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Cover Story



On a hot streak: Andrew Fotiadis, who has hit the goal trail with a vengeance with four in four games.

Inside Forward

JOE Kinnear has been clocking up the miles this week in a bid to land a player or two to help the Town cope with their long injury list. "I have been out every night at matches, and there are two or three players I would like to bring in on loan," he said. "There is one pretty good prospect that might come to fruition shortly, but the problem is that while managers say they are willing to help, they rarely want to let you have the player you really want."

He will not name his targets, for fear of alerting other clubs, but an illustration of the difficulty facing him came at a midweek reserve game involving one Premiership team and one from the First Division. "The Premiership team included eight internationals, but I had gone to the game mainly to watch the other team. Something might come out of that, but the Premiership manager was keen to get me to take a young player who is unable to get close to his first XI. The trouble is that he would not walk straight into ours, either, so he is no good to me. I am not in business to sign players on loan to help other managers. Anyone I take will have to be sure of a place in our first team squad. There are plenty of kids on offer, but I want men."

The manager's destination on Tuesday was Meadow Lane, where he was able to have a look at today's opponents in their 3-2 victory over Notts County in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Due For A Home Draw

THE LDV Vans Trophy second round draw was made this morning, and the FA Cup first round fixture list will be sorted out this evening, with the boss wondering if his cup luck will change at last. In nearly two years since his arrival, every knock-out competition has seen the Town drawn away.

"I don't mind who we are drawn against," he said. "But is it too much to ask for at least one cup-tie on our own ground?"

On the law of averages it should happen – in Joe's time as boss the Town have had not a single home tie in any of the three knock-out tournaments. The itinerary to date reads Reading, Dagenham, Southend, Watford, Aston Villa, and Woking.

So far as the LDV competition is concerned, the boss says that the team selection at Woking – with seven youth players in the 16-man

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TOP HATTER: The Century Club have introduced a new award for this season, to honour their personality of the month. The prize for September was an easy choice, and leading scorer Steve Howard is pictured collecting the trophy from Mike Tearle, with fellow Century Club members in attendance.

squad – was dictated by circumstances. The Town had taken a look at Woking, who are struggling in the Conference, and felt that a young team could do the job, as proved to be the case. In view of the injury list, he had no wish to risk too many seniors.

But he added: "I go into every game wanting to win it. Our selection for the LDV games will depend on who the opposition is. We will give youngsters a chance if we think we can win with them, but our selection for the LDV games will depend on who the opposition is, and what other first-team games we have near that time.

"We will give youngsters a chance if we think we can win with them, but if we were to be drawn against someone like Plymouth of course we might think we needed an extra first-teamer or two in the side!"

Youngsters Travel As Well

THE Town's youth team pulled off an excellent 3-0 victory at Brentford in the first round of the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday – see page 51 for John Moore's report – and their reward is another away tie in the second round, against Tooting and Mitcham. The game is due to be played in early November, but no date was available as we went to press.

Brian Swain



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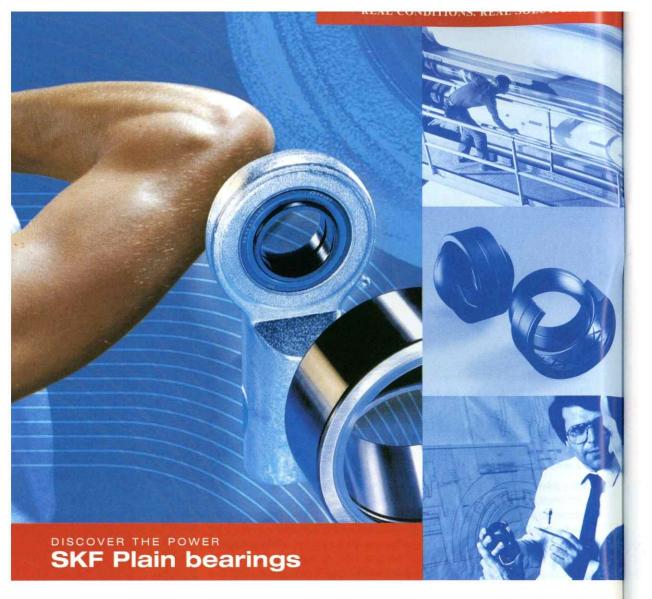
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Manager's View

THINGS have been a little the results of games. tricky off the pitch, but very satisfactory on it, since my last column.

First, I must put on record my thanks to the way the players have responded to problems caused by our injury crisis. It is the worst I have known since I came here, with nine players unavailable for the match at Oldham.

I knew when I first came here that the squad needed strengthening, and while a lot of progress has been made on that score, it is still true today as we raise the level of our ambitions. Circumstances led to us putting out teams which. on paper at least, were some way short of our best. But the men who came in against Cheltenham and at Oldham, did their jobs very well indeed. They know they must play well to stake their claims for a regular place in the side. Those two victories have kept us well placed in the league table, and we have a realistic hope of climbing further, and into the play-off zone, if we maintain our level performance. The between us and the top six is just four points now, so there is a clear incentive to keep up our good run.

We are, however, down to the bare bones in team selection, and as you will know by now my policy is always to try to

improve squad and competition for places, whatever

thought we were comfortable in the victory over Cheltenham, despite conceding the first goal to them. At Oldham we probably had to work a bit harder, but once again we came back from behind to get three points which were well deserved. It was another excellent team performance.

The down side of those games was that we collected more injuries, to Paul Hughes and Alan Neilson against Cheltenham, and then losing the services of Dean Crowe when he pulled up with a hamstring problem early in the game at Oldham.

That gave Tony Thorpe his chance to return, and he grabbed the opportunity with a well-struck winner. Andrew Fotiadis, who is on a good scoring streak, has responded well to our demands on how he should approach his job, and all credit to him for that. Because of the injury situation we put out a very young side at Woking for the LDV Vans Trophy game on Tuesday. Mick Harford and Brian Stein have told me how well the side played, and considering that seven of the 16 were part of our youth squad the victory shows that we have made some progress throughout all levels of the club. It's barely a year ago that in the same competition we fielded our reserves at Dagenham, and were beaten by another Conference outfit.

