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### Front Cover



Ooh-la-la, Valois: Jean-Louis, already a cult  
figure with Town fans, pictured during the  
game at Rochdale, when he was unlucky not  
to add to his goals tally. Match report and  
more pictures: Page 36; Halifax report P 38.

# Inside Forward

THE Joe Kinnear recipe for promotion is set to see more changes in personnel at Kenilworth Road, perhaps with some players leaving and others being lined up to add to the 12 already brought in since last summer.

Striker Dean Crowe, whose loan from Stoke City expires after today's game, has done well enough to persuade the boss to offer him a permanent deal and the manager was hoping to settle it by yesterday.

Crowe, 22, small but very lively, confirmed his abilities with two more goals at Halifax on Tuesday, taking his tally to four in five appearances. Stoke have offered him a free transfer, and as we went to press the player seemed likely to accept a contract with the Town, to run for the rest of this season and all of next.

The Town are also keen to turn Ian Hillier's loan from Spurs into a semi-permanent move. The player has enjoyed his first taste of league football, but at 20 was faced with a tricky decision. He was captain of Spurs reserves, waiting for a chance to break into the Premiership, when he came to Luton in August, and was happy to extend his loan into a second month for the chance of first team football. It might be Third Division, he said, but it was a lot better than playing in the reserves, with no atmosphere in the ground.

He is certainly not a White Hart Lane reject - when Glenn Hoddle agreed details with Joe Kinnear he made it clear that he rated the Welsh under-21 international, and was not willing to sell him.

However, Joe thinks he might persuade Tottenham to accept a loan fee to keep Hillier at Kenilworth Road for the rest of this season. The player was in favour of the idea, and David Pleat was expected to call Kenilworth Road late this week to give the final answer from White

Hart Lane. If a deal is done, and the Crowe negotiations are completed, it will free up two loan vacancies to assist the boss in his wheeling and dealing.

### Striker on loan

The manager has been trying to make room for two or three more new players, and with that in mind Stuart Douglas this week joined Oxford United on loan for a month, and made his debut for them in Tuesday's 1-1 draw with Carlisle.

But the striker says he made the move only for the chance of league football, and to regain match fitness after being away for a couple of weeks following a serious injury to his brother. Andrew Douglas, we are glad to report, is making a good recovery.

The manager has told Douglas, and Liam George and Peter Thomson, that they are currently out of contention for first team places, and Thomson has been at Rushden this week, with Brian Talbot taking a look at him in practice games before considering an offer of a contract.

The Town will not ask a fee for a player who cost £100,000 a year ago, but has not figured in the first team squad this season. He managed two goals, both at Stoke in a 3-1 win in December, in seven starts last season. Rushden & Diamonds boss Talbot asked if he could have Thomson on loan, but that request was turned down. "If you want him, sign him on a contract," was the Town reply.

### Second thoughts

An approach by Colchester to take Liam George was bootled out by the player himself this week. After rejecting Town terms in the summer, he has been on a week to week deal at Kenilworth Road, but has now changed his mind. At the start of this week he was told that if he wanted to move to Layer Road he



**HELLO OLD MAN:** We couldn't resist this unusual football picture, taken at our last home game. Rochdale's Tony Ford, at 42 the oldest league player in the country, was near the Main Stand touchline when season ticket holder Alan Adair caught his attention. Alan explained: "I shouted to him that it was lovely to see someone as old as me still playing football. He asked me if I was still playing. I told him he must be so-and-so joking. Anyway, I'm 43..."

Ford enjoyed the moment, shook hands with the Town fan, and then got on with the game. For the record, Adair claims he had a trial with Cambridge United when he was young, was advised to go away for a while and then try again, but failed to do so because he then discovered drink and women!

was free to do so, although the Town would have wanted a fee from Colchester - the Bosman ruling does not apply to players under 24, and George is still only 22. However George thought it over, and decided that he would like to accept a new Town contract after all, and continue his career with his home town club. His problem is that the manager had already made plans to sign other strikers, starting with the Dean Crowe deal. He has been keeping close tabs on two potential targets, Jon Newby, 22, of Bury, a former Liverpool trainee, and Mansfield's 23-year-old Chris Greenacre, the Third Division's second top scorer, with 11 goals to his credit so far this season. The boss was prepared to admit publicly that he rated Greenacre highly, and would like to add him to the Town squad.

Although he is currently out of the

side through injury, Carl Griffiths, still our leading scorer, with seven goals from ten league appearances, will be on the pitch before kick-off today to receive a Third Division player of the month award for September.

The prize scheme is backed by the PFA, and sponsored by givemefootball.com and the Microsoft Network. Fans are invited to use the internet to nominate their choices as the month's best player, and "Sniffer" Griff topped the September poll for our league. Martin Solomon is the Town fan chosen by the sponsors to represent the Luton voters.

For many of us, it will be a pleasure to see again the man chosen to present the prize: Martin Buchan, who used to be one of the most elegant midfielders around when he played for Manchester United and Scotland.

*Brian Swain*



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Joe Kinnear

## The Manager

WE WILL go all-out for three more points this afternoon, believing in ourselves, and being as attack-minded as we have been since the first game of the season. It paid off again on Tuesday, and the win at Halifax was exactly what we wanted after Saturday's disappointing result. While I give credit to Rochdale for the way they carried out their game plan to become the first team to beat us at home this season, and to keep a clean sheet against us, I could not criticise our team too harshly. Obviously we were all very disappointed to lose, but there was not too much wrong with our overall performance, except for an uncharacteristic lack of sharpness in our finishing, plus some good goalkeeping that kept out decent efforts in the closing minutes.

In view of the team display, I never really considered making changes for the match at Halifax. We have seen what this group of players can do, and they deserved a chance to put things right again. They took that chance at The Shay, in a game when we played very well, particularly in the first half. There is a confidence running through the squad, and we came back from an early reverse and were unlucky to be no more than 2-1 ahead at the interval. But then we yielded the initiative for a time and Halifax got it back to 2-2 with 12 minutes to go. The reason for this was that our passing, movement, and running off the ball was nowhere near as good as it was in the first half.

Thankfully, the second Halifax goal woke us up. We got our short passing going again, which led to skipper Nicho finishing off a splendid move to put us back in front and a 4-2 win was no more than we deserved. And once again it was much appreciated to see and hear a big away following. I hear the motorways were awful on Tuesday afternoon

and that some supporters were on the road for four or five hours. I am glad we made the long journey worth it, and thanks to everyone who made the trip.

I think we have really got something going at this club, on and off the pitch, and with home gates still on the up we are set fair to attain our goals.

We have a good, balanced squad, with more players soon to be available again after injury, and we also have the ability to "mix and match" during games. At Halifax, for instance, our left flank was under pressure for a while, so I switched Jean-Louis Valois and Ahmet Brkovic so that Berko could give more support to Matthew Taylor. Valois has a wide range of talents, but we are also fortunate to have a player of the calibre of Adrian Forbes, and I put him on to give us an injection of pace and run at the opposition, and he did exactly that, with another fine goal to complete the win.

Well done Dean Crowe, as well, for his double. His loan is about to expire, but he has enjoyed his time with us and wants to stay, and hopefully by the time these notes are published we will have completed a deal to our mutual satisfaction.

I am also looking at other strikers who might increase our firepower still further. In this division attack is proving to be very much the best form of defence, and while I am delighted that we are the leading scorers, you can never have too many good marksmen in the squad, and there may soon be one or two more competing for places.

Today it is vital that we get our home form back on track. We need to turn Kenilworth Road into a fortress. I want to make sure that teams who come here get nothing from the game. We will do our best to take the game to Swansea, because we want all three points. Hopefully that will prove to be the case.

Keep the faith! And enjoy the game.

*Joe Kinnear*

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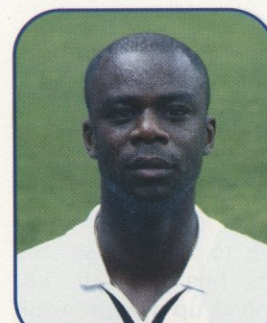


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**Marvin Johnson**

## Club Captain

WE WERE rather glad to have a midweek game on Tuesday, because it gave us an early chance to get back to winning ways after the disappointment of losing our cherished unbeaten home record to Rochdale. We could not work out why we turned in a below-par performance on Saturday. It was all the more frustrating because it was such an important game, and we blew the chance of going clear at the top of the table.

Last season, when we were fighting against the relegation threat, we often felt the pressure to do well in home games, and failed to cope with it. We suffered from nerves quite often, but that is certainly not the case this season.

I don't think it was so last Saturday, although perhaps Rochdale were that little bit more relaxed than us because they were the visiting team, and in a sense had nothing to lose. I suspect they would have been delighted with a draw, never mind a victory.

On the day, although their keeper played well, we did not perform as well as we can, and Rochdale did a very good professional job. I don't begrudge them their success because I felt they worked hard to achieve it. But perhaps there is an element of pressure on you at home - Rochdale entertained Cheltenham on Tuesday, and could do no better than a home draw.

There was also a lesson for us from the Rochdale game: we're a pretty confident bunch this year, but it's no good being confident if you don't produce the goods. We failed to do that on Saturday, and were punished for it.

I wondered if the boss would have a bit of a go at us, because we know how much he hates losing. When he has felt that we let him down he has given us the very full range of his considerable eloquence to tell us! But on Saturday he was the model of calm and composure. He knew we felt we had let him and ourselves down, but obviously you don't perform below your best on purpose. We also knew that with just a little more luck we would have got something out of the game - we were much more of an attacking

threat than Rochdale were, but it was one of those days when nothing went right for us. Steve Howard, incidentally, is still convinced we should have scored the all-important first goal, because he felt there was nothing wrong with the build-up in the move that led to Dean Crowe putting the ball into the net after Steve's collision with the Rochdale keeper. On another day the goal would have stood, and had we got our noses in front I think we would have been good enough to go on to win fairly comfortably. Instead, Rochdale nicked a goal, and then settled back to hold on to their advantage.

The boss took all those factors into account when we talked things over in the dressing room after the game. His line was "Don't worry about it, keep your heads up, there's another game on Tuesday, an early chance to put things right."

So perhaps it was not surprising that we got such a good result at Halifax, and our fifth away win of the season went some way towards making up for the disappointment of Saturday.

As a defender, I would rather like to see us keep more clean sheets, but against that we are playing a lot of very good attacking football. The boss wants us to be positive, with the accent on trying to win every game rather than settling for avoiding defeat.

Going forward so much means you will also risk a gap or two in midfield or at the back, but if we get hit twice like we did at The Shay, and knock in four goals at the other end, fair enough. It also makes for good football entertainment, and I think we are getting a reputation for being crowd-pleasers.

Today, we need to start another run of unbeaten home games and get back on the goal standard. We have hit five twice in home matches so far, and it would be nice to do it again, although Swansea will be keen not to be fall-guys. But at least we and the gaffer have happy memories of the Welsh club - they were the opposition for the boss's first home game in charge last season, and we beat them 5-3 in a very good game. I'll settle for similar entertainment, and the same sort of result, this afternoon!

*Marvin Johnson*





**Bruce Sewell**

## Treatment Room

IT WAS all good news at Halifax on Tuesday - not only a very good win, but also a match in which we suffered no more injuries.

