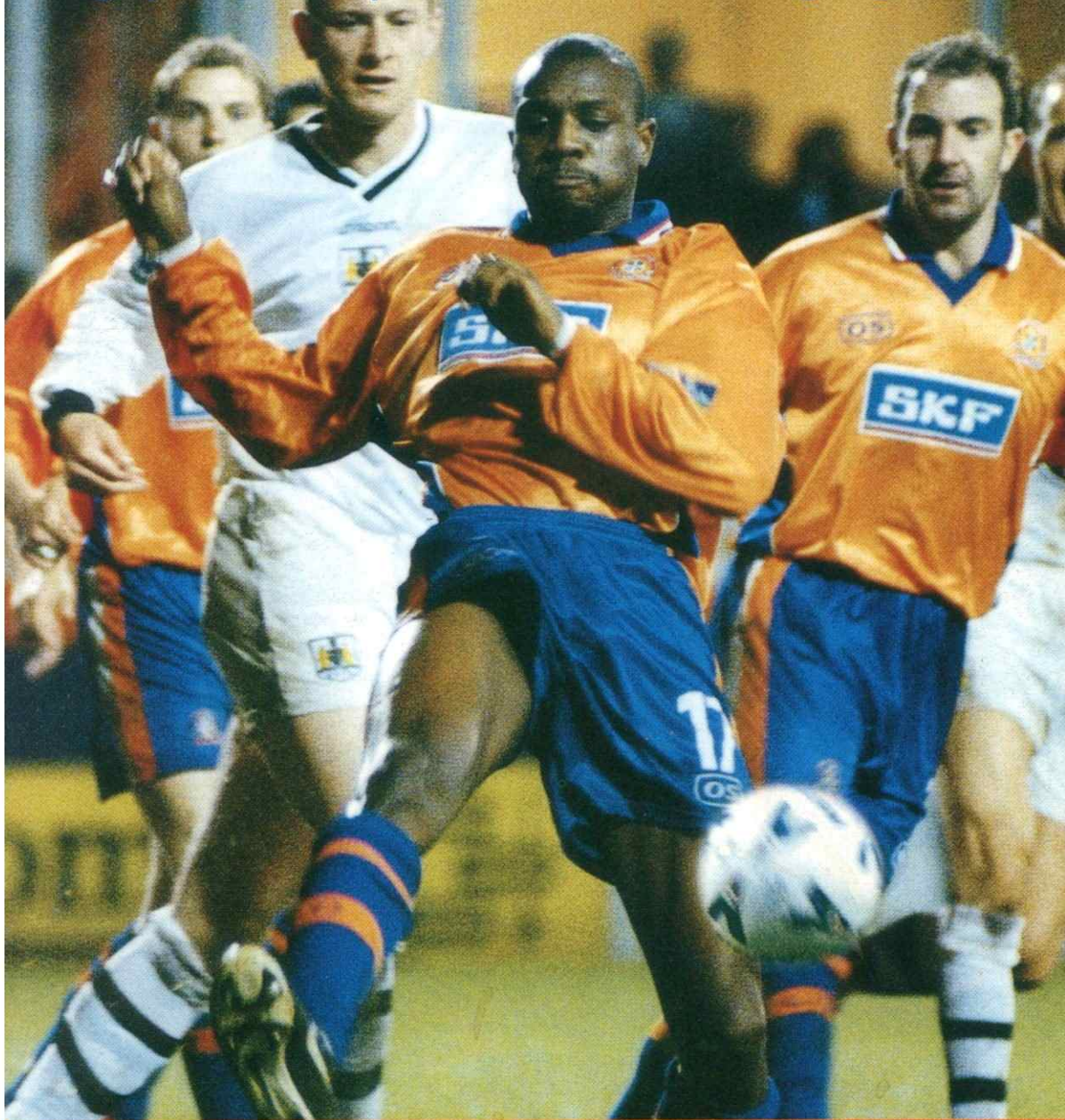


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A ROUSING grandstand finish failed to save a game the Town were unlucky to lose on a wet Tuesday night. Bristol City were fresh from a disappointing and unlucky defeat in the Auto Windscreens Shield final at Wembley two days earlier, and were determined to bounce back in pursuit of a top eight finish in the table.

They looked the more likely side in the first half, with Ben Roberts pulling off a thrilling save to keep out a cracking shot by Paul Holland before Scott Murray chipped him for a clever opening goal.

After the break the Town stirred themselves, took the game to City, only to be caught on the break by a sucker-punch second goal. Gary Doherty replied within a minute, and in the closing stages the Bristol defence took a pounding, surviving by a mixture of luck, desperate defence, and less than brilliant finishing.

"In the second half we probably had more chances than in any other home game," said manager Lennie Lawrence. "We needed a little more anticipation in the box. That sort of result was probably bound to happen sooner or later, but from the number of chances we made we deserved a couple of goals at least. But credit to Bristol City after their disappointment at Wembley. They started very brightly, and the ten-day break has done absolutely nothing for us.

"After three straight wins we were looking for more than that. But Bristol City mugged us, and the second goal was diabolical defending. Gavin McGowan has just come on and the fellow has played it round him and waltzed it into the back of the net."



• **MIDFIELD CLASH:** Matthew Spring competing with Bristol City's Andrew Jordan, son of the mighty Joe.



• **ACTION MAN:** Stuart Douglas gets in an overhead shot at goal as the Town pile on late pressure.

Match Details

Town: Roberts, Boyce (McGowan 76 mins), Taylor, White, Watts, Johnson, Spring, McLaren, George (Locke 64 mins), Doherty, Gray (Douglas 73 mins). Unused subs: Fraser, Abbey.

Booked: No-one

Bristol City: Mercer, Bell, Carey, Jordan, Millen, Tinnion, Murray (Burnell 90 mins), Holland, Spencer (Hill 63 mins), Beadle, Thorpe (Burns 89 mins). Unused subs: Amankwaah, Phillips.

Booked: Micky Bell, 87 mins, foul on Gavin McGowan.

The goals: 0-1 28 mins - Scott Murray, taking a pass by Brian Tinnion and catching Ben Roberts off his line with a clever 20-yard chip, aided by a deflection; 0-2 77 mins - Micky Bell, again fed by Tinnion for a run past Gavin McGowan, who had only just gone on as a sub, and then beating Roberts in the one-on-one; 1-2 78 mins - Gary Doherty, using his strength to power through two tackles on the edge of the box and then forcing home an angled drive for his ninth goal of the season, and his fifth in consecutive games as a striker.

Referee: Tony Leake, Darwen.

Attendance: 4,771 including 282 supporting City.

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Standing firm: Emerson Boyce gets in a clearance against Bristol City at Kenilworth Road last Tuesday, with striker Phil Gray in attendance helping out the defence.

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The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



IT IS a pleasure to welcome Wigan and their supporters to Kenilworth Road for an attractive bank holiday game. Our visitors have been engaged in the promotion battle all season, and as a football club with

good financial backing they have come a long way in a short time since joining the Football League in 1978.

Their experience this season illustrates the standards at the top of this division - they have only recently lost an away game for the first time, and they lost only six of their first 42 matches, yet they were still off the pace for the title, and not even sure of automatic promotion. When the new century dawned, Wigan were the only unbeaten club in the whole of the Premiership and Nationwide League, and it was only this month that they lost away for the first time, at Oldham. Then they were beaten at Gillingham, in a game which I saw.

We were at Priestfield on Saturday, but these notes had to be written before that game, but obviously we were seeking to bounce back after the disappointment of the home match against Bristol City.

We didn't play at the necessary tempo in the first half, but afterwards our approach play was all right, and rarely will a team have created so many chances and lost. We had enough to win three games, but were let down by defensive lapses. I was not totally happy with our performance, but defeat was harsh, and it was a very good advert for Division Two football, with both sides playing with three attackers.

And you have to give credit to Bristol City for being well motivated after the disappointment of losing at Wembley in the Auto Windscreens Shield final. By contrast, we had gone ten days without a game, and in the event it didn't seem to do us much good. Losing at home in such circumstances was all the more disappointing

after managing three consecutive victories for the first time this season.

Today our penultimate home game gives us a golden opportunity to ensure that we end the season on a high note, and it is important that we do exactly that.

We face good quality opposition, and we have a fighting chance to improve our home record against clubs above us - and that is a record that needs improving. In all the big games away from home we have come up to scratch but like several other teams in this division we seem to struggle at home more than we should.

We went into Easter with two targets - to reach 60 in points and goals, and it would be a welcome boost to achieve or better those. Today is our last chance to prove we can more than match one of the better teams in the division, and we will need a performance from first whistle to last, not just in short spells.

We want a good performance for other reasons too, not least to continue a reputation for giving decent value in terms of football entertainment. As always, we also need to finish the season well to help put us in the right shape to tackle the next campaign.

We went to Gillingham able to choose from a fully-fit squad, and thinking about team changes as we looked at the demands of three games in six days. There might be more changes today, and for the final two matches, but they will be made in the attempt to get good results.

I want good performances as well in our last two home games, by which time we should be further down the road in sorting out contracts for players who are considering their futures. Given the chance to keep those we want to retain, and add a Bosman or two in the summer, perhaps in 12 months time we could be in the situation our visitors are in today - or better!

Lennie Lawrence

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Today's Referee

PAYING his first visit to Kenilworth Road as a referee today is Alan Kaye, a police sergeant from West Yorkshire. Married, and the father of two teenage children, he took up the whistle after injury curtailed his playing career in 1981. He progressed through the local leagues onto the Northern Counties East League in 1986. He became a linesman with the Football League in 1993, and reached the FA Premier League list of assistant referees three years later. Mr Kaye was promoted to the national list of referees at the start of his season.

He has had UEFA appointments as an assistant referee, and also ran the line at the 1997 FA Charity Shield game at Wembley.

Secretary of the Northern Counties East Football League Association of Match Officials, Mr Kaye's other hobbies are watching his 12-year-old son play for his junior soccer team, and watching rugby league.



TOWN TEASER



OUR "Town Trivia" quiz offers another free prize to a supporter today. 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

In Roger Wash's 1998 book "Luton Town, the modern era", who topped the poll in the list of the Town's most popular players?

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	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	22(6)	0(2)	2	1	25(8)	1	0	0	1
Gary Doherty	40	5	0(2)	1	46(2)	6	2	1	9
Stuart Douglas	32(5)	5	2	1	40(5)	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	33(5)	5	0(1)	1	39(6)	14(1p)	2	0	16(1p)
Phil Gray	24(1)	1	2	0	27(1)	9	1	0	10
Marvin Johnson	40	5	0	1	46	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	24(6)	3(1)	1	1	29(7)	3	0	0	3
Gavin McGowan	7(3)	0	0	0	7(3)	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	21(4)	4	1	0	26(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	10	0	0	0	10	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	40(1)	5	1	1	47(1)	6(1p)	2	0	8(1p)
Matthew Taylor	35(2)	5	1	0	41(2)	3	1	0	4
Tony Thorpe	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	1	0	0	1
Julian Watts	41	5	2	0	48	4	0	0	4
Alan White	12(3)	0	2	0	14(3)	1	0	0	1
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0

Up to and including April 18th 2000

Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson



WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road - and if you are pleased to be at a Bank Holiday football match this afternoon, you can be sure that players are even happier at the prospect, particularly after what happened in our last home game.

Printing schedules dictated that I had to write this column before Saturday's trip to Gillingham, and we will all know by now whether our determination to return to winning ways brought the desired result.

The Easter programme means two matches in three days, and in our case three games in less than a week. I have always preferred games to come thick and fast, because I think that helps players keep sharp and focused.

Players prefer competitive games to training, however much we enjoy our routine work between matches, and I wonder what effect, if any, it had on us when we had a rare ten-day break from league football before the Bristol City fixture.

I don't think it did us much good, in view of the result, even if we were unlucky not to save at least a point for our second-half display.

Bristol City had been involved in the Auto Windscreens Shield final at Wembley two days earlier, and having lost it we wondered if it might be a good time for us to catch them with a bit of a twin towers hang-over. I remember when I was a boy here (!) the depression that fell over Kenilworth Road in the immediate aftermath of our 1988 defeat by Reading in the Simod Cup at Wembley.

By all accounts Bristol City were unlucky on Sunday, losing to a controversial late goal, and to their credit they came to Luton well up for the game against us. We, by contrast started unbelievably slowly. Our plan was to get cracking early and play at a high tempo from the first whistle, but for reasons I still do not understand we could not do it in the first half. That was probably the most lethargic we have been at any time this season. Was it caused by ten days off from league football? I don't know, but it makes you wonder.

We didn't get going until the second half, and in the end City were very grateful to escape with only one goal conceded. The lesson was pretty plain on the night: City accepted the only decent second-half chance they created, and we missed a stack at the other end. It's pleasing to make so many chances. It would be even more satisfying if we had taken more of them.

Tony Thorpe was relieved to get a win on his return, and the fans' warm welcome to him was appreciated. I was glad to keep him off the score-sheet, but he was not too worried about that so long as others were hitting the target!

He is enjoying his football again at Ashton Gate, and we were all pleased for the success he is having now. A change of manager seems to have helped him, and perhaps that was not to our advantage - earlier this season we thought there was a very good chance that Thorpe would re-join us, and I am sure he would have slotted in quickly and effectively.

It wasn't to be, for various reasons, and if that has been our loss, it has been his gain, and he is proving with a vengeance that he is capable of scoring goals for clubs other than Luton. And while we have all been critical of our own performances in the match against Thorpe and his mates, I think they deserve some credit for coming to Luton and being up for the game.

I suspect the same will be true today of Wigan, and we are expecting a tough test against one of the very best teams in the division, and who fully deserve to be promotion favourites.

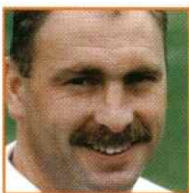
They beat us by the only goal at their place in October, at a time when we were just beginning to sort ourselves out. On the day we could easily have come home with some reward, so this afternoon is the perfect chance to redress the balance. But to do it, we must start at a decent tempo. We are young - well most of the rest of the lads are - and fit, and we need to try to do damage to the opposition early. Ideally, we want to run them off their feet and finish them off by half-time!

Much easier said than done, of course, and Wigan's need for promotion points will ensure we don't have an easy ride.

Marvin Johnson

Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear



WE WENT to Gillingham on Saturday with a clean bill of health, a real bonus as we prepared for the two Easter games in three days. The match against Bristol City brought hardly any extra work into the treatment

room - there were a few bumps and bruises, as usual, but nothing more serious than that.

Ten days without a match had given everyone the chance to get over little aches and pains, and as training had gone well I, like everyone else here, was surprised at how slowly we began the game against Bristol City. It was not for lack of fitness - our players are good professionals in looking after themselves.

Andrew Fotiadis was the only player out of action as we approached Easter, having had a pin inserted in the finger he broke when he ran into an advert hoarding playing for the reserves. It is coming along slowly, but he has to be patient while the healing process takes its course.

I am happy to report that our groundsman, Richard Bird, is also responding well to treatment after his knee injury. He is allowed to exercise behind a mower, and I am about to suggest that he steps up the pace and puts the mower into gear... I think he might be fit by Christmas!

Finally, and on a serious note, I must express my thanks to the Century Club, who have donated a new interferential machine for the treatment room. It was needed because the old one had worn out, which gives an indication of its usefulness to professional athletes.

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Clive Goodyear

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Alan Robinson

TODAY'S date is a historic one in the annals of Luton Town FC. April 24 has twice been something special for us.

It was on that day, back in 1968, that Luton clinched the Fourth Division championship with a marvellous display of attacking football that thumped Crewe 4-0.

For a new generation of Hatters, myself included, this was the first time we had anything to cheer about after the club's unprecedented fall from the top flight, which began the year after we had been in the FA Cup final.

However, not even the most ardent supporters present at Kenilworth Road on that balmy Wednesday evening would have dreamed that exactly 20 years later, on a Sunday, they would be at Wembley to watch Luton collect an even bigger prize.

By then, of course, Luton were established members of the old First Division, and the squad which defeated Arsenal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final was featured on a set of 175 cards produced by Topps, and endorsed by "Saint and Greavesie" - alias Ian St. John and Jimmy Greaves, who hosted a popular Saturday lunch time football programme on ITV.

By co-incidence, today's visitors were the Town's initial opponents in that season's epic cup run. Micky Weir's goal gave us a 1-0 victory at Springfield Park, and Mick Harford claimed a hat-trick in the 4-2 second leg win over Wigan at Kenilworth Road. This was followed by tricky ties being safely negotiated against Coventry, Ipswich and Bradford City before Oxford United,

then also a First Division outfit, were overcome in the two-legged semi-final.

No supporter who was at Wembley on that gloriously sunny afternoon in April 1988 will ever forget the roller-coaster second half of that game against Arsenal. We led by Brian Stein's 14th-minute goal, missed chances early in the second half, and then found ourselves 2-1 down. Andy Dibble performed heroics in goal, but all seemed lost when a harsh penalty was awarded against us. I remember looking up at that lovely blue sky and praying for a miracle. It came! Dibble wrote himself into the Luton history books by saving Nigel Winterburn's spot kick and the game swung back towards the Town.



Topps & Co Saint & Greavesie's Football 1988

No-one there will need reminding how Gus Caesar of Arsenal got himself into a

tangle leading up to Danny Wilson's equaliser, nor of how Ashley Grimes produced an astonishing left foot cross from the right wing for Stein's winner 14 seconds from time.

Incidentally, card No. 4 from this series shows Stein in the act of netting that goal, and other cards depict his brother Mark, Mick Harford and Mal Donaghy. To say it was a day to remember is an understatement, and I have already made a note to keep April 24 2008 free, just in case!

Collectors may find it a little difficult to identify these cards, as there is no clue to the manufacturer or series title to be found on them. The backs are what is known as "sectional" - meaning that they form part of a large picture, like a jig-saw puzzle. When they appear on dealers' lists, it is usually for around 25p each.

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TODAY'S match sponsors are here because of love affairs, and it is a particular pleasure for the club to welcome Alan and Kim Corkhill because we know them well for their love of the club. Tomorrow is Kim's birthday, and their 19th wedding anniversary, and a family party at Kenilworth Road was Alan's choice for the celebration.

He is head of Regal Litho, of Selbourne Road, Luton, a commercial colour printing company which produces, among other contracts, this matchday magazine.

"We are lifelong supporters of Luton Town, and keen on being involved with the local community," said Alan. That includes work for the local branch of Rotary International, and you might have seen him busy in the ground recently helping with a Rotary charity bucket collection.

Mr and Mrs Corkhill are regulars in our Kenilworth Suite through Regal Litho's membership. And while the company is well known in Luton, it also has a world-wide reputation, as publisher of Scale Aircraft Modelling the world's leading magazine in its field. Around 20,000 copies run off the Selbourne Road press every month for distribution to subscribers all round the globe.

For our part, we thank the company for its help and patience with our printing requirements, and hope all the Corkhill family and friends enjoy today's party. We hear Kim's day will be complete if she can meet her all-time favourite, Marvin Johnson.

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OTHER guests in our executive lounges today include a party hosted by Nikki Jones. It's her present to celebrate the 38th birthday of her boy friend, Wayne Stonebridge, a life-long Town fan.

John Bailey

Commercial Mascots



Sean Williams



Luke Williams

TWO young brothers are today's commercial mascots, enjoying a treat thanks to the generosity of Ashley Bennett, of B & T Electrical. He has picked up the bill after inviting the Keech Children's Hospice to nominate deserving causes.

Sean Williams, 11, and Luke, 9, were picked out after the hospice got to know the family through the illness of their little brother, two-year-old Niall. The family lives at Common Road, Kensworth, and the boys go to Streetfield School, Dunstable. We hope they and Mr and Mrs Tom Williams, their parents, enjoy their day with us.

And our grateful thanks to Ashley Bennett, who is a staunch supporter of the club and of its commercial activities. And if you know of a youngster who deserves a treat, please give the commercial department a ring on Luton 411622.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

EASTER holidays mean that we cannot bring you details of Tuesday's Golden Gamble, but the result will be included in the next matchday magazine. And on that day we are confident our jackpot pay-outs will have topped £12,000.

The prizes have been around £500 or more at recent games, and another is on offer this afternoon, for an outlay of only £1. Out of that,

50p goes into the jackpot kitty and the other 50p goes to Luton Town funds, so even if you are not a winner you are helping the club.

Before Tuesday there had been 27 winners, with jackpots totalling £11,463, an average of £425 each. Sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground, and the draw is made during the interval, with the cash prize paid out instantly.

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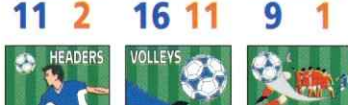
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Latics' Goals For & Against

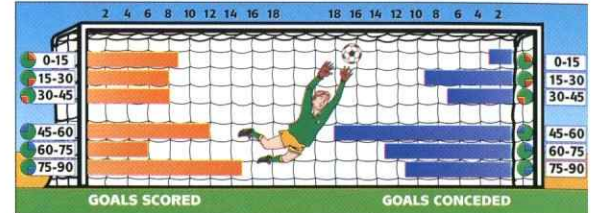


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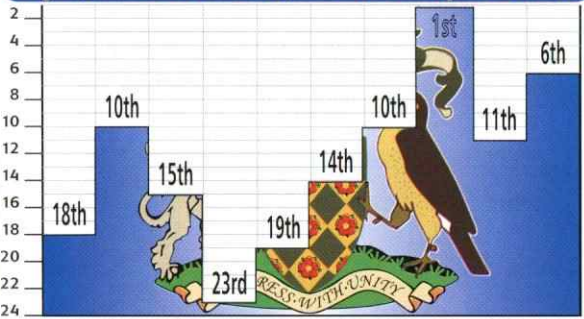
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Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Wigan Athletic's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



Div.	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
Div.	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
F.A.	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	1	3	2
W.C.	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
L.S.	Griffiths	Griffiths	Worthington	Griffiths	Lyons	Lyons	Diaz	Jones	Low	Barlow
Goals	7	12	15	13	11	15	10	31	16	19
Ave Att	2,758	2,883	2,848	2,592	1,897	1,748	2,856	3,899	3,968	4,250

Latics' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Wigan's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

S	L	D	L	S	W	S	W	W	W	L	W	L	L
57	57	58	58	59	62	63	66	69	72	75	75	78	78
3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2

Latics' last line up

- Roy Carroll** Goalkeeper 34 Apps 0 Goals Age 22 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:05 Prev Club: Hull Int.: N Ire
- Stuart Balmer** Defender 38 Apps 2 Goals Age 30 Ht 6'0" Wt 12:11 Prev Club: Charlton Int.: -
- Arjan De Zeeuw** Defender 35 Apps 3 Goals Age 30 Ht 6'3" Wt 13:03 Prev Club: Barnsley Int.: -
- Pat McGibbon** Defender 27(3) Apps 1 Goal Age 26 Ht 6'2" Wt 14:01 Prev Club: Man Utd Int.: N Ire
- Carl Bradshaw** Defender 18(5) Apps 1 Goal Age 31 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:08 Prev Club: Norwich Int.: Eng Yth
- Michael Clegg** Defender 6 Apps 0 Goals Age 22 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:10 Prev Club: on loan from Man Utd Int.: Eng U21
- Jean Peron** Midfield 15(4) Apps 0 Goals Age 34 Ht 5'8" Wt 10:04 Prev Club: Portsmouth Int.: -
- Roberto Martinez** Midfield 14(8) Apps 3 Goals Age 26 Ht 5'11" Wt 12:03 Prev Club: CF Balaguer Int.: -
- Neil Redfearn** Midfield 8 Apps 4 Goals Age 34 Ht 5'8" Wt 13:07 Prev Club: Bradford Int.: -
- Kevin Nicholls** Midfield 2(2) Apps 0 Goals Age 21 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:12 Prev Club: Charlton Int.: Eng Yth
- Simon Haworth** Forward 33(3) Apps 13 Goals Age 23 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:01 Prev Club: Coventry Int.: Wales
- Gareth Griffiths** Defender 9(6) Apps 1 Goal Age 30 Ht 6'4" Wt 14:01 Prev Club: Port Vale Int.: -
- Brian McLaughlin** Midfield (1) App 0 Goals Age 25 Ht 5'4" Wt 8:07 Prev Club: Dundee Utd Int.: Scot U21
- Andrew Liddell** Forward 37 Apps 8 Goals Age 26 Ht 5'6" Wt 11:06 Prev Club: Barnsley Int.: Scot U21
- Scott Green** Defender 30(1) Apps 2 Goals Age 30 Ht 5'10" Wt 13:04 Prev Club: Bolton Int.: -
- Michael O'Neill** Forward 30 Apps 2 Goals Age 30 Ht 5'11" Wt 10:10 Prev Club: Coventry Int.: N Ire

Luton's Goals For & Against



MATCH

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Matchmen of the Month
 Luton's Gary Doherty narrowly missed out on place in March's top 10. The Hatters defender fell just short with an average of 7.16. For Wigan, midfielder Neil Redfearn claimed star ratings and an average of 8.00 and took March's Division 2 Matchman of the Month award.

Team	Player	GP	SR	AV
1. Neil Redfearn	Wigan	3	2	8.0
2. Iain Anderson	Preston	5	3	7.8
= Lomana Lua Lua	Colchester	5	3	7.8
4. Jason Bowen	Cardiff	4	2	7.7
5. Andy Liddell	Wigan	6	3	7.6
6. Gary Kelly	Oldham	5	2	7.6
7. Ryan Williams	Chesterfield	6	4	7.5
8. Eddie Howe	Bournemouth	6	3	7.5
9. Nathan Stanton	Scunthorpe	7	4	7.4
10. Lenny Johnrose	Burnley	7	3	7.4
= Kevin Russell	Wrexham	7	3	7.4

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

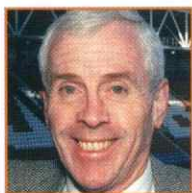
Ground:	Robins Park	United, FA Cup 6th round, 15 Mar 1987	Record Defeat:	1-6 v Bristol Rovers	Most Capped Player:	Roy Carroll, 1	
Capacity:	25,000	Year Formed:	1932	Division 3, 3 Mar 1990	Northern Ireland and Pat McGibbon, 1		
Pitch Measurement:		Record League Win:	7-1 v Scarborough	Most Lge Goals:	84, Division 3, 1996-97	Northern Ireland	
Record Attendance:	27,526 v Hereford United, 12 Dec 1953 (Springfield Park)	Record League Loss:	0-4 v Scunthorpe	Most Lge Points:	91, Division 4, 1981-82	Most Lge Appearances:	Kevin Langley, 317, 1981-86, 1990-94
Record Receipts:	£40,577 v Leeds	Record Cup Win:	6-0 v Carlisle United (away), FA Cup 1st round, 24 Nov 1934	Top League scorer in a season:	Graeme Jones, 31, Division 3, 1996-97		

Today's Visitors



welcome to Wigan Athletic

the players



JOHN BENSON (MANAGER)

Appointed Manager in June 99, after previously being General Manager. He was Assistant Manager under John Deehan when Wigan won the Third Division Title in 1997. Experienced Coach he has previously been manager of Manchester City, Bournemouth, and Burnley.

ROY CARROLL (GOALKEEPER)

A then club record £350,000 was paid to Hull City to secure the services of this outstanding young keeper. Roy was the regular Northern Ireland U21 keeper, but now over age he will be looking to add to his one appearance at senior level for his country v Thailand.

DEREK STILLIE (GOALKEEPER)

Scottish goalkeeper who signed from Aberdeen following a short trial period at the start of this season. Injury to Roy Carroll gave Derek a good run in the side recently and he far from disgraced himself keeping 3 clean sheets in 9 games.

STUART BALMER (DEFENDER)

A £200,000 capture from Charlton Athletic in September 98, Falkirk born Stuart made over 200 appearances at the Valley and helped the London Club gain promotion to the Premier League. He is a consistently solid performer at the heart of the defence, and scored a spectacular goal at Millwall earlier this term.

CARL BRADSHAW (DEFENDER)

Club captain and very much a leader on the pitch he lifted the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley last April. Carl is a very versatile player who signed for the club in October 97. His favoured position is right back though he can play in midfield, and famously played in goal for 35 minutes when Roy Carroll was stretchered off against Wycombe, a game which Wigan went on to win.

ARJAN DEZEEUW (DEFENDER)

Experienced Dutch Central Defender who joined the club in July 99. Previously with Barnsley he helped them to promotion to the Premier League where he remained a regular in the starting line-up. Scored his first goal for the club in the 3-1 victory over Bournemouth.

NEIL FITZHENRY (DEFENDER)

Local lad Neil is a strong centre back who has come through the youth ranks and is now in his third season as a professional. He has been unlucky with injuries, being stretchered off after just thirty minutes of his only start last season.

SCOTT GREEN (DEFENDER)

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee. Scored on his Wigan Athletic league debut but then went over 100 games before netting his second goal against Bournemouth this season. A versatile performer he has played at right back, right wing back, central defence centre forward and midfield.

GARETH GRIFFITHS (DEFENDER)

Like Andy Porter, left Vale Park in the summer of 98 on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. Tall Central Defender who has been unfortunate with injuries over the past few years. Scored his first and so far only goal for Wigan in the Worthington Cup tie with Norwich City.

PAT MCGIBBON (DEFENDER)

Strong centre half who is good in the air and quick on the ground. Pat is a Northern Ireland International signed from Manchester United in July 1997 in a deal which finally cost Wigan £380,000. Famously scored the goal against Colchester in 1997 that secured Wigan's promotion to Division Two, and got the last ever League goal at Springfield Park, one of six goals in total last season.

PAUL MITCHELL

Young apprentice who made his debut as a substitute in the Auto Windscreens Shield win over Burnley in December. He is a good footballing centre half who looks to have a bright future in the game.

KEVIN SHARP (DEFENDER)

Signed from Leeds United in November 95 for a then record £100,000. Canadian born Kevin has proved to be one of the best left backs in the Division. He recently signed a new deal with the club, which will keep him at Wigan until 2002.

IAN KILFORD (MIDFIELDER)

Bristol born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is the club's longest serving player. A pacey player with an eye for a goal, he can play in a variety of positions, preferring midfield.

DAVID LEE (WINGER)

Another player who made the short trip from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 1997. £250,000 was paid for the former Bury and Southampton winger who is currently on loan at Blackpool until 28/12/99.

ROBERTO MARTINEZ (MIDFIELDER)

Signed from Spanish Second Division side CF Balaguer in 1995, Roberto was Latics top scorer in his first season in England with thirteen goals. Twice named in the PFA



WIGAN ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB 1999/2000

Back row: Ian Kilford, Stuart Balmer, Gareth Griffiths, Derek Stillie, Roy Carroll, Simon Harworth, Pat McGibbon, Michael O'Neill.

Second row: Brendan O'Connell (Reserve Team Coach), Colin Greenall (First Team Coach), Arjan Dezeuw, David Lee, Scott Green, Andy Porter, Neil Fitzhenry, Andy Liddell, Kevin Nicholls, Andy May (Youth Team Coach), Dave Crompton (Youth Development Officer), Alex Cribble (Physio).

Seated: Brian McLaughlin, Carl Bradshaw, Darren Sheridan, John Benson (Manager), Roberto Martinez, Kevin Sharp, Stuart Barlow.

Today's Visitors

the players

Division Three team he is the only one of Wigan's three amigos still with the club.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN (WINGER)

Scottish left winger who signed on a free transfer from Dundee United in the summer of 1999. Spent most of his career with Glasgow Celtic and has yet to make himself a regular in the starting line up.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (MIDFIELDER)

Irish International midfielder who signed from Portsmouth for a fee of £260,000 in December 99. Started his career at Manchester United and has also played for Swindon, Southampton and Torquay. Made over 300 appearances for Pompey before his recent move.

ANDREW MORRIS (MIDFIELDER)

Young apprentice who made his debut as a substitute in the Auto Windscreens Shield win over Burnley. During extra time he scored the

winning golden goal to cap a tremendous night.

KEVIN NICHOLLS (MIDFIELDER)

Promising young midfielder signed in June 99 from Charlton Athletic in a deal which could net the addicks up to £600,000. Kevin captained the England Under 18's side and came through the ranks at the Valley, he has made just one start this season because of a persistent knee injury.

MICHAEL O'NEILL (MIDFIELDER)

Michael arrived on a free transfer from Coventry City in September 1998. He is a very skillful player who has won 31 Northern Ireland Caps and previously played for Newcastle, Dundee United and Hibernian.

JEFF PERON (MIDFIELDER)

Thirty four year old Frenchman who signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in November 99. A left midfield player he was previously

with Walsall where his only goal came as the winner against Latics in 1998.

ANDY PORTER (MIDFIELDER)

Signed in the summer of 1998 after he was out of contract at Port Vale. Had spent his entire career at Vale Park after coming through the youth ranks, Andy is a no nonsense tough tackling midfielder. He has recently spent a loan period at Mansfield Town.

DARREN SHERIDAN (MIDFIELDER)

Combative central midfielder whom John Benson when at Barnsley originally signed from non-league Winsford United. Spent his whole professional league career with the Tykes making over twenty appearances in the Premier League before joining Wigan in July 99.

STUART BARLOW (FORWARD)

Signed on transfer deadline day in March 1998 for £45,000 from Oldham Athletic. A quick striker with an eye for a goal he notched 26 goals last term the most ever in a season by a Wigan Athletic player in Division Two. This season he has performed better scoring 20 goals before the end of November including a superb hat-trick at Deepdale in a 4-1 victory over rivals Preston.

SIMON HAWORTH (FORWARD)

At £600,000 Simon is the club's record signing arriving from Highfield Road, Coventry in October 98. Capped 5 times for the full Welsh squad, he also became a regular in the U21 team. Now 22 he started his career with Cardiff City and scored 14 goals in an injury hit 26 games last season. Scored Latics first ever goal at the JJB Stadium.

ANDY LIDDELL (FORWARD)

Hard-working striker signed from Barnsley for a bargain £375,000 in October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish U21 caps.



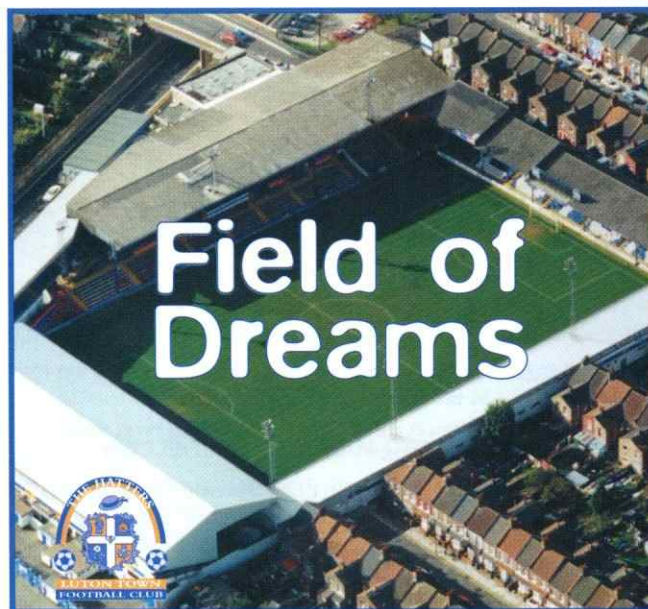
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new YTS signings

AFTER much consideration, five boys who are leaving school this summer have been offered three-year scholarships with Luton Town, and youth coach Paul Lowe says he is excited by their prospects. "They have represented the club's under-19 youth team this season, and have proved themselves to be exceptional young players, with real potential," he said.

Joe Deeney is a central defender from Milton Keynes, who has been attending our FA Centres of Excellence at MK and Luton since he was ten. He has represented Milton Keynes and District Schools, and captained the Buckinghamshire county schools side for the past two years.

Jonathan Chatfield is a goalkeeper from Warboys, Huntingdon, who first came to Luton at the age of 13. He has attended Malcolm Webster's goalkeeping schools, and our FA Centre of Excellence in Luton. He is related to former Town goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain.

James Osborne plays in central midfield and comes from Islington, and has played for Camden & Islington district and Middlesex County schools side for the past four years. He has trained at our Centre of Excellence for the past four years.

Chris Dillon is a centre forward from Newham, Middlesbrough, and was previously with Bradford City before trialing at a host of Premier League clubs as well as with us. Several top clubs had shown an interest, but Chris opted for Luton Town because of our reputation for developing young players.

Marcus Jeffrey is a centre forward from Mill Hill, and has had an impressive season in our Football League Youth Alliance team, both for his all-round play and his goal-scoring abilities. He has represented Barnet Schools and Middlesex County Schools.

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Top Hatters Gallery



Lennie Lawrence, Manager

Born: Brighton, 14.12.47

Joined Luton Town: December 1995

Previous clubs as coach/manager: Plymouth, Lincoln, Charlton, Middlesbrough, Bradford City.

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Hatters Away

travel information

Wycombe v Luton Town

Saturday April 29nd, kick-off 3pm

THE away season that began in the August sunshine at Nottingham comes to an end next Saturday, when we go to Adams Park to meet Wycombe Wanderers.

We can claim a proud record against the Chairboys - they have never beaten us in the league, on their ground or ours. It's not quite as good as it sounds, of course - Saturday's visit will be only our fourth to meet a team who came into the Football League in 1993, when they replaced Halifax.

Our record so far at Adams Park is two wins and a draw. Our first-ever visit was in September 1996. Andrew Fotiadis made his debut and David Oldfield netted the only goal of the game.

In 1997/98 it was 2-2, with Oldfield and Tony Thorpe on target for us, and when we went in August for the opening day of the 1998/99 campaign Steve Davis's goal gave us a 1-0 win. Matthew Spring might recall the other game against Wycombe that season with pride - he scored his first-ever league goal in our 3-1 victory at Kenilworth Road.

Wycombe's first two visits to Luton were 0-0 draws, and Stuart Douglas got our goal in October when the result was 1-1.

As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will be operating services to Saturday's game. Town on Tour, an offshoot of the Luton Town Supporters Club, will set off from Maple Road at 12.30 and the fare is £7 for adult members of LTSC, £6 for junior and senior citizen members, and £8 for others.

The Bobbers Travel Club leave Cranfield at 11am and Kenilworth Road an hour later, and their fare is £6.50 for adults and £5.50 for pensioners and under-16s.

Stewarded car parking is available for all coach travellers at Maple Road, price £3.

The game is an all-ticket match for Luton supporters, and tickets have to be purchased from the Kenilworth Road ticket office by 4pm on Friday.

DIY Travellers

THE road journey to Wycombe is one of the easiest and quickest of the season, although it can be frustrating trying to leave the ground after the match because of the limited access to the main roads from the industrial area in which Adams Park stands. There is only one way in and out.

You can do the journey from Luton in an hour comfortably. Leave town on the M1 going south, and then take the M25 heading west, signposted towards Heathrow. Leave M25 at junction 16, to join the M40, taking care to head west, signposted towards Birmingham, and not towards London. Leave M40 at junction 4. Follow the signs towards Aylesbury A4010 for 2.3 miles, over three roundabouts. After going down a long hill you come to a mini-roundabout where you turn left into Lane End Road. After half a mile turn right at a roundabout, signposted to the industrial estate, into Hillbottom Road, and that leads you to the ground.

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Blast FROM THE Past

Roger Wash

How football has changed



'Nowadays the game is to cut out the fancy stuff and use the most direct methods possible. Psychology is playing a big part now, and the aim of every player is to be that split second quicker than the other fellow.'

These words could have

been written today but were actually penned over 60 years ago by newly appointed coach at Kenilworth Road, George Martin!

Just before the outbreak of the last War the 'Beds and Herts Evening Telegraph' ran a series of articles featuring the staff at Kenilworth Road. All the players of the time were highlighted but one intriguing piece gave Martin the chance to have his say under the title, 'How football has changed.'

George had always wanted to be a professional footballer in his native Scotland but his father was strongly against it and fought hard to prevent him from playing at all and he had to wait until his 16th birthday before he finally got his own way.

Motherwell wanted to sign him but to keep his father half happy he played junior amateur football for Cadzow St Annes who went on to win every competition they entered. Finally bowing to the inevitable, father gave in and George, spoilt for choice, opted to sign for Hamilton.

Playing at centre forward for Hamilton, George scored his first league goal against the mighty Celtic and never looked back until an outbreak of boils forced him out of the side. After regaining full fitness he was loaned out to Bo'ness and from there he moved south of the border to Hull where manager Bill McCracken converted him to inside-left after saying that he was too clever to play at centre-forward!

It was during his time at Anlaby Road that George came to the attention of Everton after a couple of stirring F.A.Cup ties that saw the young Scot net the winner in a replay against the men from

Goodison. It was not long after that Everton got their way and George moved to Merseyside just as the Toffees were about to win the championship of the old Division Two.

George was a regular in the side that won the Division One championship in 1928 and set up a fair number of goals for Dixie Dean who broke the League scoring record with 60, a record that is unlikely to be beaten. Two seasons later Everton were relegated but bounced straight back up, although just before the end of that campaign George was transferred to Middlesbrough where, for the first time in his career, he was dropped and ended up spending a miserable year on Teesside.

The chance to come to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1933 was therefore grabbed with both hands and he joined a Luton side that was slowly being built up for a tilt at promotion to the old Division Two. Enjoying playing alongside such centre-forwards as Andy Rennie, Jack Ball and Tom Tait the goals flowed as the Hatters moved nearer and nearer to promotion.

Having played alongside the record breaking Dixie Dean, George was about to partner another legend in Joe Payne who exploded onto the football map over Easter 1936 in devastating fashion. Playing his first game at centre-forward, Payne destroyed luckless Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road and after the dust had settled, following an amazing 12-0 win, it was found that he had netted a record ten times.

George Martin played no little part in the victory and seeing that Payne could do no wrong played the ball to him at every opportunity leaving the centre-forward to do the rest. Unfortunately the following campaign, during which Payne broke the Division Three scoring record when banging in 55 goals, was to be George's last in league football but such was his great knowledge of the game that he was appointed coach just before War broke out followed by the role of team manager during the hostilities.



George Martin (right) during his playing days at Kenilworth Road alongside his old Middlesbrough colleague Bill Pease

It was a difficult job to be a football club manager in that period when, quite naturally, the minds of the vast majority of the population were fixed on other things. George Martin therefore earned much credit for building a strong youth set up of mainly local talent that was to form the backbone of a promising Luton Town side that featured strongly in Division Two once the War ended.

One of George Martin's early games in charge during the 1946/47 season saw the Hatters turn a 0-3 interval deficit against a powerful Newcastle outfit into a 4-3 victory. It was probably this performance that alerted the board at St James' Park to turn to George when they were seeking a new manager during the following close season and it was on Tyneside that, aided by a seemingly bottomless pit of money, he forged a side that won promotion in front of average home crowds of over 56,000.

Newcastle at the time were controlled by powerful chairman Stan Seymour who it would appear dabbled in team affairs too much for George's liking and he decided to take the opportunity to move to Aston Villa in 1950. His

stay in Birmingham

was not a success and he left the game altogether and concentrated on his business interests which took him to Liverpool and then back to Luton.

On returning to Luton he accepted the part-time post of chief scout in 1960 which allowed him to keep his eye in but five years later, against his better judgement, he came back into management at Kenilworth Road at a time when we were going through the worst playing period in our history.

Frankly, George was too old for the job having turned 66 and although he almost led the side to promotion from Division Four in his first full season in charge he was glad to be relieved of his duties in November 1966 when Allan Brown took over.

Still retaining an interest in goings on at Kenilworth Road right up until his death in 1972, George Martin holds down a big place in the clubs history as player, coach, scout and manager as well as being instrumental in bringing John Moore to Kenilworth Road!

Community & Schools Programme

ntl: SCHOOL VISITS

Thanks NTL!



Pictured are Richard Pettifer, Community Relations Manager from NTL presenting a cheque for £5,000 to Kevin Thoburn from our Community Department as sponsorship of the NTL School Visit Project. This is the second year that NTL have sponsored our project and we are extremely grateful to them and lucky that in Luton our largest Company shows such great community involvement.

Since our project began last

January, over 15,000 school children have received free in schools coaching as part of the school curriculum throughout Bed, Herts and Bucks and our target is to reach 20,000 by the end of the year.

If you would like your school to take part in the NTL School Visit Project or would like further information, then simply ring the Club on 01582 411622 and we will be happy to arrange a visit or answer any questions you may have.

MID BEDS SKILLS DAY

We were delighted to be at Maulden Lower School last Saturday to present trophies at the Mid Beds skills day which brings together all players in the under 9s league together for a day of skills tests and league trophy and medal presentations. This is our third visit in a row and are always pleased to be invited along to what has become an extremely successful and enjoyable day in Mid Beds.



EASTER HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES

All next week!

LUTON COACHING CENTRES

Sommeries Junior School
Monday and Tuesday 17th & 18th April

Icknield Junior School
(Strikers & Goalies)
Wednesday and Thursday 19th & 20th April

Sacred Heart Junior School
Tuesday and Wednesday 25th & 26th April

Lealands High School
Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th April

SOUTH BEDS COACHING CENTRES

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Gilbert Inglefield Mid School,
Monday and Tuesday 17th & 18th April

Cedars High School,
Tuesday and Wednesday 25th & 26th April

DUNSTABLE

Watling Lower School,
Tuesday and Wednesday 25th & 26th April

MID BEDS COACHING CENTRES

TODDINGTON

Parkfields Middle School,
Monday and Tuesday 17th & 18th April

AMPTHILL

Alameda Middle School,
Wednesday and Thursday 19th & 20th April

SHEFFORD

Robert Bloomfield Mid School,
Wednesday and Thursday 19th & 20th April

BARTON

Arnold Middle School,
Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th April

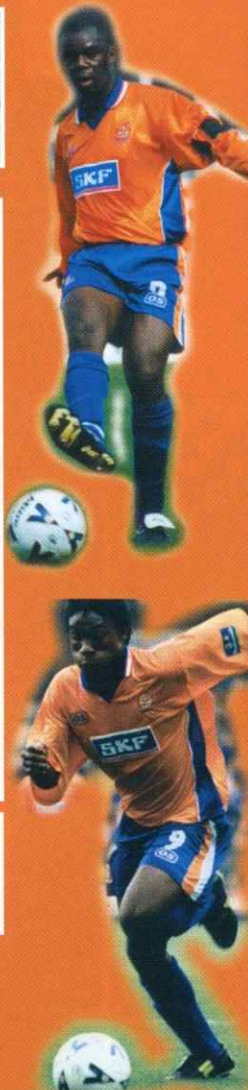
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Woodlands Middle School,
Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th April

All courses run Beginner and Advanced groups for School Years 1 to 3 and 4 to 8 and run from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm each day.

To book a place or for further information please contact the Community & Schools Department on

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Junior Hatters

welcome

OUR final away trip of the season is to Wycombe next Saturday, and Junior Hatters are invited to arrive at Adams Park early and go on a conducted tour of the stadium. We will leave Luton at 11 am and the trip, for the

coach fare and a match ticket, is a bargain - £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for adults and guests.

To book, call into the ticket office in Kenilworth Road, or phone Luton 416976.



TOP GIRL: Very often we are invited to provide Luton Town mascots at away games, and this picture shows Rhiannon Morgan, 14, from Houghton Regis, with the skippers and match officials when she carried our colours on the pitch at Preston. She is a regular on our coach trips, attends Queensbury Upper School, Dunstable, and also plays football for the Luton Belles.

Another feature of our awaydays is a quiz competition, run to help the coach journeys pass quickly. There are prizes each time, and main prizes to come at the end of the season. We have had 49 teams taking part, and the leading places and scores are: 1 Watford To Go Down 110 points, 2 Redborne Rudes 107, 3 Luton Girls 86, 4 Old Gits & Me 77.

Today's Mascot



TODAY'S Junior Hatters mascot is determined to get everything possible out of football. As well as watching the Town, David Bostock, from Brian Road, Harlington, likes playing soccer for Harlington Juniors, and has also taken up refereeing in the Chiltern Youth League.

He is 14 years old, and attends Harlington Upper School, and is part of a Luton Town family - he watches from the Kenilworth lower tier, and comes to games with his 77-year-old nan, his dad and his younger brother Steven.

Today they will see David join the stars on the pitch. He will meet the Town team in the dressing room before the game, and join them for the pre-match rituals. Doubtless he will want a word with Matthew Spring, because the midfielder is his favourite player.


Over the Bar

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Head-to-Head

Paul McLaren



Neil Redfearn



The Carling Opta stat-attack
compares two of today's
top midfielders

PAUL McLaren has come back into the Luton side in recent weeks and shown some nice touches to suggest that he is over the injury that kept him out for a period of the season. His only goal so far this season was an important one - the dramatic late equaliser against Cambridge United in the 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road in March.

Neil Redfearn will be up against McLaren this afternoon, keen to get back to winning ways following Wigan's 2-1 defeat at the hands of play-off chasing Gillingham at Priestfield and the defeat at Boundary Park against Oldham by the same scoreline. Wigan were at home to Reading on Saturday, but Easter holiday printing deadlines mean we cannot include Saturday's matches in these stats.

Redfearn has been a big hit at the JJB Stadium since his switch from Bradford City. He has scored four times, and has distributed the ball accurately from midfield.

McLaren has been the better crosser of the ball, which indicates that Redfearn stays in the middle of the park to spray his passes rather than going wide on to the flanks.

Redfearn has perfect dribbling statistics, suggesting that his experience helps him avoid trouble so that he only runs with the ball when he knows that he is going to be able to retain possession for his team.

McLaren has not been afraid to get stuck in and has won just over half of the tackles he has attempted. Redfearn has the higher success percentage but this will reduce as he makes more challenges as the season comes to a close.

Lennie Lawrence will hope that McLaren avoids another booking this season as he is due a suspension if he receives another caution during the campaign.

Redfearn will need to be on top form as there is a great deal of competition for places in the Wigan midfield, especially now Alan McLoughlin is fit after a long spell out of the side with a back injury.

	McLaren	Redfearn
Minutes on Pitch	1,277	720

Goal Attempts

Goals	1	4
Shots on Target (inc goals)	6	10
Shots off Target	8	14
Blocked Shots	4	9

Passing

Goal Assists	1	0
Total Passes	726	315
Pass Completion	68%	74%

Crossing

Total Crosses	13	2
Cross Completion	15%	0%

Dribbling

Dribbles and Runs	23	9
Dribble Completion	65%	100%

Defending

Tackles Made	54	3
Tackles Won	52%	67%
Blocks	14	3
Clearances	34	6
Interceptions	2	2

Discipline

Fouls	18	16
Offside	0	2
Yellow Cards	4	1
Red Cards	0	0

Paul Fowling, Opta Press Office

Hatters Abroad

carrying the colours



to stay an extra week as the airport was closed by hurricane Floyd... Shame!

"In the photo, on a rather wet day, are Dora, Peter, Paul, Melvin, John and his children Daniel and Kayleigh, and myself."



THE holiday picture from Spain's Costa Blanca is an illustration of the "like father, like son" syndrome that affects football fans. Martin Hipwell, from Elton, Peterborough, is the guy on the right and next to him is his son Jonathan, who is five. In the blue shirt is Joe Melia, next to his six-year-old son Alex.

Martin explained: "Joe and I have been friends and season ticket holders for many years, having met on a golf course when the conversation got on to football and we discovered we were both keen Luton Town fans.

"The photo was taken on a holiday with our wives and families in Torrevieja. As well as being season ticket holders Joe and I also follow the Hatters away from home on a regular basis, and our passion for Luton Town FC is being followed by our sons, who are both mad keen Luton fans.

WE think the picture from Disneyland, Florida sets a new record for this feature - eight versions of Luton Town colours in one snapshot.

Anthony Green, from Glenfield Road, Luton, sent in the picture from a holiday that did not quite run according to plan. "Unfortunately it was in the middle of the hurricane season," he said. "We had

IF YOU have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-off places, we would like to consider it for publication. Please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back.

We are also interested in hearing about our very young fans sporting the Town's colours for our occasional "Mini Hatters" series.

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Player of the Season PRESENTATION EVENING

SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2000

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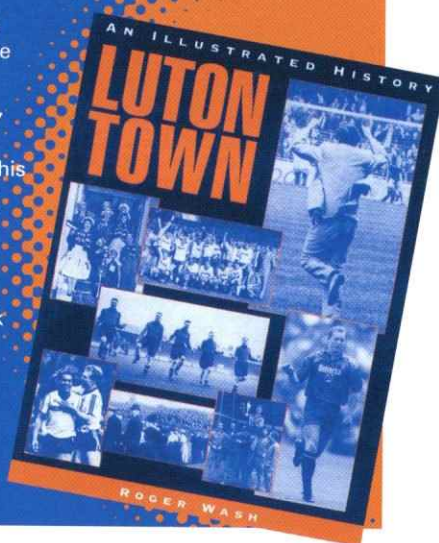
If you enjoyed Roger Wash's first book - his match-by-match account since 1967 - you will love his second. Having told the history of Luton Town in words, he now tells it in pictures. From those bygone days when training consisted of a "brisk walk", through the war years to the present, the history of the Hatters comes alive.

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Mini Hatters

carrying the colours

YOU are never too young to be a Luton Town supporter, as our latest batch of "Mini Hatters" prove. The smartly-attired little chap sitting next to the football is George, the very young son of Richard Litchfield, of Layham Drive, Luton. The family have been supporters for many



years, and Richard says that the publication of this picture in the programme will bring particular pleasure to George's granddad, who has been shouting for the Town since the 1920s.

Young Hatters now come two at a time in the Kelly household, at Nightingale Close, Luton. Proud father Stuart Kelly sent in the picture of his two sons. Sam, the expert dribbler on the left, is nearly four months old, while Jack, on the right, is a bit of a veteran, having just celebrated his second birthday.



"They are both already members and mad Hatters fans," said Stuart. "Jack will probably be going to his first match next season... when he can sit still for long enough!"

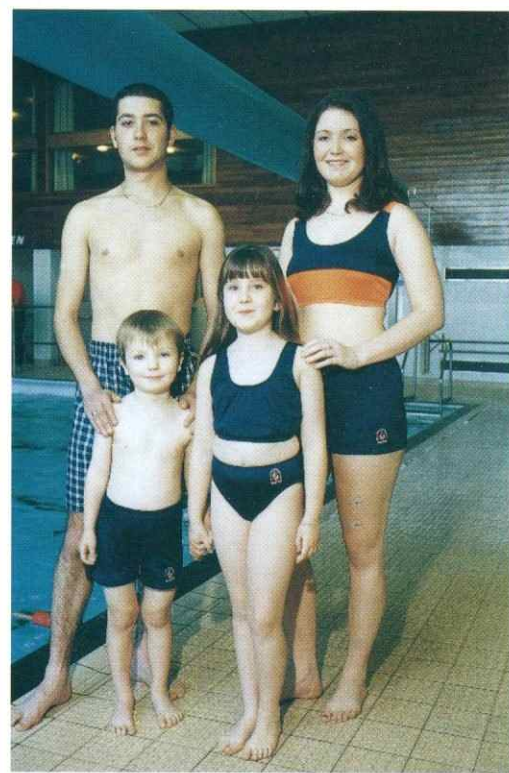
The young Town fan who is as pretty as a picture is Liane Kelly. She is four years old and wears her Hatters kit whenever possible, and she comes from Hodge Lea, Milton Keynes. She was born to be a Luton supporter - her dad is Ian Kelly, a long-time Town fan and a stalwart committee member of the Supporters Club.



HAVE you got a very small Luton Town fan in the family? We know this occasional series is popular with supporters, and intend to keep it running next season. If you have a picture worth using, please send it to the programme editor at the club, giving full details. Please include a stamped addressed envelope if you would like the picture returned, and we will do our best to get it back to you. But if the photo is irreplaceable, please don't send it.

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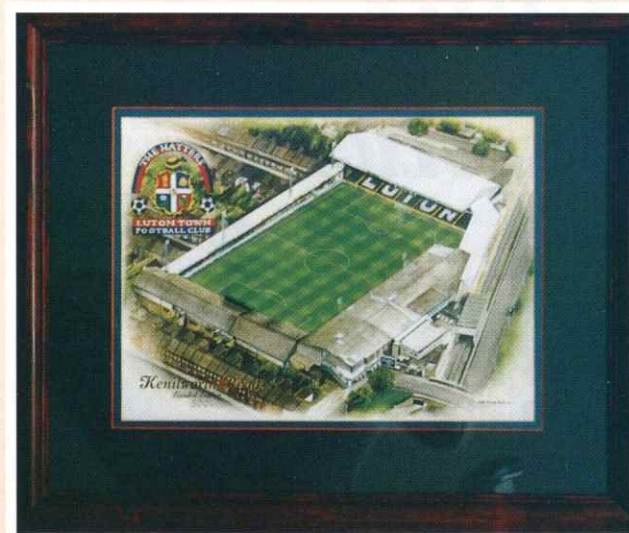
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Paul Lowe



Wolverhampton Wdres O Luton Town O

DEFENCES dominated both attacks as we came through a very good test against one of the bigger clubs in the Football League Youth Alliance. And while the draw was probably the right result, we came closest to snatching victory.

The team put in a good hard-working performance, and the back three were excellent. Sixteen-year-old Joe Deeney showed why we have signed him on YTS scholarship forms with a mature performance alongside Jude Stirling and James Ayres.

Both teams enjoyed brief spells of pressure without creating many chances. In the first half we conceded three or four corners, and a 20-yard free kick that might have been dangerous, but the defence coped well.

We had chances in the second half. A long throw by

Stirling almost brought a goal, but a header by Ayres was pushed over the bar by the keeper. When Wolves came back Scott Ward made a very good save from a low shot that might easily have been a goal.

But it was Wolves who had the narrowest squeak, a couple of minutes before the final whistle. They were under pressure from a corner and Ayres got in a powerful header which the keeper did well to block, with a defender then completing the clearance off the line.

Luton Town: Ward, Stirling, Ayres, Deeney, Barriteau (Jeffrey 80 mins), Mansell, Minton, Kandol, Fitzsimmons, Clarke (Mortara 75 mins), Carroll. Unused subs: Dogbe, Wraight.

WE WERE away to Exeter on Saturday, and next Saturday, April 29, we complete our season at home to Notts County. Kick-off at Luton Rugby Club will be at 11am and spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

Youth team appearances, including as sub: Clarke 28, Carroll 28, Mansell 28, Barriteau 27, Dogbe 26, Moran 26, Mortara 26, Stirling 26, Deeney 19, Jeffrey 19, Jerry 18, Ayres 17, Ward 17, Minton 16, Mentore 13, Wraight 12, Kandol 9, Flaherty 6, Crane 6, Standen 3, Oughan 3, Thresher 3, Osborne 3, Fitzsimmons 2, Wilson 2, Milton 2, Coktas 2, de Freitas 2, Talbot 2, Milton 2, Dillon 2, Beckett 1, Tate 1, Mapps 1, Garry 1, Dosoogru 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.

The new YTS intake: See page 23.

Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference

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 Wdres	A	0-2
	Sat 8	Plymouth	H	0-0
	Sat 15	Wolves	A	0-0
	Sat 22	Exeter	A	
	Sat 29	Notts County	H	

League Table

Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
Portsmouth	6	3	1	2	12	6	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
Luton Town	6	1	3	2	4	8	6
Swansea	5	0	5	0	6	6	5
Wolves	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Exeter	6	0	1	5	2	12	1



THE Reserves played Bournemouth on Thursday, and we regret that because of Easter holidays the report will not be published until our next matchday magazine.

Biggest Wins & Defeats; Top Scorers

Goals	Player	League / Lge Cup / FA Cup
4-0 v Oxford & Colchester		
1-5 Notts County		
14 Stein	11	2 1
2-0 v Cambridge & Wycombe / 3-1 v Gillingham		
0-5 Bury		
10 Murphy	10	0 0
3-0 Colchester		
1-4 v Bournemouth / 0-3 v Oldham & Bristol Rovers		
11 Owusu	10	0 1
4-0 Wrexham		
4 games by a 3 goal margin		
15 Thorpe	14	1 0
5-0 Oxford		
0-3 Millwall		
23 Roberts	20	3 0
5-0 Wrexham		
0-3 v Gillingham & Preston		
25 Payton	25	0 0
5-0 Blackpool		
0-3 v Millwall & Cambridge & Wycombe		
9 Preece	9	0 0
4-0 Cardiff		
6 games by a 2 goal margin		
20 Benjamin	17	0 3
3-0 Colchester		
0-4 v Cambridge & Preston		
13 Nugent	10	1 2
4 games by a 2 goal margin		
1-5 Stoke		
13 Reeves	11	2 0
3-0 Luton		
0-4 Bournemouth		
15 McGavin	15	0 0
5-1 Wrexham		
4 games by a 2 goal margin		
12 Thomson	9	0 3
4-1 Scunthorpe		
0-3 v Colchester & Bristol Rovers / 1-4 v Bristol Rovers		
16 George	14	0 2
5-0 Reading		
5 games by a 2 goal margin		
22 Harris	22	0 0
5-1 Bournemouth		
4 games by a 2 goal margin		
12 Stallard	12	0 0
3-0 v Wrexham & Brentford		
0-3 v Bournemouth & Burnley / 1-4 v Bristol Rovers		
11 Allott/Whitehall	109	1/0/0/2
3-0 Bristol City		
0-5 Bristol Rovers		
16 Murphy	10	3 3
4-0 v Oxford & Cardiff		
1-4 Wigan		
2-5 Macken	22	2 1
7 games by a 2 goal margin		
0-5 Millwall		
23 Butler	18	3 2
3-1 v Cambridge & Bournemouth / 2-0 v Blackpool		
7 games by a 3 goal margin		
9 Ipoua	9	0 0
4-0 v Wycombe / 5-1 v Chesterfield		
0-3 Gillingham		
19 Thorne	18	1 0
5-1 Blackpool		
6 games by a 1 goal margin		
22 Barlow	18	2 2
4-1 Oxford		
0-5 Burnley		
10 Faulconbridge	9	0 1
3-0 v Colchester & Bury & Chesterfield		
0-4 Stoke		
24 Devine	22	1 1

1999-00 Season Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	22,310	Burnley v Preston	4-Mar	
Lowest Gate	1,903	Chesterfield v Bury	28-Mar	
Highest Aggregate Score	Colchester	5-4	Bristol Rovers	8-Jan
Biggest Home Win	Burnley	5-0	Wrexham	2-Nov
Biggest Away Win	Blackpool	0-5	Bury	16-Oct
Consecutive Wins	Oxford	0-5	Bristol Rovers	22-Jan
Consecutive Defeats	Bristol Rovers, Millwall	6		
Games Unbeaten	Wigan	24		
Consecutive Defeats	Oldham	5		
Games without a Win	Chesterfield	18		

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins	Bristol City	3
Games Unbeaten	Stoke	9
Consecutive Defeats	Brentford	4
Games without a Win	Brentford	9

How Clubs have scored... and conceded

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	
10	8	8	7	1	4	13	3	Bournemouth	17	8	8	2	1	5	15	0
15	4	3	4	1	2	13	0	Blackpool	19	13	9	3	1	4	20	1
9	5	11	5	0	1	13	0	Brentford	11	8	5	6	1	7	15	2
6	8	9	7	0	2	19	2	Bristol City	7	10	7	5	1	1	16	1
11	5	9	4	3	6	26	0	Bristol Rovers	5	8	9	3	2	1	12	0
25	11	3	4	0	4	11	0	Burnley	8	8	8	3	1	3	7	3
13	10	5	6	1	5	11	2	Bury	11	10	5	3	0	1	26	0
18	12	2	6	1	4	14	3	Cambridge United	15	9	6	10	1	5	12	0
9	7	7	8	0	2	5	2	Cardiff City	14	7	8	10	1	7	11	0
5	4	5	4	0	4	7	0	Chesterfield	17	8	10	5	1	2	12	1
12	12	10	5	1	3	10	0	Colchester United	19	14	10	6	1	2	23	1
16	4	11	12	1	3	22	0	Gillingham	9	8	6	7	1	4	8	1
13	12	9	6	0	2	16	0	Luton Town	17	9	8	7	1	0	18	1
15	13	2	9	0	4	25	0	Millwall	5	6	6	3	1	4	15	1
20	8	7	2	2	4	14	1	Notts County	11	8	4	6	1	5	10	3
18	9	4	3	2	1	9	0	Oldham Athletic	14	11	3	5	0	7	11	0
6	8	5	4	0	4	10	1	Oxford United	15	15	5	11	2	4	16	1
16	14	9	7	2	5	13	2	Preston North End	10	5	3	4	1	2	8	0
14	8	5	5	2	5	13	1	Reading	17	6	6	10	1	2	16	2
9	3	6	4	0	3	14	0	Scunthorpe United	19	3	9	11	2	5	17	1
19	12	8	6	0	2	12	1	Stoke City	11	6	2	2	1	4	12	2
13	11	9	7	2	7	16	3	Wigan Athletic	10	2	1	6	0	4	11	0
11	7	3	9	1	2	13	0	Wrexham	16	13	12	2	1	1	16	0
9	12	7	3	3	5	12	0	Wycombe Wanderers	16	11	6	7	0	4	5	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
Hill	26	9	110	4.23	Millwall	78	4	90
Bates	28	8	99	3.54	Reading	77	2	83
Warren	26	6	87	3.35	Bury	66	5	81
Bennett	17	1	57	3.35	Wrexham	66	5	81
Lynch	30	15	100	3.33	Bristol Rovers	68	2	74
Tomlin	24	3	78	3.25	Wigan	60	4	72
Hall	29	1	94	3.24	Wycombe	48	8	72
Fletcher	32	5	103	3.22	Burnley	59	4	71
Parkes	25	5	80	3.20	Cardiff	53	6	71
Ryan	25	8	79	3.16	Notts County	63	2	69
Wilkes	28	6	87	3.11	Blackpool	58	3	67
Foy	27	7	87	3.11	Brentford	50	4	62
Jordan	27	1	82	3.04	Oxford	55	2	61
Knight	16	4	47	2.94	Cambridge	50	3	59
					Colchester	53	2	59
					Stoke	52	2	58
					Luton	48	3	57
					Scunthorpe	51	1	54
					Bristol City	44	3	53
					Oldham	48	1	51
					Preston	43	2	49
					Bournemouth	40	1	43
					Chesterfield	30	3	39
					Gillingham	34	1	37

Refs who've officiated more than 9 games
Key:
G = Number of games
R = Number of red cards
Y = Number of yellow cards
Ave = Number of yellow cards per game

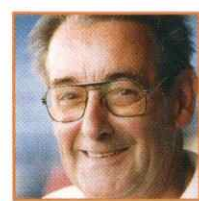
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2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



EASTER is traditionally the time of year for heartbreak or jubilation for football supporters as the league season's marathon approaches the finishing tape. And if today's visitors take a big step towards promotion at

our expense, I wouldn't begrudge their manager his moment of pleasure - it's long overdue in view of the misery Luton Town inflicted on John Benson 17 years ago on one of the most famous days in our history.

I will never forget that day and the unbelievable relief and joy at a Luton Town win. Mr Benson was one of the bigger majority who had to suffer dreadful pain. He was the manager of Manchester City when Raddy Antic's goal four minutes from the end of the season relegated the Blues from what is now the Premiership. It was a real showdown day, with City needing only to draw to survive and send us down instead. City had not even been in the bottom three before that final day of the season, so their pain was all the greater after 17 years in the top flight. Mr Benson lost his job as a result of the Town's heroics.

Today he is manager of Wigan, poised to right the record to some degree as they look like going up,

while we stay in the Second Division for another season.

Preston are all but there, set for promotion as champions, while Wigan, Millwall, Bristol Rovers and Burnley lead the fight for the other automatic promotion place.

Printing schedules because of the Easter holiday mean that we are unable to report on games on Friday and Saturday, when Wigan were at home to Reading while Deepdale hosted Scunthorpe. The big crunch game was Burnley v Millwall, all the more important for Burnley because on Tuesday they went down to defeat in another six-pointer, 3-0 at home to Gillingham.

As Lennie Lawrence commented, it has been astonishing this season how often top teams, with the exception of Preston, have failed to win important home games. We can be grateful the same is true of other middling teams - while we were losing to Bristol City on Tuesday Oldham, our final opponents of the season, missed the chance to overtake us by losing 2-1 at home to bottom club Chesterfield. It was only their second away win of the season and ended a run of nine games without a win.

We are still highly unlikely to play them next season, but we might have a re-union with an old Hatters hero, if he keeps his job. Brian Horton is manager of Port Vale, who look like being relegated from the First Division. If they are, it will be the first time it has happened to Horton as a manager. He has also been in charge at Hull, Oxford, Manchester City, Huddersfield and Brighton.

For many of us, he will for ever be revered for skipping the 1982 Second Division championship side. John Benson might remember him too - Horton was our captain at Maine Road on May 14, 1983, doing his bit towards getting Mr Benson sacked.

Incidentally, two current Town staff were also involved that day, Trevor Hartley as a coach, and Clive Goodyear, physio now but then a centre-half who helped to keep one of the most important clean sheets in our history. John Sheridan was the sponge man at Maine Road, furiously polluting the atmosphere with his pipe in the dug-out, and is still connected with the Town, as consultant physio.

The Second Division

- up to and including April 20

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Preston	42	13	4	4	33	21	12	7	2	35	12	86
Wigan	42	14	3	4	36	13	7	12	2	32	21	78
Millwall	42	13	6	2	38	16	9	6	6	30	25	78
Bristol Rov	42	12	6	3	30	17	10	4	7	34	23	76
Burnley	42	14	3	4	36	20	7	10	4	22	21	76
Gillingham	41	13	3	4	38	20	9	6	6	31	24	75
Stoke	41	10	7	3	31	17	9	6	6	29	23	70
Notts Co	42	9	5	7	30	24	9	5	7	28	24	64
Bristol City	42	7	13	1	29	14	7	5	9	24	34	60
Luton Town	42	10	5	6	39	33	6	3	12	19	28	56
Wycombe	42	10	4	7	30	23	4	9	8	21	26	55
Oldham	42	8	4	9	25	27	7	6	8	21	26	55
Reading	42	8	9	4	25	17	6	4	11	28	43	55
Bournemouth	42	11	4	6	34	16	5	2	14	20	40	54
Brentford	42	8	5	8	25	28	5	6	10	19	27	50
Wrexham	42	7	6	8	21	24	6	5	10	25	37	50
Bury	41	7	9	5	34	30	4	7	9	19	26	49
Colchester	42	8	4	9	30	35	5	5	11	23	41	48
Cambridge	42	7	6	8	35	31	4	6	11	25	27	45
Oxford	42	5	4	12	21	37	6	3	12	17	32	40

	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attd.	team												substitutes
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A 0-0		-	6,141	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	White	Johnson	Douglas	McLaren	Gray	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Boyce for Taylor, 70 mins. Unused: George, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Tate	
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H 0-2		-	2,984	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	White	Boyce	Douglas	McLaren	Gray	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Doherty for White HT; Fotiadis for Douglas 60 mins; George for McIndoe 60 mins. Unused: Zahana-Oni, Tate	
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H 3-2	George 2, Spring	7	5,176	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McKinnon for Fotiadis 75 mins; Zahana-Oni for Douglas 83 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 89 mins. Unused: Boyce, Tate	
	Sat 21	Reading	A 2-1	Fotiadis, George	3	8,741	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McIndoe for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, McKinnon, Tate	
Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A 2-2	Kandol, Doherty	3	4,414	Abbey	Locke	Sodje	Boyce	White	Watts	Gray	McKinnon	Douglas	McIndoe	Kandol	Doherty for Douglas 67 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 67 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Davis, Ward		
Sat 28	Cardiff	H 1-0	Gray	2	5,374	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 66 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins; McKinnon for George 84 mins. Unused: Sodje, Tate		
Tues 31	Bournemouth	A 0-1			2	4,797	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 60 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate	
SEPT	Sat 4	Bury	H 1-1	Fotiadis	5	4,633	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 73 mins; McIndoe for George 73 mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate	
	Sat 11	Wrexham	H 3-1	Taylor, Spring, George	3	5,121	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; McKinnon for McLaren 62 mins; Sodje for Johnson 75 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Tate	
	Sat 18	Brentford	A 0-2		5	7,039	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke	Douglas	Spring	Kandol	Taylor	Sodje for Kandol 70 mins. Unused: White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate	
	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H 4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	3	6,102	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke	Douglas	Spring	Midgley	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 66 mins. Unused: Sodje, Kandol, Scarlett, Tate	
OCTOBER	Sat 2	Wigan	A 0-1		8	6,866	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for McLaren 73 mins; Midgley for Locke 77 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, Ward	
	Sat 9	Oldham	A 1-2	Midgley	10	4,532	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	Gray	Locke	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Kandol for Gray 50 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 67 mins; Midgley for Douglas 67 mins. Unused: White, Ward	
	Sat 16	Gillingham	H 3-1	George 2 (1pen), Douglas	7	6,394	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for Midgley 80 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 85 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward	
	Tue 19	Wycombe	H 1-1	Douglas	7	5,820	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 75 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward	
	Sat 23	Oxford Utd	A 1-0	George	7	5,866	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley 72 mins; Locke for Douglas 77 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward	
	Sat 30	Kingstonian (FA Cup 1)	H 4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor	7	4,682	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Gray 30 mins; Boyce for Fraser 39 mins. Unused: White, Sodje, Ward	
NOVEMBER	Tue 2	Millwall	A 0-1		9	6,181	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Midgley HT. Unused: White, Sodje, Locke, Ward	
	Sat 6	Burnley	H 2-1	Midgley 2	8	7,205	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for Douglas 73 mins; Locke for McLaren 79 mins; Kandol for Midgley 88 mins. Unused: Sodje, Ward	
	Fri 12	Cambridge Utd	A 1-3	George	9	6,211	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Sodje for Boyce HT; Locke for McLaren 59 mins; McIndoe for Midgley 59 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ward	
	Fri 19	Lincoln (FA Cup 2)	H 2-2	Doherty 2	10	4,291	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Sodje for Locke HT; McIndoe for McLaren 83 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol, Ward	
	Tue 23	Preston	H 0-2		10	5,124	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Sodje	George	Midgley	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	McIndoe for McLaren 62 mins; White for Midgley 62 mins; Boyce for Fraser 75 mins. Unused: Locke, Ward	
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A 0-3		10	7,805	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	George	Doherty	Locke	Spring	McLaren	McIndoe	Thorpe for Doherty 61 mins; Boyce for Watts 86 mins. Unused: Taylor, Douglas, Ward	
Tue 30	Lincoln (FA Cup 2R)	A 1-0	Douglas	10	3,822	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	George	Doherty	Douglas	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for McLaren 50 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol, McIndoe, Ward		
DECEMBER	Sat 4	Notts County	H 2-2	Doherty, Thorpe	11	5,195	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Thorpe	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Boyce for Fraser 60 mins; Sodje for Douglas 81 mins. Unused: Kandol, Scarlett, Tate	
	Tue 7	Oxford (AWS 1)	A 0-2		11	1,220	Abbey	Fraser	Sodje	Ayres	Johnson	George	Doherty	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Boyce	Read for Douglas HT; Scarlett for Locke 69 mins. Unused: Taylor, Jerry, Tate	
	Sat 11	Fulham (FA Cup 3)	A 2-2	George, Spring	10	8,251	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	George	Doherty	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	All unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Jerry, Ayres, Tate	
	Fri 17	Colchester	A 0-3		11	3,049	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	George	Thorpe	Doherty	Spring	Locke	Taylor	McLaren for George 62 mins. Unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Read, Ward	
	Tues 21	Fulham (FA Cup 3R)	H 0-3		11	8,170	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Boyce for Fraser 59 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Kandol, Ayres, Tate	
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H 1-1	Locke	13	5,870	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Thorpe	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	McLaren for Spring 73 mins; Gray for Thorpe 74 mins. Unused: Fraser, Fotiadis, Tate	
Tue 28	Bristol City	A 0-0		12	11,832	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Fotiadis for Douglas 83 mins. Unused: George, Fraser, Scarlett, Tate		
JAN 2000	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H 4-1	Spring 2, Douglas, Gray	11	5,574	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Fotiadis for Gray 73 mins. Unused: White, Fraser, Scarlett, Tate	
	Sat 8	Stoke	A 1-2	Spring (pen)	12	10,016	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Fotiadis for Douglas 70 mins; George for White 87 mins. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Tate	
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A 3-3	Locke, Gray, Taylor	13	5,262	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Spring	Locke	Taylor	Fotiadis for George 75 mins. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Ayres, Tate	
	Sat 22	Reading	H 3-1	Watts, George 2	10	6,044	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Scarlett	Locke	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 81 mins. Unused: Fraser, Kandol, Ayres, Tate	
	Sun 30	Cardiff	A 3-1	Watts, Spring, George	10	6,185	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Fraser	George	Gray	Douglas	Scarlett	Spring	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 78 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ayres, Stirling, Tate	
FEB	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H 1-2	Boyce	10	5,961	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	McGowan	Scarlett for McGowan 72 mins; Fotiadis for Douglas 78 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ayres, Tate	
	Tues 8	Stoke	H 2-1	Gray 2	9	5,396	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Taylor	McGowan for Boyce 63 mins; Fotiadis for George 74 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Fraser, Tate	
	Sat 12	Bury	A 0-1		10	3,760	Abbey	McGowan	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Taylor	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 mins; George for White 67 mins; Boyce for McGowan 72 mins. Unused: Fraser, Tate	
	Sat 19	Bristol Rov	H 1-4	Gray	10	6,520	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Taylor	White for Spring 64 mins; Fotiadis for George 70 mins; Unused: McGowan, Fraser, Tate	
	Sat 26	Brentford	H 1-2	Gray	12	6,029	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Taylor	Fotiadis for George 69 mins; McGowan for Boyce 69 mins; White for Douglas 79 mins. Unused: McLaren, Abbey	
MARCH	Sat 4	Wrexham	A 0-1		12	2,703	Roberts	McGowan	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	Fotiadis	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Fraser	Boyce for Fraser 25 mins; George for Fotiadis 59 mins; Taylor for McGowan 70 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Ward	
	Tue 7	Burnley	A 2-0	White, Gray	11	12,080	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 87 mins. Unused: George, McLaren, Taylor, Abbey	
	Sat 11	Millwall	H 0-2		11	6,341	Roberts	Boyce	Sodje	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	McGowan	George for Sodje HT; Taylor for McGowan 65 mins; Fotiadis for Douglas 69 mins. Unused: McLaren, Abbey	
	Sat 18	Preston	A 0-1		13	13,731	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	Gray	Douglas	Locke	Spring	Taylor	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 mins; George for Locke 74 mins; McLaren for White 80 mins. Unused: McIndoe, Abbey	
	Tue 21	Cambridge Utd	H 2-2	Doherty, McLaren	12	5,379	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	George	Fotiadis	Locke	Spring	Taylor	McLaren for Spring 66 mins; Douglas for Fotiadis 73 mins. Unused: McIndoe, Ayres, Abbey	
Sat 25	Chesterfield	A 3-1	Doherty, Watts, George	11	2,597	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	George	Douglas	Locke	McLaren	Taylor	Spring for Locke 43 mins; Fotiadis for Douglas 70 mins. Unused: McGowan, Ayres, Abbey		
APRIL	Sat 1	Colchester	H 3-2	Watts, Doherty, Taylor	10	5,125	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	George	Gray	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	All unused: McGowan, McIndoe, Kandol, Scarlett, Abbey	
	Sat 8	Scunthorpe	A 2-1	Gray, Doherty	10	3,811	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	George	Gray	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for George 76 mins. Unused: Douglas, McGowan, Scarlett, Abbey	
	Tues 18	Bristol City	H 1-2	Doherty	10	4,771	Roberts	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	White	George	Gray	Spring	McLaren	Taylor	Locke for McLaren 64 mins; Douglas for Gray 73 mins; McGowan for Boyce 76 mins. Unused: Fraser, Abbey	
	Sat 22	Gillingham	A 3pm																
	Mon 24	Wigan	H 3pm																
Sat 29	Wycombe	A 3pm																	
MAY	Sat 6	Oldham	H 3pm																The FA Cup final will be on May 20

Today's Teams



Luton Town

BEN ROBERTS	32
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

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Wigan Athletic

1	ROY CARROLL
33	MICHAEL CLEGG
4	PAT McGIBBON
6	ARJAN de ZEEUW
5	STUART BALMER
2	CARL BRADSHAW
8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
32	NEIL REDFEARN
16	ROBERTO MARTINEZ
29	JEFF PERON
9	SIMON HAWORTH

Substitutes

13	DEREK STILLIE
15	GARETH GRIFFITHS
23	ANDREW MORRIS
21	BRIAN McLOUGHLIN
22	DARREN SHERIDAN

Today's Officials

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