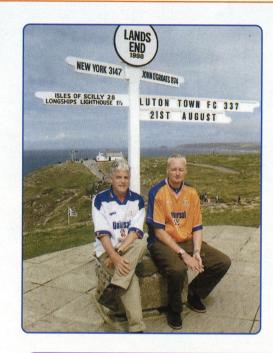
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FATHER and son Barry and Vaughn Sinfield apologised for not going to the ends of the earth to carry the colours of Luton Town, but sent us this picture saying they thought the end of Britain was still pretty good.

Not only did they pose in their Town strip, they also made sure the club name was in full view to hundreds of tourists for some time.

Work commitments led to the Sinfield family moving to Wirksworth in Derbyshire, but they are still dedicated Hatters, and travel all over the country to support the Town - a round trip of 200 miles just to home games!

DO YOU fancy being in the matchday magazine? Whether it's "Hatters Abroad" pictures or any sort of fans' photographs that will be of interest to other supporters we would be delighted to consider them for publication. Send them, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC.

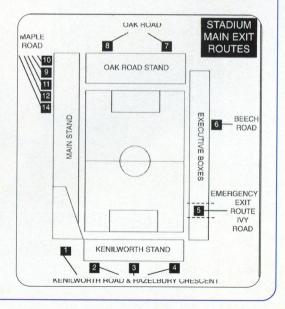
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The Town had gone down to a surprising 1-2 defeat at Fulham in mid-week and desperately needed to get back to winning ways in their bid to win promotion back to the old Division One. As it turned out the Hatters put on a display of style and class but precious little punch against a side which had a collective off day. Alan West opened the scoring when he lobbed the Tigers goalkeeper, leff Wealands, from 25 yards after the ball had been punched out to his feet and further goals from Peter Anderson and John Aston seemed to set the Town up for an easy win.

Slack defensive play let in Hull substitute Paul O'Riley for a consolation and the Town were left regretting their earlier lack of bite as the Tigers made it a fraught final few minutes.

March 9th 1985 **Luton Town 1 Watford 0 (F.A.Cup)**

This F.A.Cup pairing was fast reaching epic proportions as the teams lined up for the fifth time in two seasons.

In 1983/84 the Hornets had won through after a replay while this time a hard fought 0-0 stalemate at Kenilworth Road was followed by a fighting 2-2 draw at Vicarage Road after the Town had been 0-2 down at one stage.

The third meeting took place only five days after the first, and two tired sides slogged it out to see who would entertain Millwall in the guarter final.

The goal that settled the game came from an unlikely source in the shape of Wayne Turner who was celebrating his 24th birthday as well as struggling to get over a bout of 'flu.

A clever through ball from Gary Parker, which was out of keeping with all that had gone on before, was swept home by Turner and although the Hornets huffed and puffed afterwards they could not find their way through a Luton defence dominated by Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy.

March 9th 1991 Aston Villa 1 Luton Town 2

After a truly awful display culminating in a 0-3 defeat at Manchester City in mid-week the same eleven players turned out again to see if they could break their away duck that stretched back to the previous September.

It was difficult to work out how the same team could transform itself into worldbeaters in four days but right from the opening minutes there was only one likely winner. A spectacular own goal from Villa's Derek Mountfield opened the scoring which was followed before the interval by Mark Pembridge's first goal for the club- a 25 vard vollev.

Villa saw a second half penalty from David Platt saved by Alec Chamberlain and although Tony Cascarino did reduce the deficit with twenty minutes to go the Town still ran out comfortable winners.



Wayne Turner smashes the ball past Tony Coton the Watford goalkeeper in the twice replayed F.A.Cup tie of 1985

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a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

As mentioned in recent programmes, it is now forty years since we set out on the road to Wembley, and actually reached our goal, for the first time in our history.

We have already seen how a reshuffled side hammered Leeds 5-1 at Kenilworth Road, beat Leicester 4-1 after a replay and then went to Portman Road from where we returned victorious following a 5-2 win over Ipswich after going a goal down in the opening minute.

Fellow Division One side Blackpool were our opponents in the quarter-finals where a slip from Town full-back Ken Hawkes allowed Ray Charnley to nip in for a last minute equaliser. On now to the replay and the other events of March 1959.

Due to Blackpool's refusal to play under the Luton floodlights the replay was switched to the Wednesday afternoon of March 4th. The Town officials resigned themselves to the fact that the game would be less than a sell-out because of the early kick-off, but they were amazed when the turnstiles stopped clicking and it was revealed that a record crowd of 30,069 had gathered. Truancy was rife that afternoon but as a good number of schoolteachers were probably also present it did not matter!

The match itself was a typical full blooded cup tie with no quarter given on a difficult pitch. Few chances were created at either end and it looked increasingly likely that only one goal would swing the tie. Luckily that one goal fell to the Hatters inside forward Allan Brown who was playing against his old side. Six years previously Brown had broken a leg as he scored Blackpool's winner in a quarter-final tie at Arsenal and the thoughts of that game must have come flooding back as he ran on to a clever George Cummins pass and

swept the ball into the net just as Seasiders goalkeeper George Farm crashed into him.

