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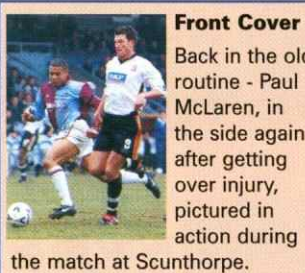
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### Front Cover

Back in the old routine - Paul McLaren, in the side again after getting over injury, pictured in action during the match at Scunthorpe.



WE HAD waited a long time for the victory at Scunthorpe, a team we had never previously beaten on their ground. We figure in their history because in April 1965, they ran up their biggest-ever win, 8-1 against us, to condemn us to relegation to the Fourth Division. Last week's trip was our first return since that wretched day. Victory came at the fifth attempt, and the goals were overdue - John O'Rourke's strike in the 1965 humiliation was until Saturday the only one we had ever scored at Scunthorpe.

DEFENDER Ryan Moran, one of the YTS boys released by the Town, has joined Ryman League club St. Albans City. He will be at Clarence Park until the end of the season, when both he and City will consider their options about his future. The move suited his domestic arrangements - the 17-year-old comes from nearby Welwyn Garden City.

JULIAN Watts has become the first out of contract player to sign a new deal, having agreed a contract to run until the end of next season. Negotiations were uncomplicated - Watts, 29, was delighted to join the Town at the start of this season for the chance of regular first team football, while Lennie Lawrence was equally pleased to retain the services of the experienced centre-back who was released by Bristol City last summer.

Phil Gray, Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas, Andrew Fotiadis and Alan White are the other first-teamers whose contracts expire at the end of the season.

## Travelling fans

### OURS ON THE ROAD

Notts County	1,531
Reading	1,536
Bristol Rovers (WC)	134
Bournemouth	665
Brentford	1,704
Wigan	985
Oldham	451
Oxford	1,523
Millwall	688
Cambridge	2,152
Bristol Rovers	417
Lincoln (FAC2R)	294
Oxford (AWS)	126
Fulham (FAC3)	2,346
Colchester	384
Bristol City	461
Stoke	651
Blackpool	450
Cardiff	286
Bury	554
Wrexham	340
Burnley	286
Preston	493
Chesterfield	514
Scunthorpe	741
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,712</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>788</b>

### VISITORS TO LUTON

Bristol Rovers (WC)	240
Blackpool	464
Cardiff	992
Bury	198
Wrexham	307
Oxford	745
Gillingham	1,241
Wycombe	711
Kingstonian (FAC1)	571
Burnley	1,392
Lincoln (FAC2)	523
Preston	578
Notts County	328
Fulham	907
Chesterfield	274
Scunthorpe	501
Reading	691
Bournemouth	348
Stoke	719
Bristol Rovers	1,158
Brentford	734
Millwall	1,526
Cambridge	1,120
Colchester	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,718</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>697</b>

THE TOWN have been keeping an eye on the progress of Neil Midgley, having given him his league debut while he was on loan from Ipswich in September. There are suggestions that he may be surplus to requirements at Portman Road at the end of the season, when his current contract expires. As he is only 21, Ipswich will be able to ask a fee for him - the Bosman ruling affects only players of 24 and over - but they are not looking at him as current first team material. Midgley, who scored three goals in ten appearances for us, has joined Kidderminster on loan, as they bid for the championship of the Nationwide Conference and promotion to the Football League.

He went on as a sub in their vital 2-0 home win last week over moneybags Rushden and Diamonds, where the assistant manager to Brian Talbot is Terry Westley.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to another former Kenilworth Road man. Richard Money, the elegant left back brought in by David Pleat as part of the 1982 Second Division championship side, is now in charge of the youth academy at Coventry, and has just seen his young charges reach the final of the FA Youth Cup.

PRE-season arrangements are gathering pace, with more first team fixtures now confirmed, away to Grimsby on Monday July 31, and to nearby Hull City on August 2. On Friday August 4 there will be a friendly at Rushden & Diamonds, and the only home friendly will be against Wimbledon on August 7.

TICKETS are still available for the Luton Town Supporters Club's annual player of the season presentation, which will be attended by the Town manager, coaches and players. It is on Sunday April 30, at the Kent Social Club, Tenby Drive, Luton, and tickets are £4 to LTSC members, and £5 to others, and can be bought from the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road this evening, or on Town on Tour coaches to the games at Gillingham and Wycombe.

PLAYERS will also be out in force for a Luton Town dinner and dance at the Cloisters, at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park on Friday May 12. Cost, with a three course meal and dancing to live band Aries, will be £29, and dress code will be lounge suits. Ring the commercial department on Luton 411622 for further information or bookings.

*Brian Swain*



## FAIR PLAY, PLEASE

Obscene and abusive language has become an increasing part of the chanting from some parts of the ground in recent matches, and efforts are being made to stamp it out. We ask all genuine supporters to help us - a small minority is doing Luton Town a huge dis-service as we try to be a family club. Be vocal in your support of the team, by all means, but please cut out the obscenities. We want everyone to enjoy the atmosphere of football at Kenilworth Road.

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# The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



YOU will know that we are playing this evening instead of last Saturday because Bristol City were engaged in the Auto Windscreens Shield final on Sunday, and the effects of that on both our clubs might be interesting.

From our point of view we have had the unusual luxury of ten days to prepare for the match and to recover from our exertions at Scunthorpe. That has helped us in fitness terms, but I am not sure what effect Sunday's occasion at Wembley will have had on Bristol City after their narrow defeat. It must have come as a big disappointment, and their test this evening will be to see how they react. Sunday was the start of a big week for them, with the Bristol derby game coming up next Saturday.

Like us, Bristol City can finish top of the middle group of teams in the table, which has to be the minimum we strive for in the closing weeks of the season. City will want to bounce back from Sunday's disappointment, while we want to win to overtake them in the table.

In the general welcome to our visitors, it will be a particular pleasure to see Tony Thorpe back at Kenilworth Road. I trust he will not be allowed to demonstrate it tonight, but I am delighted to see him in such good form again. He seems to have recaptured all his old sharpness and appetite for goals, and is probably in his best form since leaving us a couple of years ago.

Thankfully, we too are in a decent little run of form at present, having managed three consecutive victories for the first time in 19 months.

In the last home game, against Colchester, we had some spells where we were excellent, and others where we looked wobbly, and, as always, likely to concede goals. But we are an attacking team, and came back from behind for a win that was very pleasing against a side who were like us, better attacking than defending.

At Scunthorpe it was a very physical game, and I thought the ref let too much go. Not too often do we come out on top in games where we have to battle physically, so that result was extremely heartening. It makes me think we are "growing up" as a team.

What is important now is to resist any feeling that our season is over and done with. It is not. I have set a new target: 60 points minimum, and the goals total to be taken to well over 60. The league table shows that no-one in the Second Division has scored more home goals than us. In our total of 41 matches home and away so far we have hit 47 goals, and only the top eight teams have netted more. Our defending is not so good, so the Luton Town philosophy has to be to try to score more goals than we concede.

We are an attacking team, and it is important that we continue our goal output - unless you hit 70 or so in a season you are not likely to do much in the league.

Having enjoyed a ten-day break from games before tonight, we are now at the start of three games in six days, and I was able to take in Gillingham v Wigan on Saturday to have a look at our next two opponents.

Gillingham are in with a play-off chance again, having got there and failed narrowly at Wembley last May. On Saturday they once again demonstrated their uncanny knack of being able to snatch a win at home when it hardly looked likely, and we will have our work cut out to ensure they don't do it to us.

Wigan used a defensive formation, and got within a few minutes of earning a draw that might have suited them. They will be difficult to beat here on Monday, but we should look forward to the chance to test ourselves against a good side. Promotion this season may have passed us by, but we have got to go for it next year, and as I have always stressed it is vital that we end this season on a high to give us the right platform for the new campaign in August.

Lennie Lawrence

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## Tonight's Referee

TONY Leake, tonight's referee, is meeting us for the second time this season, having been in charge of our first match of the campaign, at Meadow Lane, Nottingham, last August. He comes from Darwen, Lancashire, and is a raw materials buyer.

Mr Leake started his refereeing career in parks football in Lancashire in 1983, and after achieving Class One qualification within three years has moved steadily up the pyramid ever since. He reached the Football League's linesmen's list in 1992 and was promoted to become the man in the middle three years later. He is on FIFA's referees assistants list, and in that capacity officiated at the 1995 European Cup-winners Cup quarter-final between Sampdoria and Porto.

Outside of football Mr Leake, father of two teenage children, enjoys cross-country running, reading and music.



## TOWN TEASER



OUR "Town Trivia" quiz offers another free prize to a supporter this evening. 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, for a bit of fun and to win a little prize.

