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the gaffer

Welcome back to Sixfields for what promises to be an exciting local derby. We have 7 games left this season, with 5 of them here at Sixfields, and we can look forward to those last 7 matches with renewed confidence after an excellent Easter programme that brought us 4 points but should have been 6.

On Good Friday the players put in a magnificent performance and I thought that every single one of you, the supporters, deserved a pat on the back. Despite making a bright start, we had the worst possible set back when a rebound fell at the feet of an attacker and we were one down inside 17 minutes. The fact that you kept behind the players despite the set back helped tremendously and I was delighted that you kept the noise level going. We got in front and although it was backs to the wall stuff at times in the 2nd half, I felt we

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IAN ATKINS HAS HIS SAY

deserved our win.

The atmosphere got me thinking about the merits of Friday night football. Winning on a Friday night certainly puts pressure on the teams playing on the Saturday, and also gives more supporters the chance to see us in action. Anyone who works on a Saturday afternoon or who plays amateur football would get the chance to see us more often if we played a few Friday night matches. It's maybe something for us to think about for next season.

On Monday afternoon we went down to Bristol and it was frustrating to only come away with one point. We got in front early and were controlling the game in my opinion before Ian Hendon's sending off. Ian made a fully committed challenge, as did the Rovers player, but the Rovers player stayed down and Hendon got up. The Rovers players reacted and the referee sent Hendon off. I'm hoping the referee will watch the video and think again about his decision.

The sending off was harsh on Ian who has already shown what an asset he will be to us. He enjoyed a fine game here against Bournemouth and if we do lose him to a suspension it will be a shame. At £25,000 he surely represents good business. One other player who I must mention is my assistant Kevin Wilson. Kevin has been in good

"We have a great chance today and here against York on Tuesday to make sure we go a long way towards safety and our job will be made a lot easier with your total support."

form for the reserves all season and has been desperate to play. I have thought about playing him a few times, but the time had to be right. I think Kevin's performances show that the timing was right and he has helped Carlo and Chris Lee come alive. With Kevin so keen to play I have had to watch that he doesn't take too much work on, as playing in addition to his assistant manager duties can be tiring, but I want him to concentrate on playing for the time being. I'm not giving away any secrets when I say that Kevin's future is in coaching, but for the moment he is doing a great job on the field for us.

Kevin's presence has lifted both Carlo and Chris Lee, and I was especially pleased for Chris to get on the scoresheet against Bournemouth. He turned in two performances of the highest quality over Easter and I was delighted with the reception you gave him when he left the field against Bournemouth with a minute or so left. It is no secret how highly we rate Chrissy at this Club and one of the players I am asked about most by other managers is Chris Lee.

I would like to thank everyone who has written to me over the last few weeks offering their support. It does mean a lot to me and the players, and thank you once again to everyone for your backing against Bournemouth. We have a great chance today and here against York on Tuesday to make sure we go a long way towards safety and our job will be made a lot easier with your total support. Luton are sure to bring a large following but please get right behind the players again and make some noise!

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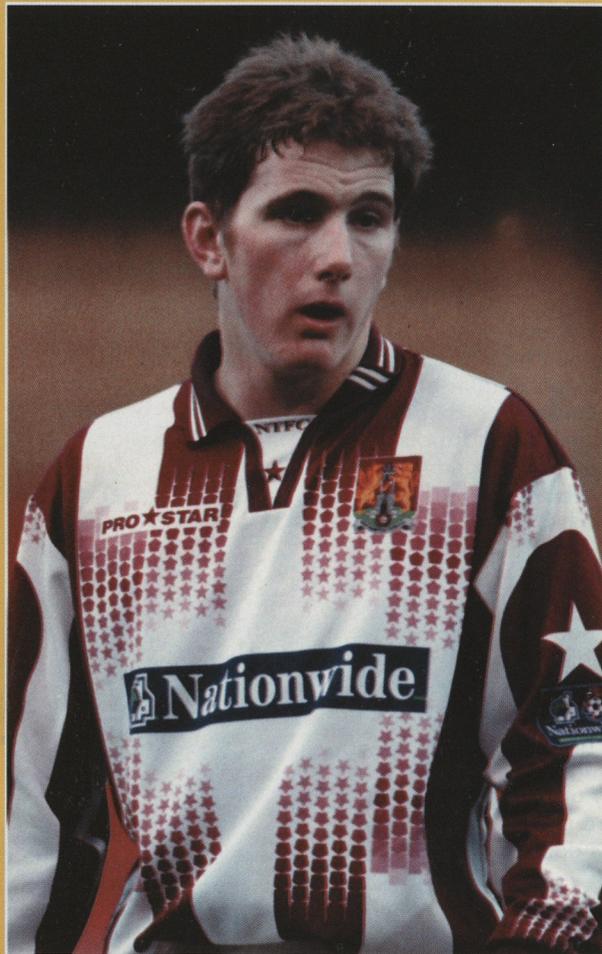
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from the inside

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In last week's programme we spoke to deadline day arrival Ian Hendon from Notts County. Today we speak to the other player to check in, striker Chris Greenacre. Greenacre is a 21 year old who has signed on loan from Manchester City for the rest of the season. He has started 3 games for City, with a further 5 as a substitute, scoring once. He has spent spells on loan at Cardiff City, Blackpool and most recently, Scarborough. "My time at Scarborough was difficult," said Greenacre. "They were really struggling and as a striker you have to work even harder to try and get any sort of chance."

Just days before his Sixfields arrival, Chris scored a hattrick for City's reserve, but he had no doubts about moving to Sixfields. "My chances had been limited at Maine Road, and at one stage City had over 50 professionals on their books. I see this move as a good chance to get first team football which is what I need, and when Northampton came in for me, I had no hesitation in coming down here. I hope I can get some experience and help Northampton get out of trouble."

Although Chris did play here for Blackpool last season, not many Cobblers fans will have seen that much of Chris in action. What does he see as

his main attributes? "I like to hold the ball up and try and bring people in to play. I want to be a decent target man."

Although this is only a loan deal, does Chris see an opportunity for a longer deal should everything go well? "It's difficult for me to say as it's probably out of my hands at the moment. If things go well though, who knows what might happen."

A young striker who has tremendous ability, Chris could be a valuable addition to the squad in the closing weeks of the season. Despite not making the first team squad as yet, he turned in an accomplished performance against QPR in a recent Cobblers Family Football match, coming up against such defenders as Andy Linighan and Karl Ready. We are sure all Cobblers fans join us in wishing him well.

Brian Lomax, who stood down as a Cobblers director at the Football Club's Annual General Meeting recently has asked us to pass on his thanks to all the supporters who wrote in or e-mailed the Club to pass on their appreciation of the work Brian has done on behalf of both the Club and the Supporters Trust. Brian is very grateful for all your words of kindness and we all join in wishing him a long and happy "retirement!" Brian's replacement as the Trust's representative is Tony Clarke. Tony is the MP for Northampton South and is a lifelong Cobblers fan. He has been Trust vice-chairman for the last 4 years and was unopposed in the recent



electoral process to replace Brian Lomax as the Trust's Director representative, but the identity of the new Trust Chairman is still to be decided as Tony has said he does not want to take on both roles. The Chairmanship of the Trust is currently in the hands of Tommy O'Reilly on an acting basis until a permanent successor is elected.

"I am very proud and honoured to be elected to the board of Northampton Town FC," said Tony. "I have a very hard act to follow but I see my role to continue the work Brian has done and to ensure that Trust members and supporters have a real communication point with the Club. The position of director is very special to the Trust and Northampton Town is held in high esteem not just locally but at a national level."

The hand over was completed a week or so back when the outgoing Brian Lomax spent a few days with Tony to oversee the handover. "Brian's experience is invaluable and we will continue to talk to each other a great deal," continued Tony. He was officially appointed as Brian's replacement the day after the recent AGM and joins fellow newcomer Peter Randall on the Board of Directors. The almost unique position of a Supporters Representative on the Board of a professional

football club is one of great responsibility. Tony Clarke is well aware of that, and he begins his new job with good wishes of all supporters.