Fortunately Brown jumped straight to his feet and was able to assist the Town defence, ably marshalled by skipper Syd Owen, for the final 16 minutes of the pulsating tie. At the final whistle the crowd invaded the pitch and for a time the players were submerged in a sea of delirious supporters.

The Hatters were now through to the F.A.Cup semi-final for the first time in their 74 year history where their opponents were to be Third Division Norwich. The Canaries would probably have been the Town's choice, had they been given one, although they commanded great respect having already knocked out Manchester United, Tottenham, Sheffield United and Cardiff on their epic journey from the First Round.

The semi-final was scheduled for Stamford Bridge but Norwich objected to this choice of venue as the Town were playing there in a league match the previous week. The game was then switched, amidst much confusion, to White Hart Lane and when the tickets were made available, only six days before the tie, the vast queue at Kenilworth Road was headed by a couple of coachloads of Norwich supporters!

The first half at White Hart Lane was totally one sided with the Town missing several good opportunities to bury brave Norwich. For all their efforts only an Allan Brown headed goal separated the two sides at the interval which was to prove insufficient.

The Canaries threw caution to the wind in the second period and were rewarded for their exertions when ex-Hatter, Bobby Brennan, celebrating his 34th birthday, hit a tremendous right foot volley past a flat footed Ron Baynham in the Luton goal.

The Town rallied after this setback but could not find a way past Norwich reserve goalkeeper Sandy Kennon who put on an inspired performance and rescued his side time and time again. His last minute diving save from Billy Bingham was truly breathtaking and enabled his side to earn a replay.

The second match took place at St Andrews, Birmingham where this time the Canaries had much more of the play. An open goal miss by Jimmy Hill, the little Norwich inside-forward, on the stroke of half-time sent the sides in level at the interval but in the second period one moment of First Division class turned the game.

A clever back heel from Bob Morton set up Bingham who reacted in a flash and hammered the ball in to the roof of the net. Although Norwich once again streamed forward they could not force a way past Syd Owen and his determined fellow defenders. Back on the ground where he started his career 36 year old Owen, playing his final season in football, was the rock upon which the wave upon wave of Norwich attacks foundered. His reading of the game together with

brilliantly timed interceptions and shrewd tackles saved half a dozen dangerous moments for the Town and produced probably his finest performance in a Luton shirt.

The Hatters hung on grimly and at the final whistle relieved supporters stormed on to the pitch and chaired off their heroes while the dazed Norwich players were applauded off by their own disappointed fans who had seen their hopes of being the first Third Division side to reach Wembley dashed at the final hurdle.

The last words were left to Owen who said, "This is a great day for me. In my last season as a professional footballer I have achieved



Ron Baynham clutches the ball above the head of Blackpool's Ray Charnley.

one of football's most coveted honours- to captain a side at Wembley." No-one, not even an upset Norwich manager, Archie Macaulay, could begrudge him that.

Luton (all three games): Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Blackpool: Farm, Armfield, Wright, Hauser, Gratrix, H.Kelly, Matthews, Mudie, Charnley, J.Kelly, Durie.

Norwich (both games):

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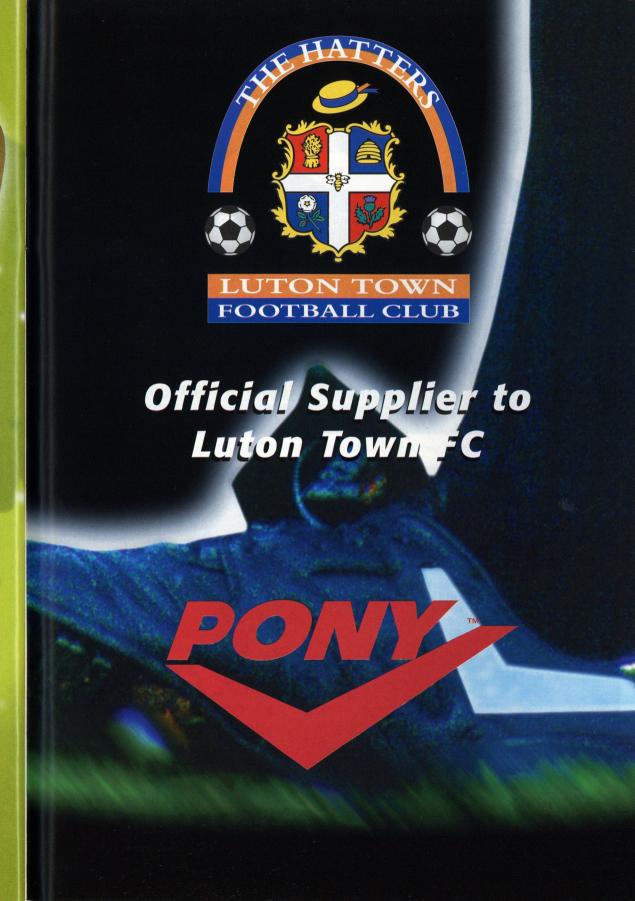


