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The price of honours

DELIGHT at the news that two of our young players are in line for international honours has been tempered by the realisation of the effect it could have on our league programme next month.

Liam George and Gary Doherty have been picked again by Ireland for the FIFA under-20 world youth championships in Nigeria.

Lovely for them - except that the tournament lasts for three weeks, and they will be unavailable for our Second Division squad for almost the whole of the month. We are lucky to have them available tonight. They had been due to report for a training session with their national squad today, and that incensed Lennie Lawrence. After his protests, the Irish FA relented and the two will not report until tomorrow morning.

"It illustrates how unfair the system is on clubs like us who have a good proportion of young players in the squad," he said. "If you have three players on international duty, you can ask to have league games postponed. But under-21 internationals don't count. Where's the justice in that?"

The Town have already suffered once this season at the hands of the Irish FA, when they insisted on invoking FIFA's five-day rule when Doherty played for them earlier this month. It meant he could not turn out for us at Walsall.

We also face the prospect of losing Phil Gray: he is on standby for Northern Ireland as they prepare for Saturday's European championship match against Germany in Belfast, and FIFA regulations give Northern Ireland the right to call him up five days before the game if he is promoted to the squad.

Premiership clubs with bright young stars tried to keep them out of the championships. The FA are helping by not selecting first-team players from the Premiership for the England squad. But the Irish FA is having none of it, and FIFA warned that its rules about releasing players would be enforced: Leeds and

Everton faced suspension after the Irish FA complained to FIFA that the two clubs were threatening to bar their players selected by Ireland. Everton and Leeds backed down to avoid being suspended from the Premiership for the duration of the tournament in Nigeria, from April 4 to 24.

















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Player of the Season

TOWN FANS are about to start voting on their choice of player of the year, and the winner will be among the guests of honour at the Luton Town Supporters Club's traditional end-of-season do on Sunday, April 25. It will be held at the Kent Athletic Social Club, in Tenby Drive, Luton, and because space is limited it will have to be an all-ticket event.

At this stage tickets are restricted to members of LTSC at £4 each, and if there are any left at the end of this month they will go on sale to all, at £5 each. They can be bought from the Supporters Club kiosk on matchdays, on Town on Tour coaches to away games, or by writing, with cheque and stamped addressed envelope included, to LTSC, care of Luton Town.

Talking of honouring players, the Supporters Club are sponsoring an exercise in happy nostalgia for our final home game of the season, on May 1. It is to honour the 1959 FA Cup final heroes, with the 40th anniversary of the first Town visit to Wembley falling the day afterwards. Plans are well advanced and we hope to have all ten surviving members of the team here.

Painful re-union

IT WAS sod's law that Graham Kavanagh should get the two Stoke goals which beat us in our last home game. He and Lennie Lawrence are old friends, with Kavanagh grateful that Lennie was the Middlesbrough manager who gave him his start in league football. He moved on to Stoke for £500,000 a couple of years ago.

Keegan's sympathy

DESPITE his two jobs in football, with England and Fulham, Kevin Keegan found time to ring Lennie Lawrence the day after his Second Division leaders crushed us at Kenilworth Road. His message was that he thought the Town had played well, did not deserve to be beaten by as much as 4-0, and were out of luck with the red card that cut us down to ten men while the score sheet was still blank.

So was there a hidden agenda, and a possible Fulham swoop for some of our young talent? "He admires some of our young players, but he is not desperate to rush in and buy," said Lennie. "I suppose some would be investments, but I don't think Fulham need to buy players and bring them on when they can afford to buy the finished article ready for the First Division."

Chip off the old block

IF THE style of Stoke's Kevin Keen at Kenilworth Road ten days ago struck a chord with older Town fans, it is no surprise. Formerly with West Ham and Wolves, the 32year-old midfielder is the son of Mike Keen, who skippered the Town under Alec Stock from 1969 to 1972. He was not the quickest man you had ever seen, but Malcolm Macdonald, for one, appreciated his accurate passing.

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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	27(1)	7	2	0	36(1)	4(2p)	2p	0	6(4p)
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	Ó	0	0
Cox	3(5)	1(1)	0	0	4(6)	0	0	0	0
Davis	34	7	2	0	43	0	0	0	0
Doherty	4(11)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	5(14)	5	0	0	5
Douglas	31	6	1(1)	0	38(1)	8	2	0	10
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	26(3)	6	2	0	34(3)	7	3	2	12
George	5(4)	0(2)	0	0	5(6)	0	0	0	0
Harrison	13	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	0
Johnson	33	7	1	0	40	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	21(4)	7	2	0	30(4)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	9(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	12(6)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	26(1)	4(1)	2	0	32(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	11(8)	1(3)	2	1	15(11)	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	O	0	0
Spring	34	7	1(1)	0	42(1)	1	0	0	1
Thomas	16(5)	3	0	. 0	19(5)	0	0	0	0
White	13(13)	0(3)	1	1	15(16)	1	O	0	1
Willmott	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	. 0	0
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, Dyche 8 league apps, 1 Auto Windscreens Shield. 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



DEFEAT at Chesterfield on Saturday was the last thing we needed after recent difficult times in Luton Town. We gave a disciplined first-half performance, with neither team creating much in the way of chances, and obviously the home side were not satisfied with that. They put on Jason Lee for the second half, and the game changed considerably.

It was disappointing that confidence drained from the players after Chesterfield scored, and we had conceded three in 15 minutes before we had our best spell and got a consolation goal. But you cannot wait until you are three down before showing a bit

Our problems as a club go deeper than what you see on the pitch, and some are well documented. The best I can do this week is to bring in a player or two on loan, and possibly one on a short-term contract. I have lined up several possibilities, but obviously they need approval from the boardroom. Hopefully, we will have put something in place by the transfer deadline on Thursday, but it is unlikely we will have got anything sorted out in time for tonight's match. Our current situation as a club is not an enviable one, and we must heed the example of other clubs who have found themselves in difficulties. I note that Crystal Palace have not lost any of their six games since they went into administration. Oxford and Portsmouth are also in administration, and they are doing reasonably well. A major reason is that when those clubs got into difficulties the immediate response on all sides was for everyone to close ranks and unite in the common cause.

Our financial problems are nowhere near as bad as those at Palace, Oxford and Portsmouth, and we must display the same togetherness - fans, directors, players and all the staff have got to pull together, until the end of the season at the very least. If we don't, the consequences hardly bare thinking about. I hear the shouts for me to be kicked out, and in the summer there may be any number of changes at this football club, whether it be in ownership, management, players or other staff.

But in the meantime, is it not possible to put aside animosities, and just channel all our energies to getting behind the team to help restore confidence? I am sure the players would respond.

Uncertainty permeates every corner of the club, and we have to overcome it, at least in the short term. I am sure that the wind of change is blowing strongly, but all that matters is the state of the club when it finally emerges from this difficult period. Individuals are secondary to that, be they manager, coaches or

We must all be more positive in our approach to the problems in terms of getting behind the team, getting off my back until at least the

end of the season, and produce an atmosphere conducive to getting a few wins under our belt, and seeing off any threat of relegation.

And that means, for the good of the club as a whole, all differences must be put aside for the time being. No-one should indulge in any behaviour that makes it more difficult for the team.

Everyone, from boardroom through the dressing room and club offices, and equally on the terraces, needs understand that this club is up against it. Together, we can get over the problems. The players will try to do their

bit tonight, and your support can help. It will not be easy against a team that has invested heavily in players and facilities. Reading have picked up lately, have an astute manager, and will be hard to beat. We need a couple of wins quickly, and supporters can help achieve







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Captain's log



SUPPORTERS who went to Chesterfield will not have enjoyed the game any more than we did, and the players have done a lot of talking to try to put the recent depressing run behind us.

In the first half we were going along all right. We knew what to expect from Chesterfield, who play direct football and rely a lot on set pieces. They try to pressurise opponents, and at half time, when it was 0-0, we thought we could handle them.

Chris Willmott played alongside me for the second time, and despite the result he did all right in very difficult circumstances. The experience may have been a little painful, but that will be one of the more difficult games he will play, and certainly there will be other opponents who will be less physically demanding.

Chesterfield put on Jason Lee as a second-half sub, and he added more pace and power to their attack. We had created the game's best chance until then, but Lee made the inroad which led to Steve Wilkinson hitting a spectacular opening goal. That deflated us a bit, but we always fancy our chances away from home with our counter-attacking abilities, so it was a big disappointment to go two down within four minutes. That one stemmed from our corner - Chesterfield broke quickly, we lost out in midfield, and Wilkinson punished us again.

At that stage we had to chase the game, and at last we started to play reasonably well. But we were three down before Phil Gray got our "consolation" but none of us felt very consoled by that late reply.

For the second game in succession we had started to play when it was too late, having allowed Stoke to go two up the previous week before we got going.

We talk and talk to try to work out why things are not going right, and come up with very few answers. On Saturday, we were too slow to close down in the moves that brought Chesterfield's goals. We talked about an early chance that got away, when Stuart Douglas mistimed a shot that could easily have given us the lead.

We have put pressure on ourselves by the recent run of results, and yet we know we can do a lot better. We want to win as much as the fans do. If supporters are depressed by lack of success, we feel it even more. A bad result messes up my whole week, and sends me home miserable. But there is real determination in the dressing room to turn things round.

