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v Chesterfield



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Luton Town 0 Fulham 3 (half-time 0-0)

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Front cover:
Happy Christmas, everyone: players in the festive spirit during a visit to the children's wards at Luton and Dunstable Hospital - see page 38.

Brian Swain reports

SECOND Division mistakes were ruthlessly punished by First Division Fulham to smash our dreams of reaching the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time in five years.

For nearly an hour the Town side, costing precisely nothing, was a match for a visiting squad that has cost around £8million to assemble.

We gave Fulham such a fright in the first match at Craven Cottage that for a long time they seemed wary to open up and have a go. They sat back and waited for their chance to pounce, and we fell into the trap.

The team deserves credit for earning the replay, but the biggest Kenilworth Road crowd of the season was denied the Christmas present we wanted as Fulham showed how a class team will take advantage of midfield slips that you might get away with in a run of the mill Second Division encounter.

With Gary Doherty restored to defence, and Tony Thorpe again unavailable, we settled into a compact 3-5-2 formation, and for the first half we matched Fulham, with neither side looking too potent in attack.

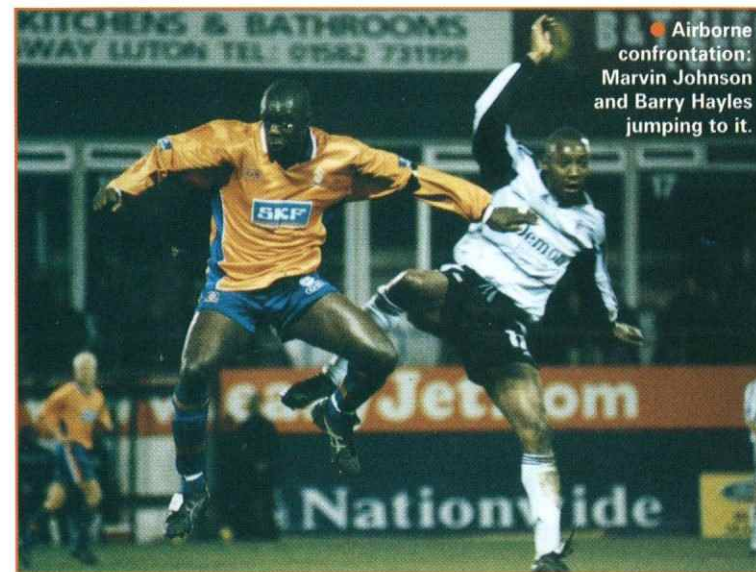
Fulham showed great respect, but stepped up a gear after the break, although they were lucky to stay level when Stuart Douglas collected a wayward back pass by Wayne Collins. His shot was blocked by Maik Taylor, and the goalkeeper did well to regain his feet quickly to catch a drive by Liam George from the rebound.

But Fulham made the most of their breaks when they netted three times in six minutes. Mistakes by Stuart Fraser and Paul McLaren in midfield led to goals being fashioned for Barry Hayles, each clinically accepted, and the defensive wall and goalkeeper Nathan Abbey left a gap for Steve Hayward to hit the third from a free kick.

Town boss Lennie Lawrence said: "We matched Fulham for a game and a half. But the one thing you must not do with Fulham is over-commit going forward and then give the ball away. Hayles and Horsfield are £3million players and they will kill you. They did. We made crass, schoolboy errors in giving the ball



● All push together - Julian Watts joins a mass Town attack, but Maik Taylor is there first to punch clear.



● Airborne confrontation: Marvin Johnson and Barry Hayles jumping to it.

away, and we got punished. The third goal was also sloppy, but that was academic.

"The result was very cruel on several players, and at least half a dozen did what they can do. The back three battled away manfully, and the front two didn't too bad at all. But once Fulham got in front, it was over. Over the two games we didn't deserve that - 3-0 was very harsh on a lot of players. We had ten minutes of madness. It was totally unnecessary.

"Fulham just sat and sat, and thought 'These will make a silly mistake' and we did. Until we stop doing that we cannot move forward.

"Our performance in the first half was very good, and it wasn't that bad either side of the goals, but when it mattered we made ludicrous errors. Fulham did what they had to do."

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, (Boyce 59 mins), Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, Locke, Douglas, Spring, McLaren, Taylor. Unused subs: Scarlett, Kandol, Ayres, Tate.

Booked: no-one

Fulham: Taylor, Finnan, Brevett, Melville (Trollope 78 mins), Morgan, Symons, Collins, Clark, Horsfield, Hayles, Hayward. Unused subs: Uhlenbeek, Peschisolido, Selly, Hahnmann

Booked: Barry Hayles, 28 mins, for a foul on Paul McLaren, although Wayne Collins was the actual culprit.

The goals: 0-1 57 mins - Stuart Fraser's error led to Steve Hayward and Lee Clark working the ball down the space behind Fraser, with Barry Hayles meeting Clark's low cross for a far post tap-in; 0-2 60 mins - Paul McLaren lost out, and Clark fed a through ball into the path of Hayles for his second goal in three minutes; 0-3 63 mins - Steve Hayward, curling free kick from the inside left angle of the penalty area.

Referee: Graham Frankland, Middlesbrough

Attendance: 8,170 including 907 Fulham supporters.

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The Manager



Lennie Lawrence



OUR FA cup run came to an unfortunate end on Tuesday. Having matched Fulham in the first game at Craven Cottage, we continued to do so for nearly an hour at Kenilworth Road. Our game plan was working perfectly,

and indeed until the first goal we were working up a nice head of steam. We had created one or two half chances, but then we self-destructed. Casual and sloppy passing twice led to players conservatively valued at £3million running into acres of space, and it was not surprising that they hit the net. The third goal was also disappointing, but by then it was academic.

Normally, when you lose 3-0, you would criticise the whole team. But not on this occasion. Several individuals played to the best of their ability. Others battled well. But at that level if you make crucial errors you will pay, and we did.

Perhaps the biggest tragedy was that we had the biggest crowd of the season in the ground, and they went from excited anticipation to utter despair in ten minutes.

In the Worthington Cup last season we invariably delivered the goods at home, and it was no disgrace to go out at Sunderland. But that was a far more experienced team than we have now.

Because of the nature of Tuesday's defeat, today's game, which was always going to be important, takes on an even greater significance.

Our record in the league in recent weeks has not been good enough, and it is about time we produced a winning performance in front of our own fans. They are bound to feel bitterly disappointed at what they saw in one short, decisive spell against Fulham. It's our responsibility to send them home happy on Boxing Day, and the only way to do that is with a convincing win.

Chesterfield have gone through traumatic times this season after selling several of their better players in recent years, and finding it difficult to replace them.

But they got a good draw at Brentford a fortnight ago, and because their game last Saturday was postponed they come here today having had 16

days without a match, while we played twice in that period.

They are well-organised, but they do not have multi-million pound players to catch us on the break if we make the sort of mistakes we saw against Fulham.

What we need is to get the first goal, and then win well. I am aware that the squad needs strengthening, and talks were still going on this week over the future of Tony Thorpe. His loan ends today, and it will not be extended. Either he signs for us, or he goes back to Bristol. Either way it frees up another loan, and I am working on bringing in fresh blood.

Finally today, I want to make an appeal to supporters. We came through a difficult year in 1999, and eventually came through a lot of uncertainty, but everyone pulled together. Football is a passionate game, and occasionally things are said and done in the heat of the moment that are a touch out of character, on the field and off it.

We hope we rewarded great support with decent performances at home in the league, but recently we have been disappointing in front of our own crowd. On Tuesday, the first voices of dissension were heard in the ground. As paying customers you have every right to express your views.

My plea is that supporters should try to continue to create a good atmosphere, with some understanding of the difficulties we still face. I know that at the start of the season a lot of people feared the worst after seeing the changes in the squad. For them, results so far have exceeded expectation. For others, expectation has risen higher, and perhaps we are finding it difficult to cope with that.

One thing is sure: the development of this young team will not be assisted by hostility to anyone. So in wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year, I would like to leave this thought with you: whether we deserve it or not, we need all the help we can get to achieve the objectives we all share. Everyone at the club craves success just as much as the fans.

Lennie Lawrence

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Hatters Roll-Call Season 1999/2000

	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)					GOALS			
	League	FAC	WC	AWS	Total	League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	21	5	2	1	29	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	3(4)	0(2)	2	1	6(6)	0	0	0	0
Gary Doherty	19	5	0(2)	1	25(2)	1	2	1	4
Stuart Douglas	15(3)	5	2	1	23(3)	2	1	0	3
Andrew Fotiadis	6	0	0(2)	0	6(2)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	18	5	1	1	25	1	0	0	1
Phil Gray	6	1	2	0	9	1	1	0	2
Liam George	19	5	0(1)	1	25(1)	10(1p)	2	0	12(1p)
Marvin Johnson	20	5	0	1	26	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	7(4)	3(1)	1	1	12(5)	1	0	0	1
Michael McIndoe	2(14)	0(2)	2	0	4(16)	0	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(3)	0	1	0	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	17(1)	4	1	0	22(1)	0	0	0	0
Neil Midgley	8(2)	0	0	0	8(2)	3	0	0	3
Paul Read	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	4(4)	1(1)	2	1	8(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	21	5	1	1	28	2	2	0	4
Matthew Taylor	20	5	1	0	26	1	1	0	2
Tony Thorpe	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	1	0	0	1
Julian Watts	21	5	2	0	28	0	0	0	0
Alan White	1(1)	0	2	0	3(1)	0	0	0	0
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Clive Goodyear



THE good news after a bad night at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday was that we came through the Fulham cup-tie with no physical injuries. And there was more good news after Wednesday's reserve match, even though that ended in defeat against Peterborough's first team.

Four players coming back from long-term injury were involved in the game, and I was happy to see each of them come through an important stage on the road to full recovery.

I was watching them closely to see how they reacted to the physical demands of the game, and the fact that it was a difficult match was no bad thing, because it ensured they went through a thorough testing on a very soft pitch.

We were ready to withdraw any of them if need be, but in the event only Gavin McGowan did not stay on for the full 90 minutes. He has been out longer than anyone else after a serious knee problem in the summer, and we thought 75 minutes was enough to ease him back into competitive football.

He probably could have done 90 minutes, but it was a sensible precaution to take him off when we did. He was looking a little tired, which is hardly surprising after so long on the injured list. Professional footballers have a high degree of fitness, but there is an extra peak to be reached to be match fit for league games.

Phil Gray is champing at the bit for a return to Second Division action, and he sailed through Wednesday's game, showing every sign that his niggling back and hamstring injury has cleared up. As was to be expected, he felt a little muscle soreness

after the match, but we were well pleased with the way he came through.

The same goes for Andrew Fotiadis, who was playing his first match for three months.

His hard work during the treatment period seems to have paid off, because he looked very good on Wednesday. He took a few knocks, and that will do him no harm. None caused a problem, and he now knows for sure that he is fully recovered from the injury, and because his general fitness is excellent he will be expecting the chance of first team action in the near future.

Landry Zahana-Oni also got through the 90 minutes, although in his case he did not have to take as much physical pressure as the others. His has made good progress, however, although obviously he is still some way short of match fitness.

The clean bill of health from the Fulham game means that we were in pretty good shape as we approached the busy Christmas and New Year spell, which will be a testing time. Players enjoy games more than training, but the problem can be that if they do collect knocks the recovery time is somewhat restricted, and that is where the importance of diet and general fitness comes in.

Our players all understand the value of self-discipline and treating their bodies sensibly, and while they are all welcome to the traditional Christmas fare of turkey and plum pudding, they also know that we believe in the old adage that it is a little of what fancy that does you good, not a lot!