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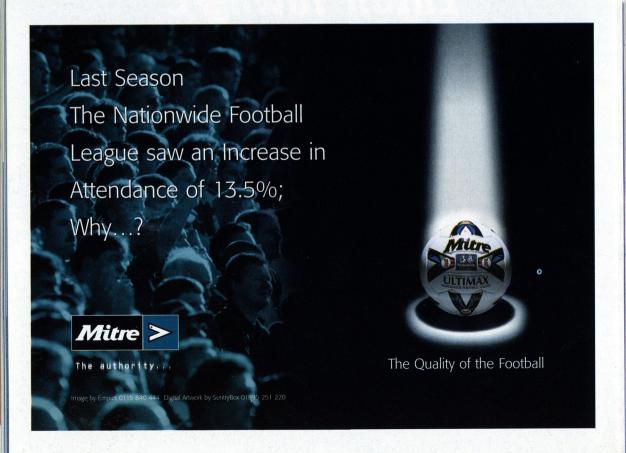
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by Alan Robinson

FOOTBALL cards came in all shapes and sizes, ranging from the small "Pinnace" cards of the 1920s to postcard-sized offerings from Match Weekly some 60 years later. There was even a set of round coins issued by Esso for the 1970 World Cup.

The Slough firm of Chix Confectionery issued four football sets in the 1950s, with the first three being in vertical format, showing either a portrait-style pose, or the player in match action.



Chix Confectionery Co. Footballers, portrait and action, 1959

We have featured Syd Owen in a

previous matchday magazine, from the second series of cards. For their 1959 offering of 48 subjects, Chix decided on a horizontal format, the same size as before, but split down the middle. One half showed a head and shoulders shot, with the other side depicting the player in action.

One Hatter featured in this series, at number 36, was Bob Morton. As well as holding our all-time appearance record with 495 league outings, Bob was perhaps the best clubman that Luton have ever had. As the reverse of this card states, "He always puts club before self."

It was undoubtedly his willingness to move from his best position of wing-half to wherever else he was needed in the team that cost him the chance of a full England cap.

On the back of these cards, although there is an interesting caricature of each player, together with a few brief details, there is no mention of the manufacturers' name, which can make identification a little difficult.

Born at Aston Clinton, Morton made his debut in the away victory at West Ham on October 30, 1948. He soon made the number 4 shirt his own, before being asked to lead the attack during the promotion-winning season of 1954/55. This was the first of several switches to the forward line, including, of course, the centre-forward's role during the 1959 cup run, which culminated in Bob's solitary Wembley appearance.

He remained cheerful and willing throughout his time at Kenilworth Road, even though the latter part of his career saw the club in serious decline. His final season, 1963/64, saw a desperate battle against relegation to Division Four.

Following retirement and a well-deserved testimonial, against West Ham, where his career had started, he became player-manager at Bletchley, before leaving football to become a driver.

During his hey-days in the 1950s Bob was featured on several "trade cards." These included bubble-gum cards by A & BC and the Master Vending Co, and also in a couple of Barratt's "Famous Footballer" series. As for these rather attractive cards from Chix, the going price for a full set is around £40 these days.

Luton Town 1 Blackpool o

AFTER three defeats in a row, Lennie Lawrence shuffled his pack against Blackpool, and the team came up trumps.

The margin of victory might have been narrow, but for the first hour or so there was a wide gulf between a very good Town performance and the lacklustre showing of the visitors.

Phil Gray was well out of luck in drawing a blank, as goalkeeper Steven Banks became Blackpool's man of the match with a string of good saves.

Gary Doherty was suspended, and Marvin Johnson and Sean Dyche were out through injury, and the six changes from the starting line-up in the previous game included a debut for 21-year-old Chris Willmott, who partnered Alan White.

They can look back with pride on a rare achievement, thanks also to a couple of good saves by Kelvin Davis in the closing minutes: the first clean sheet in the league in 17 attempts.

It was a memorable day for Liam George as well, his first league game since breaking a leg at Wigan in August, while Mitchell Thomas also returned after a long lay-off.

Blackpool were lucky to escape a real pasting as the Town rediscovered the ability to play quick passing football at home. The visitors started with five at the back and three in midfield, and the Town gladly accepted the invitation to break them down. Matthew Spring gave everything as Blackpool came under a lot of pressure. Shots rained in from all quarters, with piledrivers from Gray, Graham Alexander and Spring shelling narrowly wide, and Banks saving well from Spring, Gray twice and George.

The half-time worry was that Blackpool had been let off the hook, and would surely improve. They did, to some extent, but left manager Nigel Worthington screaming with rage as they conceded the decisive goal nine minutes after the break.

Blackpool had the ball deep in the Town half, but embarked on a passing move that went backwards. The ball eventually reached Clarke Carlisle, 40 yards from his goal. Stuart Douglas robbed him, and then used his pace to bear down on the target. Phil Thompson tried hard to drive him wide, but Douglas was too quick and strong, and as Banks advanced the shot was delivered expertly - "an

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring (McGowan 73 mins), Willmott, White, Harrison (McLaren 89 mins), McKinnon, Douglas, Gray, George (Cox 83 mins)

Booked: No-one

Blackpool: Banks, Bryan, Hills, Carlisle, Hughes, Bardsley (Thompson 34 mins, in turned replaced by Nowland, 65 mins), Conroy, Clarkson, Aldridge (Bent 65 mins), Bushell, Ormerod.

