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Star Man - Big prize winner  
Matthew Taylor our player of the  
year - see pages 24-25 for more pic-  
tures

# Inside Forward

JOE Kinnear will cross the North Sea in the search for players to help Luton Town mount a championship challenge next season. "If we went into the new season with the same squad as this, we would struggle," he said.

"Good players cost money, but I have a budget agreed with the chairman, and am happy with that. I don't want to bring in journeymen players, and those who come in will be better than those we are losing. Up to a dozen might be leaving, and on wages I could bring in six new men on the higher salaries we would have to pay to get the right men. We have a lot of dead wood running around, and I don't intend to have it here next year. I want quality, not quantity.

"The big need is for wide players, natural wingers, because we don't have one in the club, and I want to be able to field my preferred four at the back formation. I am going to Norway shortly to take in six games over there - I have been going there for ten years with Wimbledon, so I know a lot of players, and I have a hit list of the men I want, including a couple of wingers.

"I also want a striker, at least one who can guarantee you 15 or more goals a season. At Wimbledon I had four or five who could do that. You want to be able to sit down at the start of the season, look at your strikers, and say right, him, him, and him, will knock in 50 goals between them...I would like to think we could build a squad here along those lines."

Free transfers have already been given to Nathan Abbey, Andre Scarlett, Gavin McGowan, Friedrich Breitenfelder and Rocky Baptiste.

Made available for transfer for no fee, but still under contract with the Town, are Dean Brennan, Peter Holmes and Dean Standen, while Peter Thomson is also listed, with the Town asking for a nominal fee, having paid £100,000 for him in September.

Richard Dryden and Stuart Fraser have accepted new contracts. Offers have also been made to Liam George, Paul McLaren and Andrew Fotiadis. Lee Mansell, already signed up as a low-paid scholarship boy, has been offered a better deal, over three years, as a reward for his progress this season.

The only player known to have attracted interest from elsewhere is McLaren, with Wigan, Cardiff and QPR in contact with his agent.

The manager says he hopes to enthuse McLaren with the vision he and the chairman share, that this club is going places. "Hopefully, he will decide we are the better club for him and for his career," said the boss.



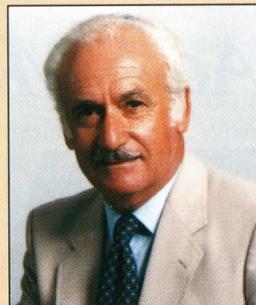
### Good-bye - and thanks

ONE OF the important contributors to the club's efforts over the past two decades attends his last match as an employee today. At 75, but looking more like 60, Les Shannon is retiring after nine years as chief scout, having opened up our Schools of Excellence in Luton and Milton Keynes in his capacity as a coach in 1984.

An Everton fan as a boy, Les was devastated when he was rejected at Goodison Park, but Liverpool took a different view, and he joined them as an apprentice in 1944. He made it to the first team, and four years later Burnley, then a top club, bought him for £6,000 - "I think it was quite a lot of money at the time," said Les.

He had nine successful years at Turf Moor, as a wing half or inside forward, and took his coaching badges as the end of his playing career approached.

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE



UNFORTUNATELY, due mainly to a poor start, by mid-season we feared we might not be able to retain our position in the Second Division. Despite the gallant effort put in by most players, our team did not prove strong enough to see off the competition.

Next season will be different - that's a promise. Joe Kinnear and I have great plans to ensure we go up again.

Many supporters have written, e-mailed, faxed and phoned us with their opinions.

All have been thoroughly discussed, and many ideas and suggestions will be acted upon to ensure your football entertainment comes up to scratch. Admission charges for 2001/2002 will remain as they were a year ago.

Whilst we are all disappointed at being relegated, we can at least enjoy the fact that in the 2000/2001 season we succeeded in acquiring land for your new stadium. We would like to start building now, but there is a great deal of red tape to go through first.

Rest assured we will make every endeavour to get things moving quickly, and will keep you informed on our progress. Most people in Luton welcome our transfer to the new stadium, and today's supporters will be amongst the first to enjoy the eventual benefits.

My board and I wish you all the best, and look forward to seeing you again when football returns in August.

*Mike Watson-Challis*  
Chairman

After coaching in schools, and working as an FA staff coach, Les was head-hunted by Arsenal manager Billy Wright to be his chief coach. "They didn't give us enough time," said Les. "We were sacked when we only needed another year to get it right - shortly afterwards the nucleus of our youth team did the 1971 league and cup double."

Les had a successful coaching career, at Bury and Blackpool, then with three clubs in Greece and one in Norway.

An approach by David Pleat brought Les to Kenilworth Road, to run coaching courses for local youngsters as the plastic pitch proved a Godsend for the community. The Schools of Excellence followed before, in 1992, Les took control of the Town's scouting network.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Luton," he said. "I have always kept myself fit, and still do, and I am happy amongst players. I still think of myself as one!" Football has been kind to Les: at Highbury, he and Billy Wright's secretary fell in love, and Les and Maureen have been happily married for over 30 years. "It helps that she's a football fan," he said.

They will both be in the main stand today, and everyone at Kenilworth Road gives thanks for all their efforts for Luton Town. We hope they enjoy a long and happy retirement. Les says he will - watching the Town and cheering them on to promotion next season.



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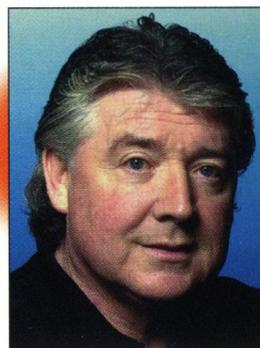
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# SKF



## The Manager Joe Kinnear

MY FIRST words today must be to share with supporters my deep disappointment at our failure to retain our Second Division status. It has been the most sickening experience of my career in professional football. When I came here three months ago, I really believed I could beat the odds and pull the club out of trouble, and relegation is a blow to professional pride I would rather not have on my CV. You can list a lot of reasons why it has happened, but perhaps now is the time to put it behind us, and look ahead to a brighter future. There are lessons to be learned, and there will be a lot of hard work done during the summer to set us up for the new season. You may have read that I was "threatening to resign" if we did not win promotion in 12 months time. That is not quite what I was trying to say, so let me put the record straight today. If the board is as good as its word in terms of financial backing, I am capable of putting together a squad capable of going straight back into Division Two in 12 months time. If I don't, I deserve to be sacked. So I have set myself the straightforward goal: nothing less than promotion will satisfy me. By going on the record with that statement I have put pressure on myself, and have set myself up to look a complete fool if we don't get there next May. Our players will be under pressure to succeed, and it is only right that the manager and coaches should be as well. Pressure will be brought to bear: I am a perfectionist, and expect my players to be the same. We have endured a season of failure, and now we owe it to marvellous supporters to redress the balance by enjoying a season of success.

Recent performances have been illustrations that our current squad is not good enough - we are woefully inconsistent in both penalty areas, and the statistics in the league table tell

the story simply: we haven't scored enough, and not one of our strikers has reached double figures. Defensively, we fall asleep all too easily, and forget the basics.

We have some good players in the club, but not enough. I want more men under pressure for their places. I have rarely experienced the situation I met here, where the team just about picks itself. It won't happen next season, I promise.

Relegation is a shock to the system, but adds to the realisation that we have to make a fresh start. If I can get things around to my way of thinking, I will be a lot happier, and we will put things right. And everyone will know jobs are on the line if we don't produce the goods.

I expect to have a busy summer, and have already identified players I want to bring in. Finance is available, and while that remains the case there will be no excuse for me not delivering.

I believe in my own ability. I will build a new squad, a mixture of new and old, and some of the promising young players we have on their way through the ranks. I am looking forward to the challenge. If we get the rub of the green, I am confident this club will soon be back on track.

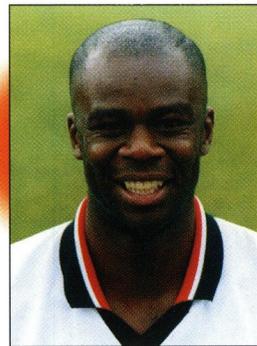
Finally, my thanks for the excellent support we have had at home and away. Thank you also for the letters and e-mails, and for the positive attitude they have all shown. And in reply to one young lady who took me to task for calling all supporters "him" let me finish with a properly-worded version of what I meant to say in this column on an earlier occasion - have a good summer, come back next season, and I promise I will try to produce the football and the results to delight every supporter, and put a smile on his or her face.

*Joe Kinnear*

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## The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001 (not including Thursday's game at Brentford)

	Appearances (as sub in brackets)					Goals			
	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	20	0	3	0	23	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	40	4	2(1)	0	46(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	14(6)	0	1(1)	0	15(7)	4	0	1	5
Richard Dryden	18	0	0	0	18	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	35(6)	3(1)	4	0	42(7)	7	0	2	9
Petri Helin	23	0	3	1	27	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	12(6)	2(1)	1	0	15(7)	1	0	0	1
Steve Howard	10	0	0	0	10	1p	0	0	1p
Marvin Johnson	8	0	2	0	10	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(8)	1(1)	2(1)	1	21(10)	2	0	0	2
Lee Mansell	15(1)	0	1	0	16(1)	5	0	1	6
Gavin McGowan	5(1)	0	1	0	6(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	33	4	3	1	41	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	7	0	3	0(1)	10(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Owendale	24	4	2	1	31	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
Paul Shepherd	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	39	4	5	1	49	4(2p)	0	0	4(2p)
Mark Stein	19(10)	3	1(1)	0(1)	23(12)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	5(4)	0	0(2)	0	5(6)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	43	4	4	1	52	1	0	0	1
Peter Thomson	4(7)	1(1)	1(1)	1	7(9)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	26(2)	4	3	0	33(2)	4	0	0	4
Adrian Whitbread	9	0	4	0	13	0	0	0	0
OGs	1	0	0	0	1				



# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson

THERE has been a very subdued atmosphere about the dressing room in the last few days as we try to come to terms with the worst moment of our professional lives. Relegation hurts, and we are all bitterly disappointed that we did not do better. Over the season we have not been good enough, and obviously action has to be taken to put things right.

We know changes are going to be made, and we are also thinking about what the next few months holds in store. Some will leave, and some will arrive, and we have to look forward and turn our disappointment into a positive desire to set the record straight.

Despite relegation, I am optimistic about the new season, and already looking forward to it. Events over the past year suggest that better times are ahead.

I have had the feeling for the past five or six years that we were a club not really going anywhere. We dropped out of the First Division, and have been declining slowly ever since.

Now it seems as though we are about to go through a period of major change. It probably needed someone like Joe Kinnear to come in, to look at the club with a fresh pair of eyes, and with the stature to take the bull by the horns to do whatever is necessary.

He has made his intentions very clear, and even if it will be painful for some, changes must be made for the good of the club. Obviously, having just got back into the side after injury, I hope I have a part to play in a general revival of our fortunes.

The new set-up the manager talks about is needed. I remember when David Pleat first came in as a manager. He pulled the squad apart, and at the time some wondered if he had overdone it. But he brought in the right players, and built a team good enough to win promotion and succeed at the highest level.

Those big changes were for the good of the club in the long run, and I am sure if Joe Kinnear can do a similar job no-one will argue about any of

the changes he makes.

It will be hard on some, but players are in no position to complain - we are the ones whose results week in, week out, have not been good enough.

The boss talks about a promotion campaign reaching its conclusion 12 months from now. I honestly believe that is more than wishful thinking. Probably the best chance of returning is in your first season down - remember how close we came when we dropped into Division Two five years ago. In the following season we reached the play-offs, and with just a little more luck would have bounced straight back up.