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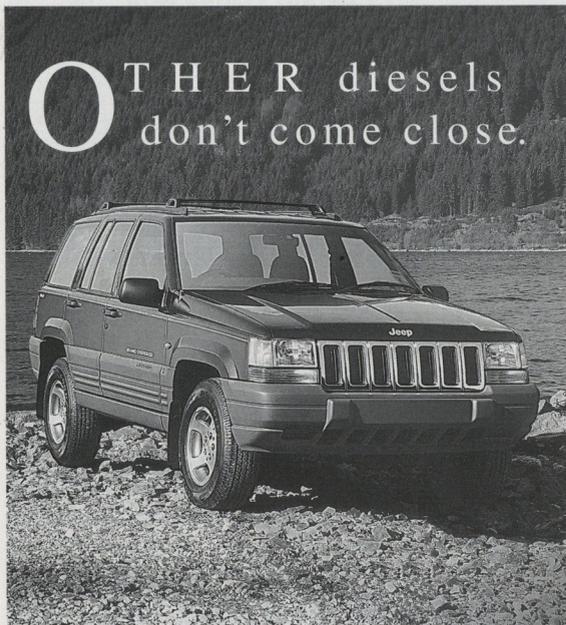
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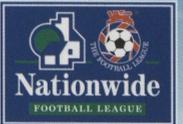
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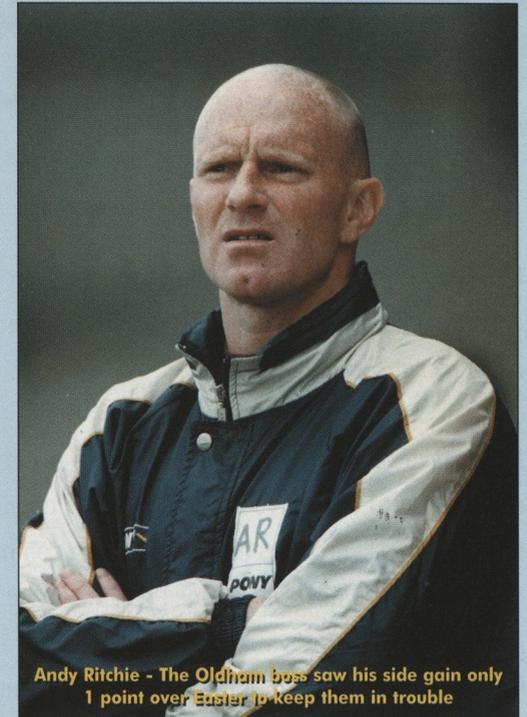
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SCENE ON 2



A busy Easter weekend for Division 2 with most teams in action twice over the Bank Holiday weekend. At the top end of the table Fulham stretched their lead last Monday with a 1-0 win at Reading. Simon Morgan hit the winner with 13 minutes left, whilst challengers Preston drew 1-1 with Manchester City at Deepdale in front of 21,000 fans. Loan striker Steve Basham put North End ahead, before Michael Brown equalised for City. Gillingham stayed in play off contention whilst plunging Wycombe into deeper trouble with a 2-0 win at Adams Park. Barry Ashby and Carl Asaba struck within minutes of each other midway through the second half to keep the Gills on course. Wigan still have an outside chance of a play off spot, and they kept their hopes alive with a 2-0 win over Oldham Athletic at Springfield Park. Simon Haworth and a Carl Bradshaw penalty were on target.



Andy Ritchie - The Oldham boss saw his side gain only 1 point over Easter to keep them in trouble

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Stoke City are another side on the edge of the play off zone, and they made it 4 points from the Easter weekend when they followed up Saturday's win over Lincoln with a 1-1 draw at Chesterfield. David Oldfield was Stoke's scorer, cancelling out Steve Blatherwick's earlier effort. Lincoln slid to their 4th successive defeat with a 1-0 home reverse against Notts County. Francis Tierney scored the only goal, whilst in a relegation six pointer Burnley came back from a half time deficit to beat Colchester 3-1. David Gregory had given the Us the lead, but goals from Lenny Johnrose and a brace from Andy Payton gave Burnley the points and eased their relegation worries. York lost their 6th game in 7 matches on Tuesday night at the hands of today's visitors Luton Town, despite taking a first half lead through caretaker player manager Neil Thompson. Strikes after the break from Matthew Spring and a last minute goal from Stuart Douglas gave the Hatters the points and ended any lingering relegation worries. AFC Bournemouth bounced back from their defeat here on Good Friday to beat

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SCENE ON 2



Macclesfield by the only goal at Dean Court. Top scorer Mark Stein broke the deadlock with 6 minutes left.

Walsall moved in to the 2nd automatic promotion spot on Tuesday night when loan striker Rob Steiner's 65th minute strike gave the Saddlers all 3 points against Wrexham at Bescot Stadium.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

LAST NIGHT

Gillingham v AFC Bournemouth

TODAY

Blackpool v Reading
 Colchester United v Walsall
 Fulham v Wigan Athletic
 Macclesfield Town v Preston North End
 Manchester City v Lincoln City
 Notts County v Chesterfield
 Oldham Athletic v Burnley
 Stoke City v Bristol Rovers
 Wrexham v Wycombe Wanderers
 York City v Millwall

TUESDAY

Blackpool v Burnley
 AFC Bournemouth v Walsall
 Fulham v Gillingham
 Lincoln City v Reading
 Macclesfield Town v Chesterfield
 Notts County v Wrexham
 Oldham Athletic v Bristol Rovers
 Wigan Athletic v Preston North End

WEDNESDAY

Manchester City v Luton Town
 Millwall v Colchester United
 Stoke City v Wycombe Wanderers

Nationwide League Division Two as at 7/4/99

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	38	27	6	5	64	26	87
Walsall	38	22	8	8	54	40	74
Preston	39	21	10	8	69	37	73
AFC Bournemouth	39	20	10	9	60	36	70
Man City	40	18	15	7	54	29	69
Gillingham	39	18	14	7	63	35	68
Wigan	37	18	7	12	57	36	61
Stoke City	38	19	4	15	49	45	61
Millwall	39	16	10	13	46	45	58
Chesterfield	38	16	10	12	44	36	58
Reading	40	15	12	13	49	52	57
Luton Town	39	13	10	16	46	53	49
Wrexham	38	12	11	15	38	52	47
Blackpool	39	11	13	15	35	45	46
Notts County	38	12	9	17	44	53	45
Bristol Rovers	39	9	15	15	49	47	42
Burnley	39	10	12	17	44	69	42
Colchester	39	9	15	15	42	58	42
York City	39	10	9	20	47	69	39
Oldham	39	10	8	21	38	56	38
Wycombe	39	9	10	20	41	51	37
Northampton	39	8	13	18	31	47	37
Lincoln City	38	10	6	22	34	62	36
Macclesfield	38	8	9	21	30	49	33

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bulletin board

The final match of the season against Burnley on Saturday May 8 has been declared ALL TICKET. Full details in Tuesday night's programme.

A collection is taking place at today's game in aid of Meningitis Charities.

Meningitis is a frightening disease for parents and doctors alike because of the rapid way in which it can result in a life threatening condition. Although it is relatively rare, bacterial meningitis continues to cause fatality and serious disability - particularly in young children and teenagers.

Today's collection is on behalf of two registered charities - the National Meningitis Trust and COSMIC (Children of St Mary's Intensive Care) - in memory of two local schoolgirls who both tragically died from bacterial meningitis.

Stacey Lewin, from Broughton, was 17 when she died on 10th April 1997. Since her death, members of her family have led many fundraising events for the National Meningitis Trust.

Samantha Brown, a Northampton Middle School pupil from Kingsthorpe, was only 10 when she died on New Year's Eve 1998. A memorial fund, set up in her name by a family friend, Mandy Holland, aims to raise £15,000 to buy life saving hospital equipment. Your support for these vital causes is much appreciated.

The home game with Wigan Athletic has been rearranged for Tuesday April 20, with a 7.45pm kick off. All tickets purchased for the original game are valid for the rearrangement.

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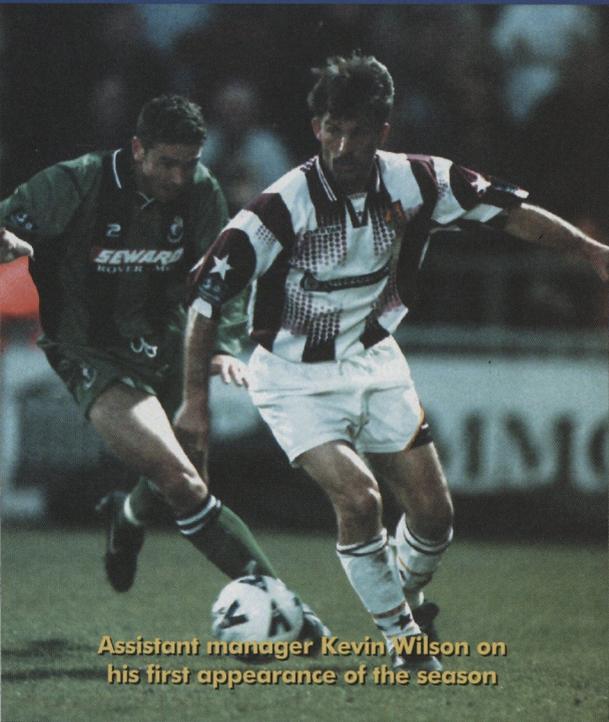
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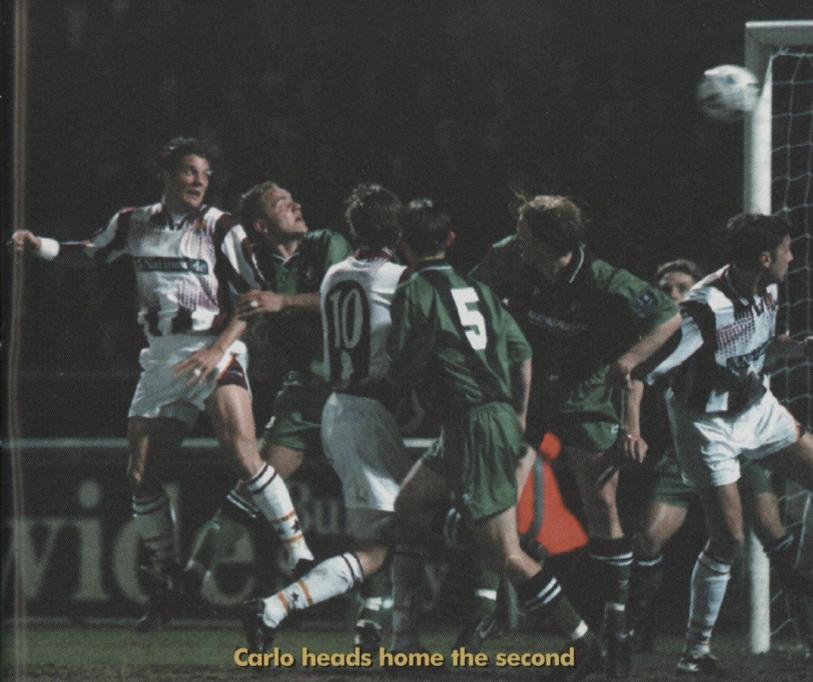
ACTION REPLAY



Assistant manager Kevin Wilson on his first appearance of the season



Ian Hendon challenges William Huck



Carlo Corazzin celebrates after netting the winner



Carlo Corazzin celebrates after netting the winner



Ian Hendon and Kevin Wilson team up to pressure Steve Robinson

Cobblers 2

(Lee 33, Corazzin 38)

AFC Bournemouth 1

(Robinson 17)

2 April 1999

Nationwide League Division 2

Cobblers: Turley, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Howey, Hope, Peer, Wilson (sub 80 Gibb), Corazzin, Lee (sub 88 Spedding), Hunt. Unused sub: Hill.

