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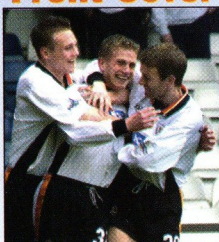
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Front Cover



The best of times: Matthew Taylor, Lee Mansell and Keith Rowland enjoy the moment as the Town take the lead against Stoke on Saturday. But it went wrong after that, and we were beaten 2-1 by the promotion-chasing visitors.

Inside Forward

WITH all his efforts concentrated on organising the Town's fight to move up the league table, manager Joe Kinnear has delayed making public announcements about players who might be leaving Kenilworth Road at the end of the season.

But he has spoken to half a dozen on the fringe of the first team squad, and we can expect at least that number of departures.

"I am making offers to certain players, and not to others," he said. "I have a hit list of players I want to bring in, and will be talking to the chairman and the board within a few days about my ideas to take the club forward.

"At least half a dozen currently on the staff will not be here next season. I know in my own mind who I want and who I don't want, and I know who I want to replace those who go. I am talking here of fringe players - our reserve squad is not good enough, in my view."

The boss draws on experience to guide him. At Wimbledon, he said, he had a first team pool of 20 players, and he would like to match that at Kenilworth Road. His judgement is that he has 14 or 15 genuine first team men, so he wants to get five or six more. Some, he said, might come up through the youth ranks, as Lee Mansell has done so effectively this season. In a perfect world, said the boss, he would hope that the Town could produce a quarter of his 20 first team pool from within its own resources.

Stay With Us, Macca!

ONE player the boss does want to keep is Paul McLaren, who shortly faces a major decision as he considers what might be best for his career. If he wants to, he can leave the club where he has grown up, and the Town will receive no fee because at 24 he qualifies for a Bosman move if he chooses to reject the Town's terms.

Cardiff City, going well for promotion from Division Three, are persistently said to be very keen on signing a player who has been one of the Town's most consistent performers ever since he became a regular in the first team three years ago. Ironically, Joe Kinnear played a part in giving McLaren his chance - the boss bought Ceri Hughes for Wimbledon in the summer of 1997, creating the vacancy in the Town side which McLaren has since filled with great distinction.

He has proved to be versatile as well, operating in central defence recently, and it is hardly surprising that other clubs might well be interested in recruiting him. McLaren has options to consider, and has no reason to make a decision hurriedly.

But the manager said: "I want him here. He's a very good player, and in view of our future plans and hopes, I think he would be well advised to stick with us. I have said before that I am here because I share the board's vision for a bright future for this club. I hope Macca will stay with us, and play his part in that future."

Willing Workers

FINDING somewhere to train has been a major headache for the Town in recent weeks, with their usual facility at Luton Rugby Club ankle deep in mud, and the Kenilworth Road pitch needing to be nursed very carefully to keep it fit for league football.

The artificial pitch at Vauxhall has been of some help, but Mark Stein isn't so sure about that. The striker's absence from the team to Colchester, when he had been pencilled in for a return, was explained by the fact that a training session two days before the game was held on the plastic pitch, during which Stein fell awkwardly, and was ruled out for a few more days by the resulting ankle injury.

Fortunately, with the Town on a long run of two games a week, training is not a big problem. "It's a case of keeping them ticking over," said the manager.

"But our players are keen to train, and in some cases a little too keen. We have cut

down the normal workload, but some pleaded to be allowed to stay longer and put in extra training."

Care is taken to ensure players are not over-trained, and one day last week the routine was much different from the norm - they were taken for a long walk around Stockwood Park, and then went to the Fitness First centre for a little gym work and some pampering, including sauna and massage.

Bank Holiday Travel

AFTER our run of four consecutive home games ends with Saturday's match against Oldham, the Town are away 48 hours later, at Wrexham on Easter Monday. As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will be offering coach services for supporters, and full details will be in Saturday's programme. But we thought you might like to book early, in which case visit the kiosks of Luton Town Supporters Club or the Bobbers Travel Club in Kenilworth Road this evening. Kick-off time at Wrexham will be 3pm.

Is This Your Cash?

THE Golden Gamble lottery run at every home match has now paid out winnings of over £10,000. But somewhere in Luton is a supporter who should have £615 of it. We are still seeking the winner from the Bristol Rovers match. Please see page 15 for more details.

Marathon Appeal

WITH less than a fortnight to go, Town fan Lynda Smith is well on the way to completing preparations for her first-ever marathon. She will be carrying our colours in the Flora London Marathon on Sunday April 22, and we invite supporters to help her raise money for the Keech Cottage, the local hospice for children.

You can pledge any amount, and all sponsorship promises will be acknowledged in the matchday magazine.

Please make your cheque payable to Keech Cottage, and send it, with the coupon or a copy of it, to: Marathon Appeal, Commercial Department, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1, Maple Road, Luton, Beds LU4 8AW.

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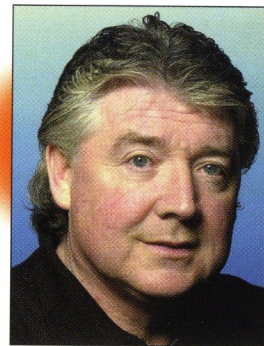
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The Manager Joe Kinnear

THERE was huge disappointment in our dressing room after Saturday's tough game against Stoke - not just because of the result, but because we felt we had put enough into the game to deserve some reward from it. I felt sorry for the players, but it was one of those days when things would not go our way.

We could so easily have had a draw at least, against a good side who were determined to do well because of their promotion aspirations. Once more, we proved that we are not that far short of one of the division's top teams, but obviously we have a real battle on our hands now to stay in this division.

It's frustrating to know how close we were to play-off opposition: we got the all-important early goal, and they were a touch lucky with an equaliser that went in off Matthew Taylor.

I know it was a good striker for Stoke's winning goal, but we were at fault for allowing him the time to shoot. We had cleared a free kick, but failed to follow up smartly and close him down before he hit his volley.

In the second half we had two very good chances, an early far post header, and a late one-on-one when you would normally have backed Liam George to stick that one away. And we were convinced the referee made a bad mistake when Stuart Douglas was sent sprawling in the box. Not only I felt it was a clear penalty - so did the Stoke people.

It is always said that luck balances itself out over a season, and perhaps it will. But the size of the task facing us is very clear. Our recent run, after a very good February, has not been good enough, and now we need to win six of our final eight games.

Difficult, yes, but not impossible, and we have to believe in ourselves. If it's possible, go for it. We all have professional pride, and now is the time for every player in the squad to stand up tall, and do a professional job.

We have 24 points to play for. We still have

two games in hand on Cambridge and Swindon, and I bet they are getting jittery as the pressure mounts. Our season is not over yet, not by a long chalk. There is no question of throwing in the towel, just a realisation that we now have to embark on our best run of the campaign to get out of trouble. I look at our remaining fixtures, and look for six of the eight we can win. It looks as though Rotherham and Bristol City will be the only opponents with vital points to play for. But you can't work out the psychology in advance: by the time we meet those two, they could easily be feeling the pressure to the point where the nerves jangle and confidence droops.

Equally, when teams know their fate is already settled, they tend to be in a nice relaxed frame of mind, which can work for you, or against you. It is possible to relax too much, but the lack of pressure ought to have a positive effect. We will see just how it works out this evening, and I am pleased to welcome my old friends from Oxford to Kenilworth Road. They have had a season of struggle, and are already relegated.

As you probably know, I had a short spell as a freelance director of football at the Manor Ground earlier this season. They have got some good professionals and doubtless will see tonight's game as an excellent opportunity to prove it. I am sure they will give it their best shot, and you won't need me to tell you that I rate Phil Gray highly for his experience and sharpness in the box. I was pleased to persuade him to join Oxford, but I hope we don't allow him to make us suffer for it today!

We go into the game feeling positive, and with belief in ourselves. We will have to more than match the opposition in terms of effort and commitment. If we do that and work hard, I believe we will win.

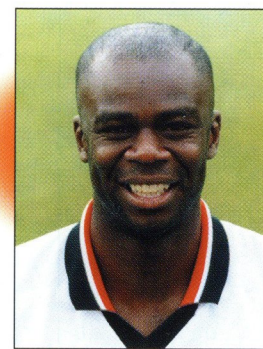
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Joe Kinnear

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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	19	0	3	0	22	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	34	4	2(1)	0	40(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(4)	0	1(1)	0	12(5)	4	0	1	5
Richard Dryden	12	0	0	0	12	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(6)	3(1)	4	0	36(7)	5	0	2	7
Petri Helin	21	0	3	1	25	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	12(6)	2(1)	1	0	15(7)	1	0	0	1
Steve Howard	4	0	0	0	4	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	11(1)	0	1	0	12(1)	5	0	1	6
Gavin McGowan	5(1)	0	1	0	6(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	27	4	3	1	35	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	7	0	3	0(1)	10(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	19	4	2	1	26	0	0	0	0
Keith Rowland	12	0	0	0	12	2	0	0	2
Andre Scarlett	5(4)	2	0(1)	0	7(5)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	35	4	5	1	45	4(2p)	0	0	4(2p)
Mark Stein	19(7)	3	1(1)	0(1)	23(9)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	5(3)	0	0(2)	0	5(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	37	4	4	1	46	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

WE SEEM to have a bit of a job on our hands as we prepare

to welcome old friends to Kenilworth Road tonight. An awful lot hangs on our final games of the season, and certainly we cannot afford to lose any more home games.

