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Brian Swain reports

THE EVENTS of transfer deadline day mean that the future of Luton Town is now secured until the end of the season, and the general spirit at Kenilworth Road is on the up again. No-one likes being run by receivers, but John Kelly, of Buchler Phillips, has proved to be an impressive character, with his feeling for football, and experience at other clubs in similar difficulties, a real bonus.

He agreed with Lennie Lawrence that with all the difficulties the club faced, the last thing it needed on top was a relegation battle. When the sums were done, the club needed £500,000 to ensure it could complete this season's fixtures. There also had to be a reduction in the wages bill.

The receiver began by declaring David Kohler redundant as managing director, although he is still chairman and majority shareholder. The cash income was raised by the sales of Sean Evers to Reading and Graham Alexander to Preston. Another player went off the wages bill when the Town could not afford to buy Gerry Harrison, whose loan had a few more days to run. He returned to Sunderland, and on to Hull City on loan. Lennie Lawrence hopes we might get Harrison back for next season - see the manager's column on page 5.

With four names off the payroll, Mr Kelly agreed to the manager's plea to be allowed to sign two on loan, and it gave everyone a lift to see Sean Dyche and Tony Thorpe returning. The Town cannot afford to keep them in the financial manner to which they are accustomed, but City agreed to pay some of their wages.

The receiver's reaction to other events added to Lawrence's pleasure at the success of a hectic week's work. "The predators gather when they hear receivers are going in," said the manager. "There were many offers and telephone calls about our players, some of them derisory. The receivers backed me in not selling off players cheaply, and their decision to allow the two loans to come in helps us secure Second Division football, and go for a strong finish to the season."

Just like old times

TONY Thorpe felt he had never been away as he reflected on his return to Kenilworth Road, on loan from Bristol City. He left us just over a year ago for Fulham, then moved to Ashton Gate in the summer.

Starved of regular league football with City, he had a month on loan at Reading while he waited for his chance to get back to Luton.

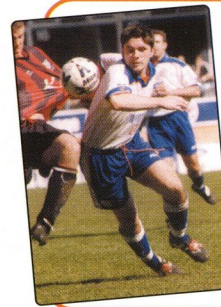
After his first match, against Gillingham, he confessed he was not 100 per cent match fit, but had thoroughly enjoyed being back at the club where he made his reputation.

"It was my first proper game in a month," he said. "I want to get a couple more under my belt and hopefully the goals will start flooding in."

He had been hoping to rejoin the Town before Reading nipped in for him, but at the time there were already two loan players here, and the vacancy expected by signing Gerry Harrison permanently never happened.

But when the chance cropped up again, said Thorpe, he did not need to be asked twice. "I felt as if I had never left. It was really weird. I had my best days here, and scored 50 goals in two seasons. I just want that to continue."

The 24-year-old is here until the end of the season, and would love to make the move permanent. But the club's financial situation leaves that idea in the melting pot at present. "I don't know what Bristol would want for me, probably a lot of money," said Thorpe. "We will see how things go first."



WELCOME BACK:
Tony Thorpe,
returning on loan
just over a year
after leaving the
Town, found it
was just like the
old days on his
"second debut"
against
Gillingham.

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Where's Jake?

DOES any reader know where Jake Findlay, our former goalkeeper, is today? We ask on behalf of a Derby County fan, Trevor Whetton, who needs to find him to achieve an ambition. Mr Whetton has set out to collect the autograph of everyone who has played for Derby since 1958. He has nearly 300 in the book, but is struggling for the last 30.

Big Jake is among them because he played one game for Derby, while on loan from us in January 1984. He joined us from Aston Villa for £100,000 in the autumn of 1978 and won a championship medal when we won the Division Two title four years later. He replaced Milija Aleksic, but in the summer of 1983 David Pleat bought Les Sealey from Coventry, and a year later Andy Dibble became the third goalkeeper on the books.

After loans to Barnsley and Derby Findlay, who had once been tipped to play for Scotland, went on a free transfer, with David Moss, to Swindon, then on to Peterborough, Portsmouth and Coventry.

He retired in January 1989 and was briefly assistant manager to Kirk Stephens at Nuneaton Borough, but we don't know where Findlay went after that. At one time he was talking about opening a wool shop in his native Blairgowrie, on Tayside, but so far as we can ascertain that never happened.

If you can help Mr Whetton he would appreciate a phone call to 01858 468069.

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WE WERE very sad to hear of the death of Frank Ludlow, following a brave battle against cancer, just before Easter, and send our condolences to his family. He and his brother Derek are well known in the local community, having built up Ludlows of Luton into a very successful company.

Derek is a vice president of Luton Town, and he and Frank have for many years been very staunch supporters of the club, rarely missing a match. Frank continued to shout for the team even when he was seriously ill, and he will be much missed at Kenilworth Road, as a supporter and as a true gentleman.

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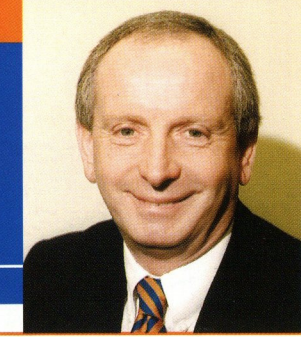
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Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	3(5)	1(1)	0	0	4(6)	0	0	0	0
Davis	36	7	2	0	45	0	0	0	0
Doherty	5(11)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	6(14)	5	0	0	5
Douglas	32	6	1(1)	0	39(1)	8	2	0	10
Fotiadis	6(8)	1(1)	0	1	8(9)	2	1	0	3
Fraser	1(1)	0	0	1	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Douglas	33	6	1(1)	0	340(1)	8	2	0	10
Dyche	9	0	0	1	10	1	0	0	1
Gray	28(3)	6	2	0	36(3)	7	3	2	12
George	5(4)	0(2)	0	0	5(6)	0	0	0	0
Johnson	35	7	1	0	42	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	23(4)	7	2	0	32(4)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	9(4)	2(1)	(2)	1	12(7)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	26(1)	4(1)	2	0	32(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	13(8)	1(3)	2	1	17(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	0	0	0
Spring	36	7	1(1)	0	44(1)	2	0	0	2
Thomas	117(6)	3	0	0	20(6)	0	0	0	0
Thorpe	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
White	13(14)	0(3)	1	1	15(17)	1	0	0	1
Willmott	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	0	0	0
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Also played: Alexander 28(1) league apps, 4 goals 7 Worthington Cup apps 2 goals. S.Davis 21 league apps, 6 goals; 6 Worthington Cup apps, 2 goals; 2 FA Cup apps, 2 goals. Evers 27 league apps 3 goals, 7 Worthington Cup apps 1 goal, 2 FA Cup apps, 1 Autowindscreens Shield app. Harrison 14 league apps, 1 Autowindscreens Shield app. Marshall 3(1) League apps, 1 goal; 3 Worthington Cup apps. Davies 2 League apps. Bacque 2(5) league apps; 1(2) Worthington Cup apps, 1 Autowindscreens Shield. Nyamah 1 FA Cup app, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.

Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



THEY SAY a week is a long time in politics, but sometimes it is even longer in football, and we had one full of great importance to this club around the time of our last home match. We had been in limbo and burdened by uncertainty, but within hours of being put into receivership we gained a spirited draw against Reading - and perhaps should have won - then completed a hectic succession of transfer dealings, and followed up with a good win over Gillingham.

The transfers had to be done to safeguard the future of the club. They guaranteed the wages for March, and they took us forward beyond that. The sales of Graham Alexander to Preston for £50,000 and Sean Evers to Reading, for £500,000 plus add-ons later, were crucial.

I spoke about Graham Alexander in my last column, and today I want to thank Sean Evers for his services. He had been at the club since he was 12, and although he has been something of a late developer in terms of first team football, we have shown patience and in the last year he has become a very promising player. He knew about Reading's interest, talked to them, and was happy to sign for them. It was in everyone's interest for him to move and he left with our good wishes and thanks.

The same goes for Gerry Harrison. I wanted to keep him, but we could not meet Sunderland's demands, so he went back, to free up another loan, and has since gone to Hull. He did well for us, and perhaps a deal there can be resurrected in the summer. The receiver, John Kelly, deserves credit for the way he reacted to the situation. He is in charge of the money, and it has to be under tight control, but he agreed that we should not devalue the club further by being dragged into a relegation dogfight, and he allowed me to sign Sean Dyche and Tony Thorpe on loan. We could not match their previous salaries, but Bristol City are helping out in that respect.

Along with the other players they made important contributions to the win against Gillingham, when we played three at the back for the first time since I have been here.

That was because we were without Gerry Harrison and Ray McKinnon, and I wanted to retain three forwards. In the event we had the ability and the spirit to achieve a valuable home win. The situation off the field has galvanised everyone into action, and we appreciated the excellent response by supporters. I think everyone has responded to the end of the uncertainty that hung over us like a dark cloud. That had to be dispelled so that we could get on with the job.

Because of holiday printing deadlines I had to write these notes a week ago, and hopefully by now we

have had cause to celebrate another good result, at Oldham.

We welcome York City tonight with some understanding of the problems they have faced recently. They are a well-organised and well-run little club, but after a promising start to the season they have run into difficulties, and they dispensed with Alan Little's services after ten years at the club.

I believe York will win their battle to avoid relegation, and still vividly remember our 3-3 draw at York earlier in the season. It was tremendous entertainment, and the most exciting league game of the season so far - they went two up, then we were 3-2 ahead, and it finished 3-3. Richard Cresswell was their star performer that day, and at least we won't have to contain him tonight, after his big-money move to Sheffield Wednesday.

I hope tonight's match is as exciting, but, of course, with a better result from our point of view.

Finally, to return to the subject of support: the more positive attitude from around the ground is still vitally important to the players. The supporters have responded magnificently so far. We are trying to do the same. Together, we will get there and hopefully enjoy a good finish to the season.



Lennie Lawrence

on the ball?.....



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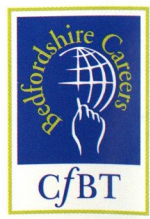
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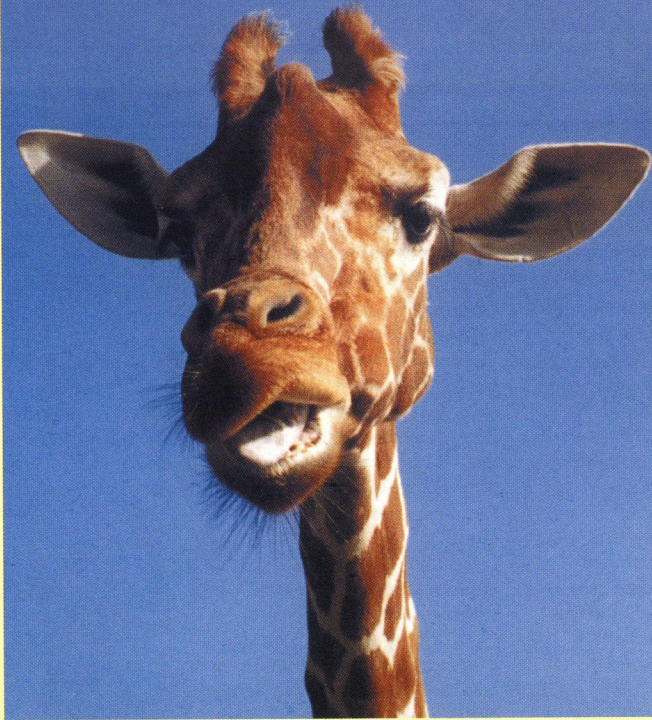


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Marv in charge

captain's log



I HOPE you have had a good holiday weekend, and that we can make it even happier for you tonight. Because of Easter print deadlines I had to write this column before we went to Oldham, but whatever that result, we are determined to do well tonight, because our home record needs to be improved, and after the last two performances here we fancy our chances.