More good news is that Aaron Skelton is much closer to fitness, having missed six matches with a foot injury sustained in the Lincoln game nearly six weeks ago. We had a private practice match against the Arsenal on Wednesday, and he played for 80 minutes and did well. There had been no adverse reaction by the following day, so he was in full training on Thursday and yesterday, and probably available for selection this afternoon.

Emmerson Boyce is also hopeful that he will be OK for today, after missing the trip to Halifax because of a twisting his knee last Saturday. The injury has responded to treatment, and at the time of writing he was hoping to be involved in Friday's first team training session, which would give him a chance to prove his fitness and enable him to put himself

forward for today's squad.

Marvin Johnson is close to full fitness. His thigh muscle problem has cleared up, although he managed to pick up a slight ankle injury early this week. But that too is getting better rapidly, and he is hoping he can be considered for a place in the squad this afternoon. The other good news is that Stuart Fraser continues to do well as he builds up his strength after breaking a leg in January. He had another 20 minutes of football in Wednesday's private game, and came through well.

Carl Griffiths, unfortunately, is still ruled out by his lower leg injury, and it is proving difficult to diagnose. He has had several scans which have shown nothing major, and on Thursday was sent for a bone scan. The injury is a bit of a mystery at present - could be bone, muscular or even a nerve problem. He has to be patient, doing keep-fit exercises where possible, and waiting for the specialist's verdict which will enable us to decide what to do next.

*Bruce Sewell*

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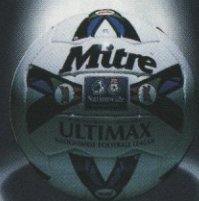
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**Cherry Newbery**

## Club Secretary

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I also have another regular request for supporters this afternoon: we are having a bucket collection of the Pasque Hospice, and I know you will be generous for a much-valued local facility which is in urgent need of financial support.

We now know our next fixture in the Axa FA Youth Cup: we will entertain Brentford at Kenilworth Road in the second round on Tuesday week, November 6, with a 7pm kick-off. Entry will be via Kenilworth Road, and admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. Because of this game, our reserves' match with Brentford, due to be played the following evening, will be postponed, and a new date had not been fixed at the time of writing. The big cup date, of course, is the first round of the Axa FA Cup, to be played on November 17. The draw is being made today at 5.15, live on BBC TV - let's hope we get a good one!

The Luton Belles are also hoping for little more luck this afternoon - some of the girls were going to display their skills during the interval at the game against Rochdale, but were unable to do so because the pitch had to be watered. We are delighted to welcome them back today, and look forward to being entertained by them.

Finally, I thought supporters might like to know that the Football League shares the concerns many of us in football felt over the "club v country" clash I have mentioned recently. As you know our game against Shrewsbury is now to be played on Friday November 9, instead of the following day, when England are playing Sweden at Old Trafford.

Let me quote from a letter all clubs have received from Andy Williamson, director of operations at the Football League - "The League has made strong representations to the Football Association for arranging a friendly international on a Saturday afternoon in direct competition with a full League programme. Their explanation is that Sweden could not play on Sunday, and Greater Manchester Police would not accommodate a later kick-off on the Saturday.

"We have expressed our grave disappointment at their lack of consultation or consideration in proceeding with the game at all."

And so say all of us!

*Cherry Newbery*



**WIRED FOR SOUND:** Our manager found himself in even greater demand than usual last week as press, radio and TV sought his views on the subject of football stress and heart attacks following the illness of Gerard Houllier. Joe Kinnear is pictured being hooked up to a microphone for a live interview for BBC TV's Football Focus programme last Saturday.

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Nationwide League Division Three

### Luton Town v Shrewsbury Town

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AXA FA Cup, first round

Weekend of Saturday November 17

The draw for this match will take place today at 5.15pm.  
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Nationwide League Division Three

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2.30 Dedications announced.

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2.35 Town Teaser - Check out page 46 for today's question

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

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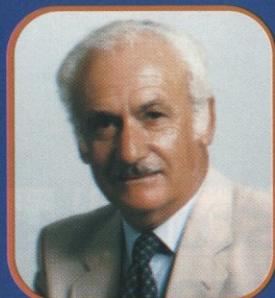
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*Mike Watson-Challis* Chairman

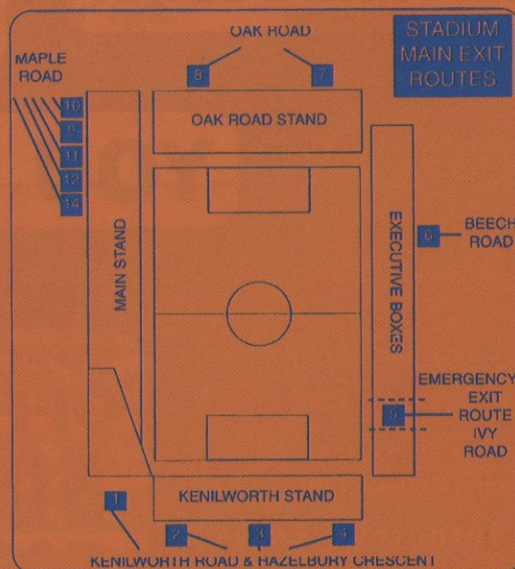
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



## Commercial Corner



Linda Layton

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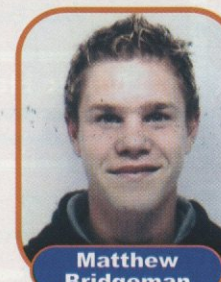
Intasport is based in Stafford, but a lot of organisations in this area are on their client list. The company is an energetic sports promotion and corporate hospitality organisation, which prides itself on high quality and excellent services to a rapidly-expanding client base. They have built up a high reputation within sporting circles as publishers of fixture charts, year planners, team sheets and other brochures for sports organisations.

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TODAY'S match ball sponsorship is a surprise 50th birthday present for a real Luton Town fanatic, Philip Carter. Born in Luton, he has been a keen supporter since he was 11. In his teens he followed the Hatters all over the country, and in the 70s was a regular in the Hatters Club after matches.

Today's present of a VIP day out at Kenilworth Road comes from his family, Pam, Stuart, Robert and Lisa, and should be a memorable day to go along with his enjoyment of the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, and the day when son Robert was a mascot, at Luton v Spurs in April 1990. All the family are keen supporters, and when grandchildren come along Philip will make sure they are introduced to Kenilworth Road.



Matthew Bridgeman



Allen Bridgeman

TWO brothers enjoy a big day out this afternoon, as commercial mascots. Matthew and Allen Bridgeman are regular supporters, but today they are VIP visitors, meeting the players before the game, going out onto the pitch with them for the warm-up, and then joining the skippers and match officials for the toss of the coin.

Matthew is 15 and Allen is 13, and they live at Murswell Lane, Silverstone. Matthew goes to the Sir Frank Markham School, plays soccer for Brookfield Rangers in Milton Keynes, and as well as football enjoys computer games and mountain biking. His favourite player is Matthew Spring - he likes having the same Christian name and plays in the same position, central midfielder.

Allen is 13, goes to Denbigh School, and plays for Grafton Rangers, and his other hobbies are fishing and playing on his PlayStation2.

He has two favourite players, Matthew Taylor and Jean-Louis Valois, both left-footers, like him.

The brothers are guaranteed to enjoy their day at Kenilworth Road, and will go home with a selection of souvenirs of the occasion, and if you have a youngster who deserves a special treat we can recommend this package. For more information get in touch by phone or e-mail - the details are at the foot of this page.

*Linda Layton*

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NO WONDER our Golden Gamble draw gets more and more popular every game - at Saturday's match, the jackpot reached a record £740. It took some time to find the winner, and our photographer was back on duty pitch-side for the second half of the Rochdale match when Mrs Christine Hood, from St. Albans, stepped up to collect her prize.

We cannot guarantee that today's Gold Gamble jackpot will be the same - it all depends on

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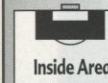
## Goals Info:



## Where



15 Goals



13 Goals



6 Goals

## How

Shots.....17  
Headers.....10  
Volleys.....6  
Penalties.....1  
Free Kicks.....0  
O.G.s.....0

## Top Scorers

Griffiths.....7  
Taylor.....4  
Crowe.....4  
Nicholls.....3  
Howard.....3  
Valois.....3  
Hughes.....2  
Forbes.....2

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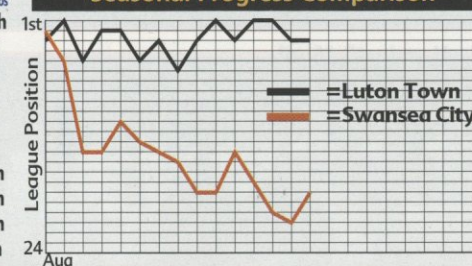
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vs Lincoln  
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## Hatters' Last 10

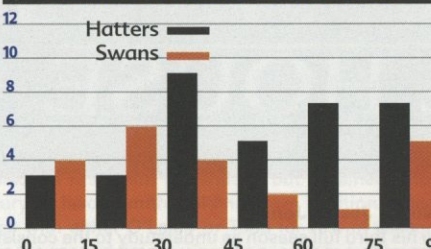
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| W   | Darlington | H   | 6th     |
| L   | Plymouth   | A   | 7th     |
| W   | Orient     | A   | 9th     |
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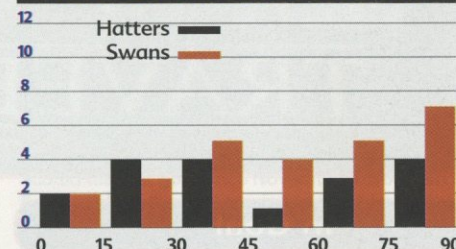
## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## When Goals have been Scored



## When Goals have been Conceded



## Carl Griffiths (Luton)



5 games.....  
4 games.....  
0 games.....  
1 game.....  
W->L.....0 (0pts)  
W->D.....2 (4pts)  
D->L.....0 (0pts)

## Top Scorers Comparison

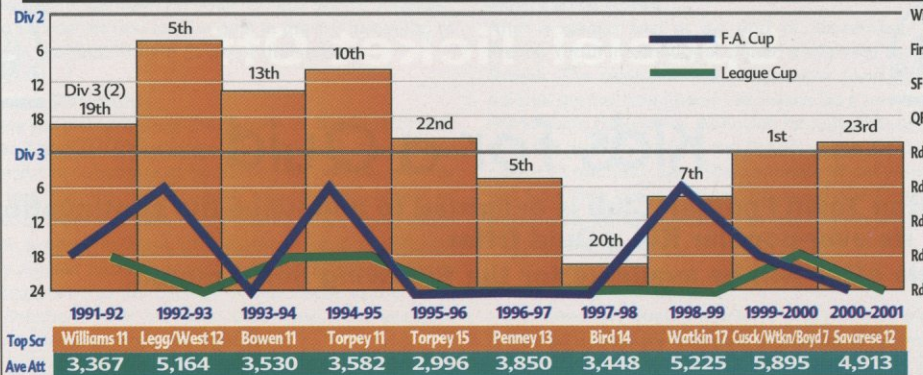
2 games.....  
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1 game.....  
0 games.....  
Season's Results and  
(loss of points) without  
the two goalscorers goals  
W->L.....0 (0pts)  
W->D.....0 (0pts)  
D->L.....2 (2pts)



