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Front Cover



BACK IN BUSINESS: Matthew Spring, who had a knee operation after being injured in a pre-season game, returned to first team action at Exeter last week, and quickly made his mark, with a vital part in our first goal. Full report and more pictures: Pages 38 & 39.

Inside Forward

JOE KINNEAR was in the stand at Gigg Lane, Bury, on Thursday evening, hoping to do a deal which could result in a new striker making a Luton Town debut this afternoon. Michael Reddy, 21, was playing for Sunderland against Manchester United, in a reserve game, and the boss was one of a gaggle of representatives of clubs interested in signing the Irish under-21 international on loan.

Sunderland are not prepared to sell the player, but think his career would be helped by a loan deal of up to three months, which would give him first team football.

The Town manager said: "We have made a decent start to the season, but I still want more depth in the squad, and the priority is an out and out goal-scorer. Reddy would fit the bill, and although there are half a dozen other clubs in for him, I think I am in pole position. I would like to sort it out quickly, and if possible do it in time for him to play against Oxford."

The boss admits that his search for additional talent has been frustrating. There are a lot of footballers ready to come to Luton, but so far few have measured up to the requirement of being good enough to be certainties for the first team squad.

A private practice match was staged at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday so that the Town could take a look at several players being touted by their agents. They included a Dutchman, a Nigerian, a Norwegian and one Englishman, Simon Osborn, who was a £1million player in 1995 but is now available on a free from Wolves.

None impressed the boss enough to persuade him to make an offer,

and we are unlikely to see them again at Kenilworth Road. As we went to press midfielder Osborn was close to agreeing to join Brian Horton on loan at Port Vale. A move for Dundee's 22-year-old Australian international defender Chris Coyne is snarled up by financial haggling. Dundee have accepted the Town's £50,000 offer, but the player's agent has demanded higher wages than Mr Kinnear is prepared to pay. "I have made him a counter-offer," said the boss, "and they have gone away to think about it. They will let me know on Monday."

Another trialist is due to come in next week to train with the Town in the hope of earning a contract - left back Kevin Sharp, 26, who is on a Bosman free transfer from Wigan. Born in Canada, he is a former England youth international. He had Premiership experience with Leeds before moving to Wigan for £100,000 during the 1995/96 season.

His old mate from Wigan, Kevin Nicholls, is available to return to the Town side this afternoon after missing the Exeter game through suspension. Matthew Spring is in line for his first home appearance of the season, having made a very quick recovery from a cartilage operation. He played at Exeter after proving his fitness in a run-out with the reserves.

Get Well Soon

WE SEND our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to two old friends who are seriously ill in hospital. Club kit man Derek Kirkpatrick is in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and former Town player Marc North is in hospital at Southend. The club is in



PRIZE GUYS: Chairman Mike Watson-Challis led the celebrations at our last home game when the Town's youth squad players were presented with their awards for winning the Southern Merit Division One championship of the Football League Youth Alliance.

regular contact with both, and has been pleased to pass on the good wishes of many supporters.

Derek has been in charge of the team skips for the past three years, while Marc, from Ware, joined us as an apprentice goalkeeper in 1982. He gave up the gloves later, to play most of his football as a striker - his debut for us was in October 1985, when Mick Harford was suspended! He later played for Scunthorpe and Birmingham on loan, before signing for former boss David Pleat at Leicester.

Good-bye and Good Luck

JOHN Bailey, the likeable American who became a Town fan when he was serving with the

US armed forces at Chicksands, and then became our sales and marketing manager, has left the club after accepting a dream "transfer." He has returned to Florida, to work in the commercial department for Tampa Mutiny, the home town soccer club he supported as a boy when they were known as the Rowdies.

Their offer, he said, was too good to resist, despite his sadness at leaving Luton, where he had settled very happily with his English wife Karen, and their young sons Ben and James.

We wish John well in his future career, and understand his decision to go back to Florida - he has been away from home for 20 years since joining the USAF.

Brian Swain



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Joe Kinnear

The Manager

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road as we try to take another step towards our goal of getting out of this division at the first attempt. While we are all confident that it is within our capabilities, you will have seen already that it is not going to be easy.

In the last three games we have met one of the top teams, a mid-table side, and the bottom club, and as two of those matches were away, at Bristol and Exeter, I have to be reasonably satisfied with the four points gathered. It is annoying, though, to know that we should have had at least one point, and probably all three, against Bristol Rovers, because two of their three goals were down to very poor defending.

Southend set us a problem or two before they were overcome. I felt they came here to concentrate on not being beaten, and they worked hard to that end, and, as usually happens, all the harder once they were down to ten men.

We had to keep plugging away and stay patient, and while the goals might have been a touch late, there was no doubt the better team won on the day.

At Exeter, against a team fighting to improve a record of only one point from the first four matches, we should have won, despite having to play almost the whole of the second half with ten men. Paul Hughes was very unlucky - there was no argument from me about his second booking, for a foul, but I disagreed with the first, for a minor offence. The ref said he kicked the ball away, which was not how we saw it.

The sending-off forced us to re-shape the side, but we still felt pretty comfortable. It was pleasing to maintain our strike rate of two a game, and I am glad that the midfield is chipping in with its fair quota of goals. But only four of the ten netted so far have come from strikers, and that rate must be improved. Carl Griffiths always looks likely to score, and we

need at least one more front man to look good for 15 or 20 goals a season. I can't see such a man in the squad at present, which is why, despite our good early season results, I am still working to bring in more players. We had a private practice game in midweek to look at several more possibilities.

Depth of squad is very important, as we discovered last season when one or two injuries was enough to leave us seriously under strength in league games. That situation is better now, and the proof is that we have got ourselves into a good position in the league despite being unable to field our best side.

Aaron Skelton and Adrian Forbes were back in training this week, and perhaps today, for the first time, I will have the luxury of selecting our best 16.

We can expect a difficult game, because Oxford are also determined to get out of this division as soon as possible. I welcome all their players, directors, management and supporters, having spent a short time at Oxford before coming here. I was never on a contract at Oxford, but went in as a freelance to try to help them improve their squad. Day to day management and team selection was never part of my job. I did what was required, buying and selling players with what funds were available. I sold one, Derek Lilley, for £100,000, which was a £25,000 profit, to bring in two newcomers - Phil Gray on a free transfer from Burnley and Andy Scott from Brentford for £80,000. Those deals made money for the club and improved the squad.

Now Oxford have a smart new stadium, which must give them an extra incentive to do well this season but I trust that this afternoon we will be on top of our game and in the right frame of mind to maintain a 100 per cent home record, which must be the keystone of our campaign.

Thanks for the wonderful turn-out at Exeter last week - Keep the faith!! And enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear

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Marvin Johnson

Club Captain

WE ARE all pleased to be playing at home again today, hopefully to build on a decent start to the season. It's nice to go into a game knowing that if you win you are sure to be second in the table at least, and might even be top.

What a difference a few months makes! Last season we had a horrible home record, and paid dearly for it. We went onto the pitch feeling anxious, and what little bit of confidence we had was easily drained away. As a defender, it was hard not to be nervous, because too often we had the feeling that to concede just one goal would be disastrous because we were not scoring many at the other end.

The atmosphere now is vastly different. We are bubbling, full of confidence, and have already seen enough of Division Three to know we can take care of ourselves at this level. And that is despite the fact that we know we have not yet played as well as we can. We find that games are often as much about battle and commitment first, and football skill second, and I think we are fortunate enough to have the ability to produce all those ingredients. We are beginning to learn to match the opposition physically, and then get the upper hand through playing "the Luton way" of pass and move.

I believe it would have brought a win at Exeter last week if it had stayed 11 versus 11 for the full 90 minutes. Paul Hughes was unlucky to be sent off - the second booking might have been fair enough, but the first was very harsh in my view.

It meant that we were up against it from the first minute of the second half. Even so, having come back from a goal down before the interval, we managed to take the lead, and I suppose we might have won. But give credit to Exeter: they were a simple non-nonsense side and used their extra man to good effect,

and in the end we were holding on a bit, so overall I was happy to come home with a point.

There are still a lot of games to be played, and I think we can improve our general standard, which is one of the reasons why we feel relaxed and confident as we approach games. We have scored two in every game so far, and if we keep up that strike rate we will win many more than we lose. And well done Matty Taylor for his brace at Exeter - excellent goals, both of them. I would like to think I have played a part in his emergence as an extra striker - in my time I have played in every back position, and in midfield, and I am comfortable at left back. I figure that with my experience I can help Matty get forward more, and add to our attacking power. He's getting better all the time, has a lot of enthusiasm and bags of energy.

Well done, too, the supporters who made the long trip to Exeter. We heard you throughout the game, and when fans create an atmosphere like that it makes players all the more determined to repay the fans' loyalty. The old cliché recipe for promotion, of course, is to win at home and draw away, and I would love to think that this season, after so many disappointments at Kenilworth Road last time, we can achieve something approaching a 100 per cent home record.

It won't be easy, and Oxford will have something to say about that this afternoon. Like us, they have got something to prove after last season's big disappointment, and doubtless Phil Gray will want to make his mark this afternoon. I have always admired him as a player, and like me he is at that stage of his career where experience is invaluable. He'll give us a hard time, and I know he will put himself about a bit and spend the whole 90 minutes moaning!

I trust he will have plenty to moan about by 5 o'clock this afternoon!

Marvin Johnson

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Bruce Sewell

Treatment Room

THREE PLAYERS are out of contention for this afternoon's game after a week in the treatment room:

Adam Locke and Andrew Fotiadis both have calf strains, and Kent Karlsen has Achilles tendonitis in both legs. Locke was in the squad which travelled to Exeter, and all set to be in the 16 on duty at St James's Park, but got injured during a training session on Friday afternoon.

Fotiadis had the misfortune to be a sub who was subbed, collecting an injury soon after taking the field against Exeter.

Both have been making good progress all week and I am hopeful they will be ready to resume training on Monday. Karlsen will probably have to wait a little longer - a matter of seeing how it goes day by day in his case.

Stuart Fraser, still working hard to regain fitness after a broken leg suffered in January, has been at Lilleshall this week, undergoing extensive rehab and fitness work. His attitude

during a very difficult time has been exemplary and it is good to see that he is now approaching the end of a long hard struggle to regain fitness. He will be back in Luton next week, and in a week or so will have another appointment with the surgeon. With luck, the specialist might then be able to give Fraser a date when he can hope to be back in full training.

Finally, I am glad to report that Matthew Spring has been absolutely fine this week after his return to the team following a cartilage operation. That was the result of an injury picked up in Scotland during pre-season, and he has made a remarkably quick recovery from the surgery. He made his come-back in the reserves last week, when he sailed through a 65-minute appearance, and that was enough to show that he was ready for the Third Division. He coped comfortably with the 90 minutes at Exeter, and is obviously a very quick healer, having done everything asked of him while he and I were working to get him fit again.

Bruce Sewell



Cherry Newbery

Club Secretary

FIRST and foremost today I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the tremendous response we had from supporters following the tragic death of Les Sealey. The funeral was a very moving occasion, but I can tell you that for Elaine Sealey and her sons the number of messages they received from Luton Town supporters was of considerable comfort. She knows that a very large number of people held Les in high regard, and were very saddened to hear of his death.

Thanks also to everyone for observing the minute's silence in Les's memory at the Southend match. The whole stadium was hushed so that you could have heard a pin drop. We appreciated the way Southend supporters also kept the silence impeccably, and we have written to Southend United to express our gratitude.

We now know that Les died of a heart attack, and the family asked that instead of sending floral tributes people might like to make donations in his memory to the British Heart Foundation. I am sure many supporters would want to do that, and while you can if you wish send donations via my office, we will be holding a bucket collection for the Foundation at our home game against Torquay on Saturday September 18. My thanks go the Luton Town Supporters Club, who have agreed to provide collectors on the night.

We already had a collection organised for today's game and I am sure you will give generously to the Herald and Post Cancer Unit appeal. As always, the tireless Mary Biswell will be in charge, and it is always a pleasure to welcome her to Kenilworth Road.

On the subject of charity donations, next

Friday is Strip for Shelter day, an annual event backed by the Football League and its clubs. We hope that supporters will wear their colours to go to work or school, and make a donation to Shelter to mark the occasion. Local MP Kelvin Hopkins has already promised that he will spend the day in his Luton Town strip.

Our offices will be more colourful than usual, because most of the staff support the Shelter fund-raising effort, and, naturally, we are pleased that we can be up to date because the club shop has now received all versions of our 2001 strip.

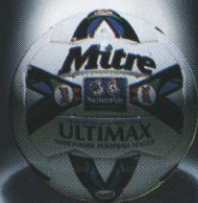
To update you on a couple of items which have appeared in recent columns: our Bedfordshire Premier Cup final, away to Barton Rovers, which has been postponed several times, and should have been played at the end of last season, is now rearranged for Thursday week, September 20. Kick-off at Barton will be at 7.45.

I commented on our website in the Southend programme, and would like to clarify one matter on that subject: Instant Business, who delivered our previous excellent service, do not now provide hosting or technical infrastructure for the new site.

Finally, a big thank-you to everyone involved in Tuesday's successful "Talk and Tour" evening. We were delighted with the response, with several hundred supporters coming to see us. The players helped make it a very successful evening, and everyone seems to have enjoyed it, and the tours were fully booked. The event was staged because we were unable to hold our usual open day at the end of last season, but hopefully that will be back on the "fixture list" when this season is over and we are celebrating promotion!

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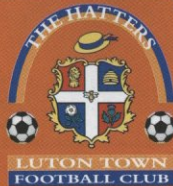
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Nationwide League Division Three

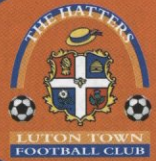
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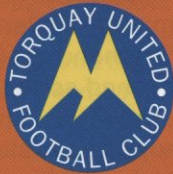
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Nationwide League Division Three

Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

Saturday September 29, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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FOR the first time in three years we head for York next week, a 175-mile journey with decent travelling conditions all the way now that the summer holiday peak is past.

As usual the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are both offering services to Bootham Crescent on Saturday.

The Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 9am for their usual village pick-ups, and departure from Luton will be at 10am. The fare is £14 adults, £11.50 for pensioners and under-16s.

Town on Tour, leaving Maple Road at 10.30 and calling at Milton Keynes Coachway at 10.50, offers discounts for members of Luton Town Supporters Club. Adult members can travel for £13, with junior and senior citizen members charged £11. Non-members are welcome to travel at £15, and you can join LTSC and claim your discount on the coach.

Bookings for either service can be made at the organisations' kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after today's match.

You can also book for the Bobbers by phoning Paul Deason on 01234 750996, while Town on Tour coach seats are sold through the club shop in Kenilworth Road. The Town on Tour mobile number for out of office hours calls is 07960 567465.

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Bootham Crescent

two miles, and watch for the Burton Stone pub, where you turn left into Burton Stone Lane, and the ground is on your right. If you miss that turn, take any of the next three, the middle of which is Bootham Crescent. Watch for "resident only" parking restrictions in some streets near the ground.

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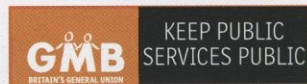
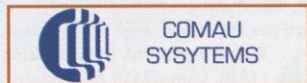
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THE DEDICATED unsung heroes who are vital to Luton Town's future are back in business for another season, running the club's Centre of Excellence programme, finding and developing young talent.

Well over 100 keen youngsters are involved in coaching sessions organised under licences issued by the Football League and the FA.

The rules are strict: players as young as seven can be involved, but certainly not signed, and clubs are not allowed to recruit children from beyond 90 minutes travelling time. That rule alone has helped youth development officers like the Town's Dean Rastrick. The lure of Manchester United, for instance, has been known to turn a parent's head and used to scour the country to recruit young players. Aston Villa built up an impressive reputation for attracting promising talent, but they were recently forced to give up three boys who lived in Essex and London.

The Town's major coaching centre is at Vauxhall's Brache Centre, five nights a week, but they also have busy sessions at Milton Keynes twice a week.

The 90-minute travel restriction has its drawbacks: Lee Mansell came via the Centre of Excellence route before the rule was introduced. It would be different today, because he comes from Gloucester, a good two-hour drive from Luton.

Teams are run at every level from under-9 to under-16, with fixtures sorted out by the Football League. The Town youngsters meet counterparts from, among others, West Ham, Arsenal and Spurs, but every game is a friendly. The League bans the publication of results, so there are no league tables.

Under Dean's direction, there are eight managers and nine coaches, all fully qualified, and a group of other vital workers, including scouts, and physio-therapists. Under the control of Julie Frost, head of the Town's youth medical department, there is a qualified physio on duty at every match.

Some of the lads also play foreign teams: in the summer the under-15 and under-16 squads went on tour to France and Italy, playing matches against St Etienne, Monza and AC Milan. The picture shows the squads preparing to set off for the six-day trip.

And the chances are that some of those young faces will one day be well known at Kenilworth Road. Boys who have graduated all the way through to first team football in recent seasons have included Lee Mansell, Matthew Taylor, Emmerson Boyce, Matthew Spring, Gary Doherty, Paul McLaren, Kelvin Davis, Chris Willmott, Matthew Upson and Sean Evers.

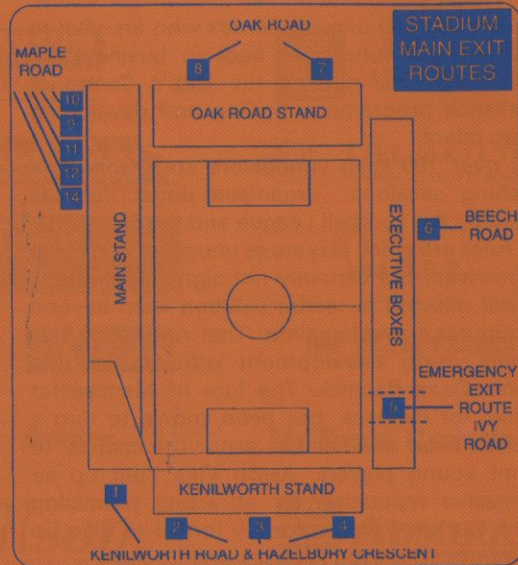


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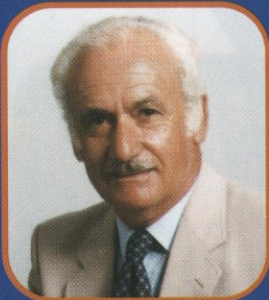
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Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

Reviewed August, 2001.

Commercial Corner

CANE Industries UK Ltd is a name most Luton Town supporters will recognise immediately, because they are well-known backers of the club and of its commercial activities, and we welcome them back as today's match sponsors.

Finance Director Mel Westwood says it is important that local business should support the town folk and their football club. He added: "We are very much looking forward to seeing the new stadium built at junction 10, and The Cane Industries will help Luton Town achieve that goal if we can. We want what the fans want - a new stadium, in Luton."

The company is the local quality cane furniture specialists. Managing director Peter Lee and his wife and co-director Jenny started the firm in 1980, and now employ 26 staff at their warehouse in Laporte Way. On view in the showroom there is the range of furniture which has enabled The Cane Industries to build up a wide and varied customer base throughout the UK. If you have a conservatory, you will be particularly interested and Mel promises: "There will always be a warm welcome for friends and supporters of Luton Town."

His credentials as a supporter are well-founded: he has supported the Hatters since his boyhood, and remembers many great games at Kenilworth Road. His son is also a committed fan, and is one of today's commercial mascots.

As a club, we are delighted to welcome everyone from the company, including members of the staff, and families and friends.



Mat Westwood



Jake Sibley

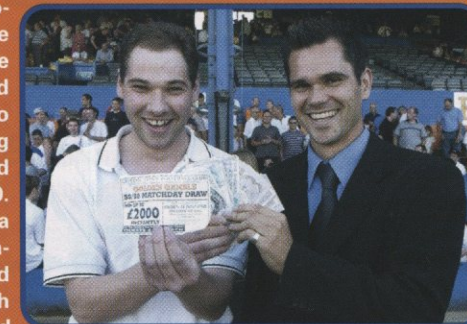
Today's commercial mascots are Mat Westwood, 14, and Jake Sibley, 11, both members of the 1st Harlington Boys Brigade Company. They play in the drum and bugle band, which supporters may remember from previous home games when they have entertained the crowd.

Jake goes to Parkfields Middle School, Toddington, and is here today as a reward for winning the BB Sportsman of the Year award. A keen Town fan, his other interests include computers, rugby and cross country running.

Mat attends Harlington Upper School, and recently went to Barcelona with his school football team for a summer tournament. He came home with the Players' Player of the Tournament prize. As well as supporting the Town, he enjoys playing football, tennis and cricket.

Golden Gamble

THOMAS Farley, from Roman Road, Luton, was a double winner at the last home game: not only did he enjoy a Town victory, but he also won the day's Golden Gamble jackpot. He is pictured with Aaron Skelton, who drew out the winning ticket at the Southend home match, worth £460. Sometimes we will have a couple of small consolation prizes as well, and Ron Hedley, from High Wycombe, won a signed Town shirt, and Nicola and Jackie Russell, of Horsham Close, Luton won a signed football.



There will be another jackpot on offer today, and all for a modest outlay of just £1. Half the income from ticket sales goes to the winner, with the other 50 per cent going to club funds.

The draw is made at half time and the winner can collect the cash there and then.

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Goals Info:



Where



7 Goals



3 Goals



0 Goals

How

Shots..... 6
Headers..... 2
Volleys..... 2
Penalties..... 0
Free Kicks..... 0
O.G.s..... 0

Scorers

Taylor..... 3
Griffiths..... 3
Hughes..... 2
Mansell..... 1
Fotiadis..... 1

2001-2002

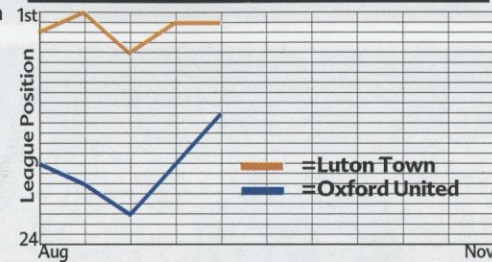
Highest Gate 6,496 vs Southend
Lowest Gate 6,177 vs Cheltenham
Average Gate 6,337
Players Used 21
Clean Sheets 2
Failed to Score 0
Consec. Wins 2 games
Consec. Defeats none

Hatters' Last 5

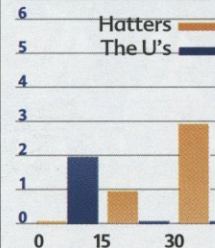
Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
S	Exeter	A	24th
W	Southend	H	2nd
L	Bristol Rovers	A	2nd
W	Cheltenham	H	11th
W	Carlisle	A	-

League stats so far...

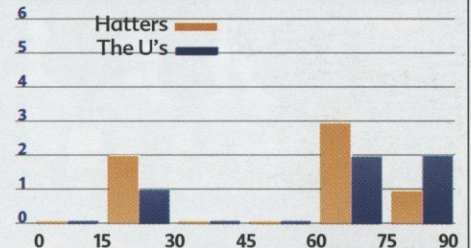
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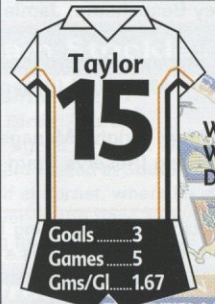
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When Goals have been Conceded



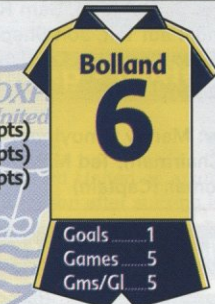
Matthew Taylor (Luton)



Top Scorers Comparison

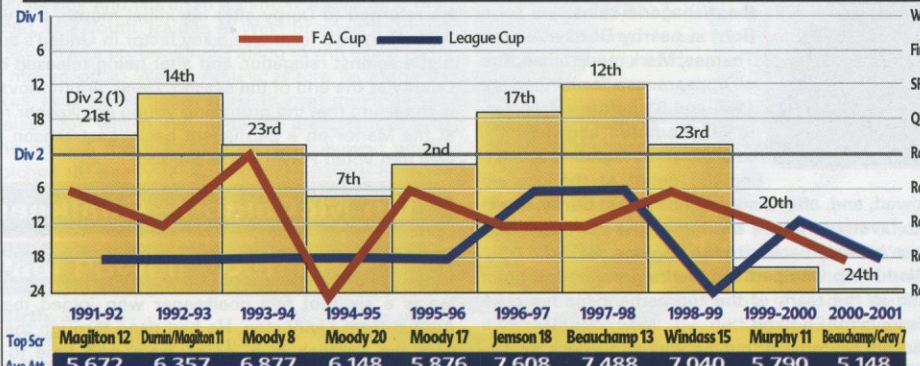
Games	Goals	Games/Gl
2	1	0.5
1	1	1.0
1	2	2.0
0	0	0.0

Phil Bolland (Oxford)



Goals	Games	Gms/Gl
3	5	1.67
1	5	0.2
5	5	1.0
2	0	0.0

Oxford United's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



Goals Info:



Where



1 Goal



4 Goals



1 Goal

How

Shots..... 3
Headers..... 1
Volleys..... 2
Penalties..... 0
Free Kicks..... 0
O.G.s..... 0

Scorers

Bolland..... 1
Thomas..... 1
Brooks..... 1
Scott..... 1
Whitehead..... 1
Gray..... 1

2001-2002

Highest Gate 8,842 vs Rochdale
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Players Used 20
Clean Sheets 2
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Welcome to Oxford United F.C.



Back Row: Simon King, Sam Ricketts, Dean Whitehead, Paul Powell, Phil Gray, Joey Beauchamp, Jamie Brooks, Rob Folland, Paul Tait, Jon Shephard

Middle row: Chris Hackett, Andy Scott, Jon Richardson, Wayne Hatswell, Phil Bolland, Richard Knight, Ian McCaldon, Scott Guyett, Darren Patterson, Dave Savage, Robert Quinn, Sam Stockley, Mike Ford (Reserve team coach)

Front row: Manny Omoyinmi, Jon Edmunds (Trainee Physio) Ken Ridley (Kit Man), Mark Wright (Manager), Firoz Kassam (Chairman), Ted McMinn (Assistant Manager), Neil Sullivan (Physio), Charlie Greig (Reserve Team Physio), Martin Thomas (Captain)

Mark Wright - Manager



Recognised as one of the best defenders in the English game in the eighties and nineties, Mark Wright returned to his first club, Oxford United, in the summer of 2001 to take up the managerial reins. Born in nearby Dorchester on Thames, Mark made a handful of appearances for United in 1980 and 81 before a transfer to Southampton allowed him to perform at higher level. An England debut at the age of

twenty followed, and, after a successful spell at Derby, Mark moved on to Liverpool where a string of fine performances saw him force his way back in to the England set up..

The 1990 World Cup was perhaps Mark's greatest triumph, being named in the team of the tournament for his outstanding displays for England.

Injury forced his retirement, but he was soon back in the game, guiding Southport to the upper reaches of the Conference last season before rejoining Oxford. With the

move to the new Kassam Stadium and a young manager who is respected throughout the game, there is a genuine feeling of optimism about the club since Mark came home.

Richard Knight - Goalkeeper

Date of Birth: 8-3-79

Place of Birth: Burton, Derbyshire

Richard originally joined United on loan 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 goalkeeper remained at the Manor on a permanent basis. Last season his form saw him voted Player of the Season.

Ian McCaldon - Goalkeeper

Date of Birth: 14-9-74

Place of Birth: Liverpool

Ian is a six foot five goalkeeper who joined the club in August from Livingston. He had risen through the leagues with the Scottish club, going from part time to Premier League. A good shot stopper, Ian likes to dominate his area, and made a good impression on his debut at Swansea.



Today's Visitors



Rob Folland- Defender

Date of Birth: 16-9-79

Place of Birth: Swansea

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 has made the majority of appearances as a wing back.

Wayne Hatswell- Defender

Date of Birth: 8-2-75

Place of Birth: Swindon

Defender, Wayne Hatswell joined Oxford United from Nationwide 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 last 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.

Sam Stockley- Defender

Date of Birth: 05.09.77

Place of Birth: Tiverton

Sam was signed by Mark Wright from Barnet in the close season. Sam started at Southampton before making a name for himself at Barnet, where he swept the board in last season's player of the year awards. Fit and mobile, Sam is a right wing back who has lots of potential.

Darren Patterson - Defender

Date of birth: 15-10-1969

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. A Belfast boy and Northern Ireland team mate of Phil Gray, started as a Youth Trainee at West Bromwich Albion 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'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.

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 he is his most effective. Paul made his debut whilst still a trainee against Barnet in the Auto Windscreens Shield in November 1995 and this was quickly followed by his League debut against Chesterfield that same season. Paul's progress in the first team has been spectacular and he has now made over 100 first team appearances.

Phil Bolland - Defender

Date of Birth: 26-08-76

Place of Birth: Liverpool

Phil was signed in the close season from Mark Wright's former club Southport. A commanding centre back he was one of the outstanding players in the Conference last season and will be keen to make the transition to the Football League.



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 1988/89 season after starring in both the youth and reserve teams. He went on to make 117 League appearances with the club and was undoubtedly the diamond in the side before joining West Ham United at the end of the 1993/94 season for a fee approaching £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. He joined Swindon Town soon afterwards, but a change of manager at the County Ground saw Joey fall out of favour and he took the opportunity to return to the Manor for a cut price fee of £75,000 in October 1995 - just 15 months after originally leaving. He has remained at the Manor ever since and he has now made over 350 appearances in his two spells at the Manor.

Paul Tait - Midfielder

Date of Birth: 31-1-71

Place of Birth: Sutton Coldfield

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 Windscreens Shield in 1995. A competitive player, who can also be creative, Paul is an important member of United's squad.

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Dean Whitehead - Midfielder

Date of Birth: 12-1-82

Place of Birth: Oxford

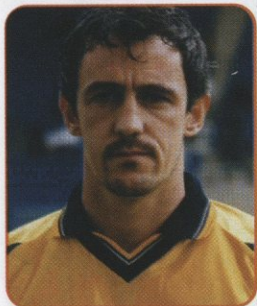
Dean is a very promising central midfield player. He is a product of the club's youth development scheme and he made his debut as a substitute against Luton Town in the Auto Windscreens Shield two seasons ago. Dean is comfortable on the ball and has the ability to play the ball simple as well as a defence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

Dave Savage - Midfielder

Date of Birth: 30-07-73

Place of Birth: Dublin

Dave is an experienced midfielder who joined the club in the week before the season began. A Republic of Ireland International, Dave previously played for Millwall and Northampton. He is a box to box player who has good vision and should be a key member of the team this season.



Martin Thomas - Midfielder

Date of Birth: 12-9-73

Place of Birth: Lyndhurst

Martin has experienced three promotions from Division

Three, with Fulham, Swansea and Brighton and his experience could prove invaluable this season. Signed during the close season, Martin is a hard working midfielder who will add steel to the United midfield.

Robert Quinn - Midfielder

Date of Birth: 8.11.76

Place of birth: Sidcup

Robert Quinn 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 centre 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.

Phil Gray - Forward

Date of Birth: 2-10-68

Place of Birth: Belfast, NI.

Northern Ireland international striker Phil Gray signed from Burnley on a free transfer last season. Gray, who moved to the Clarets 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

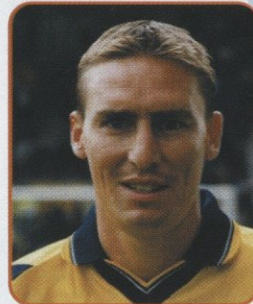
a regular basis with the likes of Gary Lineker and Paul Walsh playing up front. Loan spells at Barnsley and Fulham did not provide regular football and a move to Luton Town set him on his way. Twenty-two goals in 54 starts alerted Sunderland who signed him in 1993 for £875,000. A further prolific goal scoring period ensued with Phil notching 34 goals in 108 starts. A spell in Holland with Fortuna Sittard followed where he scored four goals in 10, plus a spell with Nancy in France, which brought a further five goals in 12 starts. Phil returned to Luton Town in 1997 where a further 14 starts yielded another two goals. The goals continued after his transfer to Oxford last season, and he finished the season as top scorer.

Andy Scott - Forward

Date of birth: 28.72

Place of birth: Epsom

Andy Scott signed from Brentford in January 2001 as part of a deal involving also Robert Quinn. 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 left wingback rather than in his preferred position as striker or left wing. He moved to Brentford where he played usually as a left-sided midfielder



before starting last season as a striker. His goal tally at Brentford last term was 15 of which 13 came in the League, and Oxford moved quickly to snap him up. During the rest of the season he showed that he has a keen eye for goal, and his movement and speed of thought make him a real threat.

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 United 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! Manny showed fine form towards the end of last season, and will be keen to kick-start his career this time around.

Jamie Brooks - Forward

Date of Birth: 12-8-83

Place of Birth: Oxford

Yet another player to come through the youth system, Jamie is a skilful wide player who marked his debut with a goal and an assist at the end of last season. He is another promising young star who will be challenging for a first team place this season. He scored the first goal for United at their new Kassam Stadium, and is very highly rated.

Pre-Match Entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match and half time entertainment is managed by our PA announcers Justin Dealey and Steve Faulkner.

1.45 Gates Open - music starts

2.00 HMV Album of the Week - CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOL - A compilation of 40 modern anthems.

2.10 Club mascot Happy Harry runs out on pitch.

2.15 HMV Single of the week - MACY GRAY with SWEET BABY

2.20 The UK's No1 single - BLUE with TOO CLOSE

2.25 Team line up to be announced.

2.30 Hatters Hot Hit - THE SUPERMEN LOVER with STARLIGHT

2.35 Dedications announced.

2.40 Town Teaser - Its always good fun!

2.45 Youth Team Presentation

2.55 Teams run out to our new song - The Blues Brothers " Gimme Some Lovin".

2.57 Final run down of the teams.

3.00 THE BIG KICK OFF

HALF TIME

3.50 Golden Gamble - Winning ticket picked by Luton Town Player.

3.55 Half time score check - Every half time score announced from all 92 league clubs.

4.00 Repeat of dedications.

4.05 Teams arrive back on pitch to theme song "Gimme Some Lovin".

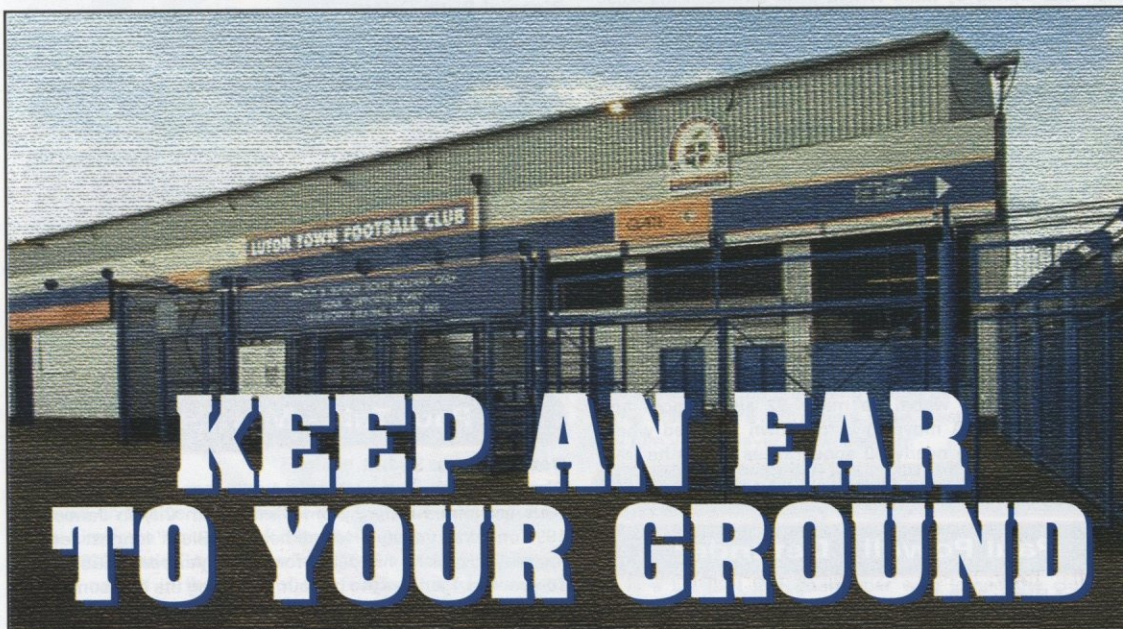
4.55 FULL TIME

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Top Hatter Carl Emberson

Born: Epsom 13.7.73

Joined Luton: Summer 2001; previously with Millwall, Colchester and Walsall

Good at school? Not bad - but my mind was set on being a pro footballer and I used to bunk off twice a week to go training at Wimbledon. The school thought I was on work experience at a heating engineering firm where my dad worked. I just wanted to be a goalkeeper at a league club, and it was going to be Wimbledon until their chief scout moved to Millwall while I was still a kid. I followed him because they promised me a YTS place.

Home and family: Just married, to Merle in June.

Why join Luton? At Walsall I lost my place through injury and missed my family, especially nephews and nieces, in Surrey. I was about to sign for Plymouth when Joe Kinnear came in for me, and I thought Luton had a better chance of getting out of the Third Division.

Other sporting interests? I enjoy pigeon breeding and racing, in partnership with my dad. On TV I like to watch football, and for live sport I go to boxing.

Greatest pleasure from football so far: Getting my first contract at Millwall, at 17; winning the FA Youth Cup in 1991; playing at Wembley twice for Colchester, and keeping clean sheets both times - we lost on penalties to Carlisle in the Auto Windscreen Shield final, but beat Torquay 1-0 in the Division Three play-off final and I was voted Man of the Match by Sky TV viewers.

Biggest disappointment: Getting sent off 22 minutes into my debut for Millwall. It was the first season of the "professional foul" rule, and although the ref missed it a linesman saw me trip Chris Armstrong as he went round me and shot wide. The other bad memory is being relegated with Walsall.

Do you worry about your career after football? A little. I have taken a couple of computer courses at college but at present I have no firm ideas about what I will do for a living after I finish playing.

What will you do after your playing career? I would like to be a specialist goalkeeping coach.

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Following the Town's relegation from the old Division One in 1975, after only one year back at the top, everyone at Kenilworth Road was confident of a quick return based on the performances, particularly at home, during the latter part of the season. The players certainly got off to a reasonable start but when rumours started to circulate around the town of financial problems behind the scenes, form went into freefall with only one win in ten, including an embarrassing League Cup defeat at Darlington, sending us hurtling down the table. When the shocking news was finally revealed as to the full extent of the financial situation a release valve seemed to open, every supporter rallied around the club and the players started to perform as we knew they were capable, freed of the weight of their employer's problems on their shoulders. The rebirth of the Town took place in early December 1975 with poor Charlton the unlucky recipients of a 5-1 drubbing at the Valley. Peter Anderson, playing his last game before a cut-price enforced move to Antwerp, netting twice. All this after Charlton took an early lead!

Next up were high flying West Brom but goals from Andy King and John Aston secured a 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road in front of a much increased crowd who saw the early dismissal of Baggies player-manager Johnny Giles for a foul on Ron Futcher. Hull were then seen off at Boothferry Park in the week before Christmas leading up to the Boxing Day clash with Oxford at Kenilworth Road. Oxford were not enjoying the best of seasons and after a run of six straight defeats early in the campaign were always playing catch up but they brought a fair number of supporters with them on the short journey to Luton to swell the crowd to 13,101, the best at Kenilworth Road since the August visit of Chelsea.

The definitely thinning on top Luton centre half, John Faulkner, entered into the Christmas spirit by coming onto the field sporting a rather obvious wig but when the serious action commenced the Hatters started the game in rip roaring style with all eleven men in top form but it took until the 34th minute to open the scoring. Alan West wriggled his way past two defenders before playing a delicate pass to winger John Aston whose accurate low cross was met by Ron Futcher who netted from close range.

The lead was doubled soon after when another incisive move was finished off by Futcher and when Andy King made it 3-0 on the hour, taking advantage of a back header from Faulkner following a corner, the game was as good as over. With the match petering out, Oxford were allowed back in by a strolling Luton rearguard. Firstly Mick Tait had a perfectly good strike disallowed for offside then Steve Aylott smacked the bar from 30 yards. Only three minutes remained when the alarm bells really began to ring after goalkeeper Keith Barber punched a corner on to Oxford's John Shuker with the ball rebounding into the net. Two minutes later another corner was not cleared leaving Billy Jeffrey with a free header to bring the game to a frantic finale. In truth it would have been a grave injustice had Oxford stolen a point given the Town's superiority in the first 80 minutes but manager Harry Haslam recognised that the players were not as good as they thought they were and told them so afterwards.

Haslam's fears soon came home to roost as the winning run only extended for another two games before a 0-3 battering at Bolton brought everyone back to earth. The 0-3 scoreline suddenly became a common occurrence with four of the next six away games finishing with the same result and effectively ending the Town's hopes of promotion. As far as we were concerned the Easter Saturday return at the Manor was to be a typical end of season affair but Oxford were still clinging to the faint hope of avoiding the drop which would add a bit of spice to the clash. Once more the Town started in barnstorming style but a mixture of wasteful finishing and good goal-keeping by Roy Burton, so often a thorn in our sides over the years, kept the scores level until a piledriver from full back Steve Buckley from 20 yards beat him all ends up. Completely against the run of play Derek Clarke equalised with a header for Oxford and as the half time whistle went a furious Haslam could not wait to tear into his charges for spurning so many opportunities. Oxford huffed and puffed in the second period but could not find a way past a, by now, solid Luton defence. The home side were finally undone by a joke goal after 78 minutes when a long cross from Lil Fuccillo out on the wing eluded everyone including



Ron Futcher nets during the 3-2 win over Oxford at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day 1975.

the dependable Burton before bouncing apologetically into the net. The game was finally wrapped up in the last minute when Jim Husband stroked the ball home after a shot from Ron Futcher came back off a post to clinch our first ever league win at the Manor. The goal was the final nail in the coffin for Oxford who were relegated to the old Division Three while we finished a comfortable, but disappointing, seventh.

Luton (first game): Barber, John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Husband, King, Ron Futcher, West, Aston.

Oxford (first game): Burton, Taylor, Shuker, Lowe, Colin Clarke, Jeffrey, Houseman, Aylott, Foley, McCulloch, Tait.

Luton (second game): Barber, John Ryan, Buckley, Fuccillo, Price, Paul Futcher, Husband, Chambers, Ron Futcher, West, Aston (Pollock).

Oxford (second game): Burton, Taylor, Shuker, Lowe, Colin Clarke, Briggs, Houseman, Foley, Tait, Derek Clarke, Gibbins (Aylott).

Roger Wash

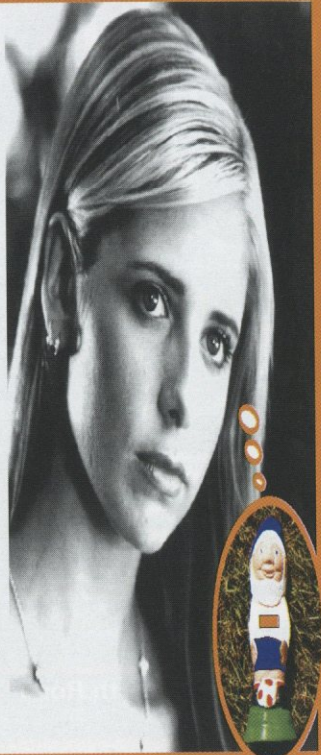
Yesterday's pages



The Town issued their normal 16 page programme for the Christmas visit of Oxford which although not having much of substance to read carried only one page of advertisements. As the club's parlous financial situation began to bite more deeply, however, more and more advertising space was sold and by the end of the campaign the programme was regarded as a rip-off. The supporters understood the reasons though and still bought it!

In the Oxford issue manager Harry Haslam spoke of the need for everyone to continue to pull together which would be reflected by results on the pitch. As well as the excellent first team win over West Brom, the reserves had seen off a strong Arsenal second string and picked up the Beds Professional Cup with a 3-1 victory at Bedford. Haslam also proudly mentioned a couple of 6-0 wins for Danny Bergara's youth side. Advertised as being on sale in the Hatters Shop was a 20p item called an 'Awrista'. Can anyone here today recall what they were and what you did with them or even admit to owning one?

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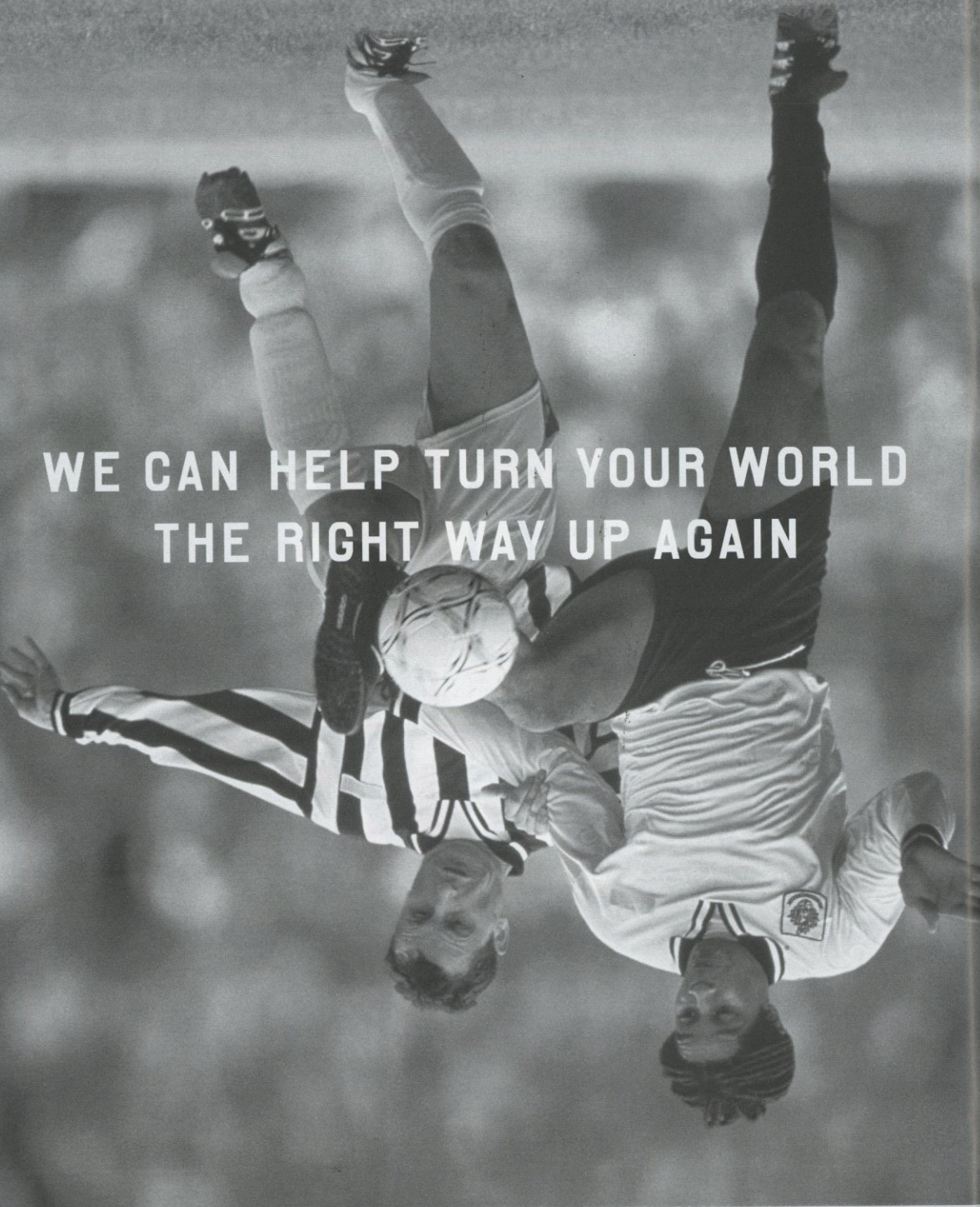
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Junior Hatters



Happy Harry

AS USUAL we were entertained very well on our trip to the Bristol Rovers match, and our picture shows the officials and mascots before kick-off. Representing the Junior Hatters was 14-year-old Mark



Bright, from Enfield Close, Houghton Regis. His name was picked out of the hat on the journey, and we will be doing it again next Saturday, when we go to see the Town play York City. The coach will leave at 9.30 and the price is the usual bargain, £10 for Junior Hatters, and £13 for others, which includes a ticket to the match. We are hoping to have a penalty shoot-out contest with our counterparts from York, so if you want to take part, or stand a chance of being chosen as our mascot, bring your Town football gear. Tickets can be booked through the club shop.

THE ever-popular Saturday Club is back in business, offering fun and games before the big match kicks off, costing only £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £9 including a match ticket. We serve a sausage and chips lunch, and have lots of games. Sometimes there are visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for £3 extra. The Saturday Club is, of course, fully supervised.

So is our family room, which is under the Kenilworth Road stand. It is opened 45 minutes before kick-off, and again at half time and at the end of the game. All Junior Hatters are welcome, and they can bring in one guest each to join in the entertainment. If you want to know more about the Junior Hatters, open to all Luton supporters aged 16 or under, please contact the club shop.



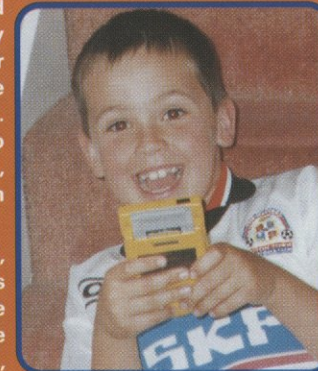
CENTRE OF ATTRACTION: mascots have a lot of pleasant duties when they are lucky enough to be chosen to be part of the day's football entertainment, and our picture, from the Southend game, captures the scene just before kick-off, when the captains and match officials meet to toss the coin for choice of ends. The Junior Hatters mascot was Christopher Lindsay, from King Street, Potton, and the day's commercial mascot was Giles Joiner, from Chandos Road, Ampthill.

Happy Harry

Today's Mascot

Thomas Finch, from Heywood Drive, Luton, completes a family double today, as our Junior Hatters mascot - his dad had the same honour 20 years ago. Thomas is eight, and goes to Grove Junior School, Harpenden, and plays football for Harpenden Colts.

His other favourite sport is tennis, and playing with his Gameboy, as you can see from his picture. He and his dad usually watch the Town from the Kenilworth stand,



but today Thomas will see things at much closer quarters, joining the team in the dressing room before kick-off and then going out onto the pitch with the players for the pre-match rituals. His favourite player is Stuart Douglas.

We also have two ball boys today, Michael O'Neill, 12, of Fountains Road, Luton, and ten-year-old Ryan Wilkins, of Faringdon Road, Luton.

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Action Replay



Luton Town 2 Southend Utd 0 (HT 0-0)

BEATEN at the Memorial Ground by Bristol Rovers 48 hours earlier, where a dodgy back three defence contributed generously to the Rovers' cause, the Town bounced back in a dramatic Bank Holiday game.

Southend had a man sent off, missed a penalty, and fought to the bitter end before two goals in the last 11 minutes settled it. "It was very tough going," admitted Joe Kinnear. "But I was pleased with the effort and commitment."

He was also grateful that defensive errors which were punished at Bristol included a lucky escape against Southend, who should have taken the lead in the first half, nine minutes after Mark Rawle was sent off for a crude challenge on Ian Hillier. Rob Newman, in charge of the visitors while David Webb recovered from illness, agreed Rawle had to go, and questioned the professionalism of a man who was red carded for the third time in the 15 games he was played for Southend. Newman also questioned why Carl Emberson escaped with a yellow card in the 28th minute, when he tripped Tesfaye Bramble on the edge of the box after being put in trouble by Matthew Taylor's under-hit pass. The Town manager would not have been surprised to see a red card for the keeper, but the ref's view must have been that

Bramble was not heading for goal when he was brought down. Emberson stayed on, and celebrated by diving to his right to save the spot kick by Kevin Maher.

Southend battled hard to negate the Town's numerical advantage, backing off in midfield, defending in numbers, and hoping for breaks to feed their lone front runner, Daniel Webb, who forced Emberson into a full-length save early in the second half.

But the Town's growing pressure, especially when they took off a midfielder to introduce a third striker, paid off. Kevin Nicholls was unlucky with an angled free kick which came back off the bar, but the luck finally ran out for the visitors when Carl Griffiths poached his third goal of the season on 79 minutes and Andrew Fotiadis hammered in his first four minutes later.

The Town looked better footballers, with the ability to use the flanks and play to feet the key to getting around a pair of tall centre-halves.

And if the performance was still not as good as he wanted, said the manager, it should be remembered that he was still denied the use of five players who would be in the squad if they were fit. Once the full set is available, he suggested, we might see a team capable of very good things.

Match Details

Luton Town: Emberson; Hillier, Boyce, Dryden, Johnson; Mansell, Nicholls, Hughes (Douglas 85 mins), Taylor; Howard (Fotiadis 67 mins), Griffiths.

Unused subs: Locke, Ovendale.

Booked: Carl Emberson, 28 mins, foul on Tesfaye Bramble.

Southend: Flahavan; Hutchings, Whelan, Cort, Johnson; Bramble (McSweeney 66 mins), Thurgood, Maher, Rawle; Webb (Holness 83 mins), Richards.

Unused subs: Smith, Broad, Gay

Booked: Leon Cort, 10 mins, foul on Carl

Griffiths; Carl Hutchings, 11 mins, foul on Matt Taylor; Mark Rawle, 15 mins, foul on Lee Mansell; Daniel Webb, 21 mins, foul on Marvin Johnson; Stuart Thurgood, 75 mins, foul on Stuart Douglas.

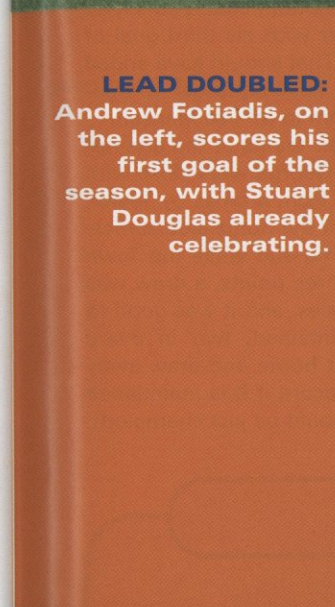
The Goals: 1-0 79 mins - Carl Griffiths from very close range after Matt Taylor's corner was headed into the goalmouth by Marvin Johnson; 2-0 83 mins - Andrew Fotiadis, sharp angled drive after running onto a pass by Griffiths.

Referee: Joe Ross, London.

Attendance: 6,496, including 912 Southend supporters.



HATTERS AHEAD: Carl Griffiths nets the first goal, despite the covering attempts of two defenders and the goalkeeper.



LEAD DOUBLED: Andrew Fotiadis, on the left, scores his first goal of the season, with Stuart Douglas already celebrating.



OVERCROWDED: A typical goalmouth scene as ten-man Southend defended in numbers - a total of nine players were packed into the six-yard box on this occasion.





Action Replay



Exeter City 2 Luton Town 2 (HT 1-1)

ONE down, then 2-1 up, the Town eventually accepted a point with good grace after another scrappy encounter which is teaching us that Third Division soccer is often a physical confrontation that has to be fought and won if you are to earn the right to play good football.

For the third time in five games we also saw one of the teams reduced to ten men, with the Town suffering the loss of Paul Hughes a minute into the second half.

Joe Kinnear was less than complimentary about referee Brian Curson's overall performance. The manager thought the ref was wrong to book Hughes in the first half for kicking the ball away. The second yellow brought no quibble from the boss, for a foul on Exeter's most dangerous player, striker Steve Flack.

Matthew Spring made a timely return to the team, his first appearance after injury, in place of suspended Kevin Nicholls, and Russ Perrett returned to a re-shaped back four to allow Emmerson Boyce to go to right back after Ian Hillier was called up for Welsh under-21 duty. Stuart Douglas was recalled in place of Steve Howard.

Exeter were desperate for some sort of success after failing to win any of their first four games, and having been stuffed 4-0 at home by Scunthorpe a

week earlier. With former Town player Jamie Campbell skipping them from the back, they had plenty of muscle and endeavour, but the Town were coping comfortably until a hopeful through-ball was allowed to get away down the middle to set up Exeter's opener, Flack netting to end Exeter's three-game run without a goal.

Within six minutes good work by Spring put the Exeter defence under pressure and Matt Taylor pounced on a rebound.

Hughes left after 46 minutes, but the ten men were more than a match for the bottom club, and Taylor became joint leading scorer with his third goal of the season on 53 minutes. That should have ended it, but Exeter were given a fluke equaliser 15 minutes later, when the ball went in off Lee Mansell.

Both managers changed their teams in the attempt to find a winner, and Liam George went close with a header which hit the bar from a cross by Taylor. Flack had done the same for the home side earlier. Overall, it was a tough game and while the Town could well have taken all three points, a draw was welcome in the circumstances, and it was good to see the scoring rate maintained, two in every league game so far. Win at home and draw away will be a very acceptable record if it is maintained until next April - in fact it would be just champion!

Match Details

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce, Dryden, Perrett, Johnson; Mansell, Spring, Hughes, Taylor; Douglas (Fotiadis 56 mins, replaced by Holmes 70 mins), Griffiths (George 56 mins).

Unused subs: Howard, Ovendale.

Booked: Carl Griffiths, 22 mins, foul on Graeme Power; Paul Hughes, 36 mins, kicking the ball away before a free kick; Hughes again, 46 minutes, and sent off, for a foul on Steve Flack; Marvin Johnson, 86 mins, foul on Christian Roberts.

Exeter: Van Heusden; McConnell, Watson, Campbell, Power; Barlow, Zabek, Cronin (Roscoe 60 mins); Roberts (Moor 89 mins), Flack, Breslan (Birch 74 mins).

Unused subs: Walker, Curran.

Booked: Martin Barlow, 81 mins, dissent.

The Goals: 1-0 29 mins - Russ Perrett let a through-ball go down the middle and Steve Flack ran onto it and shot home; 1-1 35 mins - Matthew Spring's strong run took him into the box on the left, and knocked in a short low pass for Carl Griffiths to fire in a drive which was blocked, with Matthew Taylor shooting in from the rebound; 1-2 53 mins - Taylor again, far post header from a right wing attack, Emmerson Boyce's throw-in giving Stuart Douglas the chance to deliver a good square cross over the defence; 2-2 68 mins - pure fluke, as Exeter attacked in numbers and Boyce's clearance bounced off Lee Mansell into the net.

Referee: Brian Curson, Leicestershire.

Attendance: 3,088, including 712 from Luton.

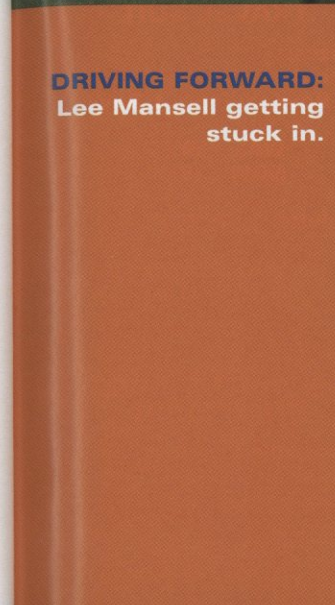
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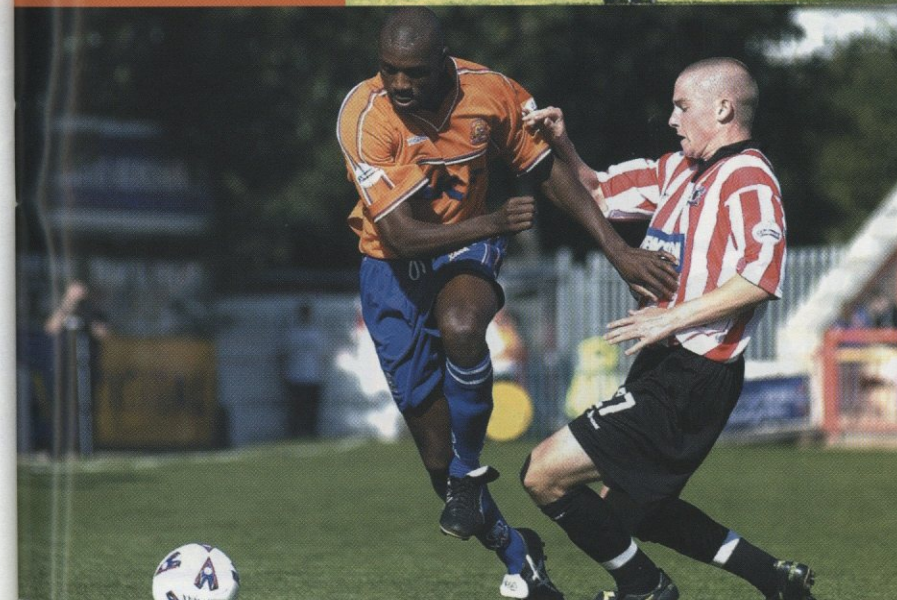
IN THE NET: Matthew Taylor is grounded among a forest of legs after flinging himself forward to head his second goal.



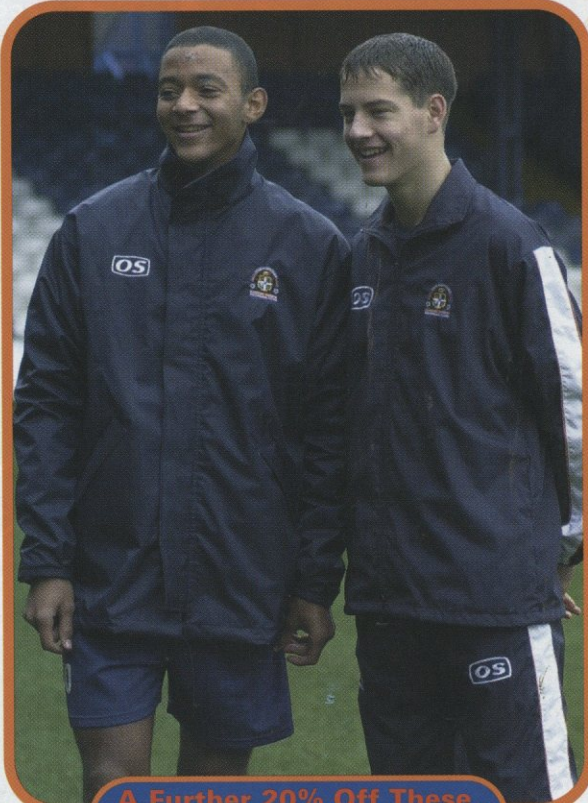
DRIVING FORWARD: Lee Mansell getting stuck in.



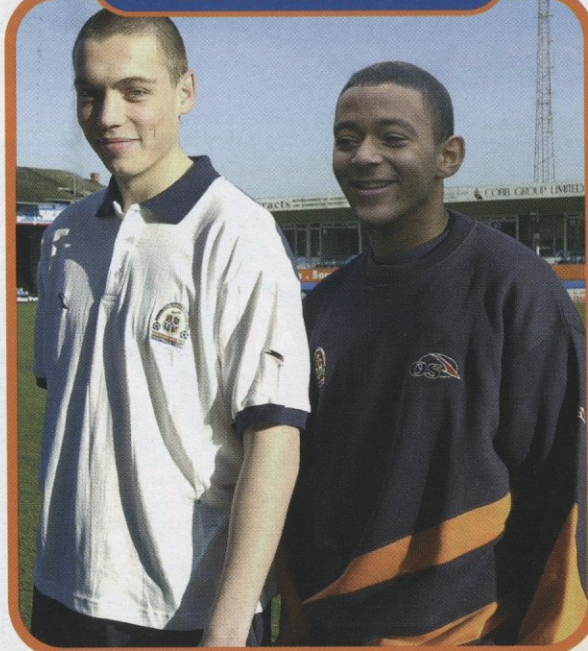
ATTACKING DEFENDER: Emmerson Boyce taking on Exeter midfielder Glenn Cronin.



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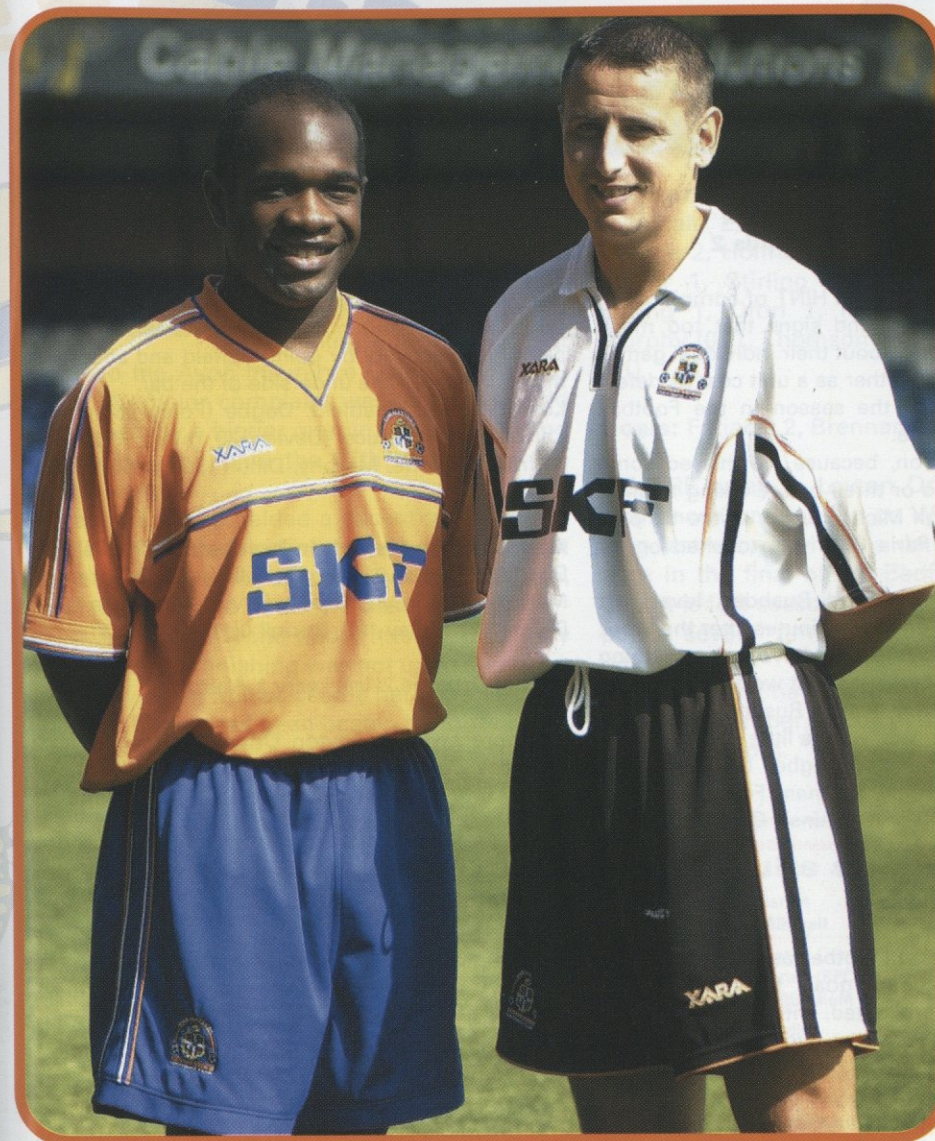
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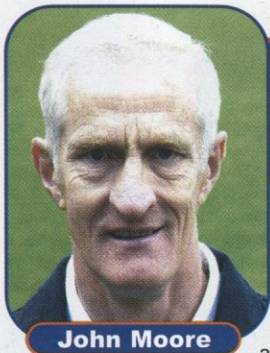
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John Moore

Youth Soccer



Luton Town 1 Rushden & Diamonds 2

A HINT of complacency, and signs that too many were concerned more about their individual games instead of knitting together as a unit cost us defeat in our first game of the season in the Football League Youth Alliance.

We should have won, because we missed some good chances - two or three before taking a tenth-minute lead through Michael Leary at the far post after a corner by Paris Okai was touched on by Darryl Murphy.

A tremendous shot pulled Rushden level just before the interval, and two minutes after the break they scored again. We should have got something from the game, but we were not working well as a unit, and perhaps after beating Rushden 4-0 in pre-season some of the lads were a little complacent.

Luton Town: Chatfield, Dogbe, Carroll, Leary, Davies (Bruce 82 mins), Gillman, Foley, Osborne, Murphy, Jeffrey (Dillon 60 mins), Okai (Burrell 72 mins).

Walsall 4 Luton Town 4

WE played some decent football at times at Walsall, but we were conceding goals for fun. All four should have been prevented, with a worrying lack of cover in the back four - two goals happened because one defender was beaten and no-one else was covering.

The encouraging aspect was that the team had the spirit to fight back after being 4-1 down ten minutes into the second half, and substitute Curtis Davies, who wants to join us as a YTS boy, did well, going on for 20 minutes to help rescue a point.

Walsall went ahead from a free kick after 11 minutes, and it was 2-0 on 33 when we were caught on the break. We got back into it in the last minute of the first half, when James Osborne converted a rebound, but within seconds we lost possession on the edge of the box and it was 3-1 at half time.

Another mistake at the back allowed Walsall to make it 4-1, and we decided to shake things up by sending on a couple of subs on 55 minutes.

Fifteen minutes later, with Walsall's front two still causing trouble, Davies was sent on for a 20-minute

run-out. Within five minutes he made a determined break and was brought down for a penalty which Osborne converted to make it 2-4 with 15 minutes to go.

We pulled another goal back on 84 minutes through Darryl Murphy, and in the last minute Davies completed the recovery by going upfield and shooting the equaliser off the underside of the bar.

Luton Town: Chatfield, Dogbe (Foley 55 mins), Carroll, Leary, Bruce (Davies 70 mins), Gillman, Jeffrey, Osborne, Murphy, Dillon (Judge 55 mins), Okai

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Chatfield 2, Dogbe 2, Carroll 2, Leary 2, Gillman 2, Osborne 2, Murphy 2, Jeffrey 2, Okai 2, Davies 1(1) Bruce 1(1), Dillon 1(1), Foley 1(1), Burrell 0(1), Judge 0(1).

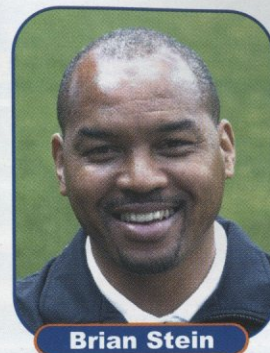
Goals: Osborne 2(1p), Leary 1, Murphy 1, Davies 1.

We were away to Leyton Orient today, but next Saturday we will be at home to Kidderminster. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, is at 11 am and spectators are welcome.

John Moore

Football League Youth Alliance Results and Fixtures

AUG	25	Rushden & D	H	1-2	Leary
SEP	1	Walsall	A	4-4	Osborne 2 (1p), Murphy, Davies
	8	L. Orient (Cup)	A		
	15	Kidderminster	H		
	22	Cambridge	A		
OCT	6	Northampton	H		
	13	Colchester (Cup)	H		
	20	West Brom	A		
	27	Peterborough	A		
NOV	3	Southend (Cup)	H		
	10	Notts County	H		
	17	Kidderminster	A		
	24	Cambridge	H		
DEC	15	Northampton	A		
JAN	12	West Brom	H		
	19	Notts County	A		
	26	Peterborough	H		
FEB	9	Rushden & D	A		
	16	Walsall	H		



Brian Stein

In Reserve



Luton Town 1 Millwall 0

WITH three trialists in the side, we did reasonably well in maintaining our 100 per cent start to the Avon Insurance Combination season. My major complaint was that we should have won by a bigger margin, instead of being forced to wait until the 87th minute for the deciding goal.

Like us, Millwall fielded a decent team, and in the first half they looked quite troublesome at times. But we stuck at it, and outworked them, and there was no doubt we deserved to win. The approach work and attitude was very good, but our finishing was not up to standard, on a day when Millwall could hardly have complained if they had been beaten by four or five. The lesson to be learned is that strikers must take a bigger proportion of their chances.

The game saw Matthew Spring's first appearance since his knee operation in pre-season, and he did well enough to show he was ready for Football League action at Exeter three days later.

The trialists were Simon Osborn, a midfielder who has been released by Wolves, a Norwegian defender Tor Olve Iagnastol, and a Ghanaian striker, Eugene Ofori. A fourth trialist, Croatian midfielder Ahmet Brkovic, who is on a free from Leyton Orient, played the second half.

Millwall were not allowed too many sights of our goal, and our hard work eventually brought its reward in the 87th minute when Liam George was brought down and Dean Brennan scored from the penalty.

The boss was pleased with what he saw, and there was an impressive performance in midfield by Rob Gillman, who is in our youth squad.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Foley, Iagnostal, Gillman, Brennan, George, Holmes (Brkovic HT), Spring (Douglas 65 mins), Osborn, Fotiadis (Thomson HT), Ofori.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Ovendale 2, Foley 2, Brennan 2, Osborn 2, George 2, Holmes 2, Fotiadis 2, Douglas 1(1), Maher 1, Stirling 1, Hodges 1, Gillman 1, Spring 1, Ofori 1, Iagnostal 1, Leary 0(1), Murphy 0(1), Thomson 0(1), Brkovic 0(1), Hall 0(1).

Goals: Fotiadis 2, Brennan 1 pen, Hodges 1

WE ARE away to Leyton Orient in the Avon Insurance Combination on Wednesday, and at long last we now have a date for our appearance in the final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup. It is last season's final, having been postponed several times because of waterlogged pitches.

We hope we have better luck on Thursday week, September 20, away to Barton Rovers, kick-off 7.45 pm.

Brian Stein

Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 15	Barnet	A	3-0	Fotiadis 2, Hodges
	Wed 29	Millwall	H	1-0	Brennan pen
SEPT	Wed 12	Leyton Orient	A	2pm	
	Thur 20	Barton (BPC)	A	7.45pm	
	Wed 26	Gillingham	H	2pm	
OCT	Wed 3	Cardiff	A	2pm	
	Wed 10	QPR	H	2pm	
	Mon 15	Crystal Palace	A	7.30pm	
	Wed 24	Cambridge(LC)	H	2pm	
	Wed 31	Reading	H	2pm	
NOV	Wed 7	Brentford	A	7pm	
	Wed 14	Bristol City	H	2pm	
	Wed 28	Norwich(LC)	A	7.30pm	
DEC	Wed 5	Oxford	A	2pm	
	Wed 12	Swindon	H	2pm	
	Wed 19	Portsmouth	A	7pm	
JAN	Wed 9	Brighton	A	7pm	
	Wed 16	Wycombe	H	2pm	
	Wed 23	Bournemouth	H	2pm	
FEB	Wed 6	Bristol Rov	A	7pm	
	Wed 13	Norwich	H	7pm	
	Wed 20	Cheltenham	A	2pm	
	Wed 27	Colchester	H	7pm	
MAR	Wed 13	Peterborough	H	7pm	
	Wed 20	Southend	A	2pm	
	Mon 25	Cambridge	A	2pm	
APRIL	Wed 10	Northampton	H	2pm	

stats at September 3

Average Attendances

Goals - When Scored

Form Guide: Home & Away

Records
 Highest Gate
 10,755
 Hull
 v Plymouth
 Lowest Gate
 1,740
 Macclesfield
 v Scunthorpe
 Highest
 Agg Score
 Macclesfield...4
 Scunthorpe ...3
 Biggest
 Home Win
 Mansfield4
 Macclesfield...0
 Biggest
 Away Win
 Exeter0
 Scunthorpe ...4
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 Games
 Unbeaten
 Rochdale,
 Mansfield5

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Bristol Rovers					8,709
Carlisle					3,833
Cheltenham					3,462
Darlington					4,082
Exeter					3,521
Halifax					2,104
Hartlepool					4,188
Hull					9,795
Kidderminster					2,667
Orient					4,206
Lincoln					3,122
Luton					6,337
Macclesfield					2,000
Mansfield					2,728
Oxford					6,933
Plymouth					4,643
Rochdale					3,175
Rushden					4,717
Scunthorpe					3,971
Shrewsbury					2,893
Southend					4,701
Swansea					4,422
Torquay					2,467
York					3,205

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	0	2	1	0	1	2
CU	0	0	1	0	0	1
CT	0	0	1	0	5	2
Da	0	1	2	0	3	0
EC	1	2	0	0	1	0
HT	0	1	2	0	1	0
HU	1	0	0	1	2	1
HC	0	0	1	2	0	2
KI	0	0	0	1	1	2
LO	1	0	1	1	1	2
LC	0	1	1	1	2	1
LT	0	1	3	3	0	3
MT	1	1	2	0	1	1
MT	2	3	0	2	1	1
OU	2	0	0	3	1	0
PA	1	0	1	1	1	0
Ro	3	4	0	0	1	1
RD	0	2	1	0	0	2
SU	3	0	3	1	2	0
ST	1	0	1	0	3	1
SU	0	0	1	2	0	3
SC	2	1	1	0	0	1
TU	2	1	0	0	1	0
YC	0	0	3	2	0	3

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
DWW	Bristol Rovers	LW
LDL	Carlisle	LD
DLD	Cheltenham	DL
WW	Darlington	DWL
DLL	Exeter	LD
LD	Halifax	LLW
LD	Hartlepool	LW
WD	Hull	DW
DWW	Kidderminster	LL
WD	Orient	WLD
DWL	Lincoln	DD
WW	Luton	DLW
WDL	Macclesfield	LD
WD	Mansfield	DWD
WLL	Oxford	WD
LL	Plymouth	WD
WD	Rochdale	WWW
LD	Rushden	LDW
DL	Scunthorpe	LWL
WL	Shrewsbury	DWW
LWW	Southend	LD
DD	Swansea	LW
WL	Torquay	DLL
WWL	York	LW

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Numbers

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Gm/Gl	Pts	Run	Club	Win -vs.	Defeat -vs.	PU	CS	FS
Shrewsbury	Nigel Jemson	3	3	0	0	5	1.67	6	2	Bristol Rov	3-2 Luton	0-1 Darlington	19	2	2
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	4	2	1	0	5	1.25	4	2	Carlisle	no wins as yet	0-2 Luton	21	2	3
York	Michael Proctor	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	4	1	Cheltenham	no wins as yet	2-3 Mansfield	19	0	0
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	2	2	0	0	3	1.50	4	2	Darlington	2-0 Kidder	0-1 Southend	16	2	1
Mansfield	Craig Disley	4	0	2	0	5	1.25	3	2	Exeter	no wins as yet	0-4 Scunthorpe	24	0	2
Torquay	Alex Russell	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	3	2	Halifax	2-1 Lincoln	1-4 Southend	17	0	2
Hull	Gary Alexander	2	0	1	0	4	2.00	3	1	Hartlepool	3-1 Shrewsbury	0-2 Orient	17	0	1
Cheltenham	Mark Yates	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	2	2	Hull	3-1 Exeter	no defeats	18	2	2
Kidderminster	Tony Bird	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	2	2	Kidderminster	1-0 Scun, Torq	0-2 Darlington	19	2	1
Rochdale	Gary Jones	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	2	2	Orient	2-0 Hartlepool	1-2 York	22	2	1
Halifax	Paul Harlsey	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	2	1	Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	1-2 Halifax	15	2	1
Orient	Dean Smith	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	2	1	Luton	2-0 Crsls, S'end	2-3 Bristol R	21	2	0
Oxford	Phil Bolland	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	2	1	Macclesfield	4-3 Scunthorpe	0-4 Mansfield	17	1	2
Plymouth	Micky Evans	1	1	0	0	4	4.00	2	1	Mansfield	4-0 Maccsfield	no defeats	15	2	1
Luton	Matth Taylor	3	1	1	0	5	1.67	1	1	Oxford	2-0 Halifax	1-2 Rochdale	20	2	2
Darlington	Mark Ford	2	2	0	0	5	2.50	1	1	Plymouth	3-2 Rushden	1-2 Rochdale	18	1	2
Exeter	Steve Flack	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	1	1	Rochdale	2-0 Exeter	no defeats	18	1	0
Swansea	Stuart Roberts	1	1	0	0	4	4.00	1	1	Rushden	1-0 York	2-3 Plym, Oxf	18	3	2
Rushden	Duane Darby	4	0	2	0	5	1.25	0	2	Scunthorpe	4-0 Exeter	3-4 Maccsfield	18	1	1
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	3	1	1	0	5	1.67	0	1	Shrewsbury	3-2 York	1-3 Hartlepool	18	3	1
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	3	1	1	0	4	1.33	0	1	Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 Luton	18	2	2
Hartlepool	Mark Tinkler	2	2	0	0	4	2.00	0	2	Swansea	3-1 Maccsfield	0-3 Lincoln	18	1	2
Southend	Tony Richards	2	0	1	0	4	2.00	0	1	Torquay	2-1 Carlisle	0-3 York	21	0	3
Carlisle	Jonathan Allan	1	1	0	0	3	3.00	0	1	York	3-0 Torquay	2-3 Shrewsbury	17	2	1

Key: GS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. games per goal (Gm/Gl). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games. NUMBERS: PU=Players Used CS=Clean Sheets FS=Games Failed to Score



Brian Swain

Third Division Scene

WE COULD be top of the table again this evening, although only if mid-table Kidderminster Harriers break their away duck and win at Rochdale. Spotland is enjoying a tremendous start to the season: four wins and a draw from their first five matches have sent Rochdale into a three-point lead at the head of the table, and earned the divisional manager of the month award for Steve Parkin. Our draw at Exeter was not as bad as it might have been, with other clubs in the chasing pack failing to capitalise, although only goal difference keeps us ahead of Darlington, Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury. With five games played we are one of three clubs who have scored in every match so far, Rochdale and, surprisingly, Cheltenham being the others. Shrewsbury's 0-0 at Bristol was as good a result as we could have hoped for, because anything else would have knocked us down to third in the table. The Rovers obviously took it out of themselves when they kept up their 100 per cent record by beating us - in the two games since they have taken just one point and failed to score, and have dropped from first place to fourth.

While no 100 per cent record survives, three clubs at

the other end are still seeking a first win of the season, and although Exeter are still bottom the rest of Devon can look at the table a little easier. A couple of weeks ago Plymouth and Torquay were 22nd and 23rd, but have crept into the top 20. Jason Rees, once of Luton Town and now a 31-year-old at his sixth club, netted for Torquay in their 2-2 draw at Cheltenham, and is still a popular lad at Plain Moor, having got one of the goals on the final day of last season when Torquay won 3-2 at Barnet to escape relegation and send Barnet out of the League instead. Our visitors this afternoon are likely to include another former Town man, Phil Gray, who was taken to Oxford by Joe Kinnear. After a dodgy start to the season, with only one point from the first three games, two wins on the bounce have improved Oxford's fortunes considerably. It seems to have taken them some time to settle into their new Kassam Stadium, because Rochdale spoiled the opening day party on the first day of the season, and Shrewsbury won 1-0 there a couple of weeks later. That left Oxford in 21st place, but they are now tenth after a 2-0 success at Halifax followed by a 3-2 home win over Rushden and Diamonds last Saturday. But they made their supporters sweat a little - it was 0-0 at half time, before three goals in 18 minutes, by Dean Whitehead, Martin Thomas and Phil Bonham, seemed to have settled it with 20 minutes to go. Wayne Darby then struck twice for Rushden in the last five minutes, but Oxford survived to chalk up their first home win of the season.

Their away results so far have been 0-0 at Swansea and 2-0 at Halifax, and the latter result might have played a part in the first managerial change of the season. Paul Bracewell, once manager of Fulham, resigned at The Shay. Neil Redfearn took over as player-manager, and suffered a defeat in his first game in charge, a stoppage time goal giving York a 1-0 win at Bootham Crescent.

Brian Swain

Nationwide League Division Three

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
Rochdale	5	1	1	0	3	1	3	0	0	6	3	13
Luton Town	5	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	6	5	10
Darlington	5	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	3	3	10
Bristol Rovers	5	2	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	2	2	10
Shrewsbury	5	1	0	1	4	5	2	1	0	2	0	10
Mansfield	5	1	1	0	4	0	1	2	0	5	4	9
York	5	2	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	5	3	9
Hull City	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	1	8
L. Orient	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	4	4	8
Oxford	5	1	0	2	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	7
Southend	5	2	0	1	6	3	0	1	1	0	2	7
Kidderminster	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	4	7
Lincoln	5	1	1	1	5	3	0	2	0	1	1	6
Rushden & D	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	5
Swansea	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	4	5
Macclesfield	5	1	1	1	5	6	0	1	1	1	5	5
Scunthorpe	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	7	5	4
Hartlepool	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	3	3	4
Plymouth	4	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	3	2	4
Torquay	5	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	2	2	4	4
Halifax	5	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	6	4
Cheltenham	5	0	2	1	5	6	0	1	1	3	4	3
Carlisle	5	0	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	2
Exeter	5	0	1	2	3	9	0	1	1	1	3	2

Today's Other Third Division Fixtures

- Darlington v Carlisle
- Halifax v Macclesfield
- Hull v York City
- Leyton Orient v Bristol Rov
- Mansfield v Lincoln
- Rochdale v Kidderminster
- Rushden & D v Southend
- Scunthorpe v Hartlepool
- Shrewsbury v Cheltenham
- Swansea v Exeter
- Torquay v Plymouth

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Today's Squads

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Oxford United

1	Richard Knight	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
2	Jon Richardson	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
3	Paul Powell	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
4	David Savage	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
5	Scott Guyett	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
6	Phill Bolland	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
7	Martin Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
8	Paul Tait	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
9	Phil Gray	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
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11	Joey Beauchamp	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
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24	Simon King	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
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27	Phil Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> ●
28	Tony Malessa	<input type="checkbox"/> ●

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Today's Officials

Referee: Clive Penton, Sussex.

Assistants: Paul Melin, Surrey (red flag), Steve Rubery, Essex (yellow and red flag)

Forth Official: Tony Conn, Herts

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