The win against Gillingham was very satisfying, and once again we used an unusual formation, and I think we surprised Gillingham by playing with three centre-backs and two wing-backs. It is a long time since we have used that system, but it worked well. A key element is having the right players, and once more young Chris Willmott did his job well. The vital extra ingredient was Sean Dyche, and the dressing room gave him a unanimous welcome back.

It was a real bonus when he returned and it is a pleasure to have him in the squad again. You cannot put a price on the sort of experience he has, and he is also a great character.

We were equally pleased to see Tony Thorpe back. Like Sean he was not getting first team football at Bristol, which is amazing for men of their talent. Thorpe slotted in as though he had never been away and while he admits he was not 100 per cent match sharp, it was obvious that he is still the same guy, who likes to pull the ball down and twist and turn with it. As he had done so well here before, we did not need telling that he likes the ball played in to feet, and I have no doubt he will be knocking in goals for us between now and the end of the season.

His arrival was among the reasons for the change of formation for Gillingham, after the 4-3-3 shape had done well against Reading.

We all needed a lift in view of the difficulties that are facing the club off the field, and we realise that like everyone else the players have to pull together. That goes for fans as well, and we again appreciated your support against Gillingham.

Having said how well the back three played - well the other two anyway! - I had better add a word about Kelvin Davis, who was the Press box choice as man of the match. We couldn't argue with that, because some of his saves were not only top class, but also vitally important. It was crucial that we did not concede the first goal.

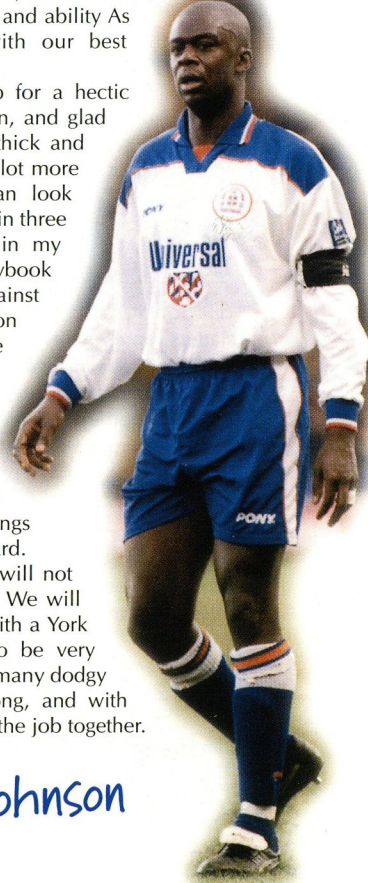
We said farewell to Graham Alexander and Sean Evers, with the usual mixed feelings. They were both popular members of the squad, and while you never like to see good players leaving, you also understand the reasons why.

As it happens, I think Sean will play against us next season - I am not convinced Reading will go up. I know they have a good chance of the play-offs, but I have a feeling Manchester City have hit a streak of form at the right time to win promotion. I think Preston will go up with Fulham, and Graham Alexander will enjoy the challenge of a higher level of football. When he joined us from Scunthorpe nearly four years ago he was a quiet lad, almost in awe at being in the First Division, as we were then.

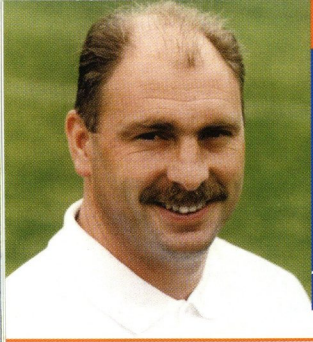
Things have changed since, and Graham has grown in confidence and ability. As with Sean he went with our best wishes.

Now we are gearing up for a hectic final month of the season, and glad that games are coming thick and fast. Training is always a lot more enjoyable when you can look forward to another game in three or four days, although in my case, I blotted my copybook when I was booked against Gillingham. I had been on four yellow cards since October, so I suppose the suspension I will have to serve when we go to Northampton was just about inevitable.

My excuse is that as a central defender, bookings are an occupational hazard. But the Cobblers match will not be in our minds tonight. We will concentrate on coping with a York team who are bound to be very keen to do well after too many dodgy results. If we are on song, and with your support, we can do the job together.



Marvin Johnson



Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

WE WENT into the Easter weekend with a pleasantly short list of "customers" for the treatment room, although this article had to be written before the Oldham game, so the news by now may not be as good.

Ray McKinnon was responding steadily to treatment for his ligament injury, although the odds seemed to be against him making a full recovery by Good Friday, and it was looking touch and go for his chances of being available by this evening.

The good news is that Andrew Fotiadis is well on the road to recovery after his ankle injury. After nearly two months of treatment and work, he had half a game for the reserves against Arsenal (see page 42), and could well have another reserve outing tomorrow afternoon.

One game was unlikely to be enough to restore him to full match fitness, and he still has some work to do to strengthen the ankle. It is mainly exercise on a device called a Clini Band - a sort of super-strong elastic band. You hook it up to the ankle, and the player works against its resistance. Fotiadis was a little sore after his first competitive action for a couple of months, and will still need a week's good training before thinking about a

recall to league football, but overall his progress has been excellent, and he is not far away now.

As we go into the last month of the season most players are at peak fitness, and with matches coming along at the rate of two a week they should be well tuned in to minimise the risk of injury.

It means the physio's work should be fairly routine, and the only major problem likely to arise is that we do not have a lot of time between games to put things right when players do pick up injuries. My experience, in my present job and in the days when I was a player, is that we are at a time of year when overall fitness is very good, and players enjoy being in the team so much they tend to shrug off minor knocks without too much trouble.

Clive Goodyear

THE Town players have promised the first £100 for charity as sponsors of Paul Smith, who is to be the Hatters representative in the Football Challenge section of the Flora London Marathon on April 18. We acknowledge with grateful thanks pledges which have come in as a result of articles in the matchday magazine, and in a later edition we will give a more detailed report. In the meantime, we again invite Town supporters to back the man who will be running in his Luton kit. Mr Smith, from Linslade, is raising money for the hospice where his 29-year-old wife tragically died from brain cancer, having been taken ill just as he was preparing for last year's event. If you can help, please fill in the coupon and send it to the club. Cheques should be made payable to the Florence Nightingale House Hospice.

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Cherry Newbery

club secretary

IN HOPING that you have all had a good Easter, I want first tonight to thank a lot of supporters who have responded very kindly to the difficult times facing the club and its staff.

We were very touched that so many took the time and trouble to make contact and offer good wishes after the news that receivers had been brought in. We had lots of phone calls, and even greetings cards, and they are very much appreciated. It has been difficult for everyone associated with Luton Town, but especially those who work for the club.

The atmosphere at our last home game was remarkably good, and it is encouraging that people are ready to rally round. Lots of children took up the invitation to show off their face-painting skills, and that helped make the day against Gillingham.

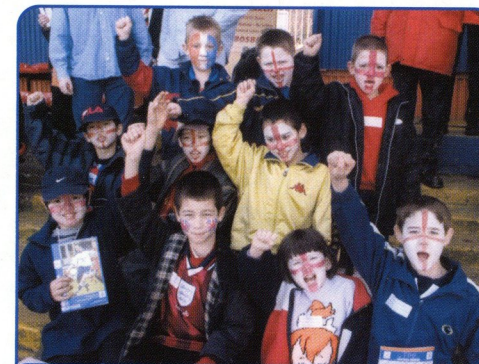
The Sandye Band were very good, and again my thanks to everyone who took the trouble to tell us how much they enjoyed their music.

Best of all, of course, was to see the team playing well again and getting a very welcome home win. It completed a very good day after a bad week, and it was nice to go home with a smile on your face.

We have a strong feeling that better times are ahead, and for the record let me make it clear that Luton Town will fulfil all its fixtures to the end of the season, at all levels.

It is still very much business as usual, so, for instance, our reserves will be at Arlesey two weeks tomorrow, April 21, for the final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup, against Stotfold.

The first team has two away games after tonight, at Northampton and Manchester City, and please remember that they are all-ticket for Luton supporters, with sales at the ticket office in Kenilworth Road ending the day before those games. Please see the ticket office announcements on page 33.



COLOURFUL CROWD: Some of the children who took part in the face-painting competition at our last home game. These children, aged between five and nine, are from the Mary Bassett School, Leighton Buzzard. See the following pages for more pictures of the Football League centenary celebration day.

Finally, today, I would like to ask all supporters to make sure they are in their seats a few minutes before kick-off time for our next home game, against Lincoln City. The reason is that on that day, at every Football League game in the country, there will be a minute's silence just before the match starts to mark the 10th anniversary of the Hillsborough tragedy. A sad occasion, but perhaps a timely reminder to all of us at Luton that our troubles are not that serious compared to what some families have had to go through.

Cherry Newbery

Centenary Celebrations

soccer smiles

OUR young fans responded in huge numbers to the invitation to show bright ideas on face-painting for our last home match, against Gillingham. It was part of the club's activities to celebrate the Football League's centenary season. It included a "kid a quid" admission offer, and 250 free tickets distributed through the Community Department.

Gareth Owen took his camera around Kenilworth Road to capture some of the children who brought an extra dash of colour to the occasion.



Mark Boland, Patrick Hogan and Jamie Hartnett, all 13 and from Milton Keynes, are pictured on their way through the Kenilworth Road turnstiles.

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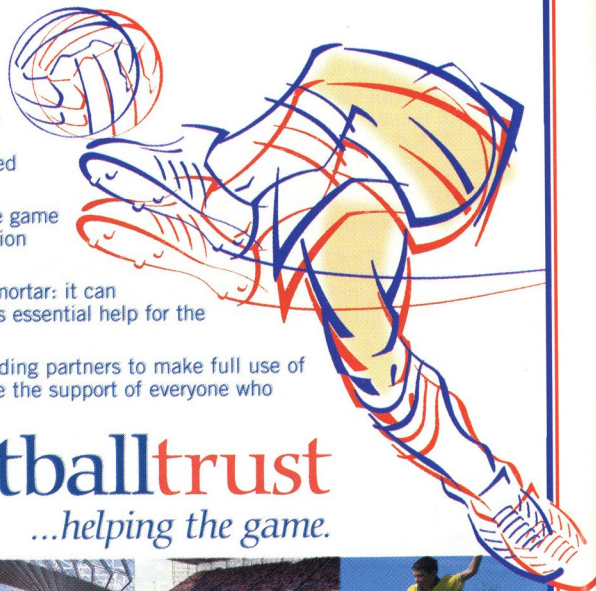
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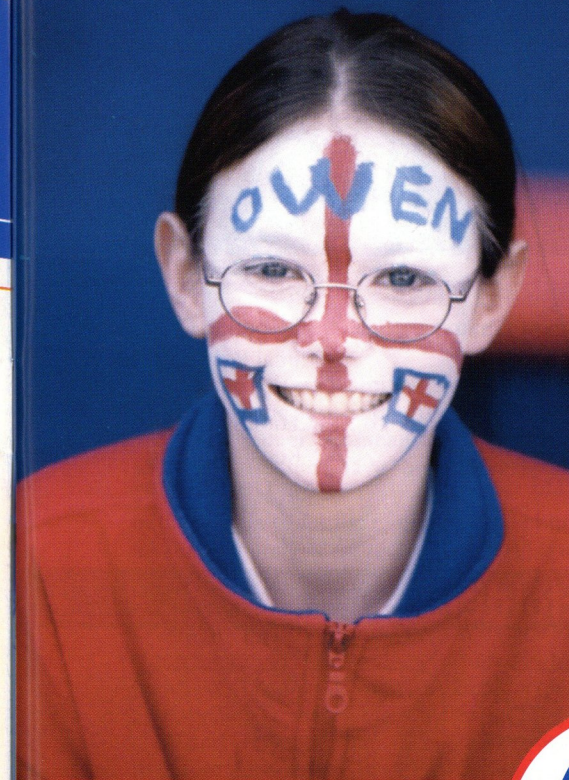
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Paula Fazekas, 13, of Park Town, Luton, is a Hatters fan, but was also keen to see England do well against Poland, and it is obvious who her favourite international is! She had a good day at Kenilworth Road, with both her teams winning.