I was very disappointed for the lads on Saturday. I know Stoke are a pretty good side, and look set for the play-offs, but we felt they were very lucky to go home with all three points. They were well organised, and have a lot of good players, but in everything bar the all-important matter of scoring goals we matched them, and we all think the referee got it wrong when he refused us a penalty.

Stuart Douglas was adamant that he had been fouled, in a position where he fancied his chances of scoring. He was still going on about it after the game ended, and knowing Duggie you can be sure he was right about what happened. I hear some of the Stoke players were highly relieved when the ref waved play on because they too thought it was a penalty.

I've been in the game long enough to know that you do not always get what you deserve in 90 minutes, and whatever the rights and wrongs of the penalty decision we had a couple of chances to get another goal and take a point at least.

My disappointment was that we were not able to hold on to the lead. Lee Mansell has been a revelation since he came into the side, and he took his goal with tremendous composure. We knew that Stoke would have a real go at us after that, and although there was an element of luck about their equaliser they certainly set us a few problems.

I thought we handled them pretty well, and it says something about our abilities when a team like Stoke start the second half with a very defensive formation. They could easily have paid dearly for that tactic, but luck was on their side

as our best efforts went close, but not close enough.

Inevitably we were looking at the other results as they came in, but my view is that we should ignore them, and concentrate everything on our performances. Other teams' results mean nothing unless you are tucking away points, and we know that we have to go on a real winning streak to get out of the bottom four.

Relegation would be a crushing blow, and we want to do everything possible to avoid it. We need four or five wins on the bounce, and Luton Town has done that, and more, in the past. It's possible, and we must give everything to make it happen. You certainly do not give up, and we definitely haven't done that.

I was sorry for my old mate Tippy Gray to hear that Oxford had been relegated after their narrow home defeat to Oldham on Saturday. He and I go back a long time - we first met as teenagers, opponents when he was playing for Spurs reserves. I was well pleased when he first signed for Luton, because I already had a lot of respect for him. We always got on well together, and are still close friends.

He is one of the most consistent marksmen in the game, and we will have our work cut out to keep him quiet. We will also be pleased to welcome back Darren Patterson. I have kept in contact with him since he left Luton, although it cost me when he was in Scotland - he might be Irish but he was a touch Scottish about taking his turn to make and pay for the phone call!

I look forward to meeting Tippy and Patty, but first I desperately want to see us win. Oxford now have nothing to worry about, which might make our task a little more difficult this evening. They will be building for next season, and professional pride, and the hope of earning new contracts, all comes into the equation. The same applies to us: we're in with a chance of survival, and we must keep that hope alive tonight.

Marvin Johnson



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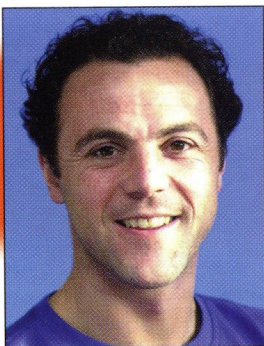
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Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

SATURDAY'S game against Stoke was quite demanding physically, and Nathan Abbey, Keith Rowland and Stuart Douglas all suffered knocks. I don't think they are too serious, although this column had to be written before I had another look at them yesterday.

The goalkeeper took a mighty tumble when he jumped above a Stoke striker, who upended him and caused a fall which could have been worse than it was. Abbey was able to continue after treatment, and I had another look at him on Saturday evening. Not surprisingly, he had a sore neck, and he was sent home with a list of exercises to do. The early indications were that the trouble should clear up quickly, and that Abbey will be available for selection again this evening.

The same verdict goes for Stuart Douglas, who had treatment for a groin strain, which was also the problem for Keith Rowland. The midfielder has been feeling a little niggling groin strain for some time, never serious enough to stop him

playing, but in need of careful monitoring. He was due in early yesterday for treatment, after which I hoped to be able to give him the all-clear. The rest of the treatment room's current routine is the ongoing work with Marvin Johnson, Stuart Fraser, Kent Karlsen and Andrew Fotiadis. The club captain is very optimistic about being match fit in time to play a part in the final games of the season. He has every chance of being in full training this week, after his calf muscle injury, and he might possibly be all right for Thursday's reserves game, at Brache Sparta in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

If all goes well with Kent Karlsen, he too has every hope of being in full training before the end of the week, following his knee ligament injury, but I am afraid Andrew Fotiadis will have to wait a little while longer.

His groin strain is improving only slowly, and we are working closely with the specialist to try to nurse him back to full fitness.

Bruce Sewell



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

AS THE rush of matches continues because of postponements earlier in the season, we have found ourselves with yet another fixture to re-arrange as the weather struck again last week. Our reserves were due to be away to Northampton in the Avon Insurance Combination last Wednesday, but the Sixfields pitch was ruled unplayable after heavy rain, and at the time of writing we were still trying to sort out a new date with Northampton. It will, of course, be notified in the programme as soon as possible.

We are all keeping our fingers crossed that Thursday's local derby in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup can go ahead. As usual in this competition we will field a team drawn from our reserve and youth team squads to meet our friends at Brache Sparta, our nearest football club neighbours. The game is at their Foxdell ground, at the far end of Dallow Road, and - weather permitting! - kick-off will be at 7.45pm.

We have good relationships with local football, and matches like this help to keep up those friendships, and if supporters go to the Brache Sparta game I am sure they will be given a warm welcome.

The run of home games continues on Saturday, against Oldham, and then, after the Easter Monday fixture at Wrexham, Bury are the next visitors, and I would like to remind you again about our "kid a quid" offer for that match. Those tickets are still on offer, but are subject to availability, and in any event only until the ticket office closes at 6pm on the day before the game.

I would like to put on record my appreciation of the efforts made by all the backroom staff at the club during the current rush of home matches. I don't think I can ever remember a run of four consecutive home games in 12 days, and it has meant that a lot of staff have been under greater pressure than usual to ensure things go smoothly. As a Football Club, we are also appreciative of the tremendous support we have received recently - attendances have been good, and the manager and players have commented on how much they have appreciated the vocal backing in the stadium.

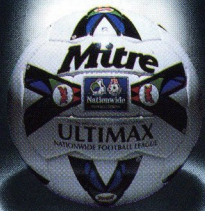
Finally, we have a few vacancies for stewards, to work in our executive areas, and if you think you might like the job, please give me a ring on Luton 411622, or contact me via e-mail, at the address at the foot of this page.

Cherry Newbery



We have already reported our decision to hand over our share of the Charity Shield income to our two local hospices, and it was a pleasure to present the cheques before last week's game. They were for a total of £7,620 and Jack Sapsworth, trustee of the Pasque Hospice and the Keech Cottage Hospice, is pictured accepting the donations from Luton Town director Cliff Bassett.

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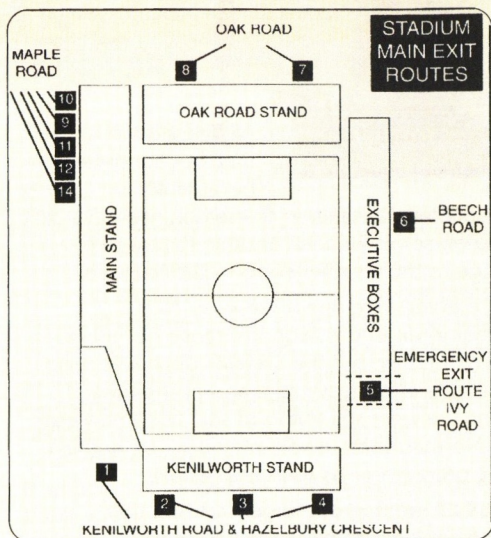
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.

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Wrexham v Luton Town

Easter Monday - April 16, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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Prices: Adults £13, seniors and juniors £8.



Luton Town v Bury

Saturday April 21, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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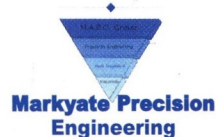
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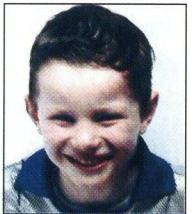
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WE ARE very pleased this evening to welcome back a lot of old friends, match sponsors Intasport and their guests. The company has long been among our most loyal supporters. They were due to be here when the Oxford game was scheduled last month, but called off because of a waterlogged pitch. Happily, they and their guests are able to keep the date this evening. Intasport are based in Stafford, but count a lot of local companies among their regular customers. Intasport is an energetic hospitality and sports promotion company, with a well-earned reputation as publishers of fixtures charts, year planners, and brochures for sports clubs. Their growing client list recently had the England and Wales Cricket Board added to it. Intasport are here today with guests from local companies who have supported their production of year planners, and we hope they all have an enjoyable evening at Kenilworth Road. Tonights matchball sponsors are Instant Business Ltd, one of the UK's leading E-Business specialists who have helped organisations at a local, national and international level to get the maximum benefit from the web. If you feel your business is not making the most of the web but don't know what to do about it, then contact Instant Business Ltd. The team can provide you with an instant appraisal of your website. The Bristol and Luton based firm has supported Luton Town FC from the very beginning, ensuring that the fans get an unrivalled web service 24 hours a day. If your business is looking for help, from email to extranet, you need to talk to

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FIVE-year-old James Beesley is in for a treat this evening. He is our commercial mascot, enjoying a VIP day out before, during and after the match.