I missed the Woking match

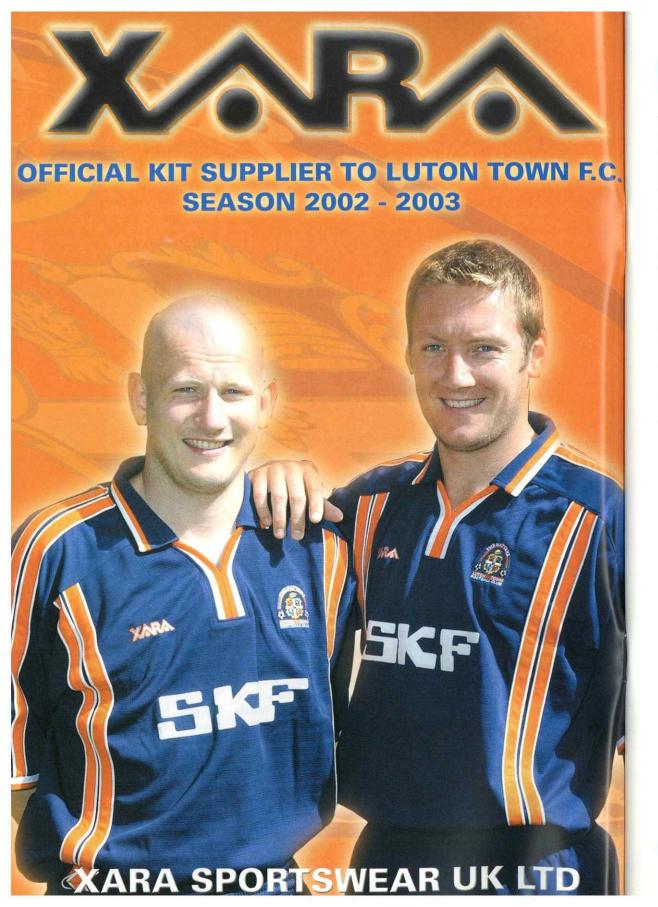
because I was watching players elsewhere. I want more cover for departments in the team, and I am hoping to sign two or three on loan in the near future. We must have a squad of 16 genuine first-team players available for every game if we are to compete with the best in a tough division, which means we need several more than 16 to cope when injuries and suspensions strike.

Wigan are a case in point. They are fortunate to have the financial clout to buy players. for example Nathan Ellington at £1.2m, Tony Dinning, £750,000, Lee McCulloch £700,000, Jason de' Vos £500,000 and Neil Roberts, £500,000, to name but a few. Their squad has cost over £6million, which is why they are one of the favourites for promotion. But confidence is high after five consecutive victories and we will be doing everything we possibly can to extend that run.

As always, supporters can play their part, and once more our thanks to all who went to Oldham last week: that kind of backing helps the team, and more of the same today will be appreciated.

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear



Captain's View

HAVE to suffer more straight wins in the league is a frustration this afternoon, watching the lads and cheering them on when I would much rather be out there with them. You might wonder if it is especially hard to be missing today's game, against my old club, but in fact it has been just as difficult to be a helpless spectator whoever we have played.

My time at Wigan was not the best of my career, and it now seems a long while ago. In my day there, a succession of which was a major reason for my decision to accept the offer to join Luton when Joe Kinnear came in for me.

seen a lot of changes since, and so far as I am concerned today's game is no more special than any other - I would like to play in every match, and win every are the opposition.

So it is nothing personal to say that we have looked forward to this afternoon's game with great anticipation. Wigan have proved this season that the bookies were probably right to install them and Cardiff as favourites for promotion. But we respect while opposition, we certainly do not fear anyone, and we have already proved we can be a match for the top teams with our draw at Cardiff earlier in the season.

overcome a poor start to the season, and we have got better and better ever since. Five

good record by any standard, and to achieve it while the squad has been hit so hard by injuries is all the more praiseworthy.

It is a bit of a crush in the treatment room at present, with Dean Crowe the latest to join the queue after limping out of the Oldham game.

There are seven of us from the first team squad awaiting our turn for treatment each morning at 9. After that we go up to the David Lloyd leisure managers came and went, centre where we each have our individual work to do. Some can run, some have to settle for the exercise bike, and quite a few go swimming. It is harder The Wigan playing staff has work than training, and you need to be strong mentally to put up with the monotony of a similar routine day in, day out. After a morning's work, we have a break for lunch, before single one too, no matter who getting back to work in the afternoon. It's certainly not enjoyable being injured, but we are all striving to get fit as quickly as possible.

I admire Adrian Forbes for his attitude and determination: it's bad enough for me, who is getting close to fitness again after a month on the injured list. Forbesy faces a much longer lay-off than that, which means loads more difficult days for him. By the end of it he ought to be a decent swimmer. At the moment, his swimming is a sight to behold - Forpedo he At that time we were trying to ain't... more like Eric the Eel! We do have a bit of variety in our work, and the introduction of sit-down volleyball has been

a u i t e popular.

Sometimes it gets guite aggressive, especially in the net play, but it adds a touch of light relief, and shows that we all have a competitive spirit.

That goes for the scrap to win places in the team as well, and recent results have proved that we have a deeper squad now than we had a year or two ago. To lose half a dozen regulars and stay on the winning track is very encouraging.

The lads were delighted with the way it went at Oldham. It was nice to see Tony Thorpe get the winner, and Foty is on fire at present. Long may it continue!

There is a nice confident buzz about the place, and we are a happy bunch. When you are injured you don't always feel as much a part of it, but the results have kept us all bubbling.

The LDV win at Woking was another bonus, and the club's long-term future looks bright when you consider that seven of the 16 were youth team players. Marvin Johnson claims they made him feel young as

There will be plenty of time after today to think about the LDV and where that might lead us. Much more important is that we keep tucking away league points. It was a very good result at Oldham last week, and we see no reason why we should not get another

Kevin Nicholls

Treatment Room

list worsened this week when Dean Crowe suffered a severe hamstring tear at Oldham, and the first indications are that he faces a lay-off of up to two months. At this stage his treatment is mainly a matter of resting the muscle, which has suffered an extensive partial tear.

Otherwise, the news from the treatment room is reasonably encouraging, with everyone on the mend, but probably not in time for this afternoon's game. Kevin Nicholls was able to resume running on Thursday, and was looking good, but we cannot rush him back into the team just yet. I suppose there is a very slight chance he might make it for Tuesday's match at Crewe, but a more realistic aim



must be for the Northampton match next Saturday, and even is not a foregone conclusion.

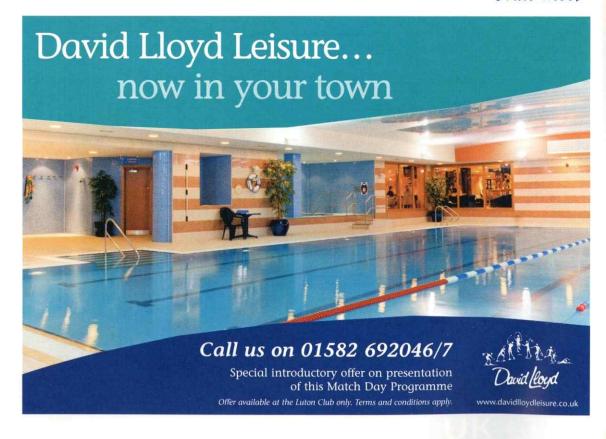
Alan Neilson is also mobile again, and it is a good sign that he feels comfortable when running at nearly full pace. It means he is well on the way

back to fitness, and he could well be back in contention within the next week or so.

Carl Griffiths is also doing nicely, running again, and making steady progress, and the best news of all is that Adrian Forbes is now running, which is exceptional progress after his cruciate ligament operation. It will take a long time to get the strength back into his knee, but he is fairly comfortable with it, which is a very good sign indeed.

David Bayliss continues to do well after a shoulder operation three weeks ago. The scarring has nearly gone, but he faces being sidelined for another eight weeks before we can think about a possible return to competitive football.

