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### Brian Swain reports

**FEARING that the very existence of Luton Town may be under threat, various groups of supporters have joined forces to launch a campaign to rally public backing for the club.**

Their umbrella organisation is FLAG - Fans of Luton Action Group - and they see Bournemouth's survival plan as a model for what could be achieved for the Town.

John Kelly, the receiver, has emphasised the importance of having a survival plan as soon as possible. His continued appointment is likely to put at risk the club's membership of the Football League, and lead to increased uncertainty over its future. An advert was published in the financial Press this week offering for sale the business and assets of Luton Town as a going concern.

Leading members of Luton Town Supporters Club, Loyal Luton SC and the Mad as a Hatter fanzine have united in FLAG and their plan is to get the people of Luton to follow the example set when Bournemouth were close to liquidation.

The aim is to buy the club for the community, and ensure its survival though the combination of a supporters' trust and investors.

FLAG will launch its campaign on Sunday, with a public meeting, open to all, at the Vauxhall After Sales complex at Luton Road, Chalton. It starts at 6 pm and FLAG hopes for a full house to demonstrate solid support to achieve the objectives of safeguarding the future of Luton Town FC.

### Objectives set out

ONE DOWN, two to go, was the progress report at Kenilworth Road as we go into the last month of the season. After recent traumatic times, top of the priority list for Lennie Lawrence and the players was to achieve Second Division survival.

The victory over York settled our nerves on that score, but two new targets were immediately set by the manager: beat last season's total of 57 points, and finish in the top half of the table.

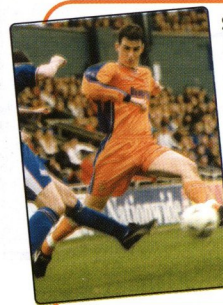
We are on course, but 12th place looks the best likely. The boss accepts that it would take a very unlikely combination of results to allow us to overhaul Reading, who are 11th.

But Notts County, Blackpool and Wrexham are all competing with us for 12th place, and the target is to ensure they are all below us when the final table is compiled. (See page 45).

### Roll on the last day!

GAVIN McGowan is taking an enforced rest from football after the FA considered the referee's report into his sending off at Oldham on Good Friday.

He was booked for a foul 20 minutes from time, and then red-carded in stoppage time for violent conduct in retaliation against Lee Duxbury.



**SPRING INTO ACTION: Midfielder Matthew Spring in defensive action, but also capable of attack, having scored twice in four games, against Reading and York.**

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While the Town had no complaints about the red card, they were unhappy that Duxbury's foul went unpunished. This week, the FA announced its decision, suspending McGowan for four matches, starting with today's game. It means that he cannot play again until the final match of the season, at Millwall on May 8.

### Good Luck, Paul

ONE FAN watching today's game can be forgiven if he has his mind on other things. Tomorrow Paul Smith is running the London Marathon as the official representative of Luton Town, to raise funds for the hospice where his 29-year-old wife died of brain cancer. We wish him well, and thank all who have pledged sponsorship. We will tot it all up and report on Paul's efforts in a later matchday magazine, but it is not too late to add your sponsorship if you can help - the ticket office will be delighted to accept donations.

### Mixed memories

IT WAS a pleasure to meet Darren McDonough at Boundary Park on Good Friday. Although he finished his career with Kevin Keegan at Newcastle United, he still supports Oldham, his first club and Luton, his second. He recalls with great affection his days at Kenilworth Road, except for the injury nightmare that cost him a place in a Wembley showpiece.

Now 36, "Dasmo" looks little different from the 24-year-old defender John Moore signed from Oldham for £85,000 in the autumn of 1986. His best days came when Peter Nicholas was sold to allow McDonough to claim a regular place as defensive midfielder in the old First Division, but a cruel injury robbed him of a place in our 1988 Littlewoods Cup final squad - he was injured in training 48 hours before the big game, and a succession of injuries kept him on the sidelines for nearly two years.

Keegan was beginning to rebuild Newcastle in the spring of 1992, when United were in danger of dropping into the Third Division, and his first transfer deal was to sign McDonough from the Town for £90,000. But an Achilles injury struck soon afterwards, forcing McDonough into early retirement five years ago.

He went back to Lancashire, and is still well-respected at Oldham - he made his debut at Boundary Park as an 18-year-old. His last game there, before we signed him, was a 1-0 win against Ipswich - and Ron Futcher got the goal from a penalty.

McDonough still likes his football, is a committed Oldham supporter, and regularly attends Boundary Park matches. He now earns his living in the construction trade.



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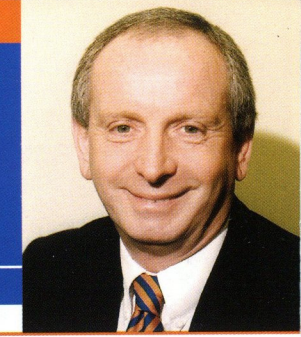
## Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances				Goals				
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	3(5)	1(1)	0	0	4(6)	0	0	0	0
Davis	40	7	2	0	49	0	0	0	0
Doherty	5(11)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	6(14)	5	0	0	5
Douglas	37	6	1(1)	0	44(1)	9	2	0	11
Dyche	13	0	0	1	14	1	0	0	1
Fotiadis	8(9)	1(1)	0	1	10(10)	2	1	0	3
Fraser	1(2)	0	0	1	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Gray	30(3)	6	2	0	38(3)	8	3	2	13
George	5(4)	0(2)	0	0	5(6)	0	0	0	0
Johnson	38	7	1	0	45	0	1	0	1
Kandol	2(2)	0	0	0(1)	2(3)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	27(4)	7	2	0	36(4)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	12(5)	2(1)	(2)	1	15(8)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	26(1)	4(1)	2	0	32(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	14(8)	1(3)	2	1	18(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	40	7	1(1)	0	48(1)	3	0	0	3
Thomas	21(6)	3	0	0	24(6)	0	0	0	0
Thorpe	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
White	14(15)	0(3)	1	1	16(18)	1	0	0	1
Willmott	8(1)	0	0	0	8(1)	0	0	0	0
Zahana-Oni	3(4)	0	0	0	3(4)	0	0	0	0

**Also played:** Alexander 28(1) league apps, 4 goals; 7 Worthington Cup apps 2 goals. S. Davis 21 league appearances, 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 Auto Windscreens Shield app. Harrison 14 league apps, 1 Autowindscreens Shield app. Marshall 3(1) League apps, 1 goal; 3 Worthington Cup apps. Davies 2 League appearances. Bacque 2(5) league apps; 1(2) Worthington Cup apps; 1 Auto Windscreens Shield. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.

# Lennie Lawrence

## from the manager's chair



**AFTER the run of four games unbeaten, including a narrow but deserved home win over York, we faced two difficult and contrasting away matches at Northampton and Manchester City.**

The game at Northampton, against a very strong and physical outfit, was a poor spectacle, not helped by the high wind and a bumpy pitch. A 0-0 draw would have been an accurate reflection of the ability of both teams as attacking forces, but we conceded a sloppy goal and missed two chances at the end. We felt hard done by when we came home with nothing, having dominated much of the game.

Manchester City on Wednesday was an entirely different kettle of fish. City are a big club playing in a wonderful stadium, which illustrates the unbelievable variation there is in the Second Division this season. I don't think there has ever been such disparity in this league between clubs in terms of size of ground, attendances and financial muscle, or lack of it. We knew that the game would be played at a quicker pace, not by "direct" football, but by players' ability to move the ball around quicker, and so it proved.

To concede two goals in the first eight minutes was a bitter blow. Our defenders thought there was an offside in the build-up to the first, although I doubt it. For the second no-one in the entire ground, including the Manchester City players, expected a corner to be given. Except for the referee, that is, who over-ruled his assistant as the City players were turning away to face the goal kick that should have been given. We then contrived to make the problem worse, with poor defending at the set piece leaving us two down.

To their credit, the players battled back, and perhaps Manchester City took their foot off the pedal to some degree. We put in a commendable performance, especially considering the youthfulness and inexperience of some of our players. But we did not pose a real attacking threat until the last quarter of an hour. A consolation goal would have been deserved, and it might have given City a nervous last ten minutes, but it was not to be. You can only ask players, of whatever age, to put in their lot, and they did, and Wednesday night should be a great learning experience for them.

We are facing difficult times, as you know, and on the field we have not been helped by the number of men unavailable to us. Marvin Johnson was suspended at Northampton, while Liam George and Gary Doherty are still in Nigeria with the Irish youth team. Julian James and Paul Showler are on the long-term injured list. The treatment room has also been busy with Phil Gray, Ray McKinnon, Paul McLaren, Tony Thorpe, Andrew Fotiadis and Jimmy Cox.

I hope Tony Thorpe will return to the team today, after going on as a sub at Maine Road, but we lose Gavin McGowan through suspension, so once more it will be an opportunity for a young player to come in and make a name for himself.

We are also about to lose another valuable asset: Sean Dyche plays his final game for us today, his loan ended by the regulations. I have already said that the best loan signing I have ever made in my management career was Rory Allen.

Sean Dyche runs him very close for his professionalism, consistency, performances and for being totally committed to the club, despite only being here on loan. I can't make the deal permanent yet, but if anything needs to be made permanent, it is his signing. We will have to wait to see what develops, but in the meantime I want to put on public record our appreciation of Sean Dyche's services, on and off the field alike.

Finally, I offer a warm welcome to Lincoln, where I spent some of the early days of my coaching career. We had an exciting game with them at Sincil Bank in the 2-2 draw in November, but now their Second Division life hangs by a thread. A win today would keep their hopes alive. Anything less means they will probably be relegated. So we can expect another battle.

But we too, have our objectives. I want to finish in the top half of the table, and with the ridiculously small number of senior players available, that would be no mean achievement. So today for both teams, it is all about result, more than performance. I hope we give you both.

Lennie Lawrence



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# Marv in charge

captain's log



**WE HAVE suffered a couple of setbacks in terms of results at Northampton and Maine Road, but the dressing room is not downhearted as we prepare for today's match.**

The defeat at Northampton was double frustration for me, because I was suspended and could only watch helplessly from the stand, alongside Phil Gray and Paul McLaren, who were injured.

It was a battle more than a football match, as it was bound to be because Northampton are fighting for their lives, and to lose to a goal that was a real fluke was painful.

Our traditional way of playing is to pass and move, but when we have to, we can battle as well and from my seat it looked as though we were very unlucky to lose that game. And talking of luck, we haven't had a lot recently on the pitch, or in terms of injuries. The count of absentees who would have been in the 14 at Northampton was eight. The other side of that coin is that youngsters get their chance, and the experience of playing there, and at Maine Road on Wednesday, will do no harm to young players like Tresor Kandol.

Maine Road was a very different game - a football game, not a football war. It might sound odd to supporters who cannot have enjoyed the result any more than we did, but it was a match I really enjoyed playing in.

The difference between Sixfields and Maine Road is staggering: Manchester City are a big club in every sense of the word, and as far as I can work out only Mitch and I had played in front of 26,000 supporters. I was well pleased to be back in the team, but not at all happy about our start.

Our game plan was to try to hold City for half an hour or so, and see if the tension got to them. We now know it would: even when they were two up, City and their fans were nervous at times.

I can't explain our slow start, but I am sure it was not a case of being over-awed. We were focused on the job, and obviously well aware that City were on a very good run, and desperate to cement a play-off place at the very least.

So often in football one lucky bounce, or a split-second decision, can be crucial, and we were the victims twice as City scored their goals in the first eight minutes. Was Paul Dickov offside when he got onto the end of Shaun Goater's flick? We thought he was. Unfortunately the linesman and ref thought otherwise.