Booked: No-one.

The goal: Stuart Douglas, 54th minute, expertly taken with a low angled drive after robbing Clarke Carlisle in midfield and setting off on a single-minded run.

Referee: Roger Furnandiz, Doncaster.

Attendance: 4.646

excellent goal from probably the hardest chance we had," said the manager.

It woke Blackpool up a little, and we had our usual nervous finale as we worried about the confidence needed to protect a lead. Blackpool used all their subs and switched to 4-4-2 and looked all the better for it.

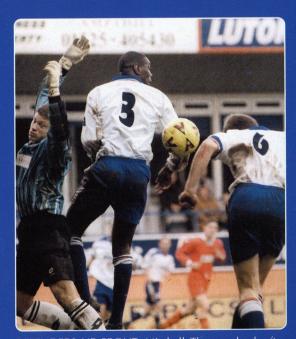
But in the last ten minutes Kelvin Davis made very good saves from Phil Clarkson and Brett Ormerod, and when Junior Bent netted the goal was ruled out for offside, just as had happened to us when we thought we had equalised against Notts County in the previous game.

For the Town manager it was a delight to see the way the team responded at a time when the club faced difficulties on and off the field alike. "We must have created half a dozen clear-cut chances, and that was as well as we have attacked at home for a long time," he said.

Worthington complained: "We didn't do it for the first 60 minutes. We knew all about the troubles at Luton before we came, and we wanted to take the game by the scruff of the neck. We didn't. Too many of our men went missing."



THE WINNER: Stuart Douglas whacks in the goal that beat Blackpool, his tenth of the season.



DEFENDERS UP FRONT: Mitchell Thomas, back after missing nine games through injury, is joined by Alan White in putting pressure on the Blackpool goal.



WELCOME BACK: Liam George takes them on two at a time in his first league game since breaking his leg last August.

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Hamior welcome

IT'S A shame that some matches have to be played in the evenings, because it means that not all our young supporters can attend when they have to cope with homework and think about school the following morning.

For that reason, Fulham's juniors are not with us tonight, but we hope to have our opposite numbers from Stoke with us on Saturday.

We had a coach party to Walsall, where we are always given a good welcome and an invitation to their family room for a buffet before the game. We were also due to have a half-time contest on the pitch, an Americanstyle penalty shoot-out. We will have a report, and perhaps a picture or two, in next Saturday's matchday magazine.

The Saturday club will be in business as usual. 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.

But we have to give you advance warning that there will be no Saturday club on March 27, the day we are at home to Gillingham. That is because the game will kick-off at 11.30 am, so as not to clash with England v Poland that afternoon.

The week before that we are planning a Junior Hatters trip to Chesterfield, and 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.

Tonight's Mascot



STEWART Gray, from Mile House Lane, St. Albans, is tonight's Junior Hatters mascot, enjoying the chance to get really close to his heroes.

He is 14, and comes to games with his dad, and they watch matches from the Kenilworth Road

end. Stewart's favourite player is Stuart Douglas, especially after that goal against Blackpool!

Stewart goes to Townsend Church of England School at St. Albans and enjoys motor-cycling, swimming and going to disco. He plays football for the Junior Hatters and his school team.



MASCOTS A-PLENTY: Happy Harry had Cable Cat to play with at the Blackpool game, and pictured with them and the match officials is our own lucky Junior Hatters mascot, Louise Blockwell.

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BEDFORDSHIRE PREMIER CUP SEMI-FINAL



Biggleswade 1 Luton Town 2

IN A break from the Avon Combination programme, we qualified for the final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup on a wet and windy night at Biggleswade. Both sets of players, and the crowd for that matter, deserve all praise just for turning up on a wretched night when Manchester United were live on the box.

Rarely has a late winner been so very welcome - not only was it a first goal at this level for youth team defender James Ayres, but it also saw off the possibility of having to play extra time.

We had a number of first-half chances, and converted one, with Michael McIndoe firing in a left-footed cross-shot.

To their credit Biggleswade came back in the second half as the pitch deteriorated. Conditions were very difficult, with the ball sometimes skidding off the wet turf at high speed, and at other times sticking.

We conceded an equaliser with 15 minutes to go. We certainly did not want extra time, and our response to the Biggleswade goal was spot on. Ayres rifled in the winner with his right foot following a corner, to the huge delight of himself and everyone else.

Biggleswade were good hosts after the game, but we felt sorry for the unfortunate groundsman who had to sort out his pitch the following morning!

The final will be against Stotfold at Arlesey Town on April 27 (7.30pm).

Luton Town: Abbey, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Ayres, Boyce, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Akurang, McIndoe, Jerry (Hudson 60 mins). Unused subs: Minton, Stirling.

WE ARE away to Queens Park Rangers in the Avon Insurance Combination tomorrow, and a report will be in Saturday's matchday magazine. The next home game for the reserves is a week tomorrow, March 17, when Wycombe Wanderers come to Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.

