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Front Cover



SHOOTING STAR: Stuart Douglas in typical action at Colchester, where the Town were beaten. But they put in a much better performance on Tuesday, in a 1-1 draw with Reading. The Colchester report is inside today, and the Reading report and pictures will appear in Tuesday evening's programme.

Inside Forward

MARK Stein wore a black armband on Tuesday, when he returned to the Town team for the game against Reading. It was his very personal tribute to his old friend David Rocastle, whose death from cancer at the age of 33, shocked everyone in football, and underlined once more that Bill Shankly's comment about soccer being more than a matter of life and death was utter nonsense.

A game, a business, a profession to enjoy, sure. But football was put into even greater perspective at Kenilworth Road on Monday. Another tragedy struck closer to home, when Joe Kinnear was given the dreadful news that his 18-year-old niece had been killed in a yachting accident in Australia. Our hearts go out to Joe, and his family. Charlotte Lenas, from Watford, was the daughter of Joe's sister, and only a couple of weeks ago there had been a happy family party before the teenager set off for Australia. She was on a gap year between school and university, and had signed up for a yachting course. An accident six miles off shore led to the boat sinking and Charlotte was one of two crew members who drowned. Four others survived.

We all send our sympathy to Joe and the family, and also pay tribute to his professionalism. Having attended to family responsibilities on Monday, the day news of the tragedy was phoned to his distraught sister, Joe was back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday to prepare the team for the difficult match with Reading. Mark Stein knew how the boss felt, because he too was in mourning for the loss of a young life. Many of us remember David Rocastle best when he was at his peak, as a player at Arsenal when we were also in the old First Division. Mark played against him a few times, but became a close friend when he and Rocastle spent three years together at Chelsea.

"He was the best man you could ever meet," said the Town striker. "We had been close for years, and I can't begin to express how bad I felt when he was taken ill, and then died.

"I decided to wear the black armband on Tuesday night out of respect, and I am only sorry I didn't score on the night. I wanted to get a goal for David.

"He kept his illness under wraps, and although I knew it was very serious it was still a tremendous shock when he died. It makes you realise that whatever ups and downs you have in football, it's still a game."

The most famous match involving Rocastle and the Town was the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, when Brian Stein scored twice and made the other goal for Danny Wilson in a dramatic Town victory.

Brian said: "I was glad I knew David Rocastle. He was a rare talent, and off the field a lovely man, a real gentleman. It's tragic, and perhaps a little frightening,



when you hear that a man like that has died so young, and left three children without their father."

At Chelsea, Rocastle and Mark Stein occasionally talked about their meeting on the pitch at Wembley in April 1988. "He used to say I had helped Luton to steal his winner's medal. But it was said with a laugh, and certainly with no bitterness. He hadn't an ounce of ill-will in his body. I used to say that he dived to win the penalty that Andy Dibble saved when Arsenal might have gone 3-1 up. Not at all, he would reply. But he would say that with a laugh as well.

"It is such a tragedy that such a nice man and such a good player should be dead at 33, when you think you are in the prime of life. It makes you think, doesn't it?"

Your reporter flicked through the video of the 1988 final, as he often does when he needs a lift, and for the first time noticed that when the game ended and Ray Harford strode onto the pitch to embrace Steve Foster, the first man to shake hands with them both and offer his congratulations was David Rocastle.

Marathon Appeal

WE ARE still inviting supporters to sponsor Lynda Smith, our club runner in the football section of the Flora London Marathon on Sunday April 22. She is raising money for a local charity, the Keech Cottage, the hospice for children. You can pledge an amount per mile completed, or a round sum for the full distance, and all sponsorship promises will be acknowledged in the matchday magazine.

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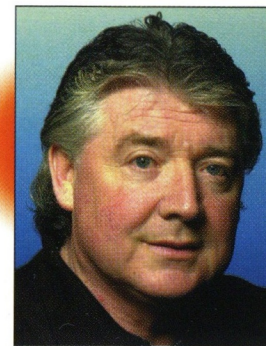
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The Manager Joe Kinnear

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road, and I think my first words today should be to express my thanks to two important sets of people who are vital to every football club - the players, and the fans. I am speaking, of course, about the reaction to Tuesday's game against Reading, which was every bit as tough as I expected it to be.

There had been some straight talking between me and the players after the poor display which cost us dear at Colchester, but my parting words were that the game was gone, we could not change the result, and we had to learn the right lessons, and be ready to do a proper job against Reading. I think we did, and it was good to hear the crowd respond to our efforts. It is one of football's enduring mysteries that teams can be brilliant one match, poor the next. Our situation, however, is that we simply cannot afford to be poor in any of our remaining games.

The league table says it all - we are still adrift of the safety mark, and the two games in hand on Cambridge and Swindon have obviously got to be turned into six points. Achieve that, which is by no means an impossible task with so many of our remaining games at home, and the table will be much more interesting, and more encouraging.

I am desperate to see the club remain in this division. Luton Town is looking well set off the field, with the recent good news about Paul Fletcher's appointment in connection with the new stadium development. The directors have a very clear vision of what they want to achieve, and it was because of their ambition that I agreed to come here. Ambition can be as high as you like, and it has two major threads for us: a good team

and a good stadium. I am confident in my ability to play my part, while the directors play theirs, and you, the supporters, can also help.

Stay loyal, follow us through thick and thin, and together we can help Luton Town move upwards again in the football world. I want to kick off next season still in Division Two, with an improved squad, and with a realistic chance of mounting a challenge for promotion. Our players are under no illusions about the job I expect them to do. Give every ounce of effort, be thoroughly professional and we can do it.

I look at the remaining fixtures, and see that six of our last nine are at home. We are unbeaten at Kenilworth Road since I arrived, and that record must be maintained.

We have to be positive and look for maximum points - just think of what 18 from six home games can do. That alone is incentive enough for us all to strive for a run of victories.

Stoke City will provide another stern test, as Reading did on Tuesday. They are enjoying a good season, with an excellent chance of being in the play-offs. The league table says Reading are a little better than Stoke, and we can take heart from the fact that we might easily have beaten Reading on Tuesday. Mark Stein and Lee Mansell both had very good efforts well saved when we came fighting back after an early reverse.

That fighting spirit was what I demanded after the Colchester match, and if we show it again today we must have every chance of putting on further pressure on the teams just above us in the table. I anticipate the game will be a fascinating contest, and I hope it turns out to be one players and supporters alike enjoy.

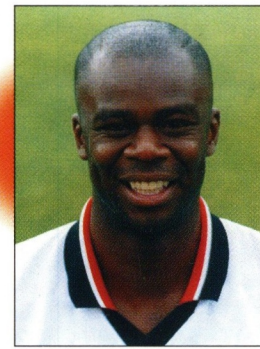
Joe Kinnear

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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

	Appearances (as sub in brackets)					Goals			
	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	18	0	3	0	21	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(3)	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	33	4	2(1)	0	39(1)	3	0	0	3
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	0	0	3(8)	0	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	11(3)	0	1(1)	0	12(4)	4	0	1	5
Richard Dryden	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	12(10)	1	3	1	17(10)	3	0	1	4
Stuart Fraser	10(5)	4	4	1	19(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	29(5)	3(1)	4	0	36(6)	5	0	2	7
Petri Helin	20	0	3	1	24	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	12(6)	2(1)	1	0	15(7)	1	0	0	1
Steve Howard	3	0	0	0	3	1p	0	0	1p
Marvin Johnson	6	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	6(7)	2(1)	0	0	8(8)	3	1	0	4
Kent Karlsen	4(1)	0	2	1	7(1)	0	0	0	0
Adam Locke	17(6)	1(1)	2(1)	1	21(8)	2	0	0	2
Lee Mansell	10(1)	0	1	0	11(1)	4	0	1	5
Gavin McGowan	5(1)	0	1	0	6(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	26	4	3	1	34	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	7	0	3	0(1)	10(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Owendale	19	4	2	1	26	0	0	0	0
Keith Rowland	11	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	2
Andre Scarlett	5(4)	2	0(1)	0	7(5)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	34	4	5	1	44	4(2p)	0	0	4(2p)
Mark Stein	18(7)	3	1(1)	0(1)	22(9)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	5(3)	0	0(2)	0	5(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	36	4	4	1	45	1	0	0	1
Peter Thomson	4(7)	1(1)	1(1)	1	7(9)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	22(2)	4	3	0	29(2)	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	9	0	4	0	13	0	0	0	0
OGs						1	0	0	1



Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

I HAVE heard two views of our game against Reading, and

both were reflected in the dressing room afterwards. One was that we were pleased to prove that we could match a very good side. I rate Reading as one of the best in this division, fully deserving to be favourites for promotion. But the other thought was that an honourable draw was less than we required - we all know how important it is for the club to take maximum points from the present run of consecutive home games. If a draw was something of a disappointment, I think we might also bear in mind that earlier this season it was the sort of game we would probably have lost, especially after conceding an early goal.

It was important for us to stand up and hit back quickly, and we did. As a defender I almost - but only almost! - felt sorry for the lad who headed into his own net. But it was down to good technique by Matty Spring. It was a tremendous delivery, whipped in with real pace, and the best of those balls are just about undefendable. The Reading man could not really be blamed - he did well to get near it. The trouble with own goals is that they tend to be remembered for a long time. I still get stick occasionally for one I scored for Aston Villa when Les Sealey missed my back pass - and that was in 1988!

The quick equaliser gave us a lift, and on the first half run of play we might easily have been ahead by the interval. But I also have to admit that Reading shaded the second half, so over the 90 minutes I think the draw was a fair result. It was one of those games where both teams did so well that neither deserved to be beaten.

We made a real fight of it against a very good team, and that must be our policy in every game. We have to make home advantage

count, but we know Stoke will be up for it today because they too are battling for promotion.

Our fight, of course, is to stay in the division, and we believe we have the ability to do it. It would be nice to get an overdue double under our belts, but I am sure Stoke come here today having been reminded by their manager that Luton might be down near the bottom of the table, but they were capable of winning 3-1 at the Britannia Stadium in December.

I played in that game, and we were good value for the points. If we are on form this afternoon, we can do it again, and if you look at the squad we are now stronger than we were then.

It was interesting to see Mark Stein and Steve Howard working in tandem on Tuesday. Steve looks a very good acquisition, and Mark has enough experience to be able to read what the big man is planning, and get off the mark early to be in the right place to gather up the flick-ons and knock-downs. That is no disrespect to Liam George or Stuart Douglas - just a fact of life that they, lucky lads, are not in the over-30s club like some of us!

Probably we enjoy our football all the more as we get older, and I am impatiently awaiting my turn to try to get back into the side after my injury worries. I hope to be considered for a return to the first team squad in two or three weeks. But I realise it could well be a real battle to regain my place. If the back three perform consistently as well as they did against the dangerous Martin Butler and Jamie Cureton, I am likely to be left on the touchline.

Frustrating, yes, but if it means Luton Town are winning games and getting out of trouble, I will sit in the dug-out for as long as it takes.

All I hope is that we keep it up today, and then, perhaps, add six more points next week, when we have two more home games, against Oxford and Oldham.

Marvin Johnson



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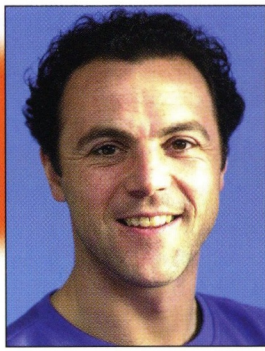
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Bruce Sewell

IT'S ALL good news from the treatment room today, with no

new additions to our injury list, and all my "customers" making steady progress.

Stuart Fraser's broken leg is still in plaster but he is keeping as fit as he can in the circumstances, and looking forward to being more active when the cast comes off, hopefully in a couple of weeks or so.

Marvin Johnson's calf muscle swelling is going down nicely, and the good news for him was that he had a scan which showed there was no serious problem. The neck injury which kept him out for so long seems to have cleared up completely, and he hopes to be in full training next week, and possibly be in contention for the first team squad before the final games of the season are played. The results of the scan were themselves a tonic for him.

Adam Locke has got over his hamstring strain, and is training again, but Kent Karlsen and Andrew Fotiadis must undergo more treatment before they can start to exert themselves on the training pitch.