He comes from Cheney's Walk, Bletchley, and is already a regular Luton supporter, coming to games with his dad Lee.

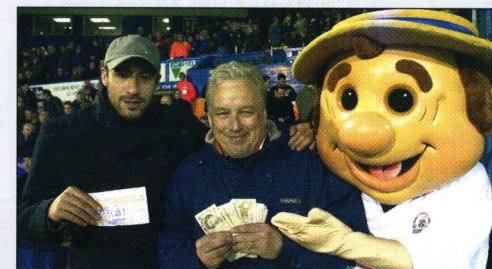
But tonight James is much more than a spectator, because he is part of the entertainment. He goes behind the scenes during the build-up to the game, meets the players in the dressing room, and goes out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities. James attends Wellsmead First School, Bletchley, and as well as supporting Luton he enjoys most sports, particularly cricket, darts and rugby. With luck he will meet his favourites players, Liam George and Mark Ovendale.

John Bailey

WE still have £615 to give away to a lucky supporter, the jackpot in the Golden Gamble lottery at the Bristol Rovers match. Unusually the money was not claimed on the day. The winning ticket number was 20492, and we believe it was sold in the Eric Morecambe Suite, or in the main stand. The owner of the winning ticket is invited to call the commercial department on Luton 411622 to make arrangements to collect the prize.

Golden Gamble

RICHARD Abbott had every reason to look happy when he was pictured on the pitch during the interval at the Reading game - he had just picked up £415 in readies.



It was the Golden Gamble jackpot, and the winning ticket cost Mr Abbott, from St. Peter's Close, Flitwick, only £1. Also in the picture, with Happy Harry, is striker Peter Thomson, who pulled the winning ticket out of the drum.

Mr Abbott was the 22nd winner of the season so far, and the prize money has totalled £10,290, an average of £4608 per game.

Sellers will be around the ground again this evening, 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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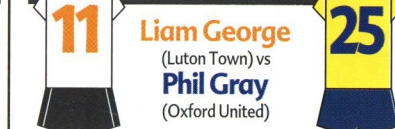
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How



Top League Scorers



44 in 37 games Team Goals 43 in 38 games
1.19 goals Ratio per Game 1.13 goals

5 in 34 games Player's Goals 7 in 18 games
0.15 goals Ratio per Game 0.39 goals

5	Games Scored In	5
0	Games Scored 1st Goal	3
5	Games Scored 1 Goal	3
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	2
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

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

SCORING SEQUENCES
Consecutive Games Scored
2 Games 0
0 0
2 games Maximum Scoring Run 1 game

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING
1 2 Games 2
1 3 Games 1
6 4 Games 1
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 7 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								

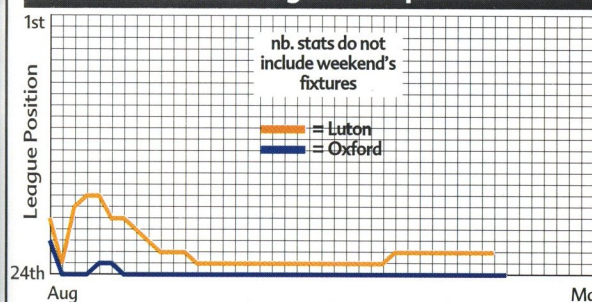
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have drawn 5 games 1-1

The U's' Results

OXFORD GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	2						
1	6	2	2	1				
2	3	3						
3	2	3	4	1				
4	1	1	3					
5	1		1					
6								
7								

eg. Oxford have lost 6 games 0-1 and lost 4 games 2-3

Seasonal Progress Comparison



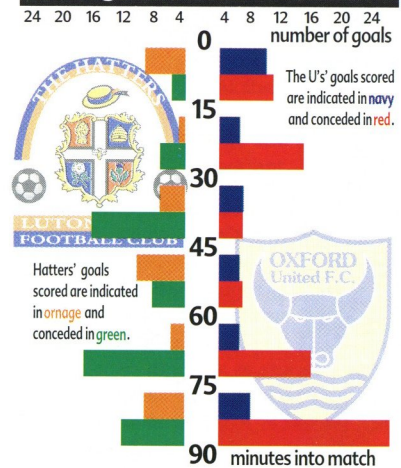
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Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

76 mins	All Goals for	80 mins
77 mins	Home Goals For	90 mins
75 mins	Away Goals For	71 mins
51 mins	All Goals Against	41 mins
55 mins	Home Goals Against	59 mins
49 mins	Away Goals Against	32 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 ...4-2
At The Manor1-0
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. Defeats4
The U's' Season records:
Home Win....3-1 Northampton
Away Win....2-1 Swansea
.....1-0 Northampton
Home Defeat...0-2 Wigan
0-2 Millwall, 0-2 Swindon
Away Defeat.0-5 Millwall
Consec. Wins.....0
Consec. Defeats4

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : WWLWDWLSLS F 16 A 14 Pts 15
The U's : LSLDLLWLWL F 13 A 21 Pts 8
Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Oxford United's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave	Att
90/91	2	4	4	Simpson	17	5,779	
91/92	2	4	2	Magilton	12	5,672	
92/93	1	3	2	Durnin/Magilton	11	6,357	
93/94	1	5	2	Moody	8	6,877	
94/95	2	1	2	Moody	20	6,148	
95/96	2	4	2	Moody	17	5,876	
96/97	1	3	4	Jemson	18	7,608	
97/98	1	3	4	Beauchamp	13	7,488	
98/99	1	4	1	Windass	15	7,040	
99/00	2	3	3	Murphy	11	5,790	



Tonight's Visitors

Oxford United



DAVID KEMP - MANAGER

Mr Kemp born in Harrow, enjoyed success as a player with Crystal Palace, Portsmouth, Carlisle and Plymouth Argyle. A prolific striker throughout his career, he scored an incredible 106 goals in 249 appearances as a professional.

A highly successful coaching and managerial career followed which started as Assistant to Bobby Gould at Wimbledon when they were in the old First Division/Premier League.

He took over as manager at Plymouth Argyle, successfully keeping them in the First Division. A spell as manager at Slough Town followed before he returned to one of his old playing clubs, Crystal Palace as Assistant Manager. This was a highly successful period for the Eagles including winning the First Division Championship and both FA Cup and League Cup semi-final.

A short spell as Assistant to Alan Smith at Wycombe Wanderers followed plus a short spell at Millwall before David returned to his starting point at Wimbledon. Working alongside Joe Kinnear. A move to Portsmouth as First Team Coach was the next step where David worked with Tony Pulis.

MIKE FORD - YOUTH TEAM COACH

Mike Ford served the club as player, captain and now youth/reserve team coach. Mike originally joined United in 1988 from Cardiff City and his fully committed performances saw him quickly become a firm favourite with the crowd. He was the natural choice to become club captain in January 1994 following the departure of Jim Magilton - a position he held until his return to Cardiff City in 1998. After ten years loyal service at the Manor, Mike was granted a testimonial, but it wasn't until May 2000 that the game against a Manchester United XI was played. After two years at Ninian Park, Mike announced he was ending his playing career and was hoping to launch a career in coaching. Denis Smith, having known "Fordy's" motivational skills from first hand experience, had no hesitation in giving Mike his first coaching role, and it is a role that Mike will undoubtedly relish.

NO.1 - RICHARD KNIGHT - GOALKEEPER

Date of Birth: 8-3-79

Place of Birth: Burton, Derbyshire

Richard originally joined United on loan in January last season from Derby County. He returned to Derby after his initial month, but was soon back. Richard's form was a key factor in United's successful battle against relegation and after being released by Derby County at the end of the season, Denis Smith moved quickly to ensure that the promising young keeper remained at the Manor on a permanent basis.

NO.16 - ROBERT FOLLAND - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 16-9-79

Place of Birth: Swansea, South Wales

Rob is a product of the Club's youth team. He made his League debut as a substitute against Ipswich Town in October 1997 and he is also a Welsh Under-21 International. He started his career as a striker but was used as a winger prior to the start of last season. An injury crisis at the Club at the start of the season gave Rob his first start in the League against Oldham Athletic as a right wing-back and his performances in that position made him a regular on the first team sheet. He scored his first League goal in the 2-1 victory against Reading live on Sky TV in November 1999.

NO.22 - WAYNE HATSWELL - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 8-2-75

Place of Birth: Swindon

Wayne joined Oxford United from Conference Club Forest Green Rovers. He joined Forest Green Rovers from Cinderford Town after previously playing for Witney Town and Trowbridge Town. A string of impressive performances this season attracted a number of league scouts to The Lawn but Oxford acted quickly to secure his services. As well as being a strong left sided central defender he also likes to get into the opposing box.

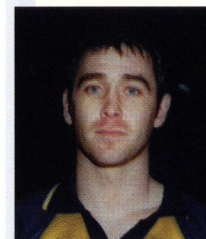
NO.33 - ANDY LINIGAN - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 18-6-62

Place of Birth: Hartlepool

Andy joined the Club after being released by Crystal Palace in October 2000. He started his career with Hartlepool in 1980 before moving to Leeds United for £200,000 in 1984. Andy moved on after two years to Oldham Athletic before moving to Norwich

in 1988. His big move came in 1990 when Arsenal paid £1,25m for his services and he went on to make over 100 appearances for the Gunners. The highlight of Andy's career to date must be his scoring of the winning goal for Arsenal in the 1993 FA Cup Final Replay against Sheffield Wednesday. Andy moved on to Crystal Palace in 1997 for £150,000 making 110 full appearances plus another seven on loan at QPR.