Reserve appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets): Abbey 17, Agueh 2, Akurang 4, Alexander 1, Ayres 5 (1), Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 20 (1), Clarke 16, Cox 13 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 11 (1), George 2 (1), Hudson 6, Jerry 6, Kandol 10 (3), Lawes 15, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 12 (2), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 20 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 4, Thomas 3 (1), Turner 2, White 8 (5), Willmott 20 (1), Zahana-Oni 6 (2)

Avon Insurance Combination

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Peterborough	21	13	4	4	44	22	43
Southampton	20	12	2	6	41	25	38
Watford	19	10	7	2	36	15	37
Charlton	18	11	3	4	32	19	36
Ipswich	19	11	3	5	35	24	36
Fulham	20	10	5	5	46	27	35
Tottenham	20	11	2	7	27	19	34
Chelsea	19	10	2	7	24	20	32
Norwich	21	9	4	8	28	23	31
QPR	21	8	4	9	29	24	28
Portsmouth	19	8	4	7	29	29	28
West Ham	17	7	6	4	31	21	27
Northampton	17	8	3	6	22	16	27
Luton Town	21	7	6	8	30	33	27
C. Palace	19	7	5	7	35	31	26
Arsenal	19	7	5	7	28	24	26
Colchester	21	8	2	11	29	39	26
Bournemouth	21	7	4	10	33	32	25
Brighton	20	6	6	8	17	27	24
Barnet	18	7	3	8	24	41	24
Wimbledon	20	5	8	7	22	28	23
Oxford Utd	19	7	1	11	22	36	22
Swindon	19	6	3	10	21	33	21
Cambridge	18	5	5	8	26	39	20
Millwall	17	5	4	8	23	26	19
Brentford	15	3	6	6	19	25	15
Reading	18	4	3	11	21	32	15
Wycombe	17	3	4	10	16	38	13
Gillingham	19	2	4	13	13	34	10

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

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Wed 12	August	Brighton & Hove	Н	4-1
Wed 26	U	Cambridge United	A	2-2
Wed 2	September	Portsmouth	Α	3-2
Wed 16		Reading	Н	3-0
Wed 23		Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30		Charlton Athletic	Н	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	Н	1-3
Wed 11		Watford	A	0-0
Mon 16		Kempston Rov (BPC)	A	3-0
Thur 19		Norwich City	Α	0-6
Wed 25		Ipswich Town	Н	2-3
Mon 14	December	Colchester United	Н	0-2
Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	Н	3-0
Mon 11	January	Wimbledon	Н	1-1
Wed 20		Southampton	A	0-1
Mon 01	February	AFC Bournemouth	Н	1-0
Mon 8		Fulham	A	2-3
Mon 15		Chelsea	Α	0-1
Mon 22		Barnet	Н	1-1
Wed 3	March	Biggleswade (BPC)	A	2-1
Wed 10		Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed 17		Wycombe Wdrs	Н	2pm
Mon 29		Arsenal	Α	2pm
Wed 07	April	Arsenal Oxford	H	2pm 2pm
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Colchester United 2 Luton Town 0

A SECOND defeat in four games was a sharp reminder that we have to be consistent to have a chance of retaining the championship of the South East Counties League. The good news was that leaders Brentford had gone down by a similar score, at Leyton Orient.

Our team had an unfamiliar look about it. With Darren Howe away on trials with Cambridge United, Jude Stirling, normally a right back, played in central defence alongside James Ayres. He did well, but had the misfortune to put the killer second goal into his own net.

Weakened by injuries, we gave a game to several first-year YTS boys, and we had only two subs. But the team settled so well that we were unlucky to be held to 0-0 at half-time. We had looked a lot more threatening than Colchester, but things changed early in the second half.

A lapse of concentration at the back enabled a Colchester player to get down the left flank and lay on a goal, and after that we were chasing the game.

Tresor Kandol, our leading scorer, had to come off with an ankle injury, but Clifford Akurang, his striking partner, was always a handful for the Colchester defence. We had a couple of good chances to equalise, but their goalkeeper made a good save, and in the end we had to accept that on the day Colchester deserved to win.

Their second goal came ten minutes from time, and was one of those unfortunate affairs that can happen to anyone. We were not under a lot of pressure, but when the ball was played into our box keeper Daniel Tate went for it, only for Stirling to get there first and divert the ball into the net in his attempt to clear.

Luton Town: Tate, Moran, Taylor, Minton, Ayres, Stirling, Harrington (Dogbe 55 mins), Hudson, Kandol (Clarke 65 mins), Akurang, Jerry.

WE WERE away to Southend on Saturday, and a report will be in the next matchday magazine. This Saturday we are at home to Swindon, at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, kick-off 11am. Spectators are welcome.

