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UP FOR IT: Stuart Douglas in action during the game against Oxford, putting visiting defender Scott Guyett in the shade. See pages 36 and 37 for a report and more pictures.

# Inside Forward

AFTER a dramatic and perhaps unique game at York on Saturday, striker Steve Howard was yesterday facing the possibility that his Luton Town career might be over. Manager Joe Kinnear was seething after an astonishing sequence of events. Carl Griffiths had pulled the Town level after Lee Nogan scored for York and early in the second half another of many smart Town moves ended with Stuart Douglas being pushed over by Graham Potter. Howard decided to take the spot kick, and the keeper dived to his right to save. A re-take was ordered because Alan Fetti's moved early and because defenders encroached as the ball was hit. Aaron Skelton is the nominated penalty-taker for the Town this season, but Howard reclaimed the ball, and refused to give it up. For a few seconds he was in a fracas with his own players. He got his way, but the second attempt was hit almost straight at the keeper, and saved easily. The anger other Town players felt was obvious, and the manager shared it. He subbed Howard immediately, and Ian Hillier, who replaced him, settled a helter-skelter contest with a tremendous winning goal, a flashing drive from the edge of the box. Howard, a £50,000 buy from Northampton last March, faced his manager's wrath immediately. The boss said: "It was a lack of discipline and professionalism, and I cannot tolerate that. Skelton was to be our penalty-taker, and no-one can expect to break team orders and not pay for it.

"Howard was left in no doubt about my feelings, and I spent Sunday thinking about what action was best for the club. The football cliché is true: no single

individual is bigger than the club, and I could not tolerate the unedifying spectacle of seeing our own players scrapping among themselves because one man thought he could over-ride team instructions.

"He might well have been feeling a lot of frustration at failing to get on the score-sheet so far this season, but that is no excuse. Having seen his first attempt saved, he should have been man enough to say sorry to his team-mates, then walk away and leave it to somebody else. Instead, after winning a tussle for the ball, his decision to go for it the second time put him on a hiding to nothing. Had he scored, it would not have rubbed out the memories of unprofessional conduct. But you could have bet your mortgage that after all that kerfuffle, he would miss again.

"A golden chance to go 2-1 up was thrown away, but all credit to the team for putting it behind them. It is one thing to have a barney in the dressing room, between ourselves, but to do it in public, in front of supporters, is something entirely different. I have been seriously considering whether the player should have any future at Luton Town. I was awaiting with interest to hear what he had to say for himself after having time to think things over. If he does stay, he owes his colleagues, the club, and the supporters. We have a good spirit in the dressing room, and I won't let anybody wreck it."

#### Defender in Town

WHATEVER the future holds for Howard, the manager is still trying to bring in additions to strengthen the squad, and he was hoping that yesterday he would

conclude the long negotiations to bring in another centre-half.

Chris Coyne, a 22-year-old six-footer who is an Australian B international, was due to travel to Luton on Sunday after playing as a sub for Dundee in their Bank of Scotland Premier League game with Celtic, which the champions won 4-0.

After tracking Coyne for the best part of a month, Joe Kinnear was close to sorting out the details yesterday. The player, once with West Ham, agreed personal terms after Dundee accepted a £50,000 offer, and the deal was due to be finalised on completion of a routine medical at Kenilworth Road yesterday. If all went smoothly it was hoped the paperwork could be done in time for the registration to be cleared with the Football League so that Coyne might be available for tonight's game.

He will become the eighth player brought in by Joe Kinnear since the end of last season, and the boss is still looking for more, with a striker now top of the list.

He has had to give up the chase for St. Etienne's Alex di Rocco - the French club have changed their mind about releasing him. Stoke attacker Dean Crowe, 22, is still a possible, but moves to recruit Sunderland's Michael Reddy on loan look doomed. He is believed to be going to Hull City instead.

Dutch defender Sammy Greven, 26, will not be coming because the boss thinks the £80,000 fee demanded by Mechelen is about four times the realistic price.

Croatian midfielder Ahmet Brkovic's extended trial will continue. He impressed on Wednesday when he made a goal for Liam George, and scored the other two in the reserves' 3-2 win

over Leyton Orient, the club who have just released him.

One player is leaving: Kent Karlsen has been given a free transfer, and is returning to Norway. The manager said: "There are four or five players I want to move out, and four or five I want to bring in."

#### International Recognition

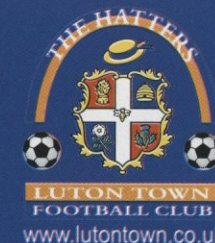
CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Dillon, our youth team striker who has been called up by Scotland to take part in a four-nation under-18 tournament. He is in Liege this week, where Belgium is hosting a competition also involving Denmark and the Ukraine.

#### Mick in the Limelight

FIRST team coach and playing legend Mick Harford will kick off the new season of guest nights organised by Luton Town Supporters Club. Aaron Skelton, Matt Spring and Joe Kinnear are lined up for future events.

Mick will be the guest of honour, taking questions from supporters, on Thursday week, September 27, at the Eric Morecambe Suite, with a 7.30 kick-off. Admission is by ticket only, and numbers are limited. Tickets are £2 each for LTSC members, and £5 for others, and at present sales are to members only, through the Supporters Club kiosk this evening. The members-only restriction lasts until kick-off time on Saturday, and if any tickets are still available then they will go on general sale when the kiosk reopens after the match against Torquay.

*Brian Swain*



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Joe Kinnear

## The Manager

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road. And if we have a game tonight with half the incident and excitement we saw at York on Saturday you are in for plenty of entertainment. It was a pulsating match, with some good things, and some bad. I was a little concerned when we went a goal down after we had created all the decent chances. You always wonder if you are going to pay for not taking your opportunities, but we showed good character to fight back. We still believe in ourselves even when we are behind, and if you want to win through you must have that attitude. We went to be positive, which was why I included four strikers. Winning was the only thing on my mind.

Perhaps very occasionally there is a case for going into a match trying not to lose, but that is not my philosophy. I want my team to show it is the better one in every game. Draws can catch you out. It's all very well saying you are undefeated, but a draw means you have thrown away two points, and you cannot afford to do that too often if you have ambitions like ours.

That is why it was vital we took three points from Saturday's game and why we went with an attacking line-up. Look at the league table: the win put us back to somewhere near where we want to be, in the automatic promotion places again. A draw would have left us in the last play-off zone place.

I suppose we had a little luck at York, because they too had a few scoring chances, but overall I felt we were the better football team in another ding-dong physical battle.

There was so much going on that it must have been very good entertainment for supporters, but it was not doing my ticker any good!

I was pleased with the overall display, except for ludicrous goings-on over the penalty which was quite rightly awarded to us early in the second half. The referee was also right to order

it to be re-taken, as he confirmed afterwards when York were complaining about it: the goalkeeper moved early, and defenders were encroaching into the box when the kick was taken. What was wrong was the lack of discipline and poor professionalism of one of our players.

A golden chance to go 2-1 up was thrown away, but all credit to the team for putting it behind them. And the winner, by Ian Hillier, the substitute for Howard, was a tremendous strike. By the time these notes are published I will have told Steve Howard what action I intend to take over his conduct.

The York result maintained an impressive record: not only have we scored in every league game, but we have hit two in all but one of them, so overall we are attacking well. My gripe remains that while midfielders are chipping in with regular goals, not enough are coming from our recognised front men, except for the work of "Sniffer" Griffiths. We need more firepower, and I am still working to strengthen the squad.

Tonight, we want to build on the good work done at York, in the first of two successive home games. Without tempting providence, I will again be asking for maximum points this evening and again on Saturday, against Torquay, and that would probably make the league table look even more attractive.

Lincoln will have other ideas, of course, and we know they have players capable of hurting you, particularly at set pieces. We will work at trying to keep them at distance, and not be forced back into our own box.

We will also, of course, be looking for more goals to give home supporters reasons to cheer. And once again I have to pass on our grateful thanks to everyone who went to back us at Bootham Crescent - it was wonderful support, again, despite the weather - thanks for singing in the rain!

Keep the faith!! And enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear

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**Marvin Johnson**

## Club Captain

COMING back from York with three points went some way towards repairing the damage we did to our own cause when we failed to beat Oxford in our last home game.

All the pre-match talk was about how we could win the game, building up confidence and self-belief. The difference between the atmosphere now and that of a year ago is remarkable, and we are approaching every game with the feeling that while we respect the opposition, and know they will make us work hard for success, we have no need to fear them. We think we can be a match for any team in this league, and that if we go into every game with the right attitude, with everyone well prepared to do his job, we can win. The game at York on Saturday will be remembered for all sorts of reasons, and the incident over our twice-taken penalty produced a scene which was unique in my long experience. I will not comment on it here - the subject is a matter for the boss, and I don't doubt he has had his say elsewhere in this magazine, as he did in the dressing room at Bootham Crescent. I suppose it was pre-ordained that Lee Nogan should score the goal that put York ahead, a week after we were congratulating ourselves for preventing Phil Gray from getting on the scoresheet against his old club.

It was another physical contest, as so many seem to be nowadays, but we made a much better start than York, and could have been two or three goals up before they scored. But I always feel that if you make chances, the goals will come, and this team is always going to create scoring opportunities. The boss wants more goals from strikers, but from my place at the back I can only say it's good to see the ball hitting the opposition net from any quarter.

I had a chat with Lee Nogan after the game, and he wished us well for the rest of the sea-

son. He is a really nice guy, and bears no grudges for the amount of stick he took from some quarters at the end of his short contract here last season. He also thinks we are one of the strongest sides he has yet seen this season, and hopes we go all the way to promotion.

He and his mates gave us a hard job at York, and a few sticky moments. Up to the penalty incident we were looking as though we would go on and win after cancelling out their goal. But a penalty save (or two!) is often as effective as scoring a goal at the other end, and it lifted York for a few minutes.

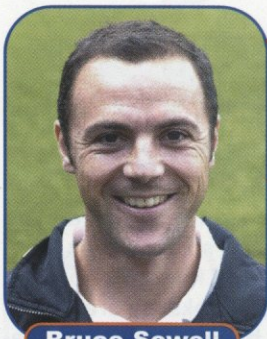
We had to weather a bit of a storm, but we came through it well, and the winning goal was something special. Ian Hillier's strike was superb, and so was his celebration! He took off like a rocket, and we were all delighted for him. His loan has given him league experience, and his first senior goal, and he has impressed me on several counts: he is going to be a very good player, and he is a dedicated professional, always willing to work hard in training as well as in games.

We needed that win at York after losing our 100 per cent home record against Oxford, and now we want to build on what has been done so far. We know we cannot rest on our laurels, and that Lincoln, and Kingsley Black, will be keen to take us down a peg or two this evening.