Bruce Hobbs



Club Secretary

THROUGHOUT football this week has been designated as a week of action to rid the out onto the pitch with "Kick game of racism. As a club we are pleased to support they will be thrown into the the campaign, although crowd before kick-off. racism has never been a major problem a Kenilworth Road. Only once in recent years has there ever been involved a visiting support-

family club which welcomes read elsewhere in this programme our Community good relationships with all sections of the community, with colour or creed completely immaterial.

Today our players will come Racism Out" T-shirts, and

It has been a very busy week for football, and three victories have kept the place bubbling. The performance at any sort of bother, and that Oldham was another excellent one, and the younger players have proved they We value our reputation is a can do it as well. They enjoyed the visit to Woking, everyone to Kenilworth and well done John Moore Road. But we will not be and his lads on wining their complacent, and as you can difficult FA Youth Cup game at Brentford on Wednesday. By the time you read this we Department is actively will know who are to be our involved in maintaining next opponents in the LDV Vans Trophy, and later this afternoon we will be able to fill in the blank in our fixture

list November after the draw is made for the first round of the FA Cup. As Joe says, it's about time we had a home draw!

One fixture that had to be postponed earlier season concerned reserve match against AFC Bournemouth. Can I remind you it will be played at Road Kenilworth November 6 with a 2pm kick-off.

Finally, supporters Woking will have noticed that our physio on duty there was much not Bruce Hobbs. It was, of course, Julie Frost, who is our physio for the youth and reserve squads.

Cherry Newbery

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SUPPORTERS will be aware of the impending fire service dispute, and we have been advised by the Football Licensing Authority and the Football League to review our stadium risk assessment in order to ensure that we maintain our safety standards.

Having liased with the local authority, who issue our safety certificate, we are today giving supporters notice that with effect from our home match with Port Vale on November 9 there will be a complete ban on smoking in the Main Stand Enclosure. This will mean that the whole of the Main Stand complex will be a NO SMOKING AREA

We are sure supporters will understand the reasons for this measure. Safety within the ground is paramount.

Geoff Lovell, Safety Officer, Luton Town FC

Fans on the road

DESPITE knowing in advance that the Town would not be fielding a full-strength league side, more than 200 Hatters coped with horrendous M25 travel problems to get to Woking on Tuesday for the LDV Vans Trophy game.

Hatters Away		Visitors to Luton	
Blackpool	781	Peterborough	990
Plymouth	773	Barnsley	504
Cardiff	314	Chesterfield	366
Brentford	1,493	Notts County	341
Watford(WC)	4,404	Mansfield	160
Huddersfield	700	Swindon	404
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588	Cheltenham	328
Stockport	680		
Oldham	610		
Woking (LDV)	262		
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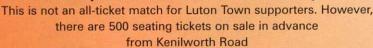
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Saturday November 16, 2002

The draw for the first round of the FA Cup takes place today Saturday 26th October. As soon as match details are available they will be announced in the local press, on local radio and on the official website www.lutontown.co.uk



Luton Town v Queens Park Rangers

Saturday November 23, 2002, kick-off 3pm

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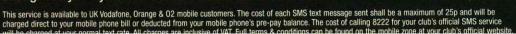
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Commercial Corner

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Formed in 1990, Loyal Luton SC now boasts a membership of over 500, and Mr Bates says: "The club's aims have been, and always will be, to

A COUPLE of weeks past his eighth birthday, Luke Matteo Bottaro enjoys VIP treatment today, because he is our commercial mascot. His very pleasant duties will include meeting the players in the dressing room before the game,



and then joining them on the pitch for the prematch routines. We hope Kevin Nicholls will be around, because the captain is Luke's favourite player.

A fan who comes to games with his dad, Luke is from Franklin Road, Dunstable, and attends St. Vincent's Roman Catholic School at Houghton Regis. Top of his hobbies list is supporting the Town and playing football, for Leagrave under-9s.

encourage new supporters and

maintain the existing following, through good times and bad. Life membership is only £5, and we meet before and after every home game, at the White House pub.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to wish today's ball sponsor, and Loyal Luton member, Freddy Dann a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a good day, crowned by a good win."

Mr Dann is here as sponsor of the matchball, to mark his 41st birthday, with family, friends and work clients, along with the Loyal Luton Supporters Club.

He is managing director of Freelance Environmental Services Ltd, based in Oxen Road, High Town, a company he started in 1997, specialising in the removal of asbestos. His work force is busy all over the country, on behalf of councils, construction companies, demolition firms and private individuals.

If you have an asbestos problem, in a garage or shed, for instance, Fred Dann is your man – and he will offer a discount to Town supporters!

We thank him for his support of our commercial activities, and hope everyone in the sponsorship lounges enjoys their visit to Kenilworth Road, hopefully with a Luton Town victory to celebrate.

Linda Layton

Golden Gamble

TOWN fans Graham Campbell and Martin Gibbins had even more cause to be happy following the victory over Cheltenham at our last home game – they walked away with the day's £695 Golden Gamble jackpot.

They are pictured with Russ Perrett, who drew out their winning ticket. The 50/50 lottery has paid out seven prizes this season, totalling £4,715, an average of £674 each.

We think that's not bad for a stake of £1. The prize depends on sales: out of the £1 ticket price, half goes to the jackpot and the other half to club funds, so even if you are not lucky enough to win, we are grateful for your support.



Another cash prize is on offer this afternoon, and Golden Gamble ticket sellers are on duty all around the ground. The draw is made at half-time, with the prize available immediately.

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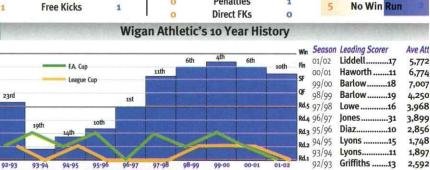






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Welcome To

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PAUL JEWELL

The former Latics player was appointed manager in June 2001. Cut his teeth

in management at Bradford City taking them to the Premiership and maintaining their status during his tenure. Took the helm at Sheffield Wednesday for the 2000-2001 season before mov-

ing to Wigan in the close season.

GOALKEEPERS

1. JOHN FILAN

Australian goalkeeper who joined Latics from Blackburn Rovers in mid December after both Derek Stillie and Stewart Kerr were forced out with injuries. Saved a penalty away to Reading on only his second appearance for the Club.

DEFENDERS

2. PAUL MITCHELL

Manchester born Paul is in

his second year as a professional and made his debut as a substitute in the A.W.S win over Burnley in December 1999. He is a good footballing centre half or right back who looks to have a bright future in the game. He spent the last two months of season 2000/01 on Ioan at Halifax Town and was given a good run in central midfield at the end of last season.

3. STEVE MCMILLAN

Left-sided player signed from Motherwell for £550,000 in March 2001. Former Scottish Under 21

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International who came through the Youth system at Fir Park. Has produced some excellent displays for Latics since his move from Scotland.

4. MATT JACKSON

After a loan spell from Morwich City Matt joined the Club in November 2001 and slotted in



to central defence. He is a former FA Cup winner with Everton and brings his experience and leadership to the Latics back line.