Youth team appearances, including as subs (goals in brackets): Akurang 22 (8), Ayres 24 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 5 (3), Crane 3 (2), Dogbe 4, Dollin 6, Harrington 8 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 26 (1), Hudson 11, Jerry 24 (1), Kandol 25 (16), Mansell 6 (1), McKoy 20 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 26, Moran 19, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 24 (1), Tate 22, Taylor 25 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 3.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	25	16	4	5	58	26	52
Luton Town	24	15	5	4	45	23	50
L. Orient	25	14	7	4	54	28	49
Reading	26	8	12	6	35	34	36
Wycombe	25	8	11	6	30	28	35
Bristol Rov	25	10	5	10	47	47	35
Barnet	22	9	5	8	27	25	32
Swindon	25	9	5	11	37	36	32
Colchester	26	10	2	14	41	41	32
Portsmouth	27	7	10	10	36	50	31
Brighton	22	8	6	8	31	30	30
Bournemouth	24	9	2	13	35	47	29
Cambridge	24	6	9	9	38	48	27
Southend	28	7	5	16	36	54	26
Gillingham	24	7	4	13	25	40	24
Oxford	22	6	4	12	21	39	22

Youth Team Fixtures

Sat	08	August	Brentford	A	2-4
Sat	15		AFC Bournemouth	Н	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		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	Н	1-3
Sat	13		Portsmouth	A	1-1
Sat	20		Cambridge United	H	2-1
Sat	27		Colchester United	A	0-2
Sat	06	March	Southend United	A	
Sat	13		Swindon Town	Н	
Sat	20		Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat	27		Reading	A	
Sat	10	April	Oxford United	Н	
Sat	17		Gillingham	A	

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3	10	10	12	9	6	Fulham	2	3	2	5	9	3
7	6	5	7	13	15	Gillingham	1	3	5	5	7	6
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2	4	4	4	6	6	Northampton Town	5	4	3	8	11	8
6	2	3	8	7	5	Notts County	5	8	6	9	8	9
5	4	2	8	5	7	Oldham Athletic	7	7	5	7	9	8
10	7	8	8	15	15	Preston North End	4	9	0	8	8	4
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2	2	8	7	8	11	Stoke City	7	3	6	4	7	6
3	5	11	9	9	8	Walsall	7	2	3	4	11	9
6	5	3	7	12	12	Wigan Athletic	1	4	2	8	6	9
9	2	4	5	8	7	Wrexham	8	9	6	10	4	9
2	5	5	4	6	7	Wycombe Wanderers	6	6	5	4	11	10
7	5	2	7	11	8	York City	8	8	12	12	9	6

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

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest /Lowest Gates
32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug
1,998 Macclesfield v Millwall 26-Jan
Highest Aggregate Scores
Preston 3.4 Stoke 22-Aug

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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
Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb Biggest Away Win
Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Consecutive Wins
Fulham, Stoke 6
Games Unbeaten
Gillingham 17
Consecutive Defeats
Lincoln, Macclesfield 6
Games without a Win
Wycombe 12

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins
Wigan 3
Games Unbeaten
Man City 10
Consecutive Defeats
Stoke 4
Games without a Win
York 8

Div.2 Stat Attac

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

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Form Table based on last 6 games

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Wigan	5	0	1	13	4	15	44%	WWWLWW
Gillingham	4	2	0	14	5	14	44%	WWDWWD
Fulham	4	2	0	12	4	14	35%	DWWWDW
Preston	4	1	1	17	6	13	27%	WWLWDW
Wrexham	4	1	1	10	8	13	46%	WWDWWL
Man City	3	3	0	8	2	12	67%	DWDWWD
Colchester	2	4	0	10	8	10	64%	DDWWDD
Walsall	3	1	2	7	6	10	42%	LWDWWL
Lincoln	3	1	2	5	8	10	56%	WLWWLD
Bournemou	th2	3	1	10	5	9	64%	DWLDWD
Bristol Rove		2	2	10	5	8	58%	LLWDDW
Chesterfield		2	2	7	7	8	70%	WDDLWL
Millwall	2	1	3	8	11	7	53%	LWWLLD
Luton	2	1	3	6	7	7	40%	WLLLWD
Notts Count	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	1	3	5	8	7	68%	WWLLLD
Blackpool	2	1	3	3	6	7	18%	LLWDWL
Reading	1	3	2	6	8	6	62%	DLWDLD
Oldham	2	0	4	4	5	6	45%	LLLWWL
Burnley	1	2	3	5	12	5	44%	LLDLDW
Stoke	1	1	4	7	14	4	51%	LLLLDW
Wycombe	i	1	4	4	8	4	73%	LWLDLL
Northampt		1	4	2	6	4	59%	LLLWLD
Macclesfield		0	5	2	9	3	51%	LLWLLL
York	0	2	4	4	10	2	55%	LDLLLD
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Average no. of						,
	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	
Bournemouth	1.65	2.06	1.20	0.97	0.50	1.47
Blackpool	1.00	1.20	0.82	1.09	1.00	1.18
Bristol Rovers	1.33	1.50	1.14	1.13	1.19	1.07
Burnley	1.09	0.88	1.31	1.73	1.29	2.19
Chesterfield	1.16	1.65	0.60	0.91	0.71	1.13
Colchester United	1.09	1.00	1.19	1.44	1.38	1.50
Fulham	1.56	2.00	1.13	0.75	0.63	0.88
Gillingham	1.66	1.88	1.40	0.84	0.71	1.00
Lincoln City	0.97	1.31	0.63	1.63	1.25	2.00
Luton Town	1.26	1.20	1.31	1.29	1.00	1.56
Macclesfield Town	0.68	0.67	0.69	1.29	1.13	1.44
Manchester City	1.22	1.53	0.94	0.75	0.60	0.88
Millwall	1.15	1.44	0.89	1.18	1.00	1.33
Northampton Town	0.79	0.81	0.76	1.18	1.13	1.24
Notts County	1.00	1.27	0.75	1.45	1.33	1.56
Oldham Athletic	0.97		0.88	1.34	1.33	1.35
Preston North End	1.91	2.29	1.50	1.00	1.06	0.94
Reading	1.19	1.35	1.00	1.38	1.18	1.60
Stoke City	1.27		1.07	1.10	0.93	1.27
Walsall	1.36		1.25	1.09	1.00	1.19
Wigan Athletic	1.45	1.64	1.29	0.97	0.57	1.29
Wrexham	1.09		1.19	1.44	1.25	1.63
Wycombe Wanderer			0.53	1.31	1.00	1.67
York City	1.21	1.24	1.19	1.67	1.41	1.94