Goals.....3  
Games.....14  
Average.....0.21

|                           |   |                        |                             |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Luton Goals.....34        | 1 | Shot.....2             | Swansea Goals.....22        |
| Luton Games.....15        | 0 | Header.....0           | Swansea Games.....15        |
| Luton's Goal Ave.....2.27 | 0 | Volleyed Shot.....1    | Swansea's Goal Ave.....1.47 |
|                           |   | Penalty.....0          |                             |
|                           |   | Direct free Kick.....0 |                             |

## Swansea City's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



## Goals Info:



## Where



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13 Goals



4 Goals

## How

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O.G.s.....0

## Top Scorers

Roberts.....5  
Coates.....3  
Williams.....3  
Sidibe.....2  
Bound.....2

## 2001-2002

Highest Gate  
5,501  
vs Oxford  
Lowest Gate  
2,921  
vs Darlington  
Average Gate  
3,720  
Players Used 22  
Clean Sheets 3  
Failed to Score  
5  
Consec. Wins  
none  
Consec. Defeats  
3 games

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Monday 29 October, Sky Sports 1

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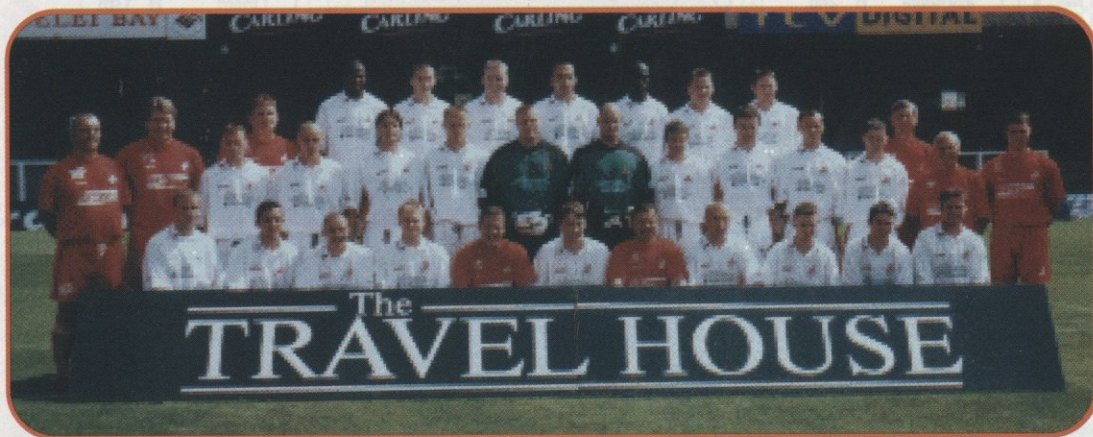
Tuesday 30 October, ITV Sport Channel

Crewe Alexandra v Bradford City

Friday 2 November, ITV Sport Channel



# Welcome to Swansea City A.F.C.



## In Goal

### No. 1 Roger Freestone

A regular inclusion in the Welsh International squad during the season, Roger continued to justify his International status during a difficult season with the Swans. For the first time in his career he was given a red card for committing a professional foul in a controversial incident in the LDV semi-final game at the Vetch

against Brentford. After being included in the Welsh squad for full Internationals against Armenia and Ukraine in March, Roger had to withdraw following a blow on the head resulting in concussion received the previous weekend at Swindon. The 2001/02 season has seen him rewarded with a Testimonial season following his loyal service to the club.

### No.13 Jason Jones

In his third full season as understudy to the consistent Roger Freestone, Jason's first team outings until early March were confined to Welsh Premiership Cup games. Appearing at Bury because of Freestone's suspension, Jason was sent off early in the second half for two bookable offences. Re-appeared in the first team in consecutive home games against Oldham and Wrexham because of neck injury to Freestone. At the end of May he made 2 appearances for the Wales U-21 side against both Poland and Ukraine.

## In Defence

### No.3 Michael Howard

Last season saw Michael sent off for two bookable offences at Wrexham, and a red card for a professional foul at Bristol City for a late tackle. An underrated left full back, he occasionally played in a left sided midfield role when the Swans formation was changed to a three man defence. A determined tackler, Michael is a natural left footer, adding balance to the left side of the Swans rearguard.



# Today's Visitors



### No.5 Jason Smith

Inspirational leader in the Swans defence, Jason signed a new 3 year contract extension in September 2000. His defensive qualities were sorely missed during the season as the Swans fought an unsuccessful relegation battle. A harsh sending off at Wigan was later overturned following a personal hearing with the Welsh F.A. He suffered a twisted ankle against Brentford in LDV Cup game, and in his return game at Stoke three weeks later, suffered an ankle injury after 60 minutes which ultimately kept him out of action for the rest of the season. Has missed the start of the season through ankle problems carried over from previous season.

### No.6 Matthew Bound

Placed on the standby list for Wales in World Cup Qualifying matches against Norway and Poland, qualifying by virtue of having Welsh Grandparents. Sent off for supposedly striking an opponent at the Vetch Field in November against Oxford. Lost his place in first team in January, but regained it following injury to Jason Smith, holding down position in central defence with either O'Leary or Todd for rest of season. Sent off for the second time during the season in last league game against Cambridge United at the Vetch Field.

### No.14 Kristian O'Leary

Displayed consistent form during early part of season in central defence, and at one stage kept Matthew Bound out of the first team. The scorer of the Swans second goal in away win at Stoke City in early March, despite starting the match at Right Full Back, he suffered a calf injury, plus a dead leg which kept him on the sidelines for the rest of March and April. Returned for Brentford game, scoring goal, but was injured in last game of season against Cambridge with leg strain.

### No.18 Chris Todd

The first year professional and former YTS trainee proved to be the find of the season following his introduction to the Swans defence in the last third of the season. Cool, and assured in defence, the speedy central defender showed remarkable composure for a player with his limited experience. Winning a number of 'Man of the Match Awards', Chris also scored his first league goal in the 6-0 thrashing of Brentford in the penultimate game of the season.

### No.20 Leigh DeVulght

With injury problems during the season at the Vetch Field, the former Wales U-16/18 cap was given his first appearance of the season as substitute at Rotherham in October, and for the next four months made regular appearances, either as substitute, or from the start. Used mainly at full back, Leigh also gave a good account of himself in central defence, especially against opponents with a greater physique. Made a good impression at full back in 'Welsh' derby at the Vetch against Wrexham with his solid defending, and accurate crosses into the area from the right flank.

### No.21 Stephen Healey

First year professional who has graduated from the club's youth team. Made his first team debut last season in semi-final of Welsh Premier Cup against Merthyr.

## In Midfield

### No.2 Lee Jenkins

A regular inclusion for the Welsh U-21 side during the season, Lee showed his versatility when switched from a midfield role to left back in games against Bristol City and Millwall. A competitive midfielder, with tremendous stamina and high work rate, Lee picked up a hip muscle injury in mid-April. Had his most productive season for the Swans, making 29 starts in league games, and a further ten appearances from the bench. Started the season in right full back role, showing exciting form with attacking, overlapping runs. Scored his first goal since November 1996 when scoring the first goal in 2-0 away win at Kidderminster Harriers in late September.

### No.4 Nick Cusack

Nick started the season as a striker alongside Steve Watkin, before reverting to his customary midfield holding role midway through the season. A 100% professional, he signed an extension to his contract during the season, which would probably see him finish his playing career with the Swans. Picked up a hamstring injury at Bristol Rovers in early April, but returned to action when the relegation issue had been resolved.

### No.7 Nicolas Mazzina

Attacking midfielder, Nicolas signed a one year contract with the Swans, with the offer of an extension after impressing during the pre-season trial period at the Vetch Field. Formerly with the Boca Juniors Youth Academy, Nicolas has been capped for Argentina at U-18 and U-21 level. The last twelve months has seen him play for Second Division side AC Kimberley, scoring 8 goals from 29 appearances.

### No.8 David Romo

After a week's trial at the end of September, the former French Youth International signed a two year contract for the Swans. The midfielder had impressed John Hollins during his trial period, and joined the Swans on a free transfer from French side Guingamp. Although he took time to get to grips with the physical side of the British game, David is a clever passer in midfield, and is also capable of delivering accurate ball from free kick situations. Missed the start of pre-season training as he was included in the French Olympic squad, training in Lebanon.

### No.11 Jonathan Coates

Underrated left sided midfielder, who has also played at left full back. Scored his first goal of season at Scunthorpe with chip over keeper's head from outside the box. Two games later scored 2 goals against Shrewsbury Town at the Vetch,



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#### No.12 Gareth Phillips

Diminutive midfielder with tremendous stamina levels who earned himself Man of the Match awards during the last third of the season. A regular inclusion in the first team squad at the start of the season, he enjoyed a successful loan period with non-league Merthyr in January, and in March made his Welsh U-21 debut as second half substitute at the Vetch Field against Ukraine. Following his International baptism, Gareth became a permanent member of the Swans midfield, showing great spirit and hard work in the midfield engine room. Signed a two year contract with the Swans towards the end of June.

#### No.15 Damian Lacey

Signed a two and a half year extension to his contract at end of January. Picked up an ankle injury in mid-March, missing run in to end of season. Will miss the start of the season through foot injury.

#### No.16 Michael Keegan

Wide, right-sided midfielder featured regularly during the start of the season. A neat player, who can deliver good crosses from the flanks, Michael has probably been one of the players who has suffered most at the Vetch Field because of a lack of regular reserve team matches, forcing him for long spells with no competitive action.

#### No.19 Ryan Casey

Scored his first league goal at the Vetch Field when scoring equaliser against Posh in January. Suffered a ruptured medial ligament and a depressed fracture of the tibia when

he was clattered by Reading's Graeme Murty during the LDV Cup match at the Vetch Field in February, an injury which saw him sidelined for the season. First game back after injury came in early September at Porthcawl. Middle of September started loan spell with Merthyr, but in first game against Moor Green, scored a goal, and injured his knee, not the one that troubled him most of last season.

#### No.22 Chris O'Sullivan

First year professional who has graduated from the club's youth team. Included against Halifax and Scunthorpe as non-playing substitute.

#### No.23 Craig Draper

First year professional who has graduated from the club's youth team. Made his first team debut last season as substitute in the semi-final and final of the Welsh Premier Cup against Merthyr and Wrexham respectively.

#### No.25 Andrew Mumford

Andrew made his Swans debut as substitute at Port Vale on Easter Monday in an unfamiliar striker's role, followed by another substitute appearance in the next game at the Vetch against Oldham. He made his full league debut at the Vetch Field against Wrexham three days later in central midfield, but after giving a star performance in the first half, suffered a calf strain forcing him to sit out the second half. Made substitute appearances in last two league games of season. Still in negotiations with the club over a new contract. Good passer in midfield, strong, difficult to knock off the ball.

#### No.26 Richard Appleby

An immensely skilful footballer, Richie has always possessed the ability to open up defences, and provide openings for his team mates. Offered a free transfer by the Swans

at the end of the season, Richie had a week's trial with Cambridge United towards the end of June, but a virus prevented him making an impact at the Abbey Stadium, returning to the Vetch Field for the pre-season fitness build up. Made his first start for the Swans since April 2000 at Kidderminster in late September, deputising for the injured Jonathan Coates.