Karlsen has worked very hard to get over the knee ligament injury which has kept him out since early December. He is now running at just about full pace, and able to strike a ball at very nearly full power, and I hope that he might be able to resume training before the end of next week.

Andrew Fotiadis is having consultations with a specialist about his groin strain, which is clearing up slowly. He will probably have a scan early next week to help us determine the next stage in his treatment.

Bruce Sewell

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Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

THESE are hectic days at Kenilworth Road, as we make up the

backlog after having games postponed early in the season. This is the second of four consecutive home matches in 11 days, and as you can imagine it means a lot of hard work for all the staff, and I would like to pay tribute to everyone behind the scenes who has worked with a will.

We are also always grateful for good support, and on that score I wish to ask you today to be generous to members of Luton Town Supporters Club who are in the ground selling tickets for the grand draw to be held in connection with the annual player presentation night near the end of the season.

The function promises to be something special, at the Riverside Suite of the Vauxhall Recreation Club complex, and is being organised jointly by the Football Club and LTSC.

John Motson will be the guest speaker, and with a buffet and disco also planned. The presentation evening is the main fund-raising event for the Supporters Club hence the grand draw, and we have been able to come up with some very good prizes, including a TV and DVD player and a Butlins holiday. There are lots of other prizes as well, and if you are able to support the draw you will be contributing indirectly to our football club.

Tickets for the presentation evening on April 29 are £12 for Supporters Club members and £15 for others, and are now on sale at the club shop, at the ticket office, and on matchdays at the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road.

Supporters have always been generous for our charity appeals, and having recently seen over £600 raised from a bucket collection for the Pasque Hospice, we were delighted as a club to add a good cheque to that amount at Tuesday's game with Reading. As you may have read on Tuesday night, we received a share of

the Charity Shield proceeds, and chose to donate our share, £7,260, to the Pasque and Keech Cottage hospices. It was a pleasure to welcome Jack Sapsworth to receive the cheque, because the hospice trustee is also a very loyal and long-time supporter of the Football Club.

Support is given in all sorts of ways, and people who play a vital role behind the scenes include our landlords, who become unofficial "Mums" to our youngsters. When we take on new scholars, straight from leaving school, and often from all parts of the country, they need good digs, and we have been lucky over the years in having a marvellous pool of landlords who give the boys a home from home. But we always need more, and with a new intake of lads due in within a few weeks, I would like to hear from anyone who is able to join our team and offer accommodation. Obviously we offer payment - we know that teenagers can have very healthy appetites, and need a healthy diet!

A lot of the boys will be here for training over Easter, while the schools are on holiday, and in that context can I remind you of our special holiday offer to children - on the Saturday after Easter children under 16 can come to the game for an admission price of only £1. The offer is subject to availability, and tickets have to be bought in advance, before the ticket office closes at 6pm on the previous evening.

Finally, I can now confirm that our postponed match away to Brentford is to take place on Thursday May 3, two days before the last game of the season. I know it is not the ideal date, but we were unable to find anything more convenient because we and Brentford had both suffered match postponements, and Brentford's fixture list became more complicated when they won through to the final of the LDV Vans Trophy. It will be all-ticket for Luton supporters.

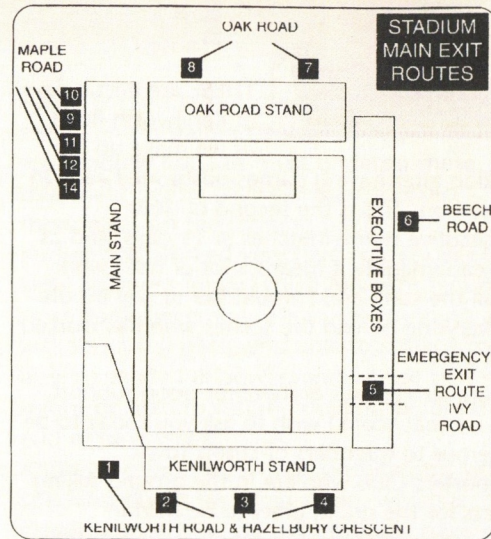
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He lives at Buckingham Drive, Luton, and comes to games with his dad, Virgil, and his uncle Brendan, and like them he is a season ticket holder. He also follows the Town on the road - he has already watched the Hatters on 40 different grounds.

A pupil at Wenlock Junior School, Luton, Ricky plays football for Crawley Rams, and he also likes his PlayStation and reading.

Today he sees what goes on behind the scenes as the club prepares for a league match. He will have a tour of the facilities, and, perhaps best of all, will meet the players in the dressing room, and go out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities. And we are sure he will be in awe of at least one - Matthew Taylor, his favourite.

It will be a day to remember for Ricky, and if you have a youngster worthy of a special treat, please contact the commercial department on Luton 411622, or by e-mail, and we will be happy to give you details of this and the other sponsorship packages on offer.

John Bailey

Golden Gamble

PRINTING schedules made it impossible to include the results of Tuesday's Golden Gamble competition, but you can be pretty sure one Luton Town supporter went home with a smiling face and bulging wallet. Before the match against Reading our £1-a-go lucky draw had paid out 21 prizes so far this season, worth a total of £9,875, an average of £470 each. It's not a bad return for an outlay of just £1 per

Golden Gamble ticket, and sellers will be around the ground again this afternoon offering you the chance to win. The size of the jackpot depends on ticket sales - half the income goes to the lucky winner, and the other half to club funds, and we are very grateful to everyone for supporting an important fund-raising endeavour. The draw is made at half-time, with the cash available immediately.

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Hatters' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in blue and Potters' to the right and scored in red

Where



How



Top League Scorers



44 in 37 games Team Goals 63 in 40 games
1.19 goals Ratio per Game 1.58 goals

5 in 34 games Player's Goals 16 in 31 games
0.15 goals Ratio per Game 0.52 goals

5	Games Scored In	11
0	Games Scored 1st Goal	6
5	Games Scored 1 Goal	7
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	3
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	1

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS
(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 4 (8pts)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 1 (3pts)
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 2 (2pts)
1 Number of points gained 13

SCORING SEQUENCES
Consecutive Games Scored
2 Games 2
3 Games 1
2 games Maximum Scoring Run 3 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING
2 Games 3
3 Games 1
4 Games 2
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 6 games

Hatters' Results

LUTON TOWN GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	3	3						
1	3	5	4					
2	3	3	1					
3	3	2	2	1	1			
4	1	1	1					
5								
6								
7								

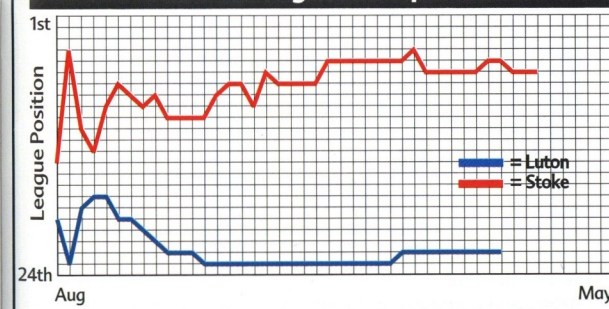
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
e.g. Luton have won 4 games 3-1

Potters' Results

STOKE CITY GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	4	1	3	2			
1	3	7	4	1	1			
2	1	3	3	1				
3	1	1	1	1				
4								
5								
6								
7								

e.g. Stoke have won 4 games 1-0 and won 4 games 2-1.

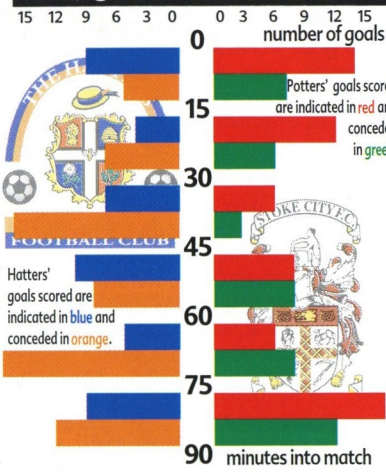
Seasonal Progress Comparison



Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

76 mins	All Goals for	57 mins
77 mins	Home Goals For	56 mins
75 mins	Away Goals For	58 mins
51 mins	All Goals Against	82 mins
55 mins	Home Goals Against	95 mins
49 mins	Away Goals Against	72 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Face2Face

Last Season
At Kenilworth Road....2-1
At The Britannia.....1-2
This Season
Hatters' Season records:
Home Win...3-1 Brentford
.....5-3 Swansea
Away Win....3-1 Swindon
3-1 Notts County, 3-1 Stoke
Home Defeat...0-3 Bristol City
.....0-3 Colchester
Away Defeat...0-4 Swansea
Consec. Wins.....3
Consec. Defeats.....4
Potters' Season records:
Home Win.....4-0 Oxford
Away Win.....4-0 Posh
Home Defeat....1-3 Luton
Away Defeat..0-3 Walsall
Consec. Wins.....2
Consec. Defeats.....2

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters	: WWLWDWLSLS	F 16 A 14 Pts 15
Potters	: SLWLSWLLWL	F 15 A 15 Pts 11

Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Stoke City's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave	Att
90/91	3	2	2	Biggins	12	11,574	
91/92	3	1	2	Biggins	22	12,982	
92/93	2	2	2	Stein	26	16,556	
93/94	1	4	2	Regis	10	15,968	
94/95	1	3	3	Peschisclido	13	12,910	
95/96	1	3	3	Sheron	15	12,279	
96/97	1	3	3	Sheron	18	12,748	
97/98	1	3	3	Thorne	12	15,003	
98/99	2	2	1	Kavanagh G	11	12,732	
99/00	2	1	2	Thorne	24	11,426	

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GUDJON THORDARSON - MANAGER

November 1999 saw an Icelandic Consortium take over the controlling share of Stoke City Football Club. Their first decision was to appoint Gudjon Thordarson. A manager with great experience of European Football, especially in Iceland, which also included him being national coach. His first season saw him take Stoke City to Wembley in the Autowindscreens trophy and him being the first Icelandic Manager to win a cup final at Wembley. Promotion to Division one was also narrowly missed in his first season in English football.

JOHN RUDGE - FOOTBALL EXECUTIVE

Born in Wolverhampton in October 1944. His playing career saw him released as a schoolboy and he then joined Huddersfield as an apprentice. His playing career took him to Carlisle, Bristol Rovers and Bournemouth. He began coaching at Torquay before being asked to assist John McGrath at port Vale. He then took temporary charge of port Vale in December 1983 and was appointed manager in March 1984. His reign lasted 843 games and he left Port Vale in January 1999. On Friday 16th July 1999 he was appointed as the new Football Executive at Stoke City.



NO. 1 - GAVIN WARD - GOALKEEPER

Born: Sutton Coldfield - 30/06/70
Height: 6ft 3in **Weight:** 12st 12lb
Currently sidelined with a back injury, Gavin should be fit to play again in the New Year and was recently given the go-ahead by specialists to step up his training. It's been a frustrating season so far for a player who earned the

tag Mr Consistency last year for his fine form and ever-present record.

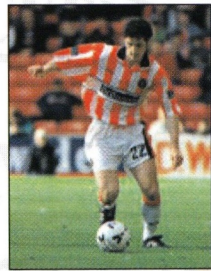


NO.2 - MIKAEL HANSSON - DEFENDER

Born: Norkopping, Sweden - 15/03/68
Height: 5ft 11in **Weight:** 11st 6lbs
Speedy Swede who is equally comfortable as a full-back or wing-back whose acquaintance with former Port Vale midfielder Jan Jansson paved the way for his

move to England. Jansson recommended Mikael to our football executive John Rudge. An attacking defender who loves to get forward and his

crosses are always a danger to the opposition. Capped once by his country, he spent his entire career in Swedish soccer before moving to England.



NO.3 - CLIVE CLARKE - DEFENDER

Born: Dublin - 14/01/80
Height: 6ft 1in **Weight:** 12st 3lbs

An old head on young shoulders, Clive came through the youth ranks to establish himself as a first-team regular last season and his form was excellent.

Now competes with Tony Dorigo for the left-back slot but is versatile and can play central defence or midfield.

Quick, and comfortable on the ball, he is a Republic of Ireland under-21 international with strong prospects of making it to the senior squad.