We know about the pressures caused by problems in the boardroom, but Lennie Lawrence has been superb in trying to stop it getting to us. We hear the criticism from some sections of the crowd, and we know you have the right to make your views known.

Let me tell you this: it's nothing new for Luton to be in a situation where there is no money for the two or three new players we could use, and in the meantime young players are pushed in, perhaps before they are really

ready. In the difficult situation with the club today, we are all behind the manager.

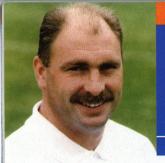
There is nearly a quarter of a season still to be played, and we know we have got to give 100 per cent in every game to turn things round. We think we can get out of the slump, and supporters can help.

Tonight's game will certainly be another difficult test. Reading are going well, and of course they beat us when their new stadium was opened in August. I missed that game through injury, and watching from the stand I felt the 3-1 result was cruel, and certainly no reflection of the way the game went.

Tonight, we have a chance to set that bit of the record straight. You can be sure we will all be determined to get the result everyone wants, players and fans alike. I hope we give you a game, and more important a result, to enjoy.

Marvin Johnson





from the treatment room

club secretary



RAY McKinnon will be out of our side tonight because of suspension, but as luck would have it the ban for five bookings comes into effect at a time when he probably could not have plaved anyway.

He collected a knee injury at Chesterfield, when he was in a first-half collision, and the joint stiffened up during the game. He kept going, but was subbed during the second half, and at this stage it looks as though he will miss two or three days training.

He was in for treatment yesterday, and although he is sore the indications are that it is nothing more than bruising, in which case he has every chance of being fit to be considered for Saturday's game against Gillingham.

While we keep an eye on his progress, we will also be monitoring the continued recovery of Sean Evers, and it is a pleasure to report that he is still doing really well.

I have already mentioned in this column my

appreciation of his professionalism as he works to get over a stomach

IN THE WARS: Ray McKinnon receives treatment during the match against Stoke, and needed more of the same at Chesterfield on Saturday.

muscle operation. That surgery was less than a month ago, but Sean is a very fit lad, and is looking good in training. By the end of this week he will be close to full fitness, and naturally he is looking forward to being involved with first team football again.

Andrew Fotiadis is also getting closer to a return after his ankle injury. Last week it was a case of some training, some rest, and some treatment as we worked to strengthen the ankle.

He is on the mend, and it is a pity we now have a break from reserve team games because he could be ready for a run-out with them in the next week or so.

Finally, I hope I am not in need of treatment myself this week. I hope to be recapturing youthful memories tomorrow night, having

been invited to play for Wimbledon in the vets' soccer sixes at the Docklands Arena. It's a tournament organised by the PFA for players over the age of 35, and I am in a Wimbledon squad which

includes Mick Harford. I hear Paul Walsh is turning out for Charlton, so it will be something of a Luton Town old boys re-union!

Clive Gloodyear



SUPPORTERS who like to watch our youth team in action will be interested in a cup fixture which was confirmed this week. Our boys are going strong in the South East Counties League, with a chance of retaining the championship (see page 43) and they have a league and cup double in their sights.

They are away to Brighton in the second round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, having beaten Northampton at home in the first round way back in November.

Because of the wet weather, and Brighton's difficulties with having no ground of their own, the second round tie is behind schedule, but will be played at Bognor Regis Town's ground next Tuesday, March 30, kick-off 7.30.

To avoid possible fixture congestion, both clubs have agreed with the South East Counties League's suggestion that it should be a one-off cup-tie - if it is not settled in 90 minutes, it will go into extra time, and then, if necessary, penalties.



Speaking of fixtures, there has been a change in our Avon Combination list. Because we are involved in the final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup on April 21, against Stotfold at Arlesey, our Combination fixture scheduled for that day, at home to Peterborough, will now be played at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday May 5, kick-off 2pm.

I would like to thank supporters for continuing the tradition of being very generous in responding to charity appeals. At the last home match we had a bucket collection for Keech Cottage, the local children's hospice appeal, and the sum of £348 was raised.

On the same day Happy Harry enjoyed himself very much giving away bunches of daffodils to ladies, to mark Mothering Sunday the following day. It was made possible with the help of Val, of Fleurette, Hitchin Road, Luton, and her help is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone who took the trouble to express their appreciation, and especially well done Happy Harry, who is becoming a real star!

Cherry Newbery

LADIES' MAN: Happy Harry hands out flowers for Mothering Sunday to Mrs Wendy Bigmore of Stopsley.



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 facepainting 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.

The Football Trust has been providing support for football throughout the UK for 22 years. A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A. Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future. The Trust has a major part to play in the success of the game and will continue its vital grant support for lower division clubs to complete the Taylor programme. The Trust is about a great deal more than bricks and mortar: it can handle grant aid programmes of every sort and provides essential help for the game at all levels. The commitment of the Government and the new funding partners to make full use of the Trust's grant aid experience and expertise will have the support of everyone who cares about the future of our national game. thefootballtrust
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LUTON TOWN v

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

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



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Saturday April 10, kick-off 3pm

THIS MATCH IS ALL-TICKET FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS. Seating only. Prices £10.50 adults, £7 concessions (under-16s & over 65s). Tickets for this match will be on sale at the Luton Town ticket office until 6pm on Friday April 9.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC v LUTON TOWN

Good Friday, April 2, kick-off 3.30pm

This match is pay on the day only for away supporters, seating only. £12.00 adults, £5 concessions (under 16s & over 65s).

LUTON TOWN v YORK CITY

Tuesday April 6, kick-off 7.45pm Tickets for this match are now on sale at discounted prices.

MANCHESTER CITY v LUTON TOWN

Wednesday April 27, kick-off 7.45pm

THIS MATCH IS ALL-TICKET FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS. Seating only. Prices £10 adults, £7 concessions (under 16s & over 65s).

LUTON TOWN v CHESTERFIELD

Tuesday April 27, kick-off 7.45pm

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

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Golden Gamble

TOWN fan Thomas Farey, from Roman Road, came to the Stoke City game hoping to see his favourites win. So naturally he was not too happy when half-time arrived and we were two down. But he had a win of his own to smile about before the second half kicked off, because Mr Farev was the owner of the lucky ticket drawn out in the Golden Gamble competition.

He collected £496, not a bad return on the investment of £1 per ticket. The young lad in the picture is David Knightly, who was selected at random from the crowd to make the draw, with Happy Harry also in attendance.

We can never guarantee how much the prize will be worth, because the size of the jackpot and the odds of winning it, depends on how many tickets are sold.



all parts of the ground at every match. and some-one has to be a half-time winner. The prize fund is a straight 50/50 split, half going into club funds and half to the holder of the lucky iackpot ticket.

The competition is an important part of vital fund-raising operations by the club's commercial department, and Golden Gamble tickets are on offer in your support is very much appreciated.

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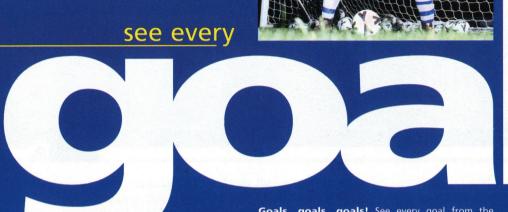
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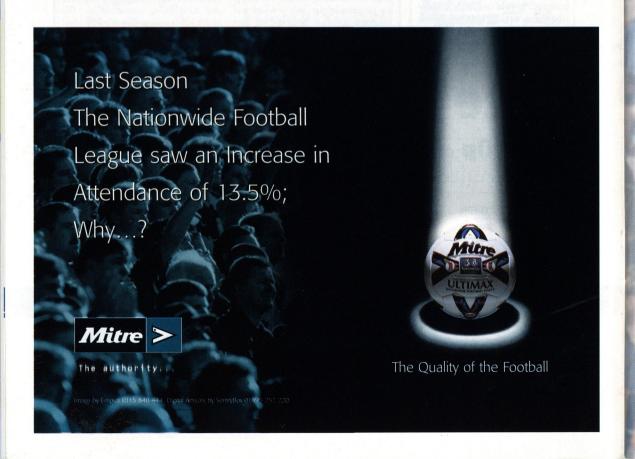
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We'll be on air just after midnight on Mondays and repeated later in the week in many regions.

The programme is introduced by Gabriel Clarke and includes interviews, competitions, the latest news and talking points, and all the goals scored at the weekend from the Nationwide Football League.

Check your TV listings for details and set your video.





Hatters Away

AFTER Saturday's home match with Gillingham, the Town head for Lancashire next, to play Oldham Athletic on Good Friday, kick-off 3.30.

Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club will both be running coaches to Boundary Park.

The Bobbers trip starts from Cranfield at 8.30, picking up at Marston-Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick and Westoning. They leave Kenilworth Road at 9.30 and a few minutes later pick up passengers from opposite the Gateway Hotel near junction 11 of the M1. You must join the Bobbers Travel Club to take advantage of the facility, and the fare to Oldham will be £12 for adults and £10 for senior citizens and under-16s. Contact the club's kiosk in Kenilworth Road this evening, or on Saturday, for bookings.

Town on Tour coaches will leave Maple Road at 10 am, calling at Milton Keynes Coachway, near junction 14, at about 10.20. Secure car parking is available in the LTFC Maple Road car park if booked in advance at £3. The coach fare is £13.50 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £10 for junior and senior citizens, and £12.50 for passengers who are not in LTSC.