The aim this time is obvious: get back up at the first attempt, without worrying about play-offs. I know it will be difficult. My experience is that the lower the division, the less good football you see. Physical strength often takes priority over technique. We will have to adapt to that, although I am equally sure that good football as well as muscle will do the job.

Meanwhile, in our final game of the season, it is up to all of us to repay your loyalty with a good send-off performance. We have our pride, and you deserve a team that gives 100 per cent, even if it matters little in terms of the league table.

I think the support this season has been fantastic. Fans could have been forgiven if they had given us a lot more stick, and it is all credit to them that they have been understanding and patient in our troubled season.

We went to the supporters player of the year presentation night on Sunday, and were amazed, and a touch embarrassed, at how kind fans were to a team that had let them down so often. The message that came over loud and clear was that supporters have put the season behind them, and are already looking forward to a promotion campaign next time. So am I. Have a good summer, thanks for your backing throughout the season, and come back and shout Luton Town to the title next season!

*Marvin Johnson*

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# Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

THE PLAYERS break up for the holidays next week, but they will all have some work to do, to maintain general fitness and be ready for the new season. They are given guidelines on what to eat and what sort of exercise they should take, which includes two or three sessions of about 30 minutes each on general exercises, and some gym work.

Once the season ends and players change their life-styles for the summer, it is all too easy to put on weight, and we guard against that. Basically, if you are not burning off as many calories as you do during the season, you need to eat fewer calories.

Thankfully, I have been impressed by the professionalism of the squad here, and am fairly confident players will keep themselves in trim. The treatment room will be open for most of the summer, and the club's gym equipment is

of course available to all players, and Stuart Fraser will spend some time here as he continues his recovery from his broken leg. He will see the specialist again next week, and the signs are that the fracture is healing nicely. But we will not be rushing things, and at this stage although I am pretty certain Fraser will play next season, I cannot guarantee that he will be fully match fit by mid-August.

I hope Andrew Fotiadis will be fully fit by then, however. He has just undergone surgery to clean up his groin injury, and it seems to have gone well, so he will be doing a little work with me to complete his recovery.

Fortunately I have not been set too many problems in recent weeks, and it was good to see Lee Mansell complete his recovery from his knee injury, and I expect him to be available for selection this afternoon.

*Bruce Sewell*



# Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

AT THE end of a long and difficult season, you can imagine that there is considerable sadness around the club after the end of our hopes of Second Division survival. Naturally, we are already looking ahead, and to the prospect of a much more enjoyable campaign to come, and hopefully with a promotion to celebrate in 12 months' time. In the meantime, we will try to generate a cheerful atmosphere in the ground this afternoon, with the Luton Samba Band here to entertain you, returning by popular demand.

But before we consign all of the past 12 months to history, there are some thanks due. First and foremost, to supporters, because your backing has been tremendous both home and away. Please continue to give us your support in the new campaign, and I am sure we will bounce straight back up.

Thanks also to all those who were at the annual presentation evening on Sunday, which, for the first time, was organised by the football club and Luton Town Supporters Club. I know some feared that it would be a damp squib in view of the poor results this season, but it turned out to be a great success, with everybody upbeat and looking ahead to better days.

Thanks also for your generous support at the Bury game, when a collection was taken for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. It raised £722, which was very much appreciated by Mary Biswell and her team of collectors. There is another collection this afternoon, and I am sure you will be as generous as ever as the North Luton Rotary Club raise funds for under-privileged children in Bedfordshire.

My personal thanks are due to very many staff members whose contributions to the club are vital, including everyone who comes in on match days. But I think a special mention is due for our ground staff, under Richard Bird. He and Ken Everitt have worked miracles this season. It has been the wettest

on record, and although some games had to be postponed it was down to their sheer hard work and determination that many times we were able to get games on when the odds were stacked heavily against us.

Groundsmen are kept busy throughout the summer, of course, and can I please ask you to help us by resisting the temptation to go onto the pitch after today's game ends.

When the final whistle blows our players will gather in the centre circle to applaud you, the fans, as a gesture of thanks for your support throughout the season. It is, of course, an offence to go onto the playing area, and that includes last days. In our case there is even more reason for insisting that the "keep off the grass" rule is followed, because we have some commercial bookings for the pitch in the next week or two, and we want to give our customers the best possible surface to play on.

There is also a match soon after today's game ends - the traditional last-day challenge match between WHOSH and our stewards.

The heavy rain has had an effect on our Avon Insurance Combination programme. There were wholesale postponements, and with so many clubs also having a backlog of Nationwide League fixtures to make up, it has been decided that unplayed AIC matches will be declared 0-0 draws. So our reserves now have just one more game to complete their season, at Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday.

We are looking forward to next season's kick-off, and with two home pre-season friendlies already arranged, on August 4 and 7 against Norwich and Tottenham respectively, we are working to organise another one. If we are successful, details will be announced on our club web site, on Clubcall, and through the local radio and newspapers.

In the meantime, have a pleasant summer, and we look forward to seeing all friends, old and new, when football returns to Kenilworth Road in August.

*Cherry Newbery*

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# Commercial Corner

John Bailey

IT IS fitting that for the final day of a season which has been a disap-

pointment to all fans, a group of very loyal supporters have shown their backing for the club again by jointly sponsoring this afternoon's match.

Few regular readers will need to be reminded of the bunch who cheerfully call themselves the Regular Rabble, who are consistent supporters of our commercial efforts. Regular, yes, Rabble, definitely not!

They are a group of supporters who get together periodically to enjoy themselves sponsoring matches.

Among them today are Theresa Bond and Richard Culley, who are getting married on June 23. Congratulations and best wishes to them, and also belated birthday wishes to Wendi Arnold for last Sunday.

For our part, it is a huge pleasure to welcome back our old friends and supporters, all die-hard fans who are to be found at just about every Town match, home and away.

We also welcome as match sponsors Bramwell Office Furniture, a company which manufactures a complete range of furniture products at its factory in Crayford, Kent. But it has a much more local connection, because the sales and marketing headquarters for the office product division is at Milton Keynes.

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And it is a delight once more to welcome Cannon Lane, Stopsley, as our third joint match sponsors, another company whose regular support is very much appreciated. Well known local motor traders, they supply new and used Chryslers including the PT Cruiser, Voyager and

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ELEVEN-year-old Town fan Nicholas Taylor gets a wonderful belated birthday present today. He is the commercial mascot, which makes him a VIP on and off the pitch. He will meet the players in the dressing room, see what goes on behind the scenes, and run out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match rituals.

Nicholas, from Raphael Close, Shenley, had his birthday three weeks ago, and has been looking forward to today's treat ever since.

He goes to Manor Lodge School, and as well as watching the Town with his dad and sister he likes long-distance walking, playing the saxophone, and playing football for London Colney Colts. His favourite player is Matthew Taylor.

*John Bailey*

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## Goals Info:



### Where



### 16 Goals



### 29 Goals



### 4 Goals

### How

Shots	23
Headers	14
Volleys	7
Free Kicks	3
Penalties	0
O.G.s	2

### Top Scorers

George	7
Mansell	5
Watts	4
Spring	4
Douglas	4
Boyce	3
Stein	3
Fotiadis	3
Kandol	3

### 2000-2001

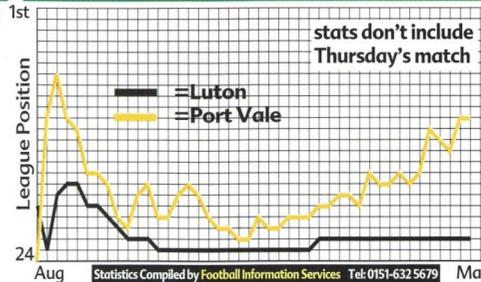
Highest Gate	7,405
vs Bristol Rovers	
Lowest Gate	4,362
vs Walsall	
Average Home Attendance	5,777
Plys Used	32
Cln Sheets	7
Failed to Score	15
Consec. Wins	3 games
Consec. Defeats	4 gms (2 times)
Yellow Cards	59
Red Cards	3

# HEAD 2 HEAD

## Hatters' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	OppPos	1st
L	Bristol City	A	8th	
L	Rotherham	H	3rd	
L	Bury	H	16th	
L	Wrexham	A	9th	
D	Oldham	H	15th	
S	Oxford	H	24th	
L	Stoke	H	6th	
S	Reading	H	3rd	
L	Colchester	A	15th	
S	Peterborough	A	17th	

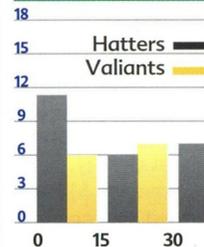
## Seasonal Progress Comparison



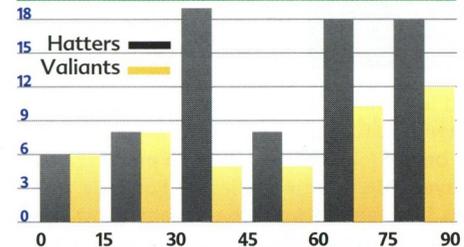
## Valiants' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	OppPos	1st
S	Oxford	A	24th	
W	Bristol Rovers	A	21st	
L	Notts County	H	10th	
W	Northampton	A	12th	
W	Swansea	H	23rd	
S	Brentford	A	13th	
L	Millwall	A	1st	
W	Bristol Rovers	H	21st	
S	Wrexham	H	12th	
S	Bristol City	A	7th	

## When Goals have been Scored



## When Goals have been Conceded



## Liam George (Luton)



Goals	7
Games	41
Average	0.17

7 games	Total Games Scored In	12 games
7 games	Games Scored 1 Goal	10 games
0 games	Games Scored 2 Goals	2 games
0 games	Hat-tricks	0 games

W->L	0 (0pts)	Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
W->D	0 (0pts)	
D->L	1 (1pts)	

2 games	Maximum scoring run	2 games
12 games	Maximum Dry Spell	7 games

## Top Scorers Comparison

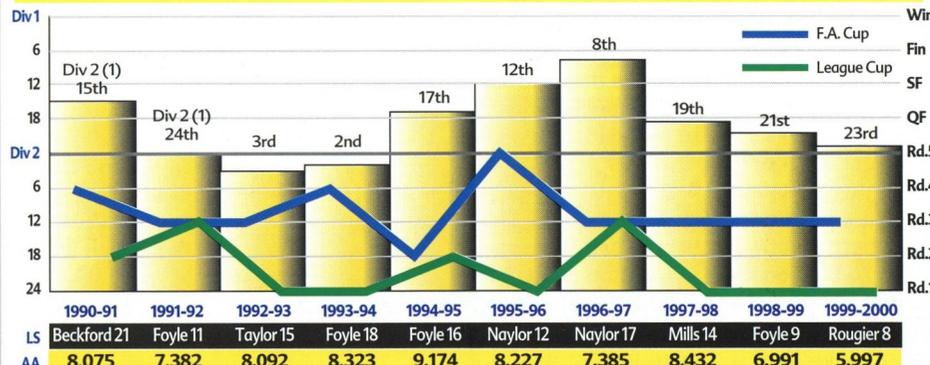
## Tony Naylor (Port Vale)



Goals	14
Games	40
Average	0.35

6	Shot	10
0	Header	2
1	Volleyed Shot	2
0	Penalty	0
0	Direct free Kick	0

## Port Vale's Last 10 years - The Complete Record



## Goals Info:



### Where



### 15 Goals



### 28 Goals



### 11 Goals

### How

Shots	31
Headers	8
Volleys	11
Free Kicks	3
Penalties	0
O.G.s	1

### Top Scorers

Naylor	14
Bridge	9
Wilkinson	9
Brooker	8
Tankard	3
Brammer	3
Twiss	3

### 2000-2001

Highest Gate	8,948
vs Stoke	
Lowest Gate	3,192
vs Colchester	
Average Home Attendance	4,387
Plys Used	29
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## Port Vale



### RONNIE MOORE - MANAGER

**DOB** - 4/2/49 - Hednesford  
Brian Horton joined Port Vale as manager in January 1999 after taking over the reins from long-serving manager John Rudge. He was born in Hednesford in Staffordshire where he played for Staffordshire schools. On leaving school he played non-League football for Hednesford Town before joining Port Vale as a professional. He played 236 League games for Port Vale and scored 37 goals (13 from the penalty spot) before Peter Taylor signed him for Brighton in March 1976 for £30,000.