Average no. of goals scored home & away

second division scene



OUR eighth away defeat of the season, at Walsall - a report and pictures will be in this Saturday's matchday magazine - knocked us back to 13th place in the Second Division after we had risen one notch with the victory over Blackpool.

Tonight's visitors are looking more and more like champions-elect after they extended their league run to eight games without defeat. Fulham made it 11 home wins on the trot on Saturday, but struggling Lincoln fought all the way, and were beaten by only one goal, Geoff Horsfield's 20th of the season.

Walsall's win consolidated their third place, and for them and Fulham the good news was that Preston and Gillingham had each dropped two points, by drawing 1-1 at Priestfield Stadium.

Preston are still second, but Walsall closed the gap on them, and edged further away from fourth-placed Gillingham.

Preston were kicking themselves for not taking all three points - Sean Gregan gave them a tenth-minute lead, which they held until injury time when Robert Taylor netted his 13th goal of the season. A week earlier he had equalled the divisional scoring record by netting all five in a 5-0 drubbing of Burnley at Turf Moor. Steve Davis was not in the home side, but must be wondering about his decision to return - Burnley are still waiting for their first home league win since he went back in late December, and along with Notts County and Oldham are only a point above the relegation mark.

The Second Division												
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	P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	33	14	2	1	33	10	8	4	4	18	14	72
Preston	34	10	4	3	39	18	9	5	3	25	16	66
Walsall	34	10	5	3	26	17	9	2	5	20	19	64
Gillingham	33	11	5	2	33	13	4	9	2	21	15	59
Bournemouth	32	11	5	0	33	8	5	4	7	21	24	57
Man City	33	8	6	2	23	9	5	8	4	16	15	53
Stoke	31	8	3	4	22	14	8	0	8	17	19	51
Chesterfield	33	12	2	3	28	12	2	7	7	9	17	51
Wigan	31	8	3	3	23	8	6	4	7	22	22	49
Millwall	35	6	7	4	24	19	7	3	8	16	24	49
Reading	33	8	6	4	24	20	4	5	6	15	24	47
Wrexham	33	6	5	6	16	20	5	4	7	19	26	42
Luton Town	32	7	3	5	18	15	4	5	8	21	26	41
Blackpool	33	.5	6	5	18	16	5	5	7	14	20	41
Bristol Rov	31	7	6	4	26	19	2	6	6	16	15	39
Colchester	33	5	6	5	16	22 .	3	8	6	21	26	38
York City	34	4	7	6	21	24	5	2	10	19	33	36
Burnley	33	5	6	6	15	22	3	4	9	21	35	34
Notts Co	32	5	3	7	19	20	4	4	9	15	26	34
Oldham	33	5	2	9	18	23	4	4	9	15	23	33
Lincoln	33	7	3	6	21	20	2	3	12	10	33	33
Northampton	34	2	8	6	13	18	4	4	10	13	21	30
Wycombe	33	6	4	8	23	19	0	6	9	8	25	28
Macclesfield	32	3	4	8	10	17	2	5	10	11	24	24

Bournemouth are still sixth, with Mark Stein, the Second Division's leading marksman, on target again with his 24th goal in a 3-2 win at Oldham.

Manchester City hold the other play-off place, after a dour 0-0 home draw with Northampton, who need every point they can get - it was their first in four matches, while City are unbeaten in the league this year.

lan Atkins is coming under pressure at Sixfields as the Saints struggle. Even if they beat Wigan at home this evening they will still be in the bottom four.

One reason is a revival by Notts County: their surprise win at Kenilworth Road a couple of weeks ago was the start of their best run of the season so far. They were 23rd when they arrived here, but are now above the safety line after winning their next two, 2-1 at home to Walsall and 3-1 at Millwall on Saturday.