Seats can be booked through the club shop except on match days, via the Town on Tour kiosk this evening and on Saturday afternoon, or by phone at other times to the club shop.

For do-it-yourself drivers, you can motor to Oldham comfortably in three hours, with two

alternative motorway routes. To avoid bank holiday traffic on M6, especially the M5 junction, head north out of Luton on M1 and keep going to Yorkshire. Take the M62 west, leave at junction 20, and follow the signs to Oldham on the A627(M). See the route below for directions from there.

The trip is slightly shorter in miles, just under 200 each way, if you go up M1, then M6 and M62.

Again leave M62 at junction 20 and after half a mile, where the road divides, keep to the right, on the road signposted to Manchester East. After another 1.4 miles pick up the A627, signposted to Oldham and Ashton and at the first roundabout take the second exit, into Chadderton Way. You will see the ground on your left; and there is a big club car park.

TOWN TEASER

Soccer Six indoor tournament in 1990.
Who did we beat in the final?

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

The Man in the Middle

LIKE both teams, it is a case of trying to get the game played at the second time of asking for this evening's referee, Lee Cable from Woking. He was here early on Boxing Day for the formality of postponing the match because the pitch was waterlogged.

Enjoying his first season on the national list of referees, Mr Cable has made rapid progress up the pyramid after starting out as a 14-year-old in local parks soccer in Surrey.

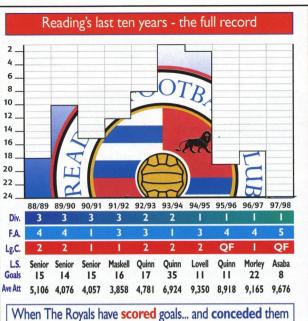
That was in 1981, and within eight years he was in charge of matches in the Southern League. A bricklayer, Mr Cable went through the usual "training" for the league referees' list as a linesman.

He was promoted to the FA Premiership list of assistant referees in the 1994/95 season, and has run the line in several big games, including UEFA Cup matches in Bulgaria and Norway, and the 1998 FA Vase final.



Married, with a young daughter, Mr Cable lists his hobbies as watching all sports, spending time with his family, and eating out.

We welcome him to Kenilworth Road this evening, along with his two assistants, who were also due to be running the lines when this game was scheduled for Boxing Day.

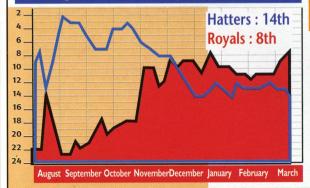








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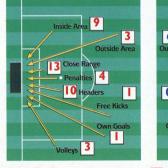
goals... and conceded them



Who's played for The Royals this season...

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





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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



welcome to tonight's visitors



TOMMY BURNS (Manager)

He joined Reading in March 1998. Tommy made over 440 appearances for Celtic during his career and scored 81 goals for them. During his time at Parkhead he won the League, Championship, Scottish Cup and League Cup on several occasions. He also made various European appearances

and was capped eight times at full level.

Tommy broke into the Celtic side in the mid-seventies and was an important member of the 1976/77 double winning side alongside Danny McGrain and Kenny Dalglish. During the latter part of his Celtic career he joined up with Billy Stark and later become his managerial assistant.

Tommy joined Kilmarnock as player/coach in December 1989 and in his first full season as player manager, he helped Kilmarnock achieve promotion to the Premier Division. He joined Celtic as their manager and guided them to victory in the 1995 Scottish Cup Final. However, Tommy left in April 1997 and became a coach at Newcastle United in June 1997. And he has also been the manager of Scotland B this season.

PAT BONNER (Assistant Manager)

Pat Bonner joined the Royals as assistant manager in June 1998 and he signed a three-year-contract which will keep him at the club until June 2001. 'Packy' was lock Stein's last signing for Celtic and he went on to play over 640 times for the Scottish side. He was the keeper in the championship sides of 1981, 1982, 1986 and 1988, and won Scottish Cup medals in 1985 and 1989 as well as a League Cup medal in 1982.

In February 1993 he surpassed Charlie Shaw's record of 420 League games and played his 600th competitive game for the Club in November 1993.

Pat also made 80 appearances for the Republic of Ireland. In the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, Pat became a national hero when he saved Timofte's penalty at 4-4 in the shoot-out against Romania and helped send Ireland through to Rome and the quarterfinals. On his 34th birthday, under the lights of Lansdowne Road, he equalled Liam Brady's record as most-capped FAI international and later broke this record in a 1-3 defeat by the Czech Republic on June 5

Pat also played for the Republic of Ireland in the 1994 World Cup finals in the USA, and he captained his country versus Liechtenstein on October 12,1994 — his



Front row (left to right): John Stephenson (Director of Youth Football), Paul Turner (Physio), Byron Glasgow, Martyn Booty, Darren Caskey, Robert Fleck, Grant Brebner, Tommy Burns (Manager), James Lambert, Graeme Murty, Ray Houghton, Mark Reilly, Jordan Norris, Paul Bell (Assistant Physio), Kevin Dillon (Youth Team Manager)

Middle row: Alan Pardew (Reserve Team Manager), Ron Grant (Kit Manager), Jason Bristow, John Polston, Phil Parkinson, Jimmy Crawford, Carl Asaba, Scott Howie, Nicky Hammond, Barry Hunter, Jim McIntyre, Stuart Gray, Linvoy Primus, Gareth Davies, Pat Bonner (Assistant Manager), Steve Kean (First Team Coach).

Back row: Mass Sarr, Neville Roach, Paul Brayson, Keith McPherson, Andy Bernal, Lee Hodges, Grant Smith, Jason Bowen, Andy Legg, Martin Williams, Steve Swales, Ross Harrison,

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SCOTT HOWIE (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Motherwell for £30,000 on transfer deadline day in March 1998. A former Scotland Under 21 who has enjoyed spells at Clyde, Norwich and Motherwell. He has also been involved in the Scottish squad for recent World Cup qualifiers. And he made his League debut for Reading against lpswich in March 1998.

ELROY KROMHEER (Defender)

Kromheer is a ball-playing central defender, who strengthens manger Tommy Burns' theory of playing football from defence. He's another large player who is strong in the air and likes to get forward. He arrived at the Royals for £150,000 and has previously played for FC Volendam and Motherwell.

KEITH McPHERSON (Defender)

Former skipper, a composed central defender who played one League game for West Ham after joining them as an apprentice and helping them to the 1981 FA Youth Cup. Won the Fourth Division title with Northampton Town before moving to Elm Park for £100,000 in the summer of 1990. Played a key role in helping Reading to the 1995 First Division playoff final, before a serious pelvic injury ruled him out of most of the following campaign. Returned to form during the 1996-97 season, passing 250 appearances for the Royals in April, and was voted runner-up in the supporters' Player of the Year awards. Signed a new two-year contract with the Club in July 1997. He was a regular in the 1997/98 season until December when he had a recurrence of a pelvic problem, it was not until March he returned only to return to the treatment room where he stayed until the end of the campaign.

JOHN POLSTON (Defender)

An assured central defender who signed for the Royals in July 1998. Polston is a former Spurs trainee who won England under 19 honours whilst at White Hart Lane. He played a total of 28 senior games for Spurs before his move to Norwich City in July 1990 for £300,000. During his time at Carrow Road Polston proved to be an integral part of the City squad.

LINVOY PRIMUS (Defender)

Classy centre half who excels in the air and at set pieces. Began his career as a trainee at Charlton Athletic and made four League appearances for them after signing a pro contract in August 1992. Joined Barnet on a free transfer in summer 1994 and played a total of 136 games over three seasons for the Underhill

side, scoring seven goals. Ever present during 1996-97, then followed Terry Bullivant to Reading in July, forming £400,000 of a £500,000 deal which also took Lee Hodges to Elm Park. He was a regular in the side last season.

GRANT BREBNER (Midfielder)

Scottish under 21 international Brebner signed a threeyear-contract with the Royals in June 1998. He began his career as a Manchester United apprentice and was involved with reserve team football at Old Trafford. In the 1997/98 season, he also enjoyed loan spells with Cambridge United and Hibernian.

DARREN CASKEY (Midfielder)

Influential midfielder whose £700,000 move from Tottenham Hotspur in February 1996 smashed Reading's transfer record. An FA School of Excellence graduate, he skippered England Under 18s to victory in the 1993 UEFA Championships, his penalty beating Turkey in the final. Made his Premiership debut in January 1994, but couldn't command a first team place. Found himself in and out of the Reading side during 1996-97, but scored a superb acrobatic volley in the 3-1 FA Cup victory over Southampton. He had a delayed start to last season due to a broken leg. Once fit he was a regular choice before and after the arrival of manager Tommy Burns. He has been made Club Captain this season.

JIMMY CRAWFORD (Midfielder)

A midfield player for the future, who joined the Royals on transfer deadline day in March 1998 from Newcastle United for £50,000. Although born in the USA he qualifies to play for the Republic of Ireland and is a former Under 21 international. He made his debut for Reading as a substitute against lpswich Town in March 1998.