For the second goal, we have to hold our hands up about defending from a set piece, knowing we should have done better. Equally, the ref should have done better: the ball went out of play off Goater, very close

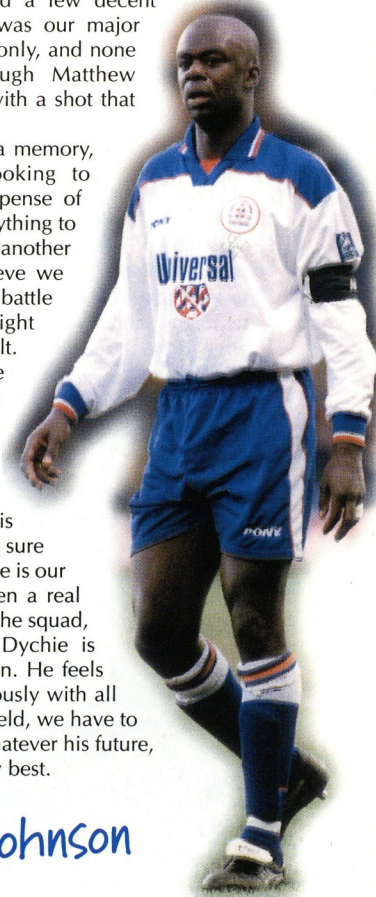
to the linesman. He gave a goal kick. The ref, much further away, over-ruled him, and awarded City the corner. The old saying about the ref always being right even when he is wrong comes to mind! I thought we did well after those two hammer-blows so early in the game.

City are an excellent team, but we did not buckle, and played our part in a good contest. They played the sort of football I believe in. Every player knew his role, and their passing and movement was top quality.

Thankfully, after the early shocks, we showed we could play a bit as well, and we relished the atmosphere. We created a few decent half-chances, but that was our major problem - half-chances only, and none of them taken, although Matthew Spring was very close with a shot that was tipped over the bar.

Maine Road is already a memory, and today we are looking to bounce back at the expense of Lincoln. They have everything to fight for, so it might be another battle job, but we believe we are capable of mixing battle and football in the right proportions to get a result.

I would particularly like a handsome win as a farewell and thank-you to Sean Dyche, whose loan ends after today's match. He has fitted in perfectly - Luton Town is his sort of club, and I am sure you will have seen that he is our sort of player. It has been a real pleasure to have him in the squad, and we all hope that Dyche is back with us next season. He feels the same way, but obviously with all that is going on off the field, we have to await developments. Whatever his future, we wish him all the very best.



Marvin Johnson

# Hatters Chatter

Bring your boater to the party!

PLANS are well advanced for a very special occasion when we play our final home game of the season, and we invite all supporters to make it a party occasion as the club and Luton Town Supporters Club get together to honour our first Wembley heroes.

It will be 40 years in May since the Town went to the FA Cup final for the only time in the club's history, and although we were beaten by Nottingham Forest, the players did us proud. Sadly, Syd Owen, the skipper, died last year, but the other ten members of the team - no subs in those days, which was tough on Forest when Elton John's uncle broke his leg - are expected to be at the Macclesfield game on May 1. At the last count, nine of the ten had been traced. Our goalscorer, Dave Pacey, and fullbacks Ken Hawkes and Brendan McNally still live in Luton, while Bob Morton lives at Ivinghoe. Ron Baynham is coming from Wales, John Groves from Derbyshire, Billy Bingham from Southport,

George Cummins from Newton-le-Willows and Tony Gregory from Cheshire. The hardest man to trace has been Allan Brown, who later became our manager, but as we went to press we had cause to hope we might find him in time to send his invitation to the reunion on May 1. And we liked the Supporters' Club suggestion that as it is our last home game of the season, we should all put on our party clobber - namely straw boaters and club scarves - 1959 Wembley vintage if you have them! For good measure, there is a special offer on main stand prices - two for just £10, available to all, not just members. See page 11.

SEVERAL names are in close competition for honours in the fans' vote for the Town's Player of the Year. Members of Luton Town Supporters Club are taking part in the poll, and the players are also being asked to vote for their choice. All will be revealed a week tomorrow, and if you want to be there we understand a few tickets are still available.

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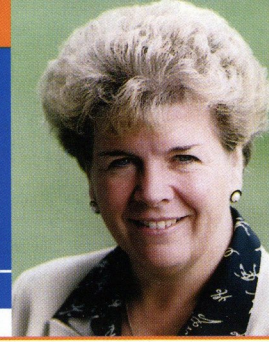
Tickets available from our kiosk on first team matchdays or on the Town-on-Tour travel coaches.

\* Bar extension being applied for.



# Cherry Newbery

club secretary



TODAY'S bucket collection in the ground is organised by Luton North Rotary Club, and the money raised will be used to benefit the Rotary and International Red Cross Kosovo Refugee Children's Appeal, and we hope supporters will be as generous as usual.

I also request spectators to be in their places a few minutes before kick-off this afternoon, because at every match today there will be a minute's silence at 2.59 to mark the tenth anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster, in which 96 football supporters died.

We have only two more home matches after this afternoon's game, the first being the re-arranged fixture with Chesterfield, on Tuesday week, kick-off 7.45. Season ticket holders might be worried that their last match voucher will be used on that night, but please don't worry about it. Use the voucher for the Chesterfield match, and for the game against Macclesfield on the following Saturday use Cup Voucher L to gain admission.

We had an unusual gathering in one of our lounges today, helping a survey of supporters' views on football clubs. It is being carried out by Leicester University, in conjunction with the Football League. They are spending three years on contacting supporters at all League clubs, as a "Fans' Feedback" exercise. At the end of it, the University will be able to present to the League a comprehensive picture of what true supporters feel - their likes and dislikes about football and their clubs, their thoughts of the impact TV has on the game, especially pay per view, and concerns, or otherwise, on the gap that is opening up between the FA Premiership and the Nationwide League.

Leicester University used our membership list as a database and picked out a dozen supporters' names at random. I suspect that we will not be the only club in the survey where the question

of car parking will arise. Like so many clubs in built-up areas, we know we have a problem and cannot satisfy demand for parking. We have been contacted by Sainsbury's, who are concerned that their store at West Side is being used by supporters, to the detriment of Sainsbury's customers. So can I please remind supporters that parking restrictions around the ground, including on private property, are in force.

We have, however, been looking at the problem for a long time, and I am at present actively engaged in talking to a company within easy walking distance of the stadium which might be able to offer a parking facility on match days. I will give you further information as soon as possible, although that might not be until next season. At least you can be assured that we do listen to our customers, and want to do everything possible to make it easy to come to Kenilworth Road for football.

Finally today, all of us send best wishes to Paul Smith, our official club entrant in tomorrow's London marathon. As a result of articles that have appeared in previous editions of the matchday magazine his sponsorship forms have been boosted by supporters, and from within the club. The players have all pledged donations, and many of us will be watching TV coverage hoping to see the Luton Town kit well to the fore.

Cherry Newbery



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**Saturday April 24, kick-off 3pm**

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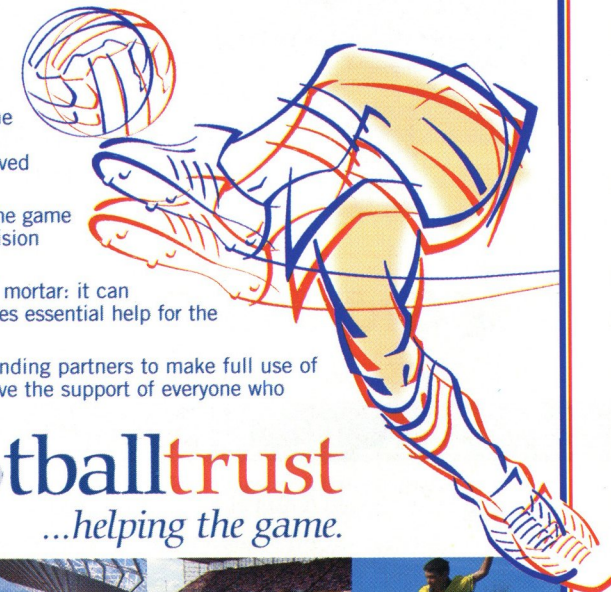
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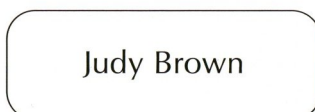
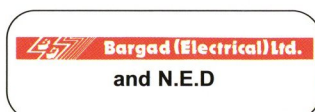
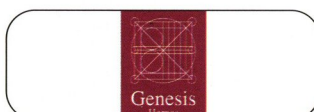
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ALSO visiting the club today, and warmly welcomed, are a party from Flitwick Eagles FC, who are guests of the club thanks to the sponsorship of the Loyal Luton Supporters Club's community scheme. We hope the boys and their helpers all enjoy themselves, and wish them well in their endeavours in the Chiltern Youth League.



**BIG DAY FOR JUNIOR FANS:** Three mascots line up before our game against York after watching the skipper toss up for choice of ends. George Skinner, 7, from Waveney Road, Harpenden, was the Junior Hatters mascot, and the others were commercial mascots Joshua and Stephanie Corkhill, from Dunstable. They had an evening to remember, under a sponsorship package which is proving increasingly popular with children and parents alike. To find out more, please phone Luton 411622 and ask for the commercial department.

## Golden Gamble

LIKE all supporters, Julian Ord, from Barnfield Avenue, Luton, comes to Kenilworth Road with one over-riding aim - to see the Hatters win. And he had a real bonus when he came to see the match against York City, because Stuart Douglas's late winner was the second good result of the night for Mr Ord. His was the lucky number pulled out of the drum in the half time Golden Gamble competition, and he collected £393. The winning ticket cost just £1.

Some-one will win something similar this afternoon. Golden Gamble sellers are on duty all around the ground, and will be pleased to offer you the chance of a fistful of fivers and tenners. The size of the jackpot depends on how many £1 tickets are sold. The prize fund is a straight 50/50 split, half going into club funds and half to the holder of the lucky jackpot ticket. The draw is made at half-time, in front of the main stand.

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# Hatters Away

WE ARE away to Notts County next Saturday, trying to avenge our home defeat at their expense in February. Admission is pay on the day only, £11 for adults and £6 for over 60s and under-16s.

As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running reliable and value-for-money trips.

Town on Tour will be charging £11 for Luton Town Supporters Club members, £9 concessions, or £12.50 for non-members. Their coaches will leave Maple Road at 11.45am, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway at about 12.05.

The Bobbers leave at 11.30 and the fare is £8.50, or £7 for children and senior citizens.

Both organisations have membership rules to qualify for their best prices. Check at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road for availability of seats.

IF YOU want to drive yourself, the journey is easy so long as motorway traffic is flowing freely. Take the M1 north, all the way up to junction 24, where you turn off to the right to follow the A453 which takes you past the Radcliffe power station. Six miles on from the motorway you reach a roundabout. Go straight on, still following the A453. After 1.2 miles you will see a fly-over, but just before you reach it turn off left onto the A52. At the first roundabout turn left, still on the A52 signposted towards Grantham, and follow the signs towards West Bridgford. This will take you underneath the motorway, and on to a T junction and traffic lights. Turn left, on the A60 towards Nottingham, and you will soon see the Trent Bridge Inn, on the corner of the cricket ground. Continue past the TBI, over Trent Bridge, past Nottingham Forest's ground and Meadow Lane is just ahead, on the right. The journey from Luton is about 100 miles each way.

## The Man in the Middle

YOU can expect this afternoon's referee to keep up with play - when he is not taking charge of top football matches, Philip Dowd, a sales executive from Stoke, spends his leisure time running or playing golf.

Married, with a teenage son, he is completing his 15th season as a whistler, having started in parks football in 1984.

He has worked his way up through the pyramid, including service as a linesman, as they were still called until he was promoted to referee for panel competitions in 1993.