### THE QUESTION

**We beat Stoke City 6-2 in November 1993 after being two down. Who scored a hat-trick for us?**

## Hatters Roll-Call Season 1999/2000

	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)					GOALS			
	League	FAC	WC	AWS	Total	League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	32	5	2	1	40	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	21(6)	0(2)	2	1	24(8)	1	0	0	1
Gary Doherty	39	5	0(2)	1	45(2)	5	2	1	8
Stuart Douglas	32(4)	5	2	1	40(4)	3	1	0	4
Andrew Fotiadis	8(14)	0	0(2)	0	8(16)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	20	5	1	1	27	1	0	0	1
Liam George	32(5)	5	0(1)	1	38(6)	14(1p)	2	0	16(1p)
Phil Gray	23(1)	1	2	0	26(1)	9	1	0	10
Marvin Johnson	39	5	0	1	45	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	24(5)	3(1)	1	1	29(6)	3	0	0	3
Gavin McGowan	7(2)	0	0	0	7(2)	0	0	0	0
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	20(4)	4	1	0	25(4)	1	0	0	1
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
Ben Roberts	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	2(1)	0	0	0(1)	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	5(4)	1(1)	2	1	9(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	39(1)	5	1	1	46(1)	6(1p)	2	0	8(1p)
Matthew Taylor	34(2)	5	1	0	40(2)	3	1	0	4
Tony Thorpe	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	1	0	0	1
Julian Watts	40	5	2	0	47	4	0	0	4
Alan White	11(3)	0	2	0	13(3)	1	0	0	1
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0

# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson



THREE wins on the bounce, for the first time this season, has put us in a happy mood, and ready to try to make it four at Bristol City's expense this evening.

I suspect they will find it difficult not to see tonight as a case of "after the Lord Mayor's show" following their trip to Wembley on Sunday. We offer them our congratulations on their Auto Windscreens Shield campaign, and look forward to knocking them back in the league - as you probably know we go above City if we beat them.

If we play as well as we have done in our last three games, we are well capable. Against Colchester we were desperate to get our home form going again, and I felt we had the game under control, even when they came back at us and went 2-1 ahead. The way we were playing, we were confident we could get a goal or two, as we did.

Gary "Harry" Doherty did the business again, and what a season he is having. The nickname, incidentally is because we think his ginger thatch makes him look like Happy Harry! Joking aside, Dozza, as he prefers, is having a wonderful season at both ends of the park. For a big lad he is quick, and as well as being strong in the air is pretty nimble with his footwork as well, and I think he will score goals throughout his career. I heard him talk to the press about being a centre-half for Luton and eventually a centre-forward for Ireland, and my personal belief is that he will settle down to be a top class defender.

He scored again at Scunthorpe, and the result there was down to another good all-round team performance. We knew that Scunthorpe would have a right go at us in the opening stages, and so it proved. But we took the wind out of their sails with the first goal and once more I felt that from then on it was a

game we would win. It might have been different if they had equalised from a penalty. We were not complaining about the trip being ruled a foul, but we were sure that Guy Ipoua was offside when he received the ball, so his miss from the spot simply put the record straight.

I know that the manager is concerned that we do not keep enough clean sheets, and we will try to do better on that score, but at the same time I don't think we should grumble too much about the goals against in view of the goals for column. We are set up as an attacking team, and we always fancy our chances of scoring goals. I accept that sometimes the defending should be better, and on that subject I thought that during the Colchester game, when we went behind, the shouts for the manager to be sacked were out of order. We were making the mistakes, not him. I have played under a few managers in more than ten years at Luton Town, and I bracket Lennie Lawrence and David Pleat together as being among the best in the game. In terms of tactics and football thinking they are very similar, and in the dressing room our feeling is that the boss and the coaches have done an excellent job. Think back to the situation last summer, and it's wonderful to be sitting in the top half of the table and well clear of the relegation dogfight before Easter. That hasn't happened here too often in my time!

Our target now is to overhaul Bristol City, and to make sure our old pal Tony Thorpe has a pointless return to Kenilworth Road. I speak to him regularly, and am pleased that he had the chance of playing at Wembley. But he was also looking forward to coming back here for tonight's game, even though he knows there is a distinct chance Alan White, Julian Watts and I will be taking it in turns to give him a bit of a going-over!

*Marvin Johnson*

# Treatment Room

**Clive Goodyear**



IT WAS ironic that with no match for the first team on Saturday our squad should be at its fittest for some time. The only player who would have been ruled out was Andrew Fotiadis, and he now has it confirmed

that he will not play again this season.

He dislocated and fractured a little finger when he crashed into a pitchside advert hoarding during a reserve game, and has had to undergo surgery for a pin to be inserted to stabilise the bone, which was knocked badly out of line.

The pin has to stay in for about a month, and there is no way he could risk playing football in the meantime. He is also restricted in his training. He has a splint on his hand which affects his balance, and can take no chances of any sort of contact with it. Tackling to win a ball is out of the question, as is the risk of being hit on the hand by a ball.

Obviously he can still work on general fitness, such as running and pedalling the exercise bike, but he must not do much more than that until the pin is removed.

Our only injury from Scunthorpe was to Matthew Spring, who twisted an ankle. It was swollen and sore, but nothing worse than bad bruising. He was under treatment for a few days, and unable to train in the early part of last week, but he would have been ready for Saturday if required.

My only other "customer" this week has been groundsman Richard Bird, who has been taking a bit of stick from the lads after suffering a knee injury while on duty. The word is that he came off second best when tackled by a lawn mower which was a touch more agile than him... We have Richard under treatment for a medial ligament injury, but I am glad to say it is not career-threatening! And thankfully the lawn mower is OK.

*Clive Goodyear*

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# Club Secretary

**Cherry Newbery**



FIRST this evening I wish to pass on the grateful thanks of the Keech Cottage Hospice for the generous response from supporters to their bucket collection at the last home game. Jack Sapsworth and his volunteers collected £504.

Our final match for the reserves, in the Avon Insurance Combination, will be on Thursday, against Bournemouth at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm. The game had to be postponed because of bad weather and a waterlogged pitch earlier this month. Normally we play reserve home games on Wednesdays, but his one has been switched to Thursday to help Bournemouth. Like us they have a league match tonight, but it is an away game, and we agreed to help them out as they tried to avoid travelling on consecutive days. At the time of writing I have no confirmed friendlies for the reserves this season.

But we are pressing on with fixtures in preparation for next season, and I can now confirm two more dates for our first team's pre-season schedule. We will be away to Grimsby on Monday July 31, and away to Hull on Wednesday August 2.

We are in process of fixing up friendlies for the reserves, and one that can be confirmed is at Letchworth on Tuesday August 1. I will let you know about others as soon as arrangements are finalised.

One date that is confirmed is for our supporters open day on Sunday May 14. It is being organised jointly by the club and Luton Town Supporters Club, and we are close to completing all the arrangements. Hopefully more information will be available through this column at our Easter Monday game against Wigan.

And speaking of Easter, please see the notice on page 11 about our ticket office holiday opening arrangements, in particular the reminder that the away game at Gillingham on Saturday is ALL TICKET for Luton supporters. In the circumstances, the ticket office will be open on Good Friday until 4pm, but that will be the latest time to purchase tickets for Priestfield, where facilities are restricted while redevelopment work is being carried out.

Finally, congratulations to WHOSH, our world wide web supporters. They can play a bit as well - they beat their Scunthorpe counterparts 10-1 to make it a Luton Town double, and then followed up by taking part in a tournament in Huddersfield, and winning it.

*Cherry Newbery*



**SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS:** Chivalrous as ever, Happy Harry did his duty at the last home game, helping to celebrate Mothers Day. There was a good response to our offer to sons and daughters to buy match tickets for mum for just £1, and Harry is pictured chatting up just one of the lovely ladies who came to see the game against Colchester, Linda Loader, from Houghton Regis. Her husband Paul and son David, 11, are season ticket holders, and Linda's treat for Mother's Day included a meeting with Happy Harry, who handed out bunches of daffodils.

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### Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

**Saturday May 6 kick-off 3pm**

Tickets are now on sale at discounted prices. Cash turnstiles will be open on the day but to avoid disappointment supporters are advised to book early.

### Luton Town v Wigan

**Monday April 24 kick-off 3pm**

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices. Cash turnstiles will be open on the day but to avoid disappointment supporters are advised to book early.

### Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town

**Saturday April 29 kick-off 3pm**

Please note that this is an ALL TICKET match for Luton supporters

Roger Vere Stand (behind the goal):  
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Last time for purchase: Friday, April 28, 4pm.

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Saturday, April 22: 9am - noon

Easter Sunday, April 23: closed

Easter Monday, April 24: 9am - kick-off v Wigan

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# Hatters On Card

## Alan Robinson

APRIL is often the month when vital league and cup issues are decided, and it has been an eventful time for Luton Town over the years. It was certainly so in 1937 when the Hatters were determined to secure promotion from the Third Division (South) after failing narrowly the previous year.