For Albion he played 252 games in all competitions and scored 41 goals. He led Albion to promotion from Division Three in 1977 and two years later to Division One. In the summer of 1981 he was transferred to Luton Town, effectively being exchanged for Tony Grealish. He went on to play 118 games for Luton with whom he again earned promotion as skipper in his first year, taking them to Division One. He became player-manager at Hull City in May and led them to promotion to Division Two in his first season. He was sacked in April 1988 and moved to Oxford United as assistant to Mark Lawrenson. He took over the managerial role there six months later before being appointed to the Manchester City hot-seat in August 1993. He lost that post under Francis Lee in April 1995 and was immediately installed to a similar post at Huddersfield where his tenure ended in 1997. He then moved back to his old club Brighton as manager where he proved to be popular with both fans and players, while getting results on the pitch. His playing career spanned 689 League and Cup games with a prolific 88 goals from midfield. He has twice been involved as skipper with a team promoted to Division One, at Brighton and Luton. And as manager he took Hull up to Division Two. In his first season back at Port Vale he managed to keep the club in the first division but last season the team were relegated.

### NO. 1 - MARK GOODLAD - GOALKEEPER

**DOB** - 9/9/79 - Barnsley  
**Height** - 6ft 1in **Weight** - 13st 2lbs  
Mark was signed on a free transfer after an initial trial period at Vale Park. A young goalkeeper he had already had a loan spell at Scarborough where he had made his league debut and began his career at Nottingham Forest. Brian Horton was impressed with the youngster and he signed on a free transfer for the rest of the 1999/2000 season. He then made his full debut in the final match versus Wolves and impressed immensely with a dominant display. With previous first choice keepers Musselwhite and Pilkington both released as a cost cutting measure, Mark signed a two year contract in the summer of 2000 and he is likely to be first choice in the new season.

### NO. 12 - DEAN DELANEY - GOALKEEPER

**DOB** - 15/9/80 - Dublin  
**Height** - 6ft 0in **Weight** - 13st 2lbs  
The young Dubliner was signed by Brian Horton to add competition to the goalkeeper position at Vale Park and he will be looking to challenge Mark Goodlad for the number one shirt. An Eire U21 International, Dean first came to the Vale Manager's attention when he arrived on trial last season. Firmly down the goalkeeping pecking order at Everton after Gerrard, Myhre and Simonson he was freed at the end of the season and Horton moved quickly to snap him up.

### NO. 21 - LIAM BURNS - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 30/10/78 - Belfast  
**Height** - 6ft 0ins **Weight** - 13st 3lbs  
Liam is an Irish central defender who turned professional in July 1997 after he had completed his apprenticeship. A Northern Ireland under-21 international, he made his debut as first team substitute at Sunderland in January 1998 in front of almost 40,000 fans and did well in an unaccustomed left wing back role. Since then he has been given a regular first team place.

### NO. 5 - MICHAEL WALSH - DEFENDER

**D.O.B.** - 5/8/77 - Rotherham

**Height** - 6ft 0in **Weight** - 12st 8lbs

A confident and competent right-back who has been tipped for a higher grade of football. He is renowned for his long throw (40 metres - only four metres short of the world record) and signed for Port Vale during 1998 for £100,000. Before joining Port Vale he played at Scunthorpe where he progressed from a trainee to a first team regular.

### NO. 3 - ALLEN TANKARD - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 21/5/69 - Fleet

**Height** - 5ft 10in **Weight** - 13st 4lbs

Tankard has established himself as an important part of the experienced Vale defence. Allen started his career at Southampton in May 1987 during the same period Alan Shearer, Matt Le Tissier and Andy Townsend were in the first team. He only managed five appearances for the Saints and moved on to Wigan on a free transfer in the summer of '88. He remained a first team regular at Wigan until his move to Vale in July 1993 for £87,500.

His league debut for the Valiants was in a 2-1 defeat away against Burnley on 14/8/93. He has now played over 300 games for Port Vale and scored three goals.



### NO. 2 - MATTHEW CARRAGHER - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 14/1/76 - Liverpool

**Height** - 5ft 9in

**Weight** - 11st 6lbs

Matt is one of three players who came to Port Vale during the closed season of 1997. He initially signed a

one-year contract after coming from Wigan on a free transfer. The contract was extended again by a further two years and has just been renewed this Summer to keep the impressive defender at the club. He describes himself as an attacking right back and at just 21 he was Wigan's longest

serving player with more than 100 appearances under his belt. He has slotted into Port Vale's first team squad with ease and has proved to be a mature and experienced defender despite his youth.

### NO. 17 - NEIL BRISCO - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 26/1/78 - Wigan

**Height** - 5ft 11in **Weight** - 13st 1lb

Defender Neil signed in 1998 after failing to gain a first team place at former club Manchester City. He made just a handful of appearances last season but has worked hard in pre-season and is hoping to have gained himself a place in Brian Horton's plans. He made his debut under the new manager at the first game of last season against newly-relegated Blackburn. He played in the unfamiliar role of right-back and had a cracking game.

### NO. 6 - SAGI BURTON - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 25/11/77 - Birmingham

**Height** - 6ft 2in **Weight** - 13st 6lb

Or to be exact, Osagyefo Lenin Ernesto Burton-Godwin. Birmingham-born Sagi is a well-built central defender who made his debut as sub against West Brom when Ant Gardner came off injured.

The 6 foot 2 inch player has been at Crystal Palace since he came through their youth team and made his first team debut in 1997/98 season. The 23-year-old is a good solid defender and because of his height is known to dominate in the air.

After initially signing a short-term deal at the club he earned himself a more permanent contract in close season after suitably impressing Brian Horton.

### NO. 20 - PAUL DONNELLY - DEFENDER

**DOB** - 16/2/81 - Newcastle-under-Lyme

**Height** - 5ft 8in **Weight** - 11st 10lbs

Nineteen-year-old Paul made his debut against Stockport County in February 2000.



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The youngster can slot in at right-back or left-back and successfully graduated through Port Vale's School of Excellence and youth team to earn himself a one-year contract.

A week before his debut his contract was extended by a further two years. Paul is very much one to watch in the future and could be the long-term replacement for defender Ant Gardner who was sold to Tottenham Hotspur.

**NO. 4 - DAVE BRAMMER - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 28/2/75 - Bromborough  
**Height** - 5ft 11in **Weight** - 12st 0lbs  
Brian Horton clinched the central midfielder for a fee of £350,000 (rising to £500,000 on appearances) from Wrexham - where he had been since a trainee. He is a strong player who is not afraid to have attempts on goal. He is also a fine passer of the ball and can use both feet equally well.

**NO. 14 - RICHARD EYRE - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 15/9/76 - Poynton  
**Height** - 5ft 8in **Weight** - 11st 8lbs  
A fast moving right winger from Poynton in Cheshire. Turned professional in July 1995 after completing his apprenticeship as a trainee. He has been a regular for the reserves in the Pontins League and had his first taste of senior action when he was a substitute v Ipswich in December 1997. He came on for the last minute. Since Brian Horton took over as manager, Richie has been an integral part of the squad. He is

growing in confidence all the time and his dangerous crosses are capable of tearing up the opposition's defence.

**NO. 18 - GEORGE O'CALLAGHAN - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 5/9/79 - Cork, Eire  
**Height** - 6ft 1in **Weight** - 10st 5lbs  
George is one of Port Vale's newest professionals. The tall Irish midfielder came successfully through the youth ranks and signed professional terms with the club in April 1998. He is a free-scoring midfielder who clocked up 15 goals in the 1998 youth team. He has played on the Republic of Ireland U18 squad and has a good touch and a fine sense of anticipation. He made his debut in the 2:1 victory over Wolves in September 1999 and will be hoping to claim a regular place in the first team squad.

**NO. 19 - ALEX SMITH - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 15/2/76 - Liverpool  
**Height** - 5ft 8in **Weight** - 10st 6lbs  
Alex Smith was snapped up by Brian Horton when he scored for Chester against the manager's former team Brighton two years ago. He sees his £75,000 move from Chester as his ticket back to the higher leagues after starting his career at Everton and moving on to Swindon and Huddersfield. Unfortunately Alex has been dogged by injury since joining the Vale and has made just a handful of appearances. However those that he has made have proved him to be a

flair player with a touch of Premiership class about him. He is a left-sided midfielder who can carve up the opposition's defence and put great crosses into the box.

**NO. 11 - TOMMY WIDDRINGTON - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 1/10/71 - Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
**Height** - 5ft 9in **Weight** - 11st 12lbs  
Tommy has joined Port Vale after spending a couple of months on loan at the end of season 1998/99 from Grimsby Town. The ex-Southampton player is a left-sided midfielder who has also played at Wigan on loan. He is a tough-tackling ball-winner who is also comfortable in a full-back or sweeper role. He was voted last season's Player of the Year and he is a player who will give 100 per cent in every game and has proved to be exceptionally committed to Port Vale.

**NO. 23 - MICHAEL TWISS - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 18/12/77 - Salford  
**Height** - 5ft 11in **Weight** - 12st 8lbs  
An exciting, young player who was released by Manchester United in the Summer. Brian Horton snapped him up after an initial trial period and the 22-year-old has been a first team regular since.

**NO. 8 - MICHAEL CUMMINS - MIDFIELDER**

**DOB** - 1/6/78 - Dublin  
**Height** - 6ft 0in **Weight** - 11st 11lbs  
A strong but skilful box-to-box midfielder, Michael signed on a free transfer for Vale after a brief trial. An Eire U21 International. Michael has the potential to build a good career in the game. He had made a handful of appearances for Middlesbrough, making his debut as right wing back versus West Ham. He moved to Vale Park in 2000 determined to rebuild his career. He made his first team debut versus Crystal Palace in March and scored on his home debut versus Walsall. He impressed Brian Horton enough to be offered a two-year contract which he signed in May 2000.



**NO. 15 - MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON - DEFENDER**

**DOB** - 16/3/79 - Nuneaton  
**Height** - 5ft 6in **Weight** - 11st 0lbs  
Marc was Derby's Young Player of the Year in 1998/9 and was top scorer in the reserves in 1999/2000. He

also spent a period on loan at Carlisle United. However, with competition for first team places tight at Pride Park Marc was released by Derby and snapped up by Brian Horton as his first signing of the new season. A skilful right-sided midfielder he comes with a reputation for scoring goals from midfield.

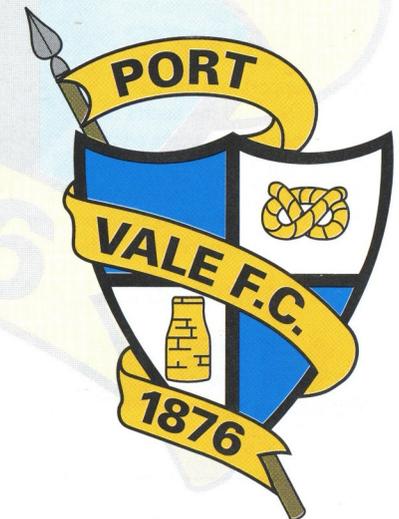


**NO. 10 - TONY NAYLOR - FORWARD**

**DOB** - 29/3/68 - Manchester  
**Height** - 5ft 4in **Weight** - 10st 7lbs  
He began his career with non-league Droydsden before moving to Crewe in March 1990 for £20,000. He was bought from Crewe for £150,000 in July 1994. Due to his small frame he is able to turn defenders inside out and back to front in the box, is very nippy and able to turn sharply in front of goal.