NO 35 - DARREN PATTERSON - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 15-10-69

Place of Birth: Belfast

Northern Ireland Centre Half Darren Patterson signed for Oxford United from York City where he was on a short term deal. He was appointed Team

Captain on his arrival and scored a goal on his home debut. Thirty one year old Darren, a Belfast boy and Northern Ireland team mate of Phil Gray, started as a Youth Trainee at WBA where he signed as a professional. Failing to win a first team place, he moved on to Wigan Athletic where he made 97 appearances, scoring six goals. Darren has won 20 full caps for Northern Ireland and scored the winning goal against Switzerland. Darren's next move was to Crystal Palace for whom he made 22 appearances and scored one goal. A move to Luton Town followed where Darren notched up nearly 60 appearances before he travelled across the border to play for Dundee United for whom he played before joining York City.

NO.3 - PAUL POWELL - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 30-6-78

Place of Birth: Wallingford, Oxfordshire

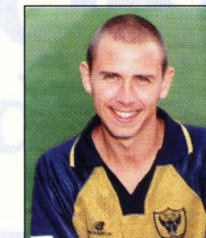
Paul came through the youth ranks at Oxford United and signed professional following a very successful time as a trainee. It was no surprise when he was awarded the 1996 'young player of the year' award. He has appeared in a variety of positions on the left side of defence and midfield and it is going forward where Paul is most effective. Paul made his debut whilst still a trainee against Barnet in the Auto Windscreen Shield in November 1995 and this was quickly followed by his League debut against Chesterfield that same season. Two years later he was called up to the England Under 21 squad for the Toulon Tournament, but failed to make an appearance due to illness. Paul's progress in the first team has been spectacular and he has now made over 100 appearances. He was second top scorer last season with 12 goals in all competitions - an amazing achievement considering he spent most of last year playing left back. His blistering pace and skill on the ball has certainly caught the eye and he was voted 'supporters player of the season' last year.

NO.5 - JON RICHARDSON - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 25-8-75

Place of Birth: Nottingham

Jon joined United a week before the start of the season for a nominal fee from Exeter City. Despite only being 24, he had played over 250 games for Exeter and was made Captain at the age of 21, a position he held until he signed here at the Manor. A centre back with a lot of pace, he also has natural leadership qualities that will be important.



NO 2 - JOHN ROBERTSON - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 28-3-76

Place of Birth: Irvine, Scotland
John joined Oxford in the summer after catching the eye whilst playing for Ayr United. Still only 24 John started his career at Stranraer in 1994

before moving to Ayr United in 1997. He is a tough tackling right back who also likes to get forward and join attacks. Denis moved in quickly to capture the signature of Robertson who was attracting interests from several other clubs before he agreed to come to the Manor.

NO.17 - JON SHEPHEARD - DEFENDER

Date of Birth: 31-3-81

Place of Birth: Oxford

Jon is a young defender who is another to come through the youth team. His performances for the youth and reserve teams were sufficient to impress former manager Malcolm Shotton into awarding the youngster his first professional contract at the beginning of last season. He can play at either centre or left back and after Denis Smith extended his contract at the beginning of this season, Jon will be keen to break into the first team on a more regular basis.

NO.11 - JOEY BEAUCHAMP - MIDFIELDER

Date of Birth: 13-3-71

Place of Birth: Oxford

Joey made his debut for Oxford United as a substitute on the last day of the 1988/99 season. He went on to make 117 League appearances and was undoubtedly the diamond in the side before joining West Ham United at the end of the 1993/94 season for nearly £1 million. His stay in East London was brief and he did not make a first team appearance for the Hammers as he failed to settle and soon joined Swindon Town. In October 1995 just 15 months after originally leaving he returned to the Manor for a cut price £75,000 and has now made over 330 appearances in his two spells at the Manor.

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NO.4 - PETER FEAR - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 10-9-73**Place of Birth:** Sutton, Surrey

Peter joined Wimbledon as a trainee and was awarded a professional contract in 1992. The former England Under-21 International remained at Wimbledon until his free transfer under the Bosman ruling to Oxford United in July 1999. His first season at the Manor was dogged by injury, but everyone will be hoping that a fully fit Peter Fear will play a key role in this campaign.

NO.18 - CHRIS HACKETT - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 1-3-83**Place of Birth:** Oxford

Chris is still only 17, but after making his first team debut against Wigan Athletic in April last season he was quickly awarded with a professional contract despite having two years to run on his scholarship contract. He has tremendous pace and was ranked as one of the Country's top junior sprinters before he decided to concentrate on a football career. Chris played for the FA Youth XI last season and much is expected of this highly promising youngster.

NO.7 - MATTHEW MURPHY - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 20-8-71**Place of Birth:** Northampton

Matthew prefers to play in midfield but was used as a central striker for much of the 1998-99 season. He

signed from Corby Town for £20,000 in February 1993 and made his first team debut in front of a near full house at Newcastle in April 1993. His goalscoring prowess has made him an important member of the team and he finished last season as top goalscorer with 17 goals.

NO.34 - ROBERT QUINN - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 8-11-76**Place of Birth:** Sidcup

Robert signed from Brentford in January 2001 in a deal which also involved the transfer of Andy Scott. Robert a former Republic of Ireland Under-21 and B International, started his career as a trainee at Crystal Palace. A versatile player, Robert has played at centre back as well as his more favoured position of central midfield. Quinn participated in the play-off games against Leicester City but only managed a single appearance in the Eagles' first season in the Premier League before his transfer to Brentford for whom he made some 140 games.

NO.8 - PAUL TAIT - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 31-1-71**Place of Birth:** Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

Paul Tait joined Oxford from Birmingham City in January 1999 on a free transfer. He had been the Blues' longest serving player, making his debut for the St. Andrews club as a 16 year old. Paul has the honour of scoring the first competitive 'Golden Goal'

by netting the Birmingham winner against Carlisle United at Wembley in the Auto Windscreen Shield Final in 1995. A competitive player, who can also be creative, Paul is an important member of United's young squad.

NO.27 - DEAN WHITEHEAD - MIDFIELDER**Date of Birth:** 12-1-82**Place of Birth:** Oxford

Dean is a very promising central midfield player. He is a product of the club's youth development scheme and he made his debut as a substitute against Luton Town in the Auto Windscreen Shield last season. Dean is comfortable on the ball and has the ability to play the ball simple as well as a defence splitting pass. The management at Oxford will be very keen to see how Dean progresses in this his first season as a professional.

NO.9 - STEVE ANTHROBUS - FORWARD**Date of Birth:** 10-11-68**Place of Birth:** Lewisham, London

Steve was born in Lewisham and began his career with the local club - Millwall. Having completed his apprenticeship with the Lions, he moved into their first team and it was not long before he caught the attention of south London neighbours Wimbledon and the Dons paid £150,000 for his services in February 1990. His stay with the Premiership Club lasted five years and included loan spells at Peterborough and Chester. He signed for Shrewsbury Town in 1995 for £25,000 and he became an instant hit with the fans at Gay Meadow. His time with the Shrews proved to be his most prolific of his career so far and he scored 18 goals in just over 18 months. Crewe were monitoring his progress and stepped in to sign him before transfer deadline in March 1997 to bolster their attack. He joined Oxford in June 1999 at add strength and power to the United forward line.

NO.25 - PHIL GRAY - FORWARD**Date of Birth:** 2-10-68**Place of Birth:** Belfast, Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland International striker Phil Gray signed from Burnley on a free transfer. Gray, who moved to the Clartets in summer 2000, was not getting a regular start despite featuring for Northern Ireland and scoring for his country. Gray has been a prolific goalscorer for all of his clubs including 34 in 115 games for Sunderland and 43 goals in 140 games for Luton Town during two spells at Kenilworth Road. He started his career at Tottenham Hotspur but found it difficult to break into the first team on a regular basis with the likes of Gary Lineker and Paul Walsh playing up front. Loan spells at Barnsley and Fulham did not

provide regular football and a move to Luton Town set him on his way. 22 goals in 54 starts alerted Sunderland who signed him in 1993 for £875,000. A further prolific goal scoring period ensued with Phil notching 34 goals in 108 starts. A spell in Holland with Fortuna Sittard followed where he scored 4 goals in 10, plus a spell with Nancy in France, which bought a further 5 goals in 12 starts. Phil returned to Luton Town in 1997 where a further 14 starts yielded another 2 goals.

NO.14 - EMMANUEL OMOYINMI - FORWARD**Date of Birth:** 28-12-77**Place of Birth:** Nigeria

Emmanuel or Manny as he is more commonly known, joined United on a free transfer from West Ham in July 2000. Manny has explosive pace and is a product of West Ham's youth academy system. He can play as an attacking midfielder, but prefers to use his pace as a centre forward a position from which he has scored some spectacular goals including one against Oxford whilst he was on loan at Gillingham last season. Last season he grabbed the headlines after coming on as a substitute for West Ham in the Worthington Cup quarter final against Aston Villa. Unfortunately for West Ham he had already played in the competition whilst with Gillingham and the game was replayed with Villa eventually winning. Manny will be keen to kick start his career at Oxford after failing to command a regular place in West Ham's first team.