Doubtless Kingsley, one of the finest plyers every to come through the ranks here, will want to mark his return with a win bonus, and we have good cause to know that Lincoln can be difficult to beat. I well remember the problems they gave us in the FA Cup two seasons ago, when they took us to a replay. That was after they drew here at Kenilworth Road, and this evening we must go one better than that. As the boss says, we now have the chance to win twice at home in five days, and that is a target we will be going for.

*Marvin Johnson*





**Bruce Sewell**

## Treatment Room

A GRUELLING game at York on Saturday brought satisfaction twice over for me - a good result, and no additions to our injury list. The only player in for treatment on Sunday was Matt Taylor, who missed the game at Bootham Crescent because of a calf muscle injury. He was kicked during the Oxford match, and has bad bruising. It has been coming out steadily, but the best I could say to him about playing this evening was "Maybe." Calf muscle problems are keeping Andrew Fotiadis and Adam Locke on the sidelines as well. Both are making reasonable progress, but they are injuries which cannot be hurried. Locke, for instance, has been able to train on only two days out of the last fortnight, although I was expecting him to be able to resume full training yesterday.

Fotiadis looks at present to be a week or two away from a return to full fitness, but is also recovering slowly. Peter Thomson has also been under treatment, for a groin strain, but I do not expect that to be a major problem for him. By the time you read this, the happiest "patient" under my care will, hopefully, be Stuart Fraser. He is champing at the bit after being out of action or so long with a broken leg, but yesterday he had an appointment with the specialist. It was due to be a very thorough examination, including X-rays, and with luck the results would enable us to fix a date when the defender can resume full training again. He has been able to do some light training recently, but in a strict no-contact situation. He has worked hard and long to aid his recovery, and I hope he is on the verge of reaping the benefit he deserves.

*Bruce Sewell*



**Cherry Newbery**

## Club Secretary

IT HAS been a bit of a mixed week in the administrative offices over the past few days, which means that I have some good news and some bad to pass on to you this evening.

The good news first: thank-you once again for your generosity at the last home match, when a bucket collection was taken for a local charity, the Herald and Post Cancer Unit appeal. The response was, as usual, first class, with donations totalling £773.81.

There will be another collection on Saturday, and I am sorry that gremlins got into the printing of my column for the Oxford game so that it was not clear when the collection for the British Heart Foundation, in memory of Les Sealey, would be taken. The correct date is next Saturday, when we are at home to Torquay United, and members of Luton Town Supporters Club will be helping to take your donations.

Now for an item which I wish I did not have to mention. It is my duty to inform you that the club is facing potentially serious problems with the Football Association because of the behaviour of a tiny minority in the crowd.

At the Oxford match two people were arrested for allegedly throwing missiles at the match officials. The two are due to appear in court later this month, and if they are found guilty the club intends to take the strongest-possible action against them.

It is sad that with so many working so hard to build up a good reputation for Luton Town as a family club, one or two isolated incidents can undermine our efforts.

Bad behaviour MUST stop, and I appeal to all true supporters to help us eradicate it. However high feelings are running, all our actions and words have to be within the law, for the safety of everybody. Throwing things at the officials, however good or bad they might have been, is always going to be counter-productive. The culprits might call themselves

Luton Town supporters, but in fact they are likely to do harm to their club. The Football Association has a wide range of punishment powers at its disposal, and backs the efforts of all clubs to make football grounds safe and pleasant for everyone.

Sanctions open to the Football Association include shutting down sections of the ground, fining the club, and/or deducting league points. We want promotion, and we want everyone to be able to enjoy their football at Kenilworth Road, and I appeal to all true supporters to back us in our efforts to ensure good behaviour before, during, and after every game.

On more pleasant subjects, the staff here did their bit to support the Strip for Shelter fundraising effort on Friday, wearing Luton Town kit and making donations to the charity for the homeless.

The campaign is supported by the Football League, and next month another project will take place which also will involved all clubs. We will be playing our part in backing National Anti Racist week, distributing material to supporters at the game with Rochale, and spreading the word through our Football in the Community scheme.

Finally, this evening, can I ask if any of you can help us out with jobs that have to be done on match days? I am sure you will agree with me that our pitch is looking superb, and groundsman Richard Bird is looking for volunteers to help him after each game. He needs able-bodied people willing to work under his direction for an hour or so after the final whistle, mainly on forking the surface and replacing divots. If you want to know more, please ring Richard at the club.

We also need stadium cleaners to tidy up the place after matches, and we also have a few vacancies for executive stewards. The duties are not onerous, and we offer payment, so if you think you can help out in any of these matters, please contact me.

*Cherry Newbery*

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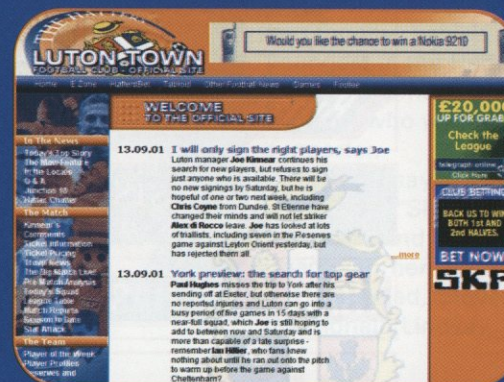
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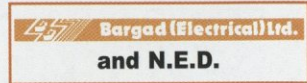
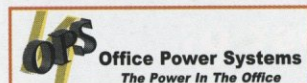
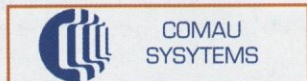


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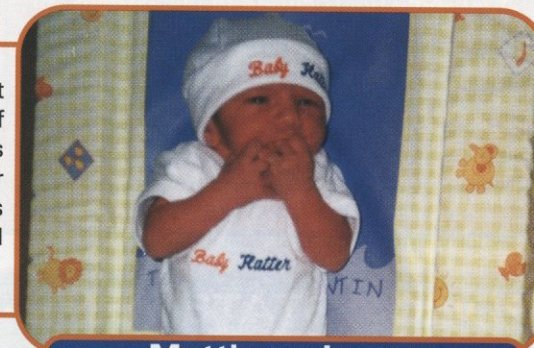


Melissa Lindsay

LEISURE wear for Town fans comes in all sizes in the club shop, and this evening we feature two bonny babies who are among the very youngest in the Hatters family. Peacefully sleeping in a smart blue bobble hat is Melissa Lindsay, who was born to be a Kenilworth Road supporter.

Paul Lindsay, from Hedley Rise, Luton, explained: "She is a fourth generation Luton Town fan and hopes soon to go to Kenilworth Road with her mum and dad, Paul and Lynsey, her granddad, Steve Lindsay, and great granddad Ronald Lindsay.

Sporting a nifty line in Baby Hatter romper-suit and matching headgear is Matthew James, of Briar Close, Stopsley, who was just six days old when the photo was taken. Proud father Dale James is a real Town fanatic, and expects his young son to become a chip off the old block.



Matthew James

The two mini-fans with beaming smiles are brothers Luke and Tomas Murray, of Stonelea Road, Hemel Hempstead, and we send them belated birthday congratulations. Their father, Robert, sent in the photograph in the hope that we could publish it in the programme on the first home game of the season, because August 18 was Tomas's second birthday, while Luke was six three days earlier.

We did not have space available on that day, but we hope the lads will enjoy seeing their picture in today's matchday magazine.



Luke & Tomas Murray

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

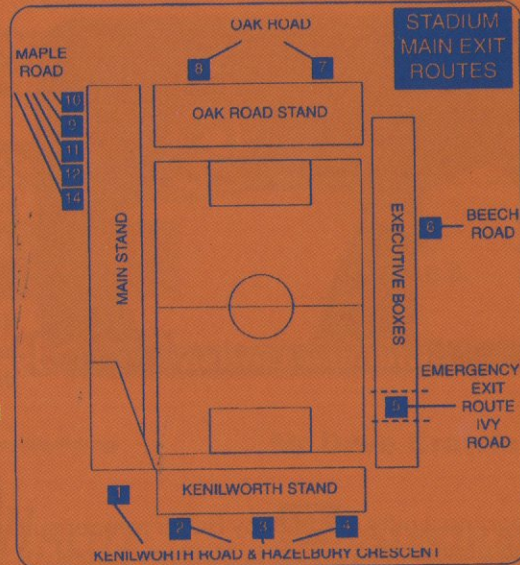
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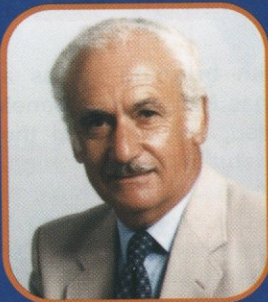
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Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

Reviewed August, 2001.

# Commercial Corner



OUR sponsorship packages come in all shapes and sizes, and this picture illustrates the point perfectly as Shirley and David Hobbs meet coaches Brian Stein and Mick Harford. The two Town fans were in our sponsorship lounge for the Oxford game, buying a VIP day out to mark the 50th anniversary of Shirley's first visit to Kenilworth Road.

"I come from a family of Luton supporters," said Shirley, of Meyrick Avenue, Luton. "My grandfather was a fan and so was my father, Eric Thompson, so I was brought up on football. Fifty years sounds like a long time ago, but I have never forgotten my first match. I came with a friend from Luton High School to see Luton v Notts County on September 8, 1951.

We sat on the wall in the enclosure, by the corner flag. Luton won 6-0 and I still have the match programme. In fact I have got a lot of programmes, because I have been a regular at Luton matches ever since, and collect programmes.

"For a long time we stood near the front of the Kenilworth Road open terrace, throwing sweets to Bernard Streten, who is my all-time favourite player - he was such a character. Then we moved to the enclosure, near the tunnel, when it was a standing terrace, just so that we could touch the players, but of course that's not allowed now."

Shirley has watched from the main stand for the past 30 years, and goes to a lot of away games with Town on Tour. And the family tradition is being continued - daughter Heather Robinson is a big Town fan as well.

The Oxford game was 50 years to the day since that Luton v Notts County match, and the result might explain why it was so memorable for Shirley and the big crowd who attended the Second Division game - it was played in front of 24,511 spectators, and the Town's six goals came from Jack Taylor(2), George Stobbart(2), Bert Mitchell and Willie Davie.

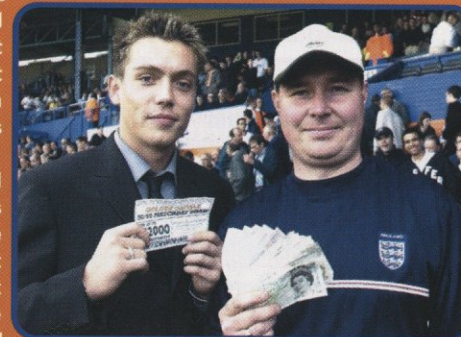
We are sorry the lads didn't manage another 6-0 against Oxford, but Shirley and David enjoyed their day with us

If you have a special occasion to celebrate, why not do something similar? Ring the commercial department for more information.