### Up Front

#### No. 9 John Williams

Returned to the Vetch Field in late June for his third spell with the Swans, signing a two year contract, after only being offered a six month deal at Darlington. Signed by Frank Burrows in August 1991 from non-league Cradley Town, John became an instant hit with the Swans supporters during his first season in league football, scoring 11 goals from 39 league games. Sold to Premiership team Coventry City for £250,000 10 months later, John has also played for Notts. Co(L), Stoke(L), Wycombe, Swans(L), Hereford, Walsall, Exeter, Cardiff and York City, prior to joining Darlington.

#### No.10 Steve Watkin

Steve possesses good control, works hard, and a strong ability to hold the ball up, enabling his team mates to join him in support. Never a prolific goalscorer during his playing career, Steve nevertheless equalled his previous season's haul of seven league goals. Signed a two year contract extension midway through the season for the Swans. Ankle injury at Lincoln at end of August saw him sidelined for 6 weeks.



#### No.17 Mamady Sidibe

Tall, 6'-4" striker who has impressed during a trial period in the close season build up. Formerly with French Second Division side CA Paris, he possesses pace, good control, and the ability to win the ball in aerial challenges. Signed a one year contract after impressing during trial period. Injured hamstring during

Halifax game, out for up to six weeks.

#### No.24 Nathan Tyson

Signed on a loan transfer from Reading 1 early September, making his first appearance against Exeter City. In his second appearance for the Swans at Plymouth, he was stretched off the field with a knee injury after a clash with the Argyle goalkeeper. Injury sidelined him for two weeks.



#### No.27 Stuart Roberts

Regular inclusion throughout the season for the Swans, where his pace, and ability to beat his opponent was always evident. Used out wide, as central striker with Savarese, or as third striker, Stuart can also deliver telling crosses, as was seen at Cambridge, when the Swans recovered from three goals down, to draw 3-

3. Stuart made U-21 appearances against Belarus, Norway, Poland, Armenia and Ukraine last season. Showed exciting form early part of season, either as right winger, or as central striker, where his pace was too much for opposing defenders.



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## Hatters Away

WE HAVE two away games next week, an LDV Vans Trophy second round tie against Nationwide Conference leaders Dagenham and Redbridge on Tuesday, and a league game at Mansfield on Saturday. As usual, supporters are offered two coach services to the matches, one operated by the Bobbers Travel Club and the other by Town on Tour. On Tuesday the Bobbers set off from Cranfield at 4pm, picking up at villages en route to Luton, and departing from Kenilworth Road at 5pm. The fare is £7.50, or £6 for pensioners and under-16s. If you are travelling, don't forget it is an all-ticket match for Town supporters, and they have to be bought in advance - check the ticket office after today's game to see if any are left.

Town on Tour is an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club, and offers its best deals to LTSC members. They will leave Maple Road at 5.15 on Tuesday, and their fares will be £10 for adult supporters club members, £9 for concessions, and £11 for non-members. You can join, and qualify for an immediate discount, when you book your seat.

### DIY travel to Victoria Road

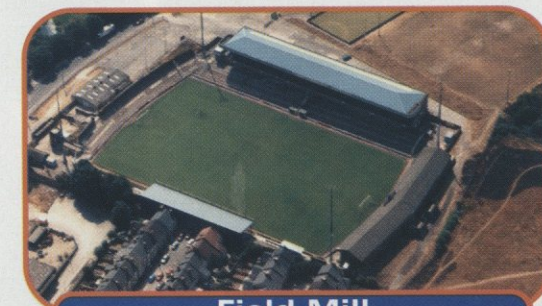
Driving to the Dagenham and Redbridge ground at Victoria Road would be simple but for the evening rush hour in east London. There are various possible routes, all with the risk of traffic snarl-up problems. The shortest is to head south on M1, turning left onto the M25 and then, at junction 27, taking the M11 towards London. The motorway ends at a roundabout where you turn left onto the A406, the North Circular Road. Follow that almost to The City, before you reach the A13, where you turn left, towards Dagenham. As you approach Dagenham, watch for a big leisure complex on your left, including Mecca and Warner. Stay in the left hand lane to follow the A1306 towards Dagenham East. At the first traffic light junction turn left onto the A1112, into Ballards Road, bearing left at the Bull roundabout. Shortly after passing Dagenham East tube station Victoria

Road is the fifth on the left.

A slightly longer route, but perhaps more direct is to follow the above route on the motorways, but continue past the M11 to the M25's junction 28, where you leave and turn right onto the A12 (Eastern Avenue). Watch for a left turn, onto the A1112, and after about a mile the ground at Victoria Road is on your right.

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## Top Hatter Adrian Forbes

**Born:** Greenford, London, 23.1.79

**Joined Luton:** Summer 2001 from Norwich City

**Good at school?** I didn't particularly enjoy school, but my mum and dad drummed it into me that I had to work hard, so I did, and I got eight GCSEs. I was always good at football, but hadn't a clue what I was going to do for a career. I expected to stay on at school to get more qualifications, but Norwich City signed me on school-boy forms on my 16th birthday, took me on as a YTS boy, and gave me a pro contract at 17.

**What brought you to Luton?** I was happy at Norwich, and doing well, I thought, so I was upset when just after they gave me a new contract they told me Luton were interested in me, and I could leave. I didn't really want to, but I spoke to Joe Kinnear and liked what I heard and saw at Luton. I fancied the challenge Joe spoke about, and I now know I could have gone to a lot worse clubs than this one. I am very happy here.

**Greatest pleasure from football:** My Norwich debut, six weeks into my second year as a YTS boy. I had ten minutes as a sub, in a very good squad, and we beat Wolves 1-0. My other good memories are of winning six England youth caps - that team included Michael Owen, Keiron Dyer and Michael Bridges - and of being in two England under-21 squads, only to miss out through injury each time.

**Home and family:** I'm engaged to Rachel - we're planning to marry next year - and we have a year-old son Jordan, who is a real smasher. My family life is my main relaxation - I love being at home with them.

**Life after football:** I am not sure, yet. I intend to take my coaching badges, but I don't think I want to be a manager, especially after seeing what it has done to Joe and to Gerard Houllier. I have vague plans to get into property, but we haven't even thought about where we will live when I have to give up playing. I just know that I am one of the luckiest men alive to be a 22-year-old professional footballer with a nice house, a lovely family, nice car and a decent income. Hopefully I can enjoy all of that for a few more years yet, lucky man that I am. And when I have to finish playing, I will be a football fan - it's in the blood.



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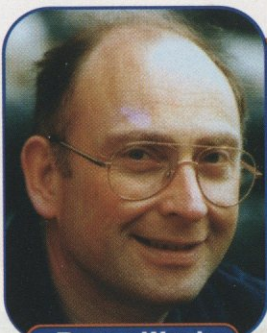
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## All our **yesterdays**

### Walsh sinks the Swans

Inconsistency seemed the name of the game when the Town embarked on their first season back in the old Division One in 1982/83. After gliding to the championship the previous season largely untroubled by the teams around them, the top flight was obviously going to prove a different proposition. And so it turned out. Early season form was fairly encouraging, although a 5-3 home win over Notts County followed by a 1-4 thrashing at Aston Villa was a sign of things to come, and by early October after a 3-2 victory at Birmingham we were up to eighth position.

Unfortunately this was to be our final victory until mid-December during which time we had sunk down the table to a place just above the relegation slot. A crazy Christmas and early New Year period when we seemed to conquer the teams we were not expected to beat and then lose to fellow strugglers had Luton supporters heads in a spin.

Through all the inconsistency we had managed to keep out of the dreaded bottom three positions but a run of four straight defeats in March and April changed all that. A 1-4 hammering at Arsenal seemed par for the course following a remarkable win at Nottingham Forest the previous week but when we lost in quick succession to Sunderland and fellow strugglers Norwich at home followed by a 2-5 thumping at Watford the alarm bells started to ring.

We were now in the relegation positions, and struggling, with the only light at the end of the tunnel the fact that the defeat at Watford was not as bad as it appeared on paper. We matched the high-flying Hornets for much of the game which turned on the ludicrous dismissal of Raddy Antic. High flying Aston Villa were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road and with the game entering its final minute with the score at 1-1 we were all glad of a point to end the run of four defeats. Then David Moss struck with a goal out of the blue, as only he could, and suddenly Luton supporters felt that perhaps we could avoid a quick

return to Division Two.

Two goals from Ricky Hill then helped the Town to a 3-1 home win over a Birmingham side that included Mick Harford followed by a last minute Mal Donaghy strike in a 1-1 draw at Notts County.

The point at Notts County had put a bit of daylight between the Town and the three teams below them, one of which was Swansea who were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road.

Swansea, managed by John Toshack, had won promotion the year before the Town and had taken Division One by storm in 1981/82 taking many notable scalps along the way. Now twelve months later a run of injuries to influential players had left the Swans struggling and they arrived at Kenilworth Road looking for their first win in five games.

Swansea made their intentions obvious from the kick-off by pulling almost everyone back behind the ball. Toshack, realising that his side did not have the attacking flair of the Hatters, looked to frustrate and then perhaps pinch a goal on the break.

This policy almost bore fruit in the 22nd minute when a hopeful punt out of defence was contested by Bob Latchford and Luton goalkeeper Tony Godden with the ball running loose to Chris Marustik who netted with a low shot. Fortunately, the referee penalised Latchford and the Town were determined to learn from that lesson and wait patiently for an opening.

Naturally the fans were a tad nervous when the half-time whistle sounded and the game was still scoreless, but ten minutes into the second period the deadlock was finally broken.

A long diagonal ball from full-back Kirk Stephens was threaded through the massed Swansea rearguard to Paul Walsh who looped a header into the net for his first goal in 13 games.

Obviously the game opened up after this and Moss saw an effort flash wide and Walsh hit the bar. It all seemed over in the 74th minute when Donaghy headed on a Moss corner for Walsh to hook the ball into the net but the game still had a final twist before the crowd of 11,561 could relax.



**Paul Walsh flashes in the Town's decisive third goal during the 3-1 victory over Swansea at Kenilworth Road in 1983.**

With five minutes left Latchford glanced a header home and suddenly the crowd was stunned and restless. They need not have worried, however, for within a minute Moss had swept down the wing to send in a cross which was met with a little flick from Walsh at the near post for his hat-trick and three points in the bag.

The Town were now four points clear of the drop zone with games in hand and a superior goal difference to all the sides below them and we could all be excused for thinking that safety was

assured.

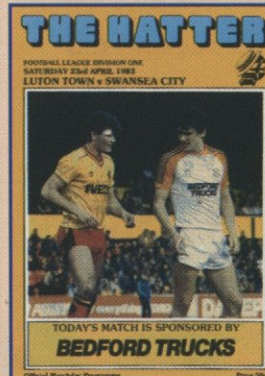
Little did we know that we would not win again until the final day leaving a few more sleepless nights en route before that never to be forgotten victory in Raddy Antic's game at Maine Road against Manchester City.

**Luton:** Godden, Stephens, Elliott, Donaghy, Money, Hill, Horton, Turner, Walsh, Aylott, Moss.

**Swansea:** Sander, Marustik, Charles, Lewis, Rajkovic, Richards, James, Robinson (Pascoc), Kennedy, Loveridge, Latchford.