NO.10 - ANDY SCOTT - FORWARD**Date of Birth:** 2-8-72**Place of Birth:** Epsom

Andy Scott signed from Brentford in January 2001 as part of the Robert Quinn deal. Andy signed professional for Sheffield United from his local non-league side Sutton United in December 1992. He made just 39 appearances (36 as a substitute). Andy played much of his time at Sheffield United as a wing back rather than his preferred position as striker or left wing. He moved to Brentford where he played usually as a left sided midfielder before starting this season as a striker. His goal tally at Brentford this term was 15 of which 13 came in the league.



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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
Reading	1,249

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: 17,735

Average: 806

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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 for your chance to have a go. And if you don't know the answer, it can be found elsewhere in this magazine. At the Reading match we asked about a midfielder who was transferred to Reading for £500,000 on deadline day a couple of years ago, and the answer, of course, was Sean Evers.

Tonight's Question

Just before Joe Kinnear left Oxford, he signed an international striker for them, a player who previously had two spells at Kenilworth Road. Who is he?

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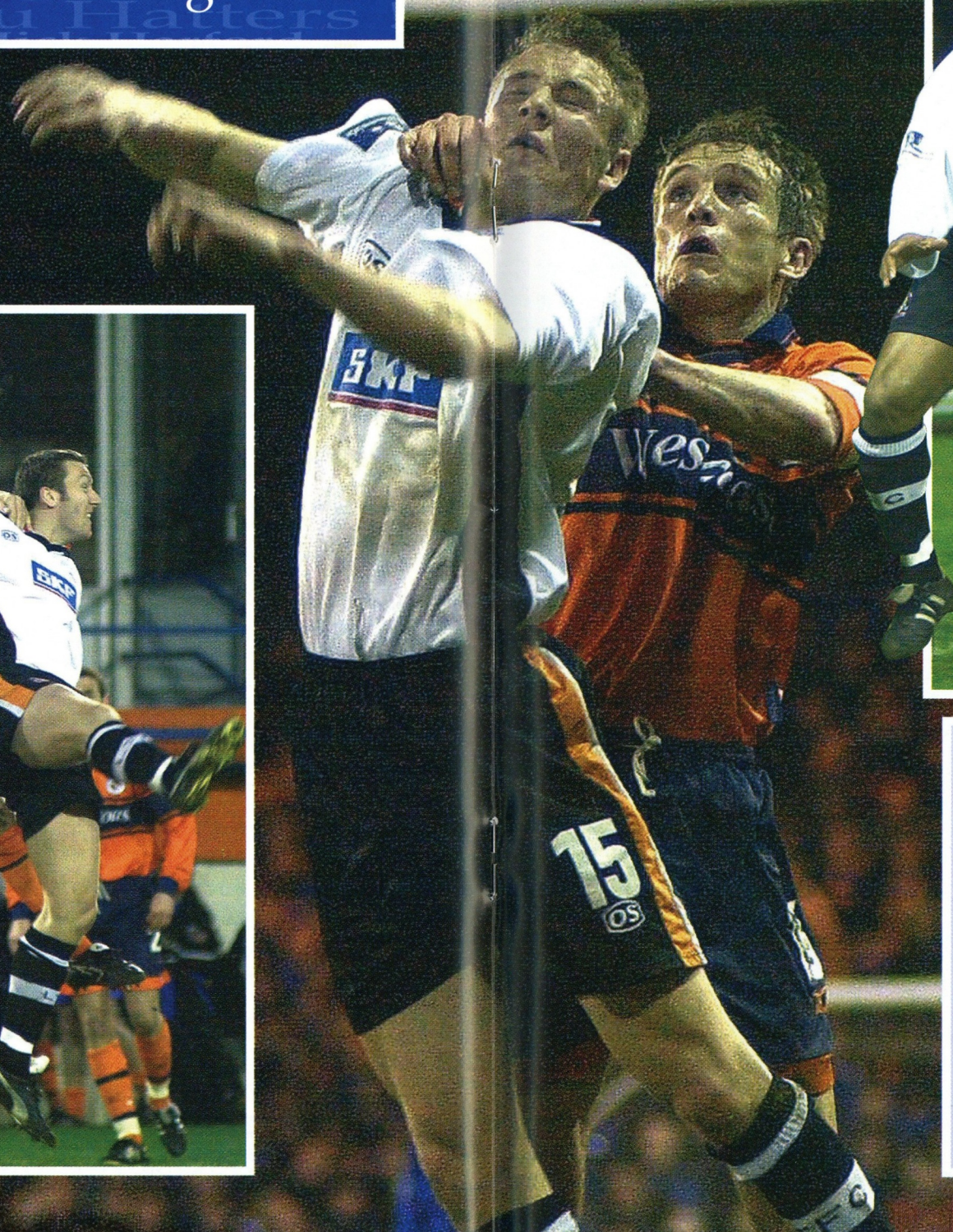
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Photo Action

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MAIN PICTURE: Rising to the occasion - Matthew Taylor and Reading skipper Phil Parkinson both jump to it.

LEFT: New versus old: Steve Howard and Adrian Whitbread in aerial competition.

ABOVE: Back in the old routine - Mark Stein was recalled to play alongside Steve Howard. Whitbread is the defender keeping a watching brief.

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

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Oxford catch the goal blast

After the Town scraped through to win promotion back to the old Division Two at the end of the 1969/70 season deficiencies in the squad were quickly identified and efforts were made to attract top name players to Kenilworth Road.

One of the major plus points of being a relatively successful side on the back of a promotion is the ability to attract players that the supporters have actually heard of. This was certainly true over the summer of 1970 as Jim Ryan and Don Givens were signed from Manchester United, Roger Hoy from Crystal Palace and David Court from Arsenal.

Jim Ryan had a Division One championship medal under his belt which he had earned with United only a couple of seasons before while Givens had hit the headlines when winning a full Eire cap before making his first team debut at Old Trafford. Hoy had won a 'Goal of the Season' award while with Palace and came to Luton with the reputation for never taking any prisoners on the field which, for those supporters that remember him, does not sit comfortably with his current career as a church minister. The final piece in the jigsaw was Court who had enjoyed several good seasons as a regular at Highbury. All the new signings, with the exception of Court, made their debuts on the opening day of the new season, away at Bolton. For this, the Town's first game in Division Two since 1963, Viv Busby, Alan Starling and Terry Branston were preferred to Court, Tony Read and Chris Nicholl which seemed strange to the many supporters who made the trip to Burnden Park on two special trains. The supporter's fears were vindicated as the Town went down 2-4 to a team that was finish rock bottom at the end of the season.

With tiny wingers Gordon Taylor and Terry Wharton running rings around the Luton defence, with the latter helping himself to a hat-trick, it was a shell-shocked Hatters manager, Alec Stock, who faced the press at the end of the game.

'I didn't feel very good about that one' said Stock, 'The goals we gave away were scandalous.'

It was therefore back to the drawing board in preparation for the visit of Norwich to Kenilworth Road the following Saturday. Unsurprisingly, the three players missing on the opening day were back in the side but the Canaries, fearing a newly promoted side in their first game in front of their own fans decided to shut up shop with 0-0 the only likely outcome. Norwich manager, Ron Saunders, admitted that he had come for a point and warned that most sides would visit Kenilworth Road with a similar game plan and that it was down to the home side to force the play.

Alec Stock was reasonably pleased with the point and could see that his players were quickly learning about life in Division Two but next up was a difficult trip to one of the pre-season promotion favourites, Birmingham City.

A crowd of 30,141 were present at St Andrews to see a strong Blues side attempt to intimidate the Hatters but the players were now, only two weeks into the season, made of stronger stuff. Although Birmingham took an early lead through Geoff Vowden the Town were always in the game and for the first time we looked like a Division Two side with fast and incisive football worrying the Blues defence.

The deserved equaliser came with seven min-

utes left when Malcolm Macdonald was upended in the box just as was about to slot the ball into the net. The ball ran through to Hoy who fired home but the referee had already pointed to the spot.

In front of the fiercely partisan crowd Macdonald kept his cool and calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net. The Hatters were now ready to be taken more seriously. With newfound confidence the Town were ready to take on Oxford at Kenilworth Road on the following Tuesday evening.

Oxford were, at that stage, unbeaten and had won both of their away games at Middlesbrough and Millwall and so arrived at Kenilworth Road as confident as the Town. If supporters felt that the display at Birmingham proved there was little to fear in Division Two then the subsequent hammering of Oxford showed that the Town were now truly ready for the big time. The crowd of 16,173 were treated to bold, attacking football played with speed with the Town two up early on and three up by the interval. Oxford had showed their hand before the game by announcing that they were about to attack the Town right from the start but as they started shipping goals they seemed unable to alter their formation which gave the Hatters ample opportunity to improve their goal average.

Matt Tees, recalled at Birmingham to replace the injured Jim Ryan, had probably his best game in a Luton shirt and thumped home two of the goals with his head following precision crosses from Court and John Ryan. The other two goals in the eventual 4-0 victory came from the trusty left peg of Macdonald



A smiling Luton manager, Alec Stock, watches as Don Givens and Jim Ryan sign on in the summer of 1970.

who was now showing that he was fully capable of scoring at this level and would soon bring the scouts flocking to Kenilworth Road.