AFC Bournemouth: Ovendale, Young (sub 77 Day), Warren (sub 68 O'Neill), Howe, Hayter, Huck, Cox, Robinson, Stein, Fletcher, Hughes. Unused sub: Rawlinson.

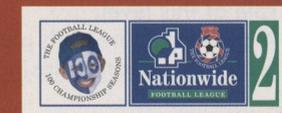
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Ian Hendon's home debut

Asst Manager Kevin Wilson earns Man of the Match award on first appearance of season

Chris Lee's first goal of the season



from the inside

...extra!

Here's a quiz question for you as you while away the moments to kick off. Which 2 players made their full home Cobblers debuts in our 2-1 win over AFC Bournemouth on Good Friday? No prizes for guessing Ian Hendon, but how about the other? Would it surprise you to know that it was Assistant Manager Kevin Wilson? After a number of impressive performances for the reserves and one first team start last season (Watford away), Willo had his recall on Good Friday, and won a fully justified Man of the Match award.

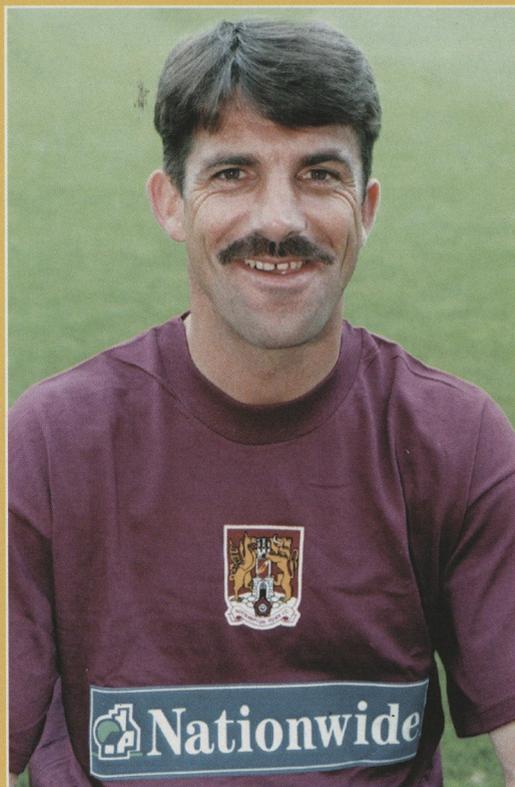
"It was a magnificent night and a great performance," said a delighted Wilson. "I was obviously pleased to be voted Man of the Match but it will mean far more to both myself and Ian to stay in Division 2." Another step towards this target was achieved with a useful point at Bristol Rovers on Monday, another game in which Wilson played a full part, and came very close to opening his goalscoring account for the 1st team. With Wilson on 197 domestic career goals, that shot early in the 2nd half that flew just wide was within inches of helping him close in on that magical 200. It's not personal targets that concern him most however. "Personal targets are nice to achieve but they are insignificant compared to the team picture." said Wilson. Does this recall mean we are likely to see an extended run for Kevin in the side? "I know my future is in coaching," said Kevin, "but if I can give the lads a lift by being out there with them for some or all of the last 7 games then it will be worthwhile. The last 2 performances have certainly given me a lift and I know we can avoid relegation." Wilson's presence has lifted players and supporters alike, but playing in addition to his assistant manager role is not something that comes easy. "It is difficult with me having to train, play, scout opponents and players and help out with the reserve side, and that's why I have not played too much before. But I'm keen to play and Ian also felt the time was right, and I'm delighted with the way things have gone."

We are now in the last 7 games of the season, but with 5 at home and the backing of the superb support that saw the Cobblers to 4 points over the Easter weekend, Kevin has one message for the fans.

"I'd like to thank the fans for their backing against Bournemouth and at Bristol. With 5 games at home out of 7, we need the support of all of them all the way to the end of the season. If any example was needed, the game against Bournemouth shows exactly what can be achieved when we all pull together."

Whilst most of the first team players were enjoying a well earned day off or two earlier this week, Kevin was back at work taking the reserve side down to Wycombe for an Avon Insurance Combination fixture, illustrating the hard work involved combining more than one role at this level.

A popular figure with players, staff and supporters alike, Wilson seems certain to have a major part to play in the closing few matches of the season both on and off the pitch!



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Last season:
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(Hunter)
Attendance 6059
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York's season so far: City are currently

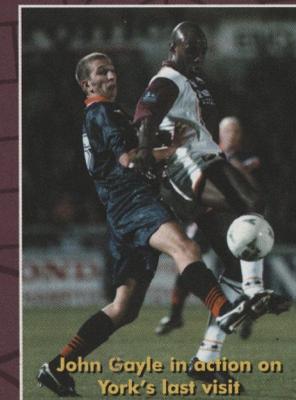
involved in the relegation scrap. A disappointing season at Bootham Crescent saw boss Alan Little sacked not long ago, meaning Neil Thompson has taken on the role of acting player manager. York are not in the best of form, with last Tuesday night's defeat at Luton making it 6 defeats in the last 7 games, but are sure to be fired up for Tuesday night's vital clash. The Cobblers could do with your support for this game. Contact the Box Office now!

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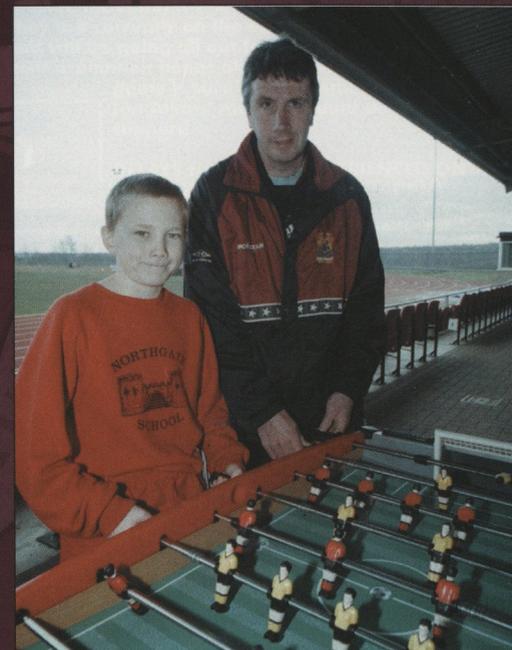


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A warm welcome to today's match to all the children on the Football Community Course at Sixfields. The children will have received coaching from the Community team and are looking forward to this afternoon's match.

Congratulations Martyn

Martyn Wills of Northgate School was Northampton Town's representative at Derby County's excellent Pride Park Stadium in the area finals of the Monneret Table Football Championship. Martyn, who took with him to Derby his own fan club, gave an excellent display. The area winner was Derby's own representative. (The photograph shows Martyn having a warm up match with Community Officer Russell).



Places Available

Next Monday and Tuesday the Community Programme have their last 2 Easter 99 Football Fun Courses at Moulton Sports Complex and Ryelands Middle School. For more information, please ring the Community Office on 01604 588676.

and Mereway Middle Schools who took part in the Community Programme's Predator 6 a side tournament at Moulton Sports Complex. Also in the photograph are Community Officers Russell and Scott with Nationwide Building Society Area Manager David Butcher.

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings to Danny Wigg who is having his 8th birthday party with the Community Programme. Danny's favourite player is Duncan Spedding, who he is hoping to meet today.

Girls Coaching

This Monday at Sixfields sees the start of Girls Football Coaching. The Coaching is open to girls between the ages of 12 and 16 (year 7 to 11) and welcomes all abilities. The course, which is free, runs from 5.00pm to 6.15pm and lasts for 6 weeks. Please ring the Community Office on 01604 588676 for more details. The photograph shows girls from Ryelands



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Last season:
No fixture

Reading's season so far: The Royals are now playing at their new home and have enjoyed a reasonable season, including a 1-0 win at Sixfields in November. They are currently on the edge of the play off zone, and will be going all out for the 3 points to keep their faint promotion hopes alive against the Cobblers. The game is sure to be another crucial one for Ian Atkins' men. We could do with your support!



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TODAY'S MASCOTS



RACHEL MILLARD - Rachel is 7 years old and attends Northampton High School. Her hobbies are swimming, cycling and reading and her favourite player is Billy Turley. We hope Rachel and her guests enjoy their day out with us here at Northampton Town.