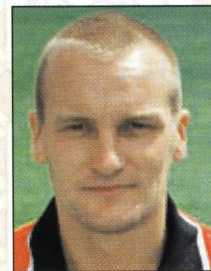


NO.4 - HENRIK RISOM - MIDFIELD

Born: Vildbjerg, Denmark - 24/07/68
Height: 5ft 10in **Weight:** 11st 5lbs

Stylish midfielder with bags of experience after a lengthy career in Danish and German league football.

Henrik was brought to the club for his ability to pass the ball and control the tempo of the game after impressing during the pre-season tour of Iceland.

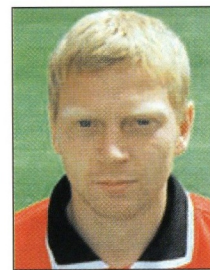


NO.5 - NICKY MOHAN - DEFENDER

Born: Middlesbrough - 06/10/70
Height: 6ft 1in **Weight:** 14st
Battle-hardened defender whose track record includes Premiership experience with Middlesbrough and Leicester.

Signed by former boss Brian Little on a free from Wycombe during the tail-end of the 1998/99 season, he skipped the side at Wembley last season and was the first up the famous steps to collect the Auto Windscreens Trophy off Kevin Keegan after the 2-1 win over Bristol City.

Strong and dominant in the air, Nicky is also a threat in the opposition penalty box from set pieces.



NO.6 - BRYNJAR GUNNARSSON - DEFENDER

Born: Reykjavik, Iceland - 16/10/75
Height: 6ft 1in **Weight:** 12st 11lb
Club record signing last season when Gudjon Thordarson spent £600,000 to recruit this established Icelandic international from club football in Sweden. Arrived initially as a midfielder but showed his versatility by switch-

ing to centre-back with considerable success. His performance in the play-off final second leg at Gillingham in May, with City down to nine men, earned him rave reviews.

An excellent reader of the game, technically skilled and comfortable on the ball.



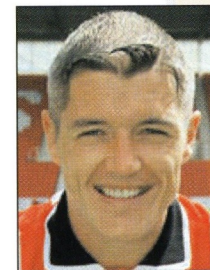
NO.7 - BJARNI GUDJONSSON - MIDFIELD

Born: Reykjavik, Iceland - 26/02/79
Height: 5ft 8in **Weight:** 11st 2lbs

Promising young midfielder with an eye for the spectacular goal - none more so than the one he struck from 25 yards against Barnsley in the Worthington Cup in November.

Bjarni is enjoying his second spell in England after initially spending a year with Newcastle United.

Son of manager Gudjon Thordarson, he is an Icelandic international and has skipped their under-21 side.



NO.8 - GRAHAM KAVANAGH - MIDFIELD

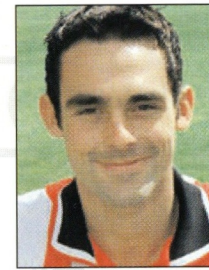
Born: Dublin - 02/12/73
Height: 5ft 10in **Weight:** 12st 6lbs

ONE of the longest serving players at the club following his £500,000 arrival from Middlesbrough four years ago. Graham has been on the fringes of the Republic of Ireland squad

for the past couple of seasons since scoring his first goal for his country on his senior debut against Sweden and remains one of the most complete midfielders in Division Two, highlighted by his selection for the PFA Second Division team.

Undoubtedly talented, with a fierce shot, he is dangerous from free-kicks and open play around the edge of the 18-yard box.

When on-song he can turn a game on its head and few will forget his opening goal against Bristol City at Wembley in the Auto Windscreens Shield final last April, enhancing his reputation as a player for the bigger stage.



NO.9 - PETER THORNE - FORWARD

Born: Manchester - 21/06/73
Height: 6ft **Weight:** 12st
Leading scorer last season with 30 goals (24 in the League) making him the club's most prolific marksman since Mark Stein. Peter came alive in the second-half of the campaign, hitting four against Chesterfield and a hat-

trick at Bristol Rovers, and continued his purple patch at Wembley, where he made history by becoming the first Englishman to score for City at the stadium - the winner against Bristol City in the Auto Windscreens Shield final.



NO.10 - RIKHARDUR DADASON - FORWARD

Born: Reykjavik, Iceland - 26/04/72
Height: 6ft 4in **Weight:** 12st
Made a sensational City debut when he scored the winning goal against Barnsley in the Worthington Cup in November - seconds from the end of the game and just three minutes after coming on as sub.

Rikhardur is a big striker with an eye for goal. He scored 25 in 25 games for Viking in the Norwegian league last season and attracted interest from SV Hamburg.

His link with Gudjon Thordarson, formerly his national coach with Iceland, persuaded him to come to the Potteries instead.



NO.12 - KYLE LIGHTBOURNE - FORWARD

Born: Bermuda - 29/09/68
Height: 6ft 2in **Weight:** 12st
Bermudan international now in his fourth season with the club having been signed by former boss Chris Kamara midway through the 1997/98 season. Kyle has often been the willing workhorse in the shadow of Peter

Thorne, but has nevertheless now passed the quarter-century mark of goals since he arrived from Coventry.



NO.14 - CARL MUGGLETON - GOALKEEPER

Born: Leicester - 13/09/68
Height: 6ft 2in **Weight:** 13st 3lbs
CARL is now the longest-serving player at the club having joined from Celtic over six years ago. His future at the Britannia could have been in doubt when he was out of contract last summer but

he was offered, and readily accepted, a new 12-month deal.

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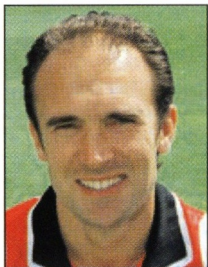
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Carl was a patient understudy to Gavin Ward all last season, but found himself back in the first team after his rival suffered a back injury and re-established himself as first choice, although latterly has been edged out by Birkir Kristinsson.



NO.15 - TONY DORIGO - DEFENDER

Born: Adelaide - 31/12/65
Height: 5ft 9in **Weight:** 11st 3lbs
THE signing of a former international full-back with so vast top-level experience on a free transfer last summer was considered one of the coups of the close season by manager Gudjon Thordarson.

Tony was courted by a number of clubs, including local rivals Wolves, after leaving Derby County. But he signed a 12-month contract at the Britannia although has made it clear he will consider retiring at the end of the current campaign after a glittering career which has also embraced Aston Villa, Chelsea, Leeds and Italy's Serie A with Torino. A member of the England squad which reached the 1990 World Cup semi-finals, his track record amounts to over 600 games, mostly at the highest level. His experience and the respect in which he is held in the dressing room led to him being appointed team captain shortly after his arrival, and although he has not figured in every game this season he has created strong competition with Clive Clarke for the left-back berth.



NO.16 - PAUL CONNOR - FORWARD

Born: Bishop Auckland - 12/01/79
Height: 6ft 2in **Weight:** 11st 8lbs
PAUL arrived on loan from Middlesbrough towards the end of the 1998/99 season and did well enough to persuade Brian Little to open contract negotiations in the summer after he was released from Teeside on a free.

A determined striker, Paul's tall but lean build belies his strength and he is a handful for defenders. He is also brave, never afraid to put his feet, and head, in where it hurts in the hunt for goals.

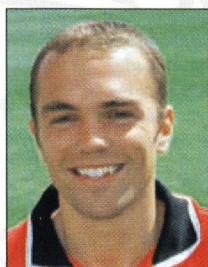


NO.17 - JAMES O'CONNOR - FORWARD

Born: Dublin - 01/09/79
Height: 5ft 8in **Weight:** 11st
DETERMINED young Irishman who broke into the City side towards the end of the 1998/99 season but who truly made his mark last term.

Given his chance by Gary Megson, he seized it in real style, missing only four league games and netting nine goals in

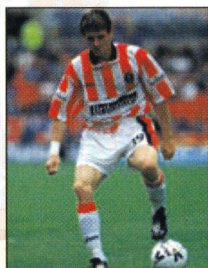
all competitions. An established Republic of Ireland under-21 international with his sights set on the senior side, James was voted City Player of the year last term and deservedly so. His hardworking style and competitive streak is appreciated by the fans.



NO.18 - BEN PETTY - DEFENDER

Born: Solihull - 22/03/77
Height: 6ft **Weight:** 12st 5lbs
BEN was a free transfer signing by Brian Little two years ago, although it is the current management team who look to be getting the best out of him as he matures into a versatile player equally comfortable in defence or

in a defensive midfield role. Physically strong and good in the tackle, Ben was a useful rugby union player in his teenage years and may well have chosen to follow a path in that sport had Villa not spotted his soccer potential.



NO.19 - STEFAN THORDARSON - FORWARD

Born: Reykjavik, Iceland -27/03/75
Height: 6ft 1in **Weight:** 12st 1lb
AN Icelandic international who made his breakthrough when Gudjon Thordarson was in charge of the national side. City were well placed, therefore, to tout for his services when the left-footed midfielder/striker left

German side Bayer Uerdingen last summer, seemingly destined for a return to his homeland. His powerful shooting makes him a danger to opponents around the 18-yard box, he also takes penalties, and delivers a good cross.



NO.22 - CHRIS IWELUMO - FORWARD

Born: Coatbridge - 01/08/78
Height: 6ft 4in **Weight:** 13st
SCOTTISH striker who arrived at the Britannia Stadium last season via Denmark. Chris is one of the tallest players in the squad, and used his height to good effect in heading his two goals this season - against York

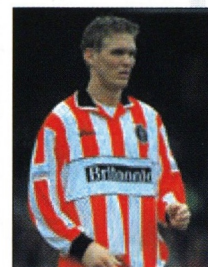
in the Worthington Cup and Millwall in the league. The intense competition for places in attack has restricted his chances since his £25,000 move from Aarhus, but he has looked good in the reserves and, at 22, still has plenty of time on his side.



NO.23 - WAYNE THOMAS - DEFENDER

Born: Gloucester - 17/05/79
Height: 5ft 11in **Weight:** 11st 2lbs
YOUNG, strong and highly-rated central defender brought in from Torquay after an impressive apprenticeship at Plainmoor. Wayne was considered the Gulls' brightest star and was eyed by many scouts, including our own

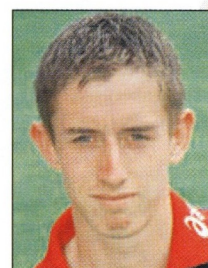
John Rudge. Now in his fourth season of senior football, he has topped his first century of appearances and appears destined for many more. Powerful in the air, he scored seven times for Torquay although his first City goal was unfortunately into his own net at Bristol City in August.



NO.27 - FRODE KIPPE - DEFENDER

Born: Oslo, Norway - 17/01/78
Height: 6ft 4in **Weight:** 13st 10lbs
REJOINED us for a third spell on loan from Liverpool at the start of December.

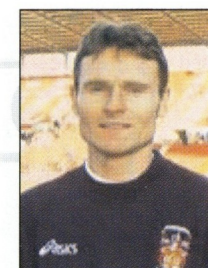
Frode is highly-thought of at Anfield, but has suffered as much as anyone by the sheer quality of talent at the club, and will remain at the Britannia until the end of the season, although he is subject to a 24-hour recall should he be needed by the Reds or become the target of a successful transfer bid. A tall, commanding left-sided centre-back whose first goal in League football was a brilliant effort in our home game against Preston last season. The Norwegian made 20 appearances last term before having to return to Merseyside, unluckily just before our Auto Windscreens Shield final against Bristol City at Wembley.



NO.29 - MARC GOODFELLOW - MIDFIELD

Born: Burton-on-Trent - 20/09/81
Height: 5ft 8in **Weight:** 10st
FEW young players can ever have enjoyed a more dramatic entry on to the main stage than Marc. Making his first-team debut on his 19th birthday, his late goal within minutes of coming on as a substitute at the Britannia sent

Premiership Charlton spinning to defeat in the Worthington Cup. Marc's electric pace is now arguably the worst-kept secret in the Second Division. Not a first-team regular yet by any means, the former Academy starlet who first joined the club as a nine-year-old nevertheless looks destined for a bright future as he awaits his first senior start after a number of other substitute outings.