Daniel Sole, 9, and Lee Dominics, 10, carried two sets of colours, to show they supported England and Luton Town. They are both from Hitchin.

Wearing his colours on his face as well as his back was Aaron Coleman, 10, of Strathmore Avenue, Luton.



Sporting a Luton Town boater to complete her face-painting and Town strip was Hayley Francis, 8, from Stopsley.



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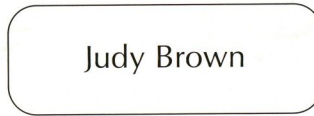
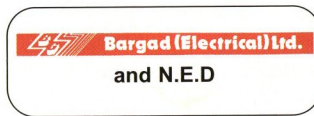
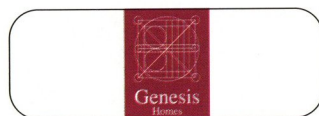
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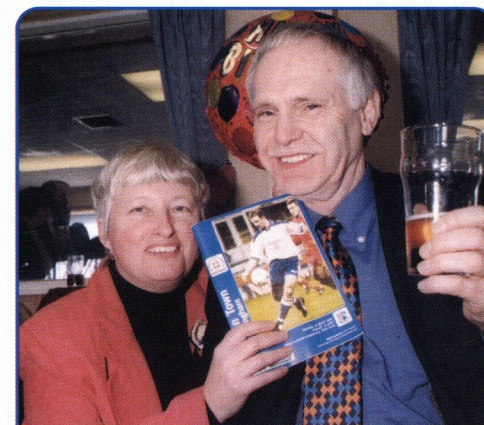
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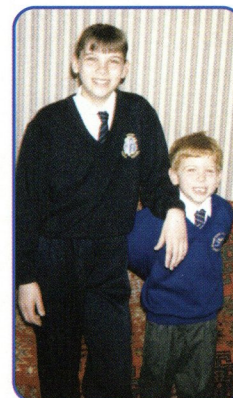
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CHEERS: Vic Fussell, a long-time Luton Town fan, pictured with another, his wife Merilyn. They were sponsors of our last home game to mark his 60th birthday, and all Vic asked for was a good day out, and the right result against Gillingham. We were very happy to oblige on both counts!



BROTHER and sister Joshua and Stephanie Corkhill are sharing the pleasure of being commercial mascots this evening. Joshua is five, and goes to St. Mary's RC Lower School, Dunstable, while Stephanie is 11 and is a pupil at Ashton Middle School.

They come to matches with their dad Alan, a long-time Town fan, and when Joshua is not playing football or swimming he likes Power Rangers and watching wrestling.

Stephanie enjoys gymnastics, hockey and netball, and her favourite player is Phil Gray, while Kelvin Davis gets Joshua's vote.

Golden Gamble

IT WAS double delight for Neil Barratt, from Wootton, at our last home game - not only did he enjoy seeing the Town beat Gillingham, but he also went home with £414 in ready cash.

He was the winner of the Golden Gamble, which offers the chance to collect a decent wedge for an outlay of just £1.

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Hatters Away

OUR NEXT two home fixtures are both away games, at Northampton next Saturday (3pm) and at Maine Road, Manchester, the following Wednesday (7.45).

As usual there is a good choice of coach travel, with the Bobbers Club and Town on Tour both providing services.

For the game against the Cobblers, the Bobbers are charging £6, and £5 for children and pensioners while Town on Tour are offering a cut-price deal at £5, and only £2 for concessions. Both organisations have membership rules to qualify for their best prices. Check at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road for availability of seats.

For the trip to Northampton the Bobbers leave at 12.30, with Town on Tour departure time 1pm, with a pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway at about 1.20.

For the game at Maine Road, to re-live Raddy Antic memories, Town on Tour will charge £13.50 for LTSC members, £10 for concessions and £15 for non-members. It is a 2.45 departure from Luton, with a pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later.

The Bobbers will set off at 2.30, and the fare will be £11 for adults, £9 for concessions.

For motorists, the game at Northampton is the easiest of the season, not much over 40 miles each way from Luton. Take the M1 north and leave at junction 15a, and follow the signs to Northampton on the A43. At the fourth roundabout, which is 1.3 miles from M1, follow the signs to Sixfields. There is plenty of parking, but it can be very congested trying to drive out at the end of the game.

For Manchester City, about 175 miles each way from Luton, take the M1 and the M6. The temptation is to go all the way up to the M62, which is the signposted route to Manchester, but there is a very handy short-cut to Maine Road.

Leave M6 at junction 19, turning right onto the A556 and after about three miles turn right onto the M56. This splits after about five miles into two motorways and a dual carriageway: the one you want is the A5103, which is signposted towards the city centre. Go past the very large Southern Cemetery on your left and watch for a right turn at traffic lights, signposted towards Ashton-under-Lyne and Sheffield on the A616, and within a minute of making that turn the ground is on your left.

The Man in the Middle



TAKING charge of this evening's game is Lancashire police officer Chris Foy from St. Helens, who is in his third season as a Football League referee. It is his second visit to Kenilworth Road this season, having been here for the FA Cup-tie against Hull in December.

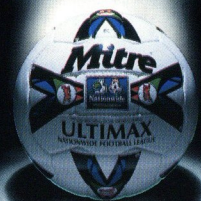
Married, and father of a young daughter, Mr Foy took up the whistle in local league football in 1983, and in 11 years progressed to being a Football League linesman, via refereeing in the Northern Premier League. He became a Premier League linesman in 1995, and was promoted to Football League referee a year later.

TOWN TEASER

WE BEAT York 3-0 when they came here last season. Graham Alexander and David Oldfield scored, and the third goal came from a striker who still plays for us. Who is he?

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

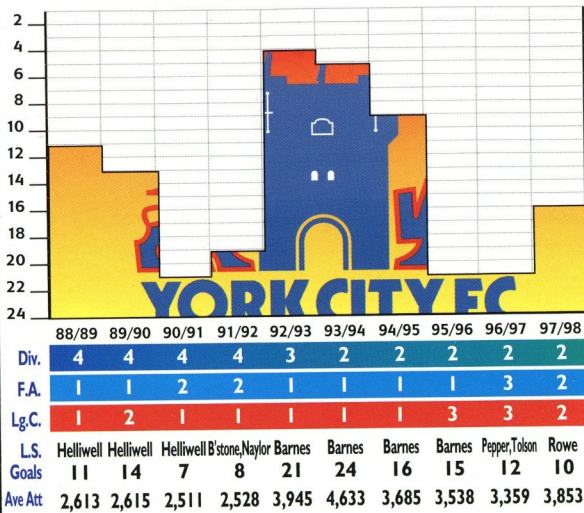
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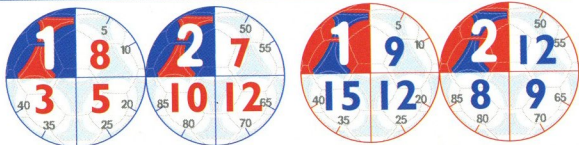
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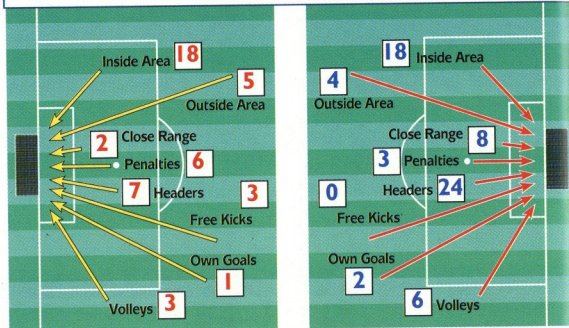
Who's played for York City this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gls					
Barry Jones	D	35(1)	2	28	5'11"	11'12"	Wrexham	
Andy McMillan	D	33		30	5'11"	11'02"		
Mark Tinker	M	29(1)	1	24	5'11"	12'03"	Leeds	Eng Yth
Gordon Connelly	M	28	4	22	5'10"	11'06"	Airdrie	
Bobby Mimms	G	27		35	6'2"	14'01"	Rotherham	Eng U21
Wayne Hall	D	25(1)	1	30	5'9"	10'06"	Darlington	
Martin Garratt	M	24(5)		19	5'10"	11'08"		
Tony Barras	D	24		28	6'0"	13'00"	Stockport	
Scott Jordan	M	20(5)	2	23	5'9"	11'05"		
Steve Agnew	M	19(1)	2	33	5'9"	10'06"	Sunderland	
Rodney Rowe	F	16(14)	5	23	5'8"	12'08"	Huddersfield	
Neil Tolson	F	16(3)	3	25	6'3"	11'05"	Bradford	
Neil Thompson	D	16	4	35	6'0"	13'05"	Barnsley	
Alan Pouton	M	16(2)	1	22	6'0"	12'02"	Oxford	
Gary Himsworth	F	12(1)		29	5'7"	9'10"	Darlington	
Andy Warrington	G	10		22	6'3"	12'11"		
Martin Reed	F	7(4)		21	6'1"	11'07"		
Neil Woods	F	5(4)		32	6'0"	13'00"	Grimby	
Martin Carruthers	F	3(3)		26	5'11"	11'07"	on loan from Peterborough	
Chris Fairclough	D	2		38	5'11"	11'00"	on loan from Notts County	
Marc Williams	F	2	2	26	5'8"	-	on loan from Halifax	Wales B
Rory Prendergast	M	1(2)		20	5'8"	11'13"	Barnsley	
Craig Skinner	M	1		28	5'8"	11'00"	Wrexham	
Andrew Dawson	D	(2)	1	17	-	-		
Lee Bullock	M			18	-	-		
Graham Renshin	D			20	-	-		

When York have scored goals... and conceded them



How York have scored goals... and conceded them



YORK'S CARDS

Tinkler...11
Garratt...3
Jones...3
McMillan...3
Pouton...3
Agnew...2
Cresswell...2
Jordan...2
Thompson...2
Connelly...1
Hall...1

Himsworth 1
Rowe...1
Jones...1
Rowe...1

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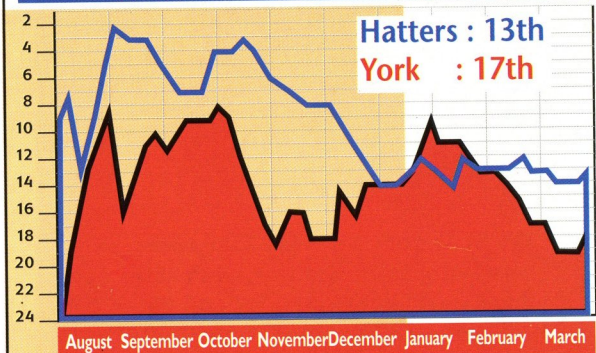
HATTERS' HARD MEN

McGowan .8
McLaren .6
McKinnon .5
Davis S...4
Johnson .4
Thomas .4
Douglas .3
Gray...3
White...3
George...2

McIndoe .2
Davis K...1
Doherty...1
Dyche...1
Evers...1
Harrison...1
Scarlett...1
Spring...1
Willmott...1

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League Positions throughout the season



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

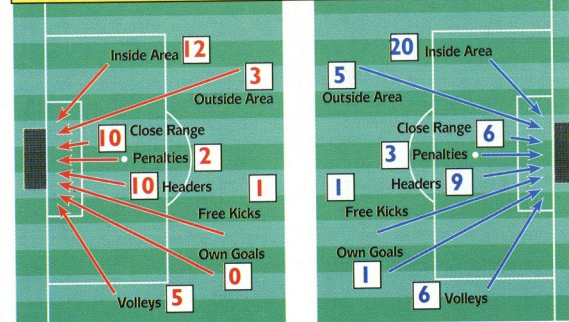


Hatters v Minstermen

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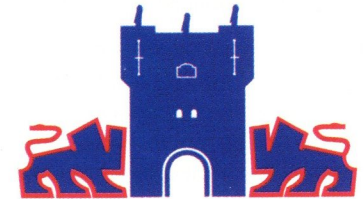
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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



York City

welcome to tonight's visitors



NEIL THOMPSON (Caretaker Manager)

Has recently taken up the position of Caretaker Manager, succeeding Alan Little. Also a player, he is an experienced left sided defender who was signed from Barnsley towards the end of last term after a period loan and appointed player coach. Born in Beverley he was a junior with Nottingham Forest before joining Hull City in 1981. Moved to Scarborough and helped the seasiders win promotion to the Football League. Transferred to Ipswich Town in 1989 for £100,000 and topped 250 games in seven years

at Portman Road. Signed for Barnsley in the summer of 1996 helping the Oakwell Club win promotion to the top flight and made a number of Premier League appearances for the "Tykes". Had a spell on loan at Oldham last season before joining City.