MARK TAYLOR - 13 year old Mark also rates Billy Turley as his favourite player, although he also likes Ali Gibb and Carlo Corazzin. Mark attends Bugbrooke Champion School and lists his hobbies as football, badminton, tennis and golf in addition to watching the Cobblers.



THOMAS GERNON - 8 year old Thomas attends St Mary's Lower School and his names Roy Hunter and Billy Turley as his favourite players. Thomas lists his hobbies as football and tai-quan-do. We hope Thomas has an enjoyable day.



TIMOTHY OWEN - The Luton mascot is 6 year old Timothy. Timothy attends Kislbury Primary School and lists his hobbies as football, football and more football! His favourite player is Hatters keeper Kelvin Davis.

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in the SPOTLIGHT



One player who will be itching for today's game to start is striker Steve Howard. The powerfully built 22 year old has just completed a 4 match ban, harshly imposed for a sending off against Wrexham at the start of March. The 6ft 3in striker has made 5 appearances since his move from Hartlepool United in last February, but all Cobblers fans have seen enough in those 5 games to know that Cobblers boss Ian Atkins has unearthed another young player with tremendous potential. Steve began his career at Tow Law Town, before moving on to Hartlepool United in the summer of 1995 and in a 3.5 year stay at Victoria Park, Steve made 139 starts with a further 22 as a substitute, scoring 32 times, 8 of which were this season.

"I had some great times at Hartlepool," said Steve. "The highlight was a Coca Cola Cup tie against Arsenal over 2 legs. Dennis Bergkamp had just signed and he was getting some stick off the crowd. We lost the home leg 2-0 and were beaten 3-0 in the return at Highbury, but there were around 40,000 fans there and that made for a cracking atmosphere."

Having been at Sixfields for around 6 weeks, what are Steve's first impressions of Northampton Town? "I'm loving every minute of it," said Howard. "There are great facilities here and the Gaffer is very ambitious. That gives you the makings of a successful Club, and although we might have suffered the odd blip recently, this Club has come such a long way I'm sure it's only a matter of time before we continue that upward motion." The Easter fixtures certainly seem to bear Steve out. "The facilities and set up were one of the things that persuaded me to sign and I'm so glad I did." Although he has only been a Northampton Town player for just over a month, are there any games that stand out in Steve's brief Cobblers career so far? "It was a great atmosphere to play in front of 28,000 at Manchester City a month or so back," said Steve, and I thought we performed really well."

Superb performances against Walsall and Millwall in his first 2 games quickly won over the fans and made him look a bargain for a fee of £90,000 that could rise depending on appearances. Cobblers boss Ian Atkins was quick to praise Howard on his arrival, and it has not taken long to see why. An accomplished, aggressive target man who is very mobile, he is able to bring others in to play and bring the best out in those around him. At just 22 years of age, Cobblers boss Ian Atkins has unearthed a gem who has the time, potential and ability to develop in to a striker of the finest quality. A goal for the reserves at Wycombe on Wednesday afternoon show that Steve Howard cannot wait for the action to start!

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IN THE WEEK OF HIS BIRTH

Elton John was made Chairman of Watford, stating he had supported the Club since the age of 7. Real Madrid appeal against a European ban after a spectator attacked the referee in the match against Bayern Munich. Ex Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson joins Sparta Rotterdam of Holland in the same capacity.

Born: 10/5/76

IN THE WEEK OF HIS LEAGUE DEBUT

Steve is in the Hartlepool side that is beaten 2-0 by Chester at The Deva Stadium. The Cobblers beat Bury 4-1 at Sixfields with Neil Grayson scoring the first Cobblers hattrick for 7 years. Everton beat Blackburn 1-0 in the Charity Shield.

League Debut: 12/8/95

IN THE WEEK OF HIS COBBLERS DEBUT

Steve makes his debut in the 1-0 defeat at home to Walsall, as Arsenal beat Sheffield United 2-1 in that controversial FA Cup 5th round replay at Highbury. Notts County beat Luton 1-0 at Kenilworth Road to move above the Cobblers.

Cobblers Debut: 23/2/99

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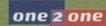
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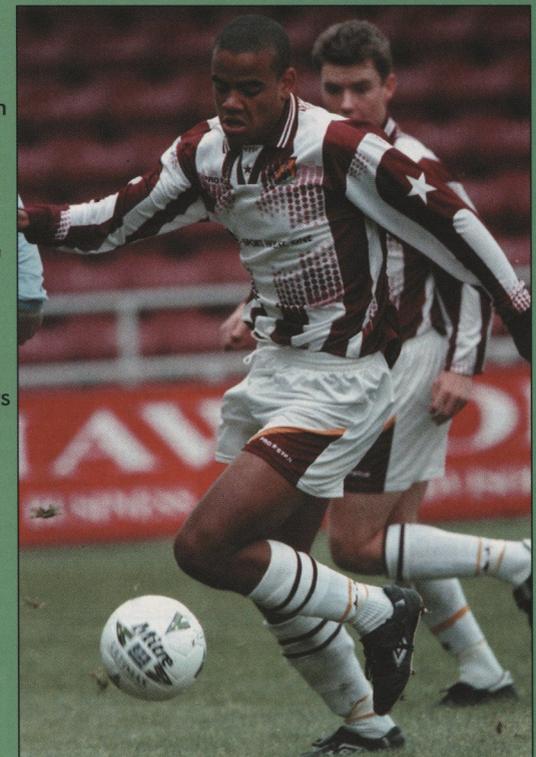
with Paul Curtis Director of Youth Development

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Youth Development page.

We often receive letters from youngsters looking for a trial or asking how they can become involved in Northampton Town Football Club. Next Tuesday, we are holding trials at Millway Middle School in Northampton for children born between 31 July 1990 and 31 July 1991. The trials begin at 6.15pm and those who are successful will be invited to join the coaching sessions at our Centre of Excellence. This year, 6 players made our YTS scheme after progressing up through the Centre of Excellence and some of them have even now appeared for the reserve side alongside players such as Kevin Wilson, Steve Francis, Chris Lee, Tony Dobson and Ian Clarkson. All of the 6, Paul Binder, Ryan Thompson, James Gould, Adam Dedman, Lorenzo Silvestri and Steve Chamberlain will have benefited from their first year on our YTS and will be looking to push on next year, and I'm sure progressing through the Centre of Excellence has helped them in their quest.

If you are not successful at the trials, or you were not born in the qualifying period, don't worry. We have a large amount of scouts who are watching lots of youth games each weekend and we try to give anyone who we think has potential a chance. Young players who are not selected to join the Centre of Excellence straight away must keep going. Those players who can overcome adversity and come back to earn themselves a chance show the sort of desire we look for in potential stars of the future. It's fair to say that there is not one professional footballer out there who has not failed some sort of trial or been released by a club at one stage or another. Having the character to overcome setbacks is just as important in a player's make up as technical ability.

The planning for our end of season six a side tournament is well under way. We are still looking for sponsors for the event that takes place at Thomas Beckett School in Northampton on Sunday May 2nd. Clubs such as ourselves, Sheffield United, Oxford United, Notts County, Reading, Walsall and Colchester United will be taking part, and there will be a number of side stalls, BBQ, go karts and a bouncy castle. If you are interested in sponsoring, or just want more details on the event, please contact me on 01604 757773. I hope we will see a large crowd at the event and admission will be by programme, at just £1. You are sure to hear lots more about the event as we approach the first Sunday in May!



Ryan Thompson - one of the Centre of Excellence graduates to have appeared for the Cobblers reserves this season

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Glance Through The Record Books