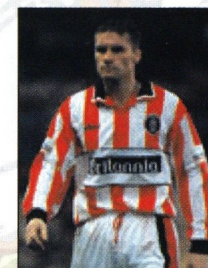


NO.31 - BIRKIR KRISTINSSON - GOALKEEPER

Born: Westman Islands - 15/08/64
Height: 6ft 3in **Weight:** 13st
Experienced international goalkeeper who arrived initially as cover for Carl Muggleton in November after the end of Iceland's domestic season but who has recently staked a successful claim for a first-team place.

His career at the Britannia Stadium got off to a slow start when he suffered an ankle injury in a reserve game at Blackpool but he recovered to make his debut against Scarborough in the LDV Vans Trophy tie at the start of December and impressed the management sufficiently to be handed his full league debut in the 3-0 win at Bristol Rovers.

Birkir is a tall goalkeeper who prefers to come off his line and dominate his six-yard box and, like many overseas keepers, likes to punch crosses away. A good shot stopper.



NO.34 - ANDY COOKE - FORWARD

Born: Shrewsbury - 20/01/74
Height: 6ft **Weight:** 12st 8lbs
Signed at the start of December from Burnley, Andy was off the mark quickly with a goal in his second game against Scarborough in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Spent five years at Turf Moor and was a willing foil last season for Andy Payton as the Clarets won promotion. Andy was spotted by Burnley playing in the Welsh league for Newtown after an earlier apprenticeship with Telford. Quick and mobile he also has physical strength and was tracked by our Football Executive John Rudge when he was manager at Port Vale.



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Peterborough (WC)	.360
Bournemouth	.539
Northampton	.1,240
Walsall	.313
Swindon	.531
Sunderland (WC)	.1,366
Millwall	.1,389
Brentford	.695
Wrexham	.352
Bristol City	.1,396
Rushden (FAC)	.1,736
Colchester	.309
Darlington (FAC)	.221
Peterborough	.918
Wigan	.261
QPR (FAC)	.1,976
Wycombe	.402
Swansea	.336
Bristol Rovers	.788
Cambridge	.752

Away-day Hatters

Wigan	.640
Wycombe	.1,266
Rotherham	.603
Peterborough (WC)	.908
Swansea	.285
Sunderland (WC)	.332
Bristol Rovers	.333
Cambridge	.1,210
Oxford	.817
Bury	.419
Port Vale	.420
Stoke	.499
Peterborough	.290
Darlington	.527
Reading	.1,010
Bournemouth	.446
QPR (FAC)	.2,586
Oldham	.153
Northampton	.1,250
Notts County	.646
Walsall	.965
Swindon	.1,512
Millwall	.1,092
Peterborough	.1,342
Colchester	.1,013

Total: .16,486
Average: .785

TOWN TEASER

IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you might have a chance to win a little prize this afternoon, when the PA announcer will pose another Town teaser before kick-off. Listen to him for your chance to have a go. And if you don't know the answer, it can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

At Tuesday's match against Reading we asked about a midfielder who played for both clubs, leaving Luton on deadline day a couple of years ago. The answer, of course, was Sean Evers.

Today's Question

We beat Stoke 3-1 at the Britannia Stadium in early December. Who were the two Town goal-scorers that day?

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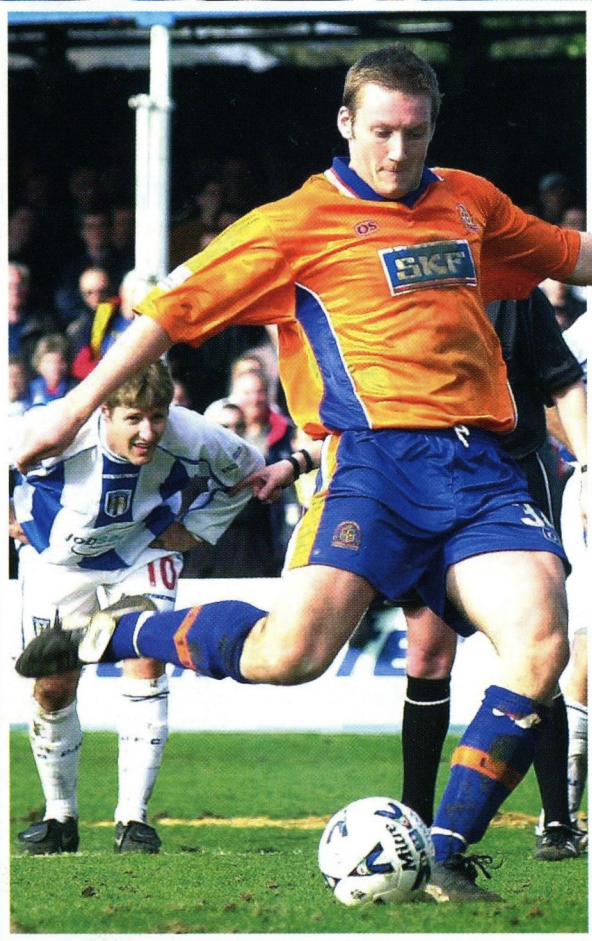
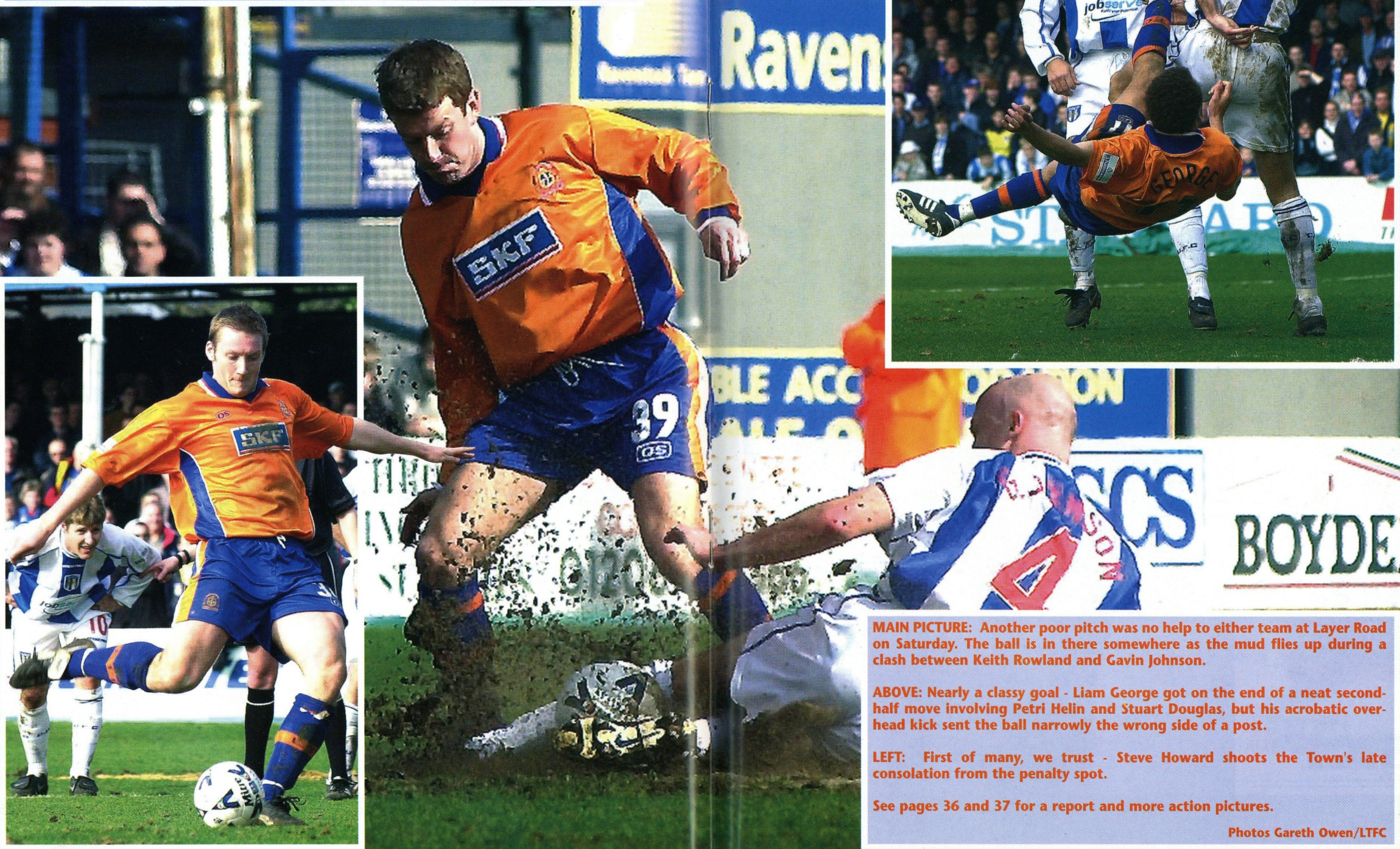
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Photo Action

Colchester Utd 3 Luton Town 1



MAIN PICTURE: Another poor pitch was no help to either team at Layer Road on Saturday. The ball is in there somewhere as the mud flies up during a clash between Keith Rowland and Gavin Johnson.

ABOVE: Nearly a classy goal - Liam George got on the end of a neat second-half move involving Petri Helin and Stuart Douglas, but his acrobatic overhead kick sent the ball narrowly the wrong side of a post.

LEFT: First of many, we trust - Steve Howard shoots the Town's late consolation from the penalty spot.

See pages 36 and 37 for a report and more action pictures.

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Town fail to make the Potters crack

After the Town won promotion from the old Division Two as champions in 1982 it was a confident side that took to the field for their first game back in the top flight for seven years.

In front of a White Hart Lane crowd of 39,180 the Hatters' confidence soon took a knock when Garry Mabbutt, making his debut for the F.A.Cup holders, scored an early goal. Worse was to follow with Micky Hazard putting the Spurs two up and Luton supporters could have been forgiven for thinking that perhaps there was a bigger chasm between the top two divisions than had previously been thought. To the players' credit however, they fought back, and when Brian Stein fired home the equaliser in the second half it was Spurs who were rocking, and for a time a famous victory looked on the cards.

An eventual draw was seen as a fair result, but it was back to the drawing board three days later when West Ham, the first visitors to Kenilworth Road, returned to London with all three points following a 2-0 victory and a demonstration of how to punish defensive lapses and take chances.

The next game saw Notts County visit Kenilworth Road to finish 3-5 losers in a roller-coaster match that could have finished ten-all. The only summer signing of note, Paul Walsh, broke his goalscoring duck when netting a hat-trick including one sublime effort which was shortlisted for 'Goal of the Season'.

All this good work was undone with a 1-4 defeat at Aston Villa that ably demonstrated the defensive frailties that were beginning to show, and once more sowed seeds of doubt as to our prospects for the remainder of the season.

Certainly if the Town's forward line was on song then the crowd was in for a goal feast

and this was fully demonstrated when the players returned from league champions, Liverpool, with a point after a pulsating 3-3 draw. When travelling back from this game I played over in my mind a match that had everything, ranging from tremendous goals, three different players turning out in goal for the Town and a fortunate late leveller from the Reds. I was then rudely awakened by the radio confirmation of the league table that revealed the loss of two points had dropped the Hatters to 18th position!

Another day, another game, and all was right in my world the following Saturday when a poor Brighton side was seen off 5-0 at Kenilworth Road, with Brian Stein netting a hat-trick and Wayne Turner scoring with a brilliant overhead kick to send us back into the top half of the table.

With all these goals flying in at both ends at matches featuring the Town it was no surprise that the television companies were beginning to show an interest and the cameras were again present when the Hatters visited the Victoria Ground, Stoke in our next game. The Potters were riding high in fourth place following back to back wins over Swansea and Ipswich and a best of the season crowd of 18,475 turned up to see if they could improve on that position, while we were hoping for the long overdue first away win back in the top flight.

The game turned out to be a cracker but there were no signs of the fireworks to come when Stoke took the lead after ten minutes with George Berry getting on the end of a well rehearsed corner kick routine.

Paul Walsh netted the equaliser shortly afterwards with a 30 yard special, only for Berry to put the home side ahead once again after another corner caused panic in the Luton



Goalmouth action from the Town's tussle at Stoke in 1982.

defence.

By now the match was bubbling as it swung end to end but then referee, Gilbert Napthine, decided to cause a bit of controversy by sending off Stoke goalkeeper Peter Fox and refusing to play an advantage which would have led to a Luton equaliser.