5. JASON DE VOS



Canadian International captain Jason is a tall and powerful central defender who signed for Wigan in July 2001 in a £500,000

deal from Dundee United. S c o t Started his British career at Darlington before his move north of the border. S c o t signed Wigan in nearby E

6. IAN BRECKIN

Signed from Chesterfield during the summer having spent five seasons at Saltergate. Club captain and player of the year for four of those five seasons, he is a defender of proven quality and was brought in following the departure of Arjan De Zeeuw to Portsmouth.

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11. PETER KENNEDY

Northern Ireland International who became Paul Jewell's first signing in July 2001 when he joined from Watford. Predominantly left sided player he was previously with Notts County.

12. MIKE FLYNN

Joined Latics from Barry Town during the close season for £15,000 from League of Wales side Barry Town. Has a reputation as a goal getting midfielder and is seen as a player with great potential.

14. SCOTT GREEN

S c o t t signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee and went on to score on his Wigan Athletic league debut. A versatile performer he has played at right back, right wing back, central defence centre forward and midfield. He signed a new three-

16. TONY DINNING

year contract in July 2000.

Dinning joined from Wolves for a then club record fee of £750,000 in September 2001. The fee could rise to one



million pounds on appearances for the former Stockport man. Twice sent off last season against Wrexham and Canvey Island he has the ability to get forward and weigh in with goals.

17. GED BRANNAN

Former Tranmere Rovers apprentice who signed for Latics from Motherwell in February 2001. Hard working midfielder who made his debut against Bristol

Welcome To

striker

Rovers last season scored his only goal so far for the Club at Blackpool in the Worthington Cup.

18. JASON JARRETT

Jason arrived at the JJB Stadium just before the transfer deadline for a fee of £75.00 from Second Division rivals Bury. Formerly with Blackpool and Wrexham, he has settled well with Latics and looks a very good prospect for the future.

20. GARY TEALE

Right winger who joined Premier League. Won 11 Latics from Ayr United in

December 2001 and has father been almost an ever-present ever since. Shows great speed and scored his first goal for the Club during the away victory over Notts County in February.

FORWARDS

7. ANDY LIDDELL

Hard-working

signed from Barnsley for a bargain £375,000 October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Scottish U21 caps, his

Gary was a professional with Grimsby Town 1970's. Andy won



the 1999-2000 player of the year award, voted for by the fans. Last season's top scorer with 18 League goals.

8. NEIL ROBERTS

Latics first signing of the millennium came on February 18th 2000 when Neil signed in a £450,000

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deal from Wrexham. Capped for Wales at U21 and Full level, Neil is an exciting young prospect who netted his first for Latics at Bournemouth on the final day of the 1999-2000 season. Spent a period on loan at Hull City last season.

9. NATHAN ELLINGTON

Nathan arrived from Bristol Rovers on transfer deadline day for a club record fee of £1.2million. He shot to prominence when his hat trick inspired The Pirates to a memorable 3-1 win Premiership Derby County in this season's FA Cup.



And two goals in his first three appearances at the end of last season have already made him a firm favourite at the JJB.

10. LEE MCCULLOCH

Once the club's record signing at £700,000, Lee signed from Motherwell in March 2001 and made his

debut home Swindon Town. A target who has been capped at Scottish U21 level, he looks to have a bright future in the game. Scored his first for Latics in the away victory at Wycombe last season.

15. LEE ASHCROFT

The former Preston North End and West Bromwich Albion striker signed from Grimsby Town just before the start of last season. Scored his first goals for the Club with a brace at Brentford in December 2000.



Blast From the Past

visi-Wigan Athletic, were elected to the Football League in 1978 replacing Southport, and one of their first tasks was to face the Hatters in a League Cup second round tie at Kenilworth Road.

After thrashing Oldham 6-1 on the opening day we were expected to make light work of Wigan but we struggled to make an impression against a determined side that had obviously set out its stall to earn a replay. After a great deal of huffing and puffing two Brian Stein efforts, with the second coming just before the end, eventually saw us through to the next round.

Paths did not cross again until the two sides were drawn together in the Littlewoods Cup in 1987/88. A goal from Micky Weir, on his full Luton debut, gave the Town a first leg lead against the Division Three leaders at Springfield Park while back at Kenilworth Road a hat-trick from Mick Harford earned a 4-2 victory and a comfortable aggregate win. Luton supporters need little reminding of what happened at the end of that particular cup run! Our first meeting in the League arrived on 18th October 1997 at Springfield Park where Wigan

remained unbeaten and were still riding on the crest of a wave following their Division Three championship winning season of 1996/97. They had won four and drawn one of their previous five home games. The Hatters had endured a miserable start to the season after reaching the play-offs the previous campaign and a succession of injuries had culminated in an extremely embarrassing 0-4 hammering by Watford at Kenilworth Road two weeks before.

A certain amount of self respect had been regained with a 3-0 win over Plymouth the previous week as the walking wounded began to return to full fitness.

In a controlled and measured display the Town defence kept the freescoring Wigan attack at bay and when David Oldfield calmly sidefooted the ball into the net in the 68th minute it looked highly likely that the

first away win of the season was on the cards. Unfortunately, gamesmanship by Roberto Martinez when he tumbled theatrically in the area, fooled the referee leaving Graeme Jones to net from the spot. In the cold light of day we were pleased with the point as we attempted the slow rise up the table.

The return was played the following February and although the Town were still in the bottom four a draw at promotion bound Watford a couple of weeks before had put a new spring in the step of all those at Kenilworth Road.

Unfortunately, the supporters were not happy when they learnt, on turning up for the game, that ace marksman Tony Thorpe was on his way to Fulham for £800,000. Despite this loss the Town were always the better side against a sliding Wigan and although the Latics took an early lead through Jones, many chances were created but only one, from Oldfield, was converted on a frustrating evening.

The next clash came early in the following season on the occasion of our final visit to Springfield Park. This time we had started the campaign in rather better form and sat in mid-table alongside Wigan fresh from a win at Oxford in the Worthington Cup and a 2-0 victory over Colchester at Kenilworth Road.

At Springfield Park a volley from Steve Davis gave the Town an interval lead before Stuart Barlow, so often a thorn in our sides, took advantage of shoddy Luton defending to stroke home an equaliser against the run of play.

All was well in the end though with Phil Gray, giving his best display for the club since his return almost a year before, setting up Sean Evers and then netting him-

The return, the following February, is best forgotten! For the record Pat McGibbon



Brian Stein heads home for the Town during our 2-0 League Cup win Self for a deserved 3-1 win. over Wigan at Kenilworth Road in 1978.

A sorry record against the Latics

put the Latics into an early lead before Hatter's goalkeeper Kelvin Davis was sent off for handling the ball outside the area after 23 minutes. Full-back Gerry Harrison, on loan from Sunderland, deputised between the sticks but ten man Luton were unable to give him much cover and he ended up picking the ball out of the net three times.

By the time of the Town's next visit to Wigan, in October 1999, the Latics had moved to the marvellous JJB stadium and a good number of Luton supporters made their way to the new venue to see third placed Hatters take on the side one place below them.

Administration had left manager Lennie Lawrence with a very young, inexperienced side against a team that had cost a lot of money to assemble. It was hard to tell which side was which, however, as the Town took the game to their illustrious opponents and it was only a strange decision by the linesman, ruling offside against Gary Doherty, that prevented the Town from taking the lead.