'Radiant Luton come to boil' shouted out the headline in the 'Evening Post' with the reporter saying, 'With one of the most entertaining displays of powerful, high speed football that I have ever seen them give, Luton demolished Oxford. They pounded them into the turf with as good a performance as you are ever likely to see.' The reporter's only criticism of the evening was the size of the crowd!

Luton: Read, John Ryan, Slough, Hoy (Jim Ryan), Nicholl, Moore, Macdonald, Court, Tees, Keen, Givens.

Oxford: Kearns, Lucas, Shuker, Smithson, Clarke, Thompson, Sloan, Graham Atkinson, Skeen, Clayton, Ron Atkinson.

Roger Wash

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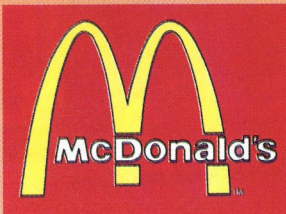
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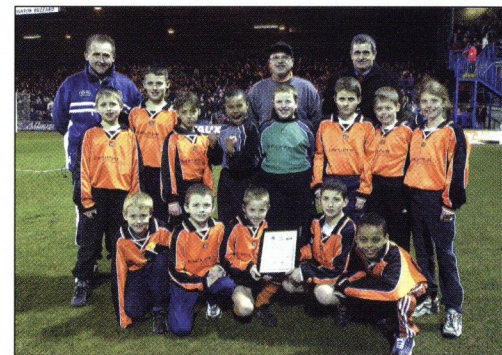
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School Years 4 to 7 at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

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Somerles Junior School
School Years 1 to 3 at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
School Years 4 to 8 at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

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School Years 3 to 4 at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
School Years 5 to 7 at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

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School Years 3 to 4 at 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Wigmore Primary School
School Years 1 to 2 at 3.50 pm to 4.50 pm
School Years 3 to 4 at 4.50 pm to 5.50 pm
School Years 5 to 7 at 5.50 pm to 6.50 pm

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School Years 4 to 8 at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
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School Years 5 to 7 at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

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School Years 5 to 8 at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

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We will be leaving Luton at 9 am, and will have a football match against our opposite numbers from Wrexham, with kick-off scheduled for 1 pm. If you want to play, bring your kit! And even if you don't fancy a game, you need a Luton strip with you if you want to be mascot. Wrexham have invited us to provide one, and as usual the choice will be made by lucky dip on the journey.

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ONE FOR THE SCRAP BOOK: Richard Owen, from Chard Drive Luton, enjoyed being Junior Hatters mascot at the game against Reading, and as usual part of his duties was to join the skippers and match officials in the centre-circle for the toss of the coin for choice of ends.

Tonight's Mascot

ELEVEN years old and a keen supporter of Luton Town, Kevin Dumpleton will enjoy his football even more than usual this evening, because he has been chosen as Junior Hatters mascot. It means he will be part of the night's entertainment, meeting the players in the dressing room before the match, and going onto the pitch with them for the pre-match rituals.



Kevin lives at Pottery Close, Luton, and goes to St. Joseph's Junior School. He comes to games with his dad and brother, and they watch from the Kenilworth Lower tier. As well watching football, Kevin likes playing as well, and turns out for St. Joseph's seven-a-side team on Sundays. His other hobbies are tennis and swimming.

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EXACTLY 25 years ago today Luton played out a 1-1 draw with Notts County, a result that did little to boost fading promotion chances. Wearing the Hatters No. 7 jersey at Kenilworth Road that Saturday was Jimmy Husband, and although he did not score that afternoon - Alan West netted the Town's goal - he was to finish the season as the Town's leading marksman. Jimmy featured on several cards and stickers from around this era, including this 1975 offering from Topps Gum.

Born in Newcastle in October 1947, Husband joined Everton as a teenager, and made his debut for the Toffees at Fulham at the end of season 1964/65, when aged only 17. He went on to gain an FA Cup runners-up medal in 1968, and several England under-23 caps, before assisting Everton to the League championship in 1970.

However, by November 1973 Husband was out of the side at Goodison, a fact that did not go unnoticed by Luton boss Harry Haslam, and "Happy Harry" saw the once-prolific striker as just the man to spearhead Luton's promotion challenge. He forked out £70,000, to bring Husband to Kenilworth Road, but it soon became apparent that the player was not match fit, and also overweight. It took him a while to make an impression, and he did not score his first league goal for the Town until March. But after that he made a significant contribution in the promotion run, none more than a hat-trick in a vital 3-1 home win over high-flying Orient.

Luton's stay in the old First Division lasted only the one season, and although Husband figured in 33 league matches that term, he managed to score only three times, against Chelsea, Leicester and Birmingham. Back in the Second Division, he found things easier, and in 1975/76 led the score charts with 14 goals. On his day he could be a match-win-

ner. His repertoire included good ball skills, pace, and a neat body swerve. He was most effective playing alongside a big centre-forward, such as Barry Butlin or Ron Futcher, and was adept at taking half-chances.

In the following season, Luton once again figured strongly in the promotion stakes after a shaky start, and after the turn of the year won a club record nine matches on the trot. Husband and Futcher were both in sparkling form during this run, and were to finish the season as joint leading scorers.

But, as has happened so often, the Town had a poor Easter, and they eventually finished sixth.

The next season was to be a transitional period. Haslam moved to Sheffield United in January 1978, with young David Pleat taking over. He took stock, and decided it was time for several players, including Husband, to move on. His last game was in a 0-2 defeat at Blackburn in February. He had scored 44 league goals for the Town, which, curiously, was the same number he netted for Everton. After playing in the USA for Memphis Rogues Husband returned because he wanted his children to be brought up in England, and for a time he was mine host at the Stone Jug public house in Clophill. In

1984 he was persuaded to put on his boots again to play for the near-by village side at, appropriately, Everton.

This Topps series runs to 220 cards, and other Town players included were Adrian Alston, John Aston and Alan West. Not so long ago gum cards were looked down on by serious collectors, but in the past couple of years they have increased in popularity and examples from many of the earlier series now change hands for several pounds each. These Topps cards, however, can usually still be had for about 50p each.

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Action Replay

Luton Town 1 Reading 1 (HT 1-1)

THE result against on Tuesday evening would in normal circumstances have been considered a decent return against a team going well for promotion, and which had suffered only one defeat in its previous 14 outings. But the Town desperately wanted to win, to kick off the crucial sequence of four home games in 12 days, and the need for every possible point left Joe Kinnear only half-pleased.

The Town made a mockery of the difference in league status - even Alan Pardew, the Reading boss, admitted that they did not look 19 places apart.

Reading need promotion to justify the big money they have spent. They have every chance of making it, but Pardew paid tribute to the way the Town fought for their point. He was not disappointed, he said, because his team had played well, as they had to.

The Town boss had demanded, and got, a far better team performance than the one he had suffered at Colchester a few days earlier. "If we keep playing like that, we will be all right," he said.

Each manager thought his team should have won. Mr Pardew said Reading controlled most of the second half, but the Town manager pointed out that they had never put Nathan Abbey under any real pressure, while in the first half the Town had created the better opportunities.

Reading had taken an early lead with a superb strike by Martin Butler, his 21st goal of the season. But within four minutes a blistering cross by Matthew Spring led to James Harper heading into the top corner for the Town's first own goal of the season.

Lucky, perhaps, but no more than the Town deserved, and for most of the rest of the first half they were the better side. Lee Mansell had a thundering 25-yarder finger-tipped over the bar by the keeper, and a second goal came close again when the recalled Mark Stein sent the goalkeeper the wrong way after being put through by Steve Howard, who had an impressive home debut. Stein's shot was goalbound until it hit the keeper's trailing legs.

Against that the cantankerous Darren Caskey, smarting after falling over Taylor on a run down the middle and seeing Taylor escape with a yellow card, wasted the best chance of the game, firing wide just before the break after more good work by Butler.

Reading threw on three subs after the break to try to find the key to unlocking a defence which had learned its lessons well after the Layer Road shambles. This time, with Richard Dryden outstanding and the rest not far behind, a solid wall was put up which prevented anyone getting close to discomfiting Abbey.

Less was seen of the Town attack, although in the closing minutes Matthew Spring hit a brisk low angled drive which Phil Whitehead was relieved to cling on to as sub Stuart Douglas hovered, waiting for any bits and pieces that might have brought a winner.

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, McLaren, Dryden, Helin, Spring, Mansell, Rowland (George 81 mins), Taylor, Howerd, Stein (Douglas 72 mins). Unused subs Watts, Stirling, Ovendale.

Booked: Lee Mansell 15 mins, foul on Matt Robinson; Matthew Taylor, 33 mins, foul on Darren Caskey

Reading: Whitehead, Murty, Viveash, Whitbread, Robinson, Caskey (Newman 57 mins), Parkinson, Harper, McIntyre (Rougier 70 mins), Cureton (Forster 78 mins), Butler. Unused subs: Hunter, Howie.

Booked: James Harper, 21 mins, foul on Steve Howerd.

The Goals: 0-1 4 minutes - Martin Butler, brilliant 30-yard lob after Darren Caskey hoisted the ball into space down Reading's right flank. Nathan Abbey started to advance as the pass was hit, changed his mind, and was stranded as the ball sailed over him into the net; 1-1 8 minutes: James Harper header into the top corner in a failed attempt to clear a thundering cross by Matthew Spring after a short free kick routine on the left wing.

Referee: Graham Poll, Hertfordshire.