Stoke City, who come to Kenilworth Road on Saturday, at last halted their slump, with a 1-0 win at Blackpool. The one-time league leaders had dropped to ninth place after a run of four consecutive defeats, but have now edged up to seventh, with games in hand giving them the chance of a play-off place.

At the bottom Macclesfield and Wycombe need something out of the ordinary to avoid the drop. While Macclesfield were losing at Reading, Wycombe dropped two points in the last minute. Until then they led Colchester 2-1, but Neil Gregory won a penalty and brother David despatched it. Colchester's joy at saving a point was tempered by the loss of former Town defender Aaron Skelton. He was carried off with a suspected broken ankle. He had a series of horrible injuries in his five years at Kenilworth Road before moving to Colchester nearly two years ago, and all his old friends hope he makes a rapid and full recovery from this one.

Tonight's other Second Division fixtures

Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers
Burnley v Manchester City
Colchester v Oldham
Lincoln v Wrexham
Macclesfield v Gillingham
Northampton v Wigan
Notts. County v Wycombe
York v Blackpool

Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area final, first leg Millwall v Walsall

goalscorers results.

Sat	08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Α		1-0 (S. Davis	
TUES	11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	Н		2-3 (Alexand	
SAT	15		PRESTON NORTH END	Н	3.00pm	1-1 (Marsha	II)
TUES	18	WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	A			vers, McLaren)
SAT	22		READING	A	3.00pm	0-3	
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	Н	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davi	s, Douglas)
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis	s, Evers, Gray)
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	Н	3.00pm	1-0 (Dougla	s)
TUES	08	02. 12	WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1 (McKinn	on)
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	Н	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis	, Alexander)
TUES	15	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	A	7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas	(3)
SAT	19	VVC2(1)	BLACKPOOL	Α	3.00pm	0-1	
TUES	22	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	н	-		Oouglas S.Davis, Johnson
SAT	26	VVC2(2)	WALSALL	Н	3.00pm		
		OCTOBER	FULHAM	Α	•		Douglas, Davis)
SAT	03	OCTOBER	YORK CITY	Α			s, Evers, Gray)
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SAT	17		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	н		1-0 (Alexan	
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TUES	10	WC4	BARNSLEY	Н	_	1-0 (Gray)	C Desira
SUN	15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A		3-2 (Gray 2	
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SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	Н		1-1 (Dohert	ty)
TUES	01	DECEMBER WO	5 SUNDERLAND	Α	7.45pm		
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SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A		2-2 (Dougla	
SAT	19		MILLWALL	Н		1-2 (S. Dav	is)
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SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Н	3.00pm	3-1 (Spring	Evers, Douglas)
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm	1-2 (Fotiadi	s)
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm	0-4	
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Н	3.00pm	2-2 (McKin	non, Doherty)
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A	3.00pm	2-1 (Fotiadi	s, Doherty)
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Thomas Alexander 4.508 Davis TOWN TEASER

THE HATTERS staged a great escape in May, 1990, by winning 3-2 at Derby to avoid relegation on the last day of the season. Who scored the Town's goals?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox

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

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

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

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

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

McGowan Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White McIndoe White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser

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

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Douglas Fotiadis McKinnon Doherty for Douglas 72; Alexander for McKinnon 77; White for McGowan 88

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McLaren Douglas Doherty McKinnon White for Johnson HT, Gray for Douglas 66; Scarlett for Cox 73

McKinnon Douglas Gray George McGowan for Spring 73, Cox for George 83, McLaren for Harrison 89

McKinnon Douglas Gray George McGowan for George 66; McLaren for Harrison 76. Unused: Willmott

The Man in Charge

PAYING his first visit to Kenilworth Road this season, Michael Dean, tonight's referee, has followed the traditional path to the Football League, starting on his local parks in Cheshire in 1987. Now 30, he moved up the pyramid steadily via the Unibond League, and joined the Football League as a linesman and panel referee for the 1995/96 season. We would have enjoyed the Division Two play-off final at Wembley, when Crewe beat Brentford, having got there at our expense in the

obvious puns available), Mr Dean is married and the lists as his hobbies keeping fit, running, cycling, golf,





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Luton Town v Fulham

Kelvin Davis 1
Graham Alexander 2
Mitchell Thomas 3
Matthew Spring 4
Sean Dyche 5
Marvin Johnson 6
Gerry Harrison 7
Ray McKinnon 8
Stuart Douglas 9
Phil Gray 10
Liam George 11
Alan White 12
Paul McLaren 13

Gavin McGowan 14

- 1 Maik Taylor
- 2 Steve Finnan 3 Rufus Brevett
- 4 Simon Morgan
- 5 Chris Coleman
- 6 Kit Symons
- 7 Steve Hayward
- 8 Neil Smith
- 9 Geoff Horsfield
- 10 Paul Trollope
- 11 Barry Hayles
- 12 Gus Uhlenbeek
- 13 Kevin Betsy
- 14 Paul Peschisolido

Referee: Michael Dean, Wirral

Assistants: B. Curson, Hinckley (yellow flag)

L. P. Garrett, Southend (yellow & red flag)

Reserve official: M. Darlow, Bedford



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