*Roger Wash*

## Yesterday's pages



The Town's programme, as befitted a top flight side, was full of articles and colour and was as good as anything in the Football League. David Pleat, in his column, was urging the players and supporters to remain cool in an attempt to make sure of keeping the hard won Division One spot. He also reported on the injury position and commented that Richard Money had broken his nose twice that season, both against Notts County. Must have been something he said! Bearing in mind that this was only 18 years ago it was advertised that for only £45 per person you could travel by coach to Southampton, stay two nights bed and breakfast in a decent hotel, have a guided tour of the Dell, a coach trip around town and a seat to see the Saints against the Hatters. What would the cost of that package be now?



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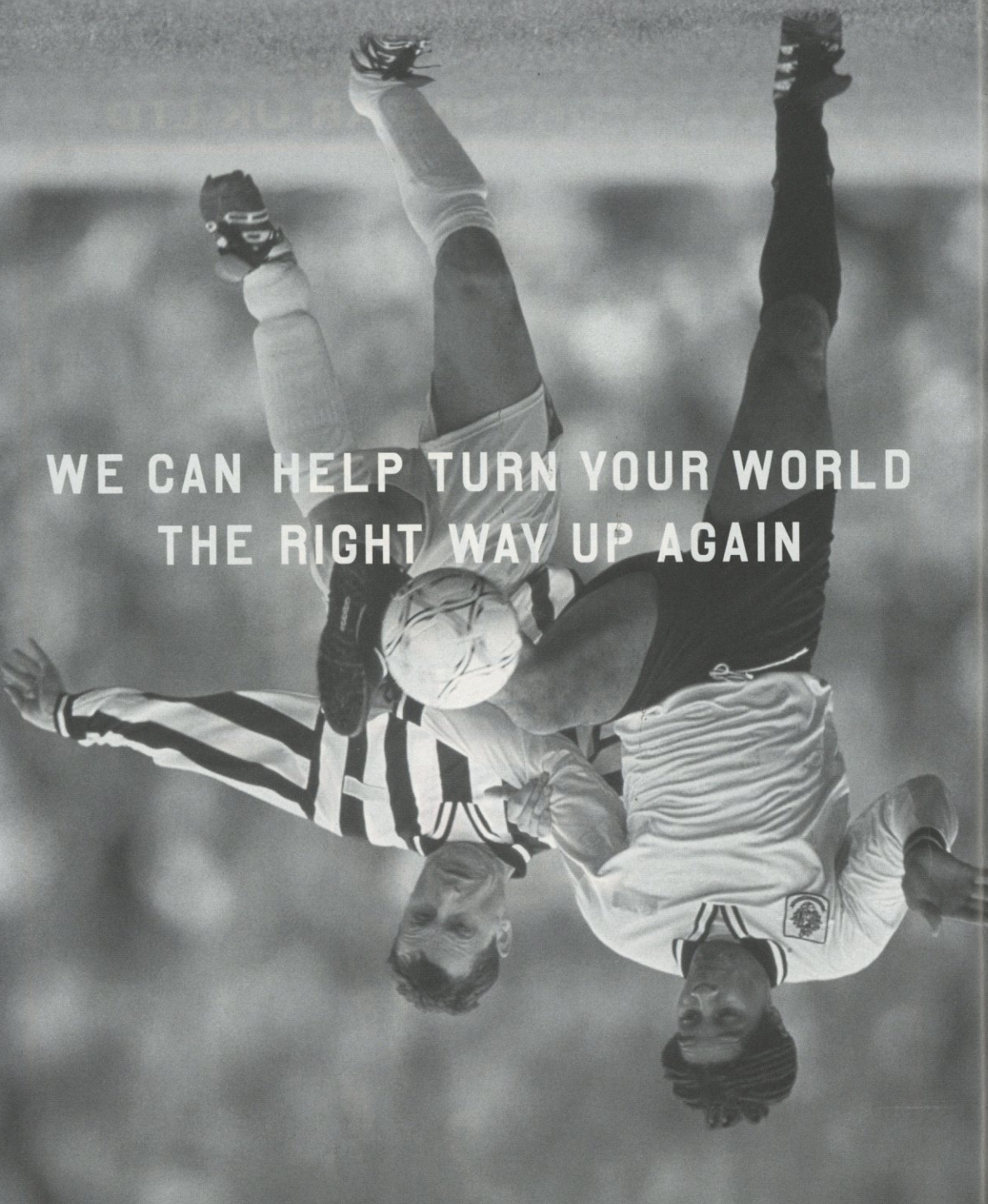
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Happy Harry

## Junior Hatters

I HAVE good news today for everyone who suffered the Junior Hatters trip to Scunthorpe, when the coach failed to turn up and we missed all the pre-match entertainment that had been laid on for us. If you were on that trip, you can claim a free seat and match ticket for our next awayday, to Mansfield next Saturday. It promises to be an excellent day out, because we have been invited to join their equivalent of our Saturday Club.

If you were on the Scunthorpe coach, you can claim your free seat to Mansfield at the Luton Town club shop any time until it closes on Wednesday, October 31st. For others who want to go to the game the fare will be the usual bargain: £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for others, and you can book at the club shop. Because there is a lot of pre-match entertainment organised for us we have to be at Field Mill early, which means our coach will leave Luton at 7.30am.

Incidentally, going to away games with the Junior Hatters could result in a real treat for one lucky youngster at the end of the season. On the return journey of each trip, Junior Hatters will be asked to write their name on their match ticket, and put it into a box. The tickets will all be kept until the last game of the season, when one will be drawn out to win a very special soccer prize. So the more times you travel, the more chances you will have of winning.

ALL SMILES: We were not quite so happy when the game ended with our first home defeat of the season, but the two young mascots at the Rochdale game had a day to remember. Pictured with the match officials before kick-off are Tom LeMaire, who was the Junior Hatters mascot, and Liam Bayliss, who was the commercial mascot.



Happy Harry

**STOP PRESS:** We have now booked our Christmas Party date and venue: it will be at the Ascot Room, at the Luton Co-op Sports Club, on Tuesday December 18. Make a note of the date, and watch for further details in later issues of the matchday magazine.

## Today's Mascot

IT'S A big occasion today for nine-year-old Ian James Robinson, from Layham Drive, Luton, because he has been chosen as this afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot, which means he mixes with the team in the dressing room and on the pitch for the pre-match rituals. He will particularly enjoy meeting Matthew Spring, because the midfielder is Ian's favourite player.

Ian goes to Wigmore Junior School,



and plays football for Luton Borough Dragons, and his other hobbies are all sporting - tennis, badminton and cricket. He is a regular at Luton Town, coming to games with his dad.

Our ball boy today is Lee Ephgrave, from West Side, Leighton Buzzard, and we also have a ball girl on duty, Laura Warren, from Weltmore Road, Luton.

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It is also, of course, designed to raise money for worthy charities, and the club will do what it can to help its runner raise sponsorship cash.

We have a proud record in the London marathon - every one of our runners has completed the course,

including, last year, 42-year-old housewife and mother Lynda Smith.

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# Action Replay



## Luton Town 0 Rochdale 1 (HT 0-1)

EVEN Rochdale boss Steve Parkin felt sympathy for the Town, after Dale became the first visiting team to win at Kenilworth Road since Rotherham condemned us to relegation last April. Rochdale took over the league leadership from us with a professional smash-and-grab robbery job, and lived very dangerously in the second half before becoming the first team to stop us scoring in a league game since that Rotherham disaster.

The difference now, as Joe Kinnear pointed out, is that we have plenty of matches in which to get firmly back into the promotion race - and third place, with nearly a third of the season played, is hardly a mark of failure.

Rochdale looked the best-organised team to come here this season, and the quality of their football was a credit to a team built on free transfers and home-grown talent. But they were fortunate that the Town had one of those days when nothing would go right.

Said the manager: "We made more chances than Rochdale, but were not as sharp as usual, and their goalkeeper was their best player. Rochdale did well, and they are a good side, but I felt that over the 90 minutes we deserved a draw."

The Rochdale manager thought his midfield was one of the major factors in the game, with Gary Jones ordered to close down Matthew Spring and cut the service to Jean-Louis Valois. At the back, 39-year-old Richard Jobson, recently signed on a free from Tranmere, had a tremendous match.

A well-worked goal gave Rochdale the early breakthrough, with everyone knowing that it was going to be a tight game, and the visitors soaked up a pounding in the second half. Lucky they might have been, but you had to admire their resilience. Jobson cleared off the line twice, from Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls, and Marcus Hahnemann, on loan from Fulham, made two excellent late saves, from Valois and Adrian Forbes, and was let off the hook when Andrew Fotiadis mis-kicked in front of goal.

By then we knew it was not going to be the Town's day, a feeling which had started much earlier when referee Steve Tomlin, not the most popular man around, ruled out what many thought was a good goal.

Ahmet Brkovic, making his home debut, sent Howard chasing a through ball. Hahnemann rushed out to the edge of the box, and as he and Howard collided the ball ran loose for Dean Crowe to slide it into the empty net. Instead of the 20th-minute lead that would have been so important, the ref ruled that Howard, despite winning the ball, had fouled the keeper.

Rochdale made the best of their good fortune, but their 39th-minute goal came from one of only three on-target attempts they managed in the 90 minutes. The only other one that went close was a drive towards the top corner by 42-year-old Tony Ford, which was kept out by Carl Emberson's rapid dive to his left.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Emberson; Hillier, Perrett (Boyce HT, in turn replaced by Fotiadis, 88 mins), Coyne, Taylor; Brkovic (Forbes HT), Spring, Nicholls, Valois; Howard, Crowe

**Unused subs:** Dryden, Ovendale

**Booked:** Dean Crowe, dissent, 42 mins; Kevin Nicholls, foul, 90 mins.

**Rochdale:** Hahnemann; Evans, Jobson, Griffiths, McAuley; Ford (Flitcroft 80 mins), Jones, Oliver, Dougherty; Platt, Wheatcroft (Townson 70 mins).

**Unused subs:** Bayliss, Durkan, Gilkes

**Booked:** Gareth Griffiths, 20 mins, foul on Steve Howard.

**The Goal:** Paul Wheatcroft, tap-in after Carl Emberson got one hand to push away a low angled drive by Tony Ford, and the striker on loan from Bolton reacted quicker than any Town defender.

**Referee:** Steve Tomlin, Sussex.

**Attendance:** 7,696, another best of the season, a full house for home fans, but only 679 in the away end.



**TURNING POINT:** Steve Howard and Rochdale keeper Marcus Hahnemann go down in a heap, and Dean Crowe is poised to shoot into the empty net. It would have put the Town one up, but the ref ruled it out, claiming that Howard had fouled the goalkeeper.

**HANDFUL:** Dean Crowe's lively contribution to the game ensured that veteran defender Richard Jobson had to use all his experience to keep the striker off the score-sheet.



**DRIVING FORWARD:** Kevin Nicholls leading by example, in this instance letting Michael Oliver know that midfield is no comfort zone for visitors.





# Action Replay



## Halifax Town 2 Luton Town 4 (HT 1-2)

AFTER the disappointment of the first home defeat of the season on Saturday, we enjoyed the perfect response from the team three days later, with the fifth way win of the season clinched after a slightly rocky ride at The Shay.