They have earned their Christmas treat, but they were not likely to over-indulge themselves over Christmas day lunch - they were in for a training session at 6pm on Christmas day.

Clive Goodyear

Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



WE wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and although we were very disappointed with the cup-tie result on Tuesday my thanks go to supporters for their patience during the selling period for the game.

As you will appreciate it was an exceptionally busy period, and all the staff at the club worked very long hours, and a big thank-you is due to all of them.

I thought you might like to know a little more about the telephone lines to the ticket office. Although we have only one number, we have several lines coming off it, and I can assure you the telephones were being answered all day long, from 10 am until 6pm non-stop.

I know some of you found it frustrating not to be able to get through immediately, but we find it the same when people on the other end of the line, having got through, then have to go and get their credit card or do not know their seat or its location.

I think the most frustrating were the women trying to book tickets for their menfolk, but had no idea where they sat, or what price they wished to pay.

The *piece de resistance* was "Hold on a

minute... I will go and ask him... He's in the bath." I can promise you we spent a lot of unnecessary time on the telephone.

Bearing in mind the time factor for the fourth round, you would have seen, if we had been successful against Fulham, that we had put in place an outside company to take bookings from season ticket holders. What a pity we didn't need to use them, but there is always next time.

We will be looking to expand our 24-hour service booking line, which has proved unable to cope with demand, by the same company, and further details will follow.

On more routine matters, can I remind you again of the fixture change regarding our match at Cardiff in late January. It has been switched to Sunday the 30th, kick-off 12.15 pm. The decision was at the request of the Cardiff police.

With our FA Cup campaign over, we are now talking with Stoke City to find a new date for our league game with them at Kenilworth Road. You will recall that it had to be postponed when we played Fulham at Craven Cottage in the cup.

Finally today, my thanks to all the supporters for the cards and chocolate that came in during the festive season - it really was appreciated.

Cherry Newbery

Good News for Motorists

EXTRA car-parking space will be available for supporters starting with the match against Reading on January 22. I am delighted to advise that a new car park will be available in Dallow Road Junior School on match days. It is only a short walk from the ground, and it will be open on Saturday matchdays from 1.30pm to 5.30pm and for midweek evening games from 6.30pm to 10pm.

This car park is available for £35 for the rest of the season, with tickets on offer on a first come, first served, basis. Give me a ring if you need further details, or you can book a space immediately: write to me, club secretary, at Luton Town, with a £35 cheque payable to Luton Town FC.

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Luton Town v Reading

**Saturday January 22,
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Luton Town v Scunthorpe

Monday, January 3, 2000, kick-off 3pm

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Cash turnstiles will be open on the day.
Supporters are advised to come early to avoid disappointment.

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Cardiff City v Luton Town

At the request of Cardiff police this match will be now played on

**Sunday January 30,
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Head-to-Head



Stuart Fraser



The Carling Opta statistics compare two of this afternoon's players, Stuart Fraser of Luton Town and Jamie Hewitt of Chesterfield.

Jamie Hewitt



TWO of the Second Division's best attacking wing-backs are on view at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Stuart Fraser's attacking prowess for the Town has already brought his first senior goal, while Chesterfield's Jamie Hewitt has had four efforts saved by opposing 'keepers.

They both excel at going around opponents and exploit any width they might be given to get a cross in as we can see from Hewitt's impressive 72 crosses to Fraser's effective 45.

They have impressive pass completion stats, even if at times their defences have been under severe pressure. They are very well matched in terms of passing skill - both have a 62 per cent success rate in finding their men.

Hewitt is the better dribbler having completed 97 per cent of his runs. While Fraser is confident going forward, he could improve his game by passing with greater frequency, rather than trying to do it all himself - that sometimes leads to him being caught out of position, and exposes a gap on the right-hand side of the Luton defence.

The two players have similar tackling statistics, with Hewitt just shading it with a higher percentage. Neither player has conceded a lot of fouls, but Fraser will face a suspension if he is booked on a further two occasions, while Hewitt has already served a ban following his red card in the home match against Cambridge in August.

Both players are a credit to their clubs, with Hewitt scoring the equaliser against Middlesbrough in the 1997 FA Cup semi-finals, while Fraser is one of the hottest properties in Division Two, with numerous scouts watching his progress. It is certain to be an interesting Boxing Day clash between the two full-backs as they aim to gobble up their opponents.

	Fraser	Hewitt
Minutes On Pitch	1,487	1,677

Goal Attempts

Goals	1	0
Shots On Target (inc goals)	2	4
Shots Off Target	4	3
Blocked Shots	1	4

Passing

Goal Assists	2	0
Total Passes	504	555
Pass Completion %	62%	62%

Crossing

Total Crosses	145	72
Cross Completion %	36%	46%

Dribbling

Dribbles & Runs	31	32
Dribble Completion %	77%	97%

Defending

Tackles Made	36	33
Tackles Won %	42%	55%
Blocks	20	24
Clearances	90	116
Interceptions	6	6

Discipline

Fouls	18	15
Offside	1	0
Yellow Cards	3	1
Red Cards	0	1

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Commercial



John Bailey



MERRY Christmas to all Town supporters from the Commercial Department, and as we look forward to a less dramatic New Year off the field, I think it is only right that today I should pass on the club's very grateful thanks to

all who have helped us during 1999.

We had a few difficult times in the commercial department, but all of us who work here are Luton Town supporters ourselves, and in the end we have a lot to be grateful for.

Most of all, we had a wonderful response from fans when season tickets went on sale during the summer. Despite some uncertainty about what was happening to the club, supporters backed us in the most practical way possible, with their cash.

Commercially, we thought we might struggle to raise money which is desperately needed at all times - like most clubs we are unable to fund our day to day operations through admission receipts. The local business community rose to the challenge magnificently, and it gave us a lot of pleasure to discover just how much goodwill there is towards the local football club in the Luton area. The most significant deals in terms of much-needed financial support were the shirt sponsorship agreement with SKF (U.K.) Ltd, and an advertising tie-up with easyJet, who share our team colours. We were doubly pleased with those agreements, because they were with local companies.

We will sell sponsorships to just about anyone, but one of the gratifying features of 1999 was that so many of our good supporters were from the Luton area. Our intention in the new millennium is to build on that.

But important though it was to secure big-money agreements, we are well aware of the crucial role

WE HAVE a special message today for young David Stringer. He is the nephew of Rob Stringer, a loyal supporter of the club and of its commercial activities, and young David is enjoying a double treat. It is his seventh birthday today, and it is first-ever visit to Kenilworth Road. He was born in New York to English parents, and the family has come back home for Christmas. We welcome them and wish David a very happy birthday. We hope he goes home with happy memories and spreads the gospel according to Luton Town in the Big Apple!

played by many smaller companies, and in some cases individuals.

I am told the Scottish saying is that "Many a mickle makes a muckle" and it has been a pleasure to welcome so many hundreds of people to matches. We have had groups of just two or three, celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and bigger parties being entertained as corporate clients by local firms.

We have always set great store by the wide range of commercial deals we offer, and in thanking all who have given us their business in 1999, can I please get in a sales plug for 2000: we offer packages to suit all budgets, and you do not need to be a big company to afford the pleasure of watching the Town from a different angle.

Give me a ring on Luton 411622 and you might be pleasantly surprised how affordable it can be. But I must conclude by saying again, thank-you to everyone for your help in 1999, and may we all enjoy a prosperous New Year.

John Bailey

GOLDEN GAMBLE

THE LAST Golden Gamble jackpot before Christmas was paid out during Tuesday's game against Fulham, and we apologise that because of production schedules we are unable to bring you full details of the winner today.

But you can be sure another lucky supporter collected a very welcome early "Christmas present" in the shape of a wad of cash. The Golden Gamble lottery has already paid out well over £5,000 to lucky winners this season, and before Tuesday's game the jackpots were averaging £385 a game, with some topping £500.

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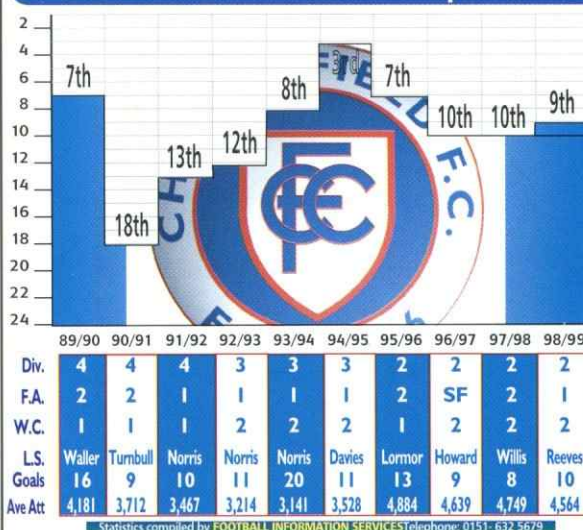
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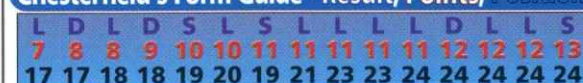
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Chesterfield's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position



Chesterfield's last time out

- 1 Carl Muggleton** Goalkeeper 1 App 0 Goals Age 31 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:03 Prev Club: Stoke Int.: Eng U21
- 5 Steve Blatherwick** Defender 16 Apps 0 Goals Age 26 Ht 6'1" Wt 15:00 Prev Club: Burnley Int.: -
- 6 Ian Breckin** Defender 16(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 24 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:07 Prev Club: Rotherham Int.: -
- 2 Jamie Hewitt** Midfield 19(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 31 Ht 5'10" Wt 10:08 Prev Club: Doncaster Int.: -
- 14 Chris Beaumont** Midfield 15(1) Apps 1 Goal Age 34 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:12 Prev Club: Stockport Int.: -
- 4 Tom Curtis** Midfield 7 Apps 0 Goals Age 26 Ht 5'8" Wt 10:08 Prev Club: Derby Int.: -
- 8 Mick Galloway** Midfield 5(1) Apps 1 Goal Age 25 Ht 5'11" Wt 12:05 Prev Club: Chesterfield Int.: -
- 28 David D'Auria** Midfield 3(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 29 Ht 5'8" Wt 12:00 Prev Club: Hull Int.: -
- 9 David Reeves** Forward 21 Apps 7 Goals Age 32 Ht 6'0" Wt 12:06 Prev Club: Preston Int.: -
- 18 Ryan Williams** Forward 6 Apps 0 Goals Age 21 Ht 5'4" Wt 11:02 Prev Club: on loan from Tammere Int.: Eng Yth
- 27 Junior Agogo** Forward 3(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 20 Ht 5'9" Wt 11:07 Prev Club: on loan from Sheff Wed Int.: -
- 12 Roger Willis** Midfield 9(5) Apps 2 Goals Age 32 Ht 6'0" Wt 12:00 Prev Club: Peterborough Int.: -
- 24 Stephen Woods** Defender 14(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 23 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:13 Prev Club: Stoke Int.: -
- 26 Mark Gayle** Goalkeeper 14(1) Apps 0 Goals Age 27 Ht 6'2" Wt - Prev Club: Rushden Int.: -
- 3 Anthony Carss** Midfield 11(4) Apps 0 Goals Age 23 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:08 Prev Club: Cardiff Int.: -
- 10 Marcus Ebdon** Midfield 10 Apps 0 Goals Age 29 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:02 Prev Club: Peterborough Int.: Wales U21

Luton's Goals For & Against



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Here is a club-by-club run down of the highest, lowest and average Division 2 attendances.