Attendance: 6,132, including 1,249 singing for Reading.



BEST FEET FORWARD: Stuart Douglas and Matt Robinson tussle for possession, with the Town striker a foot ahead.



TOP HATTER: Emmerson Boyce is well above everyone else for a header at goal, but his effort sailed over the bar.

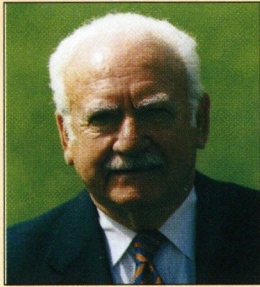


HATTER AHEAD: Steve Howard, who made an impressive home debut, fires off a drive despite the attentions of Adrian Viveash.

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ALTHOUGH the two Luton fans were not in their usual surroundings, Paul Hargate and his young son Adam had their picture taken in their Luton Town strip on their way to a football match. The attendance was 70,000 on a sunny late autumn afternoon. "The picture was taken outside the Olympic stadium in Rome," said Paul, from Brookhaven, Broughton Northants. "We watched Roma beat Vicenza 3-1 along with 70,000 other fans. Adam's favourite player was Tokki, who scored on the day. "I have been following Luton since 1977, and hope we stay up - maybe we should have tried to sign Tokki!"



ONE of our prettier supporters sent in another sunny picture. Helen Gatward, from St. Bernards Close, Luton, was wearing her Hatters colours on holiday in Kos. "I am standing in the last crater to erupt on the volcano of Nissyros," she told us. "While I was on holiday, it meant that unfortunately I had to miss a couple of matches, but I was regularly kept up to date on match days through my dad, who sent me text messages of all the action while I was lazing by the pool. "I take my shirt on all my holidays, and am always proud to wear it and support the team, especially Matthew Taylor, whose name and autograph is on the back."

THIS page is open to all Luton Town fans, and the matchday magazine will be pleased to consider for publication photographs from anywhere in the world. All we ask is that the Hatters colours are well to the fore. So if you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-off places, please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped envelope if you want the photographs back, but please be aware that with the best will in the world they do sometimes go astray. We are also interested in hearing about our very young fans sporting the Town's colours for our occasional "Mini Hatters" series.

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Mini Hatters

LITTLE Danielle Folland is not quite two yet, but she already wears her Luton Town kit with pride. She was born to do so, the third generation of a family that is fanatical about supporting the Hatters.

Mrs Lyn Folland, from The Crescent, Caddington, sent in the photograph, explaining: "I have been a Luton Town supporter since 1959, and as you can imagine it makes me very proud to send in this picture of my grand-daughter in her Town kit.

"Her dad's name is Kev, and he has been going to Kenilworth Road since he was six. Danielle is 21 months old, but as soon as she was old enough Kev taught her to kiss the Luton Town crest on his shirt.

"We go to all home games, and as many away ones as possible. We can't wait for Danielle to be old enough to come too."



OUR other tiny tot supporter could qualify for the Hatters Abroad page, because little Lauren Tayler Newman, who was one year old three weeks ago, lives in Australia. The picture was brought back to Luton by her grandmother, Agnes Newman, of Chesford Road, Luton, who has just got back from a holiday spent with her son and his wife, and their mini-Hatter.

"Lauren has been a Junior Hatter since she was born," said Mrs Newman. "My husband Clive and I are very proud grandparents, and her first Luton Town kit was our present for her first birthday.

"Her dad is Mark Newman, who is still very much involved with Luton Town, even though he now lives and works in Perth, Western Australia. He is planning to come home for a holiday at the end of the season, and I don't doubt little Lauren will be taken on a pilgrimage to Kenilworth Road."

WE welcome contributions to this occasional series. If you have a good picture of a very young Town fan and want to see it published, please send it to the Matchday Magazine Editor at the football club. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want it returned, but please do not send in any picture that is irreplaceable, because they do occasionally go astray despite our best efforts.



The Reserves

Kevan Broadhurs



YET another postponement hit us last week, when our game against Northampton was called off a few hours before kick-off because Sixfields was waterlogged. It was frustrating for everyone, particularly Peter Thomson and Adam Locke, who might well have been involved as they seek match fitness after injury lay-offs.

Hopefully, we will have better luck with the weather on Thursday, when we are due to play our nearest neighbours, Brache Sparta of the South Midlands League. The game is in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup, and kick-off at Foxdell is at 7.45. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening - we played at Dunstable in the previous round, and it was a pleasure to be involved in that match. Both clubs got together after the game in a very friendly atmosphere.

While we were kicking our heels instead of playing Northampton other teams were reducing their fixture backlogs, with the result that having been tenth in the 25-team table a week ago, we have now dropped a notch, overtaken by Brighton, who beat Brentford 1-0. But Brighton are only a point above us, and we have still to play them at home, in one of the fixtures that had to be postponed when pitches were waterlogged.

We can expect a few surprise results as the league struggles to complete all the fixtures. At the last count 26 games were awaiting new dates, so the programme might become quite hectic in the next month. We have three to re-arrange.

Barnet and Bristol City suffered a foretaste of possible things to come last week. They played on Monday evening - Barnet won 3-2 - and the following afternoon Barnet were away to Cambridge, where they were beaten 3-0. Bristol City played 48 hours after their trip to Barnet, and won 2-1 at Wycombe. Details of our re-arranged games will be given as soon as possible, but we hope to resume league action next Wednesday, March 18, against Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 16, Scarlett 16, Stirling 15(1), Brennan 13(1), Standen 11(5), Kandol 9(3),

THE YOUTH team was due to play at Cardiff on Saturday, and we hope to have Brian Stein's report in next Saturday's matchday magazine.

Thomson 9(1), Holmes 9(1), Abbey 9, Ayres 8, McGowan 7, Ovendale 6, Johnson 5, Ward 5, Dogbe 4(3), Baptiste 4(2), Stein 4, Locke 4, Fraser 4, Mansell 3(1), Carroll 3(1), Karlson 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

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	22	15	6	1	63	20	51
Fulham	19	14	3	2	51	12	45
Reading	20	14	2	4	34	16	44
Cambridge	21	13	4	4	35	23	43
QPR	18	12	2	4	27	10	38
Oxford	22	9	5	8	34	35	32
Millwall	19	8	5	6	24	17	29
Swindon	20	8	5	7	31	26	29
Brighton	16	8	2	6	32	27	26
Gillingham	15	8	2	5	26	24	26
Luton Town	16	7	4	5	22	16	25
Crystal Palace	17	7	4	6	26	27	25
Southend	20	6	5	9	30	36	23
Brentford	19	5	8	6	19	27	23
Portsmouth	16	5	6	5	20	21	21
Bristol Rovers	16	6	2	8	18	23	20
Peterborough	19	6	2	11	18	26	20
Bournemouth	20	5	5	10	23	37	20
Cheltenham	19	5	5	9	24	39	20
Colchester	18	5	3	10	21	30	19
Bristol City	16	3	6	7	17	24	15
Barnet	17	4	2	11	22	37	14
Northampton	15	4	0	11	16	31	12
Wycombe	19	3	3	13	15	44	12
Leyton Orient	19	2	3	14	18	38	9

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2-1	George, Stein
Mon 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 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	
	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	
	Wed 25	L. Orient	H	2pm	
MAY	Tues 8	QPR	A	2pm	

*To be played at Baldock Town.

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- Highest Aggregate Score 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
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- Winless Run Bristol Rovers, Cambridge ...12



Nationwide2Stats

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Div.2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	39	44	28	20	11	3				
1	52	63	38	25	7	5	2			
2	19	23	21	15	3		1			
3	9	11	9	6	4	2				
4	1	4								
5			1							
6				1						
7										
8										

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

Division 2 Ave. Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					4,092
Brentford					4,892
Bristol City					10,366
Bristol Rovers					7,333
Bury					3,343
Cambridge					4,297
Colchester					3,448
Luton					5,913
Millwall					11,023
Northampton					5,768
Notts County					5,398
Oldham					4,672
Oxford					5,014
Peterborough					6,006
Port Vale					4,364
Reading					11,839
Rotherham					5,416
Stoke					13,338
Swansea					5,549
Swindon					6,105
Walsall					5,612
Wigan					6,579
Wrexham					3,539
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'am	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'am	1-5 Walsall
5-1 Wrexham	0-5 Reading
3-1 Nrthmptn	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 Mill/Brnt
4-1 Bury	1-5 Oldham
3-1 3 Clubs	1-5 Walsall

Last 5 Home Results

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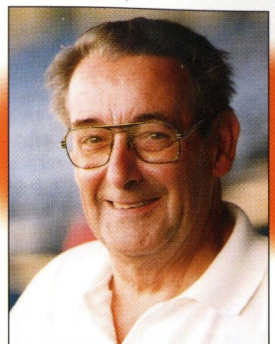
	G	RC	YC	Av. Yell
Fletcher	22	3	103	4.68
Olivier	21	4	88	4.19
Prosser	18	7	75	4.17
Hall	26	11	103	3.96
Mathieson	26	2	102	3.92
Cooper	14	5	53	3.79
Dowd	22	8	83	3.77
Riley	11	3	41	3.73
Foy	23	5	85	3.70
Harris	9	2	33	3.67
Knight	12	5	43	3.58
Jordan	22	2	77	3.50
Ryan	18	4	63	3.50
Jones T	25	11	87	3.48
Winter	9	0	31	3.44

Grid shows the number of games ending with each result, e.g. 63 matches have been 1-1 draws and 52 games have ended a 1-0 away win.