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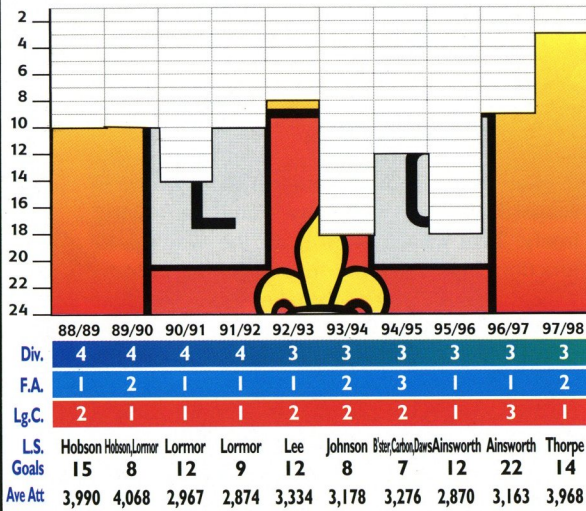
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WHICH member of Luton Town's Littlewoods Cup-winning side of 1988 is currently playing for Grimsby Town?

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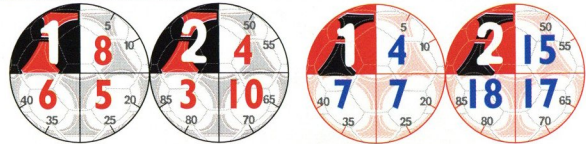
### Lincoln City's last ten years - the full record



### Who's played for The Red Imps this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Terry Fleming	M	37		26	5 9	10 01	Preston	
Tony Battersby	F	33(4)	7	23	6 0	12 09	Bury	
Kevin Austin	D	32(1)	1	26	6 1	14 00	Orient	
Steve Holmes	D	31	6	28	6 2	13 00	Preston	
Lee Thorpe	F	30(3)	3	23	6 0	11 06	Blackpool	
John Finnigan	M	30(1)	1	23	5 8	10 11	Forest	
Stuart Bimson	D	25(1)	2	29	5 11	11 08	Bury	
John Vaughan	G	25		34	5 10	13 01	Preston	
Jason Barnett	D	23	1	22	5 9	10 10	Wolves	
Paul Smith	M	22(6)	2	23	5 11	11 07	Forest	
Grant Brown	D	21	1	29	6 0	11 12	Leicester	
Paul Miller	F	20(6)	2	31	6 0	11 07	Bristol Rovers	
Gavin Gordon	F	15(6)	4	19	6 1	12 00	Hull	
Barry Richardson	G	13		29	6 1	12 01	Preston	
Lee Philpott	M	12(7)		29	5 9	11 08	Blackpool	
Richard Peacock	F	3(7)		26	5 10	11 05	Hull	
David Phillips	D	3		35	5 9	12 03	Huddersfield	Wales
Chris Wilder	D	2(1)		31	5 11	12 07	Sheff Utd	
Bruce Grobbelaar	G	2		41	6 1	12 08	Oldham	Zimbabwe
Peter Gain	M	(4)		22	6 1	11 00	on loan from Spurs	
Neale Fenn	F	(3)		22	5 10	12 08	on loan from Spurs	Eire Yth
Phil Stant	F	(3)		36	6 1	12 07	Bury	
Craig Stones	M	(1)		18	-	-	-	

### When The Red Imps have scored goals... and conceded them



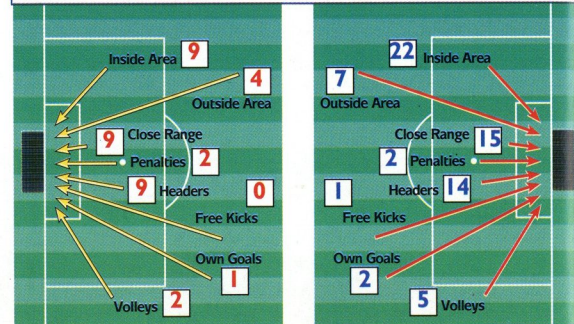
#### LINCOLN'S CARDS

- Fleming...8
- Thorpe...7
- Finnigan...5
- Fortune-West...5
- Perry...5
- Austin...4
- Gordon...4
- Brown...3
- Holmes...2
- Philpott...2
- Richardson...2
- Smith...2
- Whitney...2
- Alcide...1
- Barnett...1
- Battersby...1
- Bimson...1
- Brabin...1
- Miller...1
- Phillips...1
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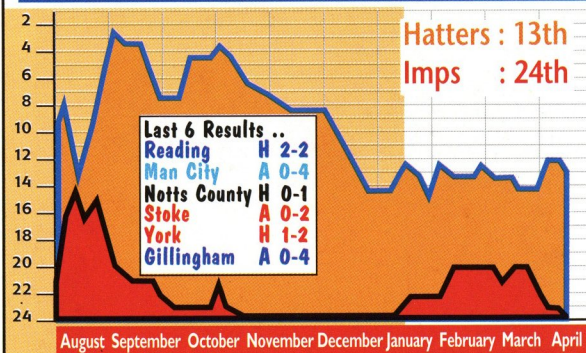
#### HATTERS' HARD MEN

- McLaren...9
- Alexander...5
- McKinnon...5
- Davis S...4
- Johnson...4
- Thomas...4
- Douglas...3
- Gray...3
- White...3
- George...2
- McIndoe...2
- Spring K...2
- Davis K...1
- Doherty...1
- Dyche...1
- Evers...1
- Harrison...1
- Scarlett...1
- Thorpe...1
- Willmott...1
- McGowan...2
- Alexander...1
- Davis K...1
- Gray...1
- Johnson...1
- McLaren...1
- White...1

### How The Red Imps have scored goals... and conceded them



### League Positions throughout the season



## Hatters v Red Imps

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	2	2	2	6	7	8	LWBDWDL
Lincoln City	0	1	5	3	15	1	DLLLLL

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



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



# Lincoln City

welcome to today's visitors

#### JOHN REAMES (Chairman/Manager)

John took control of team matters in early November following the departure of Shane Westley. He has been club chairman since March 1985 and now combines the roles of chairman and manager.

#### PHIL STANT (Assistant Manager)

Appointed Assistant Manager in March 1998 but continues to play although his first team appearances have been restricted to a couple of matches as a second half substitute. He is currently top scorer for the reserves in the Pontins League. A veteran of 11 league clubs after leaving the Army to join Hereford back in 1986. A proven goalscorer for over a decade in the lower divisions



LINCOLN CITY SQUAD 1998/99

# Lincoln City

## pen pics

### **BARRY RICHARDSON** (Goalkeeper)

Began his career as a trainee at Sunderland but failed to break through into first team football and moved on to Scarborough. Later at Northampton Town and Preston North End before signing for the Imps. A big favourite with the fans, he has made over 100 appearances for City.

### **JOHN VAUGHAN** (Goalkeeper)

Veteran keeper who has appeared in the Football League for nine different clubs. Began as an apprentice at West Ham and later at Fulham, Cambridge, Charlton and Preston. Also had loan spells at Bristol Rovers, Wrexham, Bristol City and Colchester. He has competed with Richardson for the number one shirt this season.

### **JASON BARNETT** (Defender)

Got his break into first team football after moving from Wolves to Lincoln making his Football League debut for the Imps in October 1995. He is a long throw specialist who is normally used as a right back but can also play in midfield. Troubled by injuries in the early part of the season but won his place back in mid December.

### **STUART BIMSON** (Defender)

Cultured left back who was at Southport and Macclesfield before Bury signed him in February 1995. He made 36 league appearances for the Shakers before his move to Sincil Bank. Suffered through injuries and being out of favour until making the number three shirt his own since coming into the team in October.

### **KEVIN AUSTIN** (Defender)

Highly rated central defender whose form has attracted the attention of a number of top clubs. Extremely quick and a real rock at the heart of the Lincoln defence. He was voted Player of the Year by the Lincoln supporters in 1997/98. Scored his first goal for the club in the October victory over Manchester City after more than 100 appearances for the Imps.

### **STEVE HOMES** (Defender)

Central defender who is now in his third spell with the Imps. Started as a trainee in the late 1980s but was released without making the first team. He later played for non-league Guisborough Town for four

years before Preston gave him a second chance. He was later loaned to Lincoln and eventually signed on a permanent basis in March 1996.

### **GRANT BROWN** (Defender)

Lincoln's longest serving player who is now in his tenth season at Sincil Bank. A strong central defender who has made over 300 appearances for the Imps. He started as a trainee at Leicester but after a handful of first team matches he was brought on loan to Lincoln by Colin Murphy and later signed on a permanent basis.

### **DEAN WALLING** (Defender)

Vastly experienced central defender who cost a then club record fee of £75,000 from Carlisle. Powerful in the air and still has the goalscoring instincts that enabled him to play as a striker earlier in his career. Won international honours with St. Kitts and Nevis in April 1998 but missed the end of last season through injury. Currently fighting his way back to fitness after a hernia operation.

### **IAN WILKINS** (Defender)

A central defender who is a product of the Sincil Bank youth scheme. He made his league debut as a trainee last season and was rewarded with a full contract in the summer.

### **CHRIS WILDER** (Defender/Midfield)

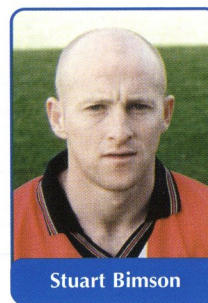
Right back who can also play in midfield or central defence. Signed March 1999 on loan from Sheffield United until the end of the season. Currently in his second spell at Bramall Lane and has also played for Rotherham, Notts County and Bradford City.

### **PAUL SMITH** (Midfield)

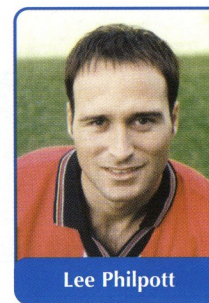
Right-sided winger who did well on loan at Lincoln last season before his transfer was completed in December 1997. Originally with his home town team of Hastings before his move to Forest. He failed to make the breakthrough into the first team at the City Ground but has been a regular with the Imps. Scored three goals in 15 starts last season.

### **TERRY FLEMING** (Midfield)

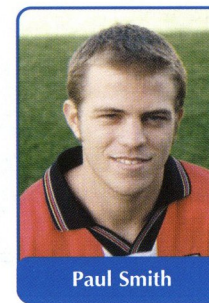
A hard working midfielder player with plenty of pace and stamina. His form this season has earned him the club captaincy with his all-action style being a key feature of the Imps midfield. Began his career at



Stuart Bimson



Lee Philpott



Paul Smith



Coventry and was later at Northampton and Preston before his move to Lincoln.

### **JOHN FINNIGAN** (Midfield)

A skillful central midfielder player who is also an excellent ball winner. He spent six seasons at Nottingham Forest captaining the reserve team in his last two campaigns before arriving at Lincoln on loan in March 1998. Impressed in the run in to promotion at the end of last season and his transfer was made permanent in the summer.

### **PAUL MILLER** (Midfield)

Played at Wimbledon and Bristol Rovers before his move to Lincoln. He started his career as a striker but has mainly been used in a midfield role by Lincoln. He missed much of last season through injury and only forced his way back into the first team squad in December 1998.

### **DAVID PHILLIPS** (Midfield)

Experienced midfielder signed on a free transfer from Huddersfield Town in March 1999. He began his career at Plymouth and was later at Manchester City and Coventry winning an FA Cup winners medal with the Sky Blues in 1987. He moved on to Norwich and Nottingham Forest before his move to Huddersfield. He has 62 caps for Wales the last of which was against Italy in 1996.

### **LEE PHILPOTT** (Midfield)

Left-sided winger signed in the summer after he was out of contract at Blackpool. He missed the early part of the season through injury and after regaining his fitness suffered a hamstring injury. Began as a trainee at Peterborough and was later at Peterborough and Cambridge before his move to Blackpool in March 1996.