Back row (left to right): Martin Reed, Neil Tolson, Andy Warrington, Tony Barras (no longer with club), Mark Tinker, Richard Cresswell (no longer with club).

Middle row: Derek Bell (no longer with club), Andy McMillan, Graham Renshin, Andrew Dawson, John Sharples, Alan Pouton, Neil Thompson (Caretaker Manager), Martin Garratt, Jeff Miller (Physiotherapist).

Front row: Gary Himsworth, Rodney Rowe, Barry Jones, Alan Little (no longer with club), Steve Agnew, Scott Jordan, Wayne Hall.

STEVE AGNEW (*Midfield*)

Experienced midfielder who joined City in the close season from Sunderland. Born in Shipley he started his career as an apprentice with Barnsley and turned professional in 1983. After over 200 senior games for the Oakwell Club he joined Blackburn Rovers for £750,000 in 1991 and then Leicester City in 1993 for a £250,000 fee. He moved to Sunderland in January 1995 in another £250,000 deal and helped the Rokermen win promotion to the Premier League in 1995/96.

GORDON CONNELLY (*Forward*)

Signed from Airdrie early in the season after being spotted by the Manager playing in the pre-season tournament. Born in Glasgow he signed for Airdrie at 16 years of age. Has been a regular in the City side since his arrival.

ANDREW DAWSON (*Defender*)

Local lad who has graduated through the Club's School of Excellence. Joined the Youth Training Scheme in 1996 and turned full time professional towards the end of last season. Can play at either right back or centre back and was on the First Team substitutes bench a couple of times in the closing weeks of the campaign.

SCOTT JORDAN (*Midfield*)

Born in Newcastle upon Tyne he joined the Club on the Youth Training Scheme in 1991. Turned professional in October 1992 and that month made his senior debut. That season he

helped City Juniors reach the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup. In the last couple of terms the midfielder has been chiefly on the substitutes bench.

ANDY McMILLAN (*Defender*)

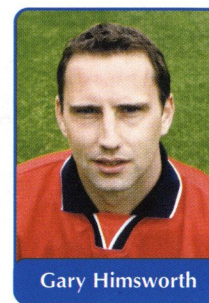
The Club's longest serving player having joined City for trials early in the 1987/88 season. He made his Football League debut in December 1987 and turned professional the following month. South African born of English parents he has been a virtual ever present at right back since 1990. Clubman of the Year in 1995/96 he helped the Club win promotion in 1992/93. At the end of last season he had to his credit 454 senior games and was 3rd in City's all time appearance record list. 1998/99 is his Testimonial season.

BOBBY MIMMS (*Goalkeeper*)

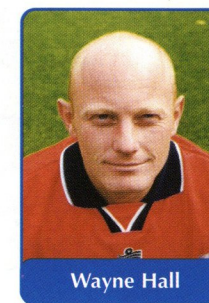
Local born Bobby started his career with Rotherham Utd and moved on to play for Everton, Tottenham and Blackburn Rovers. Also had short spells with Crystal Palace and Preston North End. Signed until the end of the season from Rotherham United.

ALAN POUTON (*Midfield*)

Newcastle born he was a junior with his home town Club. Released by the Magpies he had trials with Oxford United before joining City in November 1995. Made his senior debut in August 1996 when he made a substitute appearance. His full debut was in November that year and since then the midfielder has been a virtual ever present.



Gary Himsworth



Wayne Hall

MARTIN REED (*Defender*)

Born in Staithes, North Yorkshire he joined City on the Youth Training Scheme in 1995. Made his Football League debut in April 1997 and turned professional. Had an extended run in the senior side last season in the centre of defence.

GRAHAM RENNISON (*Defender*)

Born in Northallerton the central defender joined City on the Youth Training scheme and has graduated through the intermediate ranks. Had the misfortune to be sent off for a handball offence on his Football League debut at Luton in April 1998. This is his first season as a full professional.

RODNEY ROWE (*Forward*)

Signed from Huddersfield Town in February 1997 for £65,000 and was top scorer last term with 16 goals. Born in Huddersfield he joined his home town Club as a junior. Had spells on loan with Scarborough and Bury before his move to City.

MARK TIINKLER (*Midfield*)

Served his apprenticeship with Leeds United helping the Elland Road Club win the FA Youth Cup in 1993 and was capped for England at Under 18 level. First team opportunities were, however, limited at Leeds and he joined City in March 1997 for a fee of £75,000. Chiefly figures in midfield although equally at home in the centre of defence where he played a number of times last season. Born in Bishop Auckland.



NEIL TOLSON (*Forward*)

Now in his third season at York, having been signed from Bradford City in August 1996 for £80,000. Born in the West Midlands he started his career with Walsall before moving to Oldham Athletic and then Valley Parade. Top scorer with 17 goals in his first term at Bootham Crescent injuries limited his appearances last season.

ANDY WARRINGTON (*Goalkeeper*)

Joined City on the Youth Training Scheme and turned professional in 1994. The Sheffield born keeper made his senior debut in the Coca Cola Cup against Manchester United in October 1995. Although still to fully establish himself at first team level he has over 50 senior games to his credit and starts this season as first choice.

NEIL WOODS (*Forward*)

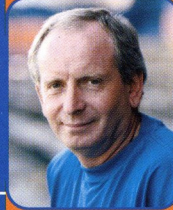
York born lad who was on City's books as a schoolboy in the early 1980's but was snapped up by Doncaster and served his apprenticeship with Rovers. He moved to Glasgow Rangers in 1986 for £120,000 and a similar deal saw his transfer to Ipswich Town the following year. After a brief spell with Bradford City he joined Grimsby Town in 1990 for £80,000. After eight years with the Mariners and nearly 250 games he moved to Bootham Crescent in the close season. His father, Alan, played for City (1960-66).

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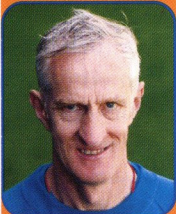
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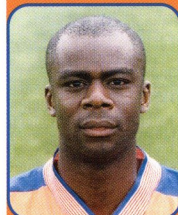
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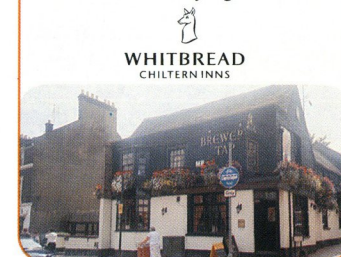


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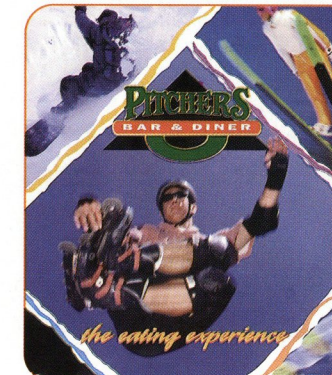
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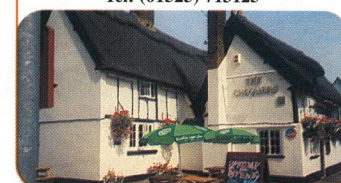
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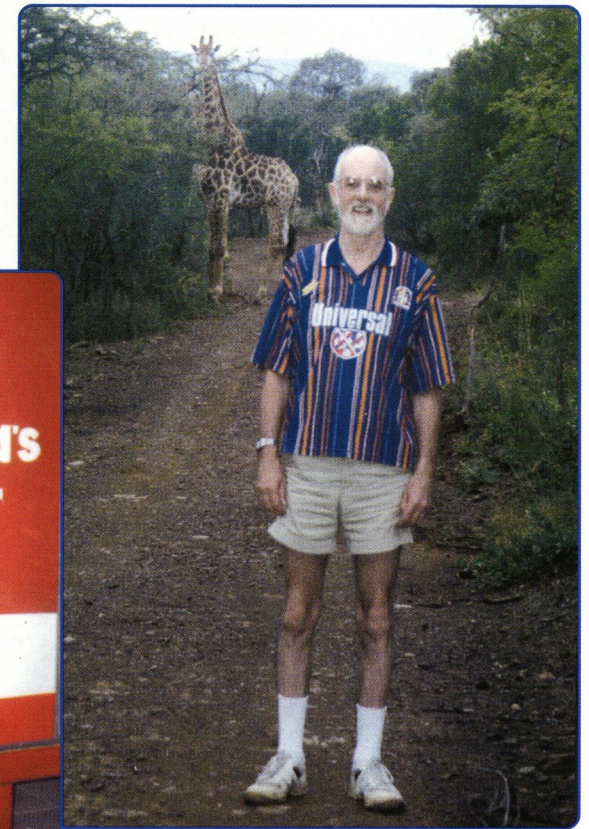
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Hatters Abroad

carrying the colours

THE BACKGROUND is the authentic touch in the picture of Bob Bates, a long-time Hatters supporter, who somehow managed to get a giraffe to stand still long enough to be in the photograph.

Mr Bates lives at Harpenden, and his Town strip went with him on a trip to South Africa.



WHEN you are six years old and live in Luton the Hatters and McDonald's are bound to be among your major interests.

Matthew Collett, a season ticket holder for two years already, is the lad in the picture which illustrates the point.

He lives in Truro Gardens, Luton, and his mum tells us: "The photo was taken on holiday in Majorca. He wore his Luton kits throughout."

Mark's packing had to include the home and away strips, plus a goalkeeper's kit so that he could get through the whole trip showing the colours every day.

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.



Sean Dyche

Born: Kettering 28.6.71

Previous clubs: Nottingham Forest, Chesterfield, Bristol City

Joined Luton Town: December 1998 (on loan)

Luton debut: v Walsall (H) 5.1.99

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Top Hatters Gallery



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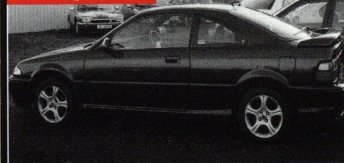
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by Roger Wash

6th April 1968 Workington 0 Luton Town 1

The Town were now beginning to pull away at the top of the old Division Four after a run of 13 games without defeat and a trip to lowly Workington was not expected to pose much trouble.

As it turned out the Hatters were made to fight hard for their victory against rugged opponents on a firm, bumpy pitch. The only goal came after 68 minutes when a Ray Whittaker centre was nodded down by Rodney Green into the path of Graham French who hammered the ball into the net with a fierce half volley.

Workington player manager Frank Upton, turning out for the club for the first time, was booked for a series of fouls as the game turned into a bad tempered affair, but the Luton defence held firm against severe provocation and goalkeeper Tony Read had only one real save to make.