It seemed that the Town had to concede goals before raising their game a notch or two, and when they did that Halifax were second best by some way, even though they were level at 2-2 with five minutes to go. It was only their second home defeat of the season, but Halifax have drawn too many, mainly because they can't score goals - they had fired blanks in their six previous league games, but had drawn three of them.

The Town's adventurous game plan offered them a little scope to impress new manager Alan Little, in his second league game in charge.

But it was a shock when the 1,300 local fans at last had something to cheer about. The Town had started at good tempo, attacked incisively, and could have been two up in the first four minutes, with livewire Dean Crowe particularly unlucky with a far post volley which screamed inches wide.

Halifax came back and Paul Harsley's sixth-minute goal ended a scoring drought which had lasted 727 minutes. "A great start," said Mr Little. "But then we dropped back, perhaps a natural reaction in the circumstances, to try to hold on to the lead. It's a confi-

dence thing - but if you do that against a good team like Luton you will be punished, and we were." Crowe dished out the retribution mercilessly, with Steve Howard and Jean-Louis Valois setting him up for two goals before the interval.

Joe Kinnear echoed Alan Little after the Town started the second half sluggishly. "We never got started for the first 20 minutes of the second half, and if you take your foot off the pedal you get punished."

We were, but it took Halifax until the 78th minute to turn their steadily improving play into an equaliser. Perhaps the Town had been too confident before then, willing to soak up the not very clever attacking play by a team about to hit rock bottom in the league.

Whatever the reason, Ian Fitzpatrick's equaliser brought a rapid and very positive reaction, with Kevin Nicholls regaining the lead five minutes from time, and sub Adrian Forbes knocking in another of his specials two minutes later.

"You should never lose when it's 2-2 with five minutes to go," said Mr Little. "But we were not disgraced - Luton are a very good team indeed."

"We came alive after they scored," said the Town boss. "I wanted three points here after the disappointment of Saturday and was determined to go for broke - it would be a long way to come for nothing!"

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Emberson; Hillier, Coyne, Perrett, Taylor; Brkovic, Spring, Nicholls, Valois (Forbes 79 mins); Howard, Crowe.

**Unused subs:** Ovendale, Dryden, Fotiadis, Holmes

**Booked:** Russ Perrett, 48 mins, foul on Steve Kerrigan.

**Halifax:** Butler; Harsley, Mitchell, Stoneman, Clarke; Jules, Middleton, Swales (Wood 79 mins), Smith; Kerrigan (Jones 84 mins), Fitzpatrick.

**Unused subs:** Crookes, Midgley, Winder.

**Booked:** Ian Fitzpatrick, 24 mins, foul on Perrett; Steve Kerrigan, 45 mins, foul on Steve Howard.

**The Goals:** 1-0 6 mins - Paul Harsley, after Ian Fitzpatrick's cross from the left wing reached

him on the far post; 1-1 32 mins - Dean Crowe header from an opening made by Steve Howard's header; 1-2 44 mins - Crowe again, far post conversion of Jean-Louis Valois left wing cross; 2-2 78 mins - Ian Fitzpatrick, another far post close goal, from Harsley's right wing cross; 2-3 85 mins - Kevin Nicholls, latching onto Matt Spring's pass and putting away the rebound after his first shot was blocked; 2-4 87 mins - Adrian Forbes, running at the defence in the inside left channel, and smashing in a fierce drive from just inside the box.

**Referee:** Michael Pike, Cumbria.

**Attendance:** 2,140, including 774 Town fans - another wonderful turn-out for a midweek game 175 miles up a traffic-clogged motorway system.



**ON OUR WAY:** Dean Crowe is grounded, with Halifax goalkeeper Lee Butler, but his equaliser is in the net, with Ahmet Brkovic following up to make sure, and defender Graham Mitchell unable to clear.

**LEAD REGAINED:** Kevin Nicholls, who made regular excursions into the Halifax penalty area, fires in the goal that made it 3-2 with five minutes to go.



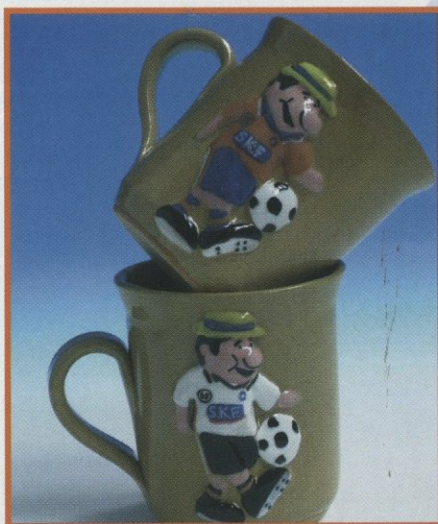
**SMILES OF DELIGHT:** Adrian Forbes has just hit the fourth goal, and Ian Hillier, who set the winger on his way, is first to offer congratulations.

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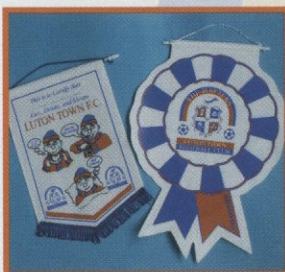
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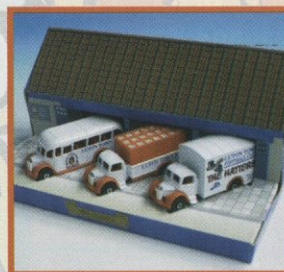
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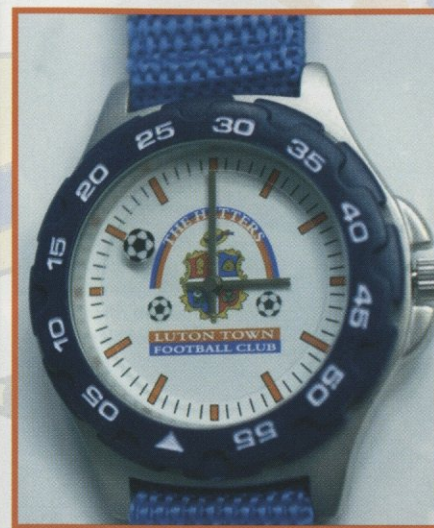
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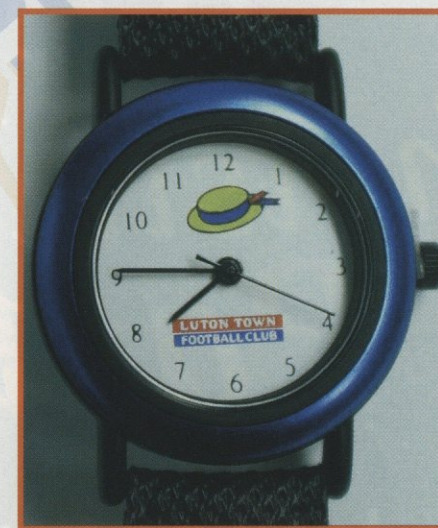
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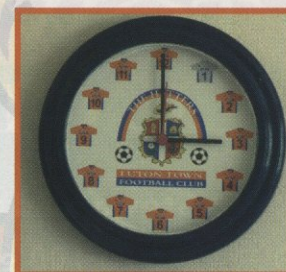
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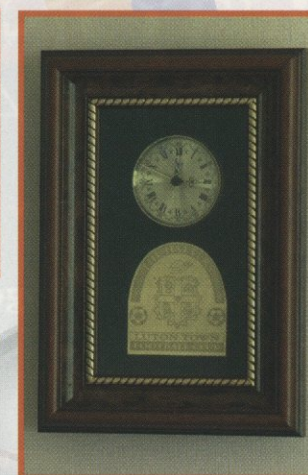
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## Records

Highest Gate  
10,755  
Hull  
v Plymouth  
Lowest Gate  
1,356  
Macclesfield v  
Hartlepool  
Highest  
Agg Score  
Luton.....5  
Darlington.....2  
Macclesfield.....4  
Scunthorpe.....3  
Biggest  
Home Win  
Darlington.....4  
Exeter.....0  
Hull.....4  
York.....0  
Luton.....5  
Torquay.....1  
Mansfield.....4  
Macclesfield.....0  
Shrewsbury.....4  
Kidderminster.....0  
Biggest  
Away Win  
Exeter.....0  
Scunthorpe.....4  
Consec. Wins  
Rochdale,  
Orient.....4  
Games  
Unbeaten  
Plymouth.....12  
Consec. Defeats  
Rushden, Orient  
Winless Run  
Kidderminster 8  
Total Games  
177  
Home Wins  
78.....44%  
Away Wins  
47.....27%  
Draws  
52.....29%

## Average Attendances

|                | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | 8000 | 10000 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Bristol Rovers |      |      |      |      | 7,576 |
| Carlisle       |      |      |      |      | 3,102 |
| Cheltenham     |      |      |      |      | 3,363 |
| Darlington     |      |      |      |      | 4,089 |
| Exeter         |      |      |      |      | 3,564 |
| Hull           |      |      |      |      | 2,058 |
| Hartlepool     |      |      |      |      | 3,594 |
| Kidderminster  |      |      |      |      | 2,727 |
| Luton          |      |      |      |      | 4,932 |
| Mansfield      |      |      |      |      | 2,999 |
| Oxford         |      |      |      |      | 6,540 |
| Plymouth       |      |      |      |      | 1,932 |
| Rochdale       |      |      |      |      | 4,205 |
| Rushden        |      |      |      |      | 6,239 |
| Scunthorpe     |      |      |      |      | 4,969 |
| Shrewsbury     |      |      |      |      | 3,462 |
| Southend       |      |      |      |      | 4,285 |
| Swansea        |      |      |      |      | 3,440 |
| Torquay        |      |      |      |      | 3,764 |
| York           |      |      |      |      | 4,048 |

## Goals - When Scored

|    | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76-90 |
|----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| BR | 0    | 2     | 4     | 0     | 2     | 5     |
| CU | 2    | 3     | 3     | 3     | 0     | 3     |
| CT | 2    | 3     | 2     | 2     | 6     | 5     |
| Da | 1    | 2     | 4     | 2     | 6     | 4     |
| EC | 5    | 4     | 3     | 1     | 3     | 2     |
| HT | 1    | 3     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| HU | 1    | 0     | 3     | 3     | 4     | 3     |
| HC | 1    | 3     | 2     | 8     | 4     | 7     |
| Ki | 1    | 1     | 0     | 4     | 2     | 2     |
| LO | 2    | 3     | 2     | 3     | 2     | 7     |
| LC | 1    | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     |
| LT | 3    | 3     | 9     | 5     | 7     | 7     |
| MT | 2    | 1     | 3     | 2     | 2     | 1     |
| MT | 3    | 4     | 5     | 3     | 3     | 6     |
| OU | 5    | 1     | 0     | 4     | 4     | 0     |
| PA | 3    | 5     | 4     | 3     | 5     | 4     |
| Ro | 4    | 5     | 3     | 2     | 5     | 4     |
| RD | 1    | 6     | 1     | 1     | 3     | 3     |
| SU | 4    | 4     | 4     | 1     | 5     | 2     |
| ST | 5    | 1     | 5     | 1     | 6     | 5     |
| SU | 1    | 1     | 2     | 5     | 1     | 7     |
| SC | 4    | 6     | 4     | 2     | 1     | 5     |
| TU | 2    | 1     | 2     | 1     | 2     | 4     |
| YC | 2    | 1     | 5     | 3     | 3     | 6     |