**NO. 9 - VILLE VILJANEN - FORWARD**

**DOB** - 2/2/71 - Helsinki  
**Height** - 6ft 2in **Weight** - 13st 4lbs  
Finnish international Ville joined the club on a short-term contract at the end of last season. During his short time at the club he impressed enough to earn himself a contract for this season. The striker has played in Sweden for the last few years and made his debut as a substitute for Vale against Stockport County in February. He scored a goal on his full debut in a 1:1 draw against local rivals Crewe Alexandra and is a menacing attacker on his day.



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## TOWN TEASER

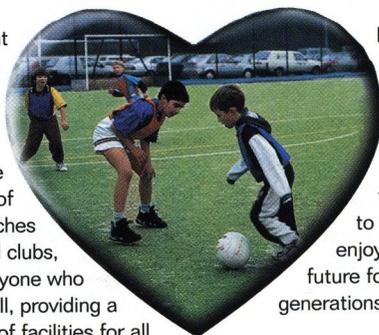
IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you have a chance to win a little prize this afternoon. The PA announcer will pose another Town Teaser before kick-off, so listen to him for your chance to have a go. And if you don't know the answer, you can find it somewhere in today's magazine. The question at the last game was about the goalkeeper who starred in our Littlewoods Cup final victory, and the answer of course was Andy Dibble.

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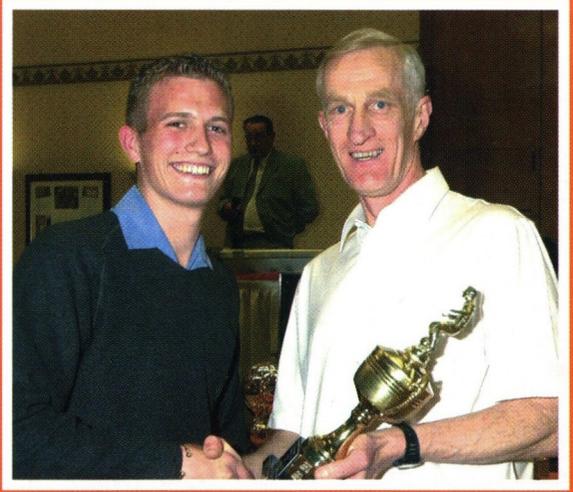
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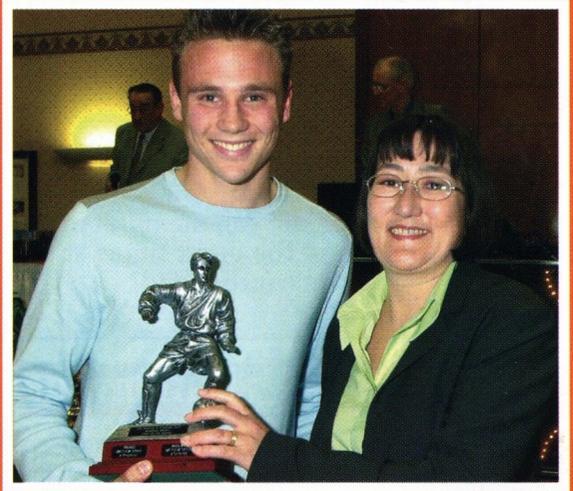
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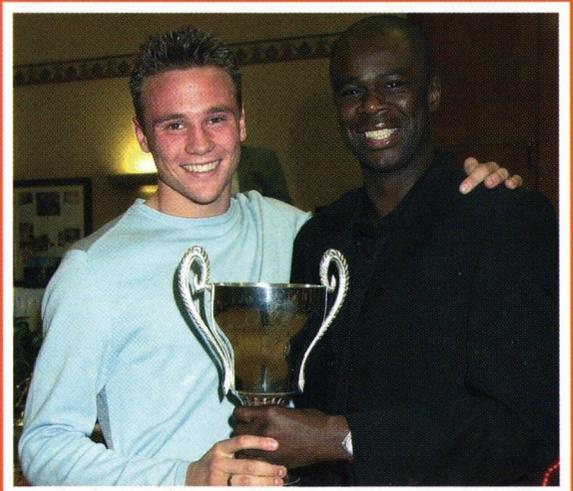
## The Fans' Favourites



Coach John Moore presents the young player of the year trophy to Lee Mansell



Yvonne Fletcher, club director, hands over the pot for the goal of the season.

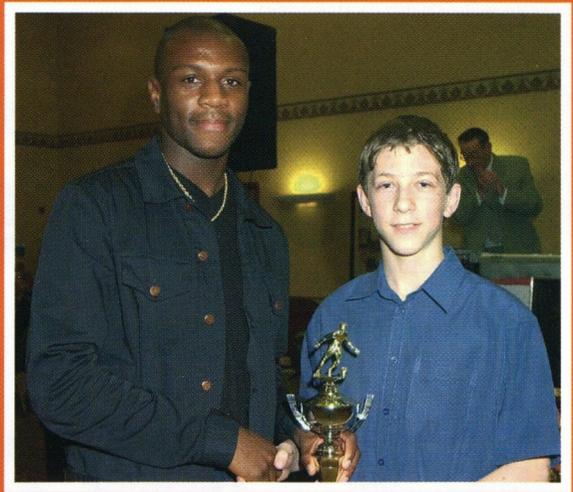


Matt Taylor and Marvin Johnson, with the players player of the year award.

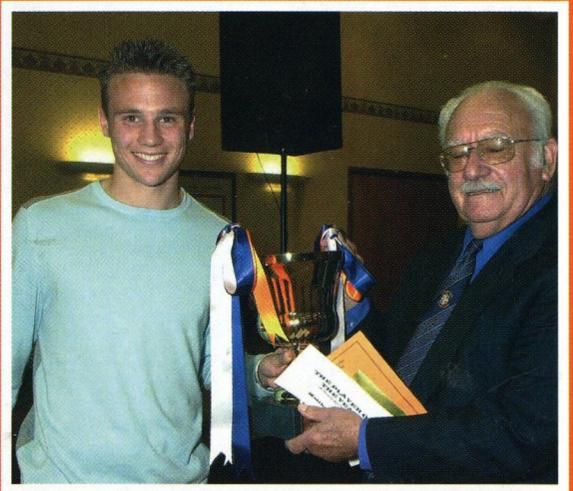


**TOP HATTER:** Matthew Taylor almost swept the board at the annual presentation night of Luton Town Supporters Club, which was organised jointly with the football club. He collected four trophies: he was player of the year chosen by the fans, and by his own team-mates, the internet player of the year, through votes via the web, and also netted the goal of the season prize, for his wonderful lob which beat Cambridge at Kenilworth Road two months ago. Emmerson Boyce pipped him in the vote for player of the year by junior members of LTSC, while Lee Mansell was the young player of the year, nominated by the manager and coaching staff.

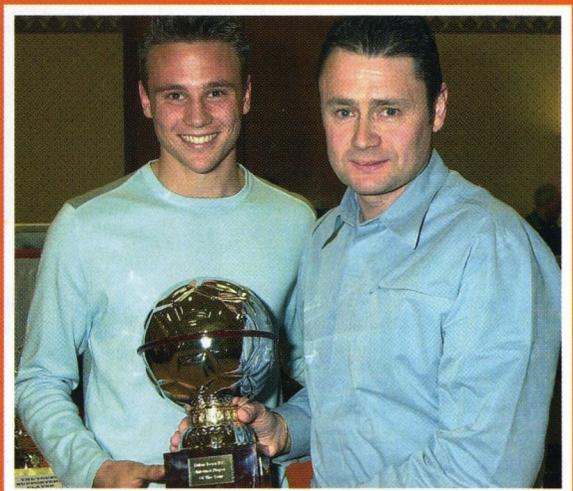
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Emmerson Boyce receives the junior supporters' player of the year award from Matt Westwood



The main prize for the main man: Town chairman Mike Watson-Challis with the winner of the fans' player of the year cup.



John Newman, of Hatters Financial Services, who sponsored the internet player of the year prize, presents it to Matt Taylor

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# Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

## Clashes with the Vale

Although both clubs have been in operation for well over a century, the Town from 1885 and the Valiants 1863, the meetings between the sides have been, apart from a five season run in the 1960's, few and far between. In 1898/99 we were enjoying our second season as members of the Football League Division Two and entertained 'new boys' Burslem Port Vale, fresh from the Midland League, at Dunstable Road on November 5th. In front of a crowd of 2,000 we had most of the play but a goal from Richard Evans, two minutes from time, sealed a win for the visitors. In the return the following March, at the Athletic Ground Cobridge, we went down 1-4 with prolific marksman Hugh Galbraith netting the sole Luton effort. We fared little better the next season, losing 0-1 in the Potteries, where 'the exchanges from the inception were of a spirited nature' and only managed a point following a 1-1 draw at Dunstable Road. We left the Football League at the end of that campaign and it was to be over 50 years before our paths crossed again, and in 1954/55, just as we were about to be promoted to the old Division One for the first time in our history, we fought out a 1-1 draw at Vale Park, the Valiants new home since 1950, with Roy Davies scoring the all important goal. Vale who had won promotion the previous season on the back of a miserly, virtually ever present defence went down 2-4 in the return at Kenilworth Road in front of a crowd of 16,704 with Davies again on the scoresheet. Our next meetings all took place in the 1960's commencing in 1963 following our relegation from the old Division Two. On October 9th, 1963 we switched on our new £10,000 floodlights and welcomed the Valiants who looked

likely to pinch a point after centre-half Gordon Fincham missed a penalty. Fortunately we managed to snatch only our second victory of the season when Tom McKechnie stabbed home the winner with ten minutes left to play. The return was played the following week, but this time it was Vale who scored the only goal when the Town's ex-England international goalkeeper, Ron Baynham, was beaten just before the interval by Charles Rawlings, to send the crowd of 11,449 home happy but push us down nearer to the bottom of Division Three. In 1964/65 both games were again played within days of each other and in the clash at Vale Park the Town were unlucky to go down to an Albert Cheesebrough effort four minutes from the end. This victory ended a run of eight games without a win for Vale, which included an earlier 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road when David Pleat equalised just before the end with an unstoppable shot. As can be gathered, both the Town and Port Vale were pretty poor sides at the time and they accompanied each other down into Division Four at the end of that season. As the Town found their feet at this new level we finally managed a win at Vale for the first time when John O'Rourke and Ray Whittaker were on target in a 2-1 win at the end of a six game unbeaten run. The return was played on the evening of the F.A.Cup final, in an experiment which was surprisingly only repeated once after, as an excellent crowd of 12,054 saw the Town go in at half time five goals to the good with all the strikes coming in the opening 23 minutes. Mindful of a tough game to be played at

Halifax 48 hours later the players quite naturally sat on their lead in the second period but even then had the chance to make it six but ace striker O'Rourke missed from the penalty spot. Season 1966/67 was the lowest point in the club's history as we sunk to eighth from bottom of Division Four and our results against Vale appropriately summed up the campaign.