In those days only the champions were rewarded with elevation to Division Two, but as the last lap of the season approached the Town were handily placed at the top of the chasing pack.

The nucleus of this side were featured on a cigarette card from a huge series produced by Ardath, who in 1936 pictured over 700 professional and amateur teams in their "Photocards" which were given away

with the firm's State Express cigarettes. Ironically, Luton's star performer, Joe Payne, was absent from the side when the photograph was taken, early in the campaign.

April began with a useful away point at Swindon, which set up the Town for a run of four home fixtures out of the next five. They had been particularly strong a Kenilworth Road, with only three home points dropped so far. Gillingham were the first of the quartet of visitors, and with inside-forward Albert Dawes returning to the Town attack the Kent side were seen off 5-2 on April 7. If Payne had been conspicuous by his absence from the team photo, there was no similarity on the pitch as he bagged four goals that day.

The team remained unchanged for the rest of the season, and three days later lowly Aldershot were seen off by the same scoreline in front of 15,505 spectators, with Payne and Dawes scoring two each and Fred Roberts also netting.

The following Saturday saw the return with Gillingham, and a slight hiccup for the promotion bandwagon, with a 1-0 defeat. However normal service was resumed at Luton for the mid-week visit of Swindon on April 21, with a 5-1 victory. Payne got a hat-trick, with Dawes and winger George Stephenson also on target.

Newport County were the next visitors on the penultimate Saturday of the season, and for the fourth home match in a row the Town scored

five, this time with no reply. Payne's hat-trick brought his tally for the month to 13 and his total for the season to an incredible 56.

Promotion was eventually assured the following Saturday when a 2-0 victory over Torquay - both goals scored by Payne - led to jubilant scenes as the two points guaranteed the Town would finish clear of their nearest challengers, Notts County.

Incidentally, George Martin, who played in those early season games in place of Payne, and who later became Luton's manager, can be seen second from the left in the front row. Unfortunately for Luton collectors, the card is part of a sub-series of these photocards that is now rare, and consequently the most expensive, being catalogued at £3.50 each.



Ardath Tobacco Co  
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*John Bailey*

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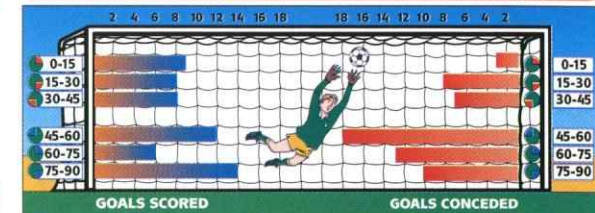


## Robins' Rogues

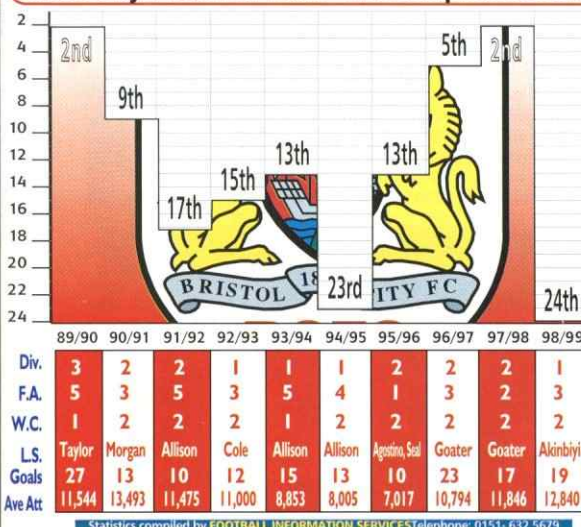
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## Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



## Bristol City's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



## Robins' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



## Bristol City's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

D	D	W	W	S	D	W	L	L	L	S	W	S	W	W
34	35	38	41	42	43	46	46	46	47	50	51	54	57	
13	14	13	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	9	9	

## Robins' last time out

- 2** Billy Mercer  
Goalkeeper 23 Apps 0 Goals  
Age 30 Ht 6'1" Wt 11:00  
Prev Club: Chesterfield Int.:-
- 3** Mickey Bell  
Defender 29(2) Apps 3 Goals  
Age 28 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:13  
Prev Club: Wycombe Int.:-
- 4** Keith Millen  
Defender 23 Apps 2 Goals  
Age 33 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:00  
Prev Club: Watford Int.:-
- 6** Andrew Jordan  
Defender 4 Apps 0 Goals  
Age 20 Ht 6'0" Wt 13:01  
Prev Club: - Int.:-
- 11** Brian Tinnion  
Midfield 37(1) Apps 3 Goals  
Age 32 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:05  
Prev Club: Bradford Int.:-
- 26** Scott Murray  
Midfield 27(10) Apps 4 Goals  
Age 25 Ht 5'9" Wt 11:00  
Prev Club: Villa Int.:-
- 6** Louis Carey  
Midfield 18(2) Apps 0 Goals  
Age 23 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:10  
Prev Club: - Int.:- Scot U21
- 10** Paul Holland  
Midfield 18(5) Apps 0 Goals  
Age 26 Ht 5'11" Wt 12:10  
Prev Club: Chesterfield Int.: Eng U21
- 45** John Burns  
Forward 20(7) Apps 0 Goals  
Age 22 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:02  
Prev Club: Forest Int.:-
- 21** Tony Thorpe  
Forward 20(7) Apps 13 Goals  
Age 26 Ht 5'8" Wt 12:06  
Prev Club: Fulham Int.:-
- 20** Peter Beadle  
Forward 20(3) Apps 6 Goals  
Age 27 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:07  
Prev Club: Notts County Int.:-
- 28** Alex Meechan  
Forward 3(6) Apps 2 Goals  
Age 20 Ht 5'8" Wt 10:04  
Prev Club: Swindon Int.:-
- 35** Damian Spencer  
Forward 4(2) Apps 1 Goal  
Age 18 Ht 6'1" Wt 14:05  
Prev Club: - Int.:-
- 5** Shaun Taylor  
Defender 25 Apps 4 Goals  
Age 37 Ht 6'1" Wt 12:08  
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- 14** Paul Mortimer  
Midfield 22(1) Apps 0 Goals  
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Prev Club: Charlton Int.: Eng U21
- 15** Steve Phillips  
Goalkeeper 18 Apps 0 Goals  
Age 21 Ht 6'1" Wt 11:10  
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## Luton's Goals For & Against



## MATCH

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Star man for Luton last month was Gary Doherty. The Hatters' defender claimed 2 star ratings in 6 games and an average of 7.16. Matt Hewlett was Bristol City's top performer with 1 star rating in 3 outings and an average of 7.00.

Team	Player	GP	SR	AVI
Blackpool	Wayne Gill	5	3	7.41
Bournemouth	Eddie Howe	6	3	7.51
Brentford	Martin Rowlands	5	2	7.41
Bristol City	Matt Hewlett	3	1	7.01
Bristol Rovers	Vitalijs Astafjevs	4	2	7.21
Burnley	Lenny Johnrose	7	3	7.41
Bury	Danny Swailes	3	1	7.31
Cambridge	Trevor Benjamin	6	2	7.31
Cardiff	Jason Bowen	4	2	7.71
Chesterfield	Ryan Williams	6	4	7.51
Colchester	Lomana Lua Lua	5	3	7.81
Gillingham	Guy Butters	8	1	7.01
Luton	Gary Doherty	6	2	7.11
Millwall	Tim Cahill	6	2	7.31
Notts County	Ian Richardson	3	1	7.31
Oldham	Gary Kelly	5	2	7.61
Oxford	Philip Whelan	7	2	6.71
Preston	Iain Anderson	5	3	7.81
Reading	Adrian Williams	5	1	7.41
Scunthorpe	Nathan Stanton	7	4	7.41
Stoke	Bjarni Gudjonsson	3	1	7.31
Wigan	Neil Redfearn	3	2	8.01
Wrexham	Kevin Russell	7	3	7.41
Wycombe	Jason Cousins	7	3	7.01

Form Guide shows last 15 results. Key: GP = league games played during month; SR = no. of star ratings achieved during month; AVE = average, sum of divider total ratings points by number of games played during month. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

Ground: Ashton Gate  
Capacity: 21,479  
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Ashton Gate  
Year Formed: 1894  
Record League Win: 9-0 v Aldershot, Division 3 (S), 28 Dec 1946  
Record Cup Win: 11-0 v Chichester C, FA 1st round, 5 Nov 1960

FA Cup 4th round, Jan 1995  
Record Defeat: 0-9 v Coventry City, Division 3 (S), 28 Apr 1934  
Most Lge Goals: 104, Division 3 (S), 1926-27  
Most Lge Appearances: John Atyeo, 597, 1951-56

Clark, 36, Division 3 (S), 1946-47  
Most Capped Player: Billy Wedlock, 26, England  
Most Lge Points: 91, Division 3, 1989-90  
Top League scorer in a season: Don

# Tonight's Visitors

welcome to Bristol City



## TONY FAWTHROP (MANAGER)

Tony's first job in professional football was as Youth Development Officer and Chief Scout at Leeds United back in 1979. He stayed at Elland Road for seven years and, after 18 months living in Spain, returned to become Chief Scout

at Huddersfield Town in 1988. A year later Joe Jordan invited him to fill the same post at Bristol City and he has been at Ashton Gate ever since, serving as assistant-manager under Russell Osman in 1993 and 1994. Appointed as Caretaker Manager at City until the end of the season in January. Won Nationwide Manager of the Month award for February.