Season	Comp	Home			Att	Away		
		Goalscorers	Att	Goalscorers		Att		
1923-24	D3s	3-1	Myers,Page,Pease/Simpson	7663	1-2	Lockett/Lister,Simpson	5000	
1901-02	S.L.	2-4	Chapman,Coleman/Tierney,Brown, Durrant,Blessingham		0-0			
1902-03	S.L.	0-0		5000	0-4	/Gall2,Moody,Durrant		
1903-04	S.L.	0-0			0-1	/Hawke(p)		
1904-05	S.L.	2-1	Brown,og/og		2-4	Clarke,Chapman/Hawkes3(3p),Lamberton	4000	
1905-06	S.L.	1-2	Maris/Brown,Pickering	9000	0-1			
1906-07	S.L.	0-0		9000	0-1	/u/k	5000	
1907-08	S.L.	0-0		5000	1-0	Freeman	5000	
1908-09	S.L.	3-0	McDiarmid2,Lesons	10000	1-3	McDiarmid/Haycock,Stansfield,Brown	8000	
1909-10	S.L.	6-1	Walden3,Lewis2,Whittaker/Moody		3-0	Lewis2,Freeman/		
1910-11	S.L.	3-1	Lessons2,og/Smith	6000	3-1	Whittaker,McDiarmid,Lewis/Smith	8000	
	FAC	5-1	Lessons3,Lewis,Bradshaw/Moody	15000				
1911-12	S.L.	1-0	og/		3-3	Freeman2,Manning/Walker2,Johnson	6000	
1914-15	S.L.	0-3	/3u/k		1-1	Hughes/u/k		
1919-20	S.L.	1-4	Dickens/Tomlinson,Williams,Simms2		2-0	Whitworth,Lockett/	6000	
1920-21	D3s	1-0	Whitworth/	7000	1-3	Churchman/Bookman,Bradley,Simms	12000	
1921-22	D3s	2-0	Lockett/	7000	0-3	/Walker2,Higginbotham	8000	
1922-23	D3s	2-0	Lockett,Pease/	10000	1-2	Myers/Reid2	8000	
1923-24	D3s	2-0	Wood,Myers/	9968	1-1	Lockett/Green(p)		
1924-25	D3s	1-0	Pease	5340	0-2	/Dennis,Shankley	5000	
1925-26	D3s	0-1	/Dennis	6697	2-3	Pease,og/Dennis2(2p),Moffatt	5549	
1926-27	D3s	2-1	Shaw,Hoten/Woods	8700	0-2	/Graham(p),Thompson	8856	
1927-28	D3s	6-5	Smith2,Allon,Daley,Hoten,Maloney/ Yardley,Reid4	10153	0-2	/Yardley,Woods	8194	
1928-29	D3s	2-2	Bowen2/Rennie2	12220	0-4	/Rennie2,Dennis,Yardley	10931	
1929-30	D3s	4-1	Hoten3,Smith/Clark	19251	0-1	/og	9471	
1930-31	D3s	0-0		8614	0-4	/Rennie,Clark,Slicer,Yardley	12292	
1931-32	D3s	1-2	Bowen/Tait,McNesty	6503	0-1	/Rennie	11235	
1932-33	D3s	1-0	Wells/	8321	1-2	Dawes/Mills,Powe	11414	
1933-34	D3s	2-3	Tolland2/Tait3	16823	1-3	Henson/Martin2,Hutchinson	7696	
1934-35	D3s	2-1	Cochrane2/Ball	7240	2-2	Lyman,Bell/Ball2	8168	
1935-36	D3s	0-0		13595	3-3	Brown,Potter,Lyman/Martin,Boyd,Roberts	12781	
1936-37	D3s	2-3	Tolland,og/Payne2,Roberts	19579	3-1	Rawlings2,Lyman/Payne	18885	
1939-40	WAR	2-1	Pritchard,Billingham/Billington	4000	2-6	Billingham,Henson/Billington4,Duggan,Vinall	3000	
	WAR	1-1	Billingham/Vinall	3000	2-3	Broome,Dunkely/Billington2,Dowers	1500	
1940-41	WAR	7-1	Barron2,Billingham2,Amerson2, Wharton/Marsden	2700	1-7	Newton/Perrin3,Duggan2,Dowers2	1200	
	WAR	5-2	Billingham3,Barron,Dubkley/Payne2	2000	2-2	Billingham,Alsop/Duggan2	1200	
	WAR	5-0	Ware3,Billingham2	2000	5-4	Ware2,Billingham,King,og/Payne3,Laing	1000	
1941-42	WAR	8-1	Fagan3,Alsop2,Pritchard2,Lowrie/u/k	3000	3-3	Fagan,Steele,Pritchard/Laing2,og	1700	
	WAR	3-0	Fagan,Lowrie,Smalley/	1500	5-0	Lowrie3,Pritchard,og/	2000	
	WAR	8-0	Ware4,Fagan2,King(A),Smalley(p)	3000				
1960-61	FAC				0-4	/Turner2,Brown,Ashworth	26220	
1961-62	L.C.				1-2	Cooke/Turner,og	7482	
1968-69	D3	0-2	/Rioch2	15961	1-2	Fairbrother/Allen,Sheffield	17818	
1997-98	D2*	1-0	Parrish	7246	2-2	Dozell(p),og/Oldfield,Thorpe	8035	
1998-99	D2*				0-1	/Alexander	6087	

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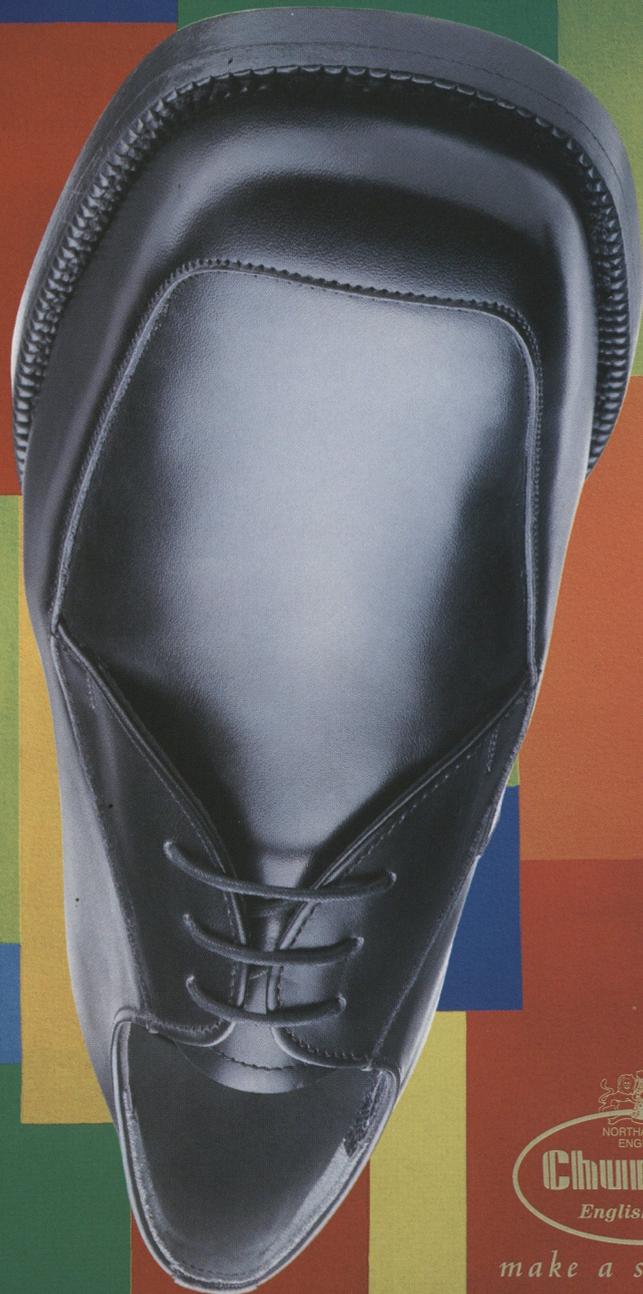
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Monday October 12	Reading	A	1-0
Wednesday October 21	WEST HAM UNITED	H	1-1
Monday November 2	SWINDON TOWN	H	4-1
Monday November 23	GILLINGHAM	H	2-0
Monday November 30	Ipswich Town	A	1-0
Wednesday December 9	Colchester United	A	2-3
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Wednesday January 20	Charlton Athletic	A	3-2
Monday January 25	NORWICH CITY	H	3-1
Monday February 1	CHELSEA	H	0-1
Monday February 15	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-1
Wednesday March 3	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-5
Wednesday March 10	MILLWALL	H	3-0
Monday March 15	FULHAM	H	3-0
Monday March 22	BRENTFORD	H	2-1
Wednesday March 24	Barnet	A	1-3
Monday March 29	QPR	H	0-4
Wednesday April 7	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1
Thursday April 15	LUTON TOWN	H	7.00pm
Wednesday April 21	Watford	A	7.30pm
Monday April 26	SOUTHAMPTON	H	7.00pm
Monday May 3	Tottenham Hotspur	A	7.30pm

Due to the nature of reserve team football, occasionally matches can't be postponed or re-arranged at short notice.

Steve Howard - on target in Wednesday's draw at Wycombe



Next CFF game
Northampton Town v Luton Town
 Sixfields - Thursday Apr 15th 1999
 k.o. 7pm
 Admission £3 adults, £1 senior citizens
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An equaliser 2 minutes from time denied us victory in our Avon Insurance Combination game at Wycombe on Wednesday afternoon. Steve Howard pressed his claims for a recall this afternoon by scoring in his first game after suspension and other plusses were that Ian Clarkson, Tony Dobson and Paul Wilkinson all completed another 90 minutes on their comebacks from their respective long term injuries. Steve Francis also returned in goal after picking up an injury in a recent CFF game. Howard had given the Cobblers the lead after good work from Andy Morrow and Howard then looked set to double both his and the team's tally in the closing stages before being pulled down by a defender when clear on goal. Within moments of that incident, Wycombe pulled themselves level.

"Andy Morrow, Tony Dobson, Ian Clarkson and Paul Wilkinson all did well," said Kevin Wilson. "It was especially pleasing to see the lads on the comeback from injury perform well and that should augur well for the last few weeks of the season, increasing competition for places at first team level, which is something we have not had all season because of the injury situation." Onlooking boss Ian Atkins will certainly have been pleased that 3 of his more experienced players came through without a problem as the hectic end of season run in gathers pace. The CFF action resumes here on Thursday evening when Luton Town visit for a CFF game. Kick off is 7pm and the gates open at 6.15pm with all the usual fun and entertainment for all the family.

Wednesday April 7 1999

Avon Insurance Combination

Wycombe Wanderers 1 Northampton Town 1
 (Howard)

Team: Francis, Clarkson, Piercewright, Dobson, Hughes, Wilkinson, Hough, Hancock, Howard, Morrow, Greenacre. Unused subs: Butcher, Gould, Thompson.

TRUST UPDATE with Tony Platt

Friday April 2nd was a wonderful Sixfields night for us all, and it just shows what can be achieved when everyone, on and off the field, pulls together. Let's try to keep it that way. Once Brian Lomax had announced his intention to resign, the important task was to replace him as the Supporters Director on the Club Board. This has now happily been concluded by the appointment of Tony Clarke MP, and now we turn our attention to the important but less urgent task of electing a new Chairman of the Supporters Trust. In due course, members will be asked to nominate the candidate of their choice and if there is more than one, a postal ballot of members will be held.