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Bournemouth	6,007	4,202	4,992
Blackpool	5,270	2,819	4,131
Brentford	7,100	4,286	5,898
Bristol City	16,011	7,777	9,861
Bristol Rovers	8,514	5,397	7,382
Burnley	12,898	8,944	10,439
Bury	6,469	3,293	3,992
Cambridge	6,211	3,162	4,751
Cardiff	11,168	4,523	7,240
Chesterfield	4,285	2,254	2,971
Colchester	3,986	2,557	3,295
Gillingham	7,036	5,884	6,420
Luton	7,205	4,633	5,614
Millwall	9,044	5,202	7,170
Notts County	6,197	4,020	5,319
Oldham	9,432	3,807	5,728
Oxford	6,638	4,318	5,560
Preston	16,821	8,506	11,742
Reading	13,348	5,393	7,785
Scunthorpe	5,336	3,137	4,053
Stoke	14,183	7,054	10,737
Wigan	11,986	4,338	6,527
Wrexham	5,924	2,473	3,734
Wycombe	7,042	4,345	5,378

Ground: Recreation Ground	Town, Division 3 play-off semi-final, 17 May 1995	FA Cup 1st round, 28 Nov 1925	Top League scorer in a season: Jimmy Cookson, 44, Division 3 (N), 1925-26
Capacity: 8,880	Year Formed: 1866	Record Defeat: 0-10 v Gillingham, Division 3, 5 Sept 1987	Most Capped Player: Walter McMillen, 4 (7), Northern Ireland
Pitch Measurement: 113 x 71	Record League Win: 10-0 v Glossop	Most Lge Goals: 102, Division 3 (N), 1930-31	Most Lge Appearances: Dave Blakey, 613, 1948-67
Record Attendance: 30,968 v Newcastle, Division 2, 7 Apr 1939	Record Cup Win: 5-0 v Wath Athletic,		
Record Receipts: £45,000 v Mansfield			

Today's Visitors

welcome to Chesterfield



**JOHN DUNCAN
(MANAGER)**

During his playing career John was a top class striker. He played at the highest level for both Tottenham and Derby County scoring a goal in every other game.

His managerial career began at Scunthorpe in 1981 before arriving at Saltergate in 1983 via a brief spell at Hartlepool. He guided the Spireites to the Fourth Division Championship in 1985 before moving onto Ipswich the following season. After three

seasons as Portman Road John dropped out of the game to take up a teaching post arriving back at Saltergate in February 1993. During his present spell at Saltergate, John has guided Chesterfield to promotion and has seen the Spireites just miss out on the Division Two Play-offs over the last two seasons. The highlight though has to be the FA Cup run in 1997 when the Blues reached the Semi-final before going out to Middlesbrough in a replay. Recently signed a new 3 year contract which will keep him at Saltergate until 2002.



CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB 1999/2000

Back row (left to right): Lee Danysz, Daniel Barrett, David Reeves, Ian Breckin, Steve Blatherwick, Roger Willis, Michael Simkins, Marcus Ebdon, Steve Woods.

Middle row (left to right): Alan Young (Centre of Excellence Director), James Lomas, Steve Payne, Jason Lee, Andy Leaning, Billy Mercer, Chris Beaumont, Antony Carss, Tom Curtis, Dave Rushbury (Physio).

Front row (left to right): Chris Bettney, James Dooley, Gregg Pearce, John Duncan (Manager), Kevin Randall (Assistant Manager), Paul Holland, Jamie Hewitt, Jonathon Howard



the players

KEVIN RANDALL (ASSISTANT MANAGER)

A former player and manager of Chesterfield FC, Ashton born Kevin resumed his association with the Spireites, which is now in its 34th year, upon the re-appointment of John Duncan. As a striker he hit 181 goals in 556 league appearances with Bury, Chesterfield, Notts County, Mansfield and York City. Kevin was a member of the 1969/70 Fourth Division Championship winning side and number two to John Duncan when the feat was repeated 15 years later. He completed a unique hat trick of promotions with the club four seasons ago. During the summer Kevin also signed a new contract until 2002.

MARK GAYLE (GOALKEEPER)

A three-month loan signing earlier this season due to the injury to 'keeper Billy Mercer. Mark, an electrician by trade, joined Chesterfield from Rushden and Diamonds. He started his career at Leicester City. He is in his second spell at Saltergate.

ANDY LEANING (GOALKEEPER)

Andy, now 36, is the Goalkeeper coach at Saltergate but also operates as cover for first choice Bill Mercer. Previous clubs include York, Sheffield Utd, Bristol City and Lincoln City.

IAN BRECKIN (DEFENCE)

Ian, aged 24, has been in superb form since joining for £100,000 from Rotherham two seasons ago. Tall centre half who forged a tremendous partnership with Mark Williams at the heart of the Spireites defence.

JAMIE HEWITT (DEFENCE)

A versatile defender who has made almost 500 appearances for the Spireites. Jamie had

a successful testimonial season last year and will always be remembered for his last gasp equaliser against Middlesbrough in the FA Cup Semi-final two years ago.

GREGG PEARCE (DEFENCE)

Local lad who has come through the junior ranks at Saltergate. Gregg suffered a few injuries last season, which limited his progress. Due to injuries to key senior players Gregg got his chance in the first team in November 1999.

STEVE BLATHERWICK (DEFENCE)

Steve signed for £50,000 from Burnley after a successful loan spell. A tough tackling centre-half who made several appearances for Nottingham Forest in the Premiership.



**STEVE WOODS
(DEFENCE)**

Close season signing from Stoke City under the Bosman ruling. Primarily a left back brought in to replace Shane Nicholson

but can operate anywhere along the back four.

STEVE PAYNE (DEFENCE)

Powerful centre half signed in the close season from Macclesfield. Last season's 'Player of the Year' for the Silkmen. Steve will hopefully fill the void left by the departure of Mark Williams.

CHRIS PERKINS (DEFENCE)

Chris joined the Spireites from Mansfield Town in the summer of 1994 and went on to make 165 appearances by the end of last season. Despite being offered a further contract Chris felt that for personal reasons it



Today's Visitors

the players

was time to make a move so he left the club during the summer, but re-signed again from Hartlepool after a months loan spell in November 1999.

TOM CURTIS (MIDFIELD)

Born in Exeter. Tom spent two years with Derby County before impressing John Duncan during a trial spell. The midfield dynamo has clocked up more than 250 appearances for the Spireites despite missing a large part of last season through injury.

MARCUS EBDON (MIDFIELD)

Classy midfielder signed from Peterborough United for £100,000 in March 1997. A former

Welsh Under-21 International who on his day is as good as anything in the Second Division.

CHRIS BEAUMONT (MIDFIELD)

Sheffield born Chris guaranteed himself a place in local folklore by scoring the winning goal against Wrexham in the 1997 FA Cup quarterfinal. £22,500 signing from Stockport County the previous summer, the right-side midfielder made over 300 appearances in his seven years at Edgeley Park after out with Rochdale.

TONY CARSS (MIDFIELD)

Signed on the free from Cardiff City. A versatile left-sided player who missed the majority of last season after breaking his leg. Previously with Blackburn and Darlington.



JAMES LOMAS (MIDFIELD)

James is a local lad who came through the junior ranks at Saltergate. He scored his first senior goal earlier this season and is enjoying a run in the first team due to his hard work and injuries.

MICK GALLOWAY (MIDFIELD)

Joined the Spireites from Gillingham for Chesterfield in November 1999 for a fee of £15,000. Born in Nottingham, Mick is an attacking left-sided midfielder who stands 5' 11" tall and weighs in at 12st 4lbs.

ROGER WILLIS (ATTACK)

'Harry' cost £130,000 from Peterborough United. He finished leading scorer in his first season with the club but struggled with a back injury last season. Previously with Grimsby, Barnet, Watford, Birmingham and Southend.

DAVE REEVES (ATTACK)

'Reevsy' netted eleven times last season for the Blues. The former Bolton, Sheffield Wednesday and Carlisle striker cost £200,000 from Preston in March 98. A huge favourite with the fans at Saltergate.



JONATHON HOWARD (ATTACK)

Jonathon, aged 27, had finished top scorer in two of the last three seasons. Pacey front man who joined on a free transfer from Rotherham. Recently signed a new contract after being linked with several other clubs.

STEVE WILKINSON (ATTACK)

Signed for £150,000 from Preston North End. Former Mansfield striker who has bagged more than 100 league goals. Previously with Leicester City, Rochdale and Crewe.



JASON LEE (ATTACK)

Chesterfield's record signing, he cost the Spireites £250,000 from Watford in August 1998. The 6' 4" striker began his career with Nottingham Forest before joining the Hornets in July 1997 for £200,000. He netted eleven goals in Watford's Division Two Championship side two seasons ago but since coming to Saltergate he has struggled to settle and has netted just once in 17 outings last season.

DAVID REEVES (ATTACK)

A hard working striker brought in from Preston North End last season. Struck up an immediate rapport with the fans and chipped in with six goals. The much-travelled forward started out with Sheffield Wednesday and has also been on the books of Bolton Wanderers, Carlisle United, Notts County, Burnley and Scunthorpe.



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Hatters On Card



Alan Robinson

WITH the new millennium only days away, there have been countless lists of the "best ever" and "greatest achievement" in all kinds of subjects, especially in sport and entertainment. Opinions are one thing, but facts speak for themselves when we look at those two categories in Luton Town's 20th-century story.

In the history of the Football League, only one man has managed to score ten goals in a game, and we are justly proud that he was wearing a Hatters shirt at the time. The player was of course Joe Payne, who set his record at Kenilworth Road on April 13, 1936, in a Division Three fixture against Bristol Rovers.

Surprisingly, after hitting the headlines so spectacularly, Payne did not figure prominently on the football cards of that era. The card reproduced here is No. 84 from a series of 110 manufactured by the London confectionery firm of Barratt & Co in 1937. It is one of only two cards I have seen depicting Payne in his Luton days, the other being a postcard from Sherman's Pools.

Payne was born in Brinnington Common, Derbyshire, in January 1914, and joined the Town 20 years later from his local club, Bolsover Colliery. There has been much made of the fact that his record-breaking performance was from his first game as a centre-forward, but Payne was actually signed to play in that position.

However, initially at Luton he did not live up to expectations and was tried in a variety of roles while on loan to Biggleswade, and in the Town reserves. Eventually, he settled down at wing-half, and that was his position when he made his league debut against Southend in December 1934.

It has never really been established who decided to play Payne in attack on that bitterly cold Easter Monday in 1936 as Luton were without a manager at the time. An injury crisis probably contributed to the decision.

Payne had a quiet start, but by half-time had notched a hat-trick, before netting seven times after the break. The 12-0 victory remains our record win. The crowd was under 14,000, but more than 23,000 turned up for the following game a week later, for a 1-1 draw with Coventry. Payne, naturally, got the Town goal.

He went on to score 55 times in the following season's championship triumph, another record that still stands.

International recognition followed, and he scored twice to help England beat Finland 8-1 before moving to Chelsea in March 1938. The ridiculously low fee of £2,000 may have had something to do with the fact that Payne did not enjoy the best of health. That, coupled with a badly-broken ankle in a

war-time match, caused his premature retirement after brief spells with West Ham and Millwall. But his strike rate was phenomenal: 110 league goals in 116 appearances.

After retiring from football, Payne continued to live and work in Luton and at one time had a greengrocery business near the ground. He was an accomplished cricketer and turned out for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Championship for several years. Unfortunately his health did not improve, and in April 1975 he passed away, aged only 61. But the memory of "Ten Goal Payne" will live for ever, and it is very doubtful if his record will ever be broken.