## DAVID BURNSIDE (ASSISTANT MANAGER)

After a playing career with West Bromwich Albion, Southampton, Crystal Palace, Wolves, Bristol City and Plymouth Argyle - as well as England under-23 honours - Dave was player-manager at Bath City and assistant-manager of Walsall. He then became regional director to the Football Association and was England youth team manager for ten years before joining City initially as Director of Youth in January 1997.

## BILLY MERCER

First-choice goalkeeper signed from Chesterfield in October '99 for £300,000 and has been in outstanding form since. Having started his career at Liverpool as a YT, Billy moved on to Rotherham United, where he made 104 League appearances before moving on to Sheffield United. After a loan spell at Saltergate, Billy signed for Chesterfield for £93,000 in December '95 where he starred in the Spireites' 1997 FA Cup run which ended in a semi-final replay with Middlesbrough.

## MICKEY BELL

Formerly with Northampton Town for whom he made 177 appearances, the stylish defender was snapped up by City in July 1997 for a bargain £150,000 after impressive displays at Wycombe Wanderers. Mickey provides City with a number of options down the left flank. He is the club's main penalty and free-kick specialist and had scored 14 times for the club up to the start of this season.

## LOUIS CAREY

Louis progressed through the youth ranks at Ashton Gate and was rewarded with a one-year contract in 1995. After an impressive first season at professional level, making 26 appearances following his debut in the 1-0



## BRISTOL CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 1999/2000

**Back row:** Carl Hutchings, Brian Tinnion, Andrew Jordan, Steve Torpey (now with Scunthorpe), Julian Watts (now at Luton Town), Mark Shail, Steve Phillips, Bo Anderson, Lorenzo Pinamonte (now at Brentford), Vilmos Sebok, Shaun Taylor, Jim Brennan (now at Nottingham Forest).

**Middle row:** Buster Footman (Kit Manager), Tony Fawthrop (Caretaker Manager & Chief Scout), Soren Andersen (now with Odense), Mark Shail, Matt Hill, Tony Thorpe, Aaron Brown, Tom Doherty, Mickey Bell, Archie Gooch (Director), Greg Goodridge, Colin Cramb (now at Crewe), Ade Akinbiyi (now at Wolves), Louis Carey, Joe Burnell, James Marshall (Physiotherapist) Gill O'Shea (Chartered Physiotherapist).

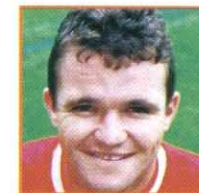
**Front row:** Mike Gibson (Goalkeeping Coach), Kevin Langan, Matt Hewlett, Dr Dasgupta (Club Doctor), John Laycock (Vice-Chairman), Tony Pulis (now at Portsmouth), Scott Davidson (Chairman), Lindsay Parsons (now at Portsmouth), John Clapp (Director), Bob Neale (Director), David Burnside (Director of Academy), Ivan Tistimetanu, Alex Meechan, Dave Evans (Masseur).

## the players

win at York in October 1995, he was rewarded with a new contract and is fast establishing himself as a first-team regular. Gained international recognition last season when he was approached by the Scottish under-21 to attend a training session. Began his first team career as a right-back, but feels more at home in central defence.

## GREG GOODRIDGE

A Barbadian international who has captained his country on more than 30 occasions. Played for Barbados side Lambda WI before starting his career in England in 1994 with Torquay United. After some impressive outings for the Devon Club, he made a £100,000 move to QPR, but made just nine substitute appearances for the London Club, scoring once. Moved to Bristol City during the summer of 1996 and immediately won over fans, scoring two on his debut against Luton Town. Since then he has continued to cause trouble to opposition defences with his electric pace and skill and is a regular member of the first team squad.



## PAUL HOLLAND

Former England under-21 midfielder who moved to City for £200,000 in September 1999 from Chesterfield. Paul can play in central defence or midfield and began his career at Mansfield where he scored 25 goals in 149 appearances before moving to Sheffield United in June 1995. His opportunities at United were limited, however, and he signed for Chesterfield in January 1996. Paul starred in the Derbyshire club's 1996/97 Cup run when they reached the FA Cup Semi-Final, and was later made club captain. Scored his first goal for City in the victory over Cheltenham in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

## BRIAN TINNIION

Started his League career in 1986, making 39 appearances in a three-year spell with Newcastle United before moving to Bradford City for £150,000. Was a virtual ever-present in the Bantams side in his four years there before moving to City for £180,000 in 1993. The cultured left-sided midfielder is seen as one of City's most influential players and has been virtually ever-present in the first-team, clocking up more than 225 appearances, including 14 goals. Will always be remembered for his legendary goal at Anfield that knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup in a 1994 Third Round replay.

## MARK SHAIL

A bargain-buy from non-league Yeovil Town in March 1993 for a fee of £45,000. Mark joined City after gaining representative honours for England at semi-professional level. The commanding centre-back was awarded the captaincy within six months of joining City, and skipped the side to their 1-0 Cup triumph over Liverpool at Anfield in January 1994. Unfortunately, since the end of the 1994/95 season Mark's career has

been plagued by knee problems. After several brave attempts at a comeback, Mark finally forced himself back into the first team reckoning under Benny Lennartsson last season, making 22 full appearances.

## STEVE PHILLIPS

Joined City in November 1996 from local non-league side Paulton Rovers. He has made steady progress at Ashton Gate under the watchful eye of goalkeeping coach Mike Gibson, which culminated in his first team debut versus Sheffield United in December 1998 when he kept a clean-sheet. He played a total of 16 games in last season's campaign and began this season as first choice before Billy Mercer's arrival.

## IVAN TISTIMETANU

A regular in the Moldovan national side, Ivan is a defender who can also operate effectively in a midfield role. Strong in the tackle and a good reader of the game, Ivan signed for City for a fee of £225,000 from FC Zimbru after helping them to four consecutive Moldovan League titles from 1993 to 1996. He made his City debut in the Boxing Day clash at Watford in December 1998 and made eight appearances before being injured in an away game at West Bromwich Albion the following February. Ivan returned to the first team - following major knee surgery - as substitute at Oxford United in October.

## ROBIN HULBERT

Former England Youth international midfielder snapped up on transfer deadline day in March 2000 for £25,000 from Swindon Town in a two-and-a-half year deal. Began his career at Everton before moving to Swindon on a three-and-a-half year contract, during which time he spent a spell on loan to Newcastle United. Has previously played under City's Director of Academy Dave Burnside for the England Youth side.

## PETER BEADLE

Started his career at Gillingham as a YT before moving on to Tottenham Hotspur in a £300,000 deal. With no first-team appearances forthcoming, Peter spent loan spells with Bournemouth and Southend before making a permanent move to Watford in September '94. After 12 League appearances at Vicarage Road, Bristol Rovers paid £50,000 for his services in November '95. Following 110 League games and 39 goals, Peter moved on to First Division Port Vale in the summer of '98 for £300,000. After a matter of months at Vale Park, £250,000 took him to Notts County before his arrival at Ashton Gate for £200,000 in November 1999. Has since scored eight times.

## TONY THORPE

City's leading scorer this season with six goals started his professional career with Luton Town after moving from Leicester City juniors as an attacking midfielder player. He moved up front with devastating effect, scoring 31 goals during the 1996/97 season to become the top scorer in Division Two. Big-spending Fulham captured his signature during February 1998 for



# Tonight's Visitors



## the players

£800,000, before he became City's second million-pound buy the following June. Tony struggled to break into the first team last season, but is City's leading scorer so far this season with 12 goals.

### BEN WRIGHT

Promising young striker who was plucked from Conference side Kettering Town on transfer deadline day of the 1998-99 season. Ben was signed by Kettering after making a big impression in the Lincolnshire local leagues. Broke his arm during pre-season, but recovered by late September to score for the reserves in his first game back before making his debut as substitute at Bournemouth in January 2000.