### **RICHARD PEACOCK** (Midfield)

Midfielder pursued by Lincoln for two years before his signature was finally secured in January as part of an exchange deal which saw Jason Pery and Jon Whitney move to Boothferry Park. He made his debut for the Imps coming on as a second half substitute in the 1-0 home win over Northampton.

### **PETER GAIN** (Midfield)

Tall left-sided midfielder man signed on extended loan until the end of the season. He has yet to make a first

team appearance for Spurs but made his Nationwide League debut for the Imps as a late substitute in the 1-1 draw with Burnley at Sincil Bank in January.

### **CRAIG STONES** (Midfield)

Teenager who made his debut as a 16 year old back in April 1997. A product of Lincoln's youth policy who was a regular member of the first team squad last season.

### **NICKY REESON** (Midfield)

Teenager in his first season as a pro after coming through the ranks at Lincoln. He has yet to make his debut on the Nationwide League.

### **LEE THORPE** (Striker)

Started as a trainee at Blackpool but made just two first team starts for the Tangerines before he was released in the summer of 1997. Signed for Lincoln after a successful trial and finished as leading scorer last season with 14 goals. He prefers a central striking role but is also very effective on the right side of the attack.

### **GAVIN GORDON** (Striker)

Strong and powerful youngster who was on Manchester City's books as a schoolboy before Hull signed him as a trainee. Given his first team chance by the Tigers as a 16 year old and hasn't looked back.

### **TONY BATTERSBY** (Striker)


















A lively striker who joined the Imps in August after a brief spell on loan. He began at Sheffield United and was later at Notts County before his move to Bury. He has scored regularly since his arrival at Sincil Bank.

### **NEALE FENN** (Striker)


Striker signed on extended loan from Spurs until the end of the season. He came through the ranks at White Hart Lane and has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth and Under 21 levels. He had made eight Premiership appearances for Spurs up to the start of this season and has also been on loan at Leyton Orient, Norwich and Swindon. Made his debut for Lincoln in their Autowindscreens Shield win over Mansfield in January.

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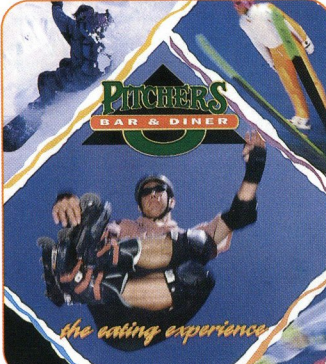


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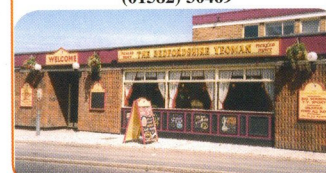
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# Hatters on card

by Alan Robinson

OVER the years confectionery firms have been prolific issuers of cards, especially with products like sweet cigarettes, or candy sticks as they now have to be called.

One of the leading firms to produce football cards was Barratt & Co, and we have already featured an example from one of their many sets that were issued most years from 1950 to 1974.

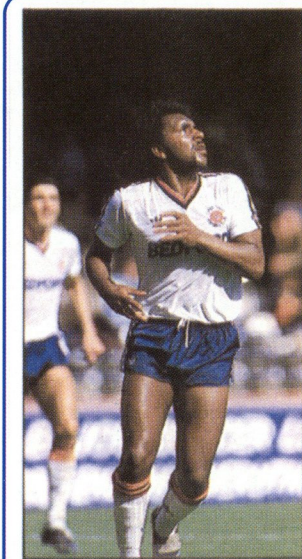
Soon after that, the firm merged with George Bassett & Co of Sheffield, and it was not long before annual football cards were being manufactured again - Bassett's began these issues with Football 1978/79, and produced a similar set each year until 1992, with each packet of their Football Candy Sticks containing a soccer card.

The problem for collectors of these sets is that from 1982 onwards the season was dropped from the title of these sets, with each series simply bearing the legend "Football Candy Sticks." This makes it difficult to distinguish which particular series any card belongs to.

Like most of the card manufacturers, Bassett's mainly concentrated on players from the top division, so Luton supporters had to wait until 1983 before any of their favourites appeared, when David Moss and Ricky Hill were featured.

After that, however, there was at least one Hatter in every series, with some players featuring more than once. Indeed, Mick Harford was chosen four times in consecutive sets! Other Luton players to be pictured included Brian Stein, Brian Horton, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Kingsley Black, Danny Wilson and John Dreyer.

It was on Easter Monday, 1976, when Ricky Hill burst onto the Kenilworth Road scene. Going on



Geo Bassett & Co Ltd  
Football 1986/87

as substitute in the home fixture with Bristol Rovers, he set up one goal with almost his first touch, and then scored a magnificent one himself. He was carefully nurtured by manager Harry Haslam for the next couple of years before becoming a permanent member of the side - and a target for the bigger clubs.

By the time Ricky Hill had made another appearance on these Bassett cards, in the 1986/87 series, the number of cards in each set had been reduced from 50 to 48. Hill was No. 22 of this series, and was considered to be one of the best midfield players around at the time.

Already capped by England, he had become one of the most popular players ever to wear a Luton shirt. As well as being supremely gifted on the field, he was always charming and polite

off it, the perfect ambassador for the club.

In all he made 507 appearances for the Town, which puts him second only to Bob Morton in the all-time appearance lists.

After leaving Kenilworth Road in 1989, Ricky had short spells in France and at Leicester City, before spending some time coaching in the United States. He is now on the coaching staff at Sheffield Wednesday, where the manager is another of our former midfield favourites, Danny Wilson.

Availability and prices for these Bassett football sets tends to vary these days, and while some sets are still to be had for under a tenner, this particular 1986/87 series is now catalogued at £20.



**Landry Zahana-Oni**

**Born:** Ivory Coast, 8.8.76

**Previous clubs:** Le Havre, Stirling Albion, Bromley

**Joined Luton Town:** January, 1999

**Luton debut:** v Wycombe (H) 9.1.99

**Luton Town record (until 11.4.99):** 6 appearances



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Landry Zahana-Oni

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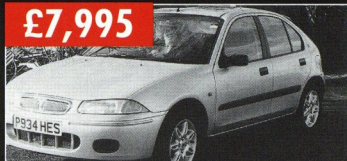
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# It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

### 17th April 1976.

#### Oxford 1 Luton Town 3

Although the Town had hoped to bounce back into the old Division One at the first attempt, following relegation in 1975, a poor away record since Christmas had put paid to their chances. Amazingly, five away games were lost, all by 0-3, in the space of two months.

Easter had never been a time for rich pickings on the points front but buoyed by a 2-2 draw at Chelsea on Good Friday the Town travelled to struggling Oxford hoping for their first away win since February.

The Town started like trains and only the linesman's flag, the woodwork and Oxford goalkeeper Roy Burton kept the home side in it until full-back Steve Buckley netted with a spectacular 25 yard effort.

Oxford levelled just before half-time, against the run of play, but the goal failed to inspire them and further efforts from Lil Fuccillo and Jim Husband in the second period made it a bit of a stroll. Unsurprisingly, Oxford were relegated at the end of the campaign while we finished five points off the promotion places.

### 17th April 1982

#### Luton Town 3 Newcastle 2

After a tough 2-0 home win over fellow promotion hopefuls Norwich the players now fully believed that the championship was there for the taking.

Next visitors Newcastle had other ideas though, and took the lead through David Mills after slack marking let him in, and when John Trewick increased United's lead from the spot on the hour it looked like it was about to be one of those days. The Hatters

were made of strong stuff, however, and although missing the injured Ricky Hill and David Moss they fought back, aided in no small part by the Magpies time wasting tactics.

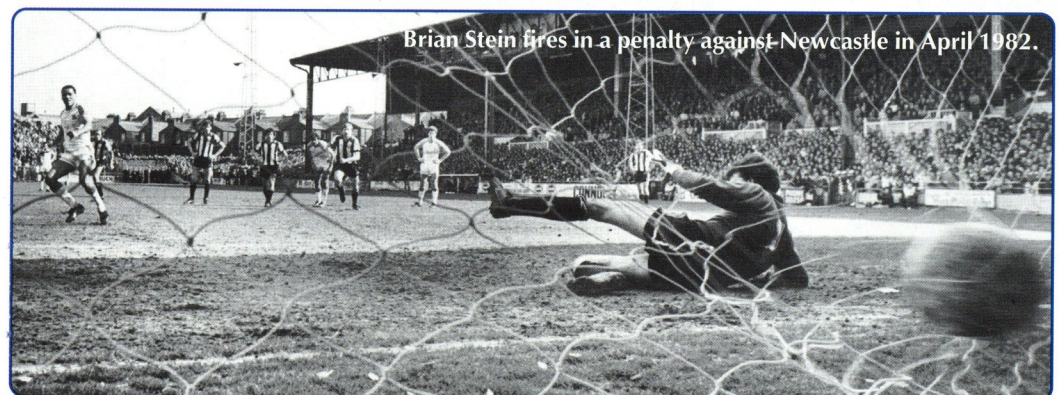
Brian Stein reduced the arrears with a fine solo goal and then Newcastle's Mick Martin contrived to concede two penalties to turn the game on its head. With Moss injured there was no recognised penalty taker in the side and the job was given to Stein who kept his nerve and earned the Town three unlikely points.

### 17th April 1993

#### Sunderland 2 Luton Town 2

The Hatters were struggling at the wrong end of Division One and relegation two seasons running looked a distinct possibility. A mid-week home victory over strongly fancied West Ham gave the players heart, and a little breathing space, and the trip to fellow strugglers Sunderland put more pressure on the home side.

Sunderland decided to use strong arm tactics to attempt to unsettle the Town and when Don Goodman netted with a curling drive after 31 minutes the writing was on the wall. David Preece floated in a wind assisted free kick just after the interval to equalise as the Town attempted to football their way through, but when Goodman put the home side ahead with only four minutes left Sunderland's dubious tactics seemed to have won the day. The Hatters refused to give up and when Paul Telfer's near post header hit the back of the net in injury time justice was seen to be done although the Röker faithful did not see it that way!



Brian Stein fires in a penalty against Newcastle in April 1982.

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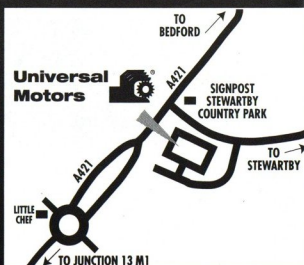
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# Into the Archives

## a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

Today, Lincoln City make their first visit to Kenilworth Road since 1968 although league meetings against the Imps go back to our earliest days at the back end of the last century.

Following our successful attempt to gain entry to Football League Division Two in 1897 we came across founder members Lincoln just before Christmas and were beaten 2-4 in the snow at Sincil Bank. The Town were 0-4 down at half-time but managed to fight back to make a game of it and force the locals to scream for the final whistle.

The return game was played a week later and revenge was duly extracted with a massive 9-3 victory at a foggy Dunstable Road. This time the Town were 6-0 up at the interval and coasted through the second period.

Both games went to the home side in the following campaign but in 1899/1900, the Town's last in the Football League for twenty years, we suffered two defeats.

The match report for the game at Lincoln sums up the problems facing the Town at the time and makes it more easy to understand why we took the decision to depart from what was then a northern based league. For the game at Lincoln in March 1900 'Draper had been called upon by the authorities to take a spell of soldiering and J Brown and Holdstock were unable to leave their work at Luton'. No wonder we lost!

For the return at Luton the local newspaper had called upon the citizens of Luton to turn up in force or risk losing their football team for ever. The call to arms was not answered and another defeat was met with the comment 'The whole display was a pitiable proof of the decline of Luton football'.