David Preece sizes up his options at Chelsea in 1991.

6th April 1974 Luton Town 4 Preston 2

The players were feeling sorry for themselves after the previous weeks home defeat by runaway Division Two leaders Middlesbrough. Despite this setback the Town still sat in second position and were given an immediate chance to hold on to this spot with the visit of Preston to Kenilworth Road.

In an end to end tussle the Town managed to win through, inflicting on Preston their fifth successive defeat as they tumbled to eventual relegation. Preston twice drew level but the match was a personal triumph for Barry Butlin who netted three times with his head, his first hat-trick in league football.

6th April 1991 Chelsea 3 Luton Town 3

After the Town won at Aston Villa in early March the supporters were cautiously optimistic that the annual struggle against relegation would become a thing of the past.

Unfortunately, a run of five games without a victory sent everyone into the depths of despair

and, with Chelsea also going through a bad spell, only 9,416 bothered to turn up at Stamford Bridge to see a game that obviously failed to spark the imagination.

The Town, though, soon had their supporters singing when goals from Lars Elstrup, Sean Farrell, with his first for the club, and Kingsley Black put them three up after only 22 minutes. That, however, was the end of the good news. Chelsea pulled a goal back before Graeme Le Saux was sent off for elbowing Graham Rodger in the face. For some reason the Blues took great umbrage at what was an obvious sending off offence and set about the Luton defence with a passion.

With 24 minutes left to play they had pulled the score back to 3-3 and looked odds on winners despite their numerical disadvantage. That they did not go on to win was all down to an amazing display by Luton goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain who saved the day time and time again.

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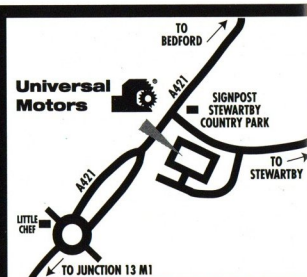
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Into the archives

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

"Back first time!" screamed the headline of the short-lived 'Hatter' newspaper in the summer of 1975 as the Town embarked on their first season back in the old Division Two, following their relegation from the top flight.

The squad that was so unlucky to suffer the drop was still together, and early campaign results seemed to square with the optimism shown by the club publication. Hull were seen off in the Kenilworth Road sunshine on the opening day and, although the Town went down narrowly at West Bromwich in the next match, they bounced back with victories over Chelsea at home and away at Portsmouth to make it a happy start.

Injuries to John Aston, Ron Futcher and Alan West in quick succession then led to a loss of form with the result that a run of six games failed to produce a victory before Fulham were beaten by the slim margin of 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Another run of three winless games tried the supporters patience to the full before York came to Kenilworth Road for the first time since 1967. York had been promoted to Division Two for the first time in their history two years before and, although surviving fairly comfortably in their debut season, were finding the current campaign a bit of a struggle. With only two wins to their credit before their visit to Kenilworth Road, the Minstermen were propping up the table and looked destined for the drop.

The lowest crowd of the season of 7,982 turned up on a chilly November night to see the Town make heavy work of overcoming a York side obviously short of confidence. York had looked dangerous on the break in this opening period with Brian Pollard giving veteran Bobby Thomson, back in the side to cover for the injured Steve Buckley, a torrid time.

The breakthrough, and the Town's first goal in over six hours of play, finally came in the 40th minute when Jim Husband smashed the ball into the net after Peter Anderson dropped a delightful pass into space between him and the goal.

In the second half the Town's confidence surged

with the fit again Aston running riot down the left flank and midfielders Brian Chambers, Andy King and Alan West providing the ammunition for Anderson and Husband. Anderson headed an Aston cross narrowly wide and then saw a fierce shot well saved by York goalkeeper Graeme Crawford.

Full back John Ryan also joined in the attack to fire in shots that were somehow stopped by Crawford before the floodgates finally opened. West had plenty of time and space to fire in goal number two just before the hour mark, following a cross from the dangerous Aston, and when King headed in an accurate Husband centre it began to look just a matter of how many they would score.

King had three more close shaves, and Anderson put one over the top before scoring the goal he so richly deserved thanks to an unselfish pass by Husband. Before the players went off to an understandable ovation West saw a shot cleared off the line and Chambers was desperately unlucky with an effort that rebounded off the bar. By the time of the return in February 1976 quite a lot had happened at Kenilworth Road. The threat of liquidation had been narrowly averted by the hasty sale of Peter Anderson for a knock down price and with everyone pulling together at the club the team won eight league and cup games in a row to send them shooting up the table. Defeat at Norwich in the F.A.Cup took some of the wind out of their sails and the first league reversal for two months followed closely afterwards. The mid-season attempt to get back to the top saw the Town stall in seventh place.

For the return trip to York the Town had three team changes forced on them by a flu bug that had swept through the club. John Faulkner, Aston and Husband were all missing from the side which meant a recall, and last ever Luton appearance, for Jim Ryan and full debuts for Lil Fuccillo and Paul Price. In the case of Price his only previous appearance had been as substitute almost three years before but a catalogue of

injuries, including two broken legs, had badly hindered his progress.

York had won only three games since the defeat at Kenilworth Road but were now second from bottom as Portsmouth were going through an even poorer time. The Town strolled into an early lead when King and Chambers set up an inter passing movement which ended with the latter sidefooting the ball home from just inside the box. The lead was doubled on 26 minutes when Paul Futcher broke out of defence to flight a clever through pass to Fuccillo, who in turn fed Ron Futcher for a simple goal. Near misses from King and John Ryan threatened to embarrass the Minstermen but out of the blue the home side pulled a goal back after 35 minutes. Goalkeeper Keith Barber failed to hold the ball in a melee in the area and in the confusion York's Chris Topping smacked in a shot that hit John Ryan on the shoulder, before rebounding off the bar to safety. The referee harshly ruled that Ryan had handled the ball leaving Ian Holmes to score from the spot.

Holmes' pleasure, however, vanished seven minutes after the break when he tried to hold the ball in midfield leaving Fuccillo to nip in, steal the ball, advance ten yards before hitting it into the corner of the net from just inside the area. Luton supporters expected the Town to go on to bag a hatful but the players sat back to protect their lead which was almost their downfall as Pollard took advantage of some generous Luton defending to close the gap. In the final ten minutes York forced Barber into a couple of desperate saves but the Hatters managed to



Paul Price challenging for the ball during his full debut game at York in 1976.

hang on to the points after nearly throwing them away.

The Town finished the game and eventually the season in seventh spot while York finished second bottom and were relegated.



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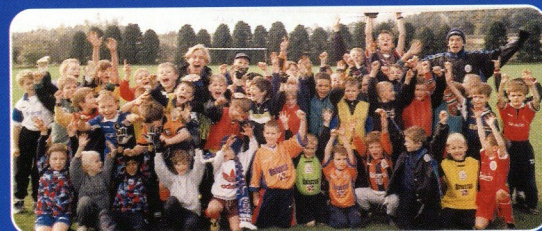
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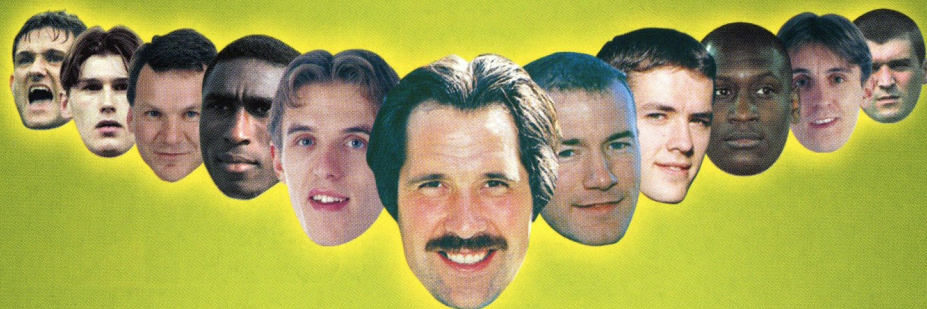
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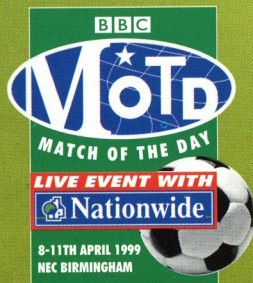
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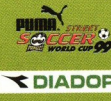
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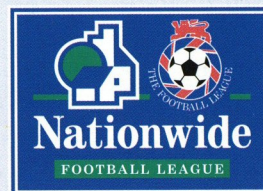
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Luton Town 1 Gillingham 0

AFTER five games without a win, a new air of optimism and determination has come into Kenilworth Road along with the receivers. Deadline day sales raised enough money to safeguard the immediate future, two new loan deals were agreed, and at last there is a feeling that people are pulling together to defuse a crisis.

Even the receiver, Aston Villa season ticket holder John Kelly, came in for praise that was flying around in all directions after Gillingham, big and powerful and play-off contenders, were seen off by a rousing Town display.

Sean Dyche came back for another loan, and as well as strengthening the defence found time to wander upfield and force home the winner.

Tony Thorpe was the other prodigal returning, and enjoyed a rapturous "welcome home" before being subbed for the last ten minutes - "I'm not match fit and I was knackered," he said. Alan White replaced him, to shore things up to withstand Gillingham's inevitable late bid to save a point.

The man of the match was Kelvin Davis, who had an inspired afternoon just when it was needed, and buried the memory of a clanger that enabled Gillingham to beat us at Priestfield in October.

Carl Asaba, part of a £1million strike force, was the beneficiary on that occasion, but this time he was one of the bemused victims of Davis's excellence.

Four times in the first half-hour Davis made stunning saves to prevent the visitors netting an opening goal, and before and after Dyche struck for the winner the Town team knitted together to be deserving victors.

Even so, David had to make one more acrobatic tip-over, from Paul Smith, to secure the win, in the last few minutes.

With Graham Alexander and Gerry Harrison gone, Lawrence used wing-backs for the first time, having opted for a 4-3-3 formation in the midweek draw with Reading. Dyche, rapidly-maturing Chris Willmott and Marvin Johnson patrolled the central defensive area, with Mitchell Thomas and Gavin McGowan pushing up whenever possible. McGowan made some storming runs down the right wing, and while Gillingham boss Tony Pulis wondered how his side failed to turn chances into goals, he also accepted the Town could have had one or two more. Thorpe, Phil Gray and Matthew Spring were all denied by Vince Bartram.

Once more the crowd responded when asked to help the team, and the biggest attendance this year, except for Fulham's visit, raised the roof when the final whistle sounded to signal a result which means relegation fears are all but over.

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Davis, Willmott, Thomas, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Gray, McLaren, Douglas, Thorpe (White 80 mins), McGowan. Unused subs Boyce, Kandol.

Booked: Marvin Johnson, 62 mins, foul on Carl Asaba; Chris Willmott, 74 mins, foul on Nicky Southall.

Gillingham: Bartram, Southall, Carr (Galloway 85 mins), Smith, Butters, Pennock, Patterson, Hesselthaler, Asaba (Browning 66 mins), Saunders (Hodge 70 mins), Taylor.

Booked: No-one

The goal: Sean Dyche, 42nd minute, claiming the right as a senior pro to the final touch when Gillingham keeper Vince Bartram and his defence got into a tangle trying to deal with Matthew Spring's near-post corner. "A mucky goal," said Gills boss Tony Pulis.