This card, published more than 60 years ago, is now very scarce, and on the rare occasions when one does turn up you will not get much change out of a tenner if you want to buy it.



J. PAYNE

Barratt & Co
Famous footballers,
1937

Top Hatters Gallery



Tony Thorpe

Born: Leicester, 10.4.74

Previous clubs: Leicester (YTS), Luton, Fulham, Bristol City, Reading (loan).

Joined Luton Town for second loan spell, November 1999

Luton debut this time: v Bristol Rovers (A) 27.11.99

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Hatters Away



travel information



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THE Town play their final game of 1999 on Tuesday, away to Bristol City. The kick-off, down on the early season schedules as 7.45, is now 3pm.

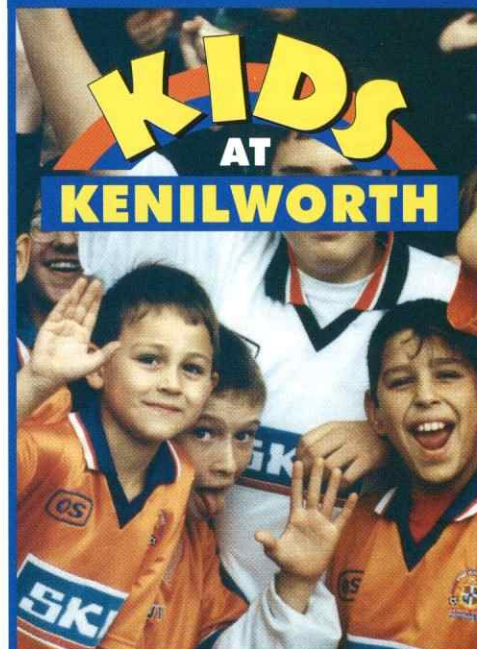
As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are offering safe and reliable coach travel to the game. If you pick up their coaches at the ground, secure parking is available for £3 at Maple Road.

The Bobbers Travel Club will have a coach leaving Cranfield at 9.30am, with various pick-up points on the way to Luton, and departure time from Kenilworth Road is 10.30. The fare is £10.50 adults, and £8.50 for junior and senior citizens and tickets can be bought at the Bobbers Travel Club kiosk before home matches, or by phone call to Paul Deason after 6pm on 01234 750996. He will also be pleased to enrol you into the Bobbers Travel Club - membership is obligatory to use the service, but life membership costs only £1.

Luxury executive coaches run by Town on Tour, an offshoot of the Luton Town Supporters Club, will leave Maple Road at 11am. The fare is £11.50 for adult members of LTSC, £9.50 for concessions, and £13.00 for all others. You can book at the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road before or after today's game, or through the club shop at other times. You might find it worthwhile joining the Supporters Club - it's £6 for adults, £5 for concessions, or £12 for families of up to two adults and two children, and they all get discounts on Town on Tour.

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Luton Town v Chesterfield



Dougan masters the Spireites

When Allan Brown took over as manager at Kenilworth Road in early November 1966, replacing the tired George Martin, it was not long before he came to the conclusion that he had a major job on his hands.

A run of eight games without a victory, two goals and only one point from eight away matches at that stage in the season and a mix of virtually untried youngsters and old pro's past their best was a recipe for disaster.

Only seven short years before the Town had played in the F.A.Cup final at Wembley but now looked likely to have to suffer the shame of applying for re-election to the league, which came about if you finished in the bottom four places in the old Division Four.

Brown's first game in charge saw an uncharacteristic Luton display with high flying Crewe seen off 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. The players were obviously out to impress their new boss who said afterwards, "I called for maximum effort and I am sure I got it". Indeed, in the first 25 minutes the Hatters put on their highest powered display of the campaign but managed to score only once through Gordon Riddick. Graham Matthews equaliser for Crewe would normally have been a sign for the Town to throw in the towel but they rolled up their sleeves and were fully worthy of their eventual victory when Riddick knocked in the all-important second goal mid-way through the second half.

Unfortunately the honeymoon period was over as soon as the Town went back on their travels. Next up was Bradford City at Valley Parade and the Hatters shocked the home side when Bruce Rioch netted early on but that turned out to be the only bright spot in the match.

The Bantams attacked with a will for the remainder of the game and after Ken Leek equalised there was only one likely winner. City's pressure eventually paid off with Steve Ingle snapping up the second goal towards the end after the Luton defence got into a tangle.

Although Barrow were in the top four in the division they had only one home victory to their credit. With the Holker Street side obviously suffering a crisis of confidence at home, now was the ideal opportunity for the Town to break their away duck.

Allan Brown watched with his head in his hands as the Hatters were swept aside by a Tony Field inspired Barrow. Field scored twice in the opening half, to make it five goals from five starts, narrowly missed out on a hat-trick with a brilliant header and was then brought down for a penalty which was converted by Jim Mulholland.

Allan Brown needed to do something to halt the abysmal away record but now had time to experiment with his formation when the Town's next game took them to Exeter in the F.A.Cup first round. Without pressure for points on them the players earned a fighting draw with the Grecians to bring them back to Kenilworth Road for a replay.

In front of the biggest home crowd of the season of 7,078, the Town put in a brave performance on a mud heap of a pitch and eventually won through 2-0 to set up a second round tie at Bristol Rovers. The victory, however came at a great cost due to the over physical play of Exeter. Alan Slough, Ray Whittaker and Tony Read were all injured during the game and several more players suffered bumps, strains and bruises.

As the replay took place on a Thursday evening, Allan Brown had little chance to get players fit before the Saturday where the Town were due to play at bottom placed Lincoln.



'No nonsense' defender,
Max Dougan.

It was therefore a patched up side of walking wounded that took to the field at

Sincil Bank on what was to become the blackest day in the club's history. With Lincoln bottom and the Town just above them, to lose was extremely worrying but to go down 1-8 was absolutely disastrous. The Hatters were simply overpowered by an Imps side that could not believe its good fortune to be playing against such a tired, unfit and ultimately demoralised side.

This time the directors realised that Brown was trying to manage with both arms tied behind his back and immediately made some money available to him. He wasted no time in spending it when he enticed no nonsense defender, Max Dougan, away from Leicester in exchange for a princely £7,000.

Dougan, who was an ex-Scottish amateur international, had difficulty in winning a regular place in the Leicester defence such was the form of Ian King and John Sjöberg and jumped at the chance of a move and made his debut in the Town's next game, at Kenilworth Road against Chesterfield.

Even though the Town had been hit for eight the previous week a respectable crowd of

5,096 turned up on a miserable afternoon to see the new man who did not disappoint as he helped hold the Town defence together.

The Hatters took the lead after 19 minutes through Whittaker and then saw Riddick leave a muddy mark on the crossbar with a brave header, but were pegged back when ex-Luton forward Billy Stark levelled on the stroke of half time.

Rioch then headed the Town back into the lead on the hour only for Stark to level once more shortly afterwards. It was left to 19 year old Rioch to make the game safe when he expertly slid the ball past Spireites goalkeeper John Osborne to seal a truly important victory.

"I like Dougan. He will do us a power of good," said manager Brown afterwards, and so it proved as the Town gradually edged their way up the table.

By the time of the return with Chesterfield, on the penultimate Saturday of the campaign, the Town were safe and managed to pick up their sixth away point of the season in a 0-0 draw. The trials and tribulations of the previous November and December were now, thankfully, distant memories!

Community & Schools Programme



School Visit Project

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We thought this was an ambitious target then, however as more and more schools contacted us the numbers just went up and up and as you can see from the list of schools we have covered, the ntl Schools Visit Project has been a huge success.

To help us build on this success ntl are once again providing sponsorship for next year and hopefully this will enable us to apply for further government funding from Sportmatch. This is great news as the list of schools for next year is already pretty big and now our funding is secure we can begin to plan the hundreds of school visits for 2000.

If you would like to become involved in our School Visit Project or would like more information then simply ring the Community & Schools Programme at the Club on 01582 411622. Go on, make sure your school is on the list for the year 2000.



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Leedon Lower, Leighton Buzzard
Harpenden Prep, Harpenden
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St Josephs Juniors, Luton
Surrey St Junior, Luton
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Ashcroft High, Luton
Bushmead Juniors, Luton
Gilbert Inglefield, Leighton Buzzard
Sundon Park Junior, Luton
Icknield Junior, Luton
Icknield Infants, Luton
Sacred Heart Junior, Luton
Sacred Heart Infants, Luton
Stopsley Juniors, Luton

Oughtonhead Junior, Hitchin
Stopsley Infants, Luton
Thomas Whitehead, Houghton Regis
Leighton Middle, Leighton Buzzard
Streetfield Middle, Dunstable
Robert Bruce Middle, Bedford
Ashton St Peters, Dunstable
Harlington Lower, Harlington
Hawthorne Lower, Houghton Regis
Whipperley Infants, Luton
Doverly Down, Leighton Buzzard
Warden Hill Infants, Luton
Bramingham Primary, Luton
Wigmore Junior, Luton
Clipstone Brook, Leighton Buzzard
Southfields Lower, Houghton Regis

Ashton Middle, Dunstable
Warden Hill Juniors, Luton
St Margarets Juniors, Luton
Hadrian Lower, Dunstable
St Georges Lower, Leighton Buzzard
Beechwood Juniors, Luton
Brewers Hill Middle, Dunstable
Redborne Upper, Ampthill
Shefford Middle, shefford
Maulden Lower, Maulden
Totternhoe Lower, Totternhoe
St Martin de Porres, Luton
Five Oaks Middle, Caddington
Ferrars Junior, Luton
Southcote Lower, Leighton Buzzard
Lancot Lower, Dunstable
Wood End Junior, Harpenden
Chantry Infants, Luton
Cottesloe Lower, Cottesloe
Slip End Junior, Caddington
Pirton Hill Infants, Luton
Cottesloe Upper, Cottesloe

Foxdell Junior, Luton
Arnold Middle, Barton
Church End Lower, Marston Moretain
Cardinal Newman, Luton
Kings Houghton Middle, Houghton Regis
Northfields Upper, Dunstable
Maidenhall Junior, Luton
Greenfields Lower, Dunstable
Denbigh Junior, Luton
Flitwick Lower, Flitwick
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Junior Hatters



welcome

OUR Saturday Club will be in business again in the New Year, helping Junior Hatters enjoy football as a real day out. We meet at Dallow School at 12 noon, and if the weather is kind we use the Dallow pitch for football matches. If the weather is bad we have a foam ball for indoor soccer, and that is always popular. All sorts of other entertainment is on offer, and naturally the Saturday Club is fully supervised.

The Saturday Club has a few vacancies, so if you want to get everything possible out of coming to football at Luton Town, why not join us? The price is £5 for Junior Hatters who have season tickets, or £9 with a match ticket included. Very often we have visits by Town players, and we provide a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink. We have a quiz in our family room, then watch the game from the Kenilworth lower tier and meet up with parents and friends after the game.

For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the Town ticket office on Luton 416976. We also organise trips to a lot of away games, often to meet up with the juniors of other clubs, and sometimes we have mascots at away games. If you are under 16 and support Luton Town, come and join us!

Celebrate the Millennium

YOU need to act quickly if you want to be at the club's first big party of the new century. Town players will be among the guests when the Junior Hatters' Millennium Party is held on January 5 at the Ascot Room, at the Co-op Club, Round Green, Luton.