Apart from a meeting in the F.A.Cup in 1931 it was to be almost fifty years before the sides clashed again for league points, again in the old Division Two. The Imps had won promotion at the end of 1947/48 but found the higher level difficult to get used to and suffered relegation within twelve months. The two games that season were crackers though, with a 4-4 draw at Sincil Bank followed by a crushing 6-0 victory at

Luton. In the latter game Jim Mulvaney, after some eye catching performances in the reserves, was given his first chance at centre-forward in the first team and bagged two goals while Jack Taylor was on target on his league debut.

Lincoln returned to Division Two a far stronger side three years later and we enjoyed six games against them, leading up to our promotion to Division One, without losing. Kenilworth Road favourite Jesse Pye proved to be a thorn in the side of the Imps netting five times over the period while his pupil Gordon Turner was not far behind with four.

The Town were relegated from the top flight in 1960 and met up briefly in the 1960/61 campaign at the end of which Lincoln fell to Division Three. Both games were played over Christmas that season and on Boxing Day at Kenilworth Road both sides missed a penalty as the Town ran out 3-0 winners with Jim Fleming netting his first two goals in English football. Bert Linnecor saw his spot kick saved by Jim Standen in spectacular fashion while at the other end Bob Graves stopped an unusually soft effort from Turner. At Sincil Bank the following day, the Town seemed to be heading for their first away win of the season when Alec Ashworth tapped the ball into the net after it had rebounded off a post. Lincoln, however, gained a deserved equaliser in the second period when Russell Green, a defender deputising up front, headed powerfully past Standen.

The final meetings between the sides all took place in Division Four after our relegation to the basement in 1965. In the game at Sincil Bank in November 1965 an early goal from Tony Read was followed up by an effort from Ray Whittaker which somehow squeezed in at the near post. In full control at the interval the Town contrived to throw the game away and a brace from Roy Chapman levelled the score and it was only miraculous goalkeeping from Colin Tinsley that prevented the Imps from going on to win. Having said that it was only the crossbar that stopped Whittaker from snatching an undeserved winner in the final minute.



Fred Jardine receives treatment during the 4-2 win over the Imps at Kenilworth Road in 1968.

The Town made a bold bid for promotion back to Division Three at the first attempt that season, riding on the back of a very strong home record and the goals of John O'Rourke. As the campaign was drawing to a close, however, Lincoln managed to keep out the Town, who were minus the injured O'Rourke, in a dull 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road on a dry, bumpy pitch. The dropped point proved crucial as the Hatters missed out by one at the season's end.

The 1-8 defeat at Sincil Bank in 1966/67 has been featured in a recent programme and I am sure that Luton supporters will not wish me to dwell on that game! The return that campaign finished on a much higher note as the Town finally saw off the fear of having to apply for re-election by beating the Imps 2-1 in a nervous game. I seem to remember that the penalty driven home by Whittaker four minutes from time was greeted as if the Town had won the Cup!

Before the current campaign the final pair of matches took place in the Town's promotion season of 1967/68. When the Town lined up at Sincil Bank in November 1967 they fielded an infinitely better side than the one that was humiliated in the previous campaign-and it showed!

A dubious penalty was converted by Whittaker

early on and although the Imps levelled through Alan Pilgrim, Keith Allen restored the Town's lead on the stroke of half-time. In the second half a shot from Graham French seemed to be creeping wide but somehow found its way inside the post. Lincoln pulled a goal back through Norman Corner with twelve minutes left but the Hatters comfortably held on to their lead for their third away win in a row.

On the Saturday before the return game, in February 1968, the Town had gone to the top of the table for the first time. Anxious to retain their pole position the Hatters set about Lincoln with a first half display of football that would have graced Division Two.

Goals from Whittaker and Bruce Rioch, in the first ten minutes, were followed by a series of narrow misses before Jim Grummett surprisingly narrowed the deficit. The Town stormed back and a penalty from Whittaker and a strike from Allen gave them a commanding interval lead.

Unfortunately the second half was not a patch on the first as the Town turned their minds towards the next match, to be played two days later against Darlington. Lewis Thom netted for the Imps with two minutes left to give the final scoreline a slightly unrealistic look but the Town were always in control.



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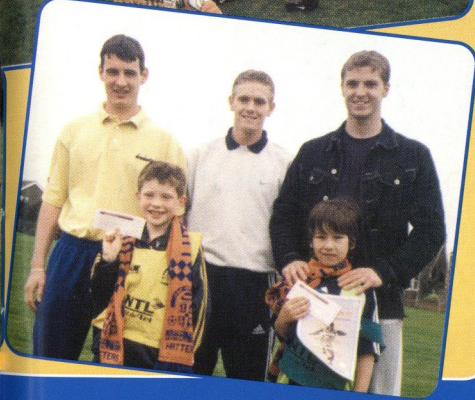
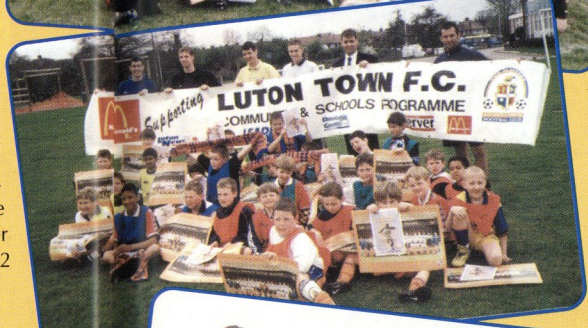
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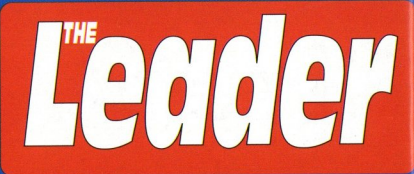
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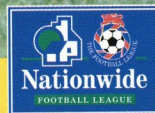
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# Action Replay

## Oldham 1 Luton Town 1

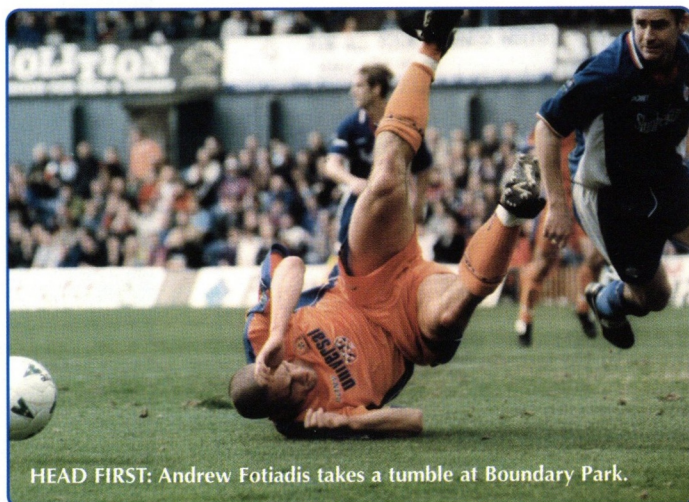
**AN EAGLE-eyed referee, banished from the Premiership, spotted half a dozen yellow card offences and could hardly miss the reckless tackle that led to Gavin McGowan being sent off in the last minute. But he unaccountably failed to see the foul that might have given us a winning 2-0 lead at Boundary Park.**

The home contingent in the Press box were smarting at seeing the Town take an early lead, and aghast when they saw a clear foul to concede a penalty. But the groans turned to chuckles when Paul Danson saw nothing wrong as Tony Thorpe's nimble feet tricked Andrew Holt into a clumsy trip.

Another goal for us then would have condemned Oldham to their 11th home defeat of the season, and at that stage, with 50 minutes gone, they could not have complained about being shoved nearer to relegation danger.

Instead they revived, and after the Town had been the better side gritty defiance by Oldham swung the game marginally their way. But the Town's point was well-earned, and on another day could easily have been three.

Phil Gray shot us into a fifth minute lead and even after Paul McLaren had to be subbed through injury five minutes later, the Town looked very comfortable. Thorpe and Gray combined to send Stuart Douglas in for a 46th-minute chance which Gary Kelly managed to block, but the penalty escape seemed to do wonders for Oldham's mental approach. Fighting for survival, they hit back with real spirit, and missed a couple of chances before our defence gave away a messy goal to Shaun Garnett on 61 minutes. We regrouped after that, defended well enough, and twice went close to snatching the winner, with a header by Mitchell Thomas and a chip by Gray both clipping the top of the bar.



**HEAD FIRST:** Andrew Fotiadis takes a tumble at Boundary Park.

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Willmott, Thomas, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Gray, McLaren (McIndoe 10 mins), Douglas, (White 76 mins), Thorpe (Fotiadis 72 mins), McGowan..

**Booked:** Thorpe 18 mins, playing on after an offside whistle; Spring, 23 mins, foul on Sheridan; McGowan, 70 mins, foul on Reid.

**Sent off:** McGowan, for the second time this season, 90 mins, retaliation after a bad challenge by Duxbury which amazingly went unpunished.

**Oldham:** Kelly, Mardon, Holt, Garnett, Rickers, Duxbury, Gray (Innes 89), Sheridan, Tipton (Whitehall 61), Allot, Reid. Unused sub Hotte.

**Booked:** Mardon 20 mins, foul on McIndoe; Garnett 47 mins, foul on Spring; Allott 64 mins, foul on Dyche.

**The goals:** 0-1 5 mins: Phil Gray close range shot after Matthew Spring crossed to the far post from the right wing and overlapping Mitchell Thomas headed the ball back across the face of goal; 1-1 61 mins: Shaun Garnett header, first to the ball from a long throw by Andrew Holt.

**Referee:** Paul Danson, Leicester.

**Attendance:** 4,948 including 497 from Luton.

# Action Replay

## Luton Town 2 York City 1

**STUART Douglas bravely dived in to head a last-minute winner to extend our run to four games without defeat against a side which belied its lowly league position. It was fair reward for the tireless effort and no luck which marked Douglas's game on a night when we scored twice in a match for the first time in 12 attempts.** With Paul McLaren suspended and injured, and Tony Thorpe sidelined by a hamstring strain, the Town brought in Michael McIndoe and Andrew Fotiadis, while York made changes by choice to try to drag themselves away from the threat of relegation.

Manager Alan Little had been sacked, and with only one win to their names since early January caretaker boss Neil Thompson dropped five players following a damaging home defeat against Chesterfield.

Veteran keeper Bobby Mimms was one of the men brought in, and hardly deserved to be a loser

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Willmott, Thomas, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Gray, McIndoe, Douglas, Fotiadis (Kandol 68 mins), McGowan. Unused subs White, Scarlett.

**Booked:** No-one

**York City:** Mimms, Hocking, Thompson, Jordan, Jones, Fairclough, Pouton, Garratt, Williams, Rowe (Tolson 84 mins), Dawson. Unused subs Hall, Tinkler.

**Booked:** Alan Pouton, 35 mins, foul on Matthew Spring.

**The goals:** 0-1 29 mins: Neil Thompson, tremendous 30-yard free kick into the top corner, with the Town doubting there was any offence when Marvin Johnson tackled Rodney Rowe; 1-1 50 mins: Matthew Spring, perfectly-placed chip with Bobby Mimms off his line after Phil Gray put the York defence under pressure; 2-1 90 mins: Stuart Douglas, following up bravely and diving headlong to be first to the ball in a goalmouth scramble, with Gray again providing pressure.

**Referee:** Chris Foy, St. Helens

**Attendance:** 4,667.

as he was York's man of the match. Thompson had recalled himself, and laid claim to the best away goal of the season with a stunning 30-yard free kick into the top corner to give York a first-half lead.

But for once the Town proved capable of coming from behind to win, and stepped up the pace in the second half. With three at the back, and three at the front - although Phil Gray played just behind Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis - Matthew Spring took on the responsibility of taking charge in midfield, and had a storming game.

We were let off the hook when Marc Williams sliced through the defence on a 50-yard run, but then shot wide, and Spring punished York for that waywardness with a delightful chip to catch Mimms off his line.

In a match played at good tempo, both sides had chances after that, with Douglas shooting wide of an open goal after charging down an attempted clearance by Mimms.