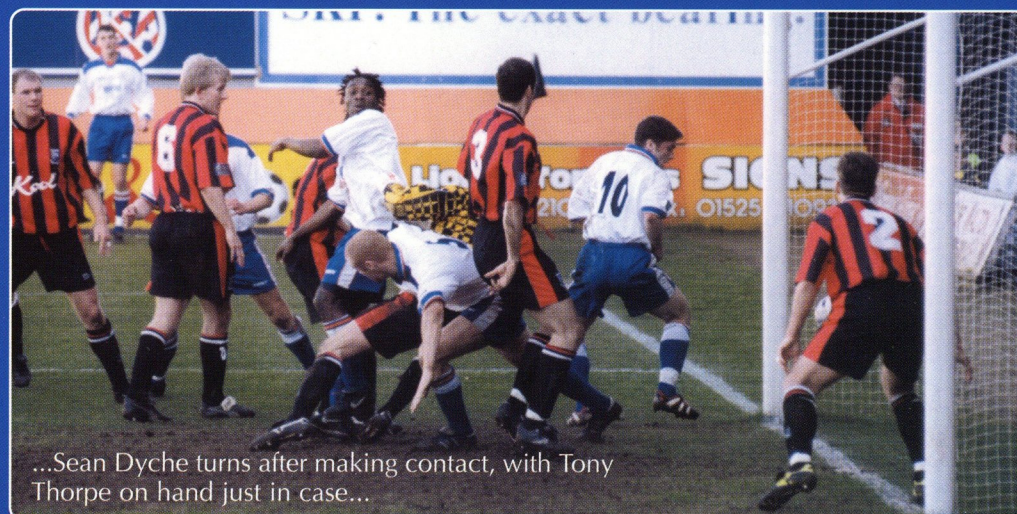
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MIDFIELD BATTLE: Paul McLaren in typical action.



HERE IT COMES: Gillingham's defence in chaos as Matthew Spring plays in an inswinging corner...



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Junior Hatters

welcome

THE EASTER holiday has had an effect on the usual Junior Hatters arrangements, and we are sorry that York are not able to bring down their juniors for tonight. It would have been a very late arrival back home for them.

We enjoyed our trip to Oldham on Good Friday, but sadly there will not be one to Northampton on Saturday, nor to Manchester City the following Wednesday.

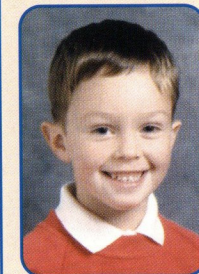
Northampton are unable to offer hospitality to visiting young supporters' groups on a ticket exchange basis, while the game at Manchester is a 7.45 kick-off, meaning a late return to Luton, and at the time of writing our Junior Hatters contingent looks like being restricted to a car-load or two.

So we expect a good turn-out when we do get back to normal on Saturday week, for the visit of Lincoln. We had a smashing time at Sincil Bank with the Junior Imps in November, and are looking forward to repaying their hospitality.

We will take them on in a football tournament, and then they will be with us for our other Saturday Club activities before the big match.

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Today's Mascot



GEORGE Skinner is only seven, but as the schools are on holiday for Easter he is being allowed to stay up late tonight for a special treat: he is our Junior Hatters mascot.

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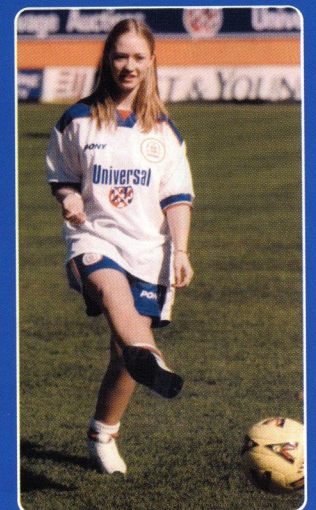
the pitch. He will also meet the referee and York's skipper as he accompanies Marvin Johnson for the toss-up.

George comes from Waveney Road, Harpenden, and goes to Manland School, and as well as football he likes swimming.

He comes to matches with his dad, and they sit at the Kenilworth Road end, which means for half of every match he gets a close view of the expertise of his favourite player, Kelvin Davis.



ALL SORTS: The mascots came in all shapes and sizes at our last home game, against Gillingham, as you can see as they lined up with the skippers and match officials before kick-off. Happy Harry was joined by Tommy Trueblue from Gillingham, and we had two commercial mascots as well as our Junior Hatters mascot, 14-year-old Sarah Tripp. And to strike a blow for equality, our photographer also captured Sarah, from Eldon Road, Luton, in very impressive action!



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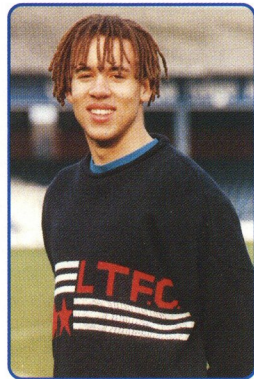
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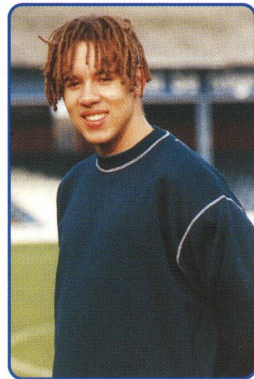
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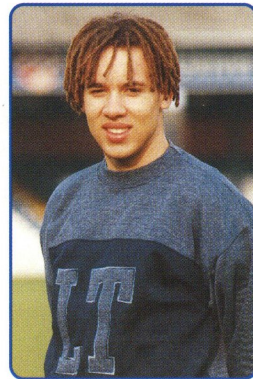
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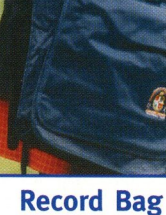
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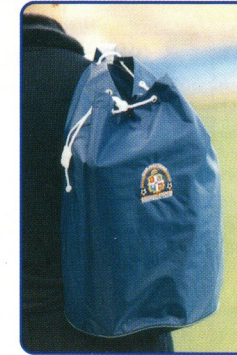
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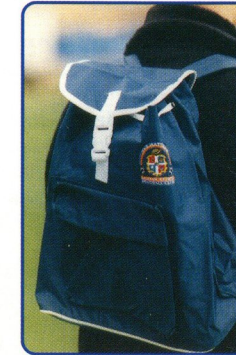
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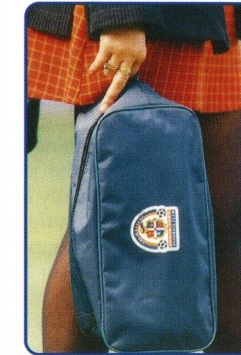
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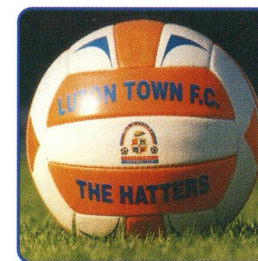
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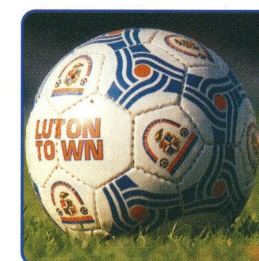
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Arsenal 3 Luton Town 1



THE MOST disappointing aspect of our defeat in the Avon Insurance Combination at Boreham Wood was the difference between the sides in the places that matter most - in the two penalty areas. Arsenal had more quality in the boxes, and we suffered as a result, even though we had more possession than the Gunners.

Youth team striker Tresor Kandol played for the first half, and for the second he was replaced by Andrew Fotiadis, making his return after an ankle injury. He got through the 45 minutes without bother, but was a little sore afterwards. The point about quality play in the penalty areas was underlined by a first half in which Arsenal had six attacks and scored twice. It should have been 3-0 at the interval, but they wasted one excellent opportunity.

Some of our lads seemed to be in awe of the opposition, just because it was the mighty Arsenal, but we gave a better account of ourselves in the second half, and probably had 70 per cent of the game.

With 15 minutes to go we were back in it when Andre Scarlett made an opening for Michael McIndoe to side-foot a cross-shot into the net.

Richard Clarke missed a great chance of making it 2-2, and then we were caught out by a sucker punch: John Lukic punted a long ball down the field and our defence was found wanting as Arsenal scored the goal that finished us off.

There are no complaints about the effort and work rate put in by our team, but poor defending and weak finishing is a lethal mixture and that is something we have to work on. Emmerson Boyce and Landry Zahana-Oni both showed up well, but on the day Arsenal had more quality, as they are bound to have.

Luton Town: Abbey, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, White, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol (Fotiadis HT), McIndoe, Zahana-Oni. Unused subs: Ayres, Taylor.

WE ARE at home to Oxford in the Avon Insurance Combination tomorrow. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road is at 2pm.

Reserve appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):

Abbey 20, Agueh 2, Akurang 6, Alexander 1, Ayres 7 (1), Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 23 (1), Clarke 18, Cox 15 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 14 (9), Fraser 14 (2), George 2 (1), Hudson 6, Jerry 7, Kandol 13 (5), Lawes 18, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 15 (4), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 23 (2), Showler 7, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 5, Thomas 3 (1), Turner 2, White 9 (5), Willmott 20 (1), Zahana-Oni 9 (2)

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	23	13	8	2	46	19	47
Tottenham	24	15	2	7	42	21	47
Southampton	23	14	3	6	47	30	45
Charlton	22	14	3	5	38	21	45
Peterborough	24	13	5	6	45	27	44
Ipswich	20	12	3	5	37	24	39
Chelsea	22	12	3	7	28	20	39
Fulham	23	11	5	7	50	35	38
Colchester	25	12	2	11	43	41	38
Norwich	25	11	4	10	35	29	37
Northampton	22	11	3	8	32	25	36
West Ham	21	9	8	4	45	25	35
Bournemouth	24	9	5	10	41	35	32
Portsmouth	23	9	5	9	30	31	32
QPR	25	9	4	12	35	33	31
C. Palace	22	8	6	8	40	36	30
Arsenal	22	8	6	8	31	27	30
Luton Town	23	8	6	9	34	37	30
Oxford Utd	21	9	1	11	27	36	28
Brighton	23	6	9	8	19	29	27
Barnet	22	8	3	11	28	48	27
Wimbledon	23	5	11	7	23	29	26
Swindon	22	7	3	12	24	42	24
Cambridge	21	5	5	11	31	51	20
Millwall	21	5	4	12	24	41	19
Wycombe	21	4	5	12	19	45	17
Brentford	19	3	6	10	21	35	15
Reading	20	4	3	13	21	36	15
Gillingham	22	2	5	15	14	42	11

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

Wed 12 August	Brighton & Hove	H	4-1
Wed 26 August	Cambridge United	A	2-2
Wed 02 September	Portsmouth	A	3-2
Wed 16 September	Reading	H	3-0
Wed 23 September	Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30 September	Charlton Athletic	H	1-3
Wed 07 October	Millwall	H	1-1
Wed 14 October	Gillingham	A	2-1
Wed 21 October	Brache Sparta (BPC)	A	8-0
Wed 28 October	Brentford	A	2-2
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Wed 11 November	Watford	A	0-0
Mon 16 November	Kempston Rov (BPC)	A	3-0
Thur 19 November	Norwich City	A	0-6
Wed 25 November	Ipswich Town	H	2-3
Mon 14 December	Colchester United	H	0-2
Mon 21 December	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-0
Mon 11 January	Wimbledon	H	1-1
Wed 20 January	Southampton	A	0-1
Mon 01 February	AFC Bournemouth	H	1-0
Mon 08 February	Fulham	A	2-3
Mon 15 February	Chelsea	A	0-1
Mon 22 February	Barnet	H	1-1
Wed 03 March	Biggleswade (BPC)	A	2-1
Wed 10 March	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-3
Wed 17 March	Wycombe Wdrs	H	3-1
Mon 29 March	Arsenal	A	3-1
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H	2pm
Thur 15 April	Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21 April	Stotfold	A	7.30pm
Wed 05 May	Peterborough United	H	2pm
To be arranged	West Ham	A	

Paul Lowe

youth

Reading 0 Luton Town 1

ONE OF our most difficult games of the season brought a very gratifying result as we maintained our challenge to retain the South East Counties League championship.