Walsh was bearing down on goal, and Fox charged out of his area and handled in an attempt to prevent a certain leveller. Walsh won the tussle and netted, but the referee pulled play back, sent off Fox and awarded a free kick that was well saved by replacement goalkeeper, Paul Bracewell.

Brian Stein did eventually equalise for the Town just before half-time to set up a finely poised second period, which saw Bracewell replaced by Derek Parkin in the Potters goal.

It was just as well that Bracewell was taken out of goal as he headed his side into the lead once more, after 50 minutes, only for Stein to level the score again shortly afterwards. With the Stoke rearguard reeling, defender Mal Donaghy finally put the Town into the lead for the first time with a rare goal soon after the hour mark. Stoke, however, refused to give up and Brendan O'Callaghan brought the score to

an incredible 4-4 with just seven minutes left on the clock.

The match still had one final twist for, with the final seconds ticking away, Stoke's ten men were caught stretched and Stein was tripped from behind when he looked certain to score. From the resulting spot kick the normally reliable David Moss hit the post and the final chance of winning all three points was gone. In retrospect Stoke deserved a point for their fighting display with only ten men. If we had won then we would not have needed to endure the drama of the final showdown of the season at Maine Road, Manchester. But that is another story!

Luton: Judge, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Money, Hill, Horton, Turner, Stein, Walsh (Antic), Moss.

Stoke: Fox, Parkin, Watson, Berry, Hampton, Bracewell, Maguire, McIlroy, Chamberlain, O'Callaghan, Thomas (McAughtrie).

Roger Wash

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McDonald's under 9's and 10's Indoor 6-a-side Football Tournament Finals Day

Following our Christmas tournament, today we are holding our under 9's and under 10's finals on the pitch prior to today's games. The finals were postponed from our home league game with Wigan due to the snow and we hope that the weather is kind enough today to reward the boys' patience.

In all, 24 teams took part in the tournament and most of them feature on today's page. Today's under 9's final is between Leighton Corinthians and Icknield Youth and the under 10's final is between Caddington Tigers and Bushmead Wanderers.

The other teams taking part were: Crawley Rams City - Leighton United - Houghton Regis Youth - Leighton Town - Dunstable Colts - St Joseph's Youth - Lancot Lower - Vauxhall - Sacred Heart - Hadrian Lower and Ramsey Manor.

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Junior Hatters

WE ARE looking forward to a good game this afternoon, and to renewing sporting friendships with our counterparts from Stoke. They were wonderful hosts when they entertained us at the Britannia Stadium in December, and it will be the Junior Hatters' pleasure to repay that hospitality today. We hope Margaret Kirkland and her charges all enjoy themselves as much as we did at their place - but not, of course, with another away win!

We are in the middle of a rush of home games, but we are now taking bookings for a day-trip to Wrexham for our game there on Easter Monday, and plans are also being made to go to Ashton Gate for the Bristol City game on April 28, probably our final away-day outing of the season. As usual we are able to offer bargain prices, thanks to the generous backing we receive from our sponsors, London Luton Airport - it's £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests. Bookings can be made at the club shop in Kenilworth Road.

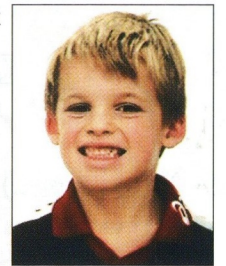
WE HAD a good Junior Hatters following to Peterborough ten days ago, and Posh very kindly invited us to put on a mascot. As usual the choice was



made on the coach going to the game - every Junior Hatter who had brought Town kit was in a draw, and the lucky choice fell on 14-year-old Tom Brandham, from Cowper Street, Luton. He is a very loyal Luton Town fan, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. He is pictured before kick-off, when captains and ref meet for the toss of the coin.

Stoke have a mascot this afternoon: Oliver Walton, who will be six on Monday.

His hobbies are football and Pokeman, and he goes to St. Teresa's School, Trent Vale. We hope he enjoys his visit to Luton, and that perhaps in 18 or 20 years he will come back, when we have a stadium more modern than the Britannia - his ambition is to be a Stoke City footballer!



Today's Mascot

A DAY before his 12th birthday, Steve Bostock has a match to remember this afternoon, because he has been chosen as the Junior Hatters mascot.

He lives at Brian Road, Harlington, and attends Parkfields Middle School, Toddington, and is a regular at Kenilworth Road - he comes with his dad and his nan, and they sit in the Kenilworth Upper Tier.



Steve counts watching Luton as his No. 1 hobby, and he also likes tennis and listening to music. Today he can sample the match atmosphere at close quarters, joining the players before the game in the dressing room and on the pitch before the game. Most of all he will enjoy meeting Stuart Douglas, because the striker is his favourite player.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

STOKE City are one of the League's oldest clubs, and it is not surprising that quite a lot of men have played for the Potters and the Hatters over the years. One was striker Viv Busby, who was featured in a series of cards given away by Tiger comic - famous for its "Roy of the Rovers" stories - in 1971. Busby joined Luton in the 1969/70 season from his home town outfit Wycombe Wanderers, who were then still an amateur club. He made his debut on Good Friday, 1970, starring in a home victory over Rotherham. He kept his place for the vital promotion clash with Reading the following day, a game which saw the Town run out 5-0 winners, with Busby scoring his first league goal. He figured in all the remaining games that season, which ended in Luton securing runners-up spot in the old Third Division. He played an important part in the run-in, scoring three times, including a superb solo effort against Southport at Kenilworth Road which made promotion virtually certain.

In the higher company Busby played in the opening fixture at Bolton, but then appeared only sporadically, often having to be content with a place on the subs' bench.

However, as the Town threatened to go all the way to a second consecutive promotion, the young inside-forward was recalled for the last dozen matches. Once again he made a positive impression, and formed a potent striking partnership with Malcolm Macdonald.

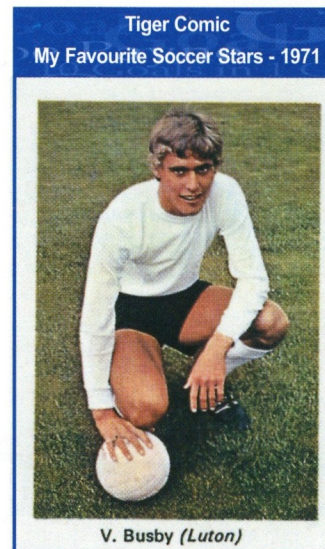
Thirty years ago, on the first Saturday in April, high-flying Birmingham City were the visitors to Kenilworth Road, with their teenage sensation Trevor Francis never having been on the losing side thus far in his short career. It looked as though the run would continue as City took an early two-goal lead, but then Busby stole the headlines, netting twice before Alan Slough hit the winner. That was in front of a crowd of over 25,000, but the following week the promotion bid all but disappeared with a disastrous Easter which saw three games lost in four days.

The Town eventually finished sixth, and there was more disappointment for Hatters fans that summer when their hero, Macdonald, was sold to Newcastle. Much was expected of Busby in the following season, but he struggled without Macdonald, and soon lost his place in the side. Newcastle took him on loan that December, re-uniting him with SuperMac, but his spell there co-incided with Newcastle's FA Cup defeat at non-league Hereford and Busby was soon sent back to Luton. He had lost his shooting boots, managing just two goals from 21 appearances for the Town. Near-identical figures the following season resulted in Harry Haslam accepting a £35,000 bid from Fulham in the summer of 1973. Slough made the same journey, for £45,000. It was former Town boss Alec Stock who took them to Craven Cottage, and this may have had something to do with Busby's return to form. Whatever the reason, Busby was a success at Fulham and was instrumental in their progress to the FA Cup final in 1975. He and Slough picked up runners-up medals after West Ham won 2-0.

Busby's next move was to top-flight Norwich City in 1976, and it was from the Canaries that he moved to Stoke in November 1977. The following season Stoke

gained promotion to the First Division - now the Premiership - and Busby contributed five goals from 18 league outings. He then went to America, before finishing his playing career with spells at Blackburn and York. In total he clocked up 73 goals in 301 Football League outings. He then embarked on a coaching career which embraced several clubs, including Sunderland, Hartlepool, Sheffield Utd, Everton and Fulham.

These cards, which were also given away with four other leading comics of that era, formed a series totalling 160 subjects. Other Luton players featured were Don Givens, Roger Hoy, Mike Keen and John Ryan, and the cards now change hands at around 60p each.



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Action Replay

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

THE EXCELLENT performance by the Town on Tuesday evening, when they held promotion contenders Reading to a draw, was in stark contrast to the poor display we saw at Colchester on Saturday.

A game to forget, said Joe Kinnear, after the chance to move closer to safety was thrown away by failure to meet a tactic he had warned his men to expect.

The manager had spent some time looking at the video of Colchester's 3-0 victory at Kenilworth Road in December, and as a result spent much of his team talk reminding the players that they had been caught out all too easily on that day by not picking up runners from deep positions.

So the boss was not too pleased to see the Town go two down in the first 37 minutes on Saturday... by not picking up runners from deep positions.

Veteran midfielder Micky Stockwell profited both times, with former Town men playing important roles.

It was a bit of a haunting experience against a team containing three players who used to be at Kenilworth Road - Gavin Johnson, Aaron Skelton and Alan White all made telling contributions, with White's the only one we almost enjoyed, when he gave away a late penalty for a consolation goal.

The Town display was a disappointment as once more over a thousand optimistic supporters took to the road to back the team.

The manager admitted: "It wasn't a particularly good performance and the players are aware of that. But prior to that they had done exceptionally well so it was not a case of getting on the players' backs, but to get them in the right frame of mind for Tuesday, and Reading."

For the second half, with the game all but over as Colchester led 3-0, the Town took off midfielder Keith Rowland and sent on Stuart Douglas to become the third attacker, alongside Steve Howard and Liam George.

They looked more likely as an attacking force, although Colchester were by then content to take it easy. In terms of attempts at goal, the Town were more impressive, but it was the home side who showed how to make the best of their opportunities. The opening goal, in the 16th minute, was a case in point: Petri Helin set up George for a run in the inside right position. George chose to shoot rather than cross, and the keeper made the save from the angled drive, and launched the counter-attack which had the ball in the net at the other end seconds later. A free kick led to Stockwell netting again on 37 minutes.

The Town thought the penalty that led to the third Colchester goal was harsh, but the one awarded against White in the closing minutes balanced it out.

Matthew Spring, who had missed with his last attempt from the spot, at Northampton, was ready to take responsibility again, but Howard grabbed the ball and then struck a real striker's effort into the roof of the net to register his first Luton Town goal.

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, McLaren, Dryden, Helin, Mansell, Spring, Rowland (Douglas HT), Taylor, Howard, George. Unused subs: Stirling, Watts, Shepherd, Owendale.

Booked: Emmerson Boyce, 33 mins, foul on Micky Stockwell; Lee Mansell, 46 mins, foul on Kemal Izzet (Muzzy's younger brother); Matthew Spring, 68 mins, foul on Izzet.

Colchester: Woodman, Keith (Izzet 30 mins), Gavin Johnson, Fitzgerald, Clark, White, Stockwell (McGavin 63 mins), Skelton, Duguid, Scott (Conlon 71 mins), McGleish. Unused subs Brown, Ross Johnson.

Booked: Alan White, 54 mins, dissent; Gavin Johnson, 58 mins, foul on Stuart Douglas.

The Goals: 1-0 16 mins - Gavin Johnson's long ball helped on its way by Keith Scott's short pass for Micky Stockwell to run through and shoot home; 2-0 37 mins - Stockwell again, once more not picked up as Aaron Skelton's long free kick was headed on by Scott McGleish for Stockwell to drive in from close range; 3-0 42 mins - Aaron Skelton penalty after Petri Helin was adjudged to have handled as Gavin Johnson hit the ball at him; 3-1 83 mins - Steve Howard penalty after Alan White suffered a similar fate to Helin, with Liam George trying to hit a cross past him.

Referee: Mark Warren, West Midlands.

Attendance: 4,271, including 1,013 supporting the Town

SURGING ON: Stuart Douglas, on as a third attacker for the second half, leaves his old pal Aaron Skelton grounded in a determined run for goal, but the shot went wide.