The only goal of the game came when Barlow shot home with 15 minutes left to leapfrog the Town in the table for a rather fortunate home

By the time of the return, just before the end of the season, we had secured a mid-table place but Wigan were tucked in behind Preston at the top of the table. Their visit to Kenilworth Road was therefore seen as a vital three points in their bid for promotion to Division One for the first time in their history.

This time Luton supporters were mourning the departure of Gary Doherty who had just gone to Tottenham but the players did not seem to be affected as they tore into the Wigan defence from the start. The opening goal, a dubious penalty awarded to Wigan after Simon Haworth tumbled over Luton goalkeeper Ben Roberts, was therefore against the run of play but in the second period Gray equalised for the Town during a period of Wigan ascendancy.

Wigan failed to win promotion and welcomed Luton to the JJB for their first home game of the following campaign. Both sides had new managers in charge with the Town giving Ricky Hill a pointless baptism on the opening day following a 0-1 home defeat at the hands of Notts County, while the Latics welcomed ex-Luton favourite Bruce Rioch who

saw his side earn a point in a 0-

0 draw at newly promoted Swansea. The game hinged on set piece plays with Wigan supporters seeing McGibbon head in from a corner and Andy Liddell netting from a free-kick while our solitary reply came from Julian Watts who headed home Matthew Taylor's flag kick.

By the time of the return we had parted company with Ricky Hill who had been replaced by Lil Fuccillo in the hot seat. Fuccillo had fared little better though, and the Town were second bottom five points from

Wigan were once more challenging for promotion and in a perfect display of counter attacking football won 2-0 through goals from Haworth and Stefan Bidstrup. During the 90 minutes we had only one shot on target to make it a thoroughly miserable afternoon.

With Wigan enjoying an unbeaten league record at Kenilworth Road we certainly have some catching up

viewed by a television reporter while the game was in full flow!

Roger Wash

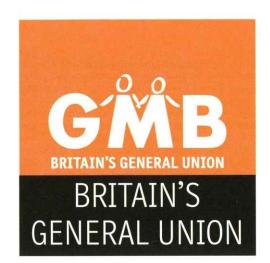
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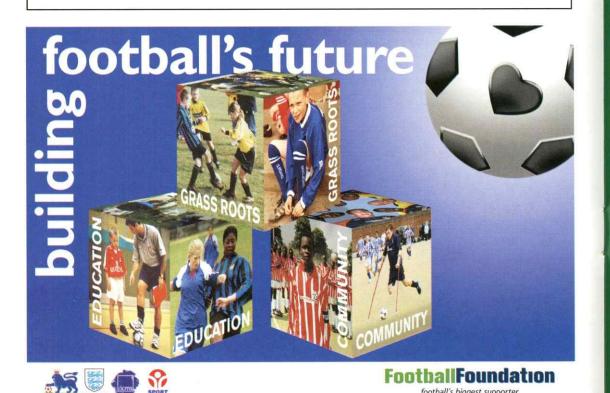
The programme cover for Wigan's first visit to Kenilworth Road, for a League Cup tie in August 1978, featured the six new players who, along with centre-half Chris Turner, had made their debuts for the Town on the opening day of the season against Oldham.

The 6-1 victory, after being 0-1 down at half-time, guite rightly features strongly in the programme but the achievements of Wigan, in securing a place in the Football League after years of trying, is also given a full

Manager David Pleat, in his column, does not disguise the fact that he is harbouring a festering wound when he reveals that he played in a cup-tie for Peterborough at Wigan some nine years before (alongside Chris Turner) and lost out to a last minute penalty!



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Hatters Away

WE HIT the road twice next week, with a visit to Crewe on Tuesday followed by the local derby at Northampton on Saturday. The match at Sixfields is a sell-out, so it is not worth making the trip if you do not have a ticket.

As usual, two coach services are on offer for both games. The Bobbers Travel Club trip to Crewe will leave Cranfield at 2pm, with a 3pm departure from Luton. The fare is £12, £10 for pensioners and under-16s. Town on Tour will leave Luton at 3pm, calling at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later. Fares are £13 for LTSC members, £11 for concessions members and £15 for non-members.

For the match at Northampton, Town on Tour will leave Luton at 12.30, again with a pick-up at MK Coachway 20 minutes later. Their fare is £10 for Supporters Club members and £9 for juniors and seniors who are in LTSC. For nonmembers the fare is £12.

The Bobbers, leaving Cranfield at 11.30 and Luton at 12.30, are charging £8 and £6.50 for junior and senior citizens.

Driving to Gresty Road

THE problem with motoring to Crewe is that the shortest route includes the M6 through the midlands, so Town fans heading for Gresty Road might consider using the M1 to junction 23a, and then the A50 to join the M6



near Stoke, and there turn right, towards the north. Leave the motorway at junction 16, to follow the signs towards Crewe, first on the A500 and then, at the first roundabout, on the A5020. After two miles on that road, and in the centre of Crewe, take a left turn at a roundabout signposted to Crewe railway station, and Gresty Road is the first left past the station.

Mileage: 155 via M1 and M6, about 175 via M1 and Stoke.

Easy Riding



THE journey to Northampton is the easiest of the season, with Sixfields Stadium being close to the M1, and with decent parking facilities.

Take the motorway north out

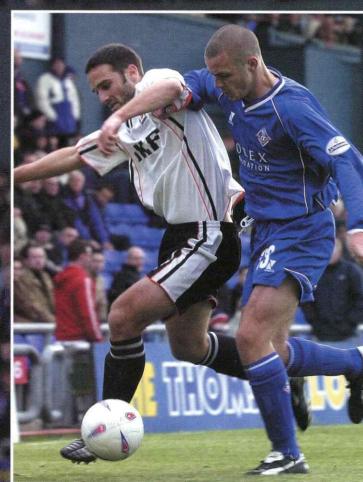
of Luton and leave at junction 15a, which is signposted to Northampton North, and follow the signs towards Northampton on the A43. Go straight on at four roundabouts and at the fourth you will pick up the signs to Sixfields as you head towards the Coventry road. At the fifth roundabout you will see the stadium - take a right turn into Upton Way, and then right again into Sixfields.

Mileage from Luton: 43.

Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC and the Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC and the Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road before or after home matches. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, who pickup at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1. Town on Tour offers its best deals to members of Luton Town Supporters Club. You can visit the club shop to book seats, or reserve them by phoning 07960 567465. Maple Road car park, which will be stewarded, is available for coach passengers, at £4 per car.







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GOING IN WHERE IT HURTS: Steve Robinson illustrates the spirit and determination running through the Town's performances as they made it five league wins in succession at Boundary Park.

Top right: Tony Thorpe proves what a handful he can be to opposing defenders, Chris Armstrong in this instance. Above: Andrew Fotiadis more than ready to give as good as he gets against Armstrong.



LTFC in the Community Working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association

AS I AM sure you are aware, this week is the national Anti-Racism Week of Action in Football. It is an initiative that is fully supported by Luton Town Football Club. With this in mind I thought I would like to tell you about a couple of events that the Community Department has been delighted to support in recent weeks. I would like to publicly thank Marvin Johnson and Ahmet Brkovic for their support.