# Golden Gamble

WAYNE Goodyear, from Highfield Road, Leighton Buzzard, has ever reason to smile for the camera during the interval at the Oxford game - goalkeeper Scott Ward has just picked out his winning Golden Gamble ticket, and he is £575 richer.

A similar prize might well be on offer again this evening, although the size of the jackpot depends on sales. But at only £1 per ticket, we think it is a pretty good bet. Half the income goes to the winner, with the



other 50 per cent going to club funds, and in our three home league games so far this season the jackpots have added up to £1,610, an average of £537 each.

The draw is made at half time and the winner can collect the cash there and then. But the winner at the Cheltenham game has still not claimed the prize. If you have ticket number 03204, sold in the main stand area on August 18, get in touch with the commercial department. That

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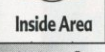
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8 Goals



4 Goals



1 Goal



Shots..... 7  
Headers..... 4  
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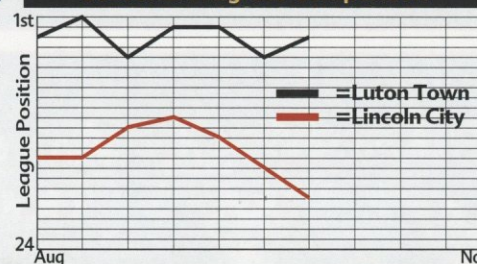
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vs Oxford  
Lowest Gate  
6,177  
vs Cheltenham  
Average Gate  
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Clean Sheets 2  
Failed to Score  
0  
Consec. Wins  
2 games  
Consec. Defeats  
none

Hatters' Last 7

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	York	A	10th
S	Oxford	H	11th
S	Exeter	A	24th
W	Southend	H	2nd
L	Bristol Rovers	A	2nd
W	Cheltenham	H	11th
W	Carlisle	A	-

League stats so far...

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Red Imps' Last 7

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Bristol Rovers	H	9th
L	Mansfield	A	6th
S	Darlington	H	3rd
S	Scunthorpe	A	16th
W	Swansea	H	5th
D	Rushden	A	8th
L	Halifax	H	-

Goals Info:



Where



0 Goals



7 Goals



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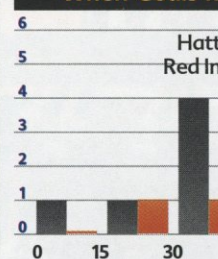


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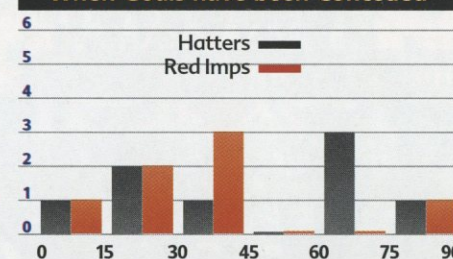
Thorpe..... 3  
Cameron..... 2  
Holmes..... 1  
Sedgemore..... 1

2001-2002  
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vs Halifax  
Lowest Gate  
2,593  
vs Swansea  
Average Gate  
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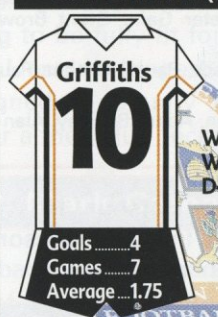
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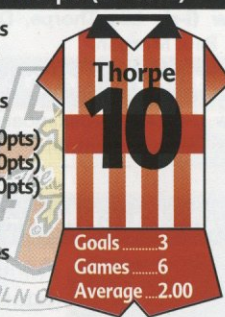


Carl Griffiths (Luton)



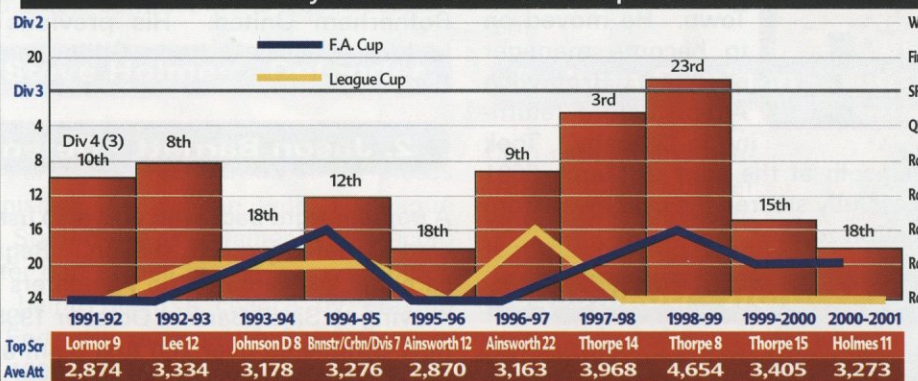
Top Scorers Comparison

Lee Thorpe (Lincoln)



Player	Goals	Games	Average
Luton Goals	13	1	13
Luton Games	7	0	7
Luton's Goal Ave	1.86	0	1.86
Lincoln Goals	7	1	7
Lincoln Games	7	0	7
Lincoln's Goal Ave	1.00	0	1.00

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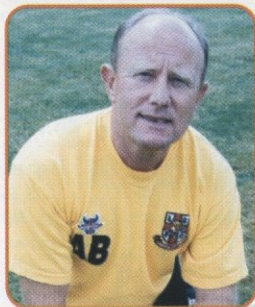


**Back row (l-r):** Lee Thorpe, Dave Cameron, Richard Logan, Steve Holmes, Peter Gain, Grant Brown, Tony Battersby, Paul Morgan.

**Middle row (l-r):** John Schofield (Youth Team Manager), Paul Mayo, Kingsley Black, Paul Pettinger, Paul Smith, Alan Marriott, Ben Sedgemore, Justin Walker, Michael Wait (Asst. Physio.)

**Front row (l-r):** Keith Alexander (Assistant Manager), John Finnigan, Stuart Bimson, Adam Buckley, Alan Buckley (Manager), Jason Barnett, Mark Camm, Andy Smith, Keith Oakes (Physio.)

## Alan Buckley - Manager



An experienced manager who had seven years in charge at Walsall before a highly successful period in charge at Grimsby Town. He moved on to become manager at West Bromwich Albion before returning to Grimsby. Took

over at Lincoln at the start of March 2001 and successfully steered the club away from the relegation zone.

## 1. Alan Marriott - Goalkeeper

22 year old goalkeeper who signed for Lincoln in the summer of 1999 following his

release by Tottenham Hotspur. He was first choice keeper for the Imps last season apart from a spell out with a knee injury.

## 21. Paul Pettinger - Goalkeeper

Goalkeeper signed on two year contract in the summer of 2001 after being released by Rotherham United. His previous clubs include Leeds United, Gillingham and Carlisle.

## 2. Jason Barnett - Defender

A popular right back who was also used as a central defender last season. Began his career at Wolverhampton Wanderers before moving to Sincil Bank in October 1995. Has now completed over 200 first team appearances for City



# Tonight's Visitors



## 3. Stuart Bimson - Defender

Left back who was given a new lease of life following the arrival of City manager Alan Buckley at the start of March. After being in and out of the squad he became a regular and went on to agree a new deal in the summer. Signed from Bury in November 1996.

## 15. Grant Brown - Defender

Central defender who took his total of league and cup appearances for the Imps to a club record of 429 last season before his campaign was cut short by a fractured leg in January. Started back in light training towards the end of last season and will be looking to be fully fit for the start of 2001 - 2002. Lincoln's longest serving player having signed in January 1989 from Leicester City for a then club record fee of £60,000.

## 20. Mark Camm - Defender

Right back who signed for City in the summer of 2000 after he was released by Sheffield United. A regular in Lincoln's reserve line-up last season and by the end of the campaign had made three League starts. Agreed a new contract in the close season.

## 5. Steve Holmes - Defender

A talented central defender with an eye for goal. Particularly dangerous at set pieces and finished last season with 11 league goals. Started out as a trainee with Lincoln and later had a spell in non-league football before being given a chance by Preston North End. He returned to Sincil Bank in March 1996 and has since proved a key figure at the back.

## 16. Richard Logan - Defender

Centre back signed from Scunthorpe United in the summer of 2000 but was hit by injury after just a couple of months at Sincil Bank. He underwent a back operation before Christmas and is now still working his way back to fitness. His previous clubs include Plymouth and Huddersfield.

## 17. Paul Mayo - Defender

19 year old left back who has already completed over 50 senior appearances for the Imps. Signed in September 1999 after being released by Nottingham Forest and quickly earned himself a first team place. An enthusiastic player who is always looking to push forward.

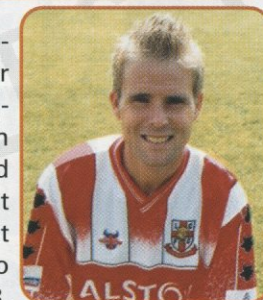
## 6. Paul Morgan - Defender

Former Northern Ireland youth international who signed a two-year deal at the start of the season after being released by Preston North End. The talented 21 year old centre back has a big future ahead of him.



## 8. John Finnigan - Midfielder

Club captain and central midfield player who forms an excellent partnership with Justin Walker. Started his career at Nottingham Forest before moving to Lincoln in March 1998.





### 11. Peter Gain - Midfielder

Skilled left-sided player who started his career at Tottenham Hotspur before joining Lincoln in December 1998. A former Republic of Ireland Under 21 international whose progress has been held back by a series of injuries over the last couple of seasons.

### 14. Ben Sedgemore - Midfielder

Right sided midfield man signed in February from Macclesfield Town but failed to win a regular first team place. He started just three league games for the Imps last season. His previous clubs include Birmingham City and Mansfield Town.

### 12. Paul Smith - Midfielder

A tenacious right-side player who was playing for Hastings Town when Nottingham Forest signed him up. He developed in the reserves at the City Ground

but failed to break through into first team football and moved to Sincil Bank in December 1997. Currently sidelined with a prolapsed disc in his back.

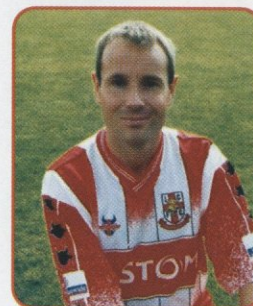
### 4. Justin Walker - Midfielder

Skillful play maker who had an impressive first season with City after signing from neighbours Scunthorpe United in the summer of 2000. He was voted player of the season by the supporters following some excellent performances. Started out at Nottingham Forest alongside Finnigan.

### 9. Tony Battersby - Forward

A skilful striker who struggled to win a place in the first half of last season but did well following the arrival of Alan Buckley as manager. Agreed a new deal with City in the summer. Previously with Sheffield United, Notts County and Bury.