It will start at 7pm and last for a couple of hours or so, and there will be snacks and drinks as well as a disco. Tickets cost £4 each, and are for Junior Hatters only. They are available at the Town ticket office on a first come, first served, basis. If you are not in the Junior Hatters, but would like to go to the party, you still have time to join. Visit or phone the ticket office on Luton 416976 for more information.

Today's Mascot



CHRISTMAS is complete today for eight-year-old Jamie Cooper, because he has been chosen as the Junior Hatters mascot.

And he has more reason than most to cherish happy memories of Christmas 1999 because in February he will have to stop coming to games at Kenilworth Road. His family is emigrating to Australia.

Their souvenirs will include a lot of Luton Town memorabilia, and they will have photographs of Jamie's VIP visit to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

As usual with our mascots, Jamie will be a lot closer to the action than normal. He comes to

matches with his dad, but today he will be on the pitch with the players before kick-off, having first met them in the dressing room. Best of all, he will enjoy talking to Matthew Spring, because the midfielder is Jamie's favourite player.

Jamie lives at Mill Road, Cranfield, and goes to Cranfield Lower School. And he is not content to confine his football pleasure to watching Luton Town - he also plays for Cranfield Colts FC under-nines. His other hobby is jumping for the Galaxy Trampoline Club.

We are sure that Jamie's day out at Luton Town today will help to make it a Christmas to remember for him and his family. We hope they enjoy their new life in Australia, and that one day Jamie will be able to come back to see us again. Meanwhile, bon voyage.

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Action Replay

Colchester Utd 3 Luton Town 0 (H-T 0-0)

Brian Swain reports

OUR first red card of the season led to the Town falling apart at Layer Road, with skipper Marvin Johnson among others acknowledging that the team's performance was probably the worst we have seen this season. There could be few complaints about our eighth away defeat of the season, and the continued enigma of a team that can play well against top sides and struggle against lower ones.

But one man was complaining: Efe Sodje, who became the first Town man to be sent off this season. Referee Lee Cable, of Woking, adjudged that he handled a 34th-minute shot, awarded a penalty, and dismissed Sodje for denying a goal-scoring opportunity.

The defender, just establishing himself in the team, was horrified. "It was not a handball. The player struck the shot and it hit my chest," he said.

But he still had to go, and with him went Town hopes in a game which until then looked as though it were heading for a 0-0 draw. We reorganised to play with a back four, with Stuart Fraser and Matthew Taylor dropping back alongside Johnson and Julian Watts, but the four-man defence was nowhere near as solid as the three-man variety. The attack, with Tony Thorpe replacing the sick Stuart Douglas, was shot-shy.

David Greene did his old mates a favour by smashing the penalty onto and over the bar, but Colchester scored early in the second half, and from then on were the only team in it.

Lennie Lawrence was not happy with the red card decision, nor with a few others made by the ref, but was more concerned with the build-up. Jason Dozzell was allowed to get to the by-line and cut back a pass for Tresor Lua Lua (our Tresor Kandol's cousin) to get in the only worthwhile shot of the game until then. The Town had coped comfortably with early threats, although Matthew Spring had to clear a header by Greene off the line.

We saw little of the Town attack, and for entertainment the game was no Christmas cracker, but the home fans were not bothered by that as Colchester were allowed to walk all over

us after the break. Greene was one of three former Town men who enjoyed the evening more than we did, Aaron Skelton and Gavin Johnson being the others.

Johnson's cross led to a lay-off by Dozzell for the first goal, three minutes after the break, and we never looked like getting back into contention.

"The sending-off changed the whole course of the game," said the Town manager. "I am not saying we would have won - the defending was very, very poor, the worst we have seen this season. But the goals were not down to us having ten men - we had enough bodies in defence at the time, but the defending against crosses was poor. It was a classic Second Division match against a side battling to stay up. If we're not careful, it will be us battling..."

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Sodje, Watts, Johnson, Fraser, Locke, Spring, Taylor, George (McLaren 62 mins), Thorpe, Doherty. Unused subs: Boyce, Scarlett, Read, Ward

Sent off: Efe Sodje, 34 mins, for handling a goal-bound shot by Tresor Lua Lua.

Booked: Tony Thorpe, 64 mins, for a foul on David Greene

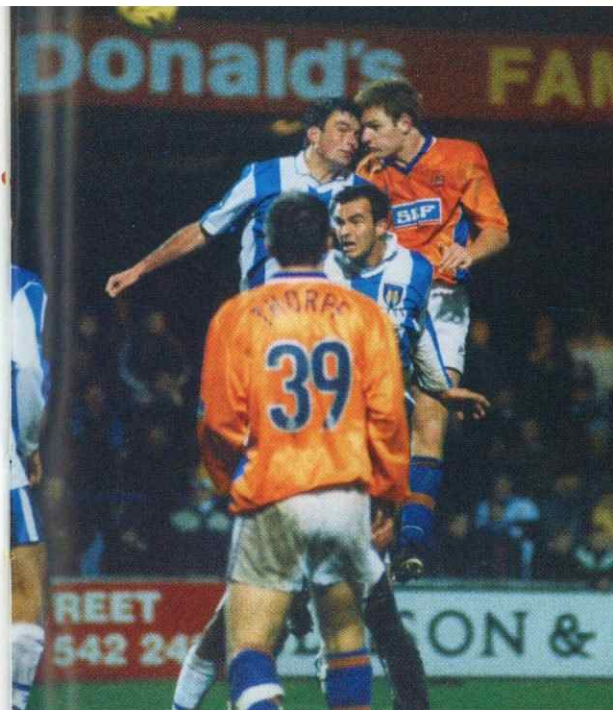
Colchester: Brown, Dunne, Richard, Greene, Skelton, Keith, Johnson, Gregory, Dozzell, McGavin, Lua Lua. Subs, none needed: Walker, Lock, Wignall, Farley, Opara

Booked: Jason Dozzell, 49 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor

The goals: 1-0 48 mins - Steve McGavin getting goalside of Marvin Johnson to poke in Jason Dozzell's header from Gavin Johnson's cross; 2-0 54 mins - McGavin again, unmarked for a header from a cross by Joe Keith; 3-0 74 mins - Dozzell, another unmarked header, from a cross by Joe Dunne.

Referee: Lee Cable, Woking.

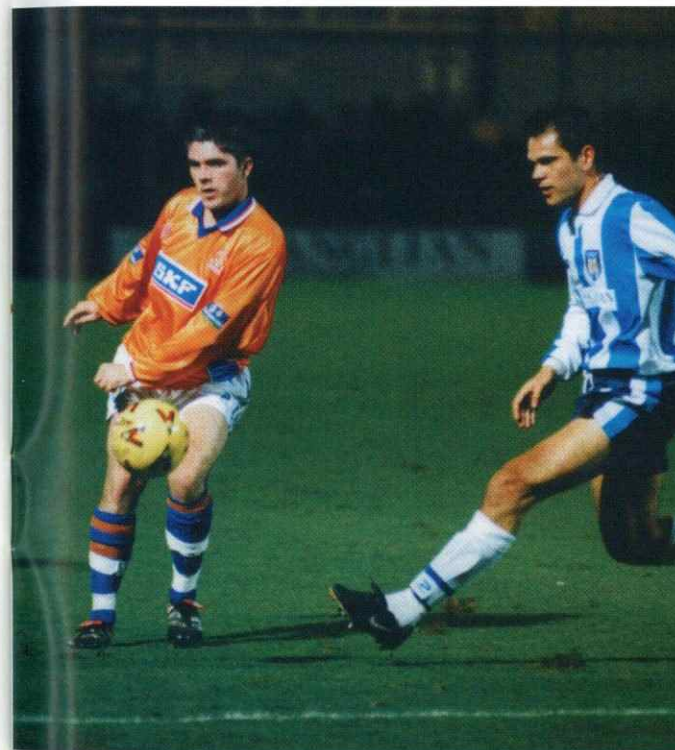
Attendance: 3,049 including 384 Town fans.



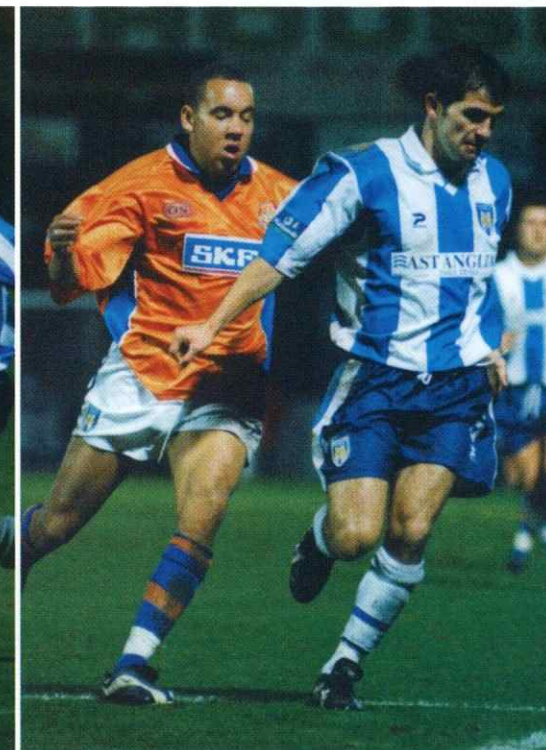
● OLD PALS ACT (1): Gary Doherty, used as a striker at Layer Road, goes head to head with David Greene.



● OLD PALS ACT (2): Doherty gets away from Greene, but the chance of the first goal, just before the interval, vanished when Doherty's shot was saved.



● OLD PALS ACT (3): Aaron Skelton clears before Tony Thorpe can threaten.



● NO WAY THROUGH: Liam George unable to shake off his marker.

Hatters Christmas Cheer

IT'S NOT much fun being in hospital at the best of times. When you're young, and waiting impatiently for Father Christmas to arrive, it's even worse.

But children in Luton and Dunstable Hospital had something to smile about when Town players volunteered to visit them with early Christmas gifts.

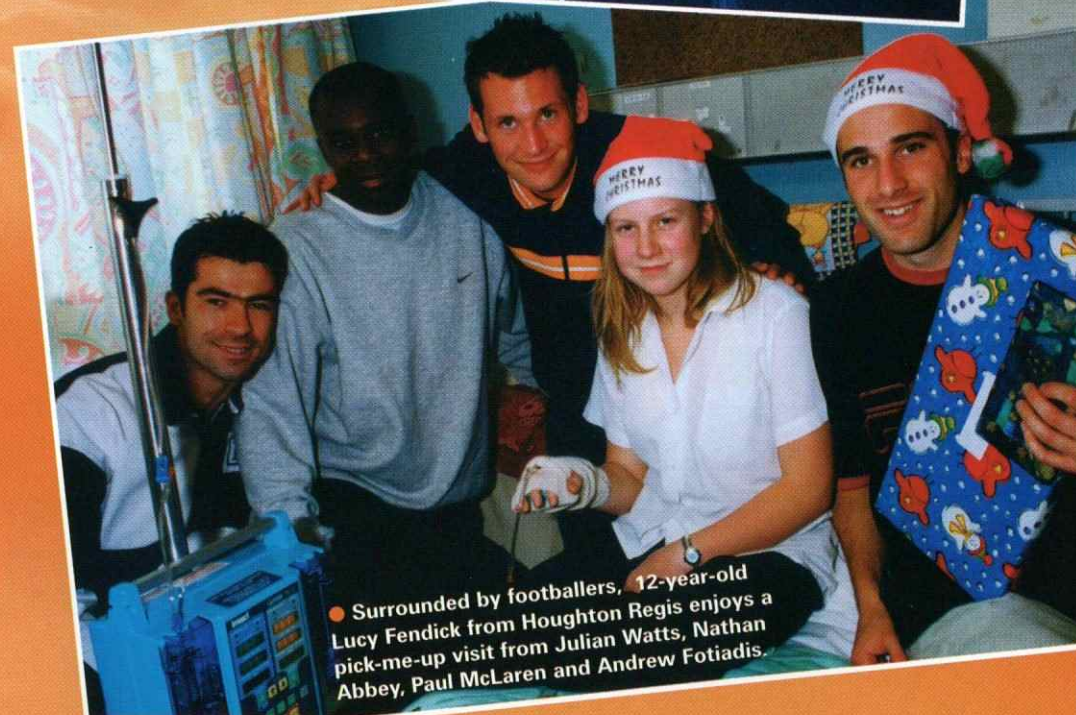
Gareth Owen went along with his camera, and was also responsible for getting the team to pose for our own "Christmas card" picture for supporters which is on today's front cover.