As part of the continuing link being developed by Luton Town FC and the local community, we were delighted to assist Luton Rotary Club in their search to find a suitable club to whom they could donate a new kit.

I was approached by John Maddox and David Ball of the Rotary Club with the request and in turn pointed them in the direction of Luton Asians FC and in particular Butch Fazal of Football for All, who were very grateful to receive the offer.

Luton Asians are a thriving club local to Kenilworth

Road, and under the guidance of Butch are continuing to give young Asian children of all ages the chance to play the sport in an area were the enthusiasm is undeniable but unfortunately the opportunities to play are limited due to the lack of facilities. The donation by the Rotary Club has enabled the club this year to develop another team.

I feel that part of our role within Football in the Community is to try to provide these opportunities for all children within the town, but this can only be achieved with the help of such sponsorships, and to this end I am very grateful for the generosity of the Rotary Club, and I know that Butch and the boys share that sentiment.

Our picture shows John Maddox and Ahmet Brkovic presenting the kit to two of the Luton Asians players. A group of their players will be the guests of the Community Department at today's game, which marks the final day of this year's Kick Racism Out Of Football Week.













LTFC in the Community



On Monday this week, Marvin Johnson and I were delighted to accept the invitation of Luton Sixth Form College to participate in their Racial Awareness week. The week was designed to give children an insight into everything that is involved in becoming a top level footballer.

Not many people have the ability to reach this level, but I feel that it is a great idea to make the kids aware of the sacrifices players have to make to reach the top of their profession. When you think that Marvin has played against the likes of Mark Hughes, lan Rush and Kenny Dalglish, surely that makes it all worth while.

ties to be coached by UEFA qualified coachthings such as the necessary dietary needs of a professional sportsman. We were able to assist by offering the children the opportunity to meet Marvin and to participate in a

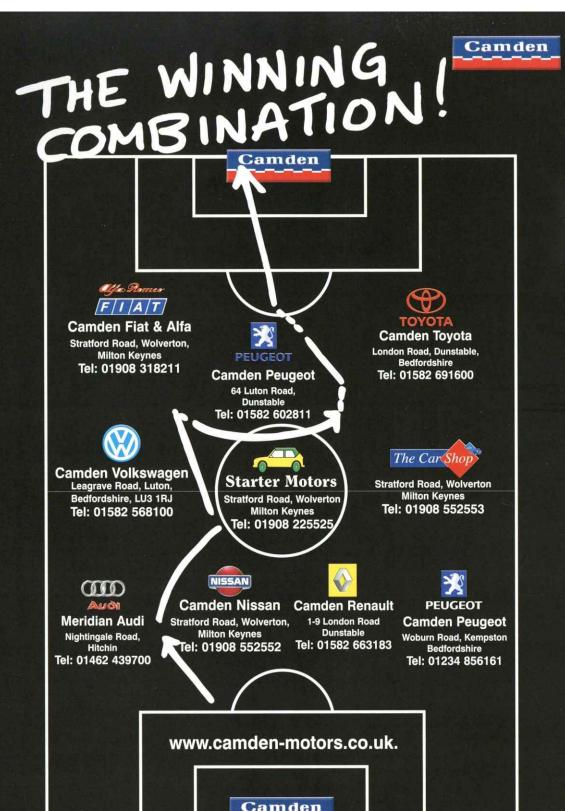
question and answer session with him.

The children asked questions on a variety of subjects. They included topics such as the best player and team Marvin had encountered, and the best Luton team he had played in. Marvin was also asked about his experiences of racial abuse within the professional game.

To see the children's reaction to Marvin's arrival was a pleasure and I am sure that his words will inspire these lads to greater things within the game.

He was opening a three-day coaching course, youngsters between 14 and 16 took part in the course which aimed to combine The course offered the children opportuni- football coaching and race awareness seminars, while showing that football is a game es; additionally they were taught about that can be played and enjoyed by all, regardless of their background.

Stuart Smith



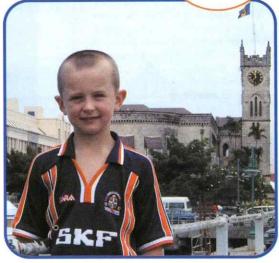
Hatters Abroad

POOTBALL GLUB

A YOUNG supporter following a family tradition is Jamie Castle, whose dad Steve sent in his picture, taken at Parliament Square in Bridgetown, Barbados. Jamie is six and attends the William Ransom JMI school in Hitchin.

His first Hatters home game was last season against Bristol Rovers, and he is now a Luton fanatic.

Said Steve, from Hensley Close, Hitchin: "I have been coming to Luton games for 27 years, since my dad started taking me – he came from Offley and one of his great memories was of seeing the Blackpool cup-tie in 1959, when he was in Kenilworth Road's biggest-ever crowd. Now I have started taking my son, so he's the third generation





Luton supporter in the family. We sit in the enclosure, near the tunnel – we tried the New Stand last season but Jamie didn't like it very much because other youngsters were messing around and he wanted to watch the match without being disturbed."

OUR other young Hatter Abroad is Emily Lynch, from Fieldfare Green, Luton. Her dad tells us: "She is a Junior Hatter and also a season ticket holder. The photograph was taken this summer in Disneyland, Florida. It would be great to see her picture in the programme."

THIS series will be an occasional feature in the matchday magazine this season. If you have a nice photo of a very young Town fan, and would like to see it published, all you have to do is to get in touch with the programme editor. Please send it, with a few details, either by post to Luton Town FC, or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com

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Action Replay

THE NEED to prevent the crippling injury list getting any worse saw the Town put out what is probably one of their youngest-ever sides in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy at Woking on Tuesday.

Four youth team players were making their debuts at kick-off, and by 90 minutes later another three had also been given their first taste of senior action.

Woking, struggling in the Conference, but able to sit a £60,000 buy from Crystal Palace on the bench for the first hour, were up for it in a game which had the potential to embarrass the Town.

Instead the whole team, skippered by Peter Holmes, marshalled at the back by Marvin Johnson, and sharing an appetite to impress, took the opportunity to show that for the long-term, at least, the Town have a fair amount of talent in the pipeline.

Joe Kinnear missed the game, because he was scouting for players who might be signed on loan to help the short-term problems, but Mick Harford was delighted with the "Junior Hatters" contin-

Woking 0 Luton Town 2 (HT 0-1)

gent who grabbed their chance to show what they can do.

None more so than 18-year-old centre-half Joe Deeney, who not only shone as a stopper, aided by the cajoling and encouragement of Johnson, but also went upfield for set pieces, and from one of them netted the second goal.

The other youngsters all played their parts too – James Osborn and Michael Leary in midfield, and striker Matthew Judge, who was partnering Ahmet Brkovic in attack.

The result was not as emphatic as it should have been. Shwan Jalal, on loan from Spurs, made four very good saves from Brkovic, but one led to the clinching goal, on 58 minutes. Deeney powered in his header from a right wing corner by Holmes, and the game was just about all over.