### MATT HEWLETT

The Bristol-born midfielder worked his way through the youth team to land a professional contract and made his senior debut in the 3-1 defeat at Wolves on the opening day of the 1993/94 season. He has also served Bath City and Burnley on loan. Matt has clocked up 120 appearances for the first team and represented England at youth level. He made the stand-by squad for the England under-21 fixture against Italy at Ashton Gate in February 1997. Has now recovered from a serious back problem and is back in the first-team squad.

### KEVIN LANGAN

Signed a professional contract in July 1998 after developing through City's Centre of Excellence. Kevin can play in a central or wide defensive role. He made three substitute appearances during the 1997/98 season before making his debut at home to Bury under Benny Lennartsson last season.

### SCOTT MURRAY

Signed from Aston Villa in December 1997 for an initial fee of £85,000, rising to £150,000 depending on appearances. Originally from Fraserburgh, Scott started his career as a striker at Villa Park before successfully converting to right wing-back/midfield. Scott struggled to win a first-team place at Villa, but has been an important member of City's first team squad for the last two seasons. He has won over City fans with his darting runs down the right flank and has now clocked up more than 70 first team appearances, including eight goals this term.

### ANDREW JORDAN

Andrew can boast an impressive footballing pedigree - he is son of former Scottish international and ex-City boss Joe Jordan. The strong, combative central defender has progressed through City's youth ranks since signing for the club in 1996. Last season Andrew overcame injury to make his first-team debut in City's final home game, helping to keep a clean sheet in the 1-0 win over Norwich City. This season has brought international recognition with a place in Scotland's Under-21 squad and a first City goal in the 2-1 Worthington Cup defeat at Nottingham Forest.

### ALEX MEECHAN

A former Swindon Town trainee, Alex moved to City in July 1998 and made an immediate impact as a member of the Academy side. He made his debut as substitute in the final home game of last season versus Norwich City. One for the future, he has signed for City until the end of the 2000/01 season. Made his full first team debut in this season's Worthington Cup tie at Nottingham Forest.



### GERARD LAVIN

The former Scottish under-21 international signed on a free transfer after being released from Millwall at the end of last season. A combative right-back, he was previously with Watford, for whom he made 121 appearances, before moving to the East London side in November 1995. Gerard has made an immediate impact for City on the right flank after overcoming the setback of being sent-off on his debut in the season's opener at Reading.

### JOE BURNELL

Another Academy prospect, Joe joined City as a schoolboy midfielder before switching to right-back where he has played for the club's Under-19 and reserve sides. Featured on the subs bench last year before making his full debut at Bournemouth in January 2000 and has been in the first team ever since.

### KAYODE ODEJAYI

A late-starter in footballing terms, Kayode opted to finish his A-Levels in Greenwich before launching his career at City. He was recommended for a trial as a 17-year old by his cousin and ex-City striker Ade Akinbiyi. Joined pre-

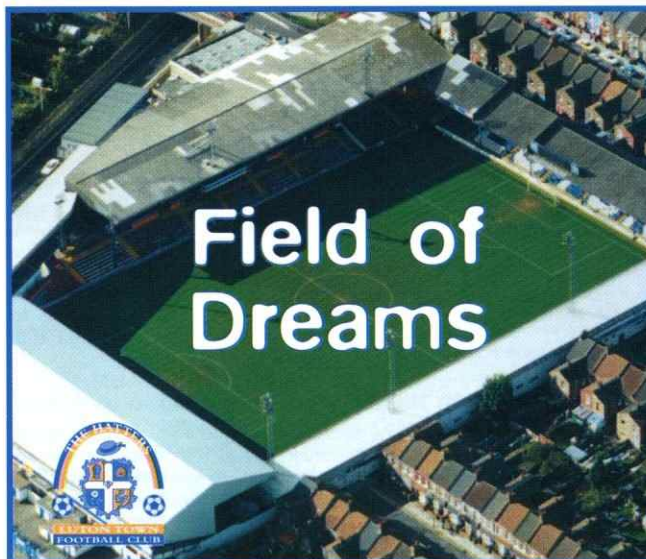
season and has made meteoric progress since through the under-19s and reserve sides - for whom he has scored regularly. Made his debut as a substitute in the home game versus Chesterfield in February 2000.

### KEVIN AMANKWAH

Pacy right-back who has progressed through the ranks since signing schoolboy terms with City. Was spotted playing for Middlesex Youth. Has played regularly for the reserves and under-19 sides this season and made a substitute appearance in City's game at Oldham before making his full debut at home to Brentford seven days later. His mother was an Olympic medal-winning athlete for Ghana in the 'seventies.

### KEITH MILLEN

Vastly experienced centre-back signed from Watford for £35,000 in November 1999. The 33-year-old made more than 300 appearances for Brentford before signing for Watford in March 1994. He has played a leading role in their promotion campaigns from Divisions Two and Three in the last two seasons, clocking up more than 200 games for the Hornets. Made his debut for City as stand-in skipper in the away draw at Stoke in November 1999 and scored his first goal for the club in the 3-2 win at Bournemouth.



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# Mini Hatters

*carrying the colours*

THE kit makes it pretty clear that our two bonny babies are destined to be committed Luton Town fans. And their names will be a constant reminder, too.



Resplendent in orange and blue is 15-month-old Rory White, son of another Town fanatic Nick White, from Cyril Street, Northampton. He says the name was chosen from a short list of four, with Gavin, Alexander and Liam just missing out in favour of the 1997/98 hero Rory Allen.

Mr White tells us that young Rory has not yet seen his first live match, but came to the stadium for the open day last July when he had his picture taken with most of the players and Happy Harry. His name has also been up in lights, on the scoreboard which announced his birth at last year's Millwall game.

Rory is also a Junior Hatter, and lists his hobbies as dribbling. He will soon be a regular at matches, with his father and grandfather, both of whom have been season ticket holders for nearly 20 years.



Resting contentedly with woolly "Baby Hatter" head-warmer is Taylor Daniel Edwards, born three days before Christmas, just in time to receive a Town strip from Santa Claus. Dad is Mark Edwards, of Station Road, Toddington, who tells us his son was named after Matthew Taylor.



We think our three-in-one picture might be a first - triplets who are mini-Hatters. Proud grandmother Valerie Owen, from New Road, Aston Clinton, a long-time supporter and shareholder, bravely allowed two-year-old Harris, Martha and Isaac to play with her club scarf. Mum and Dad are Andrew and Sam Owen, now of Gillingham, but still committed Luton Town supporters.

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# Top Hatters Gallery



## John Moore, Club Coach

Born: Harthill, Scotland, 21.12.43

Clubs as player: Motherwell, Luton, Brighton, Northampton

Joined Luton Town as player: Summer, 1965

Luton debut: v Bradford Park Ave (H) 21.8.65

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### DIY Travellers

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# Blast FROM THE Past

Roger Wash

## Town shoot down the Robins



Luton Town manager, Harry Haslam, sat down during the summer of 1973 to draw up his plan of action for the following campaign and decided to do virtually nothing, taking on board the maxim 'If it's not broken do not fix it.'

His first full season in charge had seen wholesale changes to the playing staff and a new formation on the pitch which resulted in an incredible away record but at the cost of less than convincing performances at home. Haslam reckoned that minor tweaking here and there would result in a major push for a place in Division One.

Unfortunately all the planning and scheming was undone on the opening day of the new season when the Town went down 0-4 to an average Nottingham Forest side at the City Ground. There was not a single player in the Luton side that did himself justice in one of the most lifeless performances ever seen from the Hatters.

It was now back to the drawing board for Haslam and his backroom staff and the close season had, in effect, to be crammed into the seven days before the next game, at home to Carlisle.

No-one really knows what was said by Haslam following the Forest debacle but I would imagine that the normally genial manager had more than a few harsh words to throw at his players. Carlisle therefore took the backlash and the difference in the Town's performance was amazing to those of us that suffered at Nottingham.

Shots and headers from all angles rained in on the luckless Carlisle goalkeeper, and ex-Hatter, Alan Ross and when the players went off at the interval to a standing ovation the Town were 6-0 up. Quite understandably the players could not keep up the same tempo in the second half but we all knew that the season had now well and truly started.

Next up for the resurgent Town were Bristol City at Ashton Gate. The Robins, who were beginning to put together a side that would go on to greater things within a couple of years, had started the season in sparkling form and boasted a 100% record with no goals conceded.