From everyone at the club, we offer renewed good wishes for the holiday period, and hope we all enjoy a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

● Gary Doherty is an immediate hit with a little miss - four-year-old Kimberley Beardwell from Bushmead is the beautiful young lady trying on his Santa hat for size



● What every well-dressed beautiful woman needs is a Luton Town scarf, here modelled by Donna Evans from Lewsey Farm, aided by an attentive Town squad.

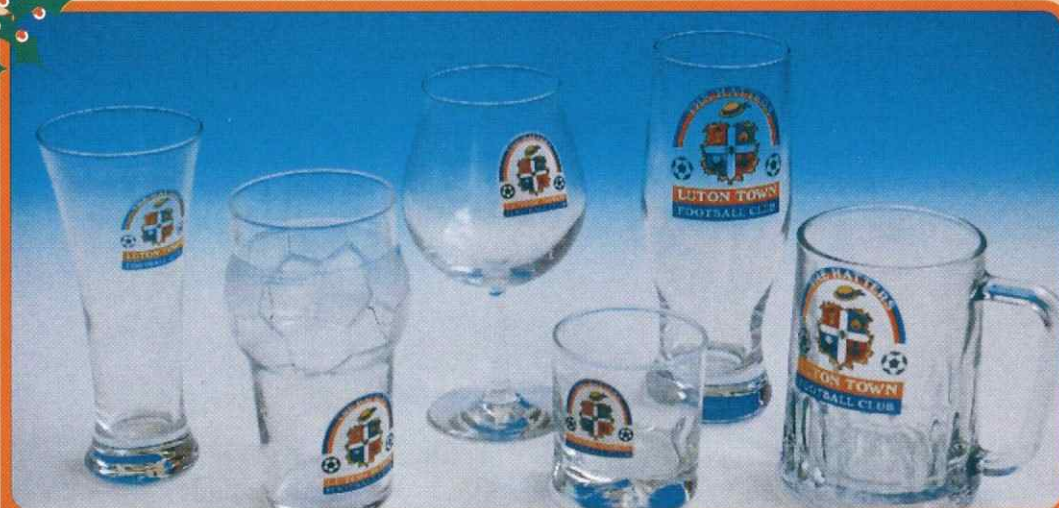


● Surrounded by footballers, 12-year-old Lucy Fendick from Houghton Regis enjoys a pick-me-up visit from Julian Watts, Nathan Abbey, Paul McLaren and Andrew Fotiadis.



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CLUB SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

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 New Year's Eve: 10am - 2pm
 Friday and Saturday Jan 1 and 2: Closed
 Monday Jan 3: 9am - 5.30pm
 Thereafter as normal



The Reserves

Trevor Hartley and John Moore



Luton Town 0 Peterborough 4

THE RESULT was not at all what we wanted, but there were mitigating circumstances in the Avon Insurance Combination

game at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, and some good things came out of it.

Peterborough fielded their full league squad, because Barry Fry wanted match practice for them - their Third Division game at Rochdale at the weekend was postponed.

Our side included five players who had not played for months, and that is the first time Trevor Hartley had experienced that in one game in his 35 years in football.

Four were coming back from injuries - Phil Gray, Andrew Fotiadis, Gavin McGowan and Landry Zahana-Oni - and the fifth was Gerry Harrison, the midfielder we had on loan from Sunderland a year ago. He went back after three months, and with the receivers in we were not in a position to consider Sunderland's asking price of £50,000 last summer. Since then the player and his manager have fallen out, and he is free to find another club. He has been training with us for a couple of weeks, but has not played competitive

Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 18	Bristol City	H	1-3 (Kandol)
SEPT	Wed 1	Portsmouth	A	0-1
	Wed 8	Swindon	H	0-1
	Tue 28	Oxford	A	2-4 (Jerry, Kandol)
OCT	Wed 6	Wycombe	H	5-2 (Kandol 4, OG)
	Wed 13	Brighton	A	2-1 (Jerry, Kandol)
	Wed 27	Bristol Rov	A	0-0
NOV	Wed 3	Norwich	H	1-1 (Kandol)
	Wed 17	Ipswich	A	0-2
DEC	Wed 1	Colchester	H	1-1 (McIndoe)
	Wed 8	Southend	H	Postponed (TBA)
	Wed 22	Peterborough	H	0-4
JAN	Wed 12	Cambridge Utd	A	2pm
	Wed 19	Northampton	H	2pm
FEB	Wed 2	QPR	H	2pm
	Wed 9	Barnet	A	2pm
	Wed 23	Millwall	H	2pm
MAR	Wed 1	L. Orient	A	2pm
	Wed 29	Gillingham	H	2pm
APRIL	Wed 5	Bournemouth	H	2pm
	Wed 12	Fulham	A	2pm

football for some time. With four others in a similar situation, and in our first game for three weeks, it was no surprise that so much lack of match fitness told over 90 minutes. Peterborough scored twice

in the last five minutes, but for us it was good to see so many players coming back. The first team is in need of a bit of help, and at last it is on its way.

Paul Read got another game under his belt, and all things considered the afternoon was not the disaster a 4-0 scoreline sounds like.

We were only one down at the interval, at which stage we might have had a goal or two ourselves, with Gray, Read and Fotiadis all going close.

Failure to close a man down cost us another goal before two late strikes put a gloss on it for a very good Peterborough side.

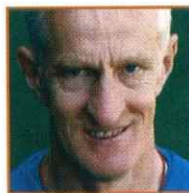
And physio Clive Goodyear was pretty pleased with what he saw - his column elsewhere today gives his views.

Luton Town: Tate, McGowan (Moran 75 mins), Stirling, Boyce, Ayres, Zahana-Oni, Harrison (Minton 75 mins), Scarlett, Gray, Read, Fotiadis.

Reserve team appearances, including as sub: Kandol 10, Boyce 10, Ayres 9, Stirling 9, Scarlett 9, Jerry 8, Sodje 7, McIndoe 7, Tate 6, White 6, Locke 5, Ward 5, Moran 5, Mansell 3, O'Connor 3, Graham 3, Minton 2, Read 2, Zahana-Oni 2, Gray 2, Pearson 2, Davis 2, Brkovic 2, Dogbe 2, Clarke 2, Mortara 2, Barribeau 1, Carroll 1, Cummings 1, Thorpe 1, Jones 1, Hunt 1, McGowan 1, Harrison 1, Fotiadis 1, Bowes 1, O'Brien 1, Ryan 1, Jack 1, Antunes 1, McKinnon 1, Esteban 1.

Goals: Kandol 8, Jerry 2, McIndoe 1, OG 1.

TREVOR Hartley and Paul Lowe have just been awarded top coaching qualifications after completing a series of courses and exams. Both are now the proud owners of UEFA badges, Trevor's to coach senior players and Paul's to teach youth players. Congratulations to them both from everyone at Kenilworth Road.



Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
YOUTH ALLIANCE



Luton Town 2 Wolverhampton Wdvs 2

WE WERE two up at half-time, so were bound to feel some disappointment at being held to

a draw in our final game of 1999. But overall, the result was fair to two good footballing sides.

After an even opening spell, we took the lead with an own goal after 14 minutes. Tresor Kandol played a ball into the penalty area for Marcus Jeffrey to chase. A defender managed to get in the way, and got to the ball first, but it bounced off his knee into the net.

If that was a touch lucky, our second, in the 38th minute, was real quality - Tresor Kandol took a pass from Alex Minton and hit a sweet curling shot into the top corner.

On a rather stodgy pitch both sides were trying to pass the ball, and Wolves were guilty of a glaring miss following a corner just before the interval. It was at a stage when after 40 good minutes, we were in danger of losing our compact shape.

Wolves got back into it ten minutes after the break, with a good headed goal from a left wing cross, and they then enjoyed a spell of some pressure. But we defended well, and it looked like we would weather the

storm, and perhaps snatch a goal on the break. Unfortunately, our final pass let us down too often.

The equaliser was disaster for Scott Ward, because he missed his punch completely to allow a 78th-minute free kick to float into the net.

It was hard to deny Wolves their share of the spoils, even though it was a bad goal to concede. Ward and James Ayres, who had a good match, had not got back to Luton from first team duty at Colchester until 12.30am on the day of the game, while Kandol was coming back from illness, and not surprisingly became tired in the later stages.

But the team worked very hard, and Ryan Moran was excellent in midfield. Minton also did well, with some nice touches, but is not yet match fit after injury. Certainly, we got the effort and commitment we expect from the team and the game was played in good spirit. We showed good team work, but apart from Kandol's goal few really outstanding individual touches.

Luton Town: Ward, Mortara, Carroll, Dogbe, Ayres, Stirling, Moran, Mansell, Minton, Jeffrey (Clarke 80 mins), Kandol. Unused subs: Osborne, Barribeau, Deeney, Wright (GK).

Youth team appearances, including as sub:

Mortara 18, Moran 18, Clarke 18, Carroll 17, Stirling 17, Mansell 16, Barribeau 15, Dogbe 15, Ayres 14, Jerry 12, Deeney 10, Mentore 10, Wright 9, Jeffrey 8, Ward 8, Minton 6, Flaherty 5, Kandol 5, Oughan 3, Thresher 3, Milton 2, Coktas 2, Crane 2, de Freitas 2, Talbot 2, Tate 1, Dosdogru 1, Cooper 1, Miller 1, Wilson 1, Osborne 1, Nurse 1.

Goals: Stirling 5, Clarke 4, Ayres 3, Jeffrey 3, Moran 2, Kandol 3, Flaherty 2, Jerry 1, OG 2.

WE have a break over Christmas and the New Year from the Football League Youth Alliance, and our next fixture is on January 8, against Shrewsbury at Luton RFC, kick-off 11am. On the following Tuesday evening we will be away to Southampton in the Times FA Youth Cup fourth round.