BYRON GLASGOW (Midfielder)

Nippy midfielder who signed a professional contract in August 1996 after progressing through the YTS ranks at Elm Park. A former associate schoolboy with Arsenal, he played as a youngster alongside Chelsea's Jody Morris and a host of other lads now with League clubs - in a team managed by mum Suzanne! Made his first team debut as substitute in the Royals' 3-1 FA Cup win against Southampton in January 1997 and made the starting line-up for the last two games of the season. Last season he made just two first team appearances as a sub and one start.









PHIL PARKINSON (Midfielder)

Arrived from Bury in July 1992 for a bargain £37,500. Started his career as a Southampton apprentice but didn't get a first team chance and a £12,000 cheque took him to Gigg Lane during the 1987-88 season where he played more than 150 games. Played a major part in Reading's successes of 1994 and 1995. A highly competitive midfielder and the club's PFA representative, his 1996-97 season was blighted by a number of injuries. He is one of the most committed players at RFC and was the runaway winner of the supporter's player of the year in 1997/98. He operated in defence as well as in midfield as injuries took their toll last season and he played more first team games than any one else.

PAUL BRAYSON (Forward)

Born Newcastle 16.09.77. A former Newcastle United trainee who arrived at Reading on transfer deadline day in March 1998 for £100,000. A striker who scored prolifically at reserve and youth level for Newcastle, which led to selection for the England youth side. Brayson made his debut for Reading as a substitute against lpswich Town in March 1998.

ROBERT FLECK (Forward)

Fleck arrived at Reading on transfer deadline day in March 1998 and made his debut for the Royals two days later against Ipswich Town. Began his career at Glasgow Rangers before transferring to Norwich City in December 1987 where he made over 180 appearances and scored 66 goals. A £2.1 million move to Chelsea followed in August 1992 — it was a move which did not really work out for him. He returned to Carrow Road in August 1995. Fleck is also a Scottish international.

LEE HODGES (Forward)

Striker with a natural goalscoring instinct, he began his career at Tottenham Hotspur and made four substitute's appearances at White Hart Lane before joining Barnet on a free transfer in summer 1994. His three years at Underhill included loan spells at Plymouth Argyle and Wycombe Wanderers. Hit 27 goals in 107 games for Barnet then joined Reading for £100,000 in July 1997 in a deal which saw him and Linvoy Primus join up with former boss Terry Bullivant. He played in only half the possible games due to injuries and his campaign ended in February following an operation to repair cartilage damage in his left knee.

JIM McINTYRE (Forward)

Arrived at Elm Park on transfer deadline day for a fee of £420,000 from Kilmarnock and he signed a contract

that will keep him at the Club until June 2001. Jim was the costliest of Tommy Burns' first week signings from Kilmarnock with whom he won the Scottish Cup at Hampden Park last season. Also played in the Scottish Cup final for his previous club, Airdrie, when they lost to Celtic in 1995. Started his career with Bristol City and played against Reading when he spent 15 games on loan with Exeter City in 1992/93. A rangy, hard working striker who is capable of holding the ball up and bringing others into play.

NEVILLE ROACH (Forward)

Local lad who supported Reading as a boy and progressed through the youth ranks. Prolific goalscorer at youth and reserve level during the 1996-97 season, hitting over 40 goals to earn a professional contract and a call-up to the first team. Made his League debut as a substitute at Grimsby Town last April, then scored a brilliant opener in the 2-0 win against Oldham Athletic to celebrate his first appearance in the starting line-up. He spent long spells as a sub last season and was allowed to join Kingstonian on loan in a bid to regain his goalscoring reputation. He did so with the Royals at reserve level and looks to have a bright future — he is still only 20.

MASS SARR (Forward)

The 25-year-old striker, signed a two-year contract in July 1998. Born in Liberia, Mass began his career with Mighty Barrolle Sports Club of Monrovia, the capital of Liberia in 1988. In 1990 he moved to AS Monaco where he spent five years in France including a loan spell with Division Two Club Ales. Sarr joined Hajduk Split of Croatia in 1995 where he made 50 appearances, scoring 18 goals. Capped over 40 times at international level for Liberia, he has been a regular in the squad since he was a teenager.

MARTIN WILLIAMS (Forward)

Winger-cum-striker who signed from Luton Town on a free transfer in July 1995. Was with Leicester City as a youngster before joining his home town team in 1991, going on to play 40 League games for them. Hit a superb maiden goal against Wolves during a run in the first team at the end of the 1995-96 campaign, and established himself as an important member of the first team squad last season. Martin played some of his best football under former manager Terry Bullivant in 1997/98, but failed to impress incoming boss Tommy Burns. However he has been involved at the start of the season, has scored two goals and has an important role to play.





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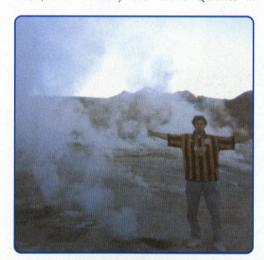
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Carrying the colours

THE HATTERS colours are to be seen all over the world, and today's photographs are from South America. They show James Cook, from Steppingley, who spent the trip of a lifetime round Chile, Argentina and Bolivia.

The computer had to be put into top gear to reprint the shot of him taken at dawn high up in the mountains of Northern Chile. He explained: "It was a three-hour car trip up the mountainsides to reach Tatio, and these are the famous Tatio geysers, which are spectacular very early in the morning. The mountains in the background are Bolivia.

"The other photograph was taken sitting in a street bar in Mendoza, Argentina. Admittedly you might think this could have been taken anywhere, but I swear it was Mendoza - and where else do they sell Quilmes bottled lager? I've been to many places and tried many different beers, but I've only ever found Quilmes in





Argentina, and of course the bottle's label is in the same colours as the Argentine flag.

"South America is a fantastic place. My only regret is that I had some brilliant pictures wearing my Luton strip in the Ataccoma desert in Bolivia, but my disposable camera was either lost or stolen on my travels back to Chile, so I never saw or received the snaps I took for the very purpose of the matchday programme!"

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. And please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want them back.



Top Hatters Gallery



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23rd March 1968

Darlington 1 Luton Town 2

The Town were now beginning to open up a gap at the top of the old Division Four and an important 1-0 win at fellow promotion chasers Aldershot in mid-week was the eleventh game without defeat.

The trip to Darlington, only the second in our history, was however looked on as a potential banana skin as we never seemed to perform well in the north-east and had already lost at Hartlepool during the campaign.

An injury weakened Luton side came under a fair amount of early pressure but took a surprise lead after eleven minutes of Quaker domination when Bruce Rioch hammered in a free-kick from twenty yards. Darlington refused to give up and eventually equalised through Jim O'Neill soon after the interval and were looking the more likely to take both points when another free-kick from Rioch flashed across the box where it was stabbed in by Rodney Green.

Championships are won after you pick up points without playing particularly well!

23rd March 1985 **Luton Town 2 Oueens Park Rangers 0**

As the Town had been fighting their way through to the FA Cup semi-final, the league had taken a back seat and the clash against Queens Park Rangers was to be only the seventh league game played since the turn of the year.

Unfortunately during this period only one game had been won and the Town, who occupied one of the relegation positions, desperately needed to get back to winning ways.

Buoved by the mid-season signings of Mick Harford, David Preece, Steve Foster and Peter Nicholas the Town were a better side than their lowly league position suggested and Harford proved his worth by giving the Rangers defence a torrid afternoon.

Two majestic headers by the big striker, one from a cross by Emeka Nwajiobi and the other from a Preece corner settled the game and the Town even had the luxury of a missed penalty when Brian Stein placed his kick too close to QPR goalkeeper Peter Hucker. Rangers, now being sucked into the relegation zone, did not have a meaningful shot on target throughout the ninety minutes.

23rd March 1994 Luton Town 3 West Ham 2 (FA Cup 6th Round replay)

by Roger Wash

When the Town set out on the road to Wembley and struggled to get past Southend at the first hurdle, Luton supporters would not have wagered much money on the team going all the way through to the semi-final.

High flying Newcastle were then seen off after a replay followed by Cardiff of Division Two before another Premier League side, West Ham, were drawn to provide the opposition in the guarterfinal. The first game, at Upton Park, saw a professional and disciplined Town performance in a tussle that finished 0-0 to bring the tie back to Kenilworth Road.

In a match that will live long in the memory the ascendancy swung one way and then the other but really the night belonged to Scott Oakes who turned in a brilliant performance and scored an incredible hat-trick.

The Hammers opened the scoring through Martin Allen on the half hour but Oakes cracked in an equaliser five minutes later. Oakes then fired the Town into the lead shortly after the interval only for Ian Bishop to bring the scores level again.

The winner, and best goal of the night, came after 74 minutes when Oakes, taking advantage of a slip from Hammers defender Steve Potts, raced through to slam the ball home. A few scares later and the Town were through to the semi-final for the third time in ten years.



Mick Harford heads in a spectacular goal against QPR in March 1985.

Luton Town Football Club 27 Official Matchday Programme

Into.the

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

Football League clashes with today's visitors first took place after we both became founder members of the old Division Three in 1920. On February 5th 1920 the Town travelled to Elm Park missing top scorer Ernie Simms for the first time that season. Despite this, a solitary goal from George Butcher secured our first away victory for four months.