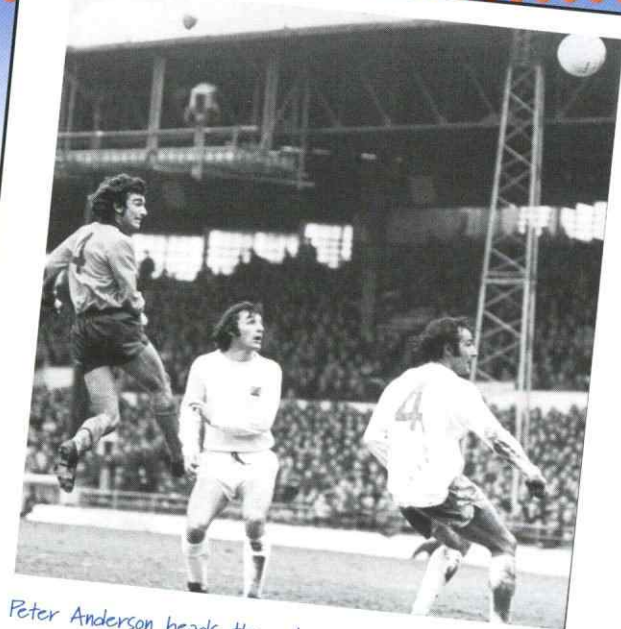
The sun-soaked crowd of 12,208 looked on in amazement as the Town shattered their proud record within three minutes. Firstly wily winger John Aston beat two City defenders on the left and hit a low cross into the goalmouth. Tom Finney, the Town's only pre-season signing of note, dummied over the ball sending City goalkeeper Ray Cashley diving the wrong way and Aston's 'shot' crossed the line unmolested.

A minute later, Luton striker Barry Butlin ploughed through the middle leaving City defenders in his wake before squaring the ball to John Ryan who blasted home from inside the area.

City had been badly stung and fought back with a purpose but as the intense heat began to take its toll tempers flared and the referee had cause to book both Tom Ritchie of City and the Town's Alan Garner for fouls. Bobby Gould, normally reliable in front of goal, missed a glorious opportunity to put the Robins back into contention but eventually found the net, converting a spot kick just before the interval after being brought down by Hatters full back Don Shanks.

Luton supporters felt that City would come out for the second half with all guns blazing but it was the Town who made the game safe when Finney netted in the 47th minute leaving the rest of the match to be played out at barely quarter pace as the players gasped for breath in the fierce heat.

The weather was decidedly different when the return match took place in late December and so was the Town's form. Although we were still clinging on to third spot in the table we were one of a cluster of clubs behind runaway leaders Middlesbrough who were all intent on throwing away promotion due to inconsistency. Seven teams were within three points of each other with



*Peter Anderson heads the only goal of the game against Bristol City at Kenilworth Road in December 1973.*

the order of superiority changing each week. It was a very frustrating time to be a Luton Town supporter!

It needed a team to put a good run together and the Town had a fine opportunity to set such a run going with Bristol City the visitors to Kenilworth Road. City were in the middle of a poor spell and had not won in six games with their last outing seeing them go down 0-5 at Oxford.

City dropped two players following their latest set-back while the Town were surprisingly unchanged after their disappointing 1-1 home draw with Fulham on Boxing Day.

As it turned out the Hatters put on a display of superb attacking football against opponents who were suffering from a crisis of confidence, but were unable to turn their superiority into goals. Len Bond in the City goal was in inspirational form and some of his saves, particularly one from Butlin where he miraculously tipped the ball around a post, were world class.

Peter Anderson, who on his day was one of the best midfield players in the country, ran the show that afternoon but all his promptings came to nothing as the forwards were thwarted time and

time again by Bond. Frustrated by the

failure to break through, Anderson decided to show his team mates how to score and netted with a brilliant looping header after getting on the end of a long free kick from Bobby Thomson.

City came into the game late on and Don Gillies had a couple of half chances well saved by Graham Horn in the Luton goal but the points were always destined for the Hatters as they stuttered and stumbled on their way to eventual promotion.

**Luton (first game):** Horn, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, John Ryan, Butlin, Finney, Aston.

**Luton (second game):** Horn, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, Husband, Butlin, West, Aston.

**Bristol City (first game):** Cashley, Sweeney, Merrick, Emanuel, Rodgers (Drysdale), Collier, Tainton, Ritchie, Gould, Gow, Fear.

**Bristol City (second game):** Bond, Tainton, Drysdale, Sweeney, Collier, Merrick, Durrell, Ritchie (Griffin), Gillies, Gow, Fear.

# Community & Schools Programme

## ntl: SCHOOL VISITS

### Half Time Presentation

Tonight we are delighted to welcome Richard Pettifer, Community Relations Manager with our main sponsor NTL to present to the Club a cheque for £5,000 in support of our schools visit project.

We are extremely lucky to have our scheme funded by NTL with additional funding from the governments Sportsmatch scheme and we are delighted that NTL have agreed to continue their financial support for the scheme this year. It is a tremendous boost for us to have NTL on board again especially with so many schools looking forward to our visits.

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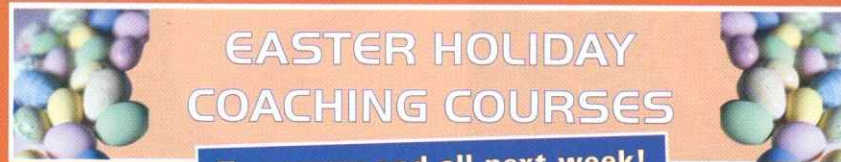
Any schools who wish to take part in the scheme or who would like further information can simply ring the Community & Schools Department at Luton Town FC on 01582 411622 and we will do our best to arrange a visit or answer any questions you may have.



## MID BEDS LEAGUE WINNERS

Our last home game saw two victorious teams from the Mid Beds Mini League presented with their league winners trophies at half time. Winners of the A League North are Kingsmore Lower School in Flitwick and winners of the A League South were Greenfields Lower School from near Flitwick.

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# Junior Hatters

welcome

WE HAD hoped this evening to be able to tell you about a Junior Hatters trip to Saturday's match at Gillingham, but as we went to press arrangements had not been completed. Gillingham have a problem because they are rebuilding their stadium, which restricts their facilities, and they were not sure they could fit us in.

However, if a coach trip is organised the ticket office will have details and if you are interested you can get information by phoning Luton 416976.

We have been in contact with Wycombe about a trip there, for our last away game of the season, on April 29, and hopefully we will be able to give you full details in the matchday magazine for next Monday's game against Wigan.

We had a good response for our trip to Scunthorpe, and as usual the quiz on the coach was popular, and on Monday we will give you the latest results in the away day quiz championship race.



Two mascots were on duty for the last home game, against Colchester, and they are pictured before the kick-off with the match officials, the skippers and Happy Harry.

Five-year-old Megan Stokes was the Junior Hatters mascot, and Hayley Lambe, 12, was the commercial mascot.

## Tonight's Mascot

THIS is 12-year-old Iain Turner, from Marlborough Road, Luton, who is today's top Junior Hatter, having been picked through the lucky draw to be the mascot.

Iain goes to Mill Vale School, and will have plenty to tell his class-mates about after being part of today's football entertainment. He will meet the Town team in the dressing room before the match, and join them for the warm-up and kick-about,



before having a very close view of the formalities in the centre circle when the skippers meet the ref and assistants for the toss-up.

Matthew Spring is the player Iain wanted to meet most, because the midfielder is his favourite. Iain usually watches game from the Kenilworth Stand along with his dad and friend Keith, and as well as watching football he likes motor sports.

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# Head-to-Head

## Julian Watts



## Keith Millen



In our Carling Opta Head to  
Head feature tonight we  
focus on two defenders:  
**Julian Watts and Keith Millen**

By Stuart James

BRISTOL City come down to earth tonight after their visit to Wembley on Sunday, contesting a top nine finish in the Second Division with the Town.

Both sides have performed well in spells this season, though they will be hoping that 2000/2001 brings a promotion challenge.

Julian Watts has done well for Luton since he moved from Ashton Gate, and has quickly become a firm favourite with the Kenilworth Road faithful. He has made 85 tackles this season, winning 53 per cent of them. He has also made numerous clearances, including two off the line.

The man signed to replace Watts at City was Watford's Keith Millen. A calm, assured defender, he has been a key part of the revival under Tony Fawthrop.

His tackle success rate is slightly higher than Watt's, while he has made well over 300 clearances.

Both are men who are effective going forward, and Watts has been on the Luton scoresheet four times this season. Millen has notched just twice, but his presence at corners helps bolster an impressively tall Robins team.

Watts has suffered from worse discipline this season, receiving a red card in the match with Brentford for a professional foul. He has also picked up six yellows in a bruising campaign that will soon be over for all concerned. This game has the potential to be a dull draw, but often, with the pressure off both sides, a classic feast of football can be served up. Lets hope that tonight sees the latter coming true.