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	11	6	1	4	27	16	19
Cambridge	10	5	3	2	17	11	18
Wolves	10	5	2	3	18	13	17
Oxford	11	4	4	3	15	18	16
Luton Town	11	3	5	3	13	18	14
Walsall	10	4	2	4	18	17	13
Notts Co	9	3	2	4	9	8	11
Northampton	11	3	2	6	18	24	11
Shrewsbury	11	2	3	6	12	22	9

Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference Results and Fixtures

AUG	Sat 14	Walsall	H	0-0
	Sat 21	West Brom	H	2-1 (Kandol 2)
	Sat 28	Cambridge Utd	A	1-4 (Ayres)
SEPT	Sat 4	Notts Co	H	2-1 (Ayres, Stirling pen)
	Sat 18	Oxford Utd	H	1-1 (Jerry)
	Sat 25	Wolves	A	0-5
OCT	Sat 2	Northampton	H	3-1 (Jeffrey, Clarke, Stirling)
	Sat 16	Shrewsbury	A	0-2
	Wed 20	Sutton Utd (FAYC1)	H	2-0 (Moran, Flaherty)
	Sat 23	Southend (FLAYC)	A	1-2 (Ayres)
NOV	Sat 6	Cambridge (FLAYC)	H	1-2 (OG)
	Wed 10	Maidenhead (FAYC2)	H	5-0 (Clarke 2, Stirling 2, Jeffrey)
	Sat 13	Barnet (FLAYC)	A	0-1
	Sat 20	Colchester (FLAYC)	H	0-1
	Sat 27	Notts Co	A	0-0
	Mon 29	Welling (FAYC3)	A	3-1 (Flaherty, Jeffrey, Clarke)
DEC	Sat 11	Oxford Utd	A	2-2 (Stirling, Moran)
	Sat 18	Wolves	H	2-2 (OG, Kandol)
JAN	Sat 8	Shrewsbury	H	
	Tues 11	Southampton (FAYC4)	A	
	Sat 15	Northampton	A	
	Sat 22	Walsall	A	
FEB	Sat 5	West Brom	A	
	Sat 12	Cambridge Utd	H	

Biggest Wins & Defeats: Top Scorers

Goals	Player	League / Lge Cup / FA Cup
4-0 v Oxford & Colchester		
1-5 Notts County		
10 Stein	7	2 1
2-0 Wycombe		
0-5 Bury		
8 Murphy	8	0 0
3-0 Colchester		
1-4 v Bournemouth / 0-3 v Bristol Rovers		
9 Owusu	8	0 1
5-2 Blackpool		
0-3 v Gillingham & Oxford		
5 Tinnion	3	0 2
3-0 v Brentford & Luton		
1-3 Wigan		
14 Roberts	11	3 0
5-0 Wrexham		
0-1 v Bristol Rovers / 1-2 v Luton & Scunthorpe		
10 Payton	10	0 0
5-0 Blackpool		
4 games by a 2 goal margin		
11 Lawson	10	1 0
5-2 Colchester		
4 games by a 2 goal margin		
18 Butler	14	3 1
3-0 Colchester		
1-3 v Wycombe / 0-2 v Millwall & Wigan		
8 Nugent	5	1 2
4-2 v Cambridge / 2-0 v Preston		
0-3 Wigan		
9 Reeves	7	2 0
3-0 Luton		
0-4 Bournemouth		
7 Tresor Lua Lua	5	1 1
5-1 Wrexham		
0-2 v Preston / 1-3 v Luton		
18 Taylor	15	1 2
3-1 v Gillingham & Wrexham / 4-2 v Oxford		
0-3 v Colchester & Bristol Rovers		
12 George	10	0 2
5-0 Reading		
1-3 v Stoke / 0-2 v Preston & Gillingham		
12 Harris	12	0 0
5-1 Bournemouth		
0-2 v Preston & Bristol Rovers		
10 Stallard	10	0 0
2-0 Bury		
0-2 v Preston & Brentford		
8 Allott	7	1 0
3-0 Bristol City		
0-4 Bournemouth		
12 Murphy	6	3 3
3-0 v Blackpool & Bournemouth		
1-4 Wigan		
15 Macken	12	2 1
2-0 Bury		
0-5 Millwall		
10 Caskey	5	2 3
3-1 v Cambridge & Bournemouth		
4 games by a 3 goal margin		
8 Ipoua	8	0 0
4-0 Wycombe		
5 games by a 1 goal margin		
8 Thorne	7	1 0
3-0 v Chesterfield & Scunthorpe / 4-1 v Preston		
No defeats as yet		
20 Barlow	16	2 2
4 games by a 1 goal margin		
0-5 Burnley		
9 Faulconbridge	8	0 1
3-1 v Cardiff / 5-3 v Reading / 2-0 v Brentford		
0-4 Stoke		
14 Devine	12	1 1

1999-00 Season Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate.....	16,821 Preston v Blackpool 18-Dec
Lowest Gate.....	2,254 Chesterfield v Bristol City 7-Dec
Highest Aggregate Score.....	Wycombe 5-3 Reading 2-Oct
Biggest Home Win.....	Notts County 4-4 Bristol City 27-Nov
Biggest Away Win.....	Burnley 5-0 Wrexham 2-Nov
Consecutive Wins.....	Millwall 5-0 Reading 16-Nov
Consecutive Defeats.....	Blackpool 0-5 Bury 16-Oct
Games Unbeaten.....	Millwall 6
Consecutive Defeats.....	Wigan 21
Games without a Win.....	Oldham 5
Consecutive Wins.....	Millwall 6
Games Unbeaten.....	Wigan 21
Consecutive Defeats.....	Cambridge, Cardiff 3
Games without a Win.....	Chesterfield 16

Current Sequences

How Clubs have scored... and conceded

(The UK's Biggest Selling Football Magazine)

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG		H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
7	3	6	4	1	2	8	2	Bournemouth	10	6	5	2	0	4	6	0
7	2	1	3	0	1	7	0	Blackpool	10	8	4	1	1	1	12	1
7	2	9	5	0	0	9	0	Brentford	5	1	5	1	1	4	10	1
3	4	4	6	0	1	7	1	Bristol City	4	3	5	3	1	0	10	1
8	2	2	2	1	3	11	0	Bristol Rovers	1	1	4	2	1	0	4	0
12	5	2	1	0	2	6	0	Burnley	0	4	5	0	0	2	1	1
8	7	3	2	0	2	7	2	Bury	4	4	5	2	0	0	12	0
11	5	2	2	0	3	5	2	Cambridge United	11	6	4	7	0	3	8	0
5	5	5	5	0	1	1	1	Cardiff City	9	4	4	7	0	2	4	0
3	1	3	1	0	3	1	0	Chesterfield	8	2	4	1	0	2	6	1
5	7	3	2	1	2	5	0	Colchester United	11	9	5	3	1	1	13	1
6	2	7	8	1	2	12	0	Gillingham	6	6	1	4	0	3	3	0
5	6	3	2	0	1	8	0	Luton Town	12	5	2	5	1	0	5	0
9	6	1	6	0	2	11	0	Millwall	3	2	5	1	1	4	5	1
14	5	4	0	1	0	10	1	Notts County	9	4	1	4	0	2	3	1
10	1	2	2	1	0	7	0	Oldham Athletic	8	7	2	3	0	3	5	0
3	3	2	2	0	3	5	1	Oxford United	5	6	1	6	0	2	8	0
9	8	3	4	1	2	7	2	Preston North End	6	2	2	1	1	2	4	0
7	4	1	3	1	3	6	0	Reading	9	3	5	6	1	2	11	2
3	3	3	1	0	3	8	0	Scunthorpe United	11	0	4	7	0	1	11	1
12	3	6	4	0	1	5	0	Stoke City	7	3	2	1	0	0	5	2
10	3	8	5	0	4	10	1	Wigan Athletic	5	0	0	3	0	4	7	0
7	3	2	5	0	1	3	0	Wrexham	10	4	7	1	0	1	11	0
3	6	3	3	1	3	6	0	Wycombe Wanderers	11	5	2	7	0	2	2	0

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

Referee	G	R	Y	Ave	Club	Y	R	Points
Tomlin	15	3	65	4.33	Millwall	45	2	51
Hill	13	2	56	4.31	Reading	42	2	48
Wilkes	14	5	57	4.07	Wrexham	34	4	46
Bates	15	5	60	4.00	Wycombe	33	4	45
Fletcher	15	2	58	3.87	Oxford	33	2	39
Parkes	14	2	54	3.86	Bristol Rovers	32	2	38
Wilkie	5	0	19	3.80	Notts County	35	1	38
Ryan	13	7	49	3.77	Blackpool	31	2	37
Bennett	8	1	30	3.75	Bury	30	2	36
Lynch	15	11	55	3.67	Cambridge	32	1	35
Warren	11	1	40	3.64	Stoke	28	2	34
Foy	15	5	53	3.53	Wigan	31	1	34
Gallagher	5	3	17	3.40	Bristol City	26	2	32
Knight	8	3	27	3.38	Colchester	28	1	31
Jordan	13	1	44	3.38	Brentford	24	2	30
Cable	14	6	47	3.36	Cardiff	23	2	29
Laws G	14	1	44	3.14	Luton	24	1	27
Beeby	13	4	40	3.08	Oldham	24	0	24
Walton	13	2	39	3.00	Scunthorpe	21	1	24
					Burnley	23	0	23
					Gillingham	20	1	23
					Preston	17	2	23
					Bournemouth	20	0	20
					Chesterfield	17	1	20

Referees who've officiated more than 4 games
Key:
G = Number of games
R = Number of red cards
Y = Number of yellow cards
Ave = Number of yellow cards per game

NATIONWIDE DIVISION 2 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

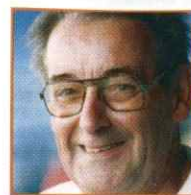
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2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



OH WELL, at least we got further in the FA Cup than Manchester United and Watford. But the danger as we go into Christmas and the New Year is that unless we go on a good run in the league our season will fizzle out long

before it should.

The switch of FA Cup schedules, putting the third round into December instead of the traditional first Saturday of January, has left a lot of clubs in a similar position, but the Second Division will have at least one club in round five after the fourth round is played on January 8 because Wrexham have been drawn at home to Cambridge.

And while we mutter about concentrating on the league now, we can console ourselves with the knowledge that we did a little better than the average Second Division club in the FA Cup. Some of the top teams were dumped out before us: Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Notts County, Stoke, Chesterfield and Colchester were all beaten in the first round.

Millwall's response to defeat at Hartlepool was to embark on a major success run, starting with a win over us, and they have shot up the table with six victories on the bounce.

By contrast Chesterfield, today's visitors, were beaten at home by non-league Enfield, and their Second Division record since then is six defeats and two draws - 0-0 at home to Oxford and 1-1 at Brentford - and they have netted only one goal in their last five outings.

Second Division teams who went out in the second round of the cup were Bournemouth, Bury and Wycombe.

Definitely through to the fourth round are Burnley, Cambridge, Preston and Wrexham. Postponed replays will decide if they are to be joined by Oxford, at home to Nottingham Forest, and Gillingham, at home to Walsall.

In Tuesday's cup-ties, Cardiff were unluckily beaten 1-0 at Bolton and Reading lost away to Third Division Plymouth, Mick Heathcote netting the only goal two minutes from time.

Second Division interest in the FA Cup fourth round on January 8: Plymouth v

Preston, Walsall or Gillingham v Bradford, Chelsea v Nottingham Forest or Oxford, Wrexham v Cambridge, Coventry v Burnley.