Reading are in the process of setting up a football academy for under-19 players next season, and their team facing us included several second-year YTS lads from other clubs who are on trial, and who were therefore very keen to impress.

We were without our leading scorer, Tresor Kandol, because he had been promoted to the subs' bench for the first team, which meant a lot more responsibility fell on Clifford Akurang - and he shouldered it willingly and impressively, and crowned a good display with a well-taken winner. He was our man of the match, holding up play well, keeping possession when it mattered, and competing strongly in the air against tough defenders.

We were not too impressive in the first half, when our defence struggled against high balls played at them when the sun was low and shining into their eyes.

But we got through, despite Reading having more possession, and in the second half we defended a lot better, with the back four operating as a good unit.

We shuffled the team a little with substitutions, pushing Moses Jerry further upfield on the left wing, and his good work on the hour led to the winner. His pass was played in perfectly, and Akurang used his pace and strength to stride on and hit a crisp left-foot shot into the net - fair reward for his hard work, and perhaps all the more satisfying because the goal came from his supposedly weaker foot!

Reading wasted a good chance for a late equaliser, but overall it was a rather scrappy game, with few clear opportunities allowed to either forward line.

The major disappointment was that six of our lads were booked, and too many of those were for stupid things like back-chatting the referee. Some decisions were a bit iffy, but aspiring young professionals must learn that even if provoked you keep your mouth firmly shut. Two daft bookings can jeopardise the efforts of the whole team.

Luton Town: Tate, Moran, Ayres, Stirling, Taylor, Harrington (King 55 mins), Hudson, Minton, Jerry, Akurang, Rattray (Mansell 70 mins). Unused sub Mortara.

AFTER a blank weekend for Easter, we resume league fixtures on Saturday, at home to Oxford Utd. The game will be played at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am, and spectators are welcome.

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

Akurang 26 (11), Ayres 28 (1), Barriteau 3, Carroll 8, Clarke 5 (3), Crane 3 (2), Dogbe 5, Dollin 6, Harrington 11 (2), Hammond 2, Hook 1, Howe 26 (1), Hudson 15, Jerry 28 (1), Kandol 28 (17), King 1, Mansell 8 (1), McKoy 20 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 29, Moran 23, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Osborne 1, Plant 1, Rattray 3, Roffey 1, Stirling 28 (1), Tate 26, Taylor 29 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Woodland 1, Wraight 3.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
L. Orient	29	18	7	4	64	31	61
Luton Town	28	18	6	4	50	23	60
Brentford	28	18	4	6	69	28	58
Bristol Rov	29	12	6	11	51	50	42
Cambridge	28	10	9	9	47	51	39
Reading	30	8	12	10	36	41	39
Wycombe	29	9	11	9	34	35	38
Swindon	27	10	5	12	38	39	35
Barnet	26	10	5	11	32	38	35
Brighton	26	9	7	10	39	37	34
Portsmouth	30	8	10	12	41	56	34
Colchester	28	10	2	16	45	48	32
Oxford	26	9	5	12	31	44	32
Bournemouth	28	9	3	16	39	57	30
Southend	30	8	5	17	37	55	29
Gillingham	28	7	5	16	32	55	26

Youth Team Fixtures

Sat 08 August	Brentford	A	2-4
Sat 15 August	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-2
Sat 22 August	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0
Sat 29 August	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A	3-0
Sat 07 September	Swindon (SJFCP)	H	2-0
Sat 12 September	Reading	H	2-2
Sat 19 September	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 26 September	Gillingham	H	2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A	3-0
Sat 10 October	Portsmouth	H	3-0
Sat 17 October	Cambridge United	A	4-0
Tue 21 October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	0-1
Sat 24 October	Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat 31 October	Southend United	H	3-1
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A	1-0
Wed 11 November	Northampton (SJFC1)	H	3-1
Sat 14 November	Barnet	H	2-0
Sat 21 November	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat 28 November	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A	0-2
Sat 12 December	Brentford	H	2-1
Sat 23 December	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-0
Sat 06 January	Leyton Orient	H	1-3
Sat 13 January	Portsmouth	A	1-1
Sat 20 January	Cambridge United	H	2-1
Sat 27 January	Colchester United	A	0-2
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A	1-0
Sat 13 March	Swindon Town	H	3-0
Sat 20 March	Bristol Rovers	A	0-0
Sat 27 March	Reading	A	1-0
Tues 30 March	Brighton (SJFC2)	A	
Sat 10 April	Oxford United	H	
Sat 17 April	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
14	8	8	6	2	4	15	1	Bournemouth	7	10	5	3	0	1	8	0
8	6	4	6	2	1	7	1	Blackpool	8	6	9	5	0	5	8	1
4	9	5	1	0	3	26	0	Bristol Rovers	10	9	3	3	1	3	14	1
7	6	5	10	0	1	12	0	Burnley	10	16	13	4	0	4	20	1
12	8	5	3	0	3	9	1	Chesterfield	11	4	6	2	0	1	8	2
16	2	6	1	0	6	9	0	Colchester United	9	6	9	12	0	6	11	2
18	9	3	7	1	3	22	0	Fulham	11	3	2	2	4	0	4	0
11	9	12	9	2	2	13	1	Gillingham	10	7	5	1	1	1	8	1
8	8	4	2	0	2	9	1	Lincoln City	12	13	6	4	0	2	20	2
10	10	3	5	1	2	12	0	Luton Town	9	6	5	6	1	3	20	1
8	7	7	2	0	0	5	0	Macclesfield Town	6	7	6	7	3	3	11	2
13	7	9	4	4	1	13	1	Manchester City	7	4	2	2	0	4	9	0
11	9	6	6	0	1	11	1	Millwall	12	3	8	4	1	4	13	0
6	7	3	2	1	5	4	0	Northampton Town	15	4	6	7	0	2	7	2
14	6	3	5	2	5	7	1	Notts County	14	8	3	6	1	2	18	1
14	7	4	5	0	1	5	1	Oldham Athletic	15	11	7	6	1	2	11	0
20	15	7	7	0	1	16	2	Preston North End	12	4	3	2	1	4	7	2
12	13	4	4	1	4	9	1	Reading	10	9	7	4	2	5	11	1
17	4	2	5	0	4	12	2	Stoke City	14	9	4	4	0	1	12	0
14	10	6	4	0	4	10	3	Walsall	12	12	3	3	0	2	8	0
11	8	8	7	0	3	15	2	Wigan Athletic	6	2	6	5	1	0	13	2
5	6	4	5	0	1	12	4	Wrexham	15	8	1	11	0	4	12	0
11	1	5	6	1	3	11	0	Wycombe Wanderers	13	9	4	4	3	4	10	1
7	2	5	3	3	6	18	1	York City	24	8	4	6	0	3	18	2

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

Yellow & Red Cards

Club	Yellow	Red	Pts
Millwall	71	10	101
Wycombe Wanderers	75	7	96
Burnley	65	7	86
Bristol Rovers	57	9	84
Manchester City	64	6	82
Wigan Athletic	76	2	82
Luton Town	57	7	78
Reading	60	6	78
Gillingham	62	5	77
Northampton Town	65	3	74
Blackpool	72	0	72
Oldham Athletic	54	5	69
Colchester United	59	2	65
Lincoln City	55	3	64
Stoke City	57	2	63
Chesterfield	43	4	55
Preston North End	43	4	55
Wrexham	48	2	54
AFC Bournemouth	45	2	51
Walsall	42	3	51
York City	36	5	51
Macclesfield Town	41	3	50
Notts County	45	1	48
Fulham	44	0	48

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins
Fulham 5
Games Unbeaten
Fulham 12
Consecutive Defeats
Colchester 3
Games without a Win
Colchester 7

Div. 2 Stat Attack

Div. 2 Attendance Details

Club	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	28,055
Stoke City	23,272	8,218	12,920
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,211
Reading	20,055	7,914	11,110
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,914
Burnley	17,251	8,526	10,514
Millwall	12,726	4,249	7,062
Bournemouth	10,964	4,863	6,945
Gillingham	9,581	4,575	6,343
Bristol Rovers	8,011	4,833	6,185
Northampton T.	7,557	4,710	5,979
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,794
Luton Town	9,070	4,021	5,648
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,528
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,170
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,053
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	5,020
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,617
Chesterfield	8,245	3,372	4,534
Colchester United	6,554	3,228	4,461
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,220
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,065
York City	7,527	2,075	3,740
Macclesfield T.	6,381	1,868	3,314

Statistics compiled by Football Information Services Telephone: 0151-632 5679

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates	Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb
32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug	Biggest Away Win
1,868 Macclesfield v Gillingham 9-Mar	Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Highest Aggregate Scores	Burnley 0-6 Man City 9-Mar
Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug	Consecutive Wins
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	Fulham, Stoke 6
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct	Games Unbeaten
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan	Gillingham 17
Burnley 4-3 Macclesfield 28-Mar	Consecutive Defeats
Biggest Home Win	Lincoln, Macclesfield 6
Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct	Games without a Win
Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov	Wycombe 12

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

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	FA
Bournemouth	23	58	34	16	11	2	Stein	14	5	1
Blackpool	31	35	42	11	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	32	48	44	12	17	6	Cureton	16	1	2
Burnley	39	41	68	4	21	7	Payton	15	1	2
Chesterfield	23	41	34	11	20	6	Reeves	10	1	0
Colchester United	31	40	55	4	20	2	Gregory D	10	2	0
Fulham	29	63	26	20	8	1	Horsfield	14	0	2
Gillingham	26	59	34	15	22	4	Asaba	16	0	0
Lincoln City	29	34	59	10	24	14	Battersby	7	1	1
Luton Town	32	43	51	8	14	2	Gray	7	3	2
Macclesfield Town	28	29	45	8	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	29	52	28	17	14	1	Goater	15	2	1
Millwall	29	45	45	12	14	5	Harris	14	0	0
Northampton Town	33	28	45	8	23	14	Corazzin	12	0	0
Notts County	38	43	53	4	23	5	Richardson	7	0	0
Oldham Athletic	29	37	53	7	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	25	68	35	15	7	1	Nogan	17	0	3
Reading	41	48	49	11	23	7	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	29	46	44	12	9	1	Lightbourne	7	0	1
Walsall	28	51	40	14	11	2	Rammell	17	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	54	35	12	23	7	Barlow	15	1	1
Wrexham	29	37	51	9	19	2	Connolly	8	1	5
Wycombe Wanderers	29	38	48	10	24	19	Scott	6	0	1
York City	26	45	65	4	24	8	Rowe	5	0	0

Brian Swain

WE WENT into the Easter programme in 13th place in the Second Division, with 45 points from 37 games, and even the pessimists can be fairly sure we are safe from relegation.

For the first time in living memory, the Second Division topped the table when deadline day transfers were totted up, with tonight's visitors collecting the day's biggest fee, £950,000 for their England under-21 international Richard Cresswell, who moved to Danny Wilson's Sheffield Wednesday.

He looked very tasty against us when he made one goal and expertly netted the other two in a 3-3 draw. He left York as leading scorer, with 19 goals, and the eventual fee will rise to £1.5million depending on appearances and goals.

Cresswell's departure came ten days after the sacking of Alan Little, who had been at York for ten years, the last five as manager.

Defender Tony Barras left a few days before Cresswell, for £20,000, just in time to make his full debut for Reading and head their equaliser at Kenilworth Road.

Neil Thompson has taken over as caretaker player-manager, and he had been set to sell striker Neil Tolson to Rushden & Diamonds, but that move was scrapped when the Cresswell offer that could not be refused came in.

York moved quickly to rebuild a team that had not won since a visit to Wycombe on January 2. Marc Williams, who had scored twice for Halifax against York in the Auto Windscreens Shield, was bought for £30,000, and came with a goal-scoring

pedigree, having hit 45 for Welsh club Bangor the previous year.