### 7. Kingsley Black - Forward



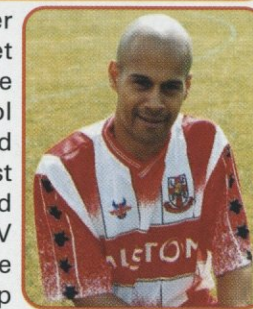
Experienced player who signed from Grimsby Town in the summer of 2001 after earlier spending a month on loan at Sincil Bank. Began his career at Luton Town before a £1.5 million move to Nottingham

Forest. Joined Grimsby in July 1996. A Northern Ireland international who has made 30 appearances for his country.

### 19. Dave Cameron - Forward

Scottish striker who had spells with Falkirk and St Mirren before moving south to play for Brighton. Later had a spell in non-league football before being given another chance by Lincoln in May 2000. Mostly on the subs' bench last season.

### 10. Lee Thorpe - Forward



A highly rated striker who has hit the net consistently since arriving from Blackpool in July 1997. Scored seven league goals last season but added another six in the LDV Vans Trophy to make him the club's top scorer for the fourth consecutive season.



## Pre-Match Entertainment

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

**6.45** Gates Open - music starts

**7.00** HMV Album of the Week - SOPHIE ELLIS BEXTER with READ MY LIPS

**7.05** HMV Single of the week - KYLIE MINOUGE with CANT GET YOU OUT OF MY HEAD

**7.10** The UK's No1 single

**7.15** Mascot Happy Harry runs out onto the pitch

**7.20** Team line up to be announced.

**7.25** Hatters Hot Hit - THE STEREOPHONICS with STEP ON MY OLD SIZE NINES

**7.30** Dedications announced.

**7.35** Town Teaser - Check out page 46 for tonight's question

**7.40** Teams run out to our new theme tune - The Blues Brothers " Gimme Some Lovin

**7.42** Final run down of the teams.

**7.45** THE BIG KICK OFF

### HALF TIME

**8.35** Golden Gamble - Winning ticket picked by Luton Town Player.

**8.40** Half time score check - Every half time score from all this evenings games

**8.45** Repeat of dedications.

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

### 9.40 FULL TIME

Matchday music supplied by



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If you would like your dedication read out, please contact the Club prior to matchdays.

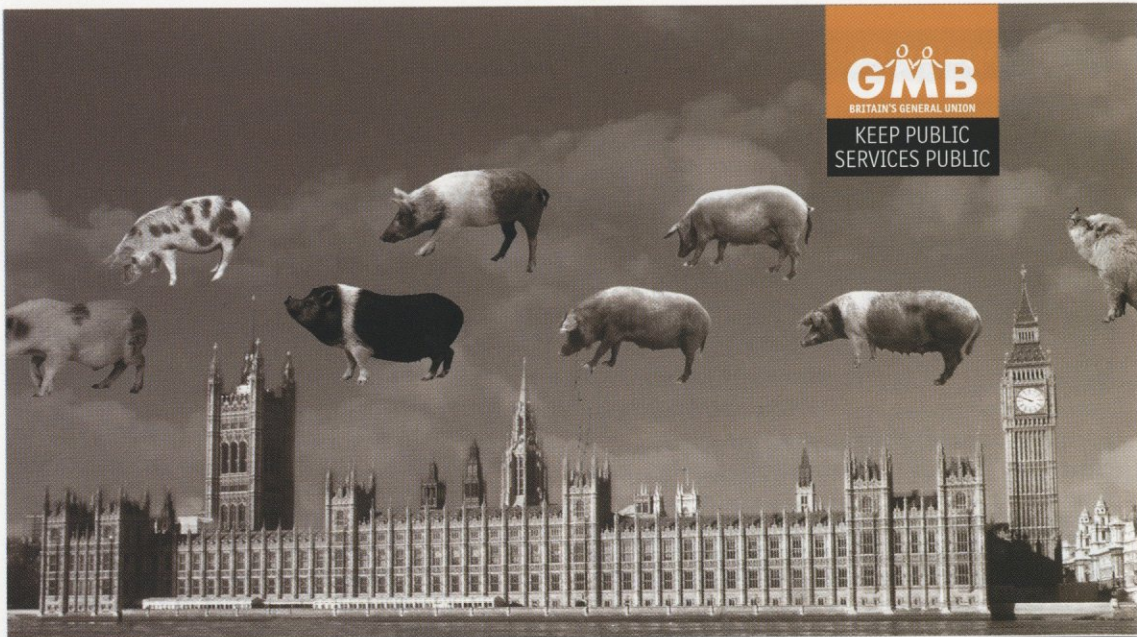


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## Kids for a Quid

Luton Town Football Club is delighted to announce the continuation of its ever-popular Kid a Quid Offer.

This offer will be available for the following home matches:

### Luton Town v Torquay United

Saturday 22nd September 2001 Kick-off 3.00pm

These tickets are now on sale

### Luton Town v Hartlepool United

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Season Ticket Holders will be able to bring a friend for a fiver to see:

### Luton Town v Rochdale

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## Top Hatter Matt Spring



**Born:** Harlow, 17.11.79

**Joined Luton:** Summer 1995 as a YTS boy!

**Good at school?** Not very, except at sport - any sport, especially football and cricket. My teacher thought I should try to become a professional cricketer, and I think I still hold a scoring record at the school, 115 not out when I was 15, in a 25-over game. But football was always my number one choice, and I always had only one ambition, to be a professional footballer. I never even thought about having any other career.

**Why join Luton?** I was an Everton supporter as a boy and wanted to play for them - my mum comes from Liverpool, and my dad was an Evertonian. I played for my school at Broxbourne, and got into the Herts County boys team, and at one time I was going to join Watford. But Terry Westley, when he was youth coach at Luton, saw me playing in a county match, invited me to come here when I was 15, and as things have turned out I couldn't have asked for anything better.

**Greatest pleasure from football so far:** Winning any game, and I still remember my first cup final. I was about 13, playing for Broxbourne Saints, and after a 1-1 draw we won on penalties, something like 11-10. I missed my penalty - the goalkeeper made an amazing save! My mum still has that cup-winner's medal among my souvenirs.

**Biggest disappointment:** Getting relegated last season. It was horrible.

**Superstitions?** Not really, except that I always wear two singlet vests in every game - I put a clean one on at half-time. They're not designer gear - they come from Marks and Spencer!

**What will you do after your playing career?** I haven't started worrying about that yet. I hope to keep playing until I am 35, and then find something in football, probably coaching. I don't think I would want to be a manager - there's too much pressure in that job. Meanwhile, I am just very grateful to be able to earn my living playing football.



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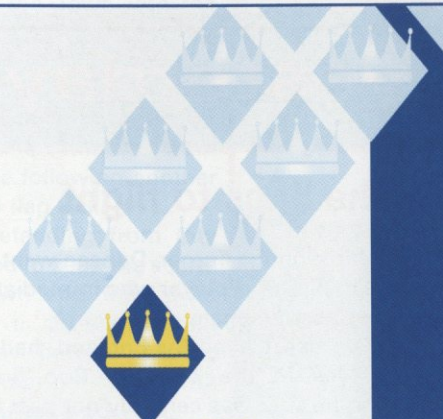
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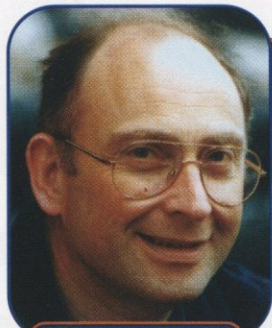
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## All our **yesterdays**

### Pye puts the Imps to flight

The Town suffered two years of struggle during the period 1949 to 1951 and indeed were rather fortunate not to suffer relegation back to the old Division Three at the end of the latter campaign. Only the fact that Grimsby, Bury and Chesterfield were marginally more inept than ourselves saved us from the drop but even then a 32 points haul, one of the lowest ever for a non relegated side, must have given cause for huge concern for the future.

As it turned out the next season became our most successful since the War as manager Dally Duncan's youth policy finally began to bear fruit. Players such as Bob Morton and Gordon Turner had been introduced gently into the first team and were now beginning to make their presence felt alongside the experienced men of which Bert Mitchell, the only significant addition to the squad, proved a revelation netting 16 times from the left wing.

Apart from a final position of eighth, only seven points behind runners-up Cardiff, the Hatters managed to fight their way through to the quarter-finals of the F.A.Cup where their nine fit men, in the days before substitutes, narrowly lost 2-3 to Arsenal in front of a then record Kenilworth Road crowd of 28,433.

The 1952/53 campaign was therefore looked on with enthusiasm rather than trepidation for a change but in an early close season shock golden boy Jack Taylor, who had scored 20 times the previous year, was sold to Wolves for £17,000, a club record.

Duncan knew that he had Turner champing at the bit waiting for an extended run in the side and was prepared to sacrifice Taylor but Luton supporters did not realise this and felt any chance of a play for promotion had been lost especially as another regular in the goalscoring stakes, George Stobbart, had been sold to Millwall.

To bolster the forward line and to provide a tutor

for the blossoming Turner, Duncan went back to Wolves to pick up a player who immediately had the town buzzing again.

Jesse Pye had played for England, had scored for Wolves in the 1949 F.A.Cup final and although now 32 was certainly not past his best as recognised by the not inconsiderable transfer fee of £9,000. He was still regarded as one of the top forwards in the country and his signing was looked on as a major coup and instantly sent the sales of season tickets rocketing.

The supporters were not to be disappointed as Pye exhibited a bewildering array of skills during his time at Kenilworth Road. Possessor of a strong shot, quick feet, instant control and a fine tuned sense of who was around him ready to receive the astute pass, Pye was the master.

The season got off to a slow start due to a calamitous string of injuries involving Pye, skipper Syd Owen, goalkeeper Bernard Streten and Bert Mitchell among others with the result that it was to be towards the end of September before everyone was back and, more importantly, match fit.

The campaign was kick started by a 5-1 home win over Notts County on September 27th with Pye netting twice and this was followed up by another brace in a 3-1 victory at Southampton the next week.

By the time of the visit of Lincoln to Kenilworth Road on November 1st the Town had scored 15 times in their five previous games with Pye knocking in seven of them as the Division Two table was slowly climbed.

Lincoln, who had won promotion after finishing champions of Division Three (North) at the end of the previous season arrived at Luton having gone 10 games without a win after an encouraging start to the campaign, the complete opposite to the fortunes of the Hatters.

Pye was in superb form from the start and gave the Imps promising centre-half Tony Emery the run-around as well as holding the line together. It came as no real surprise when Bernard Moore

headed the Town into the lead from a Mitchell corner in the 16th minute and the game was as good as over when Pye knocked in number two ten minutes from half time following another Mitchell flag kick.

Solid defending from City managed to keep the scoreline down and they even missed a couple of half chances before Moore scored number three with ten minutes to go.