Simms was back for the return game four days later and was in sparkling form netting four times in a 6-0 win. Unfortunately this victory was to be the last for three seasons as Reading completed the double over us in 1921/22 and 1922/23.

Over the next few years fortune favoured the Biscuitmen, as Reading were then called, but when we did win it was normally a thumping scoreline. After three successive defeats, spanning Reading's promotion and subsequent relegation from Division Two, we were 6-1 victors at Kenilworth Road in January 1932 with Jimmy Yardley bagging a hat-trick. According to the newspaper reports we were outplayed by Reading for most of the game but every shot on goal by the Hatters seemed to find its way into the back of the net!

The boot was on the other foot, however, in the home game in April 1935. We were two up and coasting with Reading down to ten men in the days before substitutes. Reading made a last ditch fight of it and scored four times to turn the game completely on its head much to the dismay of the incredulous crowd of 11960.

We finally bade farewell to Reading in season 1936/37 at the end of which we secured promotion to the old Division Two. During that campaign we scored six times against the Biscuitmen with legendary goalscorer Joe Payne netting five of them. A 2-2 draw at Elm Park followed a 4-0 Town victory at Kenilworth Road with Payne nabbing three.

A lot of water had passed under the bridge by the time the teams clashed again. In 1963/64 we had just suffered relegation from the old Division Two and in an early season game at Elm Park we managed to salvage a point in a 1-1 draw, with terrace hero Ron Davies, in his last game for the Town, well shackled by the Reading defence.

By the time of the return, just before Christmas, the Town were ready to give a debut to a free transfer signing from Chelsea who was to take over the fans affections from Davies. John O'Rourke took his place in the Luton forward line and twice went close early on before veteran Gordon Turner netted after 15 minutes. Reading full back Colin Meldrum then had to limp off ten minutes later after twisting an ankle on the dangerous, icy pitch and when Tom McKechnie increased the score just before the interval the game seemed to be over. Reading did not give up and pulled a goal back shortly after the break through Doug Webb (father of Neil) and made the Town defence earn its money as the lead was somehow held onto until the end.

In the following season the Town ended a dismal run of sixteen games without a victory by winning 2-1 at Elm Park. Manager Bill Harvey had already made his decision to resign before the game and the players awarded him with an appropriate farewell present by scoring twice in the last ten minutes in a match that should have been lost heavily such was Reading's dominance.

The Town were all but relegated by the time of the return but received a stroke of luck to leave them with a fighting chance of avoiding the drop. Clinging precariously to a single Ted Phillips strike the Town were defending desperately when a long ball from John Reid sent David Pleat scuttling through the middle. Reading goalkeeper Arthur Wilkie and full back Colin Meldrum collided leaving Pleat to walk the ball into an empty net. Wilkie had to go off suffering from concussion and Meldrum limped through the rest of the game probably wishing he had never heard of Kenilworth Road!

We suffered relegation at the end of the season but were back again three years later meeting Reading at Kenilworth Road in February 1969. The promotion train seemed to have fallen off



Reading's Dariusz Wdowczyk and Simon Sheppard attempt to re-enact their forebears Arthur Wilkie and Colin Meldrum by getting in each others way, leaving Dwight Marshall to score at Elm Park in 1995.

the rails and a crowd of 'only' 11871 turned up to see Alan Slough fire the Town into an early lead. The lead was increased just before the interval when Keith Allen was brought down in the box with Brian Lewis netting from the spot. Reading defender, Dick Spiers, had been with Reading since 1955 and had never been sent off. His understandable retaliation against a sly foul by Lewis changed all that but the ten men of Reading fought like tigers, pulled a goal back and made it difficult for the Luton defence. The return was played in thick fog and an inspired performance from Luton goalkeeper, Sandy Davie, earned a point in a 1-1 draw.

In the following campaign our promotion challenge again looked like petering out by the time we faced Reading. A crowd of 18783, never bettered subsequently at Elm Park in the league, gathered in atrocious weather to see a Reading side that had gone 15 games unbeaten in a run that had seen them overtake the Town in the table.

The match was a clash of styles with the Town's robust play countered by Reading's close passing game in an end to end contest. The game was decided in the final minute when Malcolm Macdonald, latching on to a long clearance from Matt Tees, ploughed on through the thick mud before rounding goalkeeper Steve Death to slot the ball into the empty net. Reading's promotion aspirations disappeared at Kenilworth Road a couple of weeks later when a Macdonald hat-trick inspired the Town to a 5-0 victory and do their own re-kindled promotion hopes a power of good.

The Town achieved their promotion dream at the end of that campaign but the glorious post-War history of the Towns 'indian sign' over Reading ends there. Since meetings were resumed in 1994 we have gathered only one point from five matches, leaving Reading to take a clear lead in overall victories between the two sides with 17 as opposed to the Town's tally of 15.



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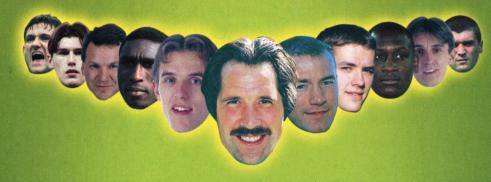
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by Alan Robinson

BACK IN pre-war Italy, the son of a newspaper seller by the name of Panini hit upon the notion of selling sealed packets containing little pictures of footballers. His idea was successful, and over the years the manufacture of these cards from his Modena factory grew into a world-wide business.

They first came to Britain in the mid-seventies, and were sold extensively in newsagents and sweet shops. Primarily, it was the top divisions in England and Scotland whose players were featured, with each club being represented by a squad of around a dozen first-team members. The idea was that youngsters would buy an album in which to stick these pictures - they were self-adhesive once the back had been peeled off - and then try to complete each team's squad. A new series was issued for each season, which on average ran to about 500 different stickers.

When Luton were promoted to the top flight in 1982 they were included in the following season's Panini offering, and indeed figured in every issue until relegation ten years later. In the intervening period most of the players who appeared in the old First Division for the Town can be found in these albums.

Among the players appearing for Luton in 1982/3 were Brian Horton, Brian Stein, Jake Findlay, David Moss and Raddy Antic, who was destined to become a hero at the end of the season.

Also featured, on No. 142, was a young centre-half, Clive Goodyear, now our club physio. Lincoln-born, Goodyear established himself in the side in the promotion season after an injury all but finished Mike Saxby's career.

Clive always gave 100 per cent in his 99 first team outings for the Town, but the signing of Paul Elliott from Charlton limited his progress here and in 1984 he moved to Plymouth. The highlight of his career, however, was an FA Cup winner's medal with Wimbledon in 1988.

Figurine Panini Football, 83 and Football, 86





As well as detailing the players, these stickers also featured club badges, programmes and managers. For instance, No. 152 from the 1986 edition needs no introduction to Luton supporters. By this time David Pleat was coming to the end of his first spell as Luton boss, having created one of the most attractive and talented sides in the club's history.

These stickers are still widely available, even in "unused" condition, from various dealers up and down the country. Usually costing only a few pence each, and with so many Luton subjects to look out for, they are an ideal way for anyone to start a Hatters card collection.



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

GEOFF LOVELL - Safety Officer

Luton Town 1 Stoke City 2

TWO SOFT goals were given away before the Town got going against Stoke City, and although we pulled one back at the start of the second half we could not find another chink in a packed Stoke defence.

Mitchell Thomas and Kelvin Davis took the rap as Stoke went two up in the first 17 minutes, Graham Kavanagh scoring both times, the first from a penalty. Davis made amends with a save just before the break when David Oldfield was through on his own. "He should have scored, and then the match would have been all over," said Stoke boss Brian Little.

The game's second penalty was despatched by Graham Alexander two minutes into the second half, and three minutes later Alan White netted from close range, but his effort was ruled out for Phil Gray's challenge on the goalkeeper.

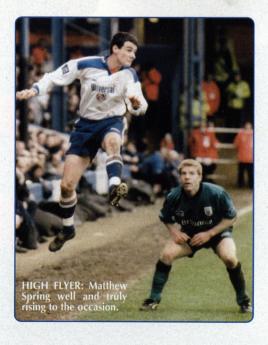
As Stoke pulled men back, we introduced Gary Doherty as an extra attacker, and at last had someone capable of winning the ball in the air. But the second ball was not won often enough, and there was hardly any serious threat to Stoke's well-protected keeper. Inevitably as we chased the game Stoke found space for counter-attacks, and Davis made two more good stops, from Phil Robinson and Jason Kavanagh, and then was let off the hook by Robinson's wild and wide drive ten minutes from time

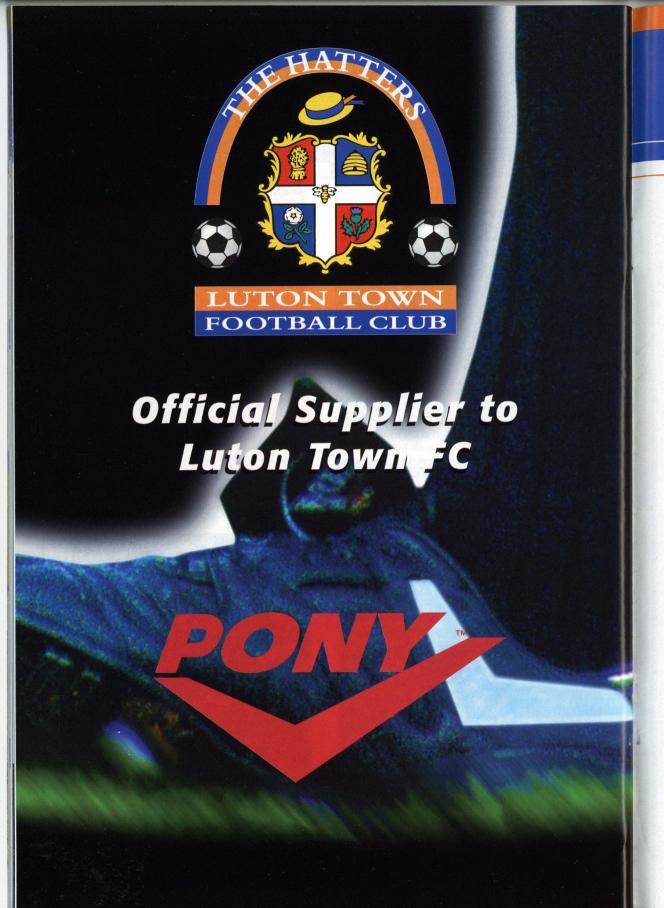
Lennie Lawrence said there had been strong words in the Town dressing room at half-time after a poor first half, but the players responded. The pity of it, he said, was that after the penalty, they could not scramble another goal.