A report and picture coverage of the Reading game will appear in Tuesday's programme.



GROUNDING: Liam George the subject of a hefty tackle by Gavin Johnson.

HIGH-STEPPING ACTION: New striker Steve Howard in competition with Alan White.



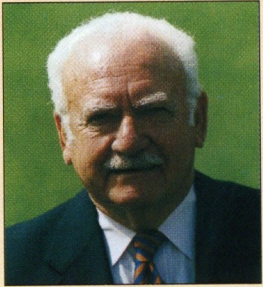
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Hatters Chatter

Luton Belles Chase Honours

LOCAL football has taken a pasting from the wet weather, and AFC Luton Belles have suffered as much as anyone through a long spell of inactivity. So there will be two hectic months to complete the season, with the Belles in contention for honours in all age groups of the Milton Keynes Girls League.

The youngest squad, the under-10s, lost their opener 2-0 to current leaders MK Girls, but then won their next five games, scoring 31 goals without reply. Rachel Williams has hit 13 and Nicola Shepherd ten.

In the under-12s Luton field two teams, the Belles and the Hatters. The Belles are top of the league, with a 100 per cent record from nine games, with 76 goals scored and only six conceded. Michelle Byrne has netted 38 times, and against Leighton Utd she equalled the club record by knocking in nine goals.

The Hatters, younger and less experienced, are doing well, sixth in the league, having completed two six-goal wins over Deanshanger.

There is a similar set-up in the under-14s, where the Belles top the table with eight wins and one draw. Amy Gray is leading scorer with 22, and recently she became on the second Belle to reach the 100-goal mark. The Hatters have suffered through injuries and have had some set-backs, but show tremendous fighting spirit, and can be lethal on their day - they thumped Kempston Kestrels 15-2.

The under-16s have played only five matches so far, and are second, with Vicky Moody scoring nine of their 43 goals to date.

The seniors compete in the Hertfordshire Girls League under-15 section, and are second to Bushey Rangers, seven points behind but with four games in hand. The Belles beat the leaders at Bushey by a single Alex Orr goal earlier in the season, and the return could be quite a game. It will be on Sunday April 22 at Stockwood Park athletics stadium, with a 2pm kick-off, and spectators are welcome. Highlights so far include a double over Tottenham Hotspur, a 12-3 away win over Steenage Borough, and a club record 32-0 thrashing of Hoddesdon. Leading scorer is Nicole Emmanuel, with 27 goals from seven games, and you may have seen her at Kenilworth Road - she was the mascot who led out the England Ladies team in the friendly international with Spain. She aims to be in the team before too long!

The Belles have also achieved success off the field: they were voted Sports Club of the Year at the recent Luton Sports Council awards night, and the under-14s were runners-up in the Young Sports Team of the Year.

We are grateful to club secretary David Baker for providing us with this update on our local ladies football club, and if you want more detailed information visit their web site - www.afcluton.org.uk.



AMY GRAY scoring against Kempton for the Under 14 squad.

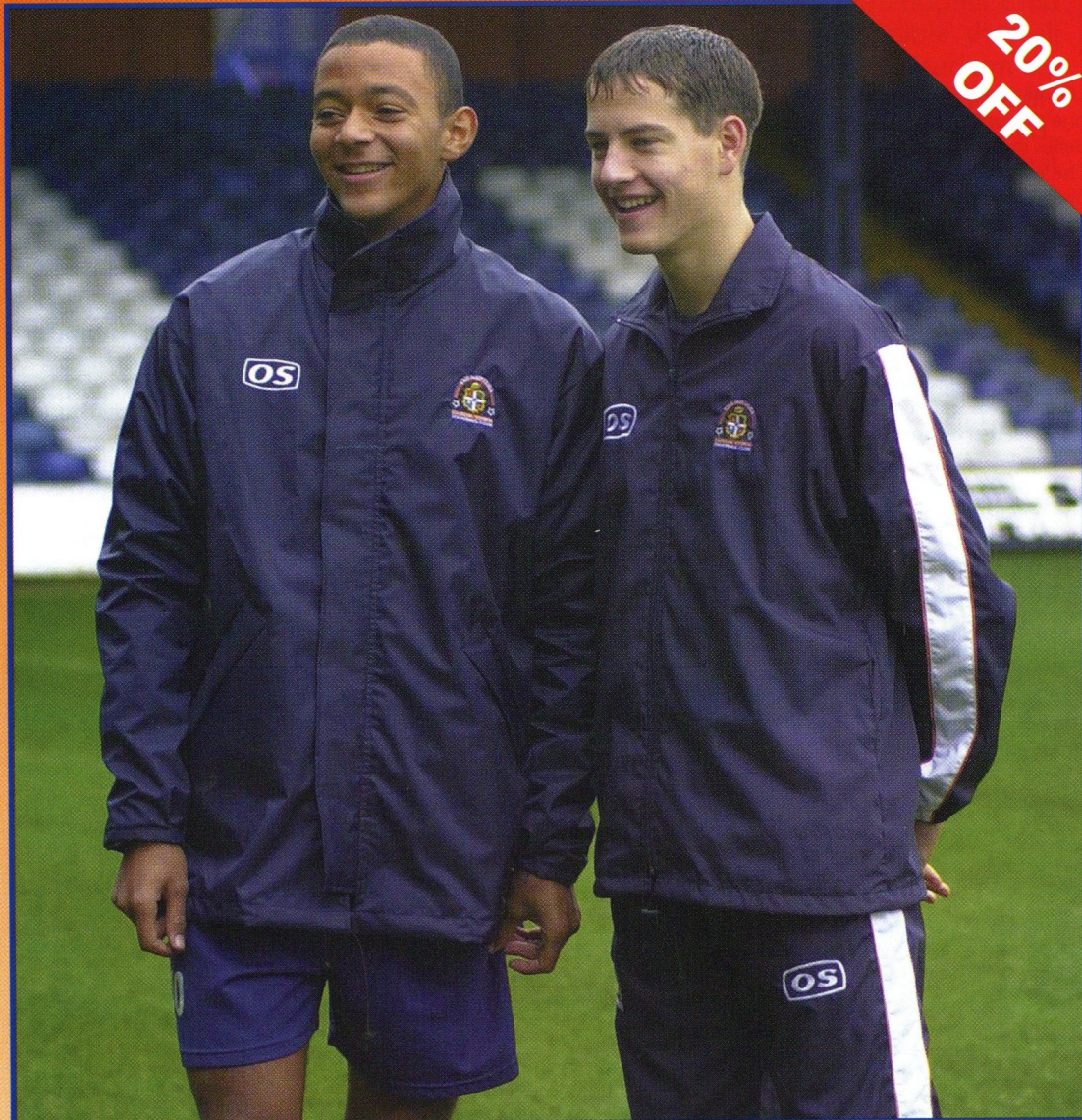
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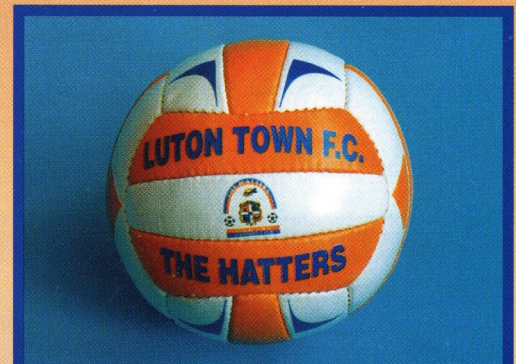
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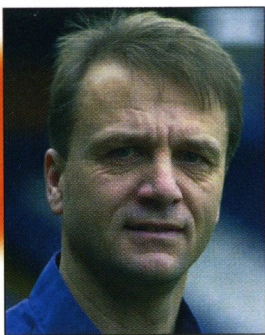
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The Reserves

Kevan Broadhurst



Luton Town 3 Brentford 0
PLAYING at a good tempo and with the right amount of aggression, we were on top for almost

the whole 90 minutes, and were good value for an Avon Insurance Combination victory. We fielded a strong team, including Mark Owendale, Julian Watts, Marvin Johnson and new signing Paul Shepherd, and all played their parts well. Owendale's only complaint was that he hardly had a shot to save - Brentford got over a couple of crosses to enable him to show that his shoulder injury had cleared up, but otherwise he had an easy match. His opposite number was much busier as we created numerous chances. We could easily have won by four or five, with the Brentford goalkeeper their man of the match. One save from Dean Standen was outstanding.

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	21	15	5	1	62	19	50
Fulham	18	14	2	2	50	11	44
Reading	20	14	2	4	34	16	44
QPR	18	12	2	4	27	10	38
Cambridge	19	11	4	4	31	23	37
Oxford	20	9	3	8	30	31	30
Millwall	18	8	5	5	24	16	29
Swindon	20	8	5	7	31	26	29
Gillingham	13	8	1	4	22	19	25
Crystal Palace	17	7	4	6	26	27	25
Brighton	15	7	2	6	31	27	23
Brentford	17	5	8	4	19	23	23
Luton Town	15	6	4	5	19	16	22
Portsmouth	15	5	5	5	18	19	20
Bristol Rovers	15	6	2	7	18	22	20
Southend	18	5	5	8	24	32	20
Bournemouth	20	5	5	10	23	37	20
Cheltenham	18	5	4	9	22	37	19
Peterborough	18	5	2	11	17	26	17
Colchester	15	3	3	9	16	25	12
Northampton	15	4	0	11	16	31	12
Wycombe	17	3	3	11	14	39	12
Bristol City	13	2	5	6	11	18	11
Barnet	14	2	2	10	18	32	8
Leyton Orient	17	1	3	13	14	33	6

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG							
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandol			
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandol, Carter			
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2				
SEPT							
Wed 13	L. Orient	A		postponed			
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen			
OCT							
Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson 3, Brennan			
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan			
NOV							
Wed 1	Reading	A	0-2				
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	0-0				
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2-4	Scarlett, Thomson			
DEC							
Mon 6	Portsmouth	H*	3-0	Holmes, OG 2			
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	1-0	Baptiste			
JAN							
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	0-2				

*To be played at Baldock Town.

Club captain Johnson was a good influence on the team, and Shepherd put in a steady performance. He needs games to reach match sharpness, but always looked dependable, and a good team player. We were two up at the interval, with goals rewarding very good moves. The first came on 25 minutes, when we worked the ball from the back and through midfield. Andre Scarlett delivered a superb cross, and Peter Thomson controlled the ball on his chest and volleyed into the net. Five minutes before the break Tresor Kandol tucked away the rebound after another good move opened up Brentford and Peter Holmes had a shot blocked by the keeper. The second half was less than a minute old when Kandol's flick-on led to Holmes volleying our third goal over the keeper.

Luton Town: Owendale, Shepherd, Stirling (Carroll 70 mins), Watts (Bruce 60 mins), Johnson, Scarlett, Standen (Osborn 75 mins), Holmes, Breitenfelder, Kandol, Thomson.

OUR scheduled match at Northampton on Wednesday was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, but we hope for better luck on Thursday, when we have a local derby, away to Brache Sparta in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup. Kick-off at Foxdell, at the top of Dallow Road, is at 7.45pm.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 16, Scarlett 16, Stirling 15(1), Brennan 13(1), Standen 11(5), Kandol 9(3), Thomson 9(1), Holmes 9(1), Abbey 9, Ayres 8, McGowan 7, Owendale 6, Johnson 5, Ward 5, Dogbe 4(3), Baptiste 4(2), Stein 4, Locke 4, Fraser 4, Mansell 3(1), Carroll 3(1), Karlsen 3, Douglas 3, Fotiadis 3, Watts 3, Carter 3, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), James-Barriteau 2(1), George 2, Bakalli 2, Walker 2, Piercewright 2, Murphy 1(5), Bruce 1(4), Osborn 1(3), Dillon 1(2), Downer 1(1), Shepherd 1, Boyce 1, McLaren 1, Everitt 1, Mortara 1, Murffin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Onachie 1, Okai 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Saker 1, Shepherd 1, Haveron 1, Mohammed 1, Clarke 0(1), Carroll 0(1), Newell 0(1), Essandoh 0(1).