## Form Guide: Home & Away

| Home Form | most recent results to left | Away Form |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| LDDWD     | Bristol Rovers              | LDLWL     |
| WWDWL     | Carlisle                    | DLILL     |
| WWWDL     | Cheltenham                  | DDWLW     |
| LDWWD     | Darlington                  | LLDLD     |
| WWDDL     | Exeter                      | LWLL      |
| LDDDW     | Hull                        | LLLWL     |
| WWDLL     | Hartlepool                  | WLLLD     |
| DWWWW     | Hull                        | DDLDD     |
| WDLDD     | Kidderminster               | LWDL      |
| LLWW      | Orient                      | DWDL      |
| WLWLD     | Lincoln                     | LWLDD     |
| LWWDD     | Luton                       | WWLWW     |
| LLDD      | Macclesfield                | WDLWD     |
| WLWWW     | Mansfield                   | WLDD      |
| DLWL      | Oxford                      | LDLDD     |
| WWWWW     | Plymouth                    | WDDWD     |
| DDWWD     | Rochdale                    | WWLLW     |
| DWDL      | Rushden                     | WDDDL     |
| WLWDD     | Scunthorpe                  | WDDDL     |
| LDWWW     | Shrewsbury                  | WLDD      |
| WLWDL     | Southend                    | LLLL      |
| WLLDL     | Swansea                     | LWLDD     |
| WWDWL     | Torquay                     | LLWDL     |
| WDLWL     | York                        | LLWDL     |

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

| see key below  | Leading Scorer    | GS | Sc1 | Sc2 | HT | Gms/Gls/Gm | Pts  | Run |
|----------------|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|------------|------|-----|
| Shrewsbury     | Luke Rodgers      | 12 | 7   | 1   | 1  | 14         | 0.86 | 9   |
| Hull           | Gary Alexander    | 9  | 5   | 2   | 0  | 14         | 0.64 | 8   |
| Mansfield      | Chris Greenacre   | 9  | 9   | 0   | 0  | 15         | 0.60 | 8   |
| York           | Michael Proctor   | 5  | 3   | 1   | 0  | 15         | 0.33 | 8   |
| Carlisle       | Ritchie Foran     | 5  | 5   | 0   | 0  | 11         | 0.45 | 6   |
| Macclesfield   | Lee Glover        | 7  | 5   | 1   | 0  | 15         | 0.47 | 5   |
| Torquay        | David Graham      | 3  | 3   | 0   | 0  | 15         | 0.20 | 5   |
| Luton          | Carl Griffiths    | 7  | 4   | 0   | 1  | 10         | 0.70 | 4   |
| Cheltenham     | Julian Alsop      | 5  | 1   | 2   | 0  | 12         | 0.42 | 4   |
| Plymouth       | David Friio       | 5  | 5   | 0   | 0  | 13         | 0.38 | 4   |
| Darlington     | Barry Conlon      | 4  | 4   | 0   | 0  | 14         | 0.29 | 4   |
| Hull           | Paul Harsley      | 4  | 2   | 1   | 0  | 15         | 0.27 | 4   |
| Rochdale       | Clive Platt       | 4  | 2   | 1   | 0  | 15         | 0.27 | 4   |
| Bristol Rovers | Kevin Gall        | 3  | 3   | 0   | 0  | 14         | 0.21 | 4   |
| Southend       | Kevin Maher       | 3  | 1   | 1   | 0  | 14         | 0.21 | 4   |
| Exeter         | Chris Roberts     | 5  | 3   | 1   | 0  | 14         | 0.36 | 3   |
| Lincoln        | Lee Thorpe        | 5  | 3   | 1   | 0  | 12         | 0.42 | 2   |
| Hartlepool     | Adam Boyd         | 4  | 2   | 1   | 0  | 5          | 0.80 | 2   |
| Orient         | Scott Houghton    | 4  | 4   | 0   | 0  | 12         | 0.33 | 2   |
| Swansea        | Jonathan Coates   | 3  | 1   | 1   | 0  | 14         | 0.21 | 2   |
| Kidderminster  | Mark Blake        | 2  | 2   | 0   | 0  | 13         | 0.15 | 2   |
| Scunthorpe     | Martin Carruthers | 6  | 4   | 1   | 0  | 14         | 0.43 | 1   |
| Oxford         | Jamie Brooks      | 3  | 3   | 0   | 0  | 9          | 0.33 | 1   |
| Rushden        | Duane Darby       | 5  | 1   | 2   | 0  | 8          | 0.63 | 0   |

## Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

| Club          | Win - vs.        | Defeat - vs.   |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| Bristol Rov   | 3-2 Luton        | 1-3 Orient     |
| Carlisle      | 2-1 York         | 1-3 Hartlepool |
| Cheltenham    | 3-1 Exeter       | 2-3 Mansfield  |
| Darlington    | 4-0 Exeter       | 2-5 Luton      |
| Exeter        | 3-2 Oxf, York    | 0-4 Scun, Dar  |
| Hull          | 2-0 Swansea      | 1-4 Southend   |
| Hartlepool    | 3-0 York         | 0-2 Ornt, Linc |
| Hull          | 4-0 York         | 2-4 Mansfield  |
| Kidderminster | 4-1 York         | 0-4 Shrewsbury |
| Orient        | 3-1 Bristol Rov  | 0-3 Darlington |
| Lincoln       | 3-0 Swansea      | 1-3 York       |
| Luton         | 5-1 Torquay      | 2-3 Bristol R  |
| Macclesfield  | 2-0 Oxf, Bstl R  | 0-4 Mansfield  |
| Mansfield     | 4-0 Macclesfield | 0-3 Plymouth   |
| Oxford        | 2-0 Hfx, Stnd    | 0-2 Maccsfd    |
| Plymouth      | 3-0 Hfx, Mnfld   | 1-2 Rochdale   |
| Rochdale      | 3-1 Mansfield    | 1-3 Hull       |
| Rushden       | 2-0 Shrewsbury   | 2-3 Plym, Oxf  |
| Scunthorpe    | 4-0 Exeter       | 0-2 Luton      |
| Shrewsbury    | 4-0 Kidderster   | 1-3 Hart, Scun |
| Southend      | 4-1 Halifax      | 0-2 vs 3 clubs |
| Swansea       | 4-2 Exeter       | 0-3 Lincoln    |
| Torquay       | 2-1 vs 4 clubs   | 1-5 Luton      |
| York          | 3-0 Torquay      | 0-4 Hull       |

## Numbers

| PU | CS | FS |
|----|----|----|
| 25 | 4  | 6  |
| 29 | 4  | 5  |
| 23 | 4  | 2  |
| 19 | 5  | 4  |
| 28 | 3  | 4  |
| 19 | 6  | 9  |
| 23 | 3  | 6  |
| 22 | 6  | 3  |
| 24 | 6  | 8  |
| 27 | 4  | 3  |
| 19 | 5  | 3  |
| 26 | 3  | 1  |
| 22 | 6  | 9  |
| 19 | 5  | 4  |
| 23 | 4  | 6  |
| 19 | 8  | 4  |
| 23 | 6  | 2  |
| 28 | 8  | 6  |
| 22 | 7  | 5  |
| 20 | 5  | 2  |
| 22 | 4  | 6  |
| 22 | 3  | 5  |
| 31 | 3  | 8  |
| 24 | 3  | 4  |



Brian Swain

# Third Division Scene

FOUR teams, including the Town, kick off this afternoon knowing that if they win and other results drop kindly, they could be top of the Third Division when the final whistles blow. The chase for three automatic promotion places is beginning to develop into a five-club race, with Plymouth the new leaders after an amazing run. They were 22nd in the table in late August, when they lost at home to Rochdale. But since then they have played 12 matches without defeat, including their win over us, and went top for the first time on Tuesday with a home win over Lincoln, three days after becoming the first visiting side to win at Mansfield. Rochdale had reclaimed the leadership a week ago by winning a Kenilworth Road, but lost it on Tuesday by drawing at home to Cheltenham. Goal difference is the key: Plymouth's is plus 14 and Rochdale's plus 10 as both teams are on 31 points from 15 matches. We are a point behind, with a goal difference of 16. Mansfield and Hull are the only teams who can threaten our third place today. Our perfect combination of results would be a win over Swansea and away defeats for Hull at Darlington, and Plymouth at Bristol Rovers tomorrow.

the wrong reasons. They began the campaign as one of the favourites for promotion, and looked well set when they became the only team to beat us in our first ten league games. But on Tuesday, a 1-0 defeat at Exeter continued a surprising slide, from third in the table after beating us to today's 11th place. They have gone six games without a win, and four without a goal, and have taken only three points out of the last 18. Hopefully they will give us a hand tomorrow by collecting an overdue result in their home game with Plymouth. A Darlington victory over Hull would also go down nicely in these parts. The Quakers need a lift - their defeat at Swansea in midweek was their third on the trot, starting with their 5-2 hammering here, and it was all too much for Gary Bennett to bear - he has resigned as manager. His team were third in the table in August, but are now ninth. And they face a tough test today: Hull, three points below us and with a game in hand, have lost only once this season, at Mansfield in September, but have dropped points by drawing six of their 14 league games to date - a last-minute own goal robbed them of a 1-0 home victory over Leyton Orient on Tuesday, so on behalf of Town fans, thanks very much Justin Whittle! Bennett's departure from Darlington was the seventh management change in the division this season, with today's visitors parting company with John Hollins in September and replacing him with the experienced Colin Addison, with our former midfielder star Peter Nicholas his assistant. With money very tight, and crowds slipping to below 4,000, Swansea are up against it, but Tuesday's win over Darlington, after three consecutive defeats, gave them a lift, up from 21st place to 18th. Their away form shows two victories, 3-1 at Macclesfield on the opening day of the season, and 2-0 at Kidderminster three weeks later. They drew 2-2 at Scunthorpe five weeks ago, and have suffered four awayday defeats, at Lincoln, Plymouth, Hull, and Southend.