The biggest cheer of the afternoon was, however, reserved for Pye who smacked in a spectacular left footed drive which beat the brave James Jones, in the Lincoln goal, all ends up for his 100th goal in league football.

At the end of the game, apart from the enthusiastic applause from the crowd, the players took it upon themselves to each shake Pye's hand in turn. A rare accolade but well deserved for a true maestro who was to end the season with 28 goals to his credit in all competitions as the Town finished third, once more narrowly failing to win promotion.



The master, Jesse Pye, in a training clash with Wally Shanks.

**Luton:** Streten, Dunne, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Mitchell.

**Lincoln:** Jones, Green, Graham, Wright, Emery, Owen, Ryan, Johnson, Graver, Finch, Whittle.

## Yesterday's pages



From the start of the 1952/53 season, in a bid to freshen up the programme, the Town included a front page player photo.

Featured on the cover for the game against Lincoln was Les Hall who sadly passed away this summer aged 79. Hall, born in St Albans, turned professional for the Town in August 1942 and played many war-time games in our colours.

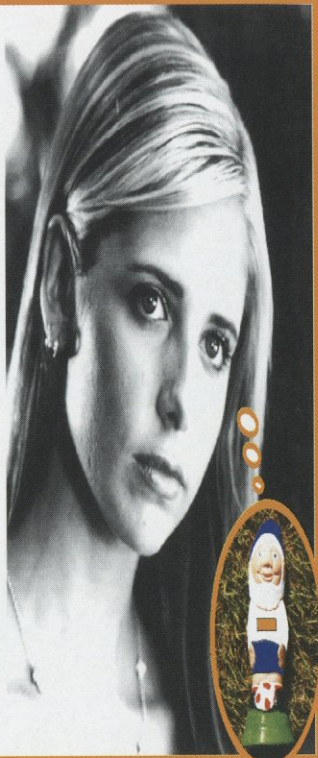
Due to the form of firstly Horace Gager and then Syd Owen at centre-half, Hall made only occasional appearances in the first team in peacetime football but never let the side down. By the time he left Kenilworth Road in 1955 he had made 79 league appearances for the Town.

Elsewhere in the programme the 'Club Notes' section spoke highly of the football played in the 3-2 win at Barnsley the previous week but mentioned only in passing that the Town were 3-0 up at one stage.

The reserves, who were top of the Football Combination table, ably skippered by Les Hall had only won 1-0 against ten man Crystal Palace. The players were not surprisingly unsettled by the bad injury to the Palace winger as 'they could hear the bone crack'!



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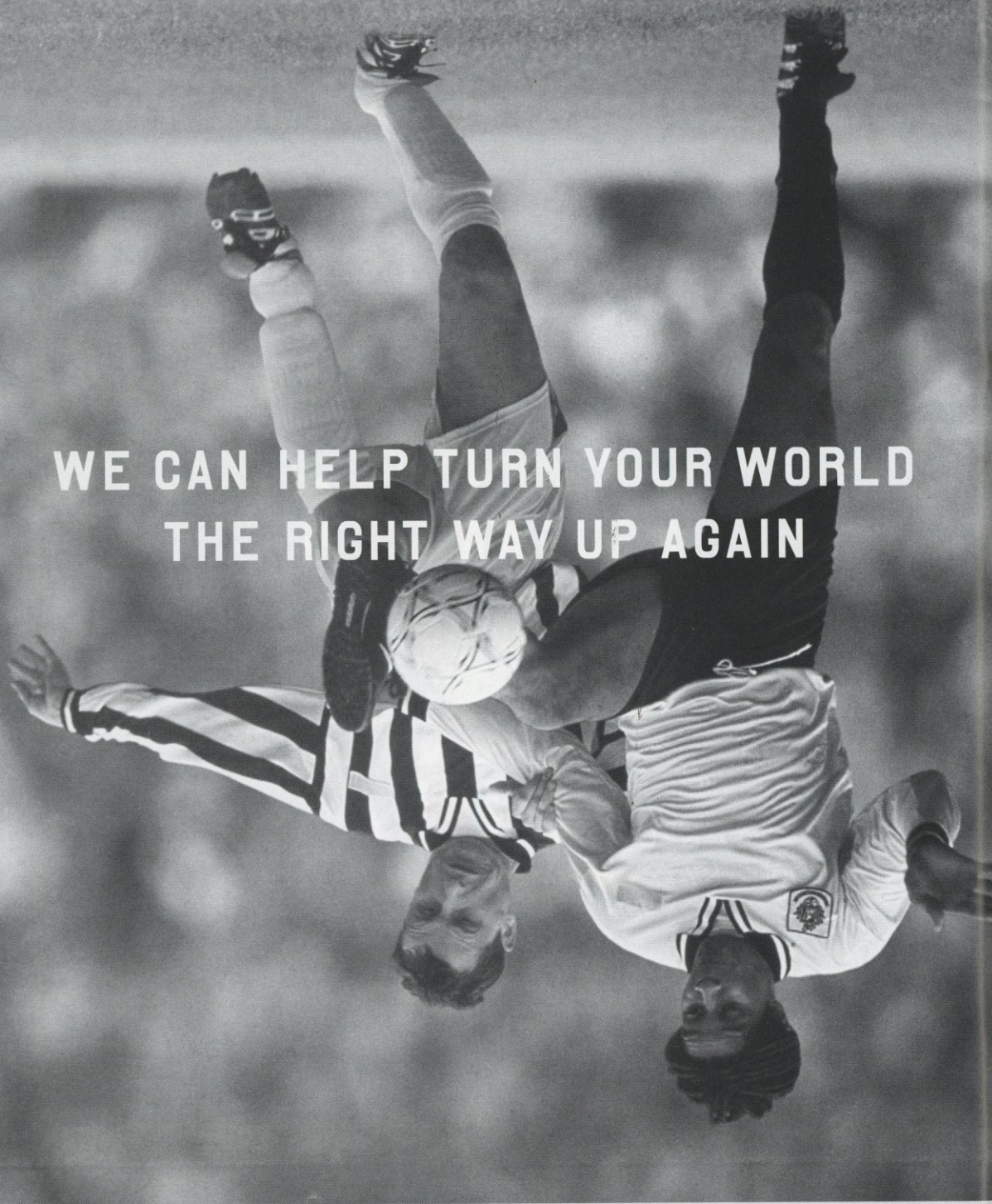
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## Junior Hatters

PRINTING schedules made it impossible to include a report this evening on our Junior Hatters trip to York, but you can be sure we travelled in good spirits and high hopes. We will have a report in Saturday's matchday magazine. Meanwhile, don't forget that Junior Hatters can enjoy a full day out at Kenilworth Road on Saturday home games, thanks to our very popular Saturday Club.

We kick off at noon, with Dallow School the first venue for games, usually including football, before adjourning to our family room underneath the Kenilworth Stand for a sausage and chips lunch, and more entertainment. Quite often we have visits from players.

The family room is open again during the interval, and at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. We think the price is a bargain: £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £9 including a match ticket. Sometimes there are visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for £3 extra.

Junior Hatters membership is open to any boy or girl aged from 0 to 16 who supports Luton Town, and if you want to know more please contact the club shop. There are lots of advantages, including value for money trips to away games, and the chance to be picked out as mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random, with names drawn out of the computerised drum.

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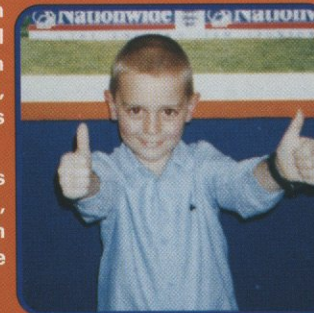
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: One of the duties for boys or girls chosen to be Junior Hatters mascots is to join the skippers and match officials near the centre spot for the toss of the coin before kick-off, and at our last home game, against Oxford, young Town supporters were well represented. As well as the Junior Hatters mascot, eight-year-old Thomas Finch, from Heywood Drive, Luton, there were two commercial mascots, members of the 1st Harlington Boys Brigade Company, Jake Sibley, 11, and 14-year-old Mat Westwood.

*Happy Harry*

## Today's Mascot

DARREN Keneford, from Connaught Road, Luton, will enjoy today's visit to Kenilworth Road even more than usual, because he is this evening's Junior Hatters mascot.

Aged eight, he attends Beechwood Junior School, Luton, and comes to Town games with his mum and dad, sitting in the New Stand.



Tonight he will do much more than watch, because as mascot he goes into the dressing room as the players prepare for the game, and then runs out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match rituals of warm-up, kick-about, and toss of the coin for the choice of ends.

He thinks all our players are ace, but his favourite is striker Carl Griffiths.

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## Hatters Chatter

LIFE is pretty hard for most people in the Gambia, one of the most impoverished countries in Africa. Most people scratch out a poor living, and many families cannot afford to send their children to school. But they love their football.

Town supporter Neale Greer knows more than most about the problems of the country, because he has just come back from a visit organised by his school, during which he did his bit to make some of the Gambian kids Hatters supporters.

Although he lives in Northampton, Neil is part of an old Luton family who have always supported the Town, and comes to games with his father David and brother Jamie,

Neil is about to go to Nottingham Trent University, but in his last year at Lings Upper School, Northampton, he studied Gambia for his GCSE geography A-levels. At the end of term he was one of nine students who went on a fact-finding visit to Gambia, and before he left he came to the club shop to buy a few football goodies to take as presents. When the shop staff heard why he wanted them they chipped in with a few extras.

Naturally, Neale wore his Town strip, and he reports with great pleasure that some of the locals recognised it. He said: "The trip was a revelation. I had gone into the club shop during the summer sale in June, to buy things like socks and shorts, because we had heard those were the things most wanted out there.

"We came home after a wonderful week feeling very thoughtful, and grateful for the lifestyle we have in this country. In Gambia families have to pay £1.30 a term to send their children to school, and many cannot afford it. We went to one school where they proudly showed us their library. It was one bookshelf.

"But they take their football very seriously, and because of traditional ties they follow the game in France in particular. The little African boys all want to be Zinadine Zidane!

"A lot of them have no shoes or socks, but we saw some English football shirts, including an old Luton top, one Liverpool, and just one Man United. They were all football mad."

Neale joined in a couple of games, and having worn his own Town top in them wonders if it is the first time a Luton shirt has figured in an international.

The club has received an official letter of thanks from Lings Upper School for its help in filling the goody-bags, and the picture shows Neale at one of the very informal presentation ceremonies. The guy in the England shirt is a village football team manager, who had just received the three lions top from the visitors.

Said Neale: "We learned a lot from the visit, and I already know that I want to go back there again. It is the sort of country that makes a deep impression on you."



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# Action Replay



## Luton Town 1 Oxford Utd 1 (HT 1-1)

**GOALKEEPER** Carl Emberson took the man of the match honours on a day when the Town's unbeaten home record might otherwise have been destroyed. The feeling around the camp is that the team is still not firing on all cylinders, and to tough it out to pick up a point was no mean achievement.