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	8	2	8	0	0	26	0.31	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	33	0.30	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	34	0.35	0	3	2	8	3	5
Colchester	Stockwell	9	2	5	2	0	39	0.23	1	1	2	7	1	16
Luton	Mansell	5	2	3	1	0	12	0.42	0	1	1	3	1	3
Millwall	Harris	24	8	11	2	3	37	0.65	1	4	2	13	3	3
Northampton	Forrester	16	9	12	2	0	38	0.42	1	5	5	18	5	8
Notts County	Stallard	14	7	14	0	0	35	0.40	0	5	3	13	3	5
Oldham	Duxbury	8	3	4	2	0	35	0.23	1	2	0	7	1	12
Oxford	Gray	7	3	3	2	0	19	0.37	1	0	0	3	1	7
Peterborough	McKenzie	11	3	7	2	0	24	0.46	1	1	2	7	2	3
Port Vale	Naylor	10	4	6	2	0	33	0.30	0	2	1	5	2	7
Reading	Cureton	20	8	14	0	2	37	0.54	0	7	3	17	3	5
Rotherham	Robins	22	6	13	3	1	36	0.61	2	5	3	19	2	2
Stoke	Thorne	16	6	7	3	1	32	0.50	1	4	2	13	3	6
Swansea	Savarese	12	2	3	3	1	25	0.48	1	0	4	7	2	7
Swindon	Invincible	8	2	4	2	0	36	0.22	0	2	1	5	2	14
Walsall	Leitao	15	8	15	0	0	38	0.39	0	4	1	9	3	5
Wigan	Haworth	10	5	7	0	1	25	0.40	1	2	1	8	2	10
Wrexham	Trundle	8	0	5	0	1	11	0.73	1	3	0	9	5	3
Wycombe	Rammell	10	3	4	3	0	23	0.43	2	2	1	11	2	4

Key: GS=Goals Scored; 1st Gl=Games Scored 1st Goal; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-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

ONE down, three to go, is tonight's situation at the bottom of the

Second Division as the Town prepare to play one of their two games in hand on one of the teams they need to overhaul if relegation is to be avoided. On Saturday Oxford became the first team in the league to have their fate sealed when, having been in bottom place throughout the season except for a week in September, they were beaten at home by Oldham. The axe was painfully slow to drop - David Eyres struck Oldham's winner from as 20-yard free kick a minute from time. Earlier arsonists did £50,000 worth of damage at the new stadium which Oxford hope to inaugurate next season. Swansea are the only other club in a worse pickle than the Town, and have little chance of escaping a rapid return to the Third Division. Their one-goal reverse at Bristol Rovers on Saturday made their current run five games without a win, and they have lost their last three, during which seven goals have been conceded and not one scored.

Rovers remain top of the relegation zone, but Cambridge and Swindon must know that they are likely to be overtaken by the Pirates shortly. Bristol Rovers are three points adrift, but have three games in hand. They use up one of them tomorrow, at home to Peterborough, and a victory will take them out of the bottom four. Goal differences could be crucial at the end of the season: Cambridge's is currently -14, which is one better than Swindon's. But Swindon play tonight, at Brentford. Rovers are on -8, while the Town are -22. So the gap between the Town and safety is realistically ten points. But, if they win their two games in hand, it's only four... And if the goal difference figure can be improved... who knows? Joe Kinnear's advice is to forget about the other teams, and concentrate on putting together a best-of-season winning run. Three on the trot is the best we have seen so far, at the start of his tenure as Town manager. Do the business tonight, then again on Saturday against Oldham and at Wrexham next Monday, and hope could be significantly more realistic. The unknown quantity is how Oxford will react now they have lost their survival fight and no longer have any pressure on them. They have the worst away record in the Second Division, with only two victories on their travels, 2-1 at Swansea last November, while Joe Kinnear was director of football, and 1-0 at Northampton ten days ago. A 0-0 at Bristol City in March is Oxford's only away draw in the league, and they have been beaten on their other 16 trips, to Port Vale, Walsall, Wycombe, Stoke, Millwall, Swindon, Rotherham, Reading, Oldham, Colchester, Brentford, Peterborough, Bury, Wrexham, Cambridge and Bournemouth.

Brian Swain

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
Millwall	41	14	2	4	42	11	10	6	5	34	25	80
Rotherham	40	14	4	3	47	25	9	4	6	25	28	77
Reading	40	14	3	3	49	20	8	6	6	23	23	75
Walsall	39	13	5	3	46	20	6	5	7	21	23	67
Stoke	41	10	5	5	32	19	8	8	5	33	26	67
Wigan	41	11	8	1	26	14	5	9	7	21	23	65
Bristol City	41	10	6	5	43	26	7	7	6	21	23	64
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
Wrexham	39	9	4	7	28	25	6	5	8	29	35	54
Northampton	40	8	6	5	24	21	6	6	9	20	28	54
Bury	41	10	5	6	24	20	5	4	11	16	29	54
Brentford	38	8	7	3	26	23	5	7	8	19	29	53
Colchester	39	9	4	8	28	20	5	5	8	19	27	51
Oldham	41	10	5	6	33	24	3	7	10	16	33	51
Peterborough	39	10	5	4	32	23	2	7	11	18	34	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	40	7	6	7	28	23	5	3	12	24	43	45
Swindon	40	5	8	8	27	32	6	4	9	15	25	45
Bristol Rov	37	3	10	4	14	17	6	5	9	24	27	42
Luton Town	38	5	3	10	21	30	4	6	10	24	37	36
Swansea	38	3	7	7	15	19	3	4	14	20	45	29
Oxford Utd	39	4	3	13	19	30	2	1	16	24	54	22

Tonight's Other Second Division Fixtures

Brentford v Swindon
Swansea v Wycombe
Wrexham v Notts County

Tommorow's Second Division Fixtures

Bristol Rovers v Peterborough
Millwall v Port Vale

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Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attd.	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	-	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	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm 1-1	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm 1-1	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm 2-2	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	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm 1-2	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm 3-3	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	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	23	5,382	Abbey Boyce Watts George Locke
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm 3-4	23	5,341	Abbey Boyce Watts George Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm 1-1	23	2,861	Abbey Boyce Watts George Karlson
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm 0-3	23	6,595	Abbey Boyce McGowan George Karlson
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm 1-0	23	5,771	Abbey Boyce Fraser Watts Karlson
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm 0-3	23	4,194	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Watts Karlson
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm 3-1	23	12,389	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Locke
DECEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough LDVTT	A 7.45 0-1	23	2,075	Ovendale Ayres Karlson 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	23	3,563	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts Fotiadis
DECEMBER	Sat 23	Reading	A 3pm 1-4	23	10,771	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Boyce Fotiadis
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H 1pm 3-2	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	23	5,411	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser Holmes
JANUARY	Sat 6	QPR FAC3	H 3pm 3-3	23	8,677	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser George
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H 7.45pm 1-2	23	4,551	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser George
JANUARY	Wed 17	QPR FAC3R	A 8pm 1-2aet	23	14,395	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Fraser Karlson
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A 7.45pm 0-2	23	3,011	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Boyce Karlson
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Town	A 3pm 1-0	23	6,633	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 13	Notts County	A 7.45pm 3-1	23	4,333	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City	H 3pm 5-3	22	7,085	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm 1-3	22	4,816	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm 3-1	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	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	22	5,425	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A 3pm 1-3	22	4,271	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
APRIL	Tue 3	Reading	H 7.45pm 1-1	22	6,132	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City	H 3pm 1-2	22	6,456	Abbey Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
APRIL	Tue 10	Oxford Utd	H 7.45pm			
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H 3pm			
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Saturday April 14, 2001, kick-off 3pm

Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	Substitutes
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, Kandal, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring, George, Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandal for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Fotiadis	Kandal 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; Kandal for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring, Brennan, Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandal for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder
Taylor	Stirling	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Kandal	George for Brennan 52; Kandal for Thomson 72: Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Kandal	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Kandal	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandal 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Kandal	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandal 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Locke, Thomson	Kandal	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Locke, Thomson	Kandal	Mc Gowan for Fraser HT; Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79. Unused: Brennan, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Locke, Stein	Kandal	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Locke, Stein	Kandal	Holmes for Kandal HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey
Taylor	Fraser	Spring, Holmes, Stein	Kandal	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandal 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: Kandal, 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; Karlson for George 90 mins. Unused: Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Helin, George	Thomson	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring, Fraser, George	Thomson	All unused: Stein, Nogan, Karlson, 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; Kandal for Nogan 76 mins. Unused: Karlson, 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, Kandal, Abbey
Taylor	Locke	Spring, Breitenfelder, Thomson	Douglas	Kandal 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
Holmes	Mansell	Spring, Nogan, Fotiadis	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	Kandal for Douglas 59 mins; Fotiadis for Kandal 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, George	Howard	Douglas for Rowland HT. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Shepherd, Ovendale
Taylor	Mansell	Spring, Helin, Stein, Howard	Howard	Douglas for Stein 72 mins; George for Rowland 81 mins. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Ovendale
Taylor	Mansell	Spring, Helin, Stein, Howard	Howard	Douglas for Rowland HT; George for Stein 85 mins. Unused: Stirling, Watts, Ovendale



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