It could have been an excuse to hide, but he shrugged it off to go in where it might hurt to head the clincher in the closing seconds.



**ATTACK REPULSED:** Sean Dyche rises to the occasion to keep York at bay.

# Action Replay

## Northampton 1 Luton Town 0

**A FLUKE at one end a bad miss at the other dashed our hopes at Sixfields as battling Northampton, fighting for their Second Division lives, grabbed a victory they scarcely deserved on the run of play.**

Gusting wind, a bumpy pitch, and tension that crackled through the home side and their supporters made it a day when they cared little for the performance, much more for the result. Much of the football was short on flair but long on "up and at them" determination, with the Town's best efforts delayed until the latter stages, when they were unlucky not to force an equaliser.

A total of eight players who would have been in the 14 were unavailable through injuries, suspension to Marvin Johnson, and Irish duties with the youth world cup in Nigeria.

Tresor Kandol, with 22 goals in youth and reserve team football, was given the first League start of his career, but got little change out of the experienced Ian Sampson.

Landry Zahana-Oni replaced TK for the last 27 minutes, and he was nearly a trump card. He added a new element, prepared to run at defenders with the ball on the left wing, and at pace too. "He was an unknown quantity - we weren't prepared for him," said Cobblers boss Ian Atkins.

Of the two managers, Atkins, under fire from supporters as Northampton got dragged into the bottom four, had more cause for celebration than Lawrence.

The first half produced little to enthuse either set of supporters except for the goal that turned out to be the winner. Perhaps it was typical of the game: Carlo Corazzin, wide on Northampton's right wing, and mid-way in the Town's half, aimed a cross towards the far post. James Hunt tried to reach it, but the ball was hit with too little height, and not a lot of power, but in the event Hunt unwittingly sold a dummy to Kelvin Davis, and the ball bounced across the goalkeeper, hit the inside of the far post, and rolled into the net.

"The first half was sparring, a bit of a non-event," said Lennie Lawrence. "And we conceded the worst goal I can remember for a long, long time. It was nothing more than a speculative cross, a nothing ball and for it to finish up in our net is bitterly disappointing, and to lose to it is difficult to accept."

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Willmott, Thomas, Spring, Dyche, White, Kandol (Zahana-Oni 73 mins), Fotiadis, Douglas, McIndoe, McGowan. Unused subs Fraser, Boyce.

**Booked:** No-one

**Northampton:** Turley, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Howey, Hope, Peer, Wilson (Savage 64 mins), Corazzin, Howard (Lee 85 mins), Hunt. Unused sub Spedding.

**Booked:** No-one

**The goal:** Carlo Corazzin, 33 mins - diagonal cross from the right crept into the net off the inside of the far post.

**Referee:** Trevor Jones, Cumbria

**Attendance:** 6,856, including 1,200 away supporters.

The Town's second half performance was much better, and long before the end Northampton were holding on for dear life. They got away with it because Zahana-Oni missed the day's best chance. Andrew Fotiadis released him for a one-on-one with the goalkeeper. But instead of burying the chance, Zahana-Oni chose to put his shot to the goalkeeper's right, with keeper Billy Turley already committed to going that way. And the Cobblers escaped again when Stuart Douglas headed for goal, and beat the goalkeeper, only to see the ball hit Lee Howey and rebound to safety.

Said Lawrence: "Northampton battled away, got a lot of people behind the ball, and got in plenty of blocks. They hardly had a shot at goal in the entire game. We had plenty of possession, but couldn't translate it into goals, or even real chances. In some ways, effort and commitment, we deserved to get something. But games are won and lost in the penalty areas, and that was where we did not have enough quality.

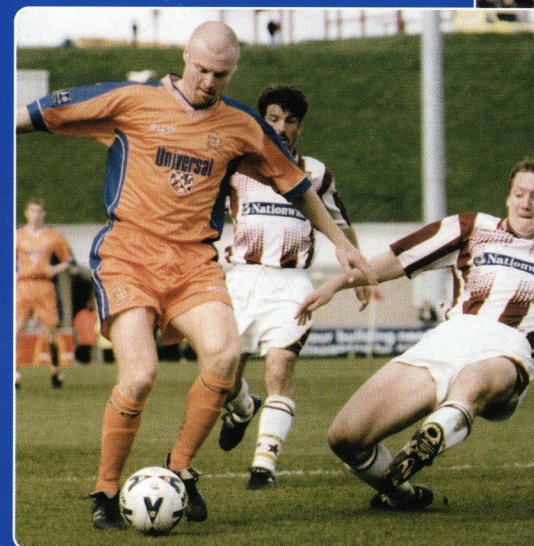
"We were worth a point, but were deprived of it. It is the nature of the missed chances, and of their goal, that really rankles, rather than our performance."

**ONE THAT GOT AWAY:** Landry Zahana-Oni breaks clear and seems set for a last-minute equaliser... but Billy Turley made the save and the Town were left pointless.



**DEBUT DAY:** Tresor Kandol, still a youth team player, gets close to glory after making his first Football League start, at Sixfields.

**TIPPED AWAY:** Billy Turley flips a cross over his bar to end another Town attack.



**ON THE BALL:** Sean Dyche takes calm evasive action.

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# Junior Hatters

welcome

**SUDDEN illness of one of the officials at Lincoln has scuppered plans for the Young Imps to send a coachload of boys and girls to Kenilworth Road today, so the mini-football tournament against them has not taken place.**

Luckily, we have enough Junior Hatters to ensure that football and other games are always part of our Saturday Club entertainment.

We also like our trips to away games, but as we went to press details for Notts County next Saturday had not been finalised. We hope to be running a coach to meet our young counterparts at Meadow Lane, and for details please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

We are, however, pretty sure that there will be a real end-of-season party at Millwall on May 8, for the last game of the season. We always get a great welcome there, and details of our visit to the New Den will be in the matchday magazine in a fortnight's time.



At Northampton the Junior Hatters mascot was Timothy Owen, who comes from Northampton but is a mad keen Luton supporter. His dad, Geoff, has brought him up to be a Hatters' fan, and young Tim rarely misses a Luton match. He is a regular at our Saturday club, and if you haven't tried that yet, you've got one more chance, in a fortnight's time. We meet at noon at Dallow Road school for football and other games, and then enjoy a sausage and chips lunch before more games. We think it is very good value at just £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more details, please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road, or phone 416976.

For a picture of the mascots line-up for the match against York please see page 13.

## Today's Mascot



WE HEAR that Alex Roberts, today's Junior Hatters mascot, is a real bright spark, following in the footsteps of his dad and brother as a fan of Luton Town.

Aged eight, Alex lives in Turnpike Drive, Luton, and he usually sits in the main stand with his father,

brother and friends, and occasionally gets to away games as well.

Alex attends Bramingham Primary School, and plays football for Sundon Park Reds, an under-9 team. As well as playing soccer he enjoys PlayStation and going to the cubs.

His favourite player is Stuart Douglas, and he should get to know him today, because the mascot's duties include meeting all the players before kick-off, and going to the centre circle for the toss-up.



**FRIENDSHIP DAY:** More and more clubs are inviting young fans from the visiting team to get involved in the day's entertainment, and at Oldham Rhiannon Morgan represented the Junior Hatters as mascot for the day. She is pictured with the home team's mascot and the skippers and officials at the toss-up. Aged 13, Rhiannon is from Houghton Regis, and goes to Brewers Hill Middle School.

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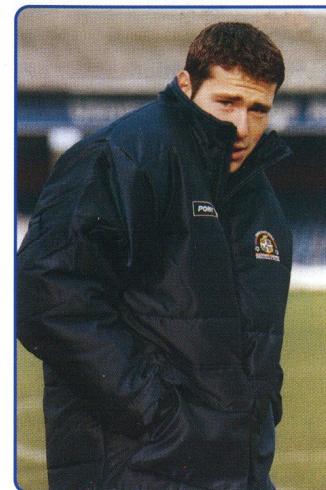
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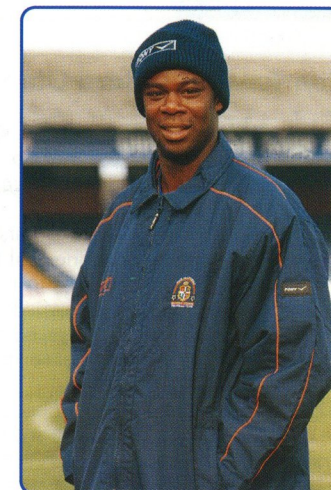
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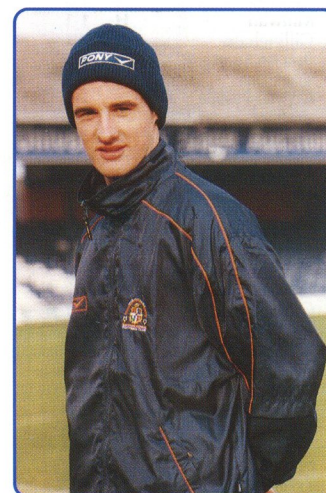
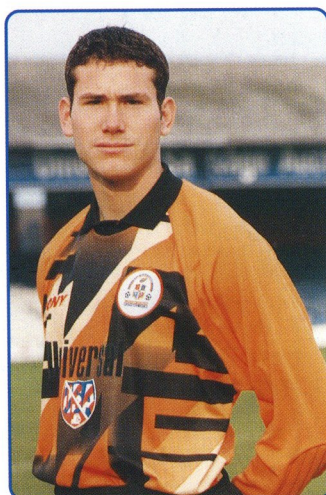
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# John Moore & Trevor Hartley reserves



## Luton Town 4 Oxford Utd 0

IN A MATCH between two youngish sides in the Avon Insurance Combination, we had to withstand early pressure before three second-half goals wrapped up our biggest win of the season.

Having seen off Oxford's early burst, we gradually gained control, but had only one goal to show for it by the interval, Andre Scarlett netting from the rebound after Tresor Kandol had a shot parried.

In the half-time team talk we asked for an improved display, and got it, and we looked much more like a team than a bunch of individuals.

Kandol was subbed at the interval because he was going to be needed for first-team duties, and that gave Clifford Akurang, another member of the youth team, half a match to try to impress Lennie Lawrence. He made a good start with his first goal in the Combination, collecting a through-ball and making it 2-0 with a well-taken drive. Akurang also contributed to the third. The ball ran free after he challenged for it, and Jimmy Cox pounced for a left foot drive into the net.

Oxford felt a little aggrieved about our fourth: their defence pushed upfield while one of our front men was still running back towards them. He was in an offside position, but not interfering with play and as the Oxford defence rushed forward, the ball was played into the space behind them and Landry Zahana-Oni was left on his own to shoot home.

It was certainly pleasing to see chances accepted after too many games where they had been created and missed.

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Lawes, Taylor, Clarke (Jerry 70 mins), Ayres, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol (Akurang HT), Maynard, Zahana-Oni. Unused sub: Stirling.

WE WERE away to Northampton on Thursday evening, and next Wednesday we have the privilege of opening the new ground at Arlese, when we meet Stotfold in the final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup, with a 7.30pm kick-off.