Goals: Brennan 5, Thomson 5, Kandol 5, Stein 2, Ayres 1 pen, Scarlett 2, Holmes 2, Carter 1, Baptiste 1, George 1, Osborn 1, Bakalli 1, OG 2

Wed 10	Wycombe	A	0-1				
Mon 15	Brighton	H	Postponed				
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2-1	George, Stein			
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	Postponed				
FEB							
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	Postponed				
Wed 21	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	0-2				
Mon 26	Colchester	A	1-1	Stein			
MAR							
Thurs 1	Dunstable (BPC)	A	4-1	Brennan, Kandol, Scarlett, Osborn			
Mon 12	Norwich City	A	0-0				
Wed 14	Southend	H	2-0	Bakalli, Kandol			
Wed 21	Peterborough	A	Postponed				
Mon 26	Brentford	H*	3-0	Thomson, Kandol, Holmes			
APRIL							
Wed 4	Northampton	A	Postponed				
Thur 12	Brache Sp (BCP)	A	7.45				
Wed 18	C. Palace	H	2pm				
MAY							
Tues 8	QPR	A	2pm				



Youth Soccer

Brian Stein



Luton Town 0 Portsmouth 0

WHILE there was some disappointment that we did not turn our superiority into goals in our second game in the Southern Section Merit Division of the Football League Youth Alliance, I was very happy with the overall team performance.

It was our first game for a fortnight, but we started very brightly on a very heavy and bumpy pitch, and kept it going throughout the match. By half-time we were looking much more likely winners, having had four or five chances to score. It was the same story after the break and despite the lack of goals the team display was excellent.

Portsmouth had perhaps three shots at most, all of them from outside the box, while their goal escaped time and again. Chris Dillon, Daryl Murphy, James Osborn and Michael O'Leary were all out of luck with efforts that might have finished in the net, and when Duane Clarke did finally beat a good goalkeeper, a defender cleared off the line.

The quality of the performance deserved three points, but if we keep playing like that the goals are sure to come, as I well know from my own experience as a player. In defence we looked solid and dependable, and I would not pick out any players for special mention because they all did well.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG							
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau			
26	L. Orient	A	0-4				
SEPT							
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon			
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 2			
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon pen			
23	Cambridge	H	1-2	Dillon			
OCT							
7	Barnet	A	4-0	Gillman, Leary, O'Leary, Mansell			
14	Brighton	H	1-2	Dillon			
17	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	A	2-2	Carroll pen, Dillon			
21	Brentford	A	0-0				
28	Colchester	H	4-2	Dillon, Leary, Osborne, Jeffrey			
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H	2-1	Clarke, Deeney			
NOV							
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell			
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon			
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon			
18	L. Orient	H	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy			
25	Portsmouth	A	postponed				
28	FAYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon			
DEC							
9	LC Cambridge Utd	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy			
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A	1-2	Dillon			
JAN							
13	Barnet	H	3-1	Clarke 2, Leary 1			
20	Cambridge	A	postponed				
27	Brighton	A	postponed				
16	FAYC4 Manchester City	H	2-3	Leary, Clarke			
FEB							
3	Brentford	H	postponed				
10	Colchester	A	0-1				
14LC	Colchester	A	1-2	Carroll			
17	Gillingham	H	0-1				
24	Northampton	H	3-1	Clarke, Dillon, OG			

Luton Town: Ward, James-Barriteau (Foley HT), Carroll (Okai HT), Gillman, Dogbe, Bruce, Osborn, Leary, Murphy, Dillon (Clarke 75 mins), O'Leary.

WE WERE due to be away to Cardiff City today, and next Saturday face an even longer journey into South Wales, to meet Swansea City.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Dogbe 26, Dillon 24(2), Gillman 23, Bruce 22(2), Leary 21(2), Mansell 21, O'Leary 20(6), Osborn 20(3), Ward 17, Carroll 16(2), Deeney 15(2), Clarke 14(10), James-Barriteau 13(4), Chatfield 10, Murphy 9(1), Jeffrey 4(10), Foley 4(6), Everitt 4, Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Standen 2, Okai 1(11), Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Green 1, Howell 0(1), Koo-Boothe 0(1), Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1),

Goals: Dillon 15, Clarke 8, Osborn 4, Leary 4, Murphy 4, Mansell 3, O'Leary 3, Carroll 3, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1, OG 1
Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1, OG 1

FL YOUTH ALLIANCE MERIT DIVISION

Southern Section, Division One Results and Fixtures

MARCH							
3	Plymouth	H	2-2	Murphy, Clarke			
31	Portsmouth	H	0-0				
APRIL							
7	Cardiff City	A					
14	Swansea City	A					
21	Wycombe Wdrs	H					
MAY							
5	Brentford	A					

South East Conference Under-19 section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	16	11	3	2	33	15	36
Colchester	19	11	3	5	40	27	36
Brighton	15	10	3	2	32	16	33
Leyton Orient	17	9	5	3	43	21	32
Wycombe Wdrs	19	9	4	6	28	22	31
Portsmouth	17	6	5	6	26	26	23
Brentford	16	5	6	5	27	23	21
Luton Town	16	5	5	6	27	24	20
Southend	18	5	4	9	27	43	19
Gillingham	20	3	6	11	25	47	15
Northampton	19	3	4	12	18	39	13
Barnet	16	1	4	11	16	39	7

Southern Merit Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Cardiff City	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Swansea City	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Luton Town	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Portsmouth	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Brentford	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wycombe	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

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Brentford2
Bristol Rovers .6
- Bristol City6
Cambridge2
- Luton5
Swansea3
- Wrexham5
Oxford3
- Biggest Home Win
Cambridge6
Rotherham1
- Reading5
Oldham0
- Millwall5
Oxford0
- Millwall6
Colchester1
- Port Vale5
Peterborough .0
- Biggest Away Win
Brentford2
Bristol Rovers .6
- Peterborough .0
Stoke4
- Consec. Wins
Walsall,
Rotherham5
- Games Unbeaten
Wigan18
- Consec. Defeats
Bury, Swansea 5
Winless Run
Bristol Rovers,
Cambridge ...12



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Div.2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	39	43	28	20	10	3				
1	50	61	37	25	7	5	2			
2	19	22	21	15	3	1				
3	9	10	9	6	4	2				
4	1	4	4							
5			1							
6			1							
7										
8										

for clubs below, read across row to right for Big Wins/Defeats and last 5 results

Grid shows the number of games ending with each result, e.g. 61 matches have been 1-1 draws and 50 games have ended a 1-0 away win.

Division 2 Ave. Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					4,092
Brentford					4,892
Bristol City					10,366
Bristol Rovers					7,385
Bury					3,324
Cambridge					4,274
Colchester					3,448
Luton					5,881
Millwall					10,760
Northampton					5,768
Notts County					5,398
Oldham					4,672
Oxford					5,056
Peterborough					6,006
Port Vale					4,364
Reading					11,839
Rotherham					5,416
Stoke					13,338
Swansea					5,549
Swindon					6,114
Walsall					5,612
Wigan					6,583
Wrexham					3,584
Wycombe					5,389

Biggest Wins & Losses

Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
4-0 Bristol City	1-3 Clch/Rth
3-0 Oxford	2-6 B Rovers
6-2 Cambridge	0-4 Col/Bmt
6-2 Brentford	1-4 Stoke
3-0 Swansea	0-4 Millwall
6-1 Roth'ham	2-6 Brstl City
4-0 Bristol City	1-6 Millwall
5-3 Swansea	0-4 Swansea
6-1 Colchester	2-3 3 clubs
2-0 4 Clubs	0-3 3 clubs
4-1 Roth'ham	1-5 Walsall
5-1 Wrexham	0-5 Reading
3-1 Nrtthmptn	0-5 Millwall
4-0 Swindon	0-5 Port Vale
5-0 Peterboro	0-4 Cmbidge
5-0 Oldham	0-4 Brstl City
3-0 5 clubs	1-6 Cmbidge
4-0 Oxfd/Stke	0-3 Walsall
4-0 Luton	1-5 Rdg/Wal
3-0 Bury/Oldh	0-4 P'boro
5-1 3 clubs	1-3 Wy/Swa
3-1 3 Clubs	1-3 Millwall
4-1 Bury	1-5 Oldham
3-1 3 Clubs	1-5 Walsall

Last 5 Home Results

LWVWWV
LWVWDV
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LVDVVD
VVWVWV
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VVWVDDV
VDVWDD
DVWLVV
VVWVWV
DVLLLV
DLVWDL
VLLWLD
DDDDV
VVWVLL
LWLVLD

Referees Report

	G	RC	YC	Av. Yell
Fletcher	22	3	103	4.68
Olivier	21	4	88	4.19
Prosser	18	7	75	4.17
Hall	25	11	100	4.00
Mathieson	25	2	99	3.96
Cooper	14	5	53	3.79
Dowd	22	8	83	3.77
Riley	10	3	37	3.70
Foy	23	5	85	3.70
Harris	9	2	33	3.67
Knight	12	5	43	3.58
Jordan	22	2	77	3.50
Ryan	18	4	63	3.50
Winter	9	0	31	3.44

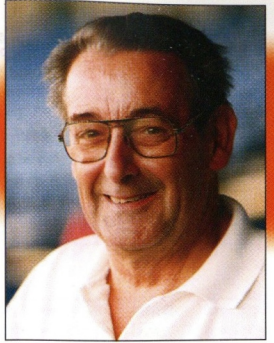
Hotshots - Div.2 Clubs' most prolific marksmen, inc. the difference their goals made

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	1stGl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Bournemouth	Defoe	14	5	10	2	0	23	0.61	1	3	2	11	10	6
Brentford	Owusu	7	2	7	0	0	25	0.28	0	2	3	7	2	6
Bristol City	Thorpe	18	3	10	1	2	35	0.51	1	2	2	9	2	5
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	10	3	6	2	0	32	0.31	1	1	4	9	3	10
Bury	Newby	5	3	3	1	0	13	0.38	0	4	0	8	1	3
Cambridge	Youngs	12	2	8	2	0	33	0.36	0	3	2	8	3	5
Colchester	Stockwell	9	2	5	2	0	39	0.23	1	1	2	7	1	16
Luton	George	5	0	5	0	0	34	0.15	0	0	1	1	2	9
Millwall	Harris	24	8	11	2	3	37	0.65	1	4	2	13	3	3
Northampton	Forrester	16	9	12	2	0	37	0.43	1	5	5	18	5	8
Notts County	Stallard	14	7	14	0	0	35	0.40	0	5	3	13	3	5
Oldham	Corazzin	8	3	4	0	1	34	0.24	0	2	0	4	1	10
Oxford	Gray	7	3	3	2	0	18	0.39	1	0	0	3	1	7
Peterborough	McKenzie	11	3	7	2	0	23	0.48	1	1	2	7	2	3
Port Vale	Naylor	10	4	6	2	0	33	0.30	0	2	1	5	2	7
Reading	Butler	19	12	12	2	1	38	0.50	1	2	3	10	5	11
Rotherham	Robins	22	6	13	3	1	35	0.63	2	5	3	19	2	2
Stoke	Thorne	16	6	7	3	1	31	0.52	1	4	2	13	3	6
Swansea	Savarese	12	2	3	3	1	24	0.50	1	0	4	7	2	6
Swindon	Invincibile	8	2	4	2	0	35	0.23	0	2	1	5	2	13
Walsall	Leitao	15	8	15	0	0	38	0.39	0	4	1	9	3	5
Wigan	Liddell	9	4	7	1	0	36	0.25	0	5	0	10	3	9
Wrexham	Trundle	7	0	4	0	1	10	0.70	1	2	0	7	5	3
Wycombe	Rammell	10	3	4	3	0	23	0.43	2	2	1	11	2	4

Numbers

PU	CS	FS
31	11	4
28	10	10
32	9	10
35	12	16
27	12	12
38	9	10
28	12	13
31	6	13
32	19	7
32	9	12
35	12	9
28	10	12
38	4	15
26	11	12
25	11	11
29	15	6
27	15	3
28	12	7
29	8	17
35	11	15
25	12	9
31	15	12
28	7	10
32	9	16

Key: GS=Goals Scored; 1st Gl=Games Scored 1st Goal; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hot-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (Ave). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals, how many games change from Win to Loss (W:L), Win to Draw (W:D), Draw to Loss (D:L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games. NUMBERS: PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Failed to Score