When we went to the Potteries on November 5th, 1966 we had gained one point and scored two goals on our travels that season and new manager Allan Brown, taking charge for the first time would only say "I have a lot of work to do," following a dismal 0-1 defeat. In the return, in April 1967, a rare goal from John Moore secured a point, after three straight defeats, as the Town struggled to avoid the need to apply for re-election. By the following season some of manager Brown's hard work was beginning to bear fruit and a hard earned point at Vale Park in a 0-0 draw in January was followed by a comfortable 2-0 home win in March- courtesy of goals from Ian Buxton and Bruce Rioch- as we consolidated our position at the top of Division Four on the way to the championship. Our next meetings took place after a long gap of 26 years with the Town in Division One facing the newly promoted Valiants at Vale Park where they had remained unbeaten for a year. The Town had started the 1994/95 campaign poorly but upset the formbook by winning 1-0 with Dwight Marshall heading his first league goal in a Luton shirt. The Town eased into a two goal lead through Paul Telfer and Kerry Dixon in the return against relegation threatened Vale, with a late effort from Andy Porter not enough to prevent



*Dwight Marshall celebrates after scoring his first league goal for the Town at Port Vale in 1994.*

all three points remaining at Kenilworth Road. The final pair of matches came within a week of each other towards the end of the 1995/96 season at the finish of which the Town were relegated to Division Two. On 23rd April a solitary strike from Vale's Lee Mills settled a game which finished unhappily for the Town with Graeme Tomlinson, on loan from Manchester United and making his full Luton debut, breaking a leg. The return, a week later, was coincidentally the last home game of the season with the Town already relegated! With nothing to play for apart from a bit of pride a goal from Tony Thorpe with eight minutes left moved the Town into a 3-1 lead. A Mills effort at the death mattered little in a match marking the league debuts of both Sean Evers and Ben Chenery.

*Roger Wash*

### HISTORIAN'S REQUEST.

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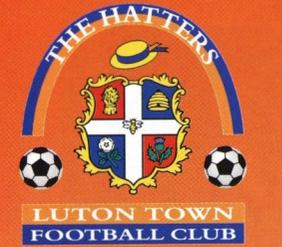
The in schools days simply mean that instead of our coaches visiting your school for one PE lesson in the day we arrive in the morning and coach as many children as we can within the whole school day. Quite a number of schools have already set aside their curriculum for a whole day to have an "In Schools Day" and we are pleased to be able to add this to our Schools Visit Project.

With breakfast and lunchtime clubs our coaching can take place around the curriculum either before school starts or during the lunch break. Of course schools can still contact us to book individual PE lessons during the day.

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Although we have visited over 150 schools in our area there are still schools we've not yet reached - if you're reading this and think you might be one of them why not give us a ring at the Club to arrange a visit or to answer any questions you may have.

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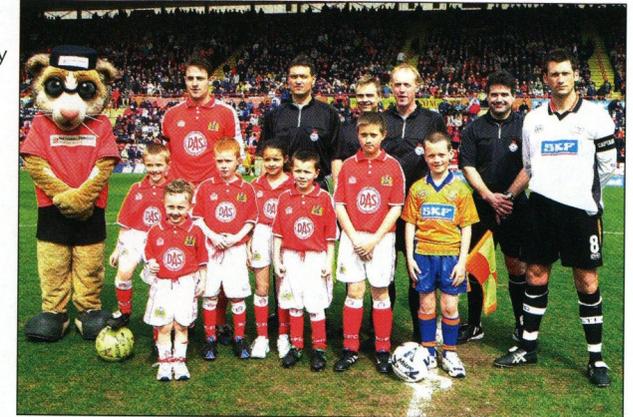
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# Junior Hatters

WE HAD a wonderful day out at Ashton Gate, except for the disappointment of seeing the Town lose. Bristol City were very good hosts, as usual, giving us a tour of the stadium, entertaining us to a buffet lunch in their family room, and taking on the Junior Hatters in an eight-a-side football match on the pitch during half time. Paul Hunter gave us the lead, but City Junior Strikers came back to win 2-1 despite a valiant team performance and raucous backing from Happy Harry. We were offered the chance to provide a mascot for the match, and Billy Rogers, who is nine and comes from Little Berries, Marsh Farm, was chosen during the journey to Bristol. As you can see in the picture, he was outnumbered by the opposition, who fielded six mascots.



On the way home we held the last round of our famous coach quiz. During the season we have had about a hundred different teams taking part, and we can now announce the top six. Winners were OB1 with 167 points, followed by: 2nd Two pints of bitter and a glass of coke 140, 3rd Watford Down4Ever 129, equal 4th Bring back the Alan White fan club and Dicky's barney army 111, 6th U/S 99.

WE are now planning for next season, and perhaps a trip back to Ashton Gate in the summer to take part in a junior fans' soccer tournament. See the next issue of the Junior Hatters newsletter for details. Our membership fee has been pegged at £10 for new members, £6 for renewals, but there is a slight change in the system - instead of joining per season, membership lasts for one year from the date of joining. We welcome all Luton Town fans aged 0-16, and with prices subsidised by our sponsors we think we offer very good value for money, particularly with our Saturday Club, the chance to be a mascot, and coach trips to away games. For more information contact the club shop.

## Today's Mascot

THE luck of the draw has resulted in Luke Thomas Odell being chosen as Junior Hatters mascot this afternoon. Aged seven, he lives at Doddington Road, Wellingborough, and comes to games with his dad, and sometimes his sister Carly, and his season ticket is in the Kenilworth Upper Tier.



Today he plays an important part in the entertainment, going into the dressing room to meet the players before the match - his favourite is Lee Mansell - and joining them on the pitch for the warm-up and toss of the coin. Luke goes to All Saints Primary School, and when he is not watching his favourite team he enjoys playing football and cricket for Burton Latimer CC juniors.

We also have a ball girl today, Vicky York, from Kempston, and a ball boy, Sean Ford, from Welwyn Garden City.

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# Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

ALL HATTERS fans could do with a bit of cheering up now that relegation has unfortunately become a reality. Had he been alive today, Eric Morecambe would surely have done just that, for not only was he an ardent Luton Town fan, but one of the top comedians of modern times.

It's not often that a supporter is better-known than any of the club's players, but there was a time that the very mention of Luton Town would always trigger his name. Hardly a Morecambe & Wise show went by without some reference to Luton, and even today people instinctively associate him with the club.

Eric appeared on a set of 24 cards produced by Golden Wonder Crisps in 1979. Born as Eric Bartholomew on May 14, 1926, he adopted the name of his home town when he started his show-business career as a teenager. He and his young friend Ernest Wiseman, whom he met at a sea-side talent contest, toured the northern clubs and music-halls with a comedy act, and gradually moved up the bill. By the early 1960s they had their own show on television, and when Eric moved to Harpenden later in that decade he and Ernie were already household names.

Legend has it that Eric tossed a coin to decide whether to watch Luton or another team down the road, but I like to think there was more reasoning than that. He became a season-ticket holder, with a seat near the directors box, and in March 1970, shortly before the Town's promotion to the old Second Division, he became a member of the board. Eric became a familiar figure at Town matches, and often travelled to away games on the chartered trains that carried officials, players and supporters around the country. I well remember meeting the great man a few times on those trips, and believe that he did not have to act where comedy was concerned. Making people laugh came naturally to him, and he was just as funny off-stage

talking to supporters as he was when performing. One of Morecambe & Wise's greatest attributes was their timing, and the fact that, unlike a lot of modern comedians, they never had to resort to being crude or offensive to raise laughs.

In 1974, with Happy Harry Haslam as manager, and Eric in the boardroom, Luton laughed all the way to promotion to the top flight. After a tense clincher at West Brom, on the day Manchester United were relegated from what is now the Premiership, the "tall one with the glasses" was thrown into the bath at the Hawthorns by a very happy bunch of players.

Golden Wonder Crisps  
TV All Stars (1979)



That was to be the highlight of Eric's time as a director. The following season ended in relegation and by October 1975 the club's existence was threatened by a financial crisis. Dogged by heart trouble, Eric felt he could not jeopardise his health with these added pressures, and resigned from the board. He continued to support the team, and was made a Life President of the club, and was thrilled when, on his 57th birthday, the Town won that epic match at Maine Road to avoid relegation at Manchester City's expense. Tragically, just over a year later, Eric Morecambe was dead, claimed by a heart attack on stage on May 28, 1984.

Looking back, I don't think Luton realised at the time just how valuable his TV plugs and other promotional activities were to the club. They were instrumental in putting a small club firmly in the minds of millions, and enhanced its reputation as a friendly and progressive outfit. The introduction of an Eric Morecambe Suite at Kenilworth Road keeps alive his memory, and his support for Luton Town. This series of cards, which also contained the late Ernie Wise, can still be obtained easily from most dealers for the very reasonable price of around £2 for the set.

*Alan Robinson*

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# Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Rotherham Utd 1 (HT 0-0)

IT WAS cruelly ironic that one of the Town's better performances of the season should end in defeat and confirmation of relegation. Disappointed though they were, supporters gave the team a sympathetic reception as they trooped off after putting up a fighting display. Most of the other club record total of 12 home defeats were deserved much more than this one, against a side which was on a roll, and clinched promotion a few days later and might finish the season as Second Division champions.

Marvin Johnson returned after his long lay-off, to enable Joe Kinnear to go with his preferred 4-4-2 formation for the first time, with Stuart Douglas on the right of midfield. Lee Mansell was missing because of a knee injury. The Town always seem to look better against higher quality opposition, and with a touch more calmness in front of goal might have snatched the win needed to keep hope alive.

The decisive goal was controversial, with the Town manager and his defence sure that Mark Robins was offside in the build-up. The manager made his point so forcibly he was sent off, with Johnson and Richard Dryden booked for their milder words of complaints.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Ovendale, Shepherd, Johnson, Dryden, Boyce, Douglas, McLaren, Spring, Taylor, George (Stein 64 mins), Howard. Unused subs: Locke, Watts, Holmes, Ward.

**Booked:** Matthew Taylor, 28 mins, foul on Marvin Bryan; Marvin Johnson and Richard Dryden, dissent, 76 mins, for protests over no offside flag waving in the move leading to the winning goal.

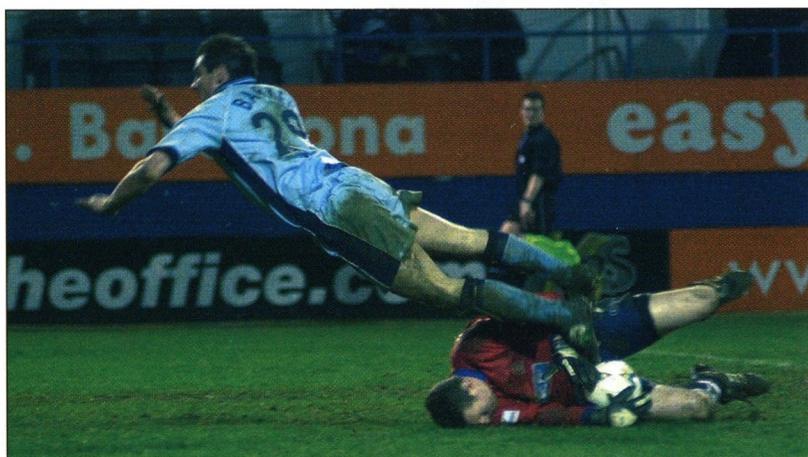
**Rotherham:** Pettinger, Artell, Scott, Branston, Bryan, Talbot (Minton 89 mins), Watson, Hurst, Sedgwick, Robins (Monkhouse 89 mins), Barker. Unused subs: Wilsterman, Beech, Gray.

**Booked:** Chris Sedgwick, 51 mins, foul on Marvin Johnson; Stewart Talbot, 64 mins, foul on Stuart Douglas

**The Goal:** Chris Sedgwick, 76 mins, sharp finish from beyond the far post after Mark Robins got clear down the left, with the Town convinced he was well offside, but Rotherham boss Ronnie Moore equally adamant that he was not.

**Referee:** Paul Armstrong, Berkshire.

**Attendance:** 4,854, including 1,239 away supporters.



*NOT THIS TIME:* Mark Ovendale goes in where it hurts, and Richard Barker goes flying as the keeper makes a brave save.

# Action Replay

Bristol City 3 Luton Town 1 (HT 1-0)

FORMER Town skipper Danny Wilson, now manager of a team which has just missed out on the play-offs, admitted candidly at Ashton Gate that he was glad he had been let off the hook as his side made the best of their good luck to win their final home match of the season. "Luton spurned a lot of chances - we could have been buried by half-time," he said. "It was only after they equalised that we really got going. It is so sad for me to see Luton dropping into the Third Division - I still have a lot of affection for them, and I hope they bounce back. With the nucleus of that team, I don't think they will have a problem."

Joe Kinnear agreed with Wilson's summing-up, but was complaining again that all the good play in the world counts for nothing without the final ball into the net.

"Overall the score-line doesn't do us justice because for a long time we dominated the middle of the park, where McLaren and Spring were exceptional," he said. "But it's the same old story every week - the tale of two penalty boxes. We miss chances, and sometimes defensively we are a soft touch."

The defensive frailty led to City going ahead on 34 minutes, and soon afterwards Spring was inches from a goal, with a thundering drive that hit the bar and bounced down onto the line. Liam George got the goal the Town deserved 14 minutes after the break, but Howard miss-kicked in front of goal moments later, before City roused themselves to show how goals should be taken, with two in the last 25 minutes. Inevitably sub Tony Thorpe completed his old mates' misery with the third goal.



*ON ITS WAY:* Liam George has just tricked his way past Bristol City skipper Louis Carey, and the No. 2 could only watch as the Town striker knocked in his ninth goal of the season.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Ovendale, Shepherd, Johnson, Dryden, Boyce, Helin (Locke 75 mins), McLaren, Spring, Taylor, George (Douglas 73 mins), Howard (Stein 73 mins). Unused subs: Watts, Ward.

**Booked:** No-one.

**Bristol City:** Phillips, Carey, Bell, Murray, Tinnion, Brown, Burnell (Amankwaah HT), Hill, Clist (Maddison 61 mins), Da Silva (Thorpe 56 mins), Peacock. Unused subs: Coles, Correia.

**Booked:** No-one

**The Goals:** 1-0 34 mins - Aaron Brown, first-ever league goal, low shot after the Town failed to clear Lee Peacock's cross from the City right; 1-1 59 mins - Liam George, taking on and beating Louis Carey and shooting low into the net, after good build-up work by Matthew Taylor and Matthew Spring; 2-1 65 mins - Aaron Brown far post looping header, left unmarked to meet a deep cross by Scott Murray; 3-1 78 mins - Tony Thorpe header, beating his own team-mate Peacock to a cross by Brown.

**Referee:** Peter Walton, Northamptonshire

**Attendance:** 9,161, including 311 away supporters.

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# Hatters Chatter

## Football in the Community

LINKS between Luton Town and the local community are to be strengthened as part of a new initiative announced this week.

The club has completed negotiations to re-enter the national Football in the Community programme, which is sponsored by the Football Association, Premier League, Football League and the Professional Footballers Association.

With land now purchased for the new stadium, the club believes it is important to expand links with communities in the surrounding areas.

"I'm delighted the community programme will now enjoy the additional resources and support which the national scheme offers," said chairman Mike Watson-Challis.

"It is vital for us to demonstrate our commitment to the local grass roots from which we will derive our future supporters. Emphasis will be placed on the ethnic minorities, and those subjected to social exclusion, in fostering long-term links with the club."

The development means that the Town now need a Community Officer to run the scheme. Anyone interested in implementing a programme that will use the club as a focal point for the development of community activities should apply to Roger Eade, Football in the Community, 11 Oxford Court, Bishopsgate, Manchester M2 3WQ, enclosing a current CV. All applicants must hold the FA coaching certificate.

## Big draw prize list

THE GRAND draw run jointly by Luton Town FC and Luton Town Supporters Club as part of the presentation evening resulted in 11 of the 21 prizes being claimed on the night, including the top three, a TV with DVD player, a season ticket and car park place, and a Butlins holiday for four.

That leaves ten prizes still to be collected, and if you have any of the winning tickets please contact the club and make arrangements to swap your ticket for the relevant prize.

The prizes and winning numbers available as we went to press were: VIP day for two at a Town match - 09125 Mr Conway; signed Town shirt - 05551 Mr Sheinman; Town on Tour trip for two to an away match next season - 05896 Jenny Dodd; M & S Voucher - 09146 Mr Moskal; LTFC club shop voucher - 02731 Lester Phillips; LTFC mini-classics limited edition - 11776 Stevens; collection of CDs - 05975 Dawn Lee; champagne - 00476 R. Hudspits; Illustrated History of LTFC - 06127 Keith Hayward; Fitness First membership - 08861 Mike, c/o Regal.

The presentation night, packed out at the Riverside Suite at Vauxhall RC, was a huge success, and thanks are due to the team from the football club and the supporters club who worked hard for months to make it happen.

The mood was upbeat, despite the disappointing season we have just suffered, and chairman Mike Watson-Challis made a point of thanking fans for their great support, especially those who have raised rooves all over the country at away games.

"Come back next season, keep up the support, and help us get straight back up," he asked. "I know we can do it if we all work together."

## Collector makes an offer

PAUL Clarkson, who collects Luton Town memorabilia, has asked for help in adding an important item to his collection. He wants a copy of the book, *The Luton Town Story, 1885-1985*, which was published to mark the club's centenary. He will pay up to £30 for one in good condition, with the dust jacket. He lives in Brigg, North Lincs, and his phone and fax number is 01652 656389.

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# Hatters Chatter Marathon Success

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Lynda Smith, who was the club's representative in the football section of the Flora London Marathon. Although it was her first attempt at tackling a 26-mile race, she came home in the middle of the 30,000-strong field in a time of four hours and 26 minutes.

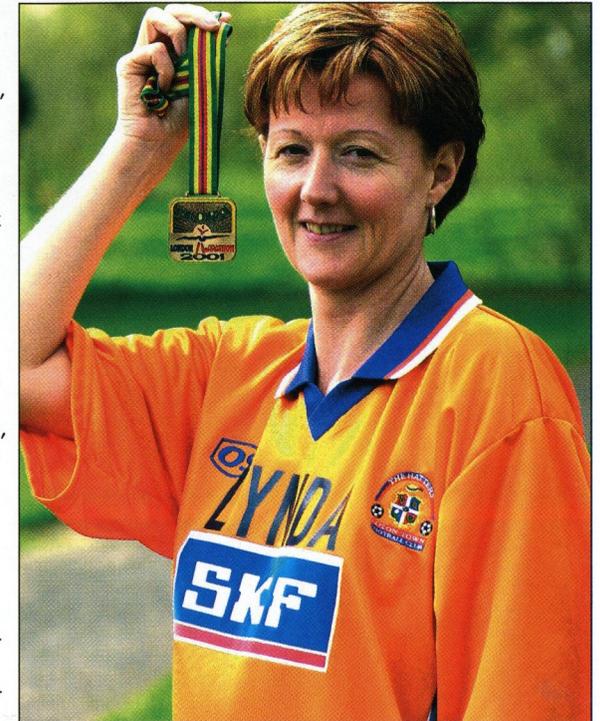
"I was pretty pleased with that," said the mother of two, from Loftus Close, Luton. "My only slight worries were that I might be hit by blisters or cramp, and I hit a bad patch at about 14 miles. But I knew my husband Colin and our two sons, Liam and Ben, were waiting at the 24-mile mark to give me a cheer, and that spurred me on. So did the crowds - the atmosphere was wonderful, quite emotional.

"By the time I got near the finish I was on a high, absolutely elated, and I still felt good. But I started to feel stiff on the way home - walking down the steps at the tube station was really painful." Lynda had a day off work to recover, but was rapidly back to normal and today she will be back at Kenilworth Road doing her usual match day job in the guest lounges.

She sends her thanks to everyone who gave support, before and on the day. She has raised well over £1,000 for the Keech Cottage. We acknowledge with thanks donations made via the programme and internet by D. Mahoney, Shirley Hobbs, Laurence Smith, K & H. Schwanebeck, Mr and Mrs P. A. Tearle, Peter Bullock, Mr and Mrs M. Ingram and Perry Glover, who knew exactly what Lynda went through, because he carried our colours in the event last year.

Today we offer a last chance for supporters to contribute to a very good cause, and in honour of a determined housewife who took on a big challenge, and beat it. A sponsorship coupon is also available on the club's official web site.

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. Cheques will be banked in about two weeks' time.



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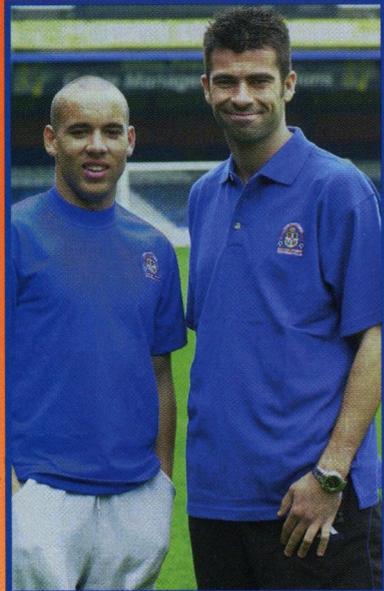
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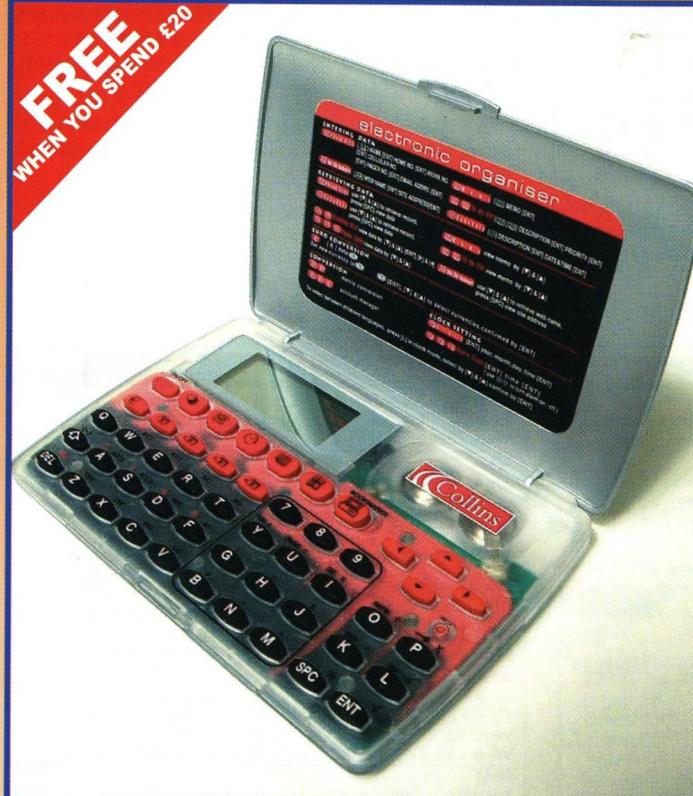
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# The Reserves

## Kevan Broadhurst



### Luton Town 2 Leyton Orient 1

ON a gluepot pitch - the groundsmen did well to make

Kenilworth Road usable - it was inevitable that the game should be bitty, with good football difficult. Players needed to use their heads, using the wings where there was grass to play on.

The ball didn't run true elsewhere on a pitch that had been used for a league match the night before, and had received another soaking from the weather that morning. The midfield was a battle area, and the tactics had to be to try to play our football wide, and make the opposition go inside into the mud to get bogged down. We didn't do that often enough, or well enough.

We were two up in 25 minutes, and at that stage ought to have been set to win by four or five goals, but the professionalism wasn't

there, and we caused ourselves a nervous last 15 minutes because too many players failed to convince.

Peter Thomson played a part in both goals, running at the defence and playing in Andre Scarlett, who produced a nice finish for the opener on 15 minutes. Ten minutes later Thomson had a shot blocked and Peter Holmes converted the rebound.

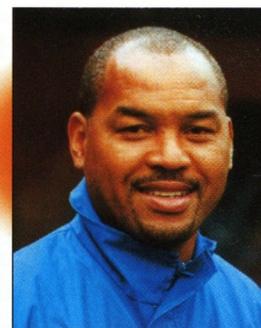
We then should have taken control, but failed to do so, and in the 75th minute poor defending at a corner gave Orient a goal they deserved. We had chances to calm the nerves, but at least three decent opportunities were spurned. Trialist striker Steve Slade, looking for a new club, failed to impress the manager, and was taken off at half time. Michael Johnson, another trialist, was given 75 minutes.

**Luton Town:** Ward, Bruce, Everitt, Stirling, Karlsen, Standen, Scarlett, Holmes, Thomson (Hunter 60 mins), Slade (Kandol HT), Johnson (Murphy 75 mins).

WE ARE still awaiting new dates of five Avon Insurance Combination matches which have been postponed, and wondering if they will all be fitted in before the season ends. Our only firm fixture remaining is an away match against QPR on Tuesday.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Scarlett 18, Stirling 17(1), Breitenfelder 17, Standen 14(5), Brennan 13(2), Kandol 10(4), Thomson 11(1), Holmes 11(1), Abbey 9, Ayres 8, McGowan 8, Ward 8, Ovendale 6, Marvin Johnson 6, Locke 5, Stein 5, Karlsen 5, Dogbe 4(3), Baptiste 4(2), Fraser 4, Bruce 3(4), Mansell 3(1), Carroll 3(1), Everitt 3(1), Douglas 3, Fotiadis 3, Watts 3, Shepherd 3, Carter 3, Murphy 2(7), Osborn 2(4), Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2 (1), James-Barriteau 2(1), George 2, Bakalli 2, Walker 2, Piercewright 2, Dillon 1(2), Downer 1(1), Boyce 1, McLaren 1, Helin 1, Rowland 1, Mortara 1, Murffin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Onachie 1, Okai 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joyson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Saker 1, Haveron 1, Mohammed 1, Slade 1, Michael Johnson 1, Leary 0(2), Clarke 0(1), Carroll 0(1), Newell 0(1), Essandoh 0(1), Hunter 0(1).

**Goals:** Brennan 7 (1 pen), Thomson 5, Kandol 5, Stein 3, Scarlett 3, Holmes 3, Carter 1, Baptiste 1, George 1, Osborn 1, Bakalli 1, Murphy 1, Ayres 1 pen, OG 2



# Youth Soccer

## Brian Stein



### Cardiff City 1 Luton Town 1

ALTHOUGH we could have won, the draw was probably fair in our Southern Merit Division One game in South Wales on Monday. I was pleased with our commitment and effort, but we were short of the inspiration and final punch which might have brought victory.

We were below full strength, with James Osborn suspended and Kevin Foley and Stephen O'Leary unable to play because they were at school.

Jermaine Hunter, on trial after being released by Fulham, showed some pace and ability, and we are still looking at him.

Daryl Murphy had an outstanding first half, giving Cardiff's defenders plenty of problems, and the back three, Joe Bruce, Rob Gillman and Joe Deeney played well.

Gillman headed us into a 38th-minute lead following a corner, and I felt we should have gone on to win after that. But we missed a couple of half-chances, with Chris Dillon taking an early shot which went into the side netting when he might have gone further before shooting, and Daryl Murphy blasting a shot over the bar. We were working hard, but not creating as many scoring opportunities as usual.

It took a very good goal to open our defence, three minutes into the second half. There were reasons to complain: Gillman's defensive header went only to the edge of the box, and none of our midfielders was there to compete with the Cardiff lad who met the ball with a tremendous volley. It was a top quality strike.

Cardiff rarely looked like scoring again, and Scott Ward was so well protected that he did not have a single difficult save to make. We created the best chance, but Deeney put a free header over the bar.

**Luton Town:** Ward, Dogbe, Everitt (Carroll 63 mins), Gillman, Deeney, Bruce, Douglas (James-Barriteau 60 mins), Leary, Murphy, Hunter, Dillon (Jeffrey 85 mins).

### Luton Town 2 Wycombe Wdrs 0

THREE schoolboys, among them 15-year-old goalkeeper Dean Brill, were included in a side which put in a good team performance to maintain our unbeaten record in the Southern Merit Division One. Early goals by Daryl Murphy and trialist Jermaine Hunter put us in control, and perhaps the only disappointment was that we could have won by a bigger margin. The clean sheet, though, was well deserved.

**Luton Town:** Brill, Foley, Carroll, Gillman, Deeney, Bruce, Osborn, Leary (Everitt 60 mins), Murphy, Hunter (Dillon HT), Dogbe.

OUR final fixture in the league was due to be played at Brentford this morning, and we travelled with a chance of finishing top of the table. We needed to win, and hope Plymouth got nothing better than a draw from their home game with Portsmouth.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Dogbe 29, Dillon 25(3), Bruce 25(2), Gillman 25, Leary 24(2), Osborn 22(3), O'Leary 21(6), Mansell 21, Ward 19, Carroll 17(4), Deeney 17(2), Clarke 14(10), James-Barriteau 13(5), Murphy 12(1), Chatfield 10, Foley 6(6), Everitt 6(1), Jeffrey 4(12), Hunter 3, Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Standen 2, Okai 1(11), Meike 1(1), Brill 1, Douglas 1, Carter 1, Minton 1, Green 1, Howell 0(1), Koo-Boothe 0(1), Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1).

**Goals:** Dillon 15, Clarke 8, Murphy 5, Osborn 4, Leary 4, O'Leary 4, Carroll 4 (1 pen), Mansell 3, Gillman 2, James-Barriteau 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1, Everitt 1, Hunter 1, OG 1

Avon Insurance Combination							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	24	16	6	2	73	27	54
Fulham	22	16	3	3	54	14	51
Reading	22	15	2	5	38	19	47
QPR	22	14	2	6	32	18	44
Cambridge	24	13	4	7	37	30	43
Millwall	23	11	5	7	31	18	38
Brighton	20	11	3	6	43	32	36
Crystal Palace	21	10	4	7	37	34	34
Portsmouth	21	9	6	6	31	26	33
Swindon	22	9	5	8	33	28	32
Oxford	23	9	5	9	35	37	32
Brentford	22	7	9	6	23	29	30
Gillingham	20	9	2	9	29	31	29
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
Peterborough	22	7	4	11	26	30	25
Bristol City	20	6	6	8	25	28	24
Bristol Rovers	18	7	3	8	22	26	24
Southend	23	6	8	11	33	41	24
Barnet	22	7	3	12	29	40	24
Colchester	22	6	4	12	23	38	22
Cheltenham	21	5	6	10	28	44	21
Bournemouth	23	5	6	12	26	46	21
Wycombe	23	4	5	14	20	50	17
Northampton	18	4	0	14	17	38	12
Leyton Orient	22	2	3	17	22	50	9

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures					
<b>AUG</b>					
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandol	
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandol, Carter	
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2		
<b>SEPT</b>					
Wed 13	L. Orient	A		postponed	
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen	
<b>OCT</b>					
Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson 3, Brennan	
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan	
<b>NOV</b>					
Wed 1	Reading	A	0-2		
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	0-0		
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2-4	Scarlett, Thomson	
<b>DEC</b>					
Mon 6	Portsmouth	H*	3-0	Holmes, OG 2	
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	1-0	Baptiste	
<b>JAN</b>					
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	0-2		
Wed 10	Wycombe	A	0-1		
<b>MON 15</b>	Brighton	H	Postponed		
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2-1	George, Stein	
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	Postponed		
<b>FEB</b>					
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	Postponed		
Wed 21	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	0-2		
Mon 26	Colchester	A	1-1	Stein	
<b>MAR</b>					
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	
<b>APRIL</b>					
Wed 4	Northampton	A	Postponed		
Thur 12	Brache Sp (BCP)	A	3-1	Murphy, Brennan 2(1p)	
Wed 18	C. Palace	H	1-3	Stein	
Wed 25	L. Orient	H	2-1	Scarlett, Holmes	
<b>MAY</b>					
Tues 8	QPR	A	2pm		

FL YOUTH ALLIANCE MERIT DIVISION					
Southern Section, Divisone One Results and Fixtures					
<b>MARCH</b>					
3	Plymouth	H	2-2	Murphy, Clarke	
31	Portsmouth	H	0-0		
<b>APRIL</b>					
14	Swansea City	A	3-1	O'Leary, Everitt, Carroll pen	
21	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Murphy, Hunter	
30	Cardiff City	A	1-1	Gillman	
<b>MAY</b>					
5	Brentford	A			

Southern Merit Division One							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	5	3	1	1	6	4	10
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
Brentford	5	2	2	1	11	6	8
Cardiff City	6	2	2	2	10	10	8
Portsmouth	4	0	4	0	2	2	4
Wycombe	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
Swansea City	6	1	1	4	7	15	4

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Stoke v Port Vale

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Wrexham vs Cambridge

**Highest Aggregate Score**

Brentford .....2  
Bristol Rovers .6  
Bristol City ....6  
Cambridge .....2  
Luton .....5  
Swansea .....3  
Wrexham .....5  
Oxford .....3  
Bristol Rovers .6  
Oxford .....2

**Biggest Home Win**

Swansea .....6  
Brentford .....0

**Biggest Away Win**

Brentford .....2  
Bristol Rovers .6  
Peterborough .0  
Stoke .....4  
Cambridge .....1  
Millwall .....5

**Consec. Wins**  
Walsall, Millwall, Roth, Bmouth 5

**Games Unbeaten**  
Wigan .....18

**Consec. Defeats**  
Bury, Swansea 5

**Winless Run**  
Bristol Rovers, Cambridge ...12

**Total Games**  
536

**Home Wins**  
237 .....44%

**Away Wins**  
156 .....29%

**Draws**  
143 .....27%

# NATIONWIDE 2 STATS

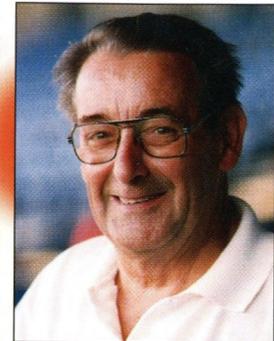
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	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Home Form	Away Form	
Bournemouth					4,403	Bo	13	8	12	11	14	18	WLWWW	Bournemouth LDWWW
Brentford					4,712	Bt	7	7	2	10	10	15	DWLDD	Brentford LWLLL
Bristol City					10,369	BC	7	6	13	13	16	15	WDDLW	Bristol City WDWLL
Bristol Rovers					7,269	BV	7	5	10	8	4	14	WLWWL	Bristol Rovers LLLLL
Bury					3,444	Bu	5	2	6	10	8	13	DWLLD	Bury WLDLW
Cambridge					4,403	CU	5	11	10	12	10	12	WDLLW	Cambridge LWLWD
Colchester					3,555	CU	4	8	15	8	10	7	LWWDW	Colchester LWLLL
Luton					5,777	LT	11	6	7	11	5	9	LDDLL	Luton LDLLL
Millwall					11,121	Mi	14	14	15	12	10	19	WWWWW	Millwall LDDWD
Northampton					5,297	NT	5	7	8	5	9	12	WLLWL	Northampton LDLLL
Notts County					5,202	NC	9	4	10	8	4	23	DLLWL	Notts County DLDWW
Oldham					4,972	OA	6	7	6	10	12	12	LWDWL	Oldham LDWDW
Oxford					5,148	OU	11	7	8	6	9	11	WLLWD	Oxford WLDLL
Peterborough					6,024	PU	1	15	11	8	10	15	DWVLW	Peterborough DLWDL
Port Vale					4,387	PV	6	7	5	7	13	16	DDWWL	Port Vale LDWWD
Reading					12,288	Re	14	12	11	16	13	17	WLWWD	Reading DDWWL
Rotherham					5,661	RU	9	11	13	15	8	22	WWWWW	Rotherham LLDWW
Stoke					13,457	SC	15	12	9	9	7	18	LLWDW	Stoke LLWLW
Swansea					4,982	SS	5	7	4	8	7	15	WDLWL	Swansea DLLLL
Swindon					6,198	ST	9	10	7	5	4	11	DLDLW	Swindon DLWLD
Walsall					5,632	Wl	16	7	11	8	17	15	LWDWL	Walsall LWDDL
Wigan					6,625	WA	11	2	6	8	9	17	DDLWL	Wigan LDWWW
Wrexham					3,600	Wx	12	7	3	8	12	23	LWDWD	Wrexham LDDLW
Wycombe					5,459	WW	6	8	3	11	6	9	LDDLD	Wycombe LWLWD

Clubs' top scorers & the points their goals have won										Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats				Numbers		
see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	Pts	Run	Club	Win -vs.	Defeat -vs.	PU	CS	FS	
Rotherham	Robins	24	15	3	1	41	0.59	21	2	Bournemouth	4-0 Bristol City	1-3 Clch/Rth	31	15	4	
Reading	Cureton	26	18	1	2	42	0.62	20	6	Brentford	3-0 Oxford	0-6 Swansea	31	10	12	
Northampton	Forrester	17	13	2	0	43	0.40	18	5	Bristol City	6-2 Cambridge	0-4 Col/Bmt	33	10	10	
Bournemouth	Defoe	17	13	2	0	28	0.61	15	10	Bristol Rovers	6-2 Brtdf/Oxfd	1-4 Stoke	35	14	19	
Millwall	Harris	25	12	2	3	41	0.61	15	3	Bury	3-0 Swansea	0-4 Millwall	29	12	14	
Notts County	Stallard	15	15	0	0	40	0.38	15	3	Cambridge	6-1 Roth'ham	2-6 Brstl City	39	10	10	
Stoke	Thorne	16	7	3	1	36	0.44	13	3	Colchester	4-0 Bristol City	1-6 Millwall	28	12	15	
Walsall	Leitao	18	16	1	0	43	0.42	13	3	Luton	5-3 Swansea	0-4 Swansea	32	7	15	
Wycombe	Rammell	10	4	3	0	26	0.38	11	2	Millwall	6-1 Colchester	2-3 3 clubs	32	22	7	
Wigan	Haworth	11	8	0	1	29	0.38	10	2	Northampton	2-0 5 Clubs	0-3 3 clubs	36	10	16	
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	9	7	1	0	38	0.24	10	2	Notts County	4-1 Roth'ham	1-5 Walsall	35	12	11	
Bristol City	Thorpe	19	11	1	2	39	0.49	9	2	Oldham	5-1 Wrexham	0-5 Reading	28	13	13	
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	14	8	3	0	40	0.35	9	3	Oxford	3-1 Nptrn/Swn	0-5 Millwall	41	4	17	
Cambridge	Youngs	14	10	2	0	37	0.38	9	3	Peterborough	4-0 Swindon	0-5 Port Vale	28	12	12	
Peterborough	McKenzie	12	8	2	0	29	0.41	9	2	Port Vale	5-0 Peterboro	0-4 Cmbdrg	29	15	12	
Brentford	Owusu	10	10	0	0	31	0.32	8	2	Reading	5-0 Oldham	0-4 Brstl City	29	16	6	
Bury	Newby	5	3	1	0	16	0.31	8	1	Rotherham	3-0 5 clubs	1-6 Cmbdrg	27	19	5	
Colchester	Stockwell	10	6	2	0	44	0.23	8	1	Stoke	4-0 Oxfd/Stke	0-3 Walsall	28	13	9	
Port Vale	Naylor	14	10	2	0	40	0.35	8	2	Swansea	6-0 Brentford	1-5 Rdg/Wal	30	10	21	
Oldham	Duxbury	8	4	2	0	39	0.21	7	1	Swindon	3-0 Bury/Oldh	0-4 P'boro	35	13	17	
Swansea	Savarese	12	3	3	1	30	0.40	7	2	Walsall	5-1 3 clubs	1-3 Wy/Swa	25	13	11	
Swindon	Invincible	9	5	2	0	41	0.22	7	2	Wigan	3-1 3 Clubs	1-3 Mill/Brnt	31	16	13	
Oxford	Beauchamp	7	5	1	0	42	0.17	2	1	Wrexham	4-1 Bury	1-5 Oldham	30	8	10	
Luton	George	7	7	0	0	41	0.17	1	2	Wycombe	3-1 3 Clubs	1-5 Walsall	32	11	18	

Key: GS=Goals Scored; 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 column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games.

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## Next Season's Challenge Brian Swain

THE TOWN'S itinerary next season, as they chase the championship of the Third Division, is almost complete, with just a few Third Division promotion issues still to be decided. Bristol Rovers unwillingly claimed the fourth Second Division relegation spot this week, with two home defeats, to Port Vale on Monday and Wycombe on Wednesday. Town anoraks might take a little comfort - but not much - from the fact that relegation means a lot of fans will be able to complete the full set of seeing the Hatters play all the other 91 clubs in the Premiership and Nationwide League. For some, the set will be completed by games against recent additions to the Third Division, Cheltenham, Kidderminster, and newly promoted Rushden & Diamonds. For others some games will be long Memory Lane trips - unless Rochdale win promotion through the play-offs, we will be meeting them in the league for the first time since 1969/70, while we have not met Exeter City, except in a pre-season friendly a few years ago, since our Fourth Division championship campaign in 1967/68.

Darlington, Hartlepool, Torquay and Halifax are among others we have not met for many years, except for cup-ties, although we may yet be denied trips to play-off contenders Rochdale and certainties Hartlepool, and relegation-threatened Torquay and Barnet.

Club	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A
Millwall	45	16	2	4	44	11	7	5	40	27	90	
Rotherham	45	16	4	3	50	26	11	5	6	28	28	90
Reading	45	15	4	3	55	23	10	6	7	28	26	85
*Walsall	44	15	5	3	51	23	6	7	8	25	33	65
Stoke	45	11	6	5	35	20	9	8	6	35	28	74
Wigan	45	12	8	2	29	18	7	9	7	24	24	74
Bournemouth	45	11	6	6	37	23	9	6	7	39	29	72
Bristol City	45	11	6	6	47	29	7	7	8	23	27	67
*Notts County	44	9	5	7	33	30	9	6	8	25	33	65
Wrexham	45	10	6	7	33	28	7	6	9	32	39	63
*Port Vale	44	9	8	5	35	20	7	5	10	19	26	61
Peterborough	45	12	5	5	37	26	3	8	12	23	39	58
Oldham	45	11	5	7	35	26	4	8	10	18	34	58
Wycombe	45	8	6	8	23	22	7	7	8	22	30	58
Bury	45	10	6	7	25	22	6	4	12	19	34	58
Northampton	45	9	6	7	26	25	6	6	11	20	31	57
*Colchester	44	10	5	8	32	23	5	5	11	20	33	55
*Brentford	44	8	9	4	29	27	5	7	11	22	40	55
Swindon	45	6	8	9	30	35	7	5	10	16	26	52
Cambridge	45	8	6	9	32	31	6	4	12	28	45	52
Bristol Rov	45	5	10	7	24	26	6	5	12	25	31	48
*Luton Town	44	5	5	12	23	34	4	6	12	26	43	38
Swansea	45	5	8	9	25	23	3	4	16	21	49	36
Oxford Utd	45	5	4	14	23	34	2	2	18	29	64	27

\*Not including Thursday's matches, Brentford v Luton, Notts County v Colchester and Port Vale v Walsall

Club	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A
Brighton	44	19	2	2	52	14	9	5	7	21	18	91
*Chesterfield	45	15	5	2	43	14	9	9	5	33	28	86
Cardiff	45	16	7	0	50	20	7	6	9	38	35	82
Hartlepool	45	11	8	3	37	22	9	6	8	31	31	74
Hull City	45	12	7	4	27	18	7	9	6	20	21	73
Leyton Orient	45	13	7	3	31	18	6	8	8	26	33	72
Rochdale	45	11	8	4	36	25	7	8	7	22	23	70
Blackpool	45	14	4	5	50	26	7	2	13	21	31	69
Scunthorpe	45	13	7	3	42	16	5	4	13	20	35	65
Cheltenham	45	11	5	6	35	26	6	9	8	22	25	65
Southend	44	9	8	5	26	22	5	10	7	25	28	60
Plymouth	45	13	4	5	33	17	2	8	13	21	47	57
Macclesfield	45	10	5	7	23	19	4	9	10	28	41	56
Mansfield	44	11	7	4	39	26	3	6	13	23	43	55
Kidderminster	45	10	6	7	29	27	3	8	11	18	33	53
Shrewsbury	45	11	5	6	27	26	3	5	15	19	39	52
Lincoln	45	9	9	5	36	28	3	5	14	22	38	50
Darlington	45	10	6	6	27	20	2	7	14	16	33	49
Exeter	45	8	6	8	22	26	4	5	14	18	38	49
York	45	8	6	8	22	26	4	7	12	19	37	49
Carlisle	45	8	7	7	26	26	3	7	13	16	39	47
Halifax	44	7	5	10	33	32	5	5	12	21	33	46
Torquay	45	8	9	6	30	29	3	4	15	19	46	46
Barnet	45	9	8	5	42	26	3	1	19	23	52	45

\*Chesterfield facing possible nine point deduction

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PAUL SHEPHERD	35
RICHARD DRYDEN	33
EMMERSON BOYCE	17
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
PETRI HELIN	30
MATTHEW SPRING	4
PAUL McLAREN	8
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15
LIAM GEORGE	11
STEVE HOWARD	34
Substitutes	
JULIAN WATTS	5
MARK STEIN	10
ADAM LOCKE	12
STUART DOUGLAS	9
SCOTT WARD	24

Changes

## Today's Officials

Referee:

Mike Pike, Cumbria

Assistants:

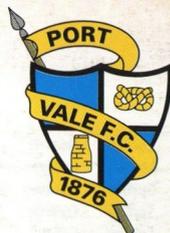
G. J. Lewis, Cambridgeshire (red flag)

S. S. Thiarra, Bedfordshire (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

S. Chittenden, Hertfordshire

# Port Vale



Manager: Brian Horton

DEAN DELANEY	12
MATT CARRAGHER	2
ALLEN TANKARD	3
TONY NAYLOR	10
TOMMY WIDDRINGTON	11
RICHARD EYRE	14
MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON	15
ALEX SMITH	19
LIAM BURNS	21
MICHAEL TWISS	23
AHSLEY DODD	28
Substitutes	
VILLE VILJANEN	9
PAUL DONNELLY	20
PAUL BYRNE	26
RICHARD BURGESS	27
MARK GOODLAD (GK)	1

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