In the meantime Mr Tom O'Reilly, Vice-Chairman, is the acting Chairman and our thanks are due to him for undertaking this task. One of the Trust's most important objectives is fund raising for the Club, and you can help in this by purchasing tickets for the Travel Club's "away player of the year," presentation and disco at the St Patrick's Club, Russell St, Northampton at 7.30pm on Sunday April 25th. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased at the Club Shop, or from Barry and Jenny Parker in the Sportsman's Bar after each home match.

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YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

Saturday August 15	Walsall	A	0-1
Saturday August 22	Lincoln City	A	1-2
Saturday August 29	Shrewsbury Town	A	1-0
Friday September 11	NOTTS COUNTY	H	1-1
Saturday September 19	Port Vale	A	1-1
Saturday September 26	WOLVES	H	2-0
Saturday October 3	Birmingham City	A	4-2
Friday October 9	Chesterfield	A	2-1
Saturday October 17	WEST BROM	H	2-1
Saturday November 14	WALSALL	H	1-1
Friday November 20	SHREWSBURY T	H	1-2
Saturday November 28	Notts County	A	1-1
Saturday December 12	STOKE CITY	H	2-3
Saturday December 19	CHESTERFIELD	H	1-1
Saturday January 16	Mansfield Town	A	3-2
Saturday January 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1
Wednesday January 26	West Brom	A	2-2
Saturday January 30	Wolves	A	0-3
Saturday February 6	LINCOLN CITY	H	1-1
Saturday February 13	PORT VALE	H	1-0
Saturday February 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	2-1
Wednesday February 24	Stoke City	A	2-3

Second Phase			
Saturday February 27	Scarborough	A	2-2
Saturday March 20	Chester City	A	2-0
Saturday March 27	Rochdale	A	3-1
Saturday April 3	BLACKPOOL	H	2-1
Saturday April 10	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	11.00am
Tuesday April 20	Huddersfield Town	A	12.30pm
Tuesday April 27	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H	1.00pm
Saturday May 1	Port Vale	A	11.00am

If you intend to watch the Youth team, please contact the club for confirmation of the fixture and venue.



Paul Hough -
found the net in
the win over
Blackpool

Easter was a good weekend for the Club. In addition to the first team results, the youth team cemented our place at the top of the Football League Youth Alliance Merit Division One with a 2-1 win over Blackpool. Aside from the obvious delight at winning the 3 points, Tony Dobson and Paul Wilkinson both completed 90 minutes in their comebacks from injury, and we were able to field another handful of lads who are under 16. We even had the luxury of leaving skipper Brad Piercewright and Andy Morrow on the bench as we made it 3 wins from our last 3 games. Before the game Blackpool were 2nd and to follow on from the 1st team performance the day before was very pleasing. It is good to see us really come into our own now on the drier pitches after maybe having our stickiest part of the season on the heavier pitches of the mid winter, but I have always felt we are a match for anyone on the drier surfaces. One of the benefits of this Merit Division system is that I am able to blood some under 16 players in a good standard of football against some well organised sides, and this has already happened in the four games we have played. I am sure the under 16s will have benefited. We have a little break after today's game with Mansfield until we visit Huddersfield Town on Tuesday April 20th.

Saturday April 3rd 1999
**Football League Youth Alliance Merit
Division One**

Northampton Town 2 Blackpool 1
(Butcher, Hough)

Team: Binder, Hancock, Meade (sub Piercewright), Carolan, Dobson, C Thompson, Butcher, Hough, Wilkinson, Nash (sub Morrow), Gould (sub Broxup).

Football League Youth Alliance Merit Division One

As at 7/4/99	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	4	3	1	0	9	4	10
Blackpool	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Port Vale	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
Hartlepool	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Chester	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Rochdale	5	1	2	2	8	11	5
Huddersfield	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Scarborough	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Mansfield	4	0	1	3	4	10	1

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN (2)2 LUTON TOWN (0)4
Chapman, Coleman Tierney, Brown, Durrant, Blessingham

The sides had played out a 0-0 draw at Dunstable Road during Christmas week, and this was Luton's first visit to the County Ground. A large crowd had assembled expecting the Cobblers to improve on that performance. The game kicked off in bright sunshine, with the wind in Northampton's favour. Both side had close calls but Chapman opened the scoring for the home side after 10 minutes, stirring the visitors in to action and they forced 3 corners in succession, but never managed to capitalise on them.

Coleman scored the best goal of the game just before half time to give the Cobblers a comfortable lead at the break.

Luton improved their performance in the 2nd half, but the score stayed the same until Tierney beat keeper Cook to pull one back. This opened the floodgates and within 10 minutes Brown, Durrant and Blessingham had given Luton a 4-2 lead, which they deserved on their 2nd half performance.

NORTHAMPTON: Cook, Hendry, Grimley, Pell, Murrell, Neal, Frost, Chapman, Farrell, Coleman, Lawrence.

LUTON: Team not available

NB - This was the first home match between the sides. The game played at Dunstable Road on Boxing Day did not give a match report.

20TH OCTOBER 1998 DIVISION 2 ATT: 6087

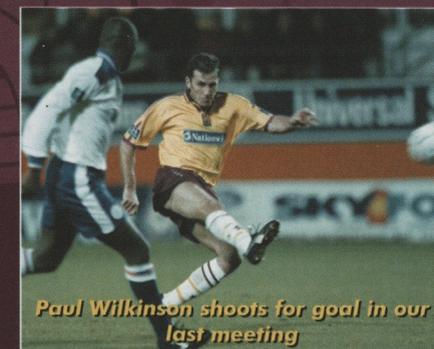
LUTON TOWN (1)1 NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0)0
Alexander

A game that summed up the way Northampton's season had started. A bright performance, a shot that hit the woodwork, a goal disallowed, a deflection giving the home side victory and a recent signing carried off injured! The game was settled by Graham Alexander's 20th minute shot from a free kick that took a deflection off Colin Hill to wrong foot Andy Woodman. Ian Sampson thought he had equalised direct from a quickly taken free kick, but referee Mick Fletcher ruled the goal out. Luton's highest crowd of the season so far saw Dave Savage hit the bar just before the break, but he was carried off in the 55th minute after injuring his ankle.

Carl Heggs was booked on what was to be his last Cobblers appearance and despite a bright performance, the Cobblers fell to a narrow defeat.

LUTON; Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring (sub 81 White), Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas (sub 81 Scarlett), Gray, McIndoe. Unused sub: Scarlett.

NORTHAMPTON: Woodman, Gibb, Frain, Sampson, Hodgson (sub 86 Freestone), Parrish, Hunt, Wilkinson, Corazzin, Savage (sub 55 Heggs), Hill. Unused sub: Dobson.



Paul Wilkinson shoots for goal in our last meeting

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Right: Ben Collins from matchball sponsors Collins Sports with Colin Hill and Kevin Wilson after the Bournemouth game



Left: Darren Black who enjoyed a VIP birthday present at the Bournemouth match



Right: The mascots, captains and officials line up prior to kick off



Left: Kevin Gibbons from programme sponsor Aqualisa Products with Colin Hill and Kevin Wilson



Right: Trust Travel Club's Jenny Parker with Man of the Match Kevin Wilson



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Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's encounter with Luton Town.

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About our opponents today

Luton Town arrive at Sixfields for this local derby this afternoon having recently suffered the traumatic experience of being placed in to the hands of Receivers. It looked at one stage as though they would also be facing a relegation battle, but full credit to the players and management because in the last few weeks the Hatters have put together a run of results to pull away from danger and are now sitting in a comfortable mid table position.

Deadline Day loan signings Tony Thorpe and Sean Dyche have made a big impact on their return to Kenilworth Road, and manager Lennie Lawrence will be pleased to have added some experience to his squad for this difficult time.

Luton drew 1-1 at Oldham on Good Friday when Phil Gray put them ahead early, and on Tuesday night, they came from behind to beat York City 2-1 at Kenilworth Road with goals from Matthew Spring and a last minute winner from Stuart Douglas. That win has secured safety and Luton can look forward now safe in the knowledge that they will begin next term in Division Two.

MEET THE MANAGER - LENNIE LAWRENCE

Appointed as Hatters boss in late 1995, and led Luton to the 1997 Division 2 play offs. His managerial career started as an assistant at Plymouth, before he moved to Charlton as reserve team coach. He took over the hot seat which he held for 9 years before deciding to move to Middlesbrough. He led them to the Premiership within a year, but they were relegated the following season and Lennie was replaced by Bryan Robson. He then took over as Bradford City boss, but returned south within 18 months and soon became Luton's 21st manager. He was unable to prevent the slide in to Division 2, but made the play offs in 1996/97. As so often happens, the near miss was followed by disappointment the following season and with a side beset by injuries he endured a frustrating campaign and was forced to sell top scorer Tony Thorpe (who is now back at Kenilworth Road on loan). This year has been little better, culminating in the recent move in to Receivership.



LENNIE LAWRENCE

MEET THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

KELVIN DAVIS - A Bedford born keeper who is a product of the Hatters Development programme. Started his career in a loan spell at Torquay United in the 1994/95 season and despite limited chances at Kenilworth Road, he won England under 21 honours. Has seen off both Juergen Sommer and Ian Feuer to be the undisputed first choice for the Hatters.

NATHAN ABBEY - A young goalkeeper who was given his first taste of league action last season when both first choice keepers were unavailable. Gained more experience on loan to Woking and is now confirmed as understudy to Kelvin Davis.