The Stoke boss felt his side had dominated the first half, and defended responsibly in the second.



MATCH DETAILS





our marathon man

LUTON Town will be in the London Marathon next month - and today we invite all supporters to give our representative backing for his charity appeal.

It is a very personal matter for Paul Smith, who will be wearing his Luton Town strip in one of the most famous athletic events in the world.

You may recall reading about him in the matchday magazine in January, after he had been successful in the ballot for places in a race which is many times over-subscribed.

The office worker from Linslade, a Town fan since he was six, will be in the Football Challenge section, having run as a private entrant last year. That brings back very painful memories.

"The day before the race my wife was

rushed to hospital with a lump in her brain. I was all set to pull out, but she insisted I ran to raise the £550 pledged by my sponsors for the Willen Hospice, where her father had died a few years ago.

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Marathon, he will be raising money for the Hospice.

Paul is training hard, and last month ran the Watford half marathon, suitably kitted out in his Luton Town strip, in 98 minutes. "Wearing the kit encouraged the locals to shout 'encouragement' which was mostly derogatory," he said.

Running a marathon is hard enough, but raising sponsorship can also be difficult, and we are delighted to be able to report that when the Town players heard

about Paul they agreed to pledge their support. Staff throughout the club have also responded, and even the matchday magazine editor has pledged the price of a large scotch and dry ginger per mile.

nce Nightingale House Hospice in bury, and when Paul steps up to the starting on April 18 for this year's Flora London FLORA LONDO	The race is over 26 miles, and will be televised live so that we all have a chance of catching a glimpse of our own marathon man.
passed away in August, aged 29." pent the last three weeks of her life at the	House Hospice. Send it to Marathon Appeal, Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton LU4 8AW.
lump was later diagnosed as brain cancer, despite radiotherapy and surgery, my wife	please fill in the enclosed coupon, and make your cheque payable to Florence Nightingale
through the race and finished in under four , despite very little sleep the night before.	In wishing Paul every success, we invite all supporters to join his endeavours. If you can,

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Hand Off welcome

WE ARE sorry that Chesterfield were not able to offer facilities for a Junior Hatters trip to Saturday's match, but we have had better luck with Oldham, and the Junior Hatters will be going to Boundary Park on Good Friday.

We are not yet able to confirm details, but we expect it to be a 10.30am departure from Kenilworth Road, and we will give all the information in Saturday's matchday magazine, when we play Gillingham.

As usual our Saturday Club will be in full swing. We meet at noon for games and football, a sausage-and-chips lunch, more games, and then watch the match. The cost is only £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

Tonight's Mascot



SERDAR Ismail had to wait for the Northern Ireland selectors to make a decision on whether or not he could meet his favourite player tonight, when he is the Junior Hatters mascot.

He comes to Luton games with his dad, and they sit in the Kenilworth

lower tier, and Serdar's favourite player is Phil Gray. So although he would be pleased for Phil to hear that he was on standby-by for their European Championship match against Germany on Saturday, it meant that Phil would not be at Kenilworth Road tonight.

But 13-year-old Serdar, from Shanklin Close, Luton, will meet all the other players and join them for the pre-match formalities.

He goes to Icknield High School, Luton, and is a good footballer - he turns out for Bushmead in the Chiltern Youth League, and for Luton Schools. Not surprisingly football is his favourite hobby, and he also likes his computer.



STAR LINE-UP: Stewart Gray, of Mile House Lane, St. Albans, was the Junior Hatters mascot for the visit of Kevin Keegan and Fulham, and along with commercial mascot Roger Moss enjoyed meeting the skippers and match officials before kick-off.



TREBLE CHANCE: Three mascots were on duty for the match against Stoke. The Luton Town lads are 13-year-old Steven Gallagher of Keeble Close, Luton, who was the Junior Hatters mascot, and six-year-old commercial mascot David Peters, from Guernsey. A lot of Town fans will remember his dad, who is an accountant who used to be a member of Club 82, and worked hard on the committees for the testimonials of Mal Donaghy, Brian Stein and Ricky Hill. Stoke City also brought a mascot, nine-year-old Mark Deaville.

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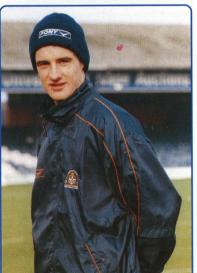
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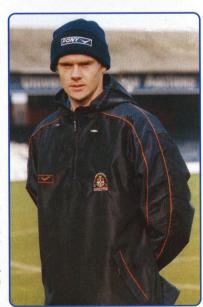
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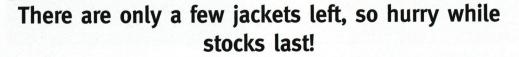
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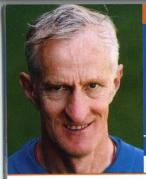












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Luton Town 3 Wycombe Wanderers 1



HAVING had too many matches in which we have created a lot
of scoring chances without killing off the opposition, the home
victory over Wycombe was pleasing, but still gave us concern
about not being ruthless enough in front of goal.

We built up a two-goal lead in the first half but spoiled it to some extent by allowing Wycombe to pull one back before the interval

In the second half we dominated the attacking play, and created loads of chances, especially one-on-ones, but had only one more goal to show for it. We really should have run out very easy winners, and could certainly have doubled our score.

That said, the victory was well-deserved and all the more welcome after so many previous good displays when we did not get the right result. You always feel that with a young and inexperienced defence you are likely to let in a goal or two, so it is important to put them away at the other end.

Our most consistent scorer at present is Tresor Kandol, and so far he has avoided the "drought" spells that affect most strikers. His opener against Wycombe was his fifth for the reserves, to add to his 17 for the youth team.

It was a well-taken goal, and Michael McIndoe added another with a left foot drive after a bit of a scramble in the goalmouth. Two of our men went for the same ball to let in Wycombe's reply, with Tanny Abbey having no chance to save, before Stuart Fraser got our third, cutting in from the left and firing a low right foot shot into the bottom corner. It was nice for him as it made up for an own goal in the defeat at QPR.

Luton Town: Abbey, Lawes (Jerry 75 mins), Fraser, Clarke, Ayres, Boyce, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni (Taylor 85 mins), Kandol, McIndoe, Showler (Akurang 75 mins).

WE ARE away to Arsenal next Monday, at Borehamwood (2pm) and then have no league fixture until after Easter. We will play Oxford on Wednesday April 7 at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.

Reserve appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):
Abbey 19, Agueh 2, Akurang 6, Alexander 1, Ayres 7 (1),
Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 22 (1), Clarke 17, Cox 14 (1),
Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser
13 (2), George 2 (1), Hudson 6, Jerry 7, Kandol 12 (5), Lawes
17, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 14 (3), McKoy 2, McLaren
5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 22 (2), Showler 7,
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White 8 (5), Willmott 20 (1), Zahana-Oni 8 (2).

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Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	Н	3-0
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Mon 08		Fulham	A	2-3
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Wed 10		Queens Park Rangers	A	1-3
Wed 17		Wycombe Wdrs	Н	3-1
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Wed 07	April	Oxford	Н	2pm
Thur 15		Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21	BPC Final	Stotfold	A	7.30pm
Wed 05	May	Peterborough United	Н	2pm
To be ar	ranged	West Ham	Α	1

Luton Town 3 Swindon 0

A WELL-DESERVED win by a squad which included three trialists turned out to be the first of two very good results for us. While we were collecting our 17th victory of the season, previous leaders Brentford were going down to a surprise defeat at Cambridge, so we regained top place in the South East Counties League.

We set about our task straight from the kick-off, and the bright start brought us a goal in the first two minutes.

John Rattray, one of the trialists, passed to Tresor Kandol just inside the penalty area, and he crossed for Clifford Akurang to come in at the back post and score with a header.

We played some good football, and although Swindon had a good share of possession we did not let them do any damage with it. They passed nicely enough in midfield, but were not allowed to get round the back of us.