Holmes had claimed the first goal, on 25 minutes. His corner from the left was half-cleared back to him, and he returned the ball instantly into the danger area. Somehow it eluded everyone in a crowded box, and found its way into the far corner of the net.

Woking rarely threatened, giving Mark Ovendale a fairly leisurely run-out as he continues to chase match fitness, and when he was beaten by a deep cross by Nicky Banger Johnson cleared off the line from a header by Grant Payne.

Deeney was involved in the other moment of danger, when Woking howled in vain for a penalty as he and Payne became entangled early in the second half, when the Town were stretched as they hunted the second goal.

When it arrived, it was no more than fair reward for the players. "This was a difficult place to come to with an inexperienced team," said Harford. "They were up against a lot of men who have been around in football, but they handled it very well. The result was well-deserved."

Luton Town: Ovendale; Hillier, Deeney, Johnson (Barnett 85 mins), Kimble; Osborn (Okai 72 mins), Leary, Mansell, Holmes; Brkovic, Judge (Foley 56 mins). Unused subs: Brill, O'Leary

Booked: Hillier, foul

Woking: Jalal; Piper, Scott Smith (Reeks HT), Boardman, Patmore, Simpemba (Allman 33 mins). Kember, Hamilton (Sharpling 61 mins), Neil Smith; Banger, Payne. Unused subs Farrelly, Collins.

Booked: Robert Kember, Stuart Reeks, Warren Patmore, all for fouls.

Referee: Mike Thorpe, Suffolk
Attendance: 1,216, Woking's
lowest of the season for their firstever LDVT tie, but boosted by 262
Town fans.



ALL OVER: Joe Deeney rises to head the Town's second goal, to secure their victory at Kingfield.

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changes forced on him by injuries, Joe Kinnear was pretty content at the way the Town came back from a goal down to be worthy winners against one of the teams promoted with us last season.

We might have feared the worst at the interval, when a below-par showing allowed Cheltenham to enjoy the lead with their half-time tea. The Town had looked the better side going forward, but sloppy defending allowed the visitors to snatch a 12th-minute lead through Russell Milton, and they survived until the break with a mixture of luck and poor finishing by the Town. Goalkeeper Steve Book had to be Cheltenham's man of the match, making two finger-tip saves to deny Matt Spring and Steve Howard, and let off the hook when Andrew Fotiadis lobbed too high in a one-on-

Paul Hughes and Alan Neilson had joined the injured list by the interval, and the Town switched to a 4-3-3, with Dean Crowe sent on as an extra striker and Aaron Skelton moving back from midfield to central defence. Skelton was in the side for the first time this season in place of lan Hillier, who was himself a replacement for Russ Perrett before he too was injured.

Cheltenham boss Graham Allner reckoned his defenders went into panic mode after Chris Coyne belted in a 54thminute equaliser from 25 yards

Luton Town 2 Cheltenham Tn 1 (HT 0-1)

following good work by sub Peter Holmes. The goal settled the Town, and they were by far the better side after it. Fotiadis missed another chance, delaying too long when Holmes put him through, but made up for it with the 69th-minute winner at the end of a swift attack engineered by Steve Robinson and Crowe.

By then confidence and selfbelief was running through the Town's play, and while Cedric Berthelin had to make one save, from Julian Alsop's header, the visitors were lucky not to concede another goal in the closing minutes, when Crowe put a header wide.

The fans were not too worried—the fourth consecutive league victory and a top ten place in the league were proof of how far we have come since the poor start to the season, when going behind was the near-inevitable prelude to throwing away home points.

The manager said: "Considering the side we had to put out, it was a god performance and result. We didn't gel at times, but we deserved to win.

"Coyne's equaliser settled us down, and we needed that to come quickly in the second half. I know it took a couple of slight deflections, but it was a tremendous strike.

"I have no worry about our commitment – as long as you

keep going there is always a good chance you will get results, and we did.

"Cheltenham were difficult to play against – they lumped the ball up to Alsop and you were never sure where it would go from there. We had to be quicker than them to get to the second ball, and we were."

Cheltenham boss Allner said:
"We needed to settle better in
the second half, but we are
going through a spell when we
can't hold on to a lead. We
needed a second goal, but it
wouldn't come. We were
undone by a deflection, and we
panicked after that."

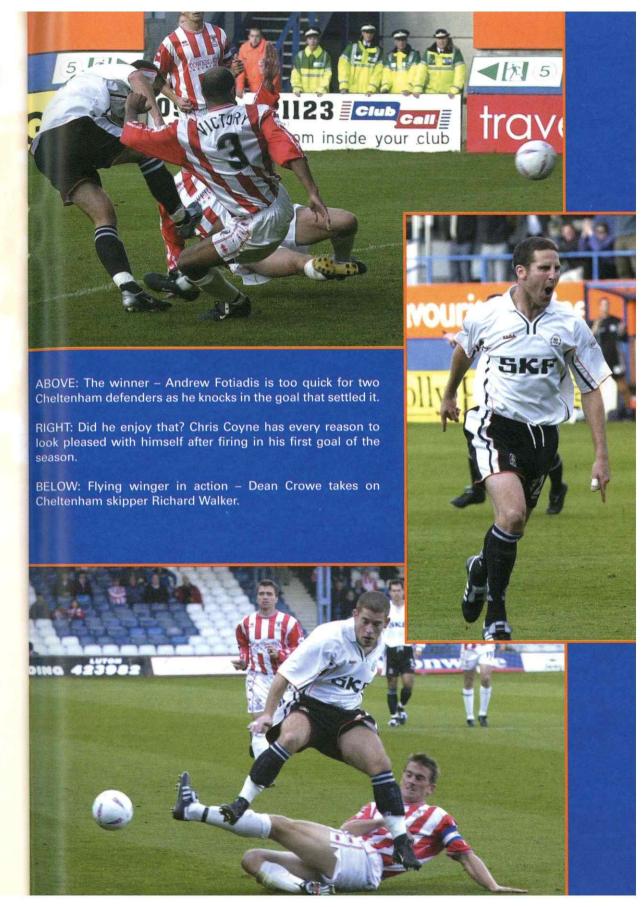
For the record, Chris Coyne said his first goal of the season was from a chance he could see opening up as the ball broke towards him, and while there were two deflections, the ball kept its line into the net, just as he had intended.

Luton Town: Berthelin; Boyce, Neilson (Crowe HT), Coyne, Davis; Robinson, Spring, Skelton, Hughes (Holmes 35 mins); Howard, Fotiadis (Brkovic 85 mins). Unused subs: Emberson, Thorpe.

Booked: Sol Davis for a foul. Cheltenham Town: Book; Howarth, Duff, Walker, Victory (Brough 85 mins); Williams (Spencer 80 mins), Finnigan, Forsyth, Milton; Alsop, Naylor (Brayson 63 mins). Unused subs: Yates, Higgs.

Booked: Neil Howarth for a foul.

Referee: Clive Penton, Sussex. **Attendance:** 6,447, including 328 away fans.



Action Replay

THE SIGNS
were not good
as the Town went to Boundary
Park, where they had not won a
league match in 11 attempts
since 1977. Alan Neilson and
Paul Hughes had been added
to the lengthening injury list,
and Steve Howard was suspended. Four minutes into the
game Oldham took the lead,
and five minutes later Dean
Crowe, deputy for the leading
scorer, pulled a hamstring and
had to be subbed.