The Second Division

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts	
Wigan	21	9	2	0	22	6	3	7	0	19	13	45
Preston	21	8	1	2	18	9	5	5	0	18	9	45
Bristol Rov	21	8	3	1	14	6	7	2	2	15	7	44
Millwall	22	6	4	1	17	8	6	2	3	18	14	42
Burnley	21	9	1	1	22	7	2	6	2	6	6	40
Gillingham	20	7	1	2	21	9	4	4	2	17	14	38
Notts Co	22	5	3	3	18	12	6	2	3	17	12	38
Stoke	21	4	4	3	14	11	5	3	2	17	9	34
Brentford	22	6	3	2	19	13	3	4	4	13	15	34
Bournemouth	22	7	2	2	22	8	2	2	7	11	25	31
Luton Town	21	6	3	1	20	13	2	1	8	5	17	28
Bury	21	4	4	2	20	17	2	5	4	11	10	27
Wycombe	22	4	3	4	15	16	2	5	4	10	15	26
Bristol City	21	3	8	0	15	8	2	2	6	11	19	25
Oldham	21	3	2	5	11	12	3	3	5	12	16	23
Oxford	21	2	4	4	11	12	3	2	6	8	16	21
Wrexham	21	3	4	3	12	12	1	5	5	9	22	21
Colchester	22	3	3	5	14	20	2	3	6	11	24	21
Scunthorpe	21	2	2	7	9	19	3	3	4	12	16	20
Cardiff	21	2	6	2	11	11	2	1	8	12	19	19
Reading	20	3	5	3	13	13	1	1	7	12	26	18
Blackpool	21	2	4	4	11	17	1	3	7	10	21	16
Cambridge	21	3	3	5	20	21	0	3	7	10	18	15
Chesterfield	21	1	3	6	5	11	1	4	6	7	13	13

League leaders Wigan went out in the third round to First Division Wolves, and that ended a run of 21 games without defeat, but they are still the only team in the country yet to lose a league match this season. They might be tested today - they are away to Notts County, who need at least one point for a chance of regaining a spot in the top six.

Preston, second only on goal difference, and with only two defeats in the league, might be a better bet at Wrexham, while there is a real six-pointer at the New Den, Millwall v Bristol Rovers.

Bristol City, our opponents in the last game of the century, face a tricky game at Brentford, while Scunthorpe, our first opposition in 2000, are away to Oldham.

Today's other Second Division fixtures

Blackpool v Stoke
Brentford v Bristol City
Bristol Rovers v Millwall
Bury v Burnley
Cardiff v Reading
Gillingham v Colchester
Notts County v Wigan
Oldham v Scunthorpe
Oxford v Cambridge
Wrexham v Preston
Wycombe v Bournemouth

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	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attnd.	team
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A 0-0		-	6,141	Abbey Fraser Watts White Johnson Douglas McLaren
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H 0-2		-	2,984	Abbey Fraser Watts White Boyce Douglas McLaren
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H 3-2	George 2, Spring	7	5,176	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 21	Reading	A 2-1	Fotiadis, George	3	8,741	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A 2-2	Kandol, Doherty	3	4,414	Abbey Locke Sodje Boyce White Watts Gray
	Sat 28	Cardiff	H 1-0	Gray	2	5,374	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tues 31	Bournemouth	A 0-1		2	4,797	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
SEPT	Sat 4	Burnley	H 1-1	Fotiadis	5	4,633	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 11	Wrexham	H 3-1	Taylor, Spring, George	3	5,121	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 18	Brentford	A 0-2		5	7,039	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H 4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	3	6,102	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
OCTOBER	Sat 2	Wigan	A 0-1		8	6,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Sat 9	Oldham	A 1-2	Midgley	10	4,532	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson Gray Locke
	Sat 16	Gillingham	H 3-1	George 2 (1pen), Douglas	7	6,394	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Tue 19	Wycombe	H 1-1	Douglas	7	5,820	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Sat 23	Oxford Utd	A 1-0	George	7	5,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Sat 30	Kingstonian (FA Cup 1)	H 4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor	7	4,682	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray
NOVEMBER	Tue 2	Millwall	A 0-1		9	6,181	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Sat 6	Burnley	H 2-1	Midgley 2	8	7,205	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Fri 12	Cambridge Utd	A 1-3	George	9	6,211	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Fri 19	Lincoln (FA Cup 2)	H 2-2	Doherty 2	10	4,291	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Tue 23	Preston	H 0-2		10	5,124	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Sodje George Midgley
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A 0-3		10	7,805	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
	Tue 30	Lincoln (FA Cup 2R)	A 1-0	Douglas	10	3,822	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
DECEMBER	Sat 4	Notts County	H 2-2	Doherty, Thorpe	11	5,195	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Thorpe
	Tue 7	Oxford (AWS 1)	A 0-2		11	1,220	Abbey Fraser Sodje Ayres Johnson George Doherty
	Sat 11	Fulham (FA Cup 3)	A 2-2	George, Spring	10	5,905	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
	Fri 17	Colchester	A 0-3		11	3,049	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Thorpe
	Tues 21	Fulham (FA Cup 3)	H 0-3			8,170	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H 3pm				
	Tue 28	Bristol City	A 3pm				
JAN 2000	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H 3pm				
	Sat 8	Stoke	A 3pm				
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A 3pm				
	Sat 22	Reading	H 3pm				
	Sun 30	Cardiff	A 12.15pm				
FEB	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H 3pm				
	Sat 12	Bury	A 3pm				
	Sat 19	Bristol Rov	H 3pm				
	Sat 26	Brentford	H 3pm				
MARCH	Sat 4	Wrexham	A 3pm				
	Tue 7	Burnley	A 7.45pm				
	Sat 11	Millwall	H 3pm				
	Sat 18	Preston	A 3pm				
	Tue 21	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm				
	Sat 25	Chesterfield	A 3pm				
APRIL	Sat 1	Colchester	H 3pm				
	Sat 8	Scunthorpe	A 3pm				
	Sat 15	Bristol City	H 3pm				
	Sat 22	Gillingham	A 3pm				
	Mon 24	Wigan	H 3pm				
	Sat 29	Wycombe	A pm				
MAY	Sat 6	Oldham	H 3pm				
	The FA Cup final will be on May 20						
	TBA	Stoke City	H				

Today's Referee

THIS afternoon's referee, Philip Joslin from Newark, is paying his second visit of the season to Kenilworth Road, and once more the programme editor is taking extreme care with getting his details right. Keen on all sports, Mr Joslin is an avid collector of football programmes, and today's will be another for his vast collection. His last time here was in October, when he had charge of our FA Cup-tie against Kingstonian. Mr Joslin, a quality engineer, has just completed 20 years as a ref, having started in the local Newark Leagues. He moved up to the national list of referees via the Notts Alliance, the Northern Counties East and the panel leagues. In 1992 Mr Joslin became a linesman on the Football League, and then to the Premier League a year later. The biggest games of his career so far have all been as an assistant referee, as linesman are now called. They included matches in Euro 96 in this country, and the 1995 UEFA U18 championships. He also knows Wembley pretty well, having officiated there for the FA Vase final in 1994, the FA Cup final in 1998, and twice in the Nationwide play-off finals, in 1996 and 1999.

TOWN TEASER

OUR popular "Town Trivia" quiz offers a little Christmas present this afternoon to another supporter. Before the game the PA announcer will ask the latest Town Teaser. If you know the answer, listen for your chance to have a go.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Luton hammered Crewe Alexandra 6-0 in December 1996. Who scored a hat-trick in that match?

substitutes

Gray	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Boyce for Taylor, 70 mins. Unused: George, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Tate
Gray	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Doherty for White HT; Fotiadis for Douglas 60 mins; George for McIndoe 60 mins. Unused: Zahana-Oni, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McKinnon for Fotiadis 75 mins; Zahana-Oni for Douglas 83 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 89 mins. Unused: Boyce, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McIndoe for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, McKinnon, Tate
McKinnon	Douglas	McIndoe	Kandol	Doherty for Douglas 67 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 67 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Davis, Ward
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 66 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins; McKinnon for George 84 mins. Unused: Sodje, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 60 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 73 mins; McIndoe for George 73 mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; McKinnon for McLaren 62 mins; Sodje for Johnson 75 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Kandol	Taylor	Sodje for Kandol 70 mins. Unused: White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Midgley	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 66 mins. Unused: Sodje, Kandol, Scarlett, Tate
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for McLaren 73 mins; Midgley for Locke 77 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Kandol for Gray 50 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 67 mins; Midgley for Douglas 67 mins. Unused: White, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for Midgley 80 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 85 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 75 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 72 mins; Locke for Douglas 77 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Gray 30 mins; Boyce for Fraser 39 mins. Unused: White, Sodje, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley HT. Unused: White, Sodje, Locke, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Douglas 73 mins; Locke for McLaren 79 mins; Kandol for Midgley 88 mins. Unused: Sodje, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Sodje for Boyce HT; Locke for McLaren 59 mins; McIndoe for Midgley 59 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Sodje for Locke HT; McIndoe for McLaren 83 mins. Unused: Boyce Kandol, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for McLaren 62 mins; White for Midgley 62 mins; Boyce for Fraser 75 mins. Unused: Locke, Ward
Locke	Spring	McLaren	McIndoe	Thorpe for Doherty 61 mins; Boyce for Watts 86 mins. Unused: Taylor, Douglas, Ward
Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for McLaren 50 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol, McIndoe, Ward
Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Boyce for Fraser 60 mins; Sodje for Douglas 81 mins. Unused: Kandol, Scarlett, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Locke	Boyce	Read for Douglas HT; Scarlett for Locke 69 mins. Unused: Taylor, Jerry, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	All unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Jerry, Ayres, Tate
Doherty	Spring	Locke	Taylor	McLaren for George 62 mins. Unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Read, Ward
Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Boyce for Fraser 59 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Kandol, Ayres, Tate

Travelling fans

OURS

OUR biggest crowd of the season so far included 907 Fulham supporters n the Oak Road end for Tuesday's cup replay, which was more than the average, but much less than half the following we had at Craven Cottage. Fulham officials reckoned their fans were struggling for money in the pre-Christmas spell, with a lot of big matches coming up. Games against Luton obviously did not come into this category for Fulham supporters - the attendance for the match at Craven Cottage was barely half the average so far.

THEIRS

Notts County	1,531	Bristol Rovers (WC)	240
Reading	1,536	Blackpool	464
Bristol Rovers (WC)	134	Cardiff	992
Bournemouth	665	Bury	198
Brentford	1,704	Wrexham	307
Wigan	985	Oxford	745
Oldham	451	Gillingham	1,241
Oxford	1,523	Wycombe	711
Millwall	688	Kingstonian (FAC1)	571
Cambridge	2,152	Burnley	1,392
Bristol Rovers	417	Lincoln (FAC2)	523
Lincoln (FAC2R)	294	Preston	578
Oxford (AWS)	126	Notts County	328
Fulham (FAC3)	2,346	Fulham	907
Colchester	384		
Total	14,936		9,197
Average	.995		.657

Today's Teams



Luton Town

NATHAN ABBEY	1
STUART FRASER	13
JULIAN WATTS	40
GARY DOHERTY	12
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	11
PAUL McLAREN	8
STUART DOUGLAS	9
MATTHEW SPRING	4
TONY THORPE	29
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15

Substitutes

ANDRE SCARLETT	21
EMMERSON BOYCE	17
TRESOR KANDOL	18
ADAM LOCKE	28
DANIEL TATE (GK)	22

V



Chesterfield

1	CARL MUGGLETON
2	JAMIE HEWITT
6	IAN BRECKIN
5	STEVE BLATHERWICK
22	CHRIS PERKINS
8	MICK GALLOWAY
4	TOM CURTIS
18	RYAN WILLIAMS
7	JONATHAN HOWARD
9	DAVID REEVES
15	JASON LEE

Substitutes

14	CHRIS BEAUMONT
17	GREG PEARCE
19	DANNY WILLIAMS
23	STEVE PAYNE
28	DAVID D'AURIA

Today's Officials

Referee: Philip Joslin, Newark

Assistants: C. J. Francis, Ely (red flag)
J. D. Woodroffe, Wicken, Cambs (yellow and red flag)

Reserve official: F. Graham, Corringham, Essex

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