Six minutes into the second half Rattray's persistence enabled him to regain possession on the edge of the area, and his square pass was met by a clean strike by Akurang for his second goal of the game.

Our third came seven minutes from time, with the ball switched quickly from one side of the field to the other. Moses Jerry hit a long pass into the stride of Joe Harrington, and he weaved in and shot into the top corner, with the keeper getting a hand to the ball but beaten by the power of the drive.

Overall, we were the better side, and once more Jude Stirling, as an emergency centre-back alongside James Ayres, did a good job.

The win means that our hopes of retaining the league title rest in our own hands, and it is now a three-horse race between us, Brentford and Leyton Orient. We have already played Brentford and Orient twice, and in each the record is one win, one defeat.

We have one game in hand on each of them but three of our last four matches are away from home.

We are not likely to fall into the trap of being complacent, and much as we would like to win the title again the main purpose of youth football for us is to produce good footballers who hopefully will one day by assets to the first team squad.

Luton Town: Tate, Moran, Ayres, Stirling, Taylor, Hook (Minton HT), Hudson, Kandol (Harrington 75 mins), Akurang, Jerry, Rattray (Osborne 60 mins).

WE WERE away to Bristol Rovers on Saturday, and a report will be in the matchday magazine next Saturday. On that day we are away to Reading, before our final home game of the season, against Oxford at Luton RFC, on April 10.

Youth team appearances, including as subs (goals in brackets):
Akurang 24 (10), Ayres 26 (1), Barriteau 3, Carroll 8, Clarke 5 (3),
Crane 3 (2), Dogbe 5, Dollin 6, Harrington 9 (2), Hammond 2,
Hook 1, Howe 26 (1), Hudson 13, Jerry 26 (1), Kandol 27 (17),
Mansell 6 (1), McKoy 20 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 27, Moran 21,
Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Osborne 1, Plant 1, Rattray 1, Roffey 1,
Stirling 26 (1), Tate 24, Taylor 27 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2),
Ward 2, Woodland 1, Wraight 3.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Luton Town	26	17	5	4	49	23	56	
Brentford	27	17	4	6	62	28	55	
L. Orient	27	16	7	4	58	29	55	
Bristol Rov	27	12	5	10	51	49	41	
Reading	28	8	12	8	35	37	36	
Barnet	23	10	5	8	30	27	35	
Wycombe	27	8	11	8	31	31	35	
Portsmouth	29	8	10	11	41	55	34	
Brighton	24	9	6	9	37	34	33	
Colchester	27	10	2	15	43	44	32	
Swindon	26	9	5	12	37	39	32	
Cambridge	25	7	9	9	39	48	30	
Bournemouth	25	9	2	14	36	49	29	
Southend	39	8	5	17	37	55	29	
Oxford	24	8	4	12	25	40	28	
Gillingham	26	7	4	15	29	49	25	

Youth Team Fixtures

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

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How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them H CR OB V FK P IB OG see key below H CR OB V FK P IB OG 4 6 2 1 7 5 9 3 0 5 7 10 15 10 3 0 4 20 1 Burnley 5 7 0 1 12 0 11 3 6 1 0 1 7 Colchester United 9 6 6 12 0 6 11 2 6 1 0 6 9 0 10 6 5 1 1 1 8 11 9 12 9 2 2 9 1 Gillingham **Lincoln City** 8 6 3 6 1 3 19 3 4 1 2 12 0 **Luton Town** Manchester City 7 4 1 2 0 4 9 0 8 4 2 1 12 1 3 2 1 5 4 0 Northampton Town 15 3 4 5 0 2 **Notts County** 13 10 7 5 1 2 11 0 **Oldham Athletic** 4 5 0 1 5 1 Reading 10 8 6 4 0 5 10 13 3 3 1 4 9 1 13 10 6 4 0 3 9 3 Walsall 11 11 3 3 0 1 igan Athlet 6 5 0 0 1 8 0 4 12 0 Wrexham 5 6 3 5 0 1 12 4 3 3 8 1 4 5 1 3 10 0 V 23 6 4 5 0 3 18 2 7 2 4 3 2 6 17 1 **York City**

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

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates
32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug
1,868 Macclesfield v Gillingham 9-Mar
Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug Bristol Royers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct

Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct urnemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-N

Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb

Biggest Away Win
Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Burnley 0-6 Man City 9-Mar
Consecutive Wins
Fulham, Stoke 6
Games Unbeaten
Gillingham 17
Consecutive Defeats
Lincoln, Macclesfield 6
Games without a Win
Wycombe 12

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

Div	isic	n i	Two	Sta	ıtist	ics,	Club by Club			
see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	FA
Bournemouth	22	55	33	15	11	2	Stein	14	5	1
Blackpool	29	33	37	11	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	30	44	38	12	17	6	Roberts	11	0	7
Burnley	37	36	64	4	21	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	37	31	11	20	6	Reeves/Howard	9/9	1/1	0
Colchester United	28	39	52	4	20	2	Gregory D	10	2	0
Fulham	29	59	26	19	8	1	Horsfield	13	0	2
Gillingham	26	55	33	14	22	4	Asaba	16	0	0
Lincoln City	29	33	53	10	24	14	Battersby	7	1	1
Luton Town	31	40	47	7	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	28	24	41	7	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	29	48	27	16	14	1	Goater	13	2	1
Millwall	28	41	45	10	14	5	Harris	12	0	0
Northampton Town	32	28	40	8	22	14	Corazzin	12	0	0
Notts County	38	39	50	4	23	5	Jones	2	0	6
Oldham Athletic	28	37	49	7	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	23	65	34	14	7	1	Nogan	16	0	3
Reading	37	44	44	11	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	28	41	39	12	9	1	Lightbourne	7	0	1
Walsall	28	48	37	14	11	2	Rammell	16	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	49	31	12	23	7	Barlow	14	1	1
Wrexham	26	36	47	9	19	2	Connolly	8	1	5
Wycombe Wanderer	5 26	32	46	8	24	19	Scott	6	0	1
York City	24	42	61	4	24	8	Cresswell	16	0	3

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Millwall	70	10	100									
Wycombe Wandere	ers 69	7.	90									
Burnley	64	7.	85									
Bristol Rovers	52	9.	79									
Gillingham	62	5.										
Manchester City	59	6.										
Wigan Athletic	70	1.										
Luton Town	52	6.	70									
Blackpool	69	0.	69									
Northampton Tow	n 60	3 .	69									
Reading	55	4.	67									
Oldham Athletic	50	5.	65									
Lincoln City	55	3.	64									
Stoke City	56	2	62									
Colchester United	51	2	57									
Chesterfield	42	4	54									
Wrexham	47	2	53									
Preston North End	39	4	51									
Walsall	41	3	50									
York City	35	5	50									
AFC Bournemouth	41	2	47									
Notts County	44	1	47									
Macclesfield Town	37	3	46									
Fulham	43	0	43									

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins
Fulham, Wigan 4
Games Unbeaten
Fulham 11
Consecutive Defeats
Burnley 4
Games without a Win
York 10

Div.2 Stat Attack

Div. 2 Attendance Details

Highest Lowest Average

Manchester City	32,134	24,291	28,055	
Stoke City	23,272	8,218	13,117	
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,144	ı
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,799	
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,659	
Burnley	17,251	8,526	10,456	
	12,726	4,249	7,044	
Bournemouth	10,964	4,863	6,973	
Gillingham	9,581	4,575	6,305	
Bristol Rovers	8,011	5,039	6,276	
Northampton T.	7,557	4,710	5,991	
	10,316	4,445	5,794	
Luton Town	9,070	4,021	5,593	
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,588	l
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,170	l
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	5,069	l
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,057	l
Chesterfield	8,245	3,372	4,600	l
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,565	
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,337	ı
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,224	ı

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second division scene



FOR a team that has lost seven of the last eight, the league table makes surprisingly good reading as we go into tonight's match. Other teams in the lower reaches are also suffering, with the result that our eight-game sequence yielding three points has seen us drop only two places, to 14th. Blackpool, the team we beat, helped us on Saturday by losing 4-0 at Fulham, giving us the chance to go above them if we win tonight.

And it is not just lucky Luton who have had cause to be grateful for other results at the weekend. Lucky Fulham too - while they were chalking up their 12th game without defeat second-placed Preston were losing at home to Bournemouth and third-placed Walsall dropped two home points with a 3-3 draw against Bristol Rovers. Jamie Cureton's hat-trick for Rovers included a last-minute equaliser.

Fulham stretched their lead at the top to 15 points, and Walsall are only a point behind Preston.

The chase for play-off places is getting tight, and Reading come to Kenilworth Road tonight keen to add to their run of four consecutive victories.

They beat Wycombe on Saturday, having ditched Tony Thorpe (one penalty goal in five appearances was his loan record) and taken Mark McKeevor on loan from Sheffield Wednesday as replacement.

Reading look for three points tonight to close up to within three of sixth-placed Manchester City, who are on an amazing roll.

After looking well out of contention, City have lost only once in their last 15 league outings, and the sequence

The Second Division

includes a 3-0 home victory over Fulham. Shaun Goater's 17th goal of the season was enough to give City their seventh away win of the campaign at Colchester.

They are level on points, but behind on goals scored, with fifth-placed Gillingham, who hammered struggling Lincoln City 4-0 at Priestfields.