A year ago such a pile of problems might have been fatal. Not now. One bonus was the return of Russ Perrett after almost recovering from injury, and he and Chris Coyne were magnificent in repelling Oldham's attempted bombardment.

Peter Holmes came back in place of Paul Hughes, and played a major part in the Town's domination of midfield, along with Aaron Skelton, who has come back after injury to deputise for Kevin Nicholls. Crowe's misfortune led to Tony Thorpe's recall, and he completed the Town's recovery at Oldham with the winning goal. Oldham manager lain Dowie, still a bit of a Hatters fan after starting his pro career at Kenilworth Road, admitted: "Luton were better than us for long periods of the game."

The home fans tried in vain to lift their team as they watched their side's bright opening fade away rapidly. They were stunned as the Town took command against a team which had tasted the league leadership after a 100 per cent

Oldham Ath 1 Luton Town 2 (HT 1-1)

September and went into Saturday's game on a run of eight straight wins followed by a draw.

"For the first 15 minutes we were decent, but after that Luton's front two gave us problems, and they shaded the midfield," was Dowie's summing up.

Oldham's goal had a touch of luck about it, with a fortunate bounce going their way as the Town tried to clear their lines on the edge of the box. Tony Carrs took advantage to set up defender Dean Holden in the inside right position, and his low cross-shot went into the net off the inside of the far post.

Crowe limped out after only nine minutes, but the Town's football just got better and better in all departments. Skelton's through ball gave Andrew Fotiadis a reasonable chance, but he blazed his shot high and wide after bursting clear to within ten yards of the target. It didn't matter: two minutes later Skelton provided the service again, and this time Fotiadis drove his shot hard and low, and it beat the keeper for pace, nutmegging him on its way into the net for his fourth goal in as many games.

That was in the 33rd minute, and Oldham never threatened after that. The winner came after 58 minutes, Thorpe carefully placing his low shot clear of the keeper and covering

defenders after Coyne headed back a corner by Matt Spring. Oldham tried to stage a grandstand finish, without being allowed to get close to Cedric Berthelin, and were fortunate that their first home defeat since August was not more decisive, because in stoppage time Spring's 25-yard thunderbolt was finger-tipped round the post when it looked certain to be the third goal which would not have flattered the Town

Joe Kinnear called it "A well thought-out victory" and paid due tribute to players who had been called into the squad as replacements for injured men. On this evidence, some of those sitting it out might have cause to worry about longer absences than they might like.

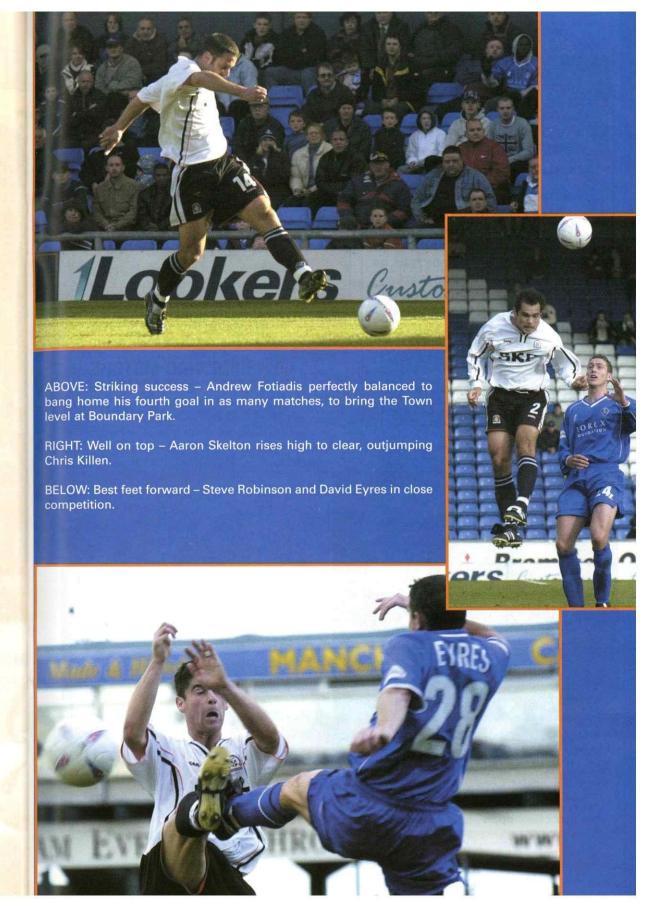
Luton Town: Berthelin; Boyce,
Perrett, Coyne, Davis;
Robinson, Spring, Skelton
(Brkovic 59 mins), Holmes
(Hillier 89 mins); Fotiadis,
Crowe (Thorpe 9 mins).
Unused subs: Kimble,
Emberson.

Booked: Andrew Fotiadis, Ahmet Brkovic and Russ Perrett, all for fouls.

Oldham: Pogliacomi; Hall, Duxbury (Haining 67 mins), Armstrong; Eyre, Holden (Laurenco 71 mins), Sheriden, Carss, Eyres; Corazzin (Andrews 59mins), Killen. Unused subs: Miskelly, Vernon. Booked: John Eyre and Tony Carrs for fouls.

Referee: Carl Boyeson, Yorkshire.

Attendance: 6,916, including 610 Town fans.





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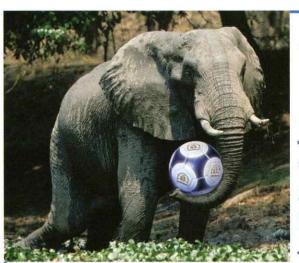
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Junior Hatters

ONE of the best things about following Luton Town is that we make friends all over the country, and this afternoon we are delighted to welcome back to Kenilworth Road our counter-parts from Wigan, the Junior Latics, led by Laurence Fairhurst and Terry Knowles. We have enjoyed many meetings over the years, and today the young Wigan fans will be joining us for a full day out at Kenilworth Road, thanks to our very popular Saturday Club.

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

The family room is open again during the interval, and at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. The price is a bargain: £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £11 including a match ticket.



Sometimes there are visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for a small extra charge.

Today we were playing football against the Junior Latics, and we hope that all the young-sters involved have an enjoyable day.

Our next planned away trip is not until next month, to Tranmere Rovers, and apologies are due to members who missed the excursion to Oldham last week. We had originally been told that it would not be possible to go to Boundary Park, but the decision was changed a few days before the game. The result was that we took fewer young supporters than usual, but everyone who went agreed it was a very good day out – especially the result!

A LATE withdrawal because of the half-term holiday meant that today's Junior Hatters mascot choice had to be re-drawn, and the acceptance of the invitation came too late for the details to be included in this afternoon's matchday magazine. However, we will make good the omission in our next edition.

We have two ballboys on duty, Daniel Riley, from Beckham Close, Luton, and Jordan Bowden, from Stanborough, Welwyn Garden City.

Our picture shows the mascots enjoying one of the highlights of their day at our last home game, when we played Cheltenham. Pictured with