DEFENDERS

GARY DOHERTY - Big, brave central defender who can also operate as a centre forward. He played in the Luton youth side that won the South East Counties League and reached the FA Youth Cup semi finals last season. After being capped at Youth level he has already appeared on the bench for the Eire senior side.

STUART FRASER - Stylish defender and skipper of the successful Luton youth side last season. Reckoned by many to be an outstanding prospect, he made his debut on the final day of last season in a 3-2 win against Carlisle United.

JULIAN JAMES - One of the most loyal clubmen ever to sign for Luton Town, Julian joined the Club straight from school. Made his debut aged 18, playing brilliantly against Leeds but being sent off 5 minutes from time. A regular in Luton sides through out this decade, he was awarded a testimonial but then tragedy struck and he broke a leg against Bristol Rovers in April 1998 and he faces an uphill battle to return before the end of this season.

MARVIN JOHNSON - A versatile defender who can play at the back or in midfield, this Wembley born player has been at Luton for a decade. Was made Luton skipper earlier this season and is nearing 350 senior appearances for the Hatters.



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GAVIN MCGOWAN - McGowan has signed for Luton 3 times. The first occasion was for a loan spell in March 1997, but that was ended by injury after only 2 appearances. He rejoined on loan for a 3 month spell at the start of last season, but Luton could not afford the transfer fee. Arsenal eventually freed him, and he signed for the 3rd time in June 1998.

MITCHELL THOMAS - Now the senior professional at Kenilworth Road, the elegant left back was also appointed player coach at the start of this season. Luton signed him as a schoolboy, making his debut in the top flight in 1983. He followed David Pleat to Spurs in 1986 for £250,000 and Thomas was on the move again in 1991 to West Ham for £500,000. 3 years later he returned to Kenilworth Road on a free transfer and he will soon be approaching 500 senior appearances.

ALAN WHITE - Lennie Lawrence went back to one of his old clubs in September 1997 when he signed Alan from Middlesbrough. White was unable to force his way into Bryan Robson's Premiership side and he jumped at the chance to rejoin Lennie Lawrence for £40,000.



ALAN WHITE

SEAN DYCHE - Defender currently on loan from Bristol City with Tony Thorpe. A Kettering born, former Chesterfield centre half.

MIDFIELDERS

RAY MCKINNON - A move to Kenilworth Road at the start of last season gave the former Scottish under 21 international his second chance at making the grade in English soccer, after an unhappy time with Nottingham Forest. He joined Dundee United on the YTS and in 1992 Nottingham Forest paid £750,000 for him. He did not enjoy a happy time at Forest making only 8 appearances in 20 months before moving to Aberdeen. He took advantage of the Bosman ruling in the summer of 1997 to have a 2nd crack at English football with Luton.

MICHAEL McINDOE - Made his debut for Luton in the Worthington Cup last August. Another who joined Luton straight from school and was part of the successful youth side of recent seasons.

PAUL McLAREN - Another product of the YTS scheme, Paul was offered pro terms when still 17 and made such good progress that Luton were prepared to sell Ceri Hughes to Wimbledon in the summer of 1997 to give Paul his chance. He slotted in to that role well and played in all but 3 of Luton's games last season.

PAUL SHOWLER - If ever a player deserved a clear run from injuries, it is Paul. Showler began his career with Altrincham, but was given his league chance with Barnet after they were promoted from the Conference and then moved to Bradford to team up with Lennie Lawrence for the first time. The manager paid £50,000 in the summer of 1996 to allow Paul to follow him south. He played in 33 games during his first season, but managed only one brief substitute appearance in an injury ravaged term last time around.

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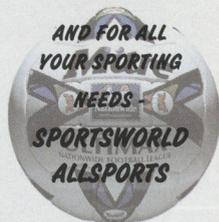
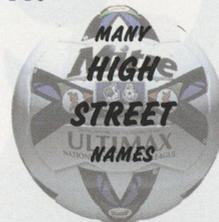
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MATTHEW SPRING - A competitive midfielder who was a driving force in Luton's FA Youth Cup semi final side of 1997. He was only 17 when he made his senior debut, as a substitute against Bristol City in September 1997.

FORWARDS

JIMMY COX - Made a big impact in the Youth team as an old fashioned winger, and made the breakthrough to the senior squad earlier this season in the Worthington Cup 2nd round win over Ipswich Town.

STUART DOUGLAS - A real hot shot in youth and reserve team football, Stuart was only 17 when he made his league debut for the Hatters. Looked set to be a regular last season, but was one of the unlucky injury victims last term.

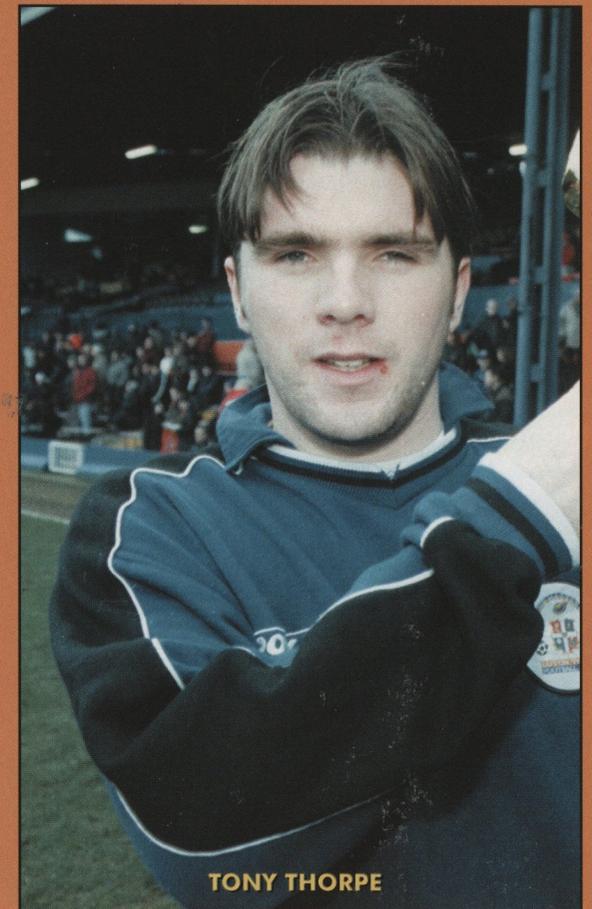
ANDREW FOTIADIS - Stayed on at school to gain A levels before becoming a full time professional. Andrew is an old fashioned centre forward who causes problems for opposing defences with his strength and power.

LIAM GEORGE - A player with bags of pace and exciting footwork, Liam graduated from the youth team to the reserves last season and made the transition well as 12 reserve team goals in 18 appearances illustrates. Made his league debut against Bristol City in September 1997 and will be hoping to continue his rapid progression over the next few seasons.

PHIL GRAY - A striker who signed for Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland international found that football can be a cruel game. A succession of injuries struck, leaving Gray eventually needing surgery. He began his career at Tottenham before David Pleat took him to Kenilworth Road in August 1991. 2 years later he went to Sunderland for £800,000 before spells on the continent with Nancy and Fortuna Sittard. He needed little encouragement to rejoin Luton for £400,000 in September 1997.

ANDRE SCARLETT - The 18 year old made his league debut against Oldham in October and his trickery tempted an Oldham player in to a rash tackle. The offender was promptly sent off and the Hatters went on to win 2-0.

TONY THORPE - A striker on loan from Bristol City. Almost joined the Cobblers on deadline day, but chose to move to one of his former clubs. Left Luton Town for Fulham for £800,000 last season and moved on again for £1 million to Bristol City in the summer. Had a spell on loan at Reading earlier this term.



TONY THORPE

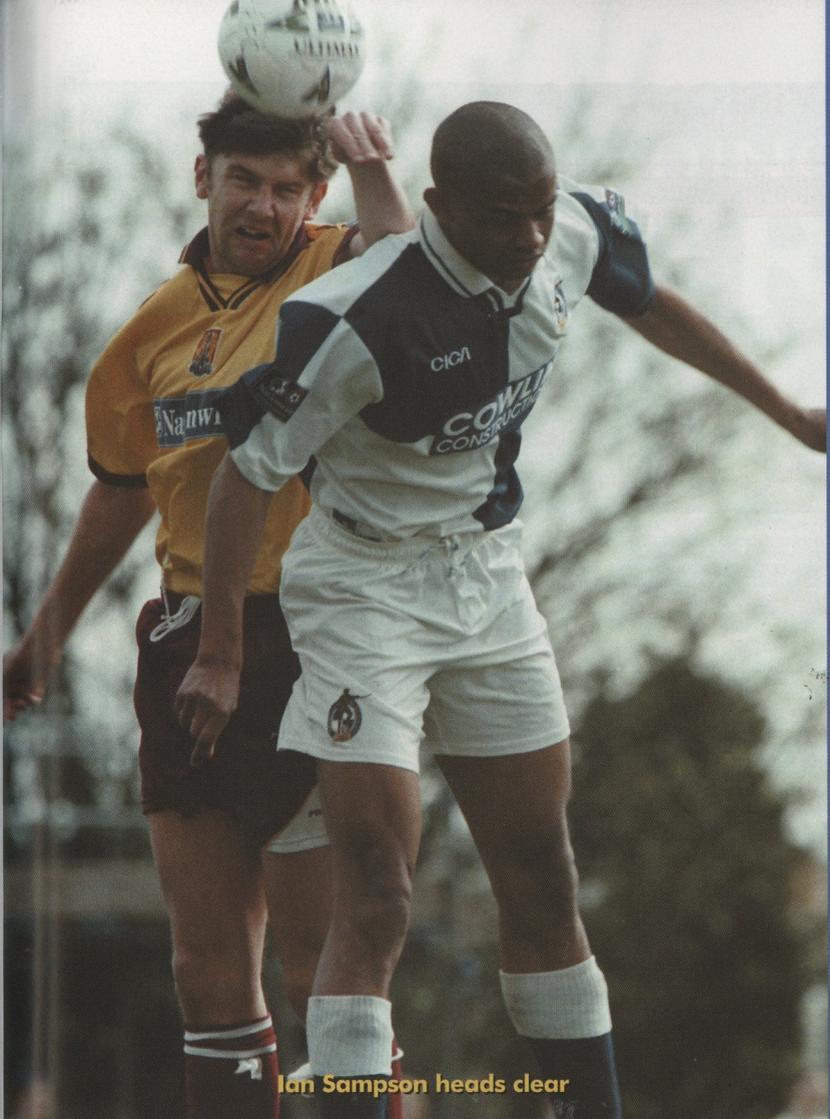
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Richard Hope wins this aerial challenge