	Watts	Millen
Minutes On Pitch	3582	2070

### Tackles and Blocks

Total Tackles Made	85	56
Last Man Saving Tackles	0	0
Tackles Won	53%	55%
Shots & Crosses Blocked	117	48
Interceptions	13	15

### Clearances

Total Clearances Made	395	190
Headed Clearances	228	119
Shots Cleared Off The Line	2	1
Corners Conceded	32	20

### Distribution

Total Passes	1041	711
Pass Completion	60%	63%

### Going Forward

Goals	4	2
Shots on Target	9	4
Shots off Target	5	22

### Discipline

Total Fouls Conceded	38	33
Fouls in Danger Area	14	9
Penalties Conceded	0	0
Yellow Cards	6	3
Red Cards	1	0

Courtesy of Carling Opta

# Action Replay

Luton Town 3 Colchester Utd 2 (HT 1-0)

Brian Swain reports

SUPPORTERS were put through the mill before the Town gained revenge for a drubbing at Layer Road, thanks to two goals in the last 15 minutes.

By then each team had held the lead, with the Town failing to cash in when they had the visitors on the run in the first half.

Stuart Douglas, Andrew Fotiadis and Adam Locke were sidelined by injuries, with Phil Gray returning to attack to partner Gary Doherty and Matthew Spring recalled in midfield and Alan White in defence.

Gavin Johnson gave us an early fright on his return to Kenilworth Road, with a third-minute drive which came back off a post, but the nerves were settled after nine minutes when Julian Watts went upfield for a set piece and was ignored by the Colchester defence as he headed in a free kick by Spring.

Both defences lived dangerously, and Jason Dozell missed a glorious chance for Colchester before the Town got on top against a sort of defence which included Efe Sodje. Spring and Doherty both had good efforts saved, and Marvin Johnson earned an ovation for an audacious sally forth through a soft-centre midfield followed by a chipped shot which had Simon Brown scuttling and leaping to save.

The keeper did well again in the first minute of the second half to deflect a volley by Watts onto the bar, but the game threatened to run away when Colchester netted twice in seven minutes to go ahead with half an hour left. Steve McGavin slammed in the first after the Town's right flank was opened up, and after Emmerson Boyce had rattled a post with a header Ben Roberts and White got into a tangle to allow Tony Lock to score.

The Town response was to take charge again, and in a match of high entertainment Doherty poked in an equaliser with 15 minutes to go, and Matthew Taylor added an entry to the goal of the season contest with a late winner.

John Moore gave a passionate press conference after the game, saying the players deserved every credit for the way they came back from

behind to win by playing good football. He found it unedifying, to say the least, that before victory was achieved some supporters were having a go at players and the manager.

Lennie Lawrence said: "We had some spells when we looked excellent, and others when we looked wobbly. Perhaps we were a bit lucky - Colchester were like us, better attacking than defending. We are a good attacking team, but we don't keep enough clean sheets."

## Match Details

**Town:** Roberts, Boyce, Taylor, White, Watts, Johnson, Spring, McLaren, George, Doherty, Gray. Subs, all unused subs: McIndoe, McGowan, Kandol, Scarlett, Abbey.

**Booked:** Matthew Taylor, 87 mins, retaliation after being fouled by Tony Lock.

**Colchester:** Brown, Keith, Johnson, Dozell, Gregory (Dunne HT), Duguid, Lock, Skelton, McGavin, Johnson (Arnott 64 mins), Sodje (Lua Lua 77 mins). Unused subs: Moralee, Walker.

**Booked:** Karl Duguid, 45 mins and Tony Lock, 87 mins, both for fouls on Matthew Taylor.

**The goals:** 1-0 9 mins - Julian Watts, simple close-range header when left unmarked to meet a free kick by Matthew Spring; 1-1 52 mins - Steve McGavin, clinical strike from the edge of the box from a square pass by Tony Lock; 1-2 59 mins - Tony Lock, allowed to run through on his own as Alan White and Ben Roberts each thought the other was going to clear the danger on the edge of the box; 2-2 75 mins - Gary Doherty, close range shot from Matthew Spring's hard low cross from the right; 3-2 82 mins - Matthew Taylor thunderbolt, from a narrow angle, after being put away down the left wing by Phil Gray.

**Referee:** Graham Barber, Tring

**Attendance:** 5,125, including 450 visiting supporters.



● (Above) **THE WINNER:** Matthew Taylor blasts in his fourth goal of the season to complete a thrilling recovery for victory over Colchester.



● (Right) **UNHAPPY RETURN:** Efe Sodje was back among his old mates, having joined Colchester on a free transfer on deadline day. He found Gary Doherty a bit of a handful, to put it mildly.

● (Below) **EQUALISER:** Simon Brown in despair as he sees the ball in the back of his net, put there by Gary Doherty from a cross by Matthew Spring.



# Action Replay

Scunthorpe 1 Luton Town 2 (HT 0-2)

Brian Swain reports

THE last time Luton Town went to Scunthorpe for a league match an 8-1 mauling confirmed our relegation to the old Fourth Division, in April 1965, so perhaps fate decreed that on our first trip back it would be to just about kill off Scunthorpe's hopes of avoiding the same drop. Victory was achieved with a little difficulty, and with some help from the home side's poor finishing - Scunthorpe even wasted a penalty.

We had the rare pleasure of three wins on the trot, for the first time since August 1998, but Scunthorpe made a real fight of it, even if their physical effort was sometimes considerably greater than their footballing skill.

The Scunthorpe fans gave their bunch of brave losers an ovation at the end of the game even though relegation is near-certain. On the day the visitors had been a touch too clever for their battling spirit.

The Town retained the starting line-up that had seen off Colchester, and the first concerted attack by either side brought an opening goal for Phil Gray on 13 minutes, with a crisp drive to end a smart passing move involving Matthew Taylor, Emmerson Boyce and Matthew Spring.

After that you got the feeling that the Town were comfortably in control without looking terribly lethal. Scunthorpe had billed the day as one on which they dare not lose, which perhaps added to their nervous tension. Guy Ipoua, who failed to persuade the Town to take him when he came here on trial early in the season, should have had the last laugh, but he shot wide when he was clean through two minutes after the goal, and then failed with a dubious penalty. The Town thought Ipoua was offside when he went down the left wing, then tumbled over a challenge by Boyce. There was no flag, just a whistle for a penalty, and Lennie Lawrence said it was poetic justice when Ipoua struck it against an upright.

Just before that Gary Doherty had been denied by a point-blank save, and two minutes before the break the Town were grateful to Ben Roberts, for blocking a 25-yard thunderbolt by Richard Logan, and reacting quickly to save bravely at the feet of Steve Torpey from the rebound.

And the Town got the break at the other end in stoppage time at the end of the first half, with a couple of rebounds falling nicely. It started with a cross played in by Liam George and Phil Gray

heading the ball back. Taylor's shot was deflected onto a post by the keeper and the rebound fell to Doherty, who snapped up his eighth goal of the season, and his fourth in four games.

The game became a battle with Scunthorpe giving their all and threatening to score more often than the Town. But threat was all it amounted to, until Andy Dawson drove home from the edge of the box with 19 minutes to go. The Town rarely looked like allowing Scunthorpe's huffing and puffing to get the better of them, although Ipoua put a half-decent lob onto the top of the bar and brought another good save out of Roberts. Alan White and Paul McLaren were just as close at the other end - the home goalkeeper won the local sponsors' man of the match award which tells you something about the general pattern of the game.

## Match Details

**Town:** Roberts, Boyce, Taylor, White, Watts, Johnson, Spring, McLaren, George (Locke 76 mins), Doherty, Gray. Unused subs: Douglas, McGowan, Scarlett, Abbey.

**Booked:** Liam George, 66 mins, foul on Andrew Dawson; Matthew Taylor, 84 mins, foul on Paul Harsley.

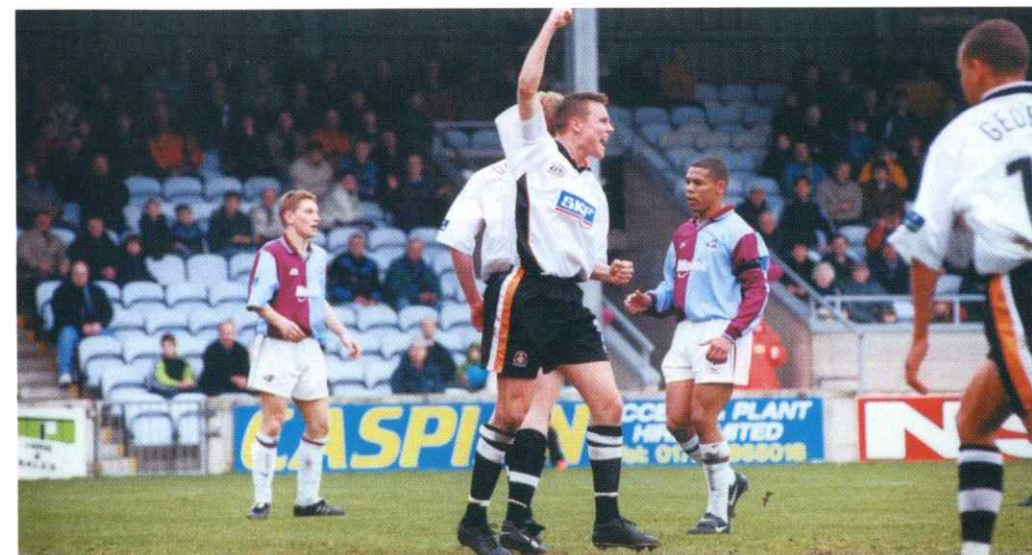
**Scunthorpe:** Evans, Harsley, Dawson, Logan, Hope, Walker, Hodges, Torpey, Stanton, Sheldon (Graves 72 mins), Ipoua. Unused subs: Fickling, Stamp, Jackson, Housham.