It was another physical battle - more than 40 fouls were logged by the ref - and a gusty swirling wind was no aid to attempts to play good football. Booting the ball high into the air didn't help a lot either.

Defences came under fire from the rival bosses for poor covering at set pieces - Oxford took the lead direct from a free kick after five minutes, and a long throw led to Kevin Nicholls heading the equaliser four minutes later.

In a hurly-burly match, either side might have nicked it. Overall the Town enjoyed more possession, but could not make it count, and Oxford had the better scoring chances. Emberson did well several times as the rearguard wilted occasionally, with a block to deny Andy Scott a second goal, a brave close-range save from Phil Gray, and tip-over from a Wayne Hatswell volley.

The Town made four changes from the side which drew at Exeter, with Aaron Skelton looking class at right back on his second home debut. But Adrian Forbes was struggling in front of him, suffering a reaction from his injury lay-off and being subbed at the interval.

Carl Griffiths was also out of sorts with shin splints, which was why he was subbed, and the introduction of Stuart Douglas alongside Steve Howard injected more pace and power into the front line. He brought a good save out of the Oxford goalkeeper with a strong header from a cross by Marvin Johnson, and in the closing minutes Matt Taylor almost stole the points with a swerving drive which hit the angle of bar and post. Howard was also denied twice by blocking saves, but at the other end Scott, a useful striker signed for Oxford by Joe Kinnear, should have settled it when he was given yards of space down the middle, lobbed the advancing Emberson, and watched in horror as his effort looped a few inches over the bar. The Town boss felt his side allowed nervousness to creep in, and added: "I am disappointed because we are capable of playing better than that, and the players know it. Our passing moves kept breaking down, and the fact that the two goalkeepers were men of the match says a lot about the game. There wasn't too much football being played."

Oxford's Mark Wright admitted that before kick-off he would have settled for a point, but on the evidence of 90 minutes he felt two had been thrown away, with the otherwise excellent Phil Gray trying to place a shot in the final minute of the first half, instead of going for power, and Scott fluffing the best chance either side created with his 81st-minute lob.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Emberson, Skelton, Perrett, Boyce, Johnson, Forbes (Hillier HT), Spring, Nicholls, Taylor, Howard, Griffiths (Douglas).

**Unused subs:** Hughes, Ovendale.

**Booked:** Steve Howard, 31 mins, foul on David Savage; Stuart Douglas, 84 mins, and Matt Taylor, 89 mins, both for dissent.

**Oxford:** McCaldon, Guyett, Bolland, Hatswell, Stockley, Thomas, Savage, Whitehead, Ricketts; Gray, Scott.

**Unused subs:** Knight, Richardson, Folland, Brooks, Omoyinmi.

**Booked:** Dean Whitehead, 14 mins, foul on Matthew Spring; Phil Bolland, 50 mins, foul

on Carl Griffiths; Martin Thomas, 78 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

**The Goals:** 0-1, 5 mins - Andy Scott, direct from a twice-taken 20-yard free kick, with the Town very unhappy when the referee adjudged that Aaron Skelton had fouled Phil Gray (he used to win free kicks for us like that!); 1-1, 9 minutes - Kevin Nicholls, his first goal for the Town, an easy close-range header after a long throw by Skelton bounced once on its way into the six-yard box.

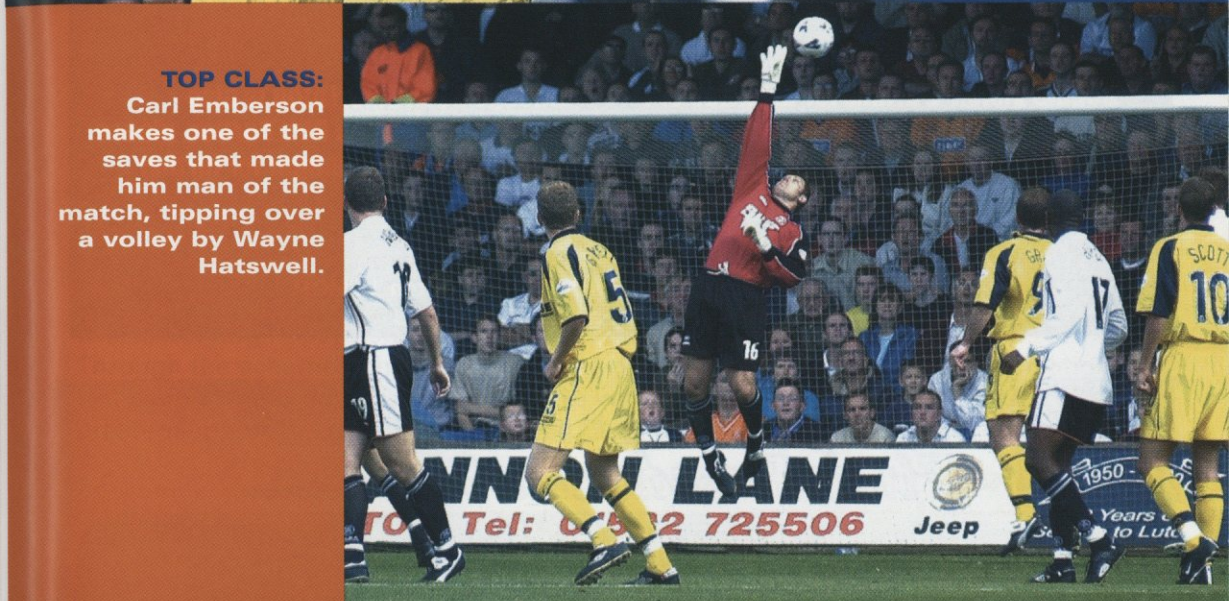
**Referee:** Clive Penton, Sussex

**Attendance:** 6,736, best of the season so far, and including 869 visiting supporters.

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**TOP CLASS:** Carl Emberson makes one of the saves that made him man of the match, tipping over a volley by Wayne Hatswell.



**GET IN:** Kevin Nicholls times his forward run perfectly to leave Martin Thomas behind and head his first Town goal.



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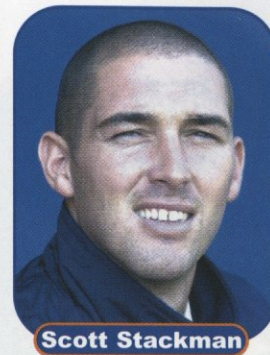
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## Football in the Community

Over the past few years, Luton Town Football Club has built up a great rapport with the children of the local schools in Luton & Dunstable through its Community & Schools Programme. However, many exciting new activities and initiatives will now be carried out through the clubs "FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME".

A priority list of activities planned are:

- Special Needs Football Opportunities
- Schools Support Programme
- ADIDAS Coaching Days
- Match Day Activities
- Girls/Ladies Football Development
- Asians In Football

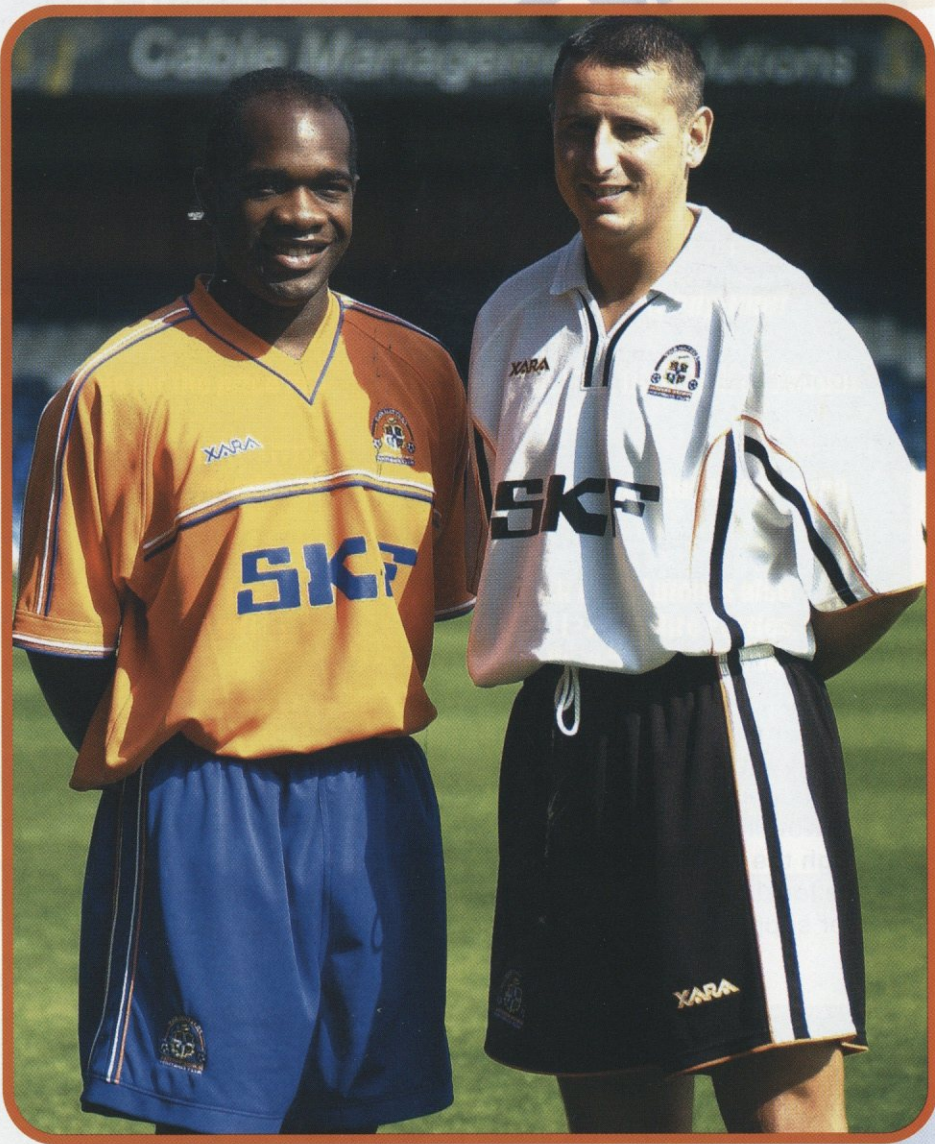
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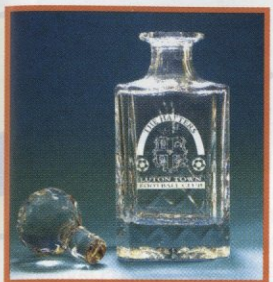
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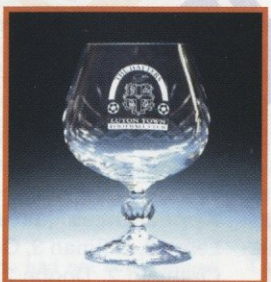
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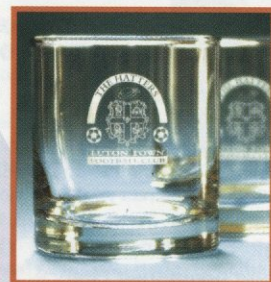
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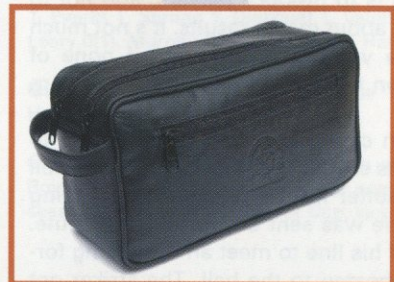
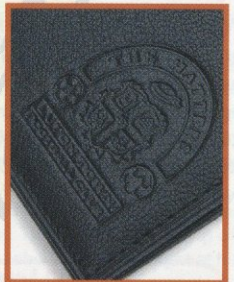
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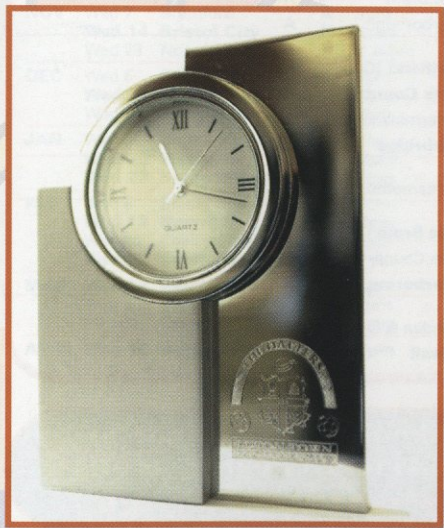


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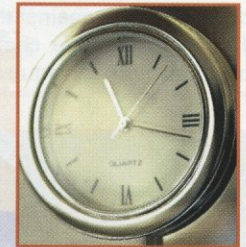


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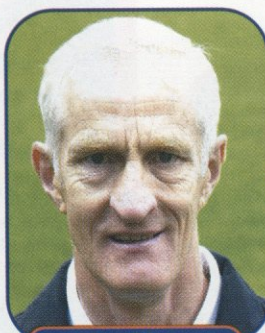
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John Moore

# Youth Soccer



## Leyton Orient 0 Luton Town 0

MAJOR team changes were made in the side after the previous week's 4-4 draw at Walsall. I was very unhappy with the way we conceded goals in that game, and five players were left out of the side at Orient, as younger ones were given their chance. Our YTS boys need to be reminded they are here to work, not to make up the numbers. If you keep third-year players in the team just because of their age, and for no other reason, you are stopping others from making progress.

The coach's job is to produce players, and not to worry too much about match results. It's not much good winning a youth championship if none of those boys go on to make the grade at first team level.

One of the team changes was to give a debut to Dean Brill, who is still a schoolboy, and he did well for us, only to suffer from a very hash refereeing decision when he was sent off in the last minute. He advanced off his line to meet an onrushing forward, and was beaten to the ball. The striker got his shot away, but put it over the bar, but Brill's momentum carried him on and he caught the lad and brought him down. The referee called it a "professional foul" which I thought was unfair on a 15-year-old boy.

Despite that, he can be pleased with his performance, and the whole team worked well to contain the opposition. The clean sheet was the most important requirement I had demanded after conceding five goals in the first two games.

In defence we gave a start to our latest recruit, Curtis Davies, a boy from Chigwell, who has just signed YTS forms, and other first-year players were Kevin Foley and Matt Judge, who has joined us after being at Tottenham. We also welcomed back Michael O'Leary, who was playing his first game of the season after injury.

The team worked hard, and might well have come home with a win. We almost snatched a winner in the late stages when James Osborne smashed a shot from the edge of the box against the crossbar. We had created one or two other chances before that, and sharper finishing is required, but the

result was satisfactory enough, because Orient looked a good team.

**Luton Town:** Brill, Foley, Carroll, Davies, Gillman, Leary, Jeffrey (Dillon 70 mins), Osborne, O'Leary, Murphy, Osborne, Judge (Okai 70 mins).

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Carroll 3, Leary 3, Gillman 3, Osborne 3, Murphy 3, Jeffrey 3, Chatfield 2, Dogbe 2, Okai 2(1), Foley 2(1), Davies 2(1), Dillon 1(2), Bruce 1(1), Judge 1(1), Brill 1, O'Leary 1, Burrell 0(1).

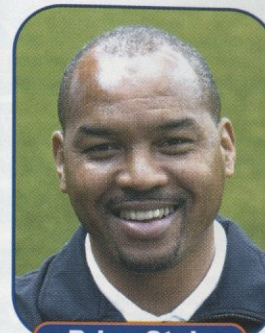
**Goals:** Osborne 2(1p), Leary 1, Murphy 1, Davies 1.

WE WERE at home to Kidderminster on Saturday, and next week we are away to Cambridge Utd. Our next home game is on Saturday week, October 6, against Northampton. Home matches are played at Luton Rugby Football Club's ground at Newlands Road, Farley Hill, kick-off 11am, 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	0-0	
	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



## Leyton Orient 2 Luton Town 3

THIS result left us as one of only three clubs in the Avon Insurance Combination with a 100 per cent record from the opening three games of the season, and was all the more satisfying because it was achieved with five trialists in the starting line-up, and another going on as a sub at half-time. Four of the six were strangers who had not even trained with us, but they were all keen to impress, and the result speaks volumes for the attitude and endeavour of everyone involved.

We took the lead in the first minute, with a good move which involved seven or eight passes all along the ground before Ahmet Brkovic, a Croatian midfielder, slid in a great ball to set up Liam George to shoot in from close range. Brkovic was keen to do well, because Orient have released him, and he scored both our other goals.

Unfortunately a trialist's error led to Orient equalising after 35 minutes before Brkovic regained the lead ten minutes into the second half, from a good ball played into space by Jean Louis Valois, a French striker who was with Lille. By then we had put on Peter Thomson in place of Jude Stirling, to go with three at the front.

We were cutting Orient apart with good football, but they were handed a fortunate equaliser. Thomson was holding off a yard from an opponent, who smashed the ball straight at his arm, and we were not happy when a penalty was awarded.

But we stayed with it, and might have had more than the final goal. Ironically we had played in some good crosses and failed to capitalise, and one of our poorer efforts led to the winner - Brkovic, the smallest player on the pitch, drifted into space to set an example for the strikers, and headed the winner against his old club.

The other trialists were defender Craig Hogg, ex Cardiff and now with Colwyn Bay, Farib Bouchuers, a French centre-half, striker Micha Djorkaëff - his brother was a World Cup winner with France - and Dean Crowe, a striker from Stoke. **Luton Town:** Ovendale, Hogg, Bouchuers, Everitt, Stirling (Thomson HT), Brkovic, George, Holmes, Brennan, Djorkaëff (Crowe HT), Valois.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Ovendale 3, Brennan 3, George 3, Holmes 3, Foley 2, Fotiadis 2, Brkovic 1(1), Douglas 1(1), Maher 1, Stirling 1, Hodges 1, Gillman 1, Spring 1, Ofori 1, Iagostal 1, Hogg 1, Bouchuers 1, Everitt 1, Stirling 1, Djorkaëff 1, Valois 1, Thomson 0(2), Leary 0(1), Murphy 0(1), Crowe 0(1), Hall 0(1).

**Goals:** Fotiadis 2, Brkovic 2, George 1, Brennan 1 pen, Hodges 1

OUR next fixture is a local derby: we are away to Barton Rovers on Thursday evening, in the postponed final of last season's Bedfordshire Premier Cup, kick-off 7.45pm.

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	3-2	George, Brkovic 2
	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	

### Avon Insurance Combination League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Portsmouth	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Q.P.R.	3	2	1	0	10	1	7
Cardiff	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Wycombe	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Leyton Orient	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Crystal Palace	2	1	1	0	10	5	4
Bristol City	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Millwall	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Bristol Rovers	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Swindon	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Colchester	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
Oxford	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Gillingham	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Barnet	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Brighton	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Southend	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Brentford	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Norwich	3	0	1	2	2	8	1
Peterborough	3	0	1	2	1	10	1
Cambridge	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Bournemouth	3	0	0	3	2	8	0
Cheltenham	2	0	0	2	1	8	0



stats as at September 15

### Average Attendances

### Goals - When Scored

### Form Guide: Home & Away

#### Records

Highest Gate  
10,755  
Hull  
v Plymouth

Lowest Gate  
1,714  
Halifax  
v Macclesfield

Highest  
Agg Score  
Macclesfield...4  
Scunthorpe...3

Biggest  
Home Win  
Hull .....4  
York .....0  
Mansfield .....4  
Macclesfield...0

Biggest  
Away Win  
Exeter .....0  
Scunthorpe...4

Consec. Wins  
Rochdale,  
Orient..... 4

Games  
Unbeaten  
Rochdale,  
Mansfield .....7

Consec. Defeats  
Rushden.....4  
Winless Run  
Carlisle.....7

Total Games  
71

Home Wins  
29 .....40%

Away Wins  
21 .....30%

Draws  
21 .....30%

1-1 Draws:  
8 .....11%

0-0 Draws:  
9 .....13%

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Bristol Rovers					8,709
Carlisle					3,833
Cheltenham					3,367
Darlington					4,280
Exeter					3,458
Halifax					1,974
Hartlepool					4,188
Hull					9,776
Kidderminster					2,700
Orient					4,783
Lincoln					3,143
Luton					6,470
Macclesfield					2,185
Mansfield					3,523
Oxford					6,933
Plymouth					4,378
Rochdale					3,176
Rushden					4,672
Scunthorpe					3,717
Shrewsbury					3,060
Southend					4,509
Swansea					4,132
Torquay					2,804
York					3,215

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	0	2	2	0	1	3
CU	0	1	2	0	0	1
CT	0	1	1	1	6	2
Da	0	1	3	1	3	1
EC	4	2	1	0	1	1
HT	0	2	2	1	1	0
HU	1	0	0	1	2	1
HC	0	1	1	3	1	3
Ki	0	0	0	1	1	2
LO	1	1	2	3	1	3
LC	0	1	1	2	2	1
LT	1	1	4	3	1	3
MT	1	1	2	0	1	1
MT	2	4	0	2	2	3
OU	4	0	0	3	2	0
PA	1	1	2	2	2	0
Ro	4	4	0	0	3	2
RD	0	2	1	0	1	2
SU	4	1	3	1	2	1
ST	2	1	2	0	3	1
SU	0	0	1	2	1	3
SC	2	2	3	0	0	3
TU	2	1	0	0	1	2
YC	0	0	4	2	0	3

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
DWW	Bristol Rovers	WLLW
LDL	Carlisle	LDLD
WDL	Cheltenham	LDL
DWW	Darlington	LDWL
WDL	Exeter	LLD
DLD	Halifax	WLLW
LD	Hartlepool	DLLW
WWD	Hull	DDW
DDWW	Kidderminster	LLL
WWWD	Orient	WLD
LDWL	Lincoln	LDD
DWW	Luton	WDLW
DWDL	Macclesfield	DLD
WWWD	Mansfield	DWD
WLL	Oxford	LDWD
WLL	Plymouth	DWWD
DWWD	Rochdale	WWW
LLD	Rushden	LLDW
WDL	Scunthorpe	DLWL
WWL	Shrewsbury	LDWW
DLWW	Southend	WLD
LWDD	Swansea	LLW
WLWL	Torquay	DLL
LWWL	York	LLW

### Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Gm/Gl	Pts	Run
Shrewsbury	Nigel Jemson	4	4	0	0	7	1.75	8	2
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	5	5	0	0	7	1.40	6	4
Torquay	Alex Russell	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	5	2
Luton	Carl Griffiths	4	4	0	0	7	1.75	4	2
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	4	2	1	0	7	1.75	4	2
Bristol Rovers	Kevin Gall	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	4	2
Halifax	Paul Harley	3	1	1	0	7	2.33	4	1
Rochdale	Gary Jones	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	3	2
Hull	Gary Alexander	3	1	1	0	6	2.00	3	2
Exeter	Steve Flack	2	2	0	0	7	3.50	3	1
Cheltenham	Mark Yates	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	2	3
York	Lee Nogan	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	2	2
Kidderminster	Tony Bird	2	2	0	0	7	3.50	2	2
Oxford	Martin Thomas	2	2	0	0	7	3.50	2	1
Orient	Jabo Ibehre	2	2	0	0	6	3.00	2	1
Plymouth	David Friio	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	2	1
Darlington	Mark Ford	3	3	0	0	7	2.33	1	1
Swansea	Stuart Roberts	2	2	0	0	7	3.50	1	2
Hartlepool	Ian Clark	2	2	0	0	4	2.00	1	2
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	1	1	0	0	3	3.00	1	1
Rushden	Duane Darby	4	0	2	0	6	1.50	0	2
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	3	1	1	0	6	2.00	0	1
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	3	1	1	0	6	2.00	0	1
Southend	Tony Richards	2	0	1	0	6	3.00	0	1

### Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

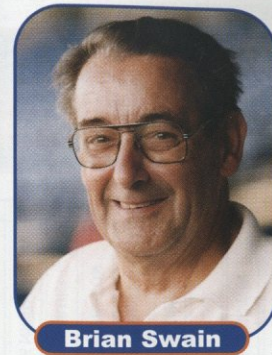
Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bristol Rov	3-2 Luton	1-3 Orient
Carlisle	no wins as yet	0-2 Ltn, Chelt
Cheltenham	2-0 Carlisle	2-3 Mansfield
Darlington	2-0 Kidmminster	1-2 Torquay
Exeter	3-2 Oxford	0-4 Scunthorpe
Halifax	3-0 Swansea	1-4 Southend
Hartlepool	2-1 Shrewsbury	0-2 Orient
Hull	4-0 York	no defeats
Kidderminster	1-0 Scun, Trqy	0-2 Darl, Roch
Orient	3-1 Bristol Rvrs	1-2 York
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	1-2 Hlfx, Man
Luton	2-0 Crisl, Sthnd	2-3 Bristol R
Macclesfield	4-3 Scunthorpe	0-4 Mansfield
Mansfield	4-0 Maccsfield	no defeats
Oxford	2-0 Halifax	2-3 Exeter
Plymouth	3-1 Swansea	1-2 Rochdale
Rochdale	2-0 Exeter, Kidd	no defeats
Rushden	1-0 York	2-3 Plym, Oxf
Scunthorpe	4-0 Exeter	3-4 Mcdsfield
Shrewsbury	3-2 York	1-3 Hartlpool
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 Luton
Swansea	4-2 Exeter	0-3 Lincoln
Torquay	2-1 Crisl, Darl	0-3 York
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull

### Numbers

Club	PU	CS	FS
Bristol Rov	20	3	2
Carlisle	24	2	4
Cheltenham	21	1	0
Darlington	17	2	1
Exeter	26	0	2
Halifax	18	2	3
Hartlepool	19	1	3
Hull	21	4	3
Kidderminster	21	3	3
Orient	23	2	1
Lincoln	16	2	2
Luton	21	2	0
Macclesfield	18	3	4
Mansfield	15	2	1
Oxford	20	2	2
Plymouth	18	3	3
Rochdale	18	2	0
Rushden	25	3	3
Scunthorpe	20	2	1
Shrewsbury	18	3	1
Southend	19	4	3
Swansea	20	1	3
Torquay	25	0	4
York	21	2	2

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



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## Third Division Scene

PRE-SEASON favourites for promotion, Hull City can do us a favour this evening, and if things pan out to perfection we might even be top of the table by the time the night's Third Division games are complete. Hull take on leaders Rochdale at Boothferry Park, needing a win to peg back Rochdale and to cement their own place in the promotion pack. Hull, Rochdale and second-placed Mansfield are the only unbeaten teams in the division. For the Town to go back to the top for the first time in a month, we need a home win here tonight, Hull to beat Rochdale, and Mansfield to take no more than one point from their game at Halifax. Rochdale are hoping this season will be third time lucky, having made good starts in each of the last two campaigns before falling away in the closing stages. They have been in the league's basement division for 80 years, except for five seasons in the early 70s when they won promotion for the only time in their history, to join the old Third Division in 1969. Their draw at Scunthorpe on Saturday followed a run of four consecutive wins.

### Nationwide League Division Three

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L		F
Rochdale	7	2	2	0	7	3	3	0	0	6	3	17
Mansfield	7	3	1	0	8	2	1	2	0	5	4	15
Luton Town	7	2	1	0	5	2	2	1	1	8	6	14
L. Orient	7	3	1	0	7	2	1	1	1	4	4	14
Shrewsbury	7	2	0	1	6	6	2	1	1	3	2	13
Bristol Rovers	7	2	1	0	4	2	2	0	2	4	5	13
Hull City	6	2	1	0	6	1	1	2	0	3	1	12
Darlington	7	2	1	0	5	2	1	1	2	4	5	11
Plymouth	7	1	0	2	4	4	2	2	0	4	2	11
Southend	7	2	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	2	11
York	7	2	0	2	4	4	1	0	2	5	7	9
Scunthorpe	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	9	7	8
Oxford	7	1	0	2	4	5	1	2	1	5	4	8
Swansea	7	1	2	1	6	6	1	0	2	4	7	8
Halifax	7	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	2	5	6	8
Kidderminster	7	2	2	0	3	1	0	3	3	1	6	8
Torquay	7	2	0	2	4	6	0	1	2	2	4	7
Macclesfield	7	1	2	1	5	6	0	2	1	1	5	7
Lincoln	7	1	1	2	5	4	0	2	1	2	3	6
Cheltenham	7	1	2	1	7	6	0	1	2	4	6	6
Hartlepool	6	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	4	5
Rushden & D	7	0	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	4	5	5
Exeter	7	1	1	2	6	11	0	1	2	3	7	5
Carlisle	7	0	1	2	1	4	0	2	2	3	6	3

Mansfield, 2-1 winners over Shrewsbury, have soared from 15th to second with a run of four wins and a draw. Shrewsbury's first defeat in five outings knocked them out of second place to fifth. Leyton Orient have also reaped the benefit of a consistent run. In late August they were 17th after losing at York - Lee Nogan scored that day as well! - but four wins on the trot have brought them close to the Town. Orient saw off Rushden and Diamonds 2-1 at home on Saturday, but might find it more difficult this evening, away to Darlington. Orient kick off this evening level on points and on goal difference with us, but behind because they have not scored as many goals. Down at the bottom Carlisle are the only club without a win this season, and have dropped into last place after losing at Cheltenham while Exeter were collecting their first win, 3-2 at home to Oxford. Perhaps Saturday's most surprising result was at The Vetch. Swansea have sacked manager John Hollins and his assistant Alan Curtis, and their replacements are Colin Addison and our former midfielder Peter Nicholas. More often than not new managers start with good results, but the Swans stumbled to a 2-0 home defeat to Halifax. This evening's visitors were also losers on Saturday, 1-0 at home to Bristol Rovers, whose win was their first in four attempts since they beat us at the Memorial Ground. Lincoln come to Luton looking for their first away win of the season, but have lost only once on their travels so far, 2-1 at Mansfield ten days ago. Before that they drew 0-0 at Rushden and 1-1 at Scunthorpe. They also gave First Division Grimsby a run for their money at Blundell Park, before losing a first round Worthington Cup tie 2-1. Lincoln manager Alan Buckley would have enjoyed a better result, having had two spells in charge at Grimsby.

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### Tonight's Other Third Division Fixtures

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

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# Tonight's Squads

## Luton Town

■●	Mark Ovendale	1
■●	Aaron Skelton	2
■●	Matthew Spring	4
■●	Russell Perrett	5
■●	Marvin Johnson	6
■●	Adrian Forbes	7
■●	Kevin Nicholls	8
■●	Stuart Douglas	9
■●	Carl Griffiths	10
■●	Liam George	11
■●	Stuart Fraser	13
■●	Andrew Fotiadis	14
■●	Matthew Taylor	15
■●	Carl Emberson	16
■●	Emmerson Boyce	17
■●	Adam Locke	18
■●	Steve Howard	19
■●	Peter Holmes	20
■●	Richard Dryden	21
■●	Dean Brennan	22
■●	Jude Stirling	23
■●	Scott Ward	24
■●	Peter Thomson	26
■●	Paul Hughes	27
■●	Kent Karlsen	29
■●	Lee Mansell	32
■●	Ian Hillier	33

## Lincoln City

1	Alan Marriott	■●
2	Jason Barnett	■●
3	Stuart Bimson	■●
4	Justin Walker	■●
5	Steve Holmes	■●
6	Paul Morgan	■●
7	Kingsley Black	■●
8	John Finnigan	■●
9	Tony Battersby	■●
10	Lee Thorpe	■●
11	Peter Gain	■●
12	Paul Smith	■●
14	Ben Sedgemore	■●
15	Grant Brown	■●
16	Richard Logan	■●
17	Paul Mayo	■●
18	Adam Buckley	■●
19	Dave Cameron	■●
20	Mark Camm	■●
21	Paul Pettinger	■●
22	Andy Smith	■●
23	Grant Pinkney	■●

tick if playing  tick if substitute

### Tonight's Officials

**Referee:** Steve Baines, Derbyshire

**Assistants:** Chris Francis, Cambridgeshire (red flag) Andrew Harvey, Hertfordshire (yellow and red flag)

**Forth Official:** Graham Horwood, Bedfordshire

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