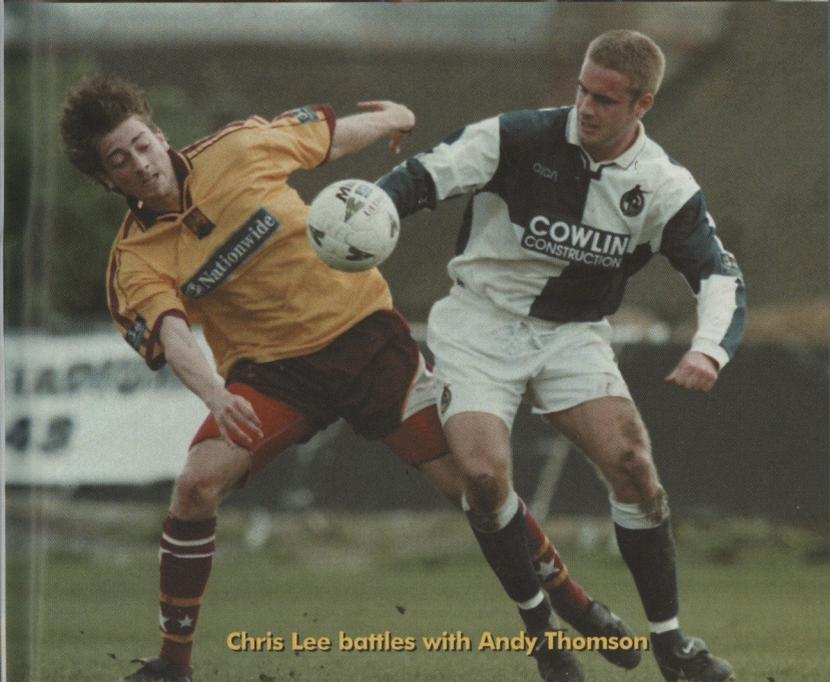
Carlo Corazzin is challenged by Steve Foster



Ian Sampson heads clear



The Cobblers players voice their protests over Ian Hendon's dismissal



Chris Lee battles with Andy Thomson

Bristol Rovers 1

(Penrice 64)

Cobblers 1

(Corazzin 7)

6 April 1999

Nationwide League Division 2

Bristol Rovers: Williams, Pritchard, Challis, Pethick (sub 74 Ellington), Thomson, Foster, Holloway, Lee, Penrice, Cureton, Andreasson. Unused subs: Leoni, Trees.

Cobblers: Turley, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Howey, Hope, Peer, Wilson (sub 60 Hill), Corazzin (sub 90 Spedding), Lee (sub 66 Gibb), Hunt.

	BRISTOL R	COBBLERS
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	4
CORNERS	10	4
BOOKINGS	2	3

Booked: Lee, Hunt & Hope

Carlo Corazzin's 15th goal of the season

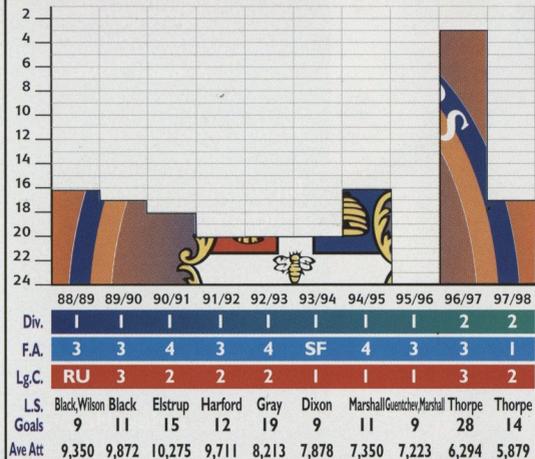
Cobblers have now only lost once in last 5 away games

Ian Hendon sent off in the 58th minute



DIVISION TWO STATS

Luton Town's last ten years - the full record

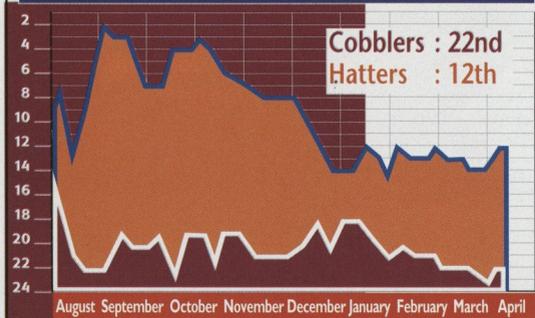


When Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



HATTERS' HARDMEN		McGOWAN		COBBLERS' CRIMINALS	
McGowan .9	McIndoe .2	McGowan .2	Alexander .1	Parrish .6	Hodgson .2
McLaren .6	Spring .2	Alexander .1	Gray .1	Frain .6	Hope .2
Alexander .5	Davis K .1	Gray .1	Johnson .1	Howey .5	Savage .2
McKinnon .5	Doherty .1	Johnson .1	McLaren .1	Freestone .4	Bishop .2
Davis S .4	Dyche .1	Johnson .1	White .1	Heggs .4	Clarkson .1
Johnson .4	Evers .1	Johnson .1		Hunt .4	Hendon .1
Thomas .4	Harrison .1	Johnson .1		Hunter .4	Howard .1
Douglas .3	Scarlett .1	Johnson .1		Peer .4	Seal .1
Gray .3	Thorpe .1	Johnson .1		Sampson .4	Spedding .1
White .3	Willmott .1	Johnson .1		Lee .3	Warner .1
George .2	Thomson .1	Johnson .1		Warburton .3	Wilkinson .1
		Johnson .1		Gibb .2	Witter .2
		Johnson .1		Hill .2	

League Positions throughout this season



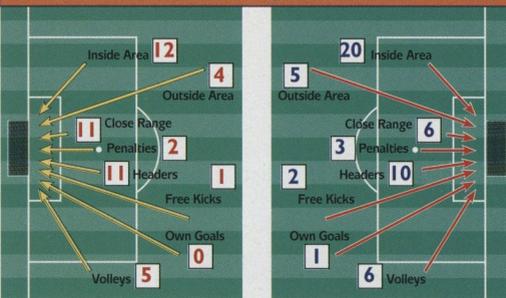
When Northampton have scored goals... and conceded them



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

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gls					
Kelvin Davis	G	38		22	61	1400	Hartlepool	Eng U21
Matthew Spring	M	38	3	19	511	1107		
Marvin Johnson	D	36		30	61	1306		
Stuart Douglas	F	35	9	20	58	1105		
Phil Gray	F	31(3)	8	30	59	1209	Sunderland	N Ire
Graham Alexander	M	28(1)	4	27	511	1202	Scunthorpe	
Ray McKinnon	M	27(1)	2	28	510	1109	Dundee Utd	
Sean Evers	M	27	3	21	59	911		
Gavin McGowan	D	25(4)		23	58	1107	Arsenal	Eng Yth
Mitchell Thomas	D	19(7)		34	62	1300	West Ham	Eng B
Paul McLaren	M	14(9)		22	61	1304		
Gerry Harrison	M	14		26	59	1203	on loan from Sunderland	Eng Sch
Alan White	D	13(13)	1	23	60	1304	Middlesbrough	
Sean Dyche	D	11	1	27	60	1307	on loan from Sunderland	
Michael McIndoe	M	9(6)		19	58	1100		
Andrew Fotiadis	F	7(9)	2	21	511	1100		Eng Sch
Liam George	F	6(4)		20	59	1104		
Chris Willmott	D	6(1)		21	62	1105		
Gary Doherty	F	5(11)	5	19	61	1300		
Jimmy Cox	F	3(5)		18	56	1007		
Herve Bacque	F	2(4)		22	59	1110	Monaco	
Andre Scarlett	M	2(4)	1	19	54	904		
L'Andy Zahana-Oni	F	2(3)		22	510	1100	Bromley	
Paul Showler	M	2(1)		32	57	1100	Bradford	
Tony Thorpe	F	2		24	59	1203	on loan from Bristol City	
Stuart Fraser	D	1(1)		19	59	1100		
Nathan Abbey	G	1		20	61	1113		
Tresor Kandol	F	(2)		17	61	-		

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



Cobblers v Hatters

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Northampton Town	2	2	2	5	8	8	DWLLWD
Luton Town	2	2	2	7	8	8	WDWDL

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