**Booked:** Justin Walker, 21 mins, foul on Matthew Spring; Chris Hope, 85 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

**The goals:** 0-1 13 mins - Phil Gray drive, from an opening made by sharp passing by Matthew Taylor, Emmerson Boyce and Matthew Spring; 0-2 45th min - Gary Doherty from the rebound after Taylor's shot from Boyce's low cross came back off a post; 1-2 71 mins - Andy Dawson drive from a Lee Hodges run down Scunthorpe's left and pull-back pass.

**Referee:** Philip Joslin, Newark.

**Attendance:** 3,811, including 741 visiting supporters.



● (Above) WE'RE THE TOPS...Matthew Taylor enjoys the moment after seeing his shot hit a post to produce a goal for Gary Doherty.

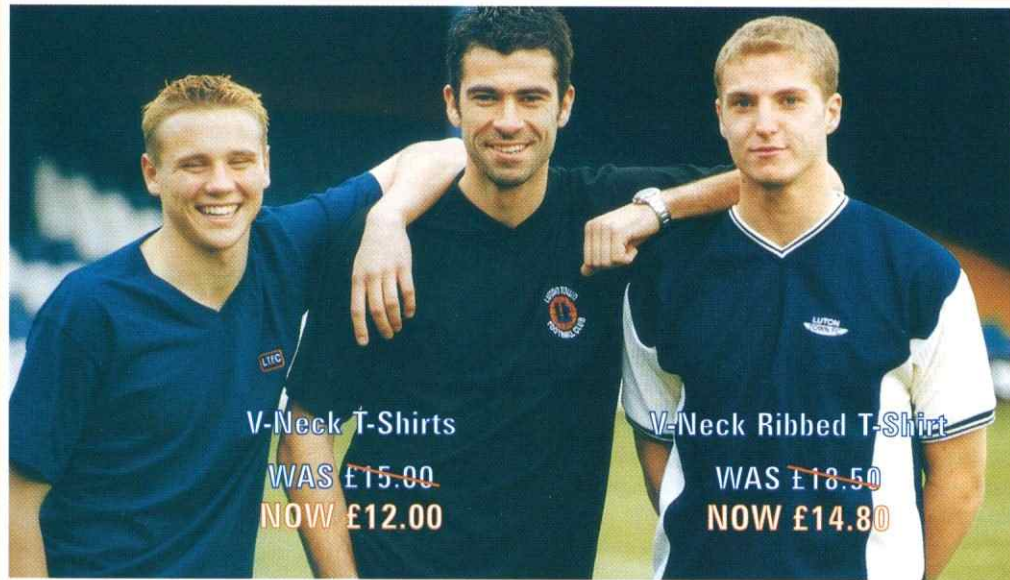
● (Right) PERFECTLY POISED: Phil Gray, who sent the Town on their way with his tenth goal of the season, in typical action as he gets ahead of would-be marker Nathan Stanton.

● (Below) NOT THIS TIME: Tom Evans gets down just in time to save at the feet of Paul McLaren as the Town hunt a third goal.



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Wycombe Wdrs 2  
Luton Town 0

DOWN to the bare bones because of injuries and first-team calls, we included three trialists and three schoolboys in a team that did well against a very good side, despite the result. The first goal, on 25 minutes, was a real calamity: we had a corner which was cleared, and although Wycombe had left only one man upfield he got on the end of a long clearance and broke away to score.

We kept in the game despite being under some pressure until poor defending led to another goal after 65 minutes. Schoolboys Joe Deeney Chris Dillon and Marcus Jeffrey did well.

Luton Town: Ward, Milton, Stirling, Deeney, Carroll, Barriteau (Dogbe 35 mins), Mansell, Mapps (Clarke 60), Garry, Dillon, Jeffrey. Unused sub: Wraight.

Luton Town 0 Plymouth 0

THE result was about right in a game where both sides missed chances. We put in a decent performance, and were solid at the back with the return of James Ayres. But he might have done better with two early free headers from long throws by Jude Stirling - one went over the bar and one was saved.

Plymouth wasted a better opening on 30 minutes. Scott Ward dropped a deflected shot, and then brought down the forward who was first to the loose ball. But the goalkeeper atoned by diving low to his left to save the penalty.

Luton Town: Ward, Stirling, Ayres, Deeney, Carroll, Barriteau, Mansell, Standen, Minton (Dogbe 75 mins), Fitzsimmons, Jeffrey (Clarke HT). Unused subs: Mentore, Wraight.

WE WERE away to Wolves on Saturday, and next Saturday we are at Exeter. Our final game of the season is at home to Notts County, with the date still to be arranged.

**Youth team appearances, including as sub:** Clarke 27, Carroll 27, Mansell 27, Barriteau 26, Dogbe 26, Moran 26, Mortara 25, Stirling 25, Jerry 18, Deeney 18, Jeffrey 18, Ayres 16, Ward 16, Minton 15, Mentore 13, Wraight 12, Kandol 8, Flaherty 6, Crane 6, Standen 3, Oughan 3, Thresher 3, Osborne 3, Wilson 2, Milton 2, Coktas 2, de Freitas 2, Talbot 2, Milton 2, Dillon 2, Beckett 1, Tate 1, Fitzsimmons 1, Mapps 1, Garry 1, Dosdogru 1, Cooper 1, Miller 1, Nurse 1, Cleverley 1.

Goals: Stirling 6, Moran 5, Kandol 4, Clarke 4, Ayres 3, Jeffrey 3, Flaherty 2, Jerry 1, Mentore 1, Dogbe 1, OG 3.

## League Table

### Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	6	3	1	2	12	6	10
Wycombe	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
Plymouth	6	1	5	0	6	2	8
Notts County	5	2	2	1	4	3	8
Brentford	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
Swansea	4	0	4	0	4	4	4
Wolves	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Exeter	6	0	1	5	2	12	1



THE Reserves game against Bournemouth last week was postponed, and will now be played at Kenilworth Road on Thursday, kick-off 2pm.

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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 (FLYAC)	H	1-2 (OG)
	Wed 10	Maidenhead (FAYC2)	H	5-0 (Clarke 2, Stirling 2, Jeffrey)
	Sat 13	Barnet (FLYAC)	A	0-1
	Sat 20	Colchester (FLYAC)	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	1-3 (Stirling)
	Tues 11	Southampton (FAYC4)	A	0-4
	Sat 15	Northampton	A	2-0 (Moran, Mentore)
	Sat 22	Walsall	A	0-2
FEB	Sat 5	West Brom	A	0-1
	Sat 12	Cambridge Utd	H	1-0 (OG)
MERIT TABLE				
MAR	Sat 4	Portsmouth	A	0-4
	Sat 18	Brentford	H	3-1 (Moran 2, Kandol)
	Sat 25	Swansea	H	1-1 (Dogbe)
APR	Sat 1	Wycombe Wdrs	A	0-2
	Sat 8	Plymouth	H	0-0
	Sat 15	Wolves	A	
	Sat 22	Exeter	A	
	TBA:	Notts County	H	

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## Luton Town

## Bristol City

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EMMERSON BOYCE	17
JULIAN WATTS	40
ALAN WHITE	5
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	11
PAUL McLAREN	8
MATTHEW SPRING	4
PHIL GRAY	7
GARY DOHERTY	12
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15

Substitutes

GAVIN McGOWAN	2
ADAM LOCKE	28
STUART DOUGLAS	9
ANDRE SCARLETT	21
NATHAN ABBEY	1

2	BILLY MERCER
3	MICKY BELL
6	LOUIS CAREY
27	ANDREW JORDAN
46	KEITH MILLEN
11	BRIAN TINNION
26	SCOTT MURRAY
10	PAUL HOLLAND
45	JOHN BURNS
20	PETER BEADLE
21	TONY THORPE

Substitutes

28	ALEX MEECHAM
35	DAMIAN SPENCER
22	MATT HEWLETT
33	JOE BERNELL
15	STEVE PHILLIPS

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