But to some degree it was lucky Lincoln - the good news for them was that they are still a point above the relegation line, thanks to Burnley's continued bad run. The good news for Steve Davis and Co was that Micky Mellon scored their first goal in five matches, in which 15 have been let in. It gave them a point from a draw at Wrexham but they are still in the bottom four.

Notts County, who were there for a long time, continued their astonishing rise: a 3-2 win at Stoke was their fifth win in six matches, starting with their victory over us.

That left Stoke down in ninth place, but the former leaders will be hoping we do the business tonight. Stoke are away to second-from-bottom Macclesfield, and will go back up to seventh, if they and we win.

But Macclesfield may be no push-over. They went to Sixfields on Saturday for a six-pointer, and beat Northampton 2-0. It was their third win on the trot, and pulled them up level on points with Northampton, who have taken only four points from the last 24.

Next Saturday's Second Division fixtures

Bournemouth v Colchester
Bristol Rovers v Notts County
Chesterfield v Blackpool
Luton v Gillingham
Millwall v Wrexham
Preston v Northampton
Reading v Manchester City
Wigan v Stoke
Wycombe v Oldham

Sunday's games

Burnley v Macclesfield Lincoln v York

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To the Book	P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Fulham	37	15	2	1	37	10	11	4	4	26	16	84
Preston	36	10	4	4	39	.19	10	5	3	26	16	69
Walsall	36	10	6	3	29	20	10	2	5	22	20	68
Bournemouth	36	12	5	1	34	9	6	5	7	22	24	64
Gillingham	36	12	5	2	37	13	4	9	4	22	20	62
Man City	37	9	6	3	26	12	7	8	4	23	15	62
Reading	36	9	6	4	26	21	6	5	6	20	24	56
Wigan	33	9	3	3	27	9	7	4	7	25	23	55
Stoke	35	8	3	7	24	22	9	0	8	19	20	54
Chesterfield	35	13	2	3	31	13	2	7	8	9	19	54
Millwall	37	6	7	5	25	21	8	3	8	17	24	52
Wrexham	35	6	6	6	17	21	5	5	7	20	27	44
Blackpool	36	5	8	5	19	17	5	5	8	14	24	43
Luton Town	35	7	3	7	19	21	4	5	9	22	29	41
Bristol Rov	34	7	6	5	28	22	2	7	7	19	19	40
Notts Co	35	6	3	7	23	22	5	4	10	19	30	40
Colchester	36	5	7	6	18	25	3	8	7	21	28	39
Oldham	36	5	2	10	18	24	5	5	9	19	26	37
York City	36	4	7	7	22	27	5	2	11	21	37	36
Lincoln	35	8	3	6	23	20	2	3	13	10	37	36
Burnley	36	5	6	8	15	29	3	5	9	22	36	35
Northampton	36	2	8	7	13	20	5	4	10	15	22	33
Macclesfield	35	5	4	8	13	17	3	5	10	13	24	33
Wycombe	35	6	4	9	24	21	0	6	10	9	27	28

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

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Sat	08 AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Α	3.00pm 1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	5. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué Gra	,	
TUES	11 WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	Н	7.45pm 2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué Gra	,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
SAT	15	PRESTON NORTH END	Н	3.00pm 1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué Gra		, 8
TUES	18 WC1(2)	OXFORD UNITED	Α	7.45pm 3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	22	READING	Α	3.00pm 0-3	18,108	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas Gra		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
SAT	29	COLCHESTER UNITED	Н	3.00pm 2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra	,	Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.
MON	31	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm 3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3778	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra	,	McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas
SAT	05 SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	Н	3.00pm 1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gr		있었다. 2008년 B. H.
TUES	08	WREXHAM	A	7.45pm 1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	12	BRISTOL ROVERS	Н	3.00pm 2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
TUES	15 WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	Α	7.45pm 1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	19	BLACKPOOL	Α	3.00pm 0-1	5,695	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas Gra	Marie State of the State of the	
TUES	22 WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	Н			K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis		McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Fot		
SAT	26	WALSALL	Н	3.00pm 0-1	5,530	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Fot		Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87
SAT	03 OCTOBER	FULHAM	Α	3.00pm 3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		ran Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White
SAT	10	YORK CITY	Α	3.00pm 3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	17	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm 2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
TUES	20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Н	7.45pm 1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	24	GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm 0-1	5,602	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Evers		n Douglas Gra		ran Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren
TUES	27 WC3	COVENTRY	Н	7:45pm 2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Evers		n Douglas Gra		an Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren
SAT	07 NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	Α	3.00pm 1-3 (Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra	Marie Control of the Control	an McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White
TUES	10 WC4	BARNSLEY	Н	7.45pm 1-0 (Gray)	8,453	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Evers		n Douglas Gra		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
SUN	15 FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A	1.00pm 3-2 (Gray 2, S. Davis)	1,772	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	McLare	S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	21	LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm 2-2 (Gray, Doherty)	4,893	K. Davis	McGowan	Thomas	Spring	White	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe
SAT	28	MANCHESTER CITY	Н	3.00pm 1-1 (Doherty)	9,070	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Evers		n Douglas Gra		McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84
TUES	01 DECEMBER	VC5 SUNDERLAND	A	7.45pm 0-3	35,742	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	05 FA CUP (R2	HULL CITY	Н	3.00pm 1-2 (S. Davis)	5,021	K Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Doherty Gra		
SAT	12	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	Α	3.00pm 2-2 (Douglas, Gray)	2,902	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas Gra		
SAT	19	MILLWALL	Н	3.00pm 1-2 (S. Davis)	5,939	K Davis	McGowan	Fraser	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	U		
MON	28	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Α	3.00pm 0-1	8,863	K Davis	White	Thomas	Spring	S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	Harrison	Fotiadis Gra	AND THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF	
SAT	02 JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm 2-2 (Alexander pen, White)	4,694	K.Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	White	Johnson	McLaren	Harrison			Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser
TUES	05 AWS(2)	WALSALL	Н	7.45pm 0-3	1,870	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser	Evers	White	Dyche	McLaren	Harrison			로 보고 있는데 그는 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은 사람들은
SAT	09 1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Н	3.00pm 3-1 (Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren		A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	Oni Doherty for Zahana-Oni HT, Scarlett for Douglas 81. Unused: Fraser
SAT	16	PRESTON NORTH END	Α	3.00pm 1-2 (Fotiadis)	11,034	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren			an Doherty for Douglas 83, Fraser for McGowan 89. Unused Zahana-Oni
SAT	23	WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	3.00pm 0-4	4,934	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	McGowan	Evers			Oni Doherty for Fotiadis HT, McIndoe for Zahana-Oni 64. Unused: Scarlett
SAT	30	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	Н	3.00pm 2-2 (McKinnon, Doherty)	5,426	Davis	Harrison	McGowan	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren			on Zahana-Oni for Douglas 74; White for Harrison 79. Unused: Scarlett
SAT	06 FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	Α	3.00pm 2-1 (Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285	Abbey	Harrison	McGowan	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren			on Doherty for Douglas 72; Alexander for McKinnon 77; White for McGowan 88
SAT	13	WREXHAM	Н	3.00pm 1-2 (Doherty)	4,759	Davis	Harrison	Alexander	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren			on Gray for Fotiadis 25; Cox for McKinnon 67; White for Harrison 73
SAT	20 ,	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm 0-1	6,361	Davis	Alexander	White	McIndo		Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren			on Zahana-Oni for Scarlett 73; Kandol for McIndoe 77. Unused: Fraser
TUE	23	NOTTS COUNTY	Н	7.45pm 0-1	4,021	Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring	Dyche	Johnson	Cox	McLaren	0		,
SAT	27	BLACKPOOL	Н	3.00pm 1-0 (Douglas)	4,646	Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	Willmott	White	Harrison		n Douglas Gra	,	McGowan for Spring 73, Cox for George 83, McLaren for Harrison 89
SAT	06 MARCH	WALSALL	Α	3.00pm 0-1	4,508	Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	White	Johnson	Harrison		n Douglas Gra	,	McGowan for George 66; McLaren for Harrison 76. Unused: Willmott
TUE	09	FULHAM	Н	7.45pm 0-4	7,424	Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	White	Johnson	Harrison	McKinno	n Douglas Gra	y George	Cox for Douglas 62; McLaren for George 62; McGowan for Thomas 73
SAT	13	STOKE CITY	Н	3.00pm 1-2 (Alexander pen)	5,221	Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	White	Johnson	Harrison	McKinno	n Douglas Gra	y George	Doherty for George 56; Willmott for White 78; McLaren for Harrison 83
SAT	20	CHESTERFIELD	Α		3,921	Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring	Willmott	Johnson	Harrison	McKinno	n Douglas Gra	y McGow	an Doherty for Harrison 67; McLaren for McKinnon 75; George for Douglas 85
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Phil Gray 10 Gavin McGowan 11 Gary Doherty 12 Liam George 13 Jimmy Cox 14 1 Scott Howie

2 Graeme Murty

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4 Phil Parkinson

5 Andy Bernal

6 Chris Casper

7 Byron Glasgow

8 Darren Caskey

9 Jim McIntyre

10 Ray Houghton

11 Mark McKeever

12 Tony Barras

13 Mass Sarr

14 Grant Brebner

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