Second Division Scene Brian Swain

FOR the second time in four days the Town entertain promotion hopefuls this afternoon, a Stoke side with an away record not quite as impressive as Reading's, but still highly respectable. Our need for points is as great as Stoke's, who are clinging on to a play-off position after missing the chance to move up into fifth place on Tuesday when they were beaten 2-0 by Millwall at the New Den. At the other end of the table, Oxford, who come here on Tuesday, were beaten 4-3 at Bournemouth, despite two more goals by Phil Gray. Our hopes that Bristol City would do us a favour by beating Bristol Rovers at the Memorial Ground did not quite materialise as the game ended 1-1, leaving Rovers three points above the Town, and with a game in hand. Swansea lost again, at Colchester, who are now just about safe, and the Town's ability to collect plenty of points from three home games in eight days will go a long way to showing if the drop is to be avoided. It's still a difficult, but not impossible task. The need is to overcome an eight-point deficit on Cambridge

and Swindon, with two games in hand on both those clubs. Port Vale, in trouble at the turn of the year, have eased their worries considerably, and Brian Horton has been named Division Two manager of the month for his team's exploits in March - played 4, drawn 2, lost 0 in the league, and beat Stoke and Lincoln to reach the LDV Vans Trophy final at Cardiff. One place above the relegation zone just over a month ago, Port Vale consolidated 17th place on Tuesday with a 1-1 draw at home to Wrexham. Reading boss Alan Pardew left Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night reasonably content with the draw, but adding that he expected more from his side against teams at the lower end of the table, and promising they would go all out for three points today, at Cambridge. We wish him well in his endeavours! Likewise, a Northampton victory over Andy King's Swindon would be handy, provided, of course, we can see off Stoke's challenge. Their away record in the league shows seven wins, eight draws and only five defeats. They took maximum points from Bristol City, Colchester, Wrexham, Swindon, Bristol Rovers, Peterborough and Wycombe. The draws were at Reading, Port Vale, Cambridge, Northampton, Wigan, Notts County, Oxford and Brentford, and Stoke's away defeats were at Swansea, Walsall, Rotherham, Bury and Millwall.

Brian Swain

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Millwall	40	13	2	4	38	11	10	7	5	34	25	77	
Rotherham	39	14	4	3	47	25	9	4	5	25	24	77	
Reading	39	14	3	3	49	20	8	5	6	22	22	74	
Walsall	39	13	5	3	46	20	6	5	7	21	23	67	
Wigan	40	11	8	0	25	11	5	9	7	21	23	65	
Stoke	40	10	5	5	32	19	7	8	5	31	25	64	
Bristol City	40	10	6	5	43	26	6	7	6	20	23	61	
Bournemouth	39	8	6	5	31	21	7	6	7	35	28	57	
Notts County	38	8	5	5	31	25	7	5	8	19	29	55	
Bury	40	10	5	5	24	19	5	4	11	16	29	54	
Northampton	39	8	6	5	24	21	6	5	9	19	27	53	
Colchester	39	9	4	8	28	20	5	5	8	19	27	51	
Wrexham	38	8	4	7	26	24	6	5	8	29	35	51	
Brentford	37	8	7	3	26	23	4	7	8	16	28	50	
Peterborough	38	10	5	4	32	23	2	7	10	17	32	48	
Oldham	40	10	5	6	33	24	2	7	10	15	33	48	
Port Vale	36	7	8	4	31	17	5	3	9	12	23	47	
Wycombe	37	8	4	8	22	21	4	6	7	14	22	46	
Cambridge	39	7	5	7	27	22	5	3	12	24	43	44	
Swindon	39	5	7	8	26	31	6	4	9	15	25	44	
Bristol Rov	36	2	10	4	13	17	6	5	9	24	27	39	
Luton Town	37	5	3	9	20	28	4	6	10	24	37	36	
Swansea	37	3	7	7	15	19	3	4	13	20	44	29	
Oxford Utd	38	4	3	12	19	29	2	1	16	24	54	22	

Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

- Bristol Rovers v Swansea
- Bury v Bristol City
- Cambridge v Reading
- Millwall v Rotherham
- Notts County v Colchester
- Oxford v Oldham
- Port Vale v Walsall
- Swindon v Northampton
- Wigan v Brentford
- Wrexham v Peterborough

NEXT WEEK'S CRUNCH GAMES

- Monday: Port Vale v Bristol Rovers
- Tuesday: Swansea v Wycombe
- Brentford v Swindon
- Luton v Oxford

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	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attnd.	Team
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H 3pm 0-1		-	7,059	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A 3pm 1-2	Watts	-	6,518	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
AUGUST	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H 7.45pm 0-0		-	3,175	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H 3pm 1-0	Spring pen	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm 1-1	Kandol	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm 1-1	Fotiadis	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm 2-2	Stein, Scarlett	17	4,286	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Town	H 3pm 0-2		19	6,712	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H 7.45pm 0-0		19	4,362	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A 3pm 0-4		20	6,011	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A 7.45pm 0-3		20	24,668	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H 3pm 2-3	Stein, George	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm 1-2	Kandol	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm 3-3	Kandol 2, George	22	7,901	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H 12pm 0-1		22	5,345	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm 1-2	Stein	23	6,191	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A 7.45pm 0-0		23	4,537	Abbey Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H 3pm 3-1	Douglas 2, Spring pen	23	5,382	Abbey Boyce Watts George Locke
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm 3-4	Stein, Watts, George	23	5,341	Abbey Boyce Watts George Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm 1-1	Helin	23	2,861	Abbey Boyce Watts George Karlsen
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm 0-3		23	6,595	Abbey Boyce McGowan George Karlsen
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm 1-0	George	23	5,771	Abbey Boyce Fraser Watts Karlsen
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm 0-3		23	4,194	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Watts Karlsen
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm 3-1	McLaren, Thomson 2	23	12,389	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Locke
DECEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough LDVT1	A 7.45 0-1		23	2,075	Ovendale Ayres Karlsen Fraser Locke
DECEMBER	Sat 9	Darlington FAC2	A 3pm 0-0		23	3,641	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Locke
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H 3pm 0-3		23	4,791	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Locke
DECEMBER	Tue 19	Darlington FAC2R	H 7.45 2-0	Nogan, McLaren	23	3,563	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Fotiadis
DECEMBER	Tue 23	Reading	A 3pm 1-4	Nogan	23	10,771	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Boyce Fotiadis
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H 1pm 3-2	Spring, Holmes, Boyce	23	7,374	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Fraser Holmes
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Wigan	H 3pm 0-2		23	5,322	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser Holmes
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A 3pm 2-3	Fotiadis, Locke	23	5,411	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser Holmes
JANUARY	Sat 6	QPR FAC3	H 3pm 3-3	Fotiadis, George, Douglas	23	8,677	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser George
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H 7.45pm 1-2	Locke	23	4,551	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser George
JANUARY	Wed 17	QPR FAC3R	A 8pm 1-2aet	Mansell	23	14,395	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Fraser Karlsen
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A 7.45pm 0-2		23	3,011	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Boyce Karlsen
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Town	A 3pm 1-0	Douglas	23	6,633	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 13	Notts County	A 7.45pm 3-1	Boyce, George, Fotiadis	23	4,333	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City	H 3pm 5-3	Mansell 2, Douglas, Rowland, George	22	7,085	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm 1-3	Spring	22	4,816	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm 3-1	Rowland, Boyce, Mansell	22	7,160	Ovendale Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H 3pm 0-0		22	7,405	Abbey Boyce Watts Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm 1-0	Taylor	22	6,370	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Sat 10	Millwall	A 3pm 0-1		22	11,691	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Tue 27	Peterborough	A 7.45pm 1-1	Mansell	22	5,425	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A 3pm 1-3	Howard pen	22	4,271	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
APRIL	Tue 3	Reading	H 7.45pm 1-1	OG(Harper)	22	6,132	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City	H 3pm				
APRIL	Tue 10	Oxford Utd	H 7.45pm				
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H 3pm				
APRIL	Mon 16	Wrexham	A 3pm				
APRIL	Sat 21	Bury	H 3pm				
APRIL	Tue 24	Rotherham Utd	H 7.45pm				
APRIL	Sat 28	Bristol City	A 3pm				
MAY	Thur 3	Brentford	A 7.45pm				
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H 3pm				

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	Taylor	Spring	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes for Locke 57, Fraser for Watts 78. Unused: Stirling, Brennan, Abbey	
	Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for Johnson HT, Scarlett for Locke 73, Brennan for Holmes 83. Unused: Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for Fotiadis 81. Unused: Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey	
	Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 57, Locke for Holmes 86. Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81. Unused: Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandol for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72; Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.	
	Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Mc Gowan for Fraser HT; Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79. Unused: Brennan, Abbey	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey	
	Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79. Unused: Locke, Thomson, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Brietenfelder	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for McLaren 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins. Unused: Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Baptiste for Douglas 75 mins; Holmes for George 80 mins. Unused: McGowan, Breitenfelder, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 44 mins; Baptiste for Stein 74 mins. Unused: Watts, Locke, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Stein	Thomson for Stein 73 mins. Unused: McGowan, Locke, Fotiadis, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Nogan 74 mins; Fraser for Helin 77 mins. Unused: Locke, Scarlett, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Thomson	Fotiadis for Thomson 89 mins; Karlsen for George 90 mins. Unused: Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Thomson	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	George	Thomson	All unused: Stein, Nogan, Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Locke 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Holmes, Fraser, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Boyce for Watts 68 mins; Locke for Spring 86 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Fraser, Ovendale	
	Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fraser for Johnson 23 mins; Locke for McLaren 52 mins; Baptiste for George 82 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Ovendale	
	Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Scarlett for Holmes 75 mins; Kandol for Nogan 76 mins. Unused: Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale	
	Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Thomson for Holmes 59 mins; Stein for Nogan 75 mins. Unused: Breitenfelder, Stirling, Abbey	
	Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Stirling for Watts 38 mins; Breitenfelder for Fraser 74 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 80 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Abbey	
	Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Douglas for Fotiadis 70 mins; Stirling for Helin 79 mins. Unused: Holmes, Kandol, Abbey	
	Holmes	Mansell	Spring	Nogan	Fotiadis	Douglas	Kandol for Thomson 71 mins; Scarlett for Breitenfelder 78 mins; Stirling for Boyce 83 mins. Unused: Holmes, Ward	
	Holmes	Mansell	Spring	Nogan	Fotiadis	Douglas	Stirling for Fraser 4 mins; Stein for Douglas 65 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Abbey, George	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Thomson for Nogan HT; George for Holmes 55 mins; Stein for Fotiadis 78 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stirling	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 86 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stein, Holmes, Breitenfelder	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Kandol for Douglas 59 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 78 mins. Unused: Abbey, Holmes, Breitenfelder	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 65 mins; Locke for Rowland 89 mins. Unused: Abbey, Thomson, Breitenfelder	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Locke for Mansell 19 mins; Fotiadis for George HT; Thomson for Douglas HT. Unused: Abbey, Breitenfelder	
	Taylor	McLaren	Locke	Helin	George	Stein	Stein for Fotiadis 12 mins; Mansell for Locke 65 mins; Thomson for Stein 85 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stirling	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Douglas for Stein 66 mins; Stirling for McLaren 80 mins. Unused: Fotiadis, Thomson, Ward	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas HT; Watts for Rowland HT; Stein for Fotiadis 84 mins. Unused: Stirling, Ward	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Howard	Fotiadis for Douglas 65 mins; Watts for Dryden 82 mins; Stein for Mansell 82 mins. Unused: Stirling, Ward	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Howard	Stein for George 73 mins. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Douglas, Ovendale	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	Stein	Howard	Douglas for Rowland HT. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Shepherd, Ovendale	
	Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	Stein	Howard	Douglas for Stein 72 mins; George for Rowland 81 mins. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Ovendale	

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3 CLIVE CLARKE

PETRI HELIN 30

23 WAYNE THOMAS

MATTHEW TAYLOR 15

6 BRYNJAR GUNNARSSON

MATTHEW SPRING 4

7 BJARNI GUDJONSSON

PAUL McLAREN 8

8 GRAHAM KAVANAGH

LEE MANSELL 32

17 JAMES O'CONNOR

KEITH ROWLAND 39

19 STEFAN THORDARSON

STEVE HOWARD 34

9 PETER THORNE

MARK STEIN 10

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