He made his second appearance for York at Lincoln, and netted both goals, one of them a spectacular volley, when the run of 11 games without a victory was ended by a 2-1 success.

Chris Fairclough has joined on loan from Notts County to shore up defence, and the other new recruits were Craig Skinner, a £30,000 buy from Wrexham, and Matthew Hocking, on loan from Hull.

York needed that win at Lincoln: they were eighth in the table when they drew 3-3 with us in October, but slid down to 19th by the time Mr Little, brother of Stoke's Brian, was turfed out.

At the top of the table Fulham went into Easter as near-certs for the championship, with Preston going strong for runners-up place. Graham Alexander made his debut for them in a 3-0 home win over Northampton, who entertain us on Saturday.

That left the Cobblers last but one in the table, but 24 hours later Steve Davis helped to ensure that they hit rock bottom, just a year after they were closing in on a play-off place. Burnley beat Macclesfield 4-3, but Macclesfield climbed above Northampton because although they were still level on points they had scored one more goal. Davis headed Burnley's last-minute winner from a corner.

The Second Division as at April 1st

Club	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Fulham	37	15	2	1	37	10	11	4	4	26	16	84
Preston	37	11	4	4	42	19	10	5	3	26	16	72
Walsall	36	10	6	3	29	20	10	2	5	22	20	68
Bournemouth	37	13	5	1	36	10	6	5	7	22	24	67
Man City	38	9	6	3	26	12	8	8	4	26	16	65
Gillingham	37	12	5	2	37	13	4	9	5	22	21	62
Wigan	35	10	3	4	30	12	7	4	7	25	23	58
Reading	38	9	6	5	27	24	6	6	6	21	25	57
Stoke	36	8	3	7	24	22	10	0	8	22	22	57
Millwall	38	7	5	28	21	8	3	8	17	24	55	
Chesterfield	36	13	2	4	32	15	2	7	8	9	19	54
Blackpool	37	5	8	5	19	17	6	5	8	16	25	46
Luton Town	37	8	4	7	21	22	4	5	9	22	29	45
Wrexham	36	6	6	6	17	21	5	5	8	20	30	44
Bristol Rov	37	7	7	6	29	25	2	7	8	19	20	41
Notts Co	36	6	3	7	23	22	5	5	10	20	31	41
York City	37	4	7	7	22	27	6	2	11	23	38	39
Colchester	37	5	7	6	18	25	3	8	8	22	30	39
Burnley	37	6	6	8	19	32	3	5	9	22	36	38
Oldham	37	5	2	10	18	24	5	5	10	19	29	37
Lincoln	36	8	3	7	24	22	2	3	13	10	37	36
Wycombe	37	7	4	9	27	21	1	6	10	11	27	34
Macclesfield	36	5	4	8	13	17	3	5	11	16	28	33
Northampton	37	2	8	7	13	20	5	4	11	15	25	33

Tonight's other Second Division fixtures

Bournemouth v Macclesfield
Walsall v Wrexham

THREE former Town players were among those who moved on deadline day. Striker Mike Newell, whose previous moves totted up to around £3.5million, joined Second Division strugglers Crewe on a free transfer from Aberdeen. He joined us from Wigan in January 1986 for £80,000 when Mick Harford was undergoing knee surgery, and had to battle for recognition in Harford's shadow.

We were in the old First Division - now the Premiership - and the highlight of the Scouser's time with us was a hat-trick against Liverpool. The £80,000 investment turned into £350,000 in 18 months when Ray Harford sold him to Leicester and he fetched a million in his next two moves, to Everton and Blackburn, when Harford was assistant to Kenny Dalglish.

Now 34, Newell faded after a £900,000 transfer to Birmingham City nearly four years ago, and he was farmed out on loan to West Ham and Bradford before going to Aberdeen two years ago for £175,000.

Other familiar names on the deadline day list were Chris Allen, who spent three months on loan with us from Nottingham Forest, who moved to Brian Horton's First Division Port Vale on a free transfer, and Kofi Nyamah, whose only start for us was in the FA Cup at Boreham Wood, who signed as a non-contract player with Cambridge Utd of the Third Division

Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Date	Day	Competition	Home Team	Time	Score	Goalscorers	Assists	Appearances
Sat 08	AUGUST		WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A 3.00pm	1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 11	WC1(1)		OXFORD UNITED	H 7.45pm	2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 15			PRESTON NORTH END	H 3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 18	WC1(2)		OXFORD UNITED	A 7.45pm	3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 22			READING	A 3.00pm	0-3	18,108	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 29			COLCHESTER UNITED	H 3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
MON 31			WIGAN ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 05	SEPTEMBER		BURNLEY	H 3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 08			WREXHAM	A 7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 12			BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 15	WC2(1)		IPSWICH TOWN	A 7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 19			BLACKPOOL	A 3.00pm	0-1	5,695	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 22	WC2(2)		IPSWICH TOWN	H 7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S.Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 26			WALSALL	H 3.00pm	0-1	5,530	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 03	OCTOBER		FULHAM	A 3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 10			YORK CITY	A 3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 17			OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 20			NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 7.45pm	1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 24			GILLINGHAM	A 3.00pm	0-1	5,602	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 27	WC3		COVENTRY	H 7:45pm	2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 07	NOVEMBER		STOKE CITY	A 3.00pm	1-3 (Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 10	WC4		BARNSELY	H 7.45pm	1-0 (Gray)	8,453	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SUN 15	FACUP(R1)		BOREHAM WOOD	A 1.00pm	3-2 (Gray 2, S. Davis)	1,772	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 21			LINCOLN CITY	A 3.00pm	2-2 (Gray, Doherty)	4,893	K. Davis	McGowan Thomas Spring
SAT 28			MANCHESTER CITY	H 3.00pm	1-1 (Doherty)	9,070	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 01	DECEMBER WCs		SUNDERLAND	A 7.45pm	0-3	35,742	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 05	FA CUP (R2)		HULL CITY	H 3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,021	K. Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 12			MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A 3.00pm	2-2 (Douglas, Gray)	2,902	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 19			MILLWALL	H 3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,939	K. Davis	McGowan Fraser Spring
MON 28			A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A 3.00pm	0-1	8,863	K. Davis	White Thomas Spring
SAT 02	JANUARY		COLCHESTER UNITED	A 3.00pm	2-2 (Alexander pen, White)	4,694	K. Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 05	AWS(2)		WALSALL	H 7.45pm	0-3	1,870	Abbey	Boyce Fraser Evers Spring
SAT 09	1999		WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 3.00pm	3-1 (Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063	Davis	Harrison White Spring
SAT 16			PRESTON NORTH END	A 3.00pm	1-2 (Fotiadis)	11,034	Davis	Harrison White Spring
SAT 23			WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm	0-4	4,934	Davis	Harrison White Spring
SAT 30			A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H 3.00pm	2-2 (McKinnon, Doherty)	5,426	Davis	Harrison McGowan Spring
SAT 06	FEBRUARY		BURNLEY	A 3.00pm	2-1 (Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285	Abbey	Harrison McGowan Spring
SAT 13			WREXHAM	H 3.00pm	1-2 (Doherty)	4,759	Davis	Harrison Alexander Spring
SAT 20			BRISTOL ROVERS	A 3.00pm	0-1	6,361	Davis	Alexander White Spring
TUE 23			NOTTS COUNTY	H 7.45pm	0-1	4,021	Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 27			BLACKPOOL	H 3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	4,646	Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 06	MARCH		WALSALL	A 3.00pm	0-1	4,508	Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUE 09			FULHAM	H 7.45pm	0-4	7,424	Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 13			STOKE CITY	H 3.00pm	1-2 (Alexander pen)	5,221	Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 20			CHESTERFIELD	A 3.00pm	1-3 (Gray)	3,921	Davis	Alexander Thomas Spring
TUE 23			READING	H 7.45pm	1-1 (Spring)	5,527	Davis	Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 27			GILLINGHAM	H 11.30am	1-0 (Dyche)	6,705	Davis	Willmott Thomas Spring
FRI 02	APRIL		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A 3.30pm				
TUE 06			YORK CITY	H 7.45pm				
SAT 10			NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 3.00pm				
WED 14			MANCHESTER CITY	A 7.45pm				
SAT 17			LINCOLN CITY	H 3.00pm				
SAT 24			NOTTS COUNTY	A 3.00pm				
TUE 27			CHESTERFIELD	H 7.45pm				
SAT 01	MAY		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H 3.00pm				
SAT 08			MILLWALL	A 3.00pm				

Substitutes

S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.
S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81. Unused: Bacque.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall.
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Marshall	Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused Abbey, McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Cox	Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	McLaren for McKinnon 56, Nyamah for McIndoe 57, White for Douglas 82. Unused: Abbey Scarlett
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Nyamah	McIndoe for Nyamah 62, Doherty for Douglas 66, Spring for McKinnon 89. Unused: White, Abbey
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Davies	Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	Davies	McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 63, McLaren for McKinnon 70, White for McGowan 75. Unused Abbey, McIndoe
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Doherty	Gray	McLaren	McIndoe for McKinnon 61, Douglas for Doherty 64, Scarlett for McLaren 80. Unused Abbey, Thomas
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82
S. Davis	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Showler	Fotiadis for Showler 63, White for Gray 77. Unused: McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	Harrison	Fotiadis	Gray	Showler	Scarlett for Showler 60; Bacque for Harrison 74. Unused: McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Harrison	Douglas	Gray	Evers	Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Harrison	Bacque	McIndoe	Fotiadis	Kandol for Bacque 58, Doherty for Fotiadis 58, Scarlett for McLaren 72
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Zahana-Oni HT, Scarlett for Douglas 81. Unused: Fraser
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 83, Fraser for McGowan 89. Unused: Zahana-Oni
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Fotiadis HT, McIndoe for Zahana-Oni 64. Unused: Scarlett
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Douglas 74; White for Harrison 79. Unused: Scarlett
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McKinnon	Doherty for Douglas 72; Alexander for McKinnon 77; White for McGowan 88
S. Davis	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Gray for Fotiadis 25; Cox for McKinnon 67; White for Harrison 73
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Scarlett 73; Kandol for McIndoe 77. Unused: Fraser
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	White for Johnson HT, Gray for Douglas 66; Scarlett for Cox 73
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	George	McGowan for Spring 73, Cox for George 83, McLaren for Harrison 89
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	George	McGowan for George 66; McLaren for Harrison 76. Unused: Willmott
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	George	Cox for Douglas 62; McLaren for George 62; McGowan for Thomas 73
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	George	Doherty for George 56; Willmott for White 78; McLaren for Harrison 83
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Doherty for Harrison 67; McLaren for McKinnon 75; George for Douglas 85
S. Davis	Johnson	Harrison	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Doherty	McIndoe for Harrison 85; Zahana-Oni for Douglas 89; Thomas for Doherty 90
S. Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Douglas	Thorpe	McGowan	White for Thorpe 81 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol



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Kelvin Davis	1	1	Andy Warrington
Chris Willmott	2	2	Barry Jones
Mitchell Thomas	3	3	Wayne Hall
Matthew Spring	4	4	Scott Jordan
Sean Dyche	5	5	Martin Reed
Marvin Johnson	6	6	Chris Fairclough
Phil Gray	7	7	Alan Pouton
Paul McLaren	8	8	Martin Garratt
Stuart Douglas	9	9	Marc Williams
Tony Thorpe	10	10	Neil Tolson
Gavin McGowan	11	11	Craig Skinner
Emmerson Boyce	12	12	Andrew Dawson
Alan White	13	13	Matthew Hocking
Tresor Kandol	14	14	Rodney Rowe

Referee: Chris Foy, St. Helens

Assistants: J. W. Pettitt, Welling (yellow flag)

M. Thorpe, Ipswich (yellow & red flag)

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