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

Abbey 21, Agueh 2, Akurang 7 (1), Alexander 1, Ayres 8 (1), Bacque 14 (3), Boyce 24 (1), Clarke 19, Cox 16 (2), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 14 (9), Fraser 14 (2), George 2 (1), Hudson 6, Jerry 8, Kandol 14 (5), Lawes 19, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, Maynard 1, McIndoe 15 (4), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 24 (3), Showler 7, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 6, Thomas 3 (1), Turner 2, White 9 (5), Willmott 20 (1), Zahana-Oni 10 (3)

## Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	23	15	3	5	41	21	48
Watford	23	13	8	2	46	19	47
Tottenham	24	15	2	7	42	21	47
Peterborough	25	13	6	6	46	28	45
Southampton	25	14	3	8	48	34	45
Ipswich	22	13	3	6	42	26	42
Chelsea	23	13	3	7	29	20	42
Colchester	27	13	3	11	46	43	42
Fulham	24	12	5	7	54	35	41
Arsenal	24	10	6	8	39	28	38
Norwich	26	11	5	10	36	30	38
Northampton	24	11	4	9	33	30	37
West Ham	23	10	8	5	46	31	35
Bournemouth	26	10	5	11	43	37	35
Portsmouth	25	10	5	10	32	32	35
QPR	26	10	4	12	39	33	34
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>
Wimbledon	25	7	11	7	27	29	32
Oxford Utd	23	10	1	12	30	41	31
C. Palace	23	8	6	9	40	41	30
Brighton	24	7	9	8	21	30	30
Barnet	24	8	5	11	30	50	29
Swindon	24	7	3	14	24	46	24
Cambridge	23	5	6	12	32	56	21
Millwall	22	5	5	12	24	41	20
Brentford	21	4	7	10	23	36	19
Reading	22	5	3	14	23	38	18
Wycombe	23	4	6	13	21	49	18
Gillingham	23	2	5	16	14	45	11

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

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

# Paul Lowe youth

## Luton Town 2 Oxford Utd 1

BY THE time you read this, we will know if we have retained the South East Counties League championships. Our 19th win of the season left us in second place behind Orient, who have completed their campaign.

We were due at Gillingham this morning, knowing that victory would make us champions again: we kicked off a point behind Orient, but with a worse goal difference, so a draw would not have been enough.

The tension got to our players as we completed the double over Oxford, and the visitors thought they deserved something out of the game.

We failed to convert a couple of early half-chances, and conceded a 32nd-minute goal following a corner. The good thing was that our lads showed the right character after that disappointment, and within five minutes a corner by Matthew Taylor saw Clifford Akurang get in a good challenge, and the ball broke for Jude Stirling to hit a clean and powerful shot into the net.

Schoolboy Dean Mortara, a right back, had been looking slightly uncomfortable in midfield, and for the second half was replaced by Rene Barriteau, and ten minutes into the second half Barriteau got down the right and cut the ball in towards the near post for Anthony Hudson, son of Alan, to net a priceless first goal of the season.

We then fell back on defence, and it was a backs to the wall job as the tension increased, and Daniel Tate made one excellent save to secure the points.

**Luton Town:** Tate, Moran, Ayres, Stirling, Taylor, Mortara (Barriteau HT), Hudson, Minton, Jerry, Akurang, Clarke (McKoy 60 mins). Unused sub Dogbe.

## Brighton 1 Luton Town 2

WE REACHED the semi-finals of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup despite being affected by injuries to two key men during the game. Skipper and centre-half James Ayres turned an ankle in the first five minutes, but managed to carry on and play well after heavy strapping was applied. Early in the second half striker Clifford Akurang had to go off with an ankle injury, but by then we were two up and our only worrying spell came very late in the game, with Brighton scoring four minutes from time.

Matthew Taylor made the first goal with a cross that drifted away from the keeper for Tresor Kandol to head us into a 21st-minute lead, and 15 minutes later a foul on Kandol just outside the box enabled Taylor and Moses Jerry to try a free kick routine we rehearse in training, and Taylor curled in our second goal.

We had schoolboys on the bench, and the injury to Akurang enabled Brighton to put a bit of pressure on us, but everyone responded well.

**Luton Town:** Tate, Moran, Ayres, Stirling, Taylor, Harrington (Dogbe 75 mins), Hudson, Minton, Jerry, Kandol, Akurang (Clarke 50 mins).

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

Akurang 28 (11), Ayres 30 (1), Barriteau 4, Carroll 8, Clarke 6 (3), Crane 3 (2), Dogbe 5, Dollin 6, Harrington 12 (2), Hammond 2, Hook 1, Howe 26 (1), Hudson 17 (1), Jerry 30 (1), Kandol 29 (18), King 1, Mansell 8 (1), McKoy 21 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 31, Moran 25, Mortara 4, Orchard 1, Osborne 1, Plant 1, Rattray 3, Roffey 1, Stirling 30 (2), Tate 28, Taylor 31 (4), 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
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>60</b>
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
<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>AFC Bournemouth</b>	<b>H 4-2</b>	
Sat 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 0-0	
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	<b>H 3-1</b>	
Sat 05	September	Oxford United	A 3-0
<b>Sat 07</b>	<b>Swindon (SJFCP)</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>	
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>H 2-2</b>	
Sat 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-0	
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>H 2-2</b>	
Sat 03	October	Leyton Orient	A 3-0
<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>H 3-0</b>	
Sat 17	Cambridge United	A 4-0	
<b>Tue 21</b>	<b>Colchester (FAYC)</b>	<b>H 0-1</b>	
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>Colchester United</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>	
<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>Southend United</b>	<b>H 3-1</b>	
Sat 07	November	Swindon	A 1-0
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Northampton (SJFC1)</b>	<b>H 3-1</b>	
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>	
Sat 21	AFC Bournemouth	A 2-1	
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Albion</b>	<b>H 2-0</b>	
Sat 05	December	Barnet	A 0-2
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Brentford</b>	<b>H 2-1</b>	
<b>Sat 23</b> January	<b>Wycombe Wanderers</b>	<b>H 0-0</b>	
<b>Sat 06</b> February	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>H 1-3</b>	
Sat 13	Portsmouth	A 1-1	
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Cambridge United</b>	<b>H 2-1</b>	
Sat 27	Colchester United	A 0-2	
Sat 06	March	Southend United	A 1-0
<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>H 3-0</b>	
Sat 20	Bristol Rovers	A 0-0	
Sat 27	Reading	A 1-0	
Tues 30	Brighton (SJFC2)	A 2-1	
<b>Sat 10</b> April	<b>Oxford United</b>	<b>H 2-1</b>	
<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>Wolves (SJFC 3)</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sat 17	Gillingham	A	

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

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4	11	10	12	13	11	<b>Bournemouth</b>	5	6	5	5	7	11
4	1	5	7	12	8	<b>Blackpool</b>	6	9	4	9	8	11
6	9	8	10	9	12	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	13	3	11	7	7	9
6	7	6	9	6	13	<b>Burnley</b>	8	8	12	16	13	13
3	7	10	7	10	7	<b>Chesterfield</b>	3	4	4	9	9	11
7	10	2	6	5	13	<b>Colchester United</b>	8	8	7	9	10	16
4	13	12	15	13	12	<b>Fulham</b>	2	3	3	6	9	3
10	6	5	8	17	19	<b>Gillingham</b>	3	6	7	5	8	10
8	5	6	4	10	3	<b>Lincoln City</b>	4	7	7	15	17	18
8	4	7	9	6	12	<b>Luton Town</b>	6	7	8	7	14	12
5	6	5	4	8	7	<b>Macclesfield Town</b>	7	6	4	10	13	11
2	9	9	15	12	11	<b>Manchester City</b>	3	3	8	6	5	4
6	4	3	12	8	14	<b>Millwall</b>	7	5	5	5	10	15
3	5	8	5	6	7	<b>Northampton Town</b>	5	6	4	9	16	9
8	5	3	11	10	10	<b>Notts County</b>	6	9	8	9	9	13
5	5	3	12	7	9	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	9	11	9	8	11	10
13	7	11	8	19	15	<b>Preston North End</b>	6	10	0	9	10	7
8	6	4	8	9	16	<b>Reading</b>	5	2	15	10	9	15
3	4	11	8	10	14	<b>Stoke City</b>	7	4	7	10	7	14
6	6	13	10	12	8	<b>Walsall</b>	7	2	3	7	12	10
8	7	7	9	13	15	<b>Wigan Athletic</b>	3	4	4	11	7	11
10	3	4	6	8	8	<b>Wrexham</b>	9	9	6	10	7	14
3	6	8	7	8	11	<b>Wycombe Wanderers</b>	7	9	5	4	14	12
8	7	3	8	12	13	<b>York City</b>	9	12	17	14	11	9

## Club's Top League Scorers

Burnley	Payton	19
Bristol Rovers	Cureton	18
Gillingham	Asaba	18
Preston North End	Nogan	17
Walsall	Rammell	17
AFC Bournemouth	Stein	15
Fulham	Horsfield	15
Manchester City	Goater	15
Millwall	Harris	15
Northampton Town	Corazzin	15
Wigan Athletic	Barlow	15
Colchester United	Gregory D	11
Reading	Williams	11
Chesterfield	Reeves	10
Luton Town	Douglas	9
Stoke City	Thorne	9
Wrexham	Connolly	9
Blackpool	Clarkson/Aldridge	7
Lincoln City	Battersby	7
Notts County	Richardson	7
Oldham Athletic	Allott	7
Wycombe Wanderers	Scott	6
York City	Thompson/Rowe	6
Macclesfield Town	Wood	4

## 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

### Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug  
1,868 Macclesfield v Gillingham 9-Mar

### Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug  
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug

Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct  
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan

Burnley 4-3 Macclesfield 28-Mar

### Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct

Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov

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

Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb

### Biggest Away Win

Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan

Burnley 0-6 Man City 9-Mar

### Consecutive Wins

Fulham 8

### Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 17

### Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln, Macclesfield 6

### Games without a Win

Wycombe 12

## Current Sequences

### Consecutive Wins

Fulham 8

### Games Unbeaten

Fulham 15

### Consecutive Defeats

Bournemouth, Chesterfield 2

### Games without a Win

Lincoln, Reading 6

# Div 2 Stat Attack

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## Form Table based on last 6 games

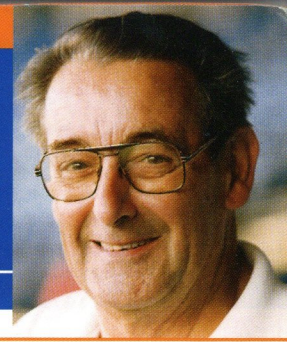
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<b>Fulham</b>	6	0	0	14	2	18	65%	WWWWWW
<b>Man City</b>	5	1	0	12	3	16	52%	WDWWW
<b>Walsall</b>	4	1	1	9	5	13	52%	WLWWD
<b>Burnley</b>	3	3	0	11	6	12	33%	WDWD
<b>Wycombe</b>	4	0	2	11	5	12	45%	WLWWL
<b>Gillingham</b>	4	0	2	10	6	12	56%	LWWWL
<b>Notts County</b>	3	3	0	8	4	12	41%	DWDWD
<b>Macclesfield</b>	3	0	3	11	10	9	46%	WWLLL
<b>Millwall</b>	3	0	3	8	7	9	41%	LWWWL
<b>Bournemouth</b>	3	0	3	6	6	9	51%	LLWLW
<b>Luton</b>	2	2	2	6	7	8	46%	LWDWL
<b>Northampton</b>	2	2	2	6	9	8	49%	DWDLL
<b>Stoke</b>	2	1	3	9	11	7	51%	LDWWL
<b>York</b>	2	1	3	9	11	7	45%	DWLLW
<b>Chesterfield</b>	2	1	3	7	9	7	39%	LLDWL
<b>Wigan</b>	2	1	3	7	8	7	66%	DLWLW
<b>Blackpool</b>	2	0	4	4	10	6	66%	LWLLW
<b>Colchester</b>	2	0	4	4	8	6	63%	WLWLL
<b>Preston</b>	1	2	3	8	8	5	48%	DLWL
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	1	2	3	7	7	5	38%	LWDLD
<b>Oldham</b>	1	2	3	4	9	5	40%	WDL
<b>Wrexham</b>	1	2	3	3	8	5	43%	DLLWL
<b>Reading</b>	0	2	4	5	11	2	58%	DL
<b>Lincoln</b>	0	1	5	3	15	1	59%	DL

## Average no. of goals scored home & away

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
<b>Bournemouth</b>	1.49	1.76	1.20	0.95	0.52	1.40
<b>Blackpool</b>	0.90	1.00	0.80	1.15	1.00	1.30
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	1.32	1.43	1.20	1.22	1.24	1.20
<b>Burnley</b>	1.15	1.05	1.25	1.71	1.57	1.85
<b>Chesterfield</b>	1.10	1.65	0.55	1.00	0.80	1.20
<b>Colchester United</b>	1.08	1.00	1.15	1.45	1.25	1.65
<b>Fulham</b>	1.73	2.10	1.35	0.65	0.50	0.80
<b>Gillingham</b>	1.59	1.95	1.20	0.95	0.71	1.20
<b>Lincoln City</b>	0.90	1.30	0.50	1.70	1.25	2.15
<b>Luton Town</b>	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.35	1.15	1.55
<b>Macclesfield Town</b>	0.88	0.95	0.80	1.28	1.10	1.45
<b>Manchester City</b>	1.41	1.55	1.29	0.71	0.60	0.81
<b>Millwall</b>	1.18	1.45	0.90	1.18	1.05	1.30
<b>Northampton Town</b>	0.83	0.90	0.76	1.20	1.15	1.24
<b>Notts County</b>	1.18	1.37	1.00	1.35	1.21	1.48
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.41	1.35	1.48
<b>Preston North End</b>	1.78	2.15	1.43	1.02	1.00	1.05
<b>Reading</b>	1.21	1.29	1.14	1.33	1.19	1.48
<b>Stoke City</b>	1.28	1.35	1.21	1.26	1.30	1.21
<b>Walsall</b>	1.38	1.50	1.25	1.03	1.00	1.05
<b>Wigan Athletic</b>	1.51	1.79	1.25	1.03	0.74	1.30
<b>Wrexham</b>	0.98	0.90	1.05	1.38	1.15	1.60
<b>Wycombe Wanderers</b>	1.08	1.29	0.84	1.28	1.10	1.47
<b>York City</b>	1.24	1.25	1.24	1.76	1.50	2.00

# Brian Swain

## second division scene



**BOTH today's teams at Kenilworth Road dropped a notch in the Second Division table this week. Lincoln have a real survival battle on their hands, bottom and five points adrift of the safety mark, with only half a dozen matches to play.**

The combination of our defeat at Maine Road and Notts County's result on Tuesday - a 1-1 home draw with Wrexham - led to County edging above us, level on points, but ahead on goals scored.

The wealthiest club the Second Division has ever seen duly wrapped up promotion on Tuesday evening. Fulham clinched it, with six games to spare, by beating Gillingham at Craven Cottage. That made it 11 wins and one draw since Kevin Keegan took on the "part-time" duties as England manager.

The champions-elect look set to top 100 points for the season, and could well finish with only one home defeat, against the Town.

Walsall and Preston, who have been swapping second and third places in recent weeks, have both faltered under pressure, and Manchester City's victory over us on Wednesday will do little for the nerves at Deepdale and Bescot although Walsall nicked a crucial win at Bournemouth on Tuesday.

City had been 12th in the table in December, but a 4-0 thrashing of Lincoln last Saturday made their 1999 record one defeat in 17 outings. Paul Dickov, once a Luton Town loan player, netted a hat-trick against Lincoln, to take his season's tally to 11 goals before

adding another against us at Maine Road.

Walsall came up against another former Town man at Colchester last Saturday, and were beaten when David Greene headed the only goal of the game. The good news for Walsall was that Preston also lost, with bottom club Macclesfield turning a 0-1 half-time deficit into a 3-2 win. Walsall recovered on Tuesday by becoming only the second team to win at Bournemouth.

Macclesfield kept their revival going on Tuesday when a 2-0 home win over Chesterfield lifted them off the bottom - they changed places with Lincoln, who drew 2-2 at home to Reading.

Northampton's delight at beating us on Saturday was tempered by the discovery that although Lincoln had been hammered Oldham drew at home to Burnley and Wycombe were still on a bit of a roll. They had been in the bottom four all season until Lawrie Sanchez replaced Neil Smillie after their defeat at Luton. Their 2-0 win at Wrexham was their fourth win in five games. Northampton missed the chance to scramble out of the bottom four when they were held to a 2-2 home draw by York, who had been involved in a thriller at home to Millwall on Saturday. York went one down with 20 minutes to go, but hit back with two in the last three minutes, through Rodney Rowe and caretaker manager Neil Thompson, who hit that cracking free kick for York at Kenilworth Road a couple of weeks ago.

Wycombe edged ahead of Northampton, on goals scored by drawing 2-2 at Stoke on Wednesday.

## Today's other Second Division fixtures

- Burnley v Bournemouth
- Chesterfield v Fulham
- Gillingham v Manchester City
- Preston v Blackpool
- Reading v Northampton
- Walsall v Macclesfield
- Wrexham v Oldham
- York v Stoke
- Postponed
- Bristol Rovers v Millwall
- Wycombe v Wigan

**Millwall meet Wigan in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley tomorrow.**

# Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

Date	Competition	Home Team	Score	Goalscorers	Appearances
Sat 08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A 3.00pm 1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	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	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	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	5,099 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 22		READING	A 3.00pm 0-3	18,108 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	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	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	3,778 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H 3.00pm 1-0 (Douglas)	5,554 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	5,554 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
TUES 08		WREXHAM	A 7.45pm 1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	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	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	9,032 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 19		BLACKPOOL	A 3.00pm 0-1	5,695 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	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	5,665 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 26		WALSALL	H 3.00pm 0-1	5,530 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	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	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	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	5,447 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 7.45pm 1-0 (Alexander)	6,087 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	6,087 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 24		GILLINGHAM	A 3.00pm 0-1	5,602 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	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	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	12,964 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 10	WC4	BARNSELEY	H 7.45pm 1-0 (Gray)	8,453 K. Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	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	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	4,893 K. Davis McGowan Thomas Spring
SAT 28		MANCHESTER CITY	H 3.00pm 1-1 (Doherty)	9,070 K. Davis McGowan Thomas Spring	9,070 K. Davis McGowan Thomas Spring
TUES 01	DECEMBER	SUNDERLAND	A 7.45pm 0-3	35,742 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	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	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	2,902 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 19		MILLWALL	H 3.00pm 1-2 (S. Davis)	5,939 K. Davis McGowan Thomas Spring	5,939 K. Davis McGowan Thomas Spring
MON 28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A 3.00pm 0-1	8,863 K. Davis White Thomas Spring	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	4,694 K. Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
TUES 05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	H 7.45pm 0-3	1,870 Abbey Boyce Fraser Evers White Spring	1,870 Abbey Boyce Fraser Evers White Spring
SAT 09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 3.00pm 3-1 (Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063 Davis Harrison White Spring	5,063 Davis Harrison White Spring
SAT 16		PRESTON NORTH END	A 3.00pm 1-2 (Fotiadis)	11,034 Davis Harrison White Spring	11,034 Davis Harrison White Spring
SAT 23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 3.00pm 0-4	4,934 Davis Harrison White Spring	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	5,426 Davis Harrison McGowan Spring
SAT 06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A 3.00pm 2-1 (Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285 Abbey Harrison McGowan Spring	10,285 Abbey Harrison McGowan Spring
SAT 13		WREXHAM	H 3.00pm 1-2 (Doherty)	4,759 Davis Harrison Alexander Spring	4,759 Davis Harrison Alexander Spring
SAT 20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A 3.00pm 0-1	6,361 Davis Alexander White Spring	6,361 Davis Alexander White Spring
TUE 23		NOTTS COUNTY	H 7.45pm 0-1	4,021 Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	4,021 Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 27		BLACKPOOL	H 3.00pm 1-0 (Douglas)	4,646 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	4,646 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 06	MARCH	WALSALL	A 3.00pm 0-1	4,508 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	4,508 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
TUE 09		FULHAM	H 7.45pm 0-4	7,424 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	7,424 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 13		STOKE CITY	H 3.00pm 1-2 (Alexander pen)	5,221 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	5,221 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
SAT 20		CHESTERFIELD	A 3.00pm 1-3 (Gray)	3,921 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring	3,921 Davis Alexander Thomas Spring
TUE 23		READING	H 7.45pm 1-1 (Spring)	5,527 Davis Alexander McGowan Spring	5,527 Davis Alexander McGowan Spring
SAT 27		GILLINGHAM	H 11.30am 1-0 (Dyche)	6,705 Willmott Thomas Spring	6,705 Willmott Thomas Spring
FRI 02	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A 3.30pm 1-1 (Gray)	4,948 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring	4,948 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring
TUE 06		YORK CITY	H 7.45pm 2-1 (Spring, Douglas)	4,667 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring	4,667 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring
SAT 10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 3.00pm 0-1	6,856 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring	6,856 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring
WED 14		MANCHESTER CITY	A 7.45pm 0-2	26,130 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring	26,130 Davis Willmott Thomas Spring
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 Bacqué 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 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 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 KcKinnon Evers Douglas Gray McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White  
 S. Davis Johnson Evers McKinnon Douglas Gray McIndoe McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White  
 S. Davis Johnson KcKinnon Evers 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  
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 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 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 McKinnon Evers Douglas Gray Evers Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused: McIndoe, Fraser  
 S. Davis Johnson McKinnon Evers Douglas Gray McGowan Kandel 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 McKinnon Evers Douglas Fotiadis 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 Doherty Fotiadis McKinnon Gray for Fotiadis 25; Cox for McKinnon 67; White for Harrison 73  
 S. Davis Johnson Cox McLaren Douglas Doherty McKinnon White for Johnson HT, Gray for Douglas 66; Scarlett for Cox 73  
 S. Davis Johnson Harrison McLaren Douglas Gray George McGowan for George 66; McLaren for Harrison 76. Unused: Willmott  
 S. Davis Johnson Harrison McLaren Douglas Gray George Cox for Douglas 62; McLaren for George 62; McGowan for Thomas 73  
 S. Davis Johnson Harrison McLaren Douglas Gray George Doherty for George 56; Willmott for White 78; McLaren for Harrison 83  
 S. Davis Johnson Harrison McLaren 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, Kandel  
 S. Davis Johnson Gray McLaren Douglas Thorpe McGowan McIndoe for McLaren 10; Fotiadis for Thorpe 72; White for Douglas 76.  
 S. Davis Johnson Gray Fotiadis Douglas McIndoe McGowan Kandel for Fotiadis 68. Unused: Scarlett, White  
 S. Davis Johnson Kandel Zahana-Oni Douglas McLaren McGowan Zahana-Oni for Kandel 73. Unused: Fraser, Boyce  
 S. Davis Johnson Kandel Zahana-Oni Douglas McLaren McGowan Thorpe for Kandel 67; Fraser for Zahana-Oni 73. Unused: White.





# The Teams

## Luton Town v Lincoln City



Kelvin Davis	1	1 John Vaughan
Chris Willmott	2	2 Jason Barnett
Mitchell Thomas	3	3 Stuart Bimson
Matthew Spring	4	4 Terry Fleming
Sean Dyche	5	5 Steve Holmes
Marvin Johnson	6	6 Kevin Austin
Tony Thorpe	7	7 Lee Thorpe
Landry Zahana-Oni	8	8 John Finnigan
Stuart Douglas	9	9 Tony Battersby
Tony Thorpe	10	10 Gavin Gordon
Emmerson Boyce	11	11 Paul Miller
Alan White	12	12 David Phillips
Stuart Fraser	13	13 Grant Brown
Tresor Kandol	14	14 Paul Smith

**Referee:** Philip Dowd, Stoke on Trent

**Assistants:** S. Peeke, Northfleet (yellow flag)

P. B. Wing, Hinckley (yellow & red flag)

**Reserve official:** I. D. Knight, Flitwick



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