Brian Swain

## Nationwide League Division Three

|                | HOME |   |   |   |       | AWAY |   |   |       |     |
|----------------|------|---|---|---|-------|------|---|---|-------|-----|
|                | P    | W | D | L | F A   | W    | D | L | F A   | Pts |
| Plymouth       | 15   | 5 | 0 | 2 | 13 5  | 4    | 4 | 0 | 11 5  | 31  |
| Rochdale       | 15   | 4 | 4 | 0 | 14 6  | 5    | 0 | 2 | 9 7   | 31  |
| Luton Town     | 15   | 4 | 2 | 1 | 16 7  | 5    | 1 | 2 | 18 11 | 30  |
| Mansfield      | 15   | 6 | 1 | 1 | 17 9  | 2    | 3 | 2 | 7 8   | 28  |
| Hull City      | 14   | 6 | 2 | 0 | 16 4  | 1    | 4 | 1 | 9 9   | 27  |
| Shrewsbury     | 14   | 4 | 1 | 2 | 12 9  | 3    | 2 | 2 | 11 10 | 24  |
| Scunthorpe     | 15   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 8  | 2    | 3 | 2 | 10 7  | 21  |
| Cheltenham     | 14   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 8  | 2    | 3 | 3 | 8 9   | 20  |
| Darlington     | 14   | 4 | 2 | 1 | 12 3  | 1    | 2 | 4 | 7 13  | 19  |
| Rushden & D    | 15   | 2 | 3 | 2 | 8 8   | 2    | 4 | 2 | 7 6   | 19  |
| Bristol Rovers | 14   | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 8   | 2    | 1 | 4 | 4 7   | 19  |
| L. Orient      | 15   | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 11 | 2    | 3 | 3 | 8 11  | 19  |
| Torquay        | 15   | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 7   | 1    | 2 | 5 | 13 8  | 18  |
| Lincoln        | 15   | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 7   | 1    | 4 | 3 | 7 10  | 17  |
| Southend       | 15   | 4 | 1 | 2 | 13 8  | 1    | 1 | 6 | 4 12  | 17  |
| Kidderminster  | 15   | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 4   | 1    | 1 | 5 | 3 12  | 17  |
| York           | 15   | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 8   | 2    | 1 | 5 | 12 19 | 17  |
| Swansea        | 15   | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 11 | 2    | 1 | 4 | 11 15 | 16  |
| Exeter         | 15   | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 15 | 1    | 1 | 4 | 7 16  | 16  |
| Hartlepool     | 14   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 6   | 2    | 1 | 5 | 5 9   | 15  |
| Oxford         | 15   | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 10  | 1    | 4 | 2 | 6 6   | 15  |
| Macclesfield   | 15   | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 10  | 2    | 3 | 2 | 5 7   | 15  |
| Carlisle       | 15   | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 7   | 0    | 3 | 5 | 7 14  | 14  |
| Halifax        | 15   | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 7   | 2    | 0 | 5 | 5 14  | 14  |

## Today's other Third Division fixtures

Carlisle v Halifax  
Cheltenham v Scunthorpe  
Darlington v Hull  
Hartlepool v Oxford  
Leyton Orient v Rochdale  
Rushden v Mansfield  
Shrewsbury v Darlington  
Southend v Kidderminster  
Torquay v Shrewsbury  
York v Macclesfield  
Tomorrow  
Bristol Rovers v Plymouth

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Friday 2 November, ITV Sport Channel

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# Statistics and all the fixtures

| Date                                                                | Opponents              | Venue | Kick Off/Result | Score (LT first) | Attendance | Competition/Position | Referee       | Yellow Cards (LT first) | Red Cards (LT first) | 1                           | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Sat 11 Aug                                                          | Carlisle United        | A     | W               | 2-0              | 4,432      | 3rd                  | M Clattenburg | 2/2                     | 0/0                  | sus                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 18 Aug                                                          | CHEL TENHAM TOWN       | H     | W               | 2-1              | 6,177      | 1st                  | G Hegley      | 4/1                     | 1/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 21 Aug                                                          | Reading                | A     | L               | 0-4              | 5,115      | WC1                  | D Crick       | 2/1                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 25 Aug                                                          | Bristol Rovers         | A     | L               | 2-3              | 9,057      | 5th                  | C Penton      | 2/1                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Mon 27 Aug                                                          | SOUTHEND UNITED        | H     | W               | 2-0              | 6,496      | 2nd                  | J Ross        | 1/4                     | 0/1                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 1 Sep                                                           | Exeter City            | A     | D               | 2-2              | 3,088      | 2nd                  | B Curson      | 3/1                     | 1/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 8 Sep                                                           | OXFORD UNITED          | H     | D               | 1-1              | 6,736      | 5th                  | C Penton      | 3/3                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 15 Sep                                                          | York City              | A     | W               | 2-1              | 3,247      | 3rd                  | G Salisbury   | 4/2                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 18 Sep                                                          | LINCOLN CITY           | H     | D               | 1-1              | 5,066      | 6th                  | S Baines      | 0/0                     | 0/0                  | 1x                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 22 Sep                                                          | TORQUAY UNITED         | H     | W               | 5-1              | 6,392      | 3rd                  | L Cable       | 0/3                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 25 Sep                                                          | Leyton Orient          | A     | W               | 3-1              | 6,540      | 1st                  | P Rejer       | 3/1                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 29 Sep                                                          | Plymouth Argyle        | A     | L               | 1-2              | 5,782      | 3rd                  | A Hall        | 5/3                     | 0/1                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Fri 5 Oct                                                           | DARLINGTON             | H     | W               | 5-2              | 7,219      | 1st                  | J Brandwood   | 4/2                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 13 Oct                                                          | Scunthorpe United      | A     | W               | 2-0              | 3,939      | 1st                  | H Webb        | 3/0                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 20 Oct                                                          | ROCHDALE               | H     | L               | 0-1              | 7,696      | 3rd                  | S Tomlin      | 2/1                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 23 Oct                                                          | Halifax Town           | A     | W               | 4-2              | 2,140      | 3rd                  | M Pike        | 1/2                     | 0/0                  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 27 Oct                                                          | SWANSEA CITY           | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 30 Oct                                                          | Dagenham & Redbridge   | A     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | LDVT2                |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 3 Nov                                                           | Mansfield Town         | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Fri 9 Nov                                                           | SHREWSBURY TOWN        | H     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 17 Nov                                                          |                        |       |                 |                  |            | FAC1                 |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 20 Nov                                                          | HULL CITY              | H     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 24 Nov                                                          | Macclesfield Town      | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 1 Dec                                                           | Kidderminster Harriers | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 15 Dec                                                          | RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS     | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 22 Dec                                                          | HARTLEPOOL UNITED      | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Wed 26 Dec                                                          | Oxford United          | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 29 Dec                                                          | Southend United        | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 1 Jan                                                           | EXETER CITY            | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Fri 4 Jan                                                           | BRISTOL ROVERS         | H     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 12 Jan                                                          | Cheltenham Town        | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 19 Jan                                                          | CARLISLE UNITED        | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 22 Jan                                                          | Hartlepool United      | A     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 26 Jan                                                          | Darlington             | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 2 Feb                                                           | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE        | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 9 Feb                                                           | Rochdale               | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 16 Feb                                                          | SCUNTHORPE UNITED      | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 23 Feb                                                          | YORK CITY              | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 26 Feb                                                          | Lincoln City           | A     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 2 Mar                                                           | Torquay United         | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Tue 5 Mar                                                           | LEYTON ORIENT          | H     | 7.45pm          |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 9 Mar                                                           | Rushden & Diamonds     | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 16 Mar                                                          | KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 23 Mar                                                          | HALIFAX TOWN           | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 30 Mar                                                          | Swansea City           | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Mon 1 Apr                                                           | MANSFIELD TOWN         | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 6 Apr                                                           | Hull City              | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 13 Apr                                                          | MACCLESFIELD TOWN      | H     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Sat 20 Apr                                                          | Shrewsbury Town        | A     | 3pm             |                  |            | D3                   |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Penalties: 1 (S) scored, 2 (M) missed = 33% Success                 |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Started Match               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| 15 Sep S.Howard (M), 5 Oct K.Nicholls (S), 5 Oct M.Spring (M)       |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Substitute (Used)           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Potential Future Cup Dates                                          |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Total 2001/2002 Appearances |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| LDV Vans Trophy                                                     |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Total 2001/2002 Goals       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| (Rd 3) 4 Dec; (SF) 8 Jan                                            |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Substitute (Not Used)       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| FA Cup                                                              |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Yellow Cards                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| (Rd 2) 8 Dec; (3) 5 Jan; (4) 26 Jan; (5) 16 Feb                     |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Red Cards                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| (6) 9 Mar; (SF) 14 Apr; (F) 4 May                                   |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Total LTFC Career Apps      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Luton Town FC Statistics Chart designed and updated by David Newman |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Total LTFC Career Goals     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|                                                                     |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      | Squad Number                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|                                                                     |                        |       |                 |                  |            |                      |               |                         |                      |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |

**Town Teaser**  
ANOTHER little prize is on offer this afternoon in our Town Trivia quiz. Listen to the PA announcer for your chance to have a go. At the last home game, the question was about the result last time Rochdale came to Kenilworth Road, and the answer was easy for those who read the match day magazine: the Town won 2-0. Once again today, if you don't know the answer to our Town Teaser, it can be found elsewhere in this programme.

**Today's question**  
When Swansea came to Luton last season it was Joe Kinnear's first home match in charge. What was the result?

## Fans on the road

OUR MARVELLOUS support continues to surprise and delight the clubs we visit, and on Tuesday Halifax were well pleased that nearly 800 Luton fans made the long and difficult journey to the Shay - without them the gate would have been a measly 1,366. The figures so far:

### Visitors to Luton

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Cheltenham | 467   |
| Southend   | 912   |
| Oxford     | 869   |
| Lincoln    | 217   |
| Torquay    | 326   |
| Darlington | 302   |
| Rochdale   | 679   |
| Total:     | 3,772 |
| Average:   | 539   |

### Hatters Away

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Carlisle    | 1,097 |
| Reading(WC) | 889   |
| Bristol Rov | 761   |
| Exeter      | 712   |
| York        | 849   |
| Orient      | 2,089 |
| Plymouth    | 461   |
| Scunthorpe  | 961   |
| Halifax     | 774   |
| Total:      | 8,593 |
| Average:    | 956   |

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# Today'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  |
| ■● | Carl Griffiths    | 10 |
| ■● | Liam George       | 11 |
| ■● | Chris Coyne       | 12 |
| ■● | 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 |
| ■● | Paul Hughes       | 27 |
| ■● | Jean Louis Valois | 28 |
| ■● | Lee Mansell       | 32 |
| ■● | Ian Hillier       | 33 |
| ■● | Dean Crowe        | 34 |
| ■● | Ahmet Brkovic     | 35 |

## Swansea City

|    |                  |    |
|----|------------------|----|
| 1  | Roger Freestone  | ■● |
| 2  | Lee Jenkins      | ■● |
| 3  | Michael Howard   | ■● |
| 4  | Nick Cusack      | ■● |
| 5  | Jason Smith      | ■● |
| 6  | Matthew Bound    | ■● |
| 7  | Nicolas Mazzina  | ■● |
| 8  | David Romo       | ■● |
| 9  | John Williams    | ■● |
| 10 | Steve Watkin     | ■● |
| 11 | Jonathan Coates  | ■● |
| 12 | Gareth Phillips  | ■● |
| 13 | Jason Jones      | ■● |
| 14 | Kristian O'Leary | ■● |
| 15 | Damian Lacey     | ■● |
| 16 | Michael Keegan   | ■● |
| 17 | Mamady Sidibe    | ■● |
| 18 | Chris Todd       | ■● |
| 19 | Ryan Casey       | ■● |
| 20 | Leigh DeVulght   | ■● |
| 21 | Stephen Healey   | ■● |
| 22 | Chris O'Sullivan | ■● |
| 23 | Craig Draper     | ■● |
| 24 | Nathan Tyson     | ■● |
| 25 | Andrew Mumford   | ■● |
| 26 | Richie Appleby   | ■● |
| 27 | Stuart Roberts   | ■● |

tick if playing ☐ tick if substitute ☐

## Today's Officials

**Referee:** Paul Durkin, Dorset

**Assistants:** Martyn Short, Lincolnshire (red flag); John Holbrook, Shropshire (yellow and red flag)

**Forth Official:** Richard Beeby, Northamptonshire

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