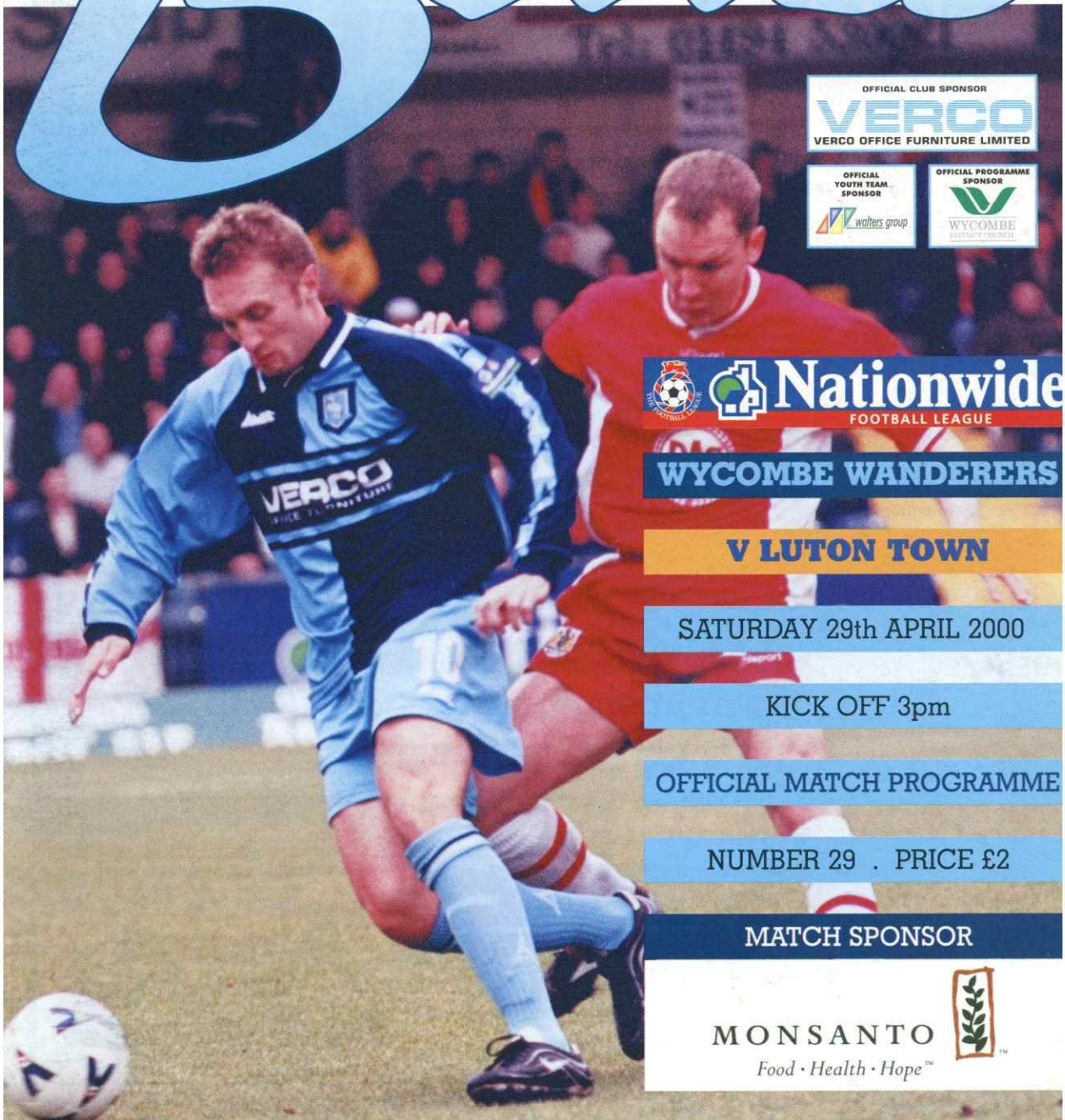




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# Big Chief

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*Jamie Sanchez*

Good afternoon and welcome to our very last home game for season 1999-2000. We extend a welcome to Lennie Lawrence and his Luton Town side who have enjoyed a good season. It was not so long ago that the threat of liquidation hung over Kenilworth Road which just goes to show what can be achieved through a determination to survive in this game. Our game against Notts County has increased our points tally and we have another opportunity to gain three more today. What better way to finish our home programme than by beating Luton, which I understand would be for the first time at Adams Park.

Having reached 58 points is a very comforting thought. The pressure began to ease after the Chesterfield game and has just got better as the games have moved on. To reach the target of 51 that I had set from the start of the season took a little longer than expected, however the Chairman was quick to tell me after the Chesterfield game that this was the safest we had been at this stage for four seasons. Overall it has been a very satisfying achievement, the sale of Matt Lawrence to Millwall has meant we have balanced the budget.

Most pleasing of all is the R word has not been mentioned all season and what's more we have never looked like being involved in another fight for survival. We have just two games to go, including this afternoon against Luton, and we are on course for a top ten finish. This is particularly pleasing as I understand the best the club have finished since the Martin O'Neill era is twelfth.

Injuries have been a very big problem this season, they are part and parcel of the game but it seemed so many of our key players were injured at the same time. It led to a very frustrating period where we struggled to put a run of results together because the side was being changed for every game. When you consider Paul McCarthy and Jamie Bates played eight games together between March and May last season, this season they have played a total of twelve together the entire season because of injuries. We have been without Paul Emblen since November, yet again another option in midfield or up front. Andy Baird has been in for one and out for

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### Big Chief Continued

one and out for three most of the season and so it continues. It speaks volumes for the players who have achieved such a good league position despite the adverse situations.

Like every manager I shall be looking to improve next season, the main aim will be to finish higher and if possible try and get a play off place. In our case it is likely to take a while to build up to. We are just about to complete our sixth season in Division Two, which is a huge achievement in itself, we need to get wiser and stronger to make that extra step up. More than ever this season I have seen the have's and the have not's rise to the top of the table. Although we are about to see three from the top ten move up to Division One it will leave seven or eight clubs with resources far in excess of our own who we will need to compete with once more. I dream of adding better players to the squad but he only way right now is to buy and pay better players to join

Wycombe Wanderers.

One piece of business we carried out just before Easter was the signing of Martin Taylor on a new 2 year contract. I am delighted to have got him back on board as he has had an excellent season, without doubt one of the best keepers in this Division who has pledged his future to the club.

As one of the clubs who rely heavily on paying customers, we are currently 16th in the attendance table for this Division, we need your support more than ever. Please re-new your season ticket, maybe take up the clubs offer of buying a season for the next three at a special price. We need you, without you the club cannot go forward or even think about moving upward. Let us do it together. Thank you for your support this season it has been terrific. The fans who travel away have given great support all over the country, we will all be doing our best to give you something to cheer about next season. See you at Cambridge!

## CHAIRMAN AND MANAGER IN THE VERE SUITE

Please note after today's game the Chairman, Ivor Beeks, and Manager, Lawrie Sanchez will be in the Vere Suite from 6pm onwards to talk about the latest situation within the club. There is a renewed hope for next season with very positive vibes that can be given to supporters. If you want to be in the know then make sure you are in the Vere Suite after today's game.

Also Lawrie Sanchez will appear on the BLUES NEWS show between 6 and 7pm on Thursday 11th May on Eleven Seventy when a supporters 'phone in' will be broadcast LIVE. This will be the last programme of season 1999-2000 presented by Alan Hutchinson, if you have a question for Lawrie but do not want to be on air then send your question to Eleven Seventy.



## YOUTH SCHEME RECEIVES £276,000

Youth team manger Gary Goodchild received a cheque for £276,000 on behalf of the club at last Saturday's game. The cheque was presented by Keiron Humphreys representing Sport England who awarded Lottery funds to be paid over a four year period. The cash will be used to support the club's centre of excellence and youth development scheme.

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# Message from the Chairman



Ivor Beeks - Chairman of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club

Good afternoon and welcome to Luton Town Directors and staff and to all of our supporters for our last home match of the season.

These notes are written knowing we have achieved 58 points and safety in Division 2 with 2 games to play, a feat we have not been used to for some time.

At the beginning of the season Lawrie stated that this would be a consolidatory year and on behalf of us all I extend our thanks to him and the playing staff for an excellent job.

As the months go by we are beginning to work well together as a team, and I do mean all of

us, it does take a period of time to get to know people and their ideas.

I do believe we have an excellent Manager well equipped to continue for the future.

We are exceedingly hopeful that we shall be able to bring in some fresh faces next year to give him the extra staff to make the next push forward.

I am sure you are all interested in the next development on the Constitution issue, we have spent many hours and weeks looking at various ways of securing the future with additional revenue and the long term security.

It is anticipated that in the following months we will be able to come together and discuss these options with the members, and the many hours and weeks we have been talking and looking at the problem, we trust, can be moved forward.

On behalf of us all at Wycombe Wanderers thank you for your support both home and away, it is totally appreciated. Make sure you summer well and come back full of energy for a new season which we all trust will be exciting and challenging.

*Ivor Beeks, Chairman*

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The magical Dave Carroll has carried off the Official Supporters 'Player of the Season' award for 1999-2000. It was presented to him before the kick off against Notts County on Good Friday. It has been another splendid season for JC, who is suspended for today's game against Luton.



**INDEPENDANTS HAVE A DEVINE VOTE**

The Wanderers Independent Supporters Club voted for Sean Devine as their 'Player of the Season'. The award was presented to Sean before the kick off against Notts County on Good Friday. With 23 league goals and 2 in the cups Sean Devine has been outstanding.

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# Welcome to

## THE HATTERS



Supporters of Luton Town have every reason to enjoy their football this season, whatever the results. Until 15 hours before the season kicked off, there was a danger that the Hatters would be thrown out of the Football League. The summer had been traumatic at a club which came into this decade as one of the best in the country – they had ten glorious years in the old First Division, now the Premiership and won the Littlewoods Cup, now the Worthington Cup, by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final. Alas, tradition and past glory counts for little in today's big money football world. Missing the first season of the Premiership was bad enough, through relegation a few months before it was set up. Further relegation, to Division Two, was another blow to the club and its fans. But even those disappointments started to look insignificant towards the end of last

season, when boardroom politics became public knowledge. A dispute escalated until just before deadline day last March director and major creditor Cliff Bassett called in receivers, who were still running the club until the day before the league season kicked off. The club was put up for sale.

Manager, Lennie Lawrence, who had guided the Hatters to 12th place in the Second Division last season, was left hamstrung by the impasse. The receiver's job was to draw in money, not spend it, and although Lawrence was allowed to do some deals, the greater pressure was to raise cash in the transfer market.

One of the most experienced bosses in the business with a CV including running Charlton on a shoestring at the top level, Lawrence had raised £1.4million under receivership by the time goalkeeper Kelvin Davis went to Wimbledon for £600,000 down, with a further £200,000 to come on appearances and possibly more if David is sold on by the Dons. Remarkably having endured the toughest period of management in a career stretching back to decades, the

manager agreed to stay in the job, where the term hot seat really was relevant.

The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat making trade, which was to give the club its nickname.

As the town became bigger and more prosperous so did the football club, and it started paying its players in 1891. Three years later Luton was founder-members of the Southern League and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division.

In 1974 Luton made history again; they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction. The joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground.

Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner and David Pleat was forever famous after his televised jig of delight across the pitch.

Pleat resigned for a second time in 1995, to go to Sheffield Wednesday and youth coach Terry Westley was given his job at Kenilworth Road. By mid-season Luton were in desperate trouble and although new boss Lennie Lawrence produced a mini-revival, the Hatters when down again. They almost bounced straight back, but lost in the 1997 play-offs. They were hoping to go one better this time, that will have to be put on hold until next season.



### THE MANAGER LENNIE LAWRENCE

With former youth coach Terry Westley struggling in his first experience as a manager he and Luton town reluctantly decided to part company as the Hatters slid to the bottom of Division One. Four months in the autumn of 1995 had seen £2 million spent, but only four matches won out of 22. Luton decided they needed an experienced hand on the tiller, and Lawrence fitted the bill perfectly. Perhaps more importantly, he knew about running clubs on shoestring budgets, having made his name by taking impoverished Charlton into what is now the Premiership, and keeping them there for four years, when they did not even have a home of their own. Lawrence was a non-league player with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United. His managerial career started as assistant at Plymouth and then Lincoln. He went to Charlton as reserve team coach before landing the hot seat. He had been boss for nine years when he left Charlton in 1991 and took over at Middlesbrough. He led them to promotion to the Premiership a year later, but they were relegated after only one season and was replaced by Bryan Robson. Bradford City offered the next opportunity but he left after 18 months to return south. A few weeks later he became Luton's 21st manager. A season of struggle followed, but Luton were 12th last season, despite their traditional chronic shortage of money and it has been a difficult summer for the boss – the club went into receivership in the closing weeks of last season and that left him helpless when he wanted to trade in the early summer transfer market.

The manager's record at Luton to the start of the season: Played 194, won 70, drawn 52, lost 72, goals for 250, goals against 235.

#### Luton last six results

Wigan	(h) 24th April	Drew	1-1
Gillingham	(a) 22nd April	Lost	2-0
Bristol City	(h) 18th April	Lost	1-2
Scunthorpe	(a) 8th April	Won	2-1
Colchester	(h) 1st April	Won	3-2
Chesterfield	(a) 25th March	Won	3-1

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# The Players



## KEEPERS

**NATHAN ABBEY** (21) a young keeper who joined Luton as a Y.T and left because regular Kelvin Davis meant he had few opportunities to play. The club then sold Davis to Wimbledon and so Nathan returned to Kenilworth Road in hope of becoming No. 1. So far he has made just 8 appearances this season. **BEN ROBERTS** (24) will be a familiar face to Wanderers fans as he was here on loan during the reign of Alan Smith. As the third choice keeper at Middlesbrough Ben jumped at the chance of joining Luton on loan when Lennie Lawrence approached his former club in the North East. He has had some Premiership experience and has played in two Wembley cup finals, against Chelsea in the FA Cup final for Middlesbrough and for Millwall in the AutoWindscreens Shield final while on loan.

## DEFENDERS

**EMMERSON BOYCE** (20) was born in Aylesbury and joined Luton via their schools development programme. A defender who broke into the team after making his debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield competition last season. Has made three appearances for the side so far this season. **STUART FRASER** (20) is the former skipper of Luton youth team, a bid and stylish defender who was given his League debut at Carlisle on the final day of 1997-98 season. **MARVIN JOHNSON** (31) the longest serving player at Kenilworth Road who can play anywhere in the back four. Can also play midfield, he is starting his twelfth season as a first team regular with Luton, his only club. The current

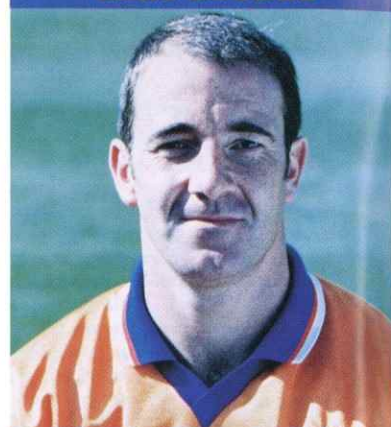
skipper of the side and very much a solid fixture. **GAVIN MCGOWAN** (24) was a right back fighting for a regular place against very stiff opposition at Arsenal. After two loan deals at Luton he finally made it a permanent move in June 1998 joining on a free from Highbury. **JULIAN WATTS** (29) signed on a months loan from Bristol City when keen to get his career moving once more. The move from Ashton Gate was finalised when he fell out of favour with the management. Former Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City player who left Filbert Street for Bristol City when John Ward snapped him up on a Bosman transfer. **ALAN WHITE** (24) came to Luton after Lennie Lawrence had taken him from his former club Middlesbrough when an injury crisis robbed him of three of his back four. It was Lennie who had signed him as a 17 year old at Ayresome Park, but found it difficult to break into the Premiership side of Bryan Robson when the big money signings arrived.

## MIDFIELDERS

**ADAM LOCKE** (29) is well travelled in football terms who brought good experience into a young squad. He joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City last summer and walked into the receivership problems at Kenilworth Road. Although offered a month to start with by the time the administrators moved out Adam had done enough to earn a deal to the end of the season. **PAUL McLAREN** (23) a local lad who slipped through the net, born in High Wycombe he was offered terms by Luton when still at school. He made his first team debut in 1994 and has been a regular ever since. **ANDRE SCARLETT** (20) became a Roy of the Rovers story when he made his first team debut for Luton at 18 last October. The winger created the opportunity for a



**LIAM GEORGE**



**PHIL GRAY**



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**MATTHEW TAYLOR**

penalty and scored the second in a 2-0 win over Oldham. **MATT SPRING** (20) is a competitive midfielder, very much the driving force in the winning Luton youth side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals of 1997. Last season he topped the Hatters appearance list with 54 outings, scouts have been following his progress continuously. **MATTHEW TAYLOR** (18) is one of the crop of young players Luton had to look to when receivership threatened to close the club down. Has made good progress so far and staff at the club have great hopes of him. **LANDRY ZAHANA-ONI** (23) was signed by Lennie Lawrence in January 1999 from Bromley of the Rymans League. He is an old fashioned left winger who had six years with Le Havre before crossing the Channel to try and make the grade in English football. Luton have paid Bromley an initial payment of £25,000 with

more to follow based on performance.

## STRIKERS

**STUART DOUGLAS** (22) a real hot shot in youth and reserve team football, he was 17 when he made his first team debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995. He had to overcome a series of injuries before winning a regular place in the side, he made 50 appearances for the side last season. **ANDREW FOTIADIS** (22) is another local discovery. He won caps for England schools at 15 and 18 and has developed an exciting style of play the Luton fans have taken to. He has made over 70 appearances for Luton to date. **LIAM GEORGE** (22) is the clubs leading scorer with 14 goals this season so far. Full of pace and nimble footwork who has constantly impressed

since coming into the side. Liam made his League debut against Bristol City in 1997, he was also a member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships. **PHIL GRAY** (31) was signed by Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland striker hopes to get a full season of football after being hit by a series of injuries. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat splashed out £275,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved to the Premiership with Sunderland paying £800,000 and after three years at Roker moved to France and Holland for a spell on the Continent. He needed little encouragement to return to Kenilworth Road in exchange for £400,000 and managed to get back into the Northern Ireland squad in November.

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# Towards Tomorrow



We take our final look at some of the young players who have been part of the Wanderers scene this season. Those that have made the right impression can look forward to more chances next season and would have gained from their experience.



**M A R K ROGERS** has been a revelation this season and provided the manager with an option he did not have at the beginning of the season. He

originally came over from Canada when Neil Smillie was in charge but because of work permit rules he was forced to return to Vancouver. Determined to make his way in English football he returned to Wycombe looking for another chance to impress. Lawrie Sanchez gave him the opportunity when Paul McCarthy collected an injury, he took the chance and has played a big part in Blues season.

**DANNY SENDA** was taken on by our youth department having spotted him playing for Southampton. He duly progressed with the youth team



before being recommended for reserve team games. After some good displays in the Avon Insurance Combination he progressed to the bench for the first team. Mainly used as a sub Danny has started a couple of games this season, he made his Football League debut against Oldham in March 1999 from the subs bench before making his full debut against Chesterfield in January this year. Danny scored his first Football League goal for the club at Wrexham in February in the 3-1



win. **RICHARD THOMPSON** is a striker signed from Crawley Town in April 1999. He made his Football League debut at Wrexham in February coming off the

bench in the 3-1 win. He has been a regular in the Avon Insurance Combination but got injured at Bognor when playing against Brighton & Hove Albion on Thursday 13th April, and it is hoping to play again this season.



**M A R K WESTHEAD** a young goalkeeper who was born in Blackpool and signed for Bolton Wanderers at 17. Went on loan to a number of clubs before

being given a free transfer a the end of season 1997-98. Former manager Neil Smillie spotted him while attending a goalkeeping course at Bisham Abbey and signed him for Wycombe. He made his first team debut at Burnley in September 1998 and has appeared when Martin Taylor has not been available. Unfortunately he has suffered from a series of injuries during the season, mainly collected while playing in the Avon Insurance Combination.

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1. Former Wycombe striker who went on to play 77 league games for Luton
2. Former Luton midfielder who had a spell at Adams Park as Smillie's assistant
3. Ex Luton striker who had a loan spell at Adams Park in March 1993
4. Which former Wycombe manager had a successful playing career at Luton?
5. Much travelled midfielder who played at Luton in 1979, then moved to Wycombe from Crewe in 1986
6. Manager at Kenilworth Road immediately prior to Lennie Lawrence
7. Luton beat this side at Wembley in 1988 to win the League Cup
8. Number of times Wycombe have beaten Luton in the league
9. Now back at Burnley, he was Luton's match winner at Adams Park last season
10. Division 1 side that knocked Luton out of this season's FA Cup

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Here we are on the very last home day another season and it looks as if we shall be saying goodbye a several old friends. Preston North End, the side we beat at Wembley to get into this Division, are moving up to Division One as Champions despite losing at Cambridge. Anybody who has followed the results in our Division this season will not deny they totally deserve to be there. Just when it looked as if a tough game lay ahead of them North End kept the momentum going by winning vital games on the road. The second place spot looks as if either Wigan, who led the way for so long, or consistent Millwall will be moving up automatically. It would be stupid to rule out Gillingham even at this late stage, what a season they have put together, especially in the FA Cup by reaching the 5th Round. Bristol Rovers have had their moments along the way but a run of one win in their last ten games has put paid to their chances. Burnley threatened but failed the test when confronted by top sides at Turf

Moor, they will also have to settle for a play off place. Stoke (winners of the Autowindscreens Shield), and Notts County have pressed the entire season without being able to command a regular position in the top six, it will mean another season for Notts County to challenge, but Stoke could still snatch sixth spot if Rovers fail again. Bristol City, who started the season as one the favourites for promotion, drew too many games, 18 in all, and they will represent Avon once more next season. My guess is Preston and Millwall for automatic promotion with Gillingham from the play offs, will be the sides to move out at the top end. Looking at the bottom, Chesterfield will



'Old Boy' Nicky Mohan among the Stoke players celebrating their Autowindscreens victory

be leaving for Division Three along with Blackpool and Scunthorpe. As Cardiff have a game in hand they still have a chance of avoiding the drop and dragging Oxford into the equation. We play at Cambridge next Saturday and it could be they will need to beat us to be certain of staying up, a turn around from last season for us. Like a lot of our fans I hope Oxford do avoid the drop as with Swindon coming down from Division One with Reading already with us it should make for three cracking local clashes. It does look as if Port Vale and Walsall will be the new entries from above while Rotherham and Swansea are set to climb up. The play off place should provide another club of close proximity with Northampton, Peterborough, Barnet and Cheltenham all involved, but Darlington and Hartlepool could influence the situation. For the Wanderers it has been a very good season, full of the usual high's and low's sprinkled with quite a few 'if only's'.

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### FROM THE BAR

I'm Steve Kemaley, Bars Manager at the Club since the end of last year. I have been asked if I am taking real ale out from the bars, so I would like to set the record straight and say that I am not getting rid of Fuddles Best or County. They are some of our best sellers but we have had a few problems recently due to Morlands being taken over by Greene King.

We serve 10 types of lager, bitter, ciders and stouts as well as many types of bottled lager, cider and a wide range of spirits and soft drinks. I feel our range of drinks is very good, and our prices far better than many pubs in the area.

One comment I had when I first started was that bar staff were not recognisable, so now they all wear white shirts with a Wycombe Wanderers tie. We also have more glass collectors to keep all tables clear of glasses and plates.

Thankyou for your helpful comments, if you have any further such thoughts I can normally be found either in the Vere Suite or Centre Spot.



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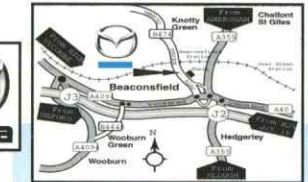


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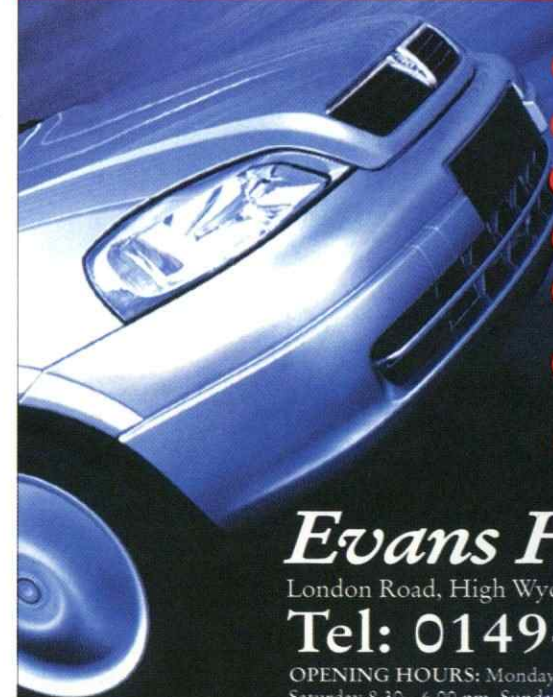


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## Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Month	Day	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Notes
Aug	Sat	7	BURNLEY	1-1	6,119	Taylor
Sat	14	Southampton	United	1-0	4,952	Taylor
Sat	21	PRESTON N. E.	1-1	5,091	Taylor	
Sat	28	Gillingham	2-2	6,180	Taylor	
Tue	31	WREXHAM	0-1	5,393	Taylor	
Sep	Sat	4	Oxford United	0-0	6,306	Taylor
Sat	11	CARDIFF CITY	3-1	4,992	Taylor	
Sat	18	Bury	0-2	3,293	Taylor	
Sat	25	Blackpool	2-1	3,452	Bywater	
Oct	Sat	2	READING	5-3	7,042	Bywater
Sat	9	CAMBRIDGE UTD	1-0	5,945	Osborn	
Sat	16	Notts County	3-1	5,200	Taylor	
Tue	19	Luton Town	1-1	5,620	Taylor	
Sat	23	BLACKPOOL	0-2	5,021	Taylor	
Sat	30	BRISTOL ROVERS	1-1	5,267	Taylor	
Fri	12	Wigan Athletic	0-4	5,523	Taylor	
Tue	23	STOKE CITY	0-2	5,879	Taylor	
Sat	27	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,879	Taylor	
Dec	Sat	4	Barnley	0-1	8,149	Taylor
Sat	11	MILLWALL	1-2	4,777	Taylor	
Fri	17	Bristol City	0-0	8,195	Taylor	
Sun	26	BOURNEMOUTH	2-1	5,656	Taylor	
Jan	Mon	3	CHESTERFIELD	3-0	5,001	Taylor
Sat	8	Millwall	1-1	8,945	Taylor	
Sat	15	SCUNTHORPE	2-1	4,850	Westhead	
Tue	18	Colchester	0-1	4,075	Taylor	
Sat	22	Preston N. E.	2-3	10,969	Taylor	
Sat	29	OXFORD UTD	0-1	6,200	Taylor	
Sat	5	Bury	3-0	4,909	Taylor	
Tue	7	Bristol Rovers	0-0	8,053	Taylor	
Sat	11	OLDHAM ATH.	0-0	4,471	Taylor	
Sat	18	Stoke City	1-1	9,738	Taylor	
Tue	21	WIGAN ATH.	0-2	4,393	Taylor	
Sat	28	GILLINGHAM	1-0	4,183	Taylor	
Apr	Sat	8	Cherthfield	1-2	4,754	Taylor
Sat	15	COLCHESTER U.	3-0	4,558	Taylor	
Fri	21	NOTTS COUNTY	2-0	4,369	Taylor	
Mon	24	Reading	1-2	11,834	Taylor	
Sat	29	LUTON TOWN				
May	Sat	6	Cambridge United			

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Month	Day	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Notes
Aug	Tue	10	WOLVES (R.L.)	0-1	4,564	Taylor
Tue	14	Wolves (R.L.)	4-2	13,723	Taylor	
Sep	Tue	14	W. B. A. (R.L.)	1-1	9,393	Taylor
Tue	21	W. B. A. (R.L.)	3-4	5,047	Westhead	
Oct	Sat	30	OXFORD CITY (R)	1-1	2,963	Taylor
Nov	Tue	16	Oxford City (R)	1-0	4,004	Taylor
Sat	20	WIGAN ATH (2R)	2-2	2,992	Taylor	
Tue	30	Wigan Ath (2RR)	1-2	3,967	Taylor	
Jan	Tue	11	Oxford Utd (2R)	1-1	1,797	Taylor

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# Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to Monday, 24th April, 2000)

Team	HOME				AWAY				Pts		
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L			
Preston	44	4	4	34	21	12	7	3	35	14	89
Wigan Athletic	44	15	3	4	37	13	7	13	2	33	82
Barnley	44	15	3	4	40	23	8	10	4	25	23
Gillingham	43	14	3	4	40	18	9	7	6	33	26
Millwall	44	13	7	2	40	20	9	6	7	33	29
Bristol Rovers	44	13	6	3	32	17	10	4	8	35	25
Stoke City	43	11	7	3	32	17	10	6	6	31	23
Notts County	44	9	5	8	30	25	9	5	8	28	26
Bristol City	44	7	14	1	31	16	7	5	10	24	36
WYCOMBE	44	11	4	7	32	23	4	9	9	22	28
Oldham Ath	44	4	10	26	27	8	6	8	6	22	26
Reading	44	9	9	4	27	18	6	4	12	28	44
Luton Town	44	10	6	6	40	34	6	3	13	19	30
Wrexham	44	6	6	8	22	24	7	5	10	28	37
Bury	43	8	9	5	37	32	5	7	9	21	26
Bournemouth	44	11	4	6	34	16	5	2	15	20	41
Brentford	44	5	9	27	31	5	7	10	20	28	51
Colchester	44	9	4	9	33	36	5	5	12	23	42
Cambridge U	44	6	8	37	31	4	6	12	26	30	48
Oxford Utd	44	5	12	22	38	6	4	12	19	34	42
Cardiff City	43	4	10	8	22	34	4	7	10	20	27
Blackpool	44	4	9	9	24	35	4	6	12	22	39
Scunthorpe	44	4	6	12	15	32	5	6	11	24	38
Chesterfield	43	4	7	11	15	24	2	6	13	14	35

## DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

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

## DIVISION TWO LEADING SCORERS

Andy Payton	25
Neil Harris	24
Sean Devine	23
Jonathan Macken	22
Jason Roberts	22
Jamie Cusston	21
Peter Thorne	21
Trevor Benjamin	19
Stuart Batlow	18
Martin Butler	18

## ROLLCALL

Player	League		Cup		Wychcombe Career	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Gary Ahlett	19	9	3	4	2	0
Andy Baird	29	2	1	8	0	1
Jamie Bates	9	6	0	5	0	0
Alan Beeton	4	3	2	0	0	2
Matt Brady	34	5	3	7	1	2
Steve Brown	8	19	1	1	0	0
Dannie Bulman	2	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Bywater	36	2	6	1	1	550
Dave Carroll	29	6	1	4	2	0
Joson Cousins	37	23	8	2	56	1
Sean Devine	12	4	0	16	0	46
Paul Embien	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eddie Gray	2	13	0	1	2	0
Maurice Harkin	5	4	0	2	0	7
Lee Hologrove	29	2	8	0	94	5
Matt Lawrence	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Leach	1	1	0	0	0	0
Murray Lee	20	1	1	3	1	132
Paul McCarthy	30	6	8	9	3	51
Jermaine McSparran	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mark Osborn	18	6	0	4	0	22
Mark Rogers	38	6	8	2	302	39
Keith Ryan	4	21	1	0	0	4
Donny Senda	40	1	0	8	1	114
Michael Simpson	40	0	0	8	0	154
Martin Taylor	1	5	0	0	0	1
Richard Thompson	31	2	0	3	0	81
Chris Vinnicombe	1	1	0	1	0	6
Mark Westhead	2	0	0	0	0	0

# Euro 2000 - Are You Going

A personal message from Lord Bassam of Brighton, Home Office Minister with special responsibility for combating football hooliganism.

Euro 2000 is now just a few weeks away, so I'm grateful for being allowed to take up valuable space in your programme. Like you I'm a football fan looking forward to a festival of football. There's no clear favourite and it should be a great tournament. We'll all be cheering on England and hoping that Kevin Keegan and his team will create a bit of excitement and national pride – and hopefully lift the trophy and make the whole event safe, fun and enjoyable for all involved.

Euro 2000 involves a lot of planning – not just for Kevin and his players. A whole range of Government Departments, policing agencies, the Football Association and supporters groups have all been working hard for many months to make sure we all enjoy the tournament. Co-operation between the various police and intelligence agencies here and throughout Europe has never been better. We have all been working hard to make it so.

Some of the media will no doubt focus on the fans' behaviour – particularly English ones. This is not surprising given the terrible scenes we've seen over the years, most recently the tragic deaths and injuries in Turkey. The irony is that football hooliganism is no longer a major factor in our domestic game. It still exists, of course, but it's not the menace it once was. The time has come to demonstrate that excellent improvement in behaviour on the international stage.

Holland and Belgium are great places to visit. Both countries want the tournament to be a wonderful sporting occasion for all supporters. But they will not tolerate any disorderly, drunken, violent or threatening behaviour. I've personally visited both countries and spoken with leading politicians and police commanders. I was delighted to be assured that police throughout the tournament will have a LOW TOLERANCE policy of being fair but tough at the slightest sign of trouble. This has the full support of the UK Government.

If you're lucky enough to have a ticket for

any of the matches you'll be sure of a warm welcome from the host nations. Enjoy the local culture, but respect local customs. Don't be encouraged by anyone who tries to stir up trouble, which brings disgrace on our national team. Don't be provoked by local youths or rival supporters. Be aware there's nothing brave or patriotic about frightening local people, be they Dutch or Belgians. Tough controls will be in place. You'll not get into the grounds unless you have a ticket. Even a legitimate ticket, if obtained on the black market, could be of no use. I strongly urge those without a ticket to stay at home. Every England supporter will be an ambassador for our football and our country. The Dutch and Belgian police know that we may be loud and proud. Let's show the whole of Europe that we are not a threat. But let's convince people all over Europe that they should be glad whenever England qualifies for the finals of any major tournament. And remember the important prizes – winning Euro 2000 and perhaps hosting the World Cup 2006.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Police in Holland and Belgium have extensive Public Order powers at their disposal – and will not be slow to use them.

- **Riots.** You do not have to be actually involved in a riot to warrant arrest. If local police, or other civic authority, think you are posing a threat then you can be arrested and help for up to 12 hours. Deportation is then almost certain.

- **Drinking.** In some towns drinking on the streets is not allowed – only in bars etc. Police will arrest offenders who may face swift deportation.

- **Identification.** You can be arrested and probably be deported if you do not have a passport with you at all times.

- **Checks.** There will be many checks on the routes to the match. If you don't have a ticket which corresponds to your identity (FA endorsed, or individually named) you will be turned back and may be arrested.

UK Police Officers will be in Belgium and

Holland working closely with local police. They will have and share the latest intelligence on the movement of ordinary fans and of known trouble makers.

- **Punishment.** If you get into trouble during the tournament you could be officially banned from attending football matches for 10 years.

- **Banished.** If you are already the subject of a Banning Order and try to travel to a match, you could be arrested and sent to prison or face a heavy fine.

- **Arrival.** If the Belgium or Dutch police or immigration authorities think you are drunk, aggressive, have an offensive weapon or are in any way posing a threat, they will arrest and deport you.

- **Trains.** British Transport Police will be accompanying all Eurostar trains in and out of Brussels.

- **Ports.** UK Police will be monitoring supporters at all ports and airports, working in close co-operation with their Dutch and Belgium counterparts.

- **Ferries.** The captain of any ship or aircraft can and will detain you if you cause trouble.

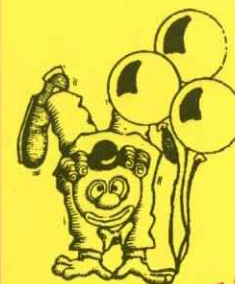
- **Extradition.** The UK Government will look favourably on any application from the Dutch or Belgium authorities for the later extradition of any UK national wanted in connection with alleged football related offences.

- **Support.** The UK Government wholeheartedly supports the tough "Low Tolerance" policing policies of the Host Nations.

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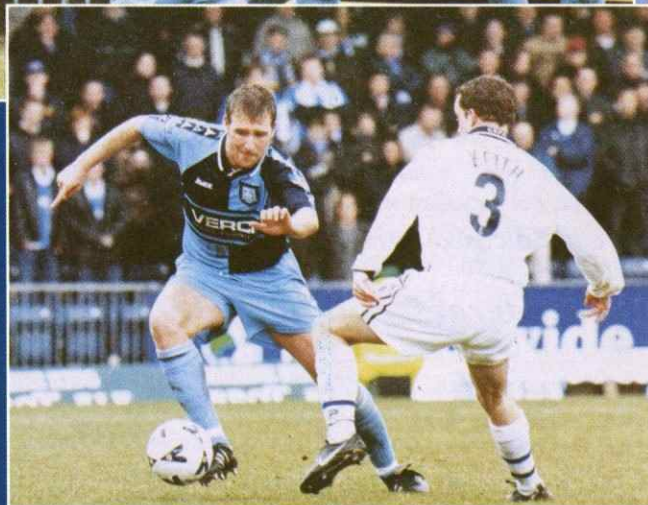
## Wycombe 3 v Colchester 0

- 1 Former Wanderer Steve McGavin is closely watched by Jamie Bates.
- 2 Keith Ryan celebrates with Michael Simpson and Dannie Bulman after putting Wycombe ahead.
- 3 Mark Rogers takes the ball around Joe Keith.

Monday 21st April 2000

## Wycombe 2 v Notts County 0

- 4 Sean Devine opens the scoring for the Blues, goal number 23 in the league for him.
- 5 Enough hand signals to pass an HGV test, Terry Gibson tells the lads it will be 2-0.
- 6 Moments after the Gibbo signal Jermaine McSparran obliges with goal number two.



# Wycombe Wanderers SEASON TICKETS 2000-2001

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	Match Tickets On Day	Match Tickets In Advance	Standard Season Ticket by 19 Aug	Early Season Ticket by 22 July	Super Season Ticket by 6th May	3 Year Season Ticket by 1st June
Main Stand Block D VP's	£30	£30	£690	£645	£625	£1875
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Main Stand Juniors	£9	£8	£115*	£92*	£92*	£276*
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Woodlands Upper Tier Blocks N, P, Q Senior Citizens and Students	£13	£12	£252	£216	£216	£648
Woodlands Upper Tier Blocks N, P, Q Juniors	£11	£10	£210*	£180*	£180*	£540*
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Woodlands Upper Tier Blocks K, L, M, R, S, T Juniors	£9	£8	£115*	£92*	£92*	£276*
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Hypnos Family Enclosure Senior Citizens	£9	£8	£165	£125	£125	£375
Hypnos Family Enclosure Students Under 22	£5	£4	£80	£65	£46	£138
Hypnos Family Enclosure Juniors Under 16	£5	£4	£46*	£46*	£46*	£138*
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Syan Stand - Home Terrace Senior Citizens	£9	£8	£125	£95	£95	£285
Syan Stand - Home Terrace Students Under 22	£5	£4	£80	£65	£46	£138
Syan Stand - Home Terrace Juniors Under 16	£5	£4	£46*	£46*	£46*	£138*
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## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Wycombe Racers:** All the above prices marked with \* include membership of Wycombe Racers Junior Supporters Club.

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**No Refunds:** No refunds will be given in respect of matches not attended by the season ticket holder. **The Club DO NOT give refunds under any circumstances.** Season Tickets are not transferable.

**Season Ticket Booklets:** Wycombe Wanderers Football Club will not accept responsibility for lost, stolen or destroyed season tickets. Duplicate tickets will not be issued without pro-rata payment.

**Discounts and Offers:** To qualify for any discount or offer, your Season Ticket Booklet must be produced.

**Main Stand Blocks G, H & V and Woodlands Stand Blocks K, L & M**

Blocks G (west of players tunnel), H & V are required for visiting supporters, therefore no season tickets will be sold in any of these blocks. Blocks K, L and M in the upper tier of the Woodlands Stand may be required occasionally for away supporters during big matches only.

**Existing Seat Season Ticket Holders:** All existing seat season ticket holders have until 5.15pm on Saturday 1st July 2000 to purchase their existing seat. After this deadline all seats not renewed will be put on general sale.

**Hypnos Family Enclosure:** Please note Blocks C to J will be for Wycombe Wanderers supporters only. Away fans may be segregated in Blocks A and B.

# 2000/2001 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY DETAILS IN BLOCK CAPITALS

## SECTION A - Personal Details

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ADDRESS .....

.....POSTCODE .....

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DATE OF BIRTH IF CLAIMING CONCESSION .....

*If you wish to purchase a season ticket please go to Section B, otherwise go to Section C.*

## SECTION B - Season Ticket Application

Type of Application: NEW/RENEWAL (delete as necessary). (RENEWALS Please attach slip from inside 1999/2000 ticket wallet)

NEW APPLICANTS - PREFERRED LOCATION .....

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*If you wish to join a Membership Scheme, please go to Section C.*

## SECTION C - Membership Schemes

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## SECTION D - Method of Payment

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- Cheque (payable to Wycombe Wanderers Football Club)
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- If you are a Wycombe Racer and you introduce a new Wycombe Racer you will receive 25% of their first seasons membership fee as a gift
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# Tales of a Traveller

with Adrian Wood



**Saturday, April 8th  
Chesterfield**

## Journey

A straightforward journey up the M1. For an away trip, Chesterfield is a good place to go; it's not too far away so you get home in reasonable time, there is plenty of car parking near the ground, and the town centre is nearby. Our official photographer was delighted to find that the bar staff in the "Barley Mow" PH had not changed since our last visit - if Chesterfield get relegated (as seems 99% sure at the time of writing) he hopes we get drawn there in a cup fixture!

## The Ground

Like Bournemouth, Chesterfield is another ground where nothing seems to have changed for years. Saltergate has seen football for over 125 years and remains a very traditional ground. The Main Stand has wooden seats, and on the Crompton Street terrace home fans move from one end to the other at half time (memories of Loakes Park!). With changes going on behind the scenes at Saltergate, it will be interesting to see if the club does go for a new site.

## Facilities for Wycombe fans

As I stood behind the goal at the crumbling Cross Street End, venues like Wigan, Stoke and Preston seemed a million miles away. Admission to the terrace was £11 (concessions £6). The terrace was open so we were fortunate that the weather was good. The view was average and most of the action (in both halves) was at our end. The small refreshments hut had the usual selection - the Pies were just about worth the £1.60. Interestingly it only cost £1 more to sit in the Main Stand.

## Home crowd / stewards

There was no entertainment before or at half time - apart from home mascot "Chester" prancing up and down the touch line. The crowd was sparse at 2,081 - their previous home match against Bury had attracted only 1,903. Most of the chants were directed against home manager John Duncan - there were

several "Duncan Out" banners around the ground. Three days later of course Mr Duncan and his assistant Kevin Randall received their P45s'. Was it really just 3 years ago that Duncan led the side to two FA Cup semi-final appearances? The stewards allowed Joe's drum in, but took no action against those home fans who used insulting language at some of our female fans first half.

## Programme produced

36 pages for £1.80. It was nice to get some change from £2 but that was really the only good thing about this programme. Nearly 14 of the pages were taken up by adverts, and I could find little of real interest on the editorial pages. There was a feature on past encounters between the clubs and this referred to our nickname as "The Chairmen". Rating - 5 (out of 10).

## The opponents

Player to catch the eye was midfielder Ryan Williams - he gave 100% in effort and could easily have got on the score sheet. No surprise then that he had won their "Player of the Month" trophy for the last three months! Leading scorer Reeves, well known to us from his Carlisle days, caused our defence problems with his physical presence first half. Blatherwick, who appeared at loan at Wycombe in 93/94, played in their defence.

## Match summary

Our first half performance was similar to that at Bournemouth - we looked shaky in defence and failed to create anything of substance at the other end. Before the first penalty, Taylor had saved from Reeves, then efforts from Reeves and Carss had flashed wide. Taylor produced brilliant saves from Reeves' penalty then from Williams as he tried to convert the rebound. Reeves however made no mistake when he was given a second penalty chance just seven minutes later. It could have got worse as Taylor saved well from Reeves and Williams before the interval.

At the interval Mr Sanchez introduced Bates and McSpornan for Cousins and Simpson. Rogers moved to right back, and McSpornan played wide on the right. Bates' contribution was felt at both ends of the park as both our goals came from his powerful headers that

Gayle in the home goal could only parry. Bulman also went close when he rounded Gayle but chipped shortly over the bar. Defensively we now looked much tighter and apart from a Blatherwick header that went narrowly over, we rarely looked like conceding again. This continued even after we were reduced to 10 men. McSpornan almost increased our lead when he shot wide after a long run. With the home team now dispirited and the home fans venting more wrath towards Duncan, we held out comfortably for the three points.

## Referee:

*Mr Alan Kaye (Wakefield)*

A lot was written in our programme against Col U about Dave Carroll's dismissal and I agree that such heavy handed officialdom seemed completely needless. Mr Kaye didn't do us any favours with the two penalty decisions. The second in particular, for handball against Bulman, seemed particularly harsh. Simpson was booked for disputing the decision and was joined later in Mr Kaye's book by McCarthy (dissent) and Bulman (foul). Chesterfield's Breckin was also cautioned. Rating (4 out of 10).

## What the Paper said

*(Derbyshire Times, April 13th)*

The paper led with the heading "Sad defeat ends Duncan's reign" and continued "the boos which greeted the full-time whistle were followed by a noisy demonstration outside the main entrance". As for the match..."the double substitution at the start of the second half made a difference for Wycombe...the extra man counted for nothing as the visitors scored a second in the 77th minute".

## Trivia

The lowest crowd we have played in front of in the league this season.....our victory was our first at Saltergate since 1993/94 and came after a row of three defeats there.....it was our second league double of the season (after Scunthorpe) and our first ever over Chesterfield.

## Chairboy's budget 1999/2000

*(the cumulative cost of coach travel, admission, and programme at away fixtures) - £595.80*

## BLUES OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Today we welcome the Luton Town supporters to Adams Park and trust that they enjoy their short stay.

At the time of writing, we are just one point and just one place behind Luton in the table so today's match will be very important in determining the final placing at the end of the season. In any event we are long overdue a win over the Hatters at Adams Park so this afternoon would be an ideal time. At Kenilworth Road we usually perform rather better, having drawn there three times in the last four years. The odd year out was, of course, last season when we lost what was to prove to be Neil Smillie's last game in charge.

## COACH BOOKINGS

Rena will be taking bookings today for Cambridge. She will be in her usual place in the vestibule inside the entrance to the Vere Suite. Alternatively you can ring her on the usual number 01296 429307.

Whatever your summer pursuits are have a good summer but, before that, see you all again one more time at Cambridge. LET'S HAVE PLENTY OF NOISE TODAY. Enjoy the match Geoff Sutton

## TEASER

My ham fisted attempt with the fax machine meant you missed what I had to say for the Colchester match. The three Wanderers youth team players who played for the F.A. Youth XI v The Combined Services were Roger Johnson, Leeyon Phelan and Ian Simpamba.

The answer to last week's Father and Son question was Norman and Paul West.

Here is one for the summer. "Name the Wycombe Wanderers player who had a goal disallowed in the 1957 FA Amateur Cup Final, played cricket for High Wycombe and Bucks and later became Secretary of Bucks County Cricket Club".

## Ref for the Day

### WHAT'S YOUR DECISION????

Supporters all over the country will be quick to criticise the match officials so here is your opportunity to test your knowledge of the game.

Q1 A forward running with the ball at his feet, close to the touchline, meets a defender in his path. The forward pushes the ball inside the defender and then runs off the Field of Play so as to continue playing the ball beyond the defender. However, the defender body-checks the forward to the ground when he is beyond the touchline (whilst outside the FOP). How should the referee penalise the infringement and how should he restart the game?

Q2 If a player throws an object at an opponent (eg, a stone, his boot or any other missile), what offence has been committed and from where should it be penalised?

Answers on page 35

Questions courtesy of High Wycombe & District Referees' Society. Should anyone (minimum age 14) be interested in becoming a referee, please contact either Bill Cleere on 01494 526337 or Gerry Taylor on 01494 773043.

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Hello and welcome to all Wycombe and Luton fans. I hope you all enjoyed Easter.



Niki Pembroke

## READING TRIP

The Reading trip was a great success and I can exclusively reveal that I have already arranged an 'Away Trip' to Luton for next season, (If it is a daytime match) as part of the new Wycombe Racer package for 2000/2001.

## RENEWALS

I hope that you have all enjoyed being Wycombe Racers and would like to continue your membership for next season. All prices are the same as last year, £23 for under 10's and £46 for under 16's and you will receive a 5 Vehicle Pack, instead of the Hot Wheels Base Ball Cap and Vehicle if you renew. We have had 600 members this season and I want to increase that next year so tell all your friends and receive 25% of their first years joining fee as a gift.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Alex Tucker who has a birthday on 21st, Rachel Hayward who has a birthday on the 25th April and Adam Hayward whose birthday is on the 29th. Also I hope Anthony Stone will have a lovely birthday on 29th May.

## HOLIDAYS

Don't forget to take pictures of you in your Racers caps on holiday for me to see and send me a post-card if you have time. Enjoy the break from football and I'll see you in August for the pre-season friendlies.



# PK

GRAPHICS

## MASCOT



Today's PK Graphics mascot is **David Gosling** from Windlesham, Surrey. David will be 8years old on the 1st May. His hobbies include football, music and art. David enjoys Italian food, chips and ice cream not all on the same plate I hope. David's favourite Wycombe player is Martin Taylor.

## SEE YOU AT CAMBRIDGE?

Why not come and join us at the Blues last game of the season against Cambridge United. If you have attended today's game and also were at the home match against Notts County and the away game at Reading you can qualify for a free coach trip to our last game of the season at Cambridge. All you need to do is present the ticket stubs from all three matches, or if you are a season ticket holder show your season booklet and Reading ticket. Then upon the purchase of a ticket for the match at Cambridge you will be given a free coach pass for the match on next Saturday, 6th May.



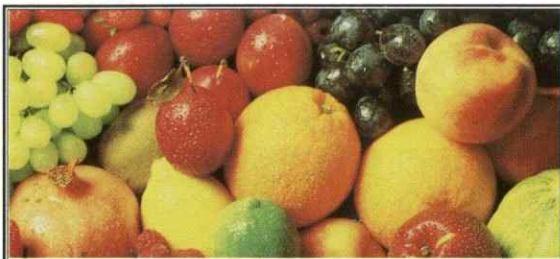


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### Reserve News with Terry Gibson

It is some while since we recorded a win in the Avon Insurance Combination, in fact it was January 12th when we beat Oxford United here 4-2. Since then we have suffered two heavy defeats, at QPR and Ipswich, lost narrowly 2-1 at Bristol City and drawn against Brighton 1-1 at Bognor. So our meeting with Bournemouth, our last home fixture for the season, gave us the opportunity to improve the situation. We had met back in December in the League Cup competition and were soundly beaten 5-0 at Dean Court.

Unfortunately things did not get any better for this match either. We found ourselves 2-0 down at half time and 4-0 adrift before Lee Holsgrove managed a consolation goal on 89 minutes. Injuries have now hit the reserve side with striker Richard Thompson missing the game with a knee problem collected after 20 minutes in the previous match against Brighton. With two games remaining it is still no longer possible to escape the wooden spoon as Luton, the side above us, already have 15 points and a better goal difference.

Tuesday 18th April 2000

### WANDERERS 1 v BOURNEMOUTH 4

**Team:** Westhead, Holsgrove, Beeton (P Johnson 79mins.), Leach, Cousins, Lee, Gray, Harkin, Senda, McSpornan (Phelan 62mins.), Brady. **Subs not used:** Townsend, Osborn, Reeks.

As we go to press our reserves play at Gillingham on Wednesday 26th April leaving our final game at League leaders Millwall on Tuesday 2nd May at the New Den. For reports on these games both Ringing the Blues and the Blues News radio show will have details. As this is the last home game of the season I would like to thank all our supporters who have taken the trouble to follow the team this season. Reserve team football always suffers from a lack of interest but the players appreciate your interest and hopefully we can look forward to a better season in 2000-01.



### FIXTURES 1999-2000

SEPT	1 Peterborough United	H	0-2
	8 Cambridge United	a	0-2
	14 Bristol Rovers (L/Cup)	H	1-1
	21 Northampton Town	H	0-0
OCT	4 Luton Town	a	2-5
	12 Barnet	H	2-1
	26 Leyton Orient	H	0-1
NOV	24 Fulham	H	0-2
DEC	1 Bristol City (L/Cup)	H	1-2
	8 Portsmouth	H	0-4
	15 AFC Bournemouth (L/Cup)a		0-5

JAN	4 Chesham United (B&BC3)	H	4-1
	12 Oxford United	H	4-2
	25 Southend United	a	3-4
FEB	8 Thatcham Town (B&BC4)	a	2-0
	23 Bristol Rovers	a	1-1
MAR	1 Norwich City	H	0-2
	8 Swindon Town	a	2-4
	13 Colchester United	H	1-3
	15 Queens Park Rangers	a	1-7
	29 Ipswich Town	a	0-7
APR	6 Bristol City	a	1-2
	11 Reading (B&BCS/1)	H	2-4
	13 Brighton & Hove Albion	a	1-1
	18 AFC Bournemouth	H	1-4
	26 Gillingham	a	
MAY	2 Millwall	a	2.00pm

HOME games to be played at Adams Park  
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TABLE (up to and including 21st April)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
Q.P.R.	21	14	3	4	53	21	32	45
Millwall	20	13	6	1	39	14	25	45
Bristol City	20	12	5	3	37	24	13	41
Ipswich	19	11	4	4	45	25	20	37
Fulham	19	11	4	4	38	18	20	37
Swindon	19	11	4	4	34	23	11	37
Peterborough	21	9	5	7	39	27	12	32
Bournemouth	20	10	4	6	34	31	3	32
Cambridge	21	9	4	8	39	33	6	31
Norwich	21	7	6	8	30	24	6	27
Leyton Orient	21	7	5	9	30	40	-10	26
Brighton	17	7	3	7	28	24	4	24
Bristol Rovers	19	6	6	7	23	26	-3	24
Colchester	19	6	6	7	27	35	-8	24
Portsmouth	19	7	3	9	26	36	-10	24
Gillingham	19	5	5	9	20	35	-15	20
Northampton	18	5	3	10	25	34	-9	18
Barnet	19	4	5	10	22	30	-8	17
Luton	21	3	7	11	19	33	-14	16
Oxford	21	4	4	13	27	45	-18	16
Southend	19	5	1	13	23	45	-22	16
WANDERERS	19	2	3	14	19	54	-35	9

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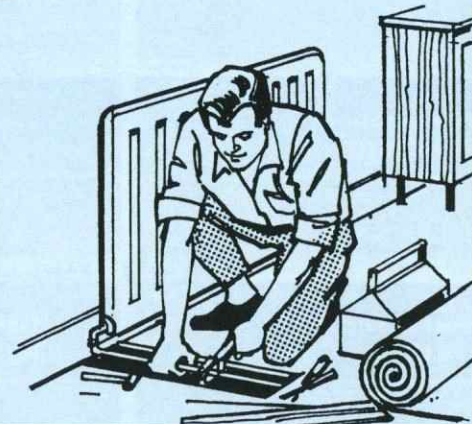
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**YOUNG BLUES CROWNED CHAMPIONS**

It is with great pleasure I can report that after only five years of the youth system being set up here at Wycombe, the first silverware has been won by the club at this level. Last Saturday the boys clinched the Southern Merit Division One title away to Brentford, with a hard earned 1-0 victory. We went into the game knowing that only a point was needed, with Wolves having dropped points in midweek. However, it is not always the best way to go into a match with that in your mind. Add the fact that we had already beaten "The Bees" twice in the earlier conference matches this season, so they were not going to roll over for us. As with the previous week, the tension showed in the boys' play during the first half. We were sloppy with our passing and time and time again looked to do the difficult thing rather than keeping it simple. So it was not surprising that we created few chances in that first period. Ian Simpembera came closest to scoring with a header that was cleared off the line following a long throw from Stuart Reeks on 28 minutes. At half-time a number of players needed to be told their performances were not good enough and we had to be much livelier in the second half. To this end I made two substitutions, replacing Ryan Gostick and Kevin Powell with Johnny Dixon and Lewis Cook. This, I am pleased to say, added the missing spark to lift our game. Four minutes into the half Dixon did well on the right, beating his marker and delivering an inch perfect, low cross to the far post. Unfortunately the usually reliable Leeyon Phelan only found the side netting with the goal at his mercy. Paul Johnson then had a shot blocked following a 1-2 with Phelan. The breakthrough came just before the hour mark. Paul Johnson's throw down the line was helped on by Phelan, Townsend crossed into the area and Eddie Gray, with an overhead kick, kept the ball in the danger area. Dixon controlled, weaved past two defenders and coolly drew the keeper before planting the ball in the net for his 5th goal in as many games. From here on in, with vocal support from our large group of supporters, our game was far more relaxed and we controlled the match. Both Roger Johnson and Dixon had good chances to add to the score, but were unable to convert to put the icing on the cake. This morning the boys completed their fixtures with a home game against Wolves. Hopefully we will have the trophy presented here this afternoon. There is no doubt that since our FA Youth Cup run, the squad has blossomed and tremendous team spirit has built up. The early experience our younger players have had, especially the schoolboys who have come into the side and done so well, has proved invaluable. I am sure the quality of our incoming first year scholars is as good as any club at our level. If we can continue to build on what we have achieved this season, then who knows what we can do next season. Have a good summer.

**MATCHfacts...**

Saturday, 22nd April.

Brentford 0 WANDERERS 1

TEAM: Osborn, Leach, Reeks, Powell (Cook 46mins.), R.Johnson, Townsend, Gray (Dash 64mins.), Simpembera, P.Johnson, Phelan, Gostick (Dixon 46mins.). Sub not used: Williams, Hopcraft.

SCORER: Dixon. ATTENDANCE: 61.



**FIXTURES 1999-2000**

AUG	7	Southend United	H*	0-0
	21	Barnet	a	2-2
	28	Leyton Orient	a	1-4
SEPT	4	Gillingham	H	1-1
	11	Colchester United	a	0-1
	18	Brighton & Hove Albion	a	0-2
OCT	2	Brentford	H	2-1
	16	Portsmouth	a	1-2
	20	Tonbridge Angels (FAYC1)	H**	2-2
	23	Wolverhampton Wanderers (Cup)	H	2-3
	27	Tonbridge Angels (FAYC1r)	a	3-0
	30	Oxford United (Cup)	a	1-0
NOV	6	Northampton Town (Cup)	H	6-0
	10	Southend United (FAYC2)	H**	2-2
	13	West Bromwich Albion (Cup)	a	0-2
	16	Southend United (FAYC2r)	a	2-2aet

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DEC	27	Gillingham	a	2-1
	4	Colchester United	H	1-2
	7	Birmingham City (FAYC3)	a	1-0
	11	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	0-1
JAN	8	Portsmouth	H	0-1
	15	Brentford	a	3-0
	20	Newcastle United (FAYC4)	a	0-1
FEB	5	Barnet	H	1-0
	12	Leyton Orient	H	0-1
	19	Southend United	a	3-1

**SOUTHERN MERIT DIVISION 1 MATCHES**

MAR.	11	Exeter City	H	2-0
	17	Plymouth Argyle	a	0-0
	25	Portsmouth	a	3-1
APR.	1	Luton Town	H	2-0
	8	Notts County	a	3-1
	15	Swansea City	H	2-2
	22	Brentford	a	0-1
	29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	noon

Played at: \*Bisham Abbey, \*\*Adams Park.  
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**SOUTHERN MERIT Division One**  
(up to including 22nd April)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
WANDERERS	7	5	2	0	13	4	9	17
Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	14	7	7	14
Brentford	8	3	2	3	9	11	-2	11
Swansea	8	1	7	0	9	7	0	10
Wolves	7	2	4	1	7	7	0	10
Plymouth	8	1	5	2	7	2	3	8
Notts County	7	2	2	3	6	8	-2	8
Luton	6	1	3	2	4	8	-4	6
Exeter	7	0	1	6	2	13	-11	1

Wycombe are still looking for their first win over today's visitors, who are making their fourth trip to Adams Park. The first time was on Saturday, 7th September, 1996 when neither team had made much of a start to the season. The Hatters went away happy though after securing a 1-0 win in front of a crowd of 6,471. Wycombe's side included Ray Wilkins, in what was to be his only appearance for the club, while loanee Michael Mahoney-Johnson was on the bench. Most of the action was in an even first half with both sides going close on several occasions and both having efforts cleared off the line. In comparison the second half was very low-key. The all-important goal came eight minutes after the interval. Mitchell Thomas sent a cross over to the far post, where Andrew Fotiadis headed down for David Oldfield to tap over the line. The visitors had all the possession after this without really threatening to add to their score. In fact, the Blues came nearest when Paul McCarthy hit the post with a shot five minutes from the end.

*The line-ups that afternoon were, Wycombe: Parkin, Cousins, Bell, McCarthy, Evans, Lawrence, Carroll, Wilkins, Desouza, Williams (Mahoney-Johnson), Farrell.*

*Luton: Feuer, James, Thomas, Waddock, S.Davis, Johnson, Hughes, Alexander, Oldfield, Fotiadis (Thorpe), Guentchev.*

The following season, on Saturday, 1st November, the two teams fought out a pulsating 2-2 draw in front of 6,219 spectators. Luton had made a poor start to their season, mainly due to a long injury list, but were almost back to full strength at the time of their visit. Wycombe started well though and took the lead in the 13th minute when Mark Stallard met Steve McGavin's cross and fired home on the volley. Seven minutes later it should have been two but Dave Carroll blazed over. Encouraged by this let-off Luton began to get hold of the game and they equalised four minutes before half-time. A fine run by Steve Davis set up that man Oldfield again and he fired in a low shot which cannoned off of Martin Taylor's legs onto the bar and over the line before hitting a post and bouncing out. Fortunately for the Hatters referee John Brandwood was well up with play and awarded the goal. Luton then started the

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second half as they finished the first, well on top, and it was against the run of play that the Blues regained the lead in the 63rd minute, courtesy of a superb finish from Steve McGavin after a fine run down the wing by Keith Scott. Luton equalised for the second time twelve minutes later when Tony Thorpe's looping header caught Taylor off his line.

*The two teams were, Wycombe: Taylor, Cousins, Kavanagh, Ryan, Mohan, Forsyth, Carroll, Scott, Stallard (Harkin), McGavin, Brown (Simpson).*

*Luton: K.Davis, James, Small, Waddock, S.Davis, Johnson, Gray, McLaren, Oldfield, Thorpe, Alexander.*

Last season's game took place on the opening Saturday (8th August) and, on a sweltering afternoon, the Hatters won more comfortably than the 1-0 scoreline suggests against a strangely lacklustre Wycombe side. A performance which didn't augur well for the season and so it was to prove. A disappointing crowd of 5,252 included the usual large and vociferous following from Luton. Chris Vinnicombe, Herve Bacque and Ray McKinnon, who had a fine game, made their debuts for their respective teams. The Hatters started strongly and forced two corners almost immediately, although it was Wycombe who should have taken the lead. Somehow though Keith Scott managed to hit the post from six yards after being set up by Dave Carroll. The only goal came in the 35th minute from a thunderous free kick by Steve Davis, who almost repeated the feat dead on half-time. Bacque then wasted a great chance three minutes after the interval when he blasted over. After this the visitors were content to sit back and their excellent defence was hardly troubled by the Blues' poor attempts to equalise, even after manager Neil Smillie dispensed with the dreadfully ponderous wing-back system of his predecessor and switched to 4-3-3.

*The line-ups were, Wycombe: Taylor, Kavanagh (Cornforth), Vinnicombe, Ryan, Cousins, McCarthy, Carroll, Scott, Stallard, Harkin (Read), Brown.*

*Luton: K.Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, S.Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Bacque (George), Gray, Marshall (McGowan).*

Dave Finch.

## Singing the Blues

### Wycombe Wanderers Community Scheme



Welcome to the last game to be played at Adam's Park this season. We've just finished 2 successful weeks of Holiday Courses, and we are now planning for the next half term, and our summer courses. For more information nearer the time please call the community office. The number is at the bottom of the page.

In the past year the community scheme has expanded to covering Maidenhead and South Bucks. We now comprehensively cover all of Maidenhead, and have visited most areas of South Bucks, thanks to the hard work of James Glynn and Alan Dunham. Wycombe has been a hub of activity, with us visiting each school at least once. If we haven't been in your school yet, please get your Headteacher to call us ASAP. Captain Kirk is now a full time officer in Wycombe, and Nas and Dave oversee everything. We have participated in 3 national competitions this season, reaching a national final in the Smoby Table Football Championship through Ben Rackstraw. And the hard work continues. We are holding our annual 6 a side competition here on the 7th and 8th of May, having invited some good quality teams from throughout the area, and today sees the

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We work very hard in the Community Scheme to provide quality coaching to the children in High Wycombe, Marlow, Maidenhead, Beaconsfield and South Bucks, making sure every child has equal opportunity to express themselves and learn new skills. Our only hope is that all the children we see enjoy the experience as much as we do!

Many thanks to everyone who has made this season as enjoyable as it has been, and we hope to see you all over the summer.

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2. Wayne Turner
3. Trevor Aylott
4. Mike Keen
5. Barry Silkman
6. Terry Westley
7. Arsenal
8. None - of the 7 games, 4 have been drawn, with Luton winning the other 3
9. Steve Davis
10. Fulham

### Answers to Referee questions

- (1) Per FIFA: "The referee shall caution or send-off the defender, depending upon the seriousness of the offence. He shall restart the game by dropping the ball at the place where it was when the infringement occurred. If the ball was within the goal area at that time, it shall be dropped on that part of the 6 yard line at the point nearest to where the ball was when play was stopped." Although this offence would normally be considered a penal offence (punishable by a direct free kick), because it occurred off the Field of Play, dropping the ball to restart is appropriate.
- (2) The offence is striking as per Law 12 - "striking or attempts to strike an opponent" and is punished by the award of a direct free kick. The object does not even have to hit its intended target to be valid within the "attempts" part of the law. Also, the action could be construed as "Serious Foul Play" or "Violent Conduct" for which the miscreant is sent-off. With regard to the positioning of the ball for the restart, the offence is deemed to be committed at the place where the guilty player started the action.

# On the Road



Our final away trip, and indeed our last Nationwide League Division 2 fixture of the season, is next Saturday, May 6th, when we make the journey to the Abbey Stadium to take on Cambridge United kick-off 3.00pm. It's been a difficult season for The U's - under the management of former Derby and England centre half Roy McFarland they won promotion from Division 3 last May, but have spent most of the current campaign either in, or perilously close to, the relegation zone. Two weeks ago however they enjoyed an impressive 4-0 success at Cardiff and went into the Easter programme 6 points clear of the danger zone with just four games left to play. To a large extent, Cambridge's problems have stemmed from an indifferent home record; of their first 21 home league games, only 7 have been won, with a further 6 drawn. Teams that have left the Abbey Stadium with all three points have been - Blackpool, Bournemouth, Burnley, Millwall,

Oldham, Scunthorpe, Stoke and Wrexham. Our previous visit to the Abbey Stadium was in December 1994 for an Endsleigh League Division 2 meeting. It was a Friday night just before Christmas and some of our fans missed the kick-off having had a nightmare trip around the M25. Steve Butler put the U's in the lead early on, only for Gary Patterson to equalise before the interval. Terry Evans then put us ahead only for Carlo Corazzin to level things up at 2-2. This point moved us temporarily into 2nd place in the Division. We will be looking to record a league double over Cambridge, a Sean Devine goal having won the points at Adams Park last October.

## The Abbey Stadium

The away facilities are fairly basic; visiting fans are allocated the uncovered South Terrace (Allotment End) behind one goal (the far side of the ground from Newmarket Road), and usually have just over 300 seats in the covered Habbin Stand just around the corner. Access to the visitors turnstiles is via a narrow path across a field so if it's been



raining your shoes are going to get muddy! Ground capacity is 9,247 and the visitors end holds 1,950. The best PH close to the ground is apparently "The Wrestlers" on the other side of Newmarket Rd and about half a mile towards the city centre. The match day programme (normally 56 pages) costs £2.

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There is a car park at the club (£2.50). Most home fans tend to park in the side streets off Barnwell Road which is the road leading to Newmarket Rd when you approach from the M11.

## Travelling by train ?

Cambridge Station is 2 miles away and without any direct bus connections to the ground. To walk will take you about 45 mins; recommended route - Station Rd, right into Tenison Rd and right again into Devonshire Rd. Turn right at the crossroads into Mill Rd. Over bridge and take the 3rd left into Sedgewick Street. Bear left into Cromwell Rd and at the T-junction with Coldhams Lane, go straight over and walk across the fields to the ground.

# Ticket Info

The very last game for the season will be at Cambridge United on Saturday 6th May, kick off 3pm. Ticket prices are as follows, Seats £10 adults and £6 concessions, terracing £9 adults and £6 concessions. Entry is via Coldhams Common. Wanderers will be wearing the new Avec RED & WHITE kit for this match, the kit will be available at Wanderers in Town from June 1st.



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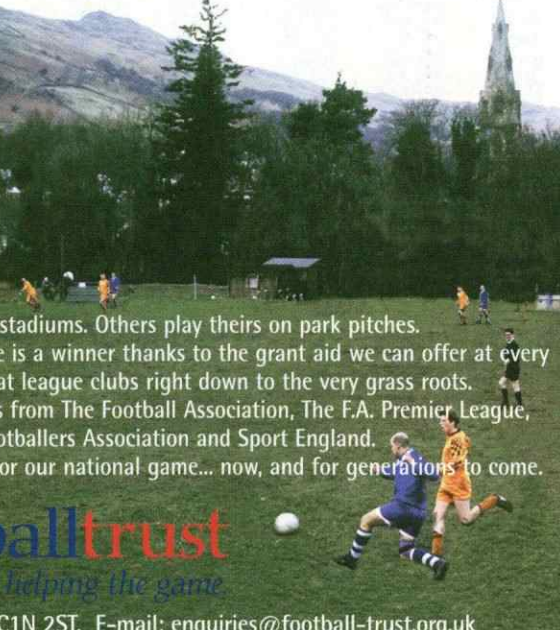
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## Hatters' Goals For & Against



## Hatters' Hard Men

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Watts.....6	Boyce.....1
McLaren...5	Doherty.....1
Douglas...4	Fotiadis.....1
Johnson...4	George.....1
Spring....4	McIndoe...1
Taylor....4	White.....1
Fraser....3	n.b
Gray.....3	League
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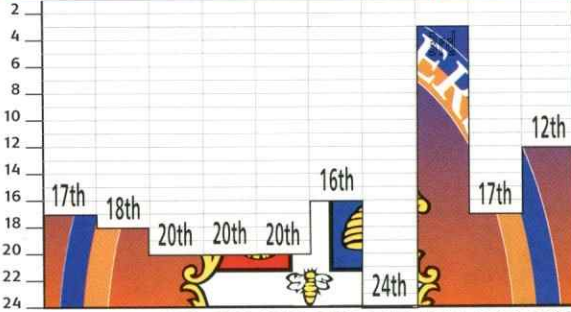
## Hatters' last line up

- 32 Ben Roberts** Goalkeeper 12 Apps 0 Goals Age 24 Ht 6'1" Wt 12:11 Prev Club: on loan from Middlesbrough Int.: Eng U21
- 40 Julian Watts** Defender 43 Apps 4 Goals Age 29 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:06 Prev Club: Bristol City Int.: -
- 6 Marvin Johnson** Defender 42 Apps 0 Goals Age 31 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 15 Matthew Taylor** Defender 37(2) Apps 3 Goals Age 18 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:08 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 5 Alan White** Defender 14(3) Apps 1 Goal Age 24 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:07 Prev Club: Middlesbrough Int.: -
- 2 Gavin McGowan** Defender 8(3) Apps 0 Goals Age 24 Ht 5'10" Wt 12:06 Prev Club: Arsenal Int.: Eng Yth
- 4 Matthew Spring** Midfield 42(1) Apps 6 Goals Age 20 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:07 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 28 Adam Locke** Midfield 25(7) Apps 3 Goals Age 29 Ht 5'11" Wt 12:07 Prev Club: Bristol City Int.: -
- 8 Paul McLaren** Midfield 23(4) Apps 1 Goal Age 23 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 9 Stuart Douglas** Forward 34(5) Apps 3 Goals Age 22 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:05 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 7 Phil Gray** Forward 26(1) Apps 10 Goals Age 31 Ht 5'9" Wt 12:07 Prev Club: Sunderland Int.: N.Ire
- 11 Liam George** Forward 34(6) Apps 14 Goals Age 21 Ht 5'9" Wt 11:04 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 12 Gary Doherty** Defender 40 Apps 6 Goals Age 20 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 1 Nathan Abbey** Goalkeeper 32 Apps 0 Goals Age 21 Ht 6'1" Wt 11:13 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 17 Emmerson Boyce** Defender 23(6) Apps 1 Goal Age 20 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:02 Prev Club: - Int.: -
- 13 Stuart Fraser** Defender 20 Apps 1 Goal Age 20 Ht 5'9" Wt 10:06 Prev Club: - Int.: -

## Wycombe's Goals For & Against



## Luton Town's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



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## Luton Town's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



## Hatters' Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

W	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	L	S
43	43	43	43	46	46	47	50	53	56	56	56	57
9	10	10	12	11	11	13	12	11	10	10	11	13

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Below is a club-by-club run down of Division 2's highest lowest and average attendances for the season so far...

Team	Highest	Lowest	Average
Bournemouth	6,007	3,808	4,910
Blackpool	9,042	2,819	4,885
Brentford	7,100	4,055	5,762
Bristol City	16,011	7,777	9,742
Bristol Rovers	11,109	5,397	8,382
Burnley	22,310	8,944	12,839
Bury	9,115	2,606	4,032
Cambridge	6,211	3,016	4,361
Cardiff	11,168	4,389	6,906
Chesterfield	4,726	1,903	2,957
Colchester	6,194	2,557	3,772
Gillingham	8,667	5,884	6,897
Luton	7,205	4,633	5,644
Millwall	17,929	5,202	9,053
Notts County	9,677	3,728	5,742
Oldham	9,432	3,807	5,350
Oxford	7,638	4,318	5,746
Preston	16,821	8,506	12,519
Reading	13,348	5,393	8,796
Scunthorpe	5,435	2,686	3,982
Stoke	15,354	7,054	11,134
Wigan	15,993	4,338	6,996
Wrexham	7,872	2,139	3,731
Wycombe	7,042	3,821	5,088

Form Guide shows last 15 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

Ground: Kenilworth Road Capacity: 9,975 Pitch Measurement: 110 x 72 Record Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th round replay, 4 Mar 1959

Record Receipts: £115,541.20 v West Ham, FA Cup 6th round, 23 Mar 1994

Year Formed: 1885

Record League Win: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 Apr 1936

Record Cup Win: 9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup

1st round replay (after abandoned game), 30 Nov 1927

Record Defeat: 0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12 Nov 1898

Most Lge Goals: 103, Division 3 (S), 1936-37

Most Lge Points: 88, Division 2, 1981-82

Top League scorer in a season: Joe Payne, 55, Division 3 (S), 1936-37

Most Capped Player: Mal Donaghy, 58 (91), Northern Ireland

Most Lge Appearances: Bob Morton, 494, 1948-64

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# AP Reporting



Alan Parry - Sky Sports Commentator and Director of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club

I'd like to begin this final column of the season by thanking our true supporters for their unwavering loyalty to Wycombe Wanderers. Come rain or shine, good results or bad, we know that we can count on some 4,000 or so fans to turn up and support the team.

Your enthusiasm has encouraged everyone to keep going during difficult times when we've battled against the threat of relegation and grappled with financial problems. And I really believe that your loyalty is about to be rewarded.

On the field we've found the kind of form that suggests there are exciting times ahead and off the field we're close to finding a solution to our immediate cash crisis.

I hope you'll understand why I can't go into too much detail about what's happening behind the scenes. For obvious reasons, financial negotiations have to be conducted discreetly and our plans could be jeopardised if too much information became

public knowledge at this stage.

Suffice to say that the board is in the process of forming a business plan that should bring about an improvement in our financial position. We'll be announcing further details when the time is right.

Hopefully, things could be in place in time for Lawrie Sanchez to move into the transfer market this summer. There'll be literally hundreds of players looking for new clubs during the close season and I'm sure that we'll be seeing some new faces at Adams Park next season.

What happened this season proved that we need more players. We lost too many points because the squad was decimated by injuries and that stopped us making progress.

Our present group of players have proved themselves good enough to reach a very respectable position in the league table. We could aim even higher with new additions to provide competition for places and cover for injury and loss of form.

Lawrie and his assistant Terry Gibson have been a great success in their short time at the club. When they came here just over a year ago we were candidates for relegation. In 12 months or so they have turned us into a top ten outfit.

This season has provided so many positives:

The team's overall improvement – at the time of writing we were set to achieve our highest league position since the days of Martin O'Neill.

The emergence of the best goalscorer we've ever had in our days as a Football League club – Sean Devine has every chance of being the leading marksman in Division Two.

The breakthrough to first team level of excellent young players like Mark Rogers, Dannie Bulman, Danny Senda, Richard Thompson, Lee Holsgrove and Matt Brady.

The continuing good form of experienced men like Martin Taylor, Jason Cousins, Chris Vinnicombe, Dave Carroll, Steve Brown, Michael Simpson and Keith Ryan.

The return from injury and illness of Paul McCarthy, Jamie Bates, Maurice Harkin, Andy Baird, Jermaine McSporrán, Paul Emblen and Alan Beeton – if they can stay free of injuries next season our squad will be so much stronger.

I hope you'll agree that we have more reasons to be optimistic than we've had for many years. So, during the

summer months, why don't we all set ourselves a simple target?

If each one of us could persuade just one extra friend or acquaintance to come along to Adams Park next season our gates would improve dramatically. This season we've averaged just over 5,000 – and that's disappointing.

There are no fewer than 15 clubs in Division Two with higher average attendances than Wycombe and that includes the likes of Reading, Cardiff, Oxford, Brentford, Luton and Oldham who were all below us in the league table at the time of writing.

Next season I'd like to see us challenge our best seasonal average of around 5,800 per game. We're getting things moving on and off the field, we've made it cheaper than ever for kids to watch games and we've held season ticket prices yet again.

The good times are coming back to Adams Park – make sure you don't miss the fun.



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# TEAMCHECK



## Colours Light & Dark Blue

- 1 Martin Taylor
- 3 Chris Vinnicombe
- 4 Jason Cousins
- 5 Paul McCarthy
- 6 Jamie Bates
- 7 Dave Carroll
- 8 Keith Ryan
- 9 Andrew Baird
- 10 Sean Devine
- 11 Paul Emblen
- 13 Mark Westhead
- 14 Maurice Harkin
- 15 Jermaine McSporry
- 16 Lee Holsgrove
- 17 Mark Rogers
- 20 Richard Thompson
- 21 Alan Beeton
- 22 Dannie Bulman
- 24 Nick Leach
- 25 Martyn Lee
- 26 Mark Osborn
- 27 Eddie Gray
- 28 Michael Simpson
- 29 Danny Senda
- 30 Steve Brown
- 33 Matt Brady

## REFEREE

Mr. David Crick  
(Worcester Park)



## ASSISTANT REFEREES



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(Biggleswade)

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(Harlow)



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## ATTENDANCE

## MAN OF THE MATCH

## Colours: Orange and Blue

- 1 Nathan Abbey
- 2 Gavin McGowan
- 4 Matthew Spring
- 5 Alan White
- 6 Marvin Johnson
- 7 Phil Gray
- 8 Paul McLaren
- 9 Stuart Douglas
- 10 Michael McIndoe
- 11 Liam George
- 13 Stuart Fraser
- 14 Andrew Fotiadis
- 15 Matthew Taylor
- 16 Landry Zahana-Oni
- 17 Emmerson Boyce
- 18 Tresor Kandol
- 19 James Ayres
- 20 Jerry Moses
- 21 Andre Scarlett
- 22 Daniel Tate
- 23 Jude Stirling
- 24 Scott Ward
- 28 Adam Locke
- 32 Ben Roberts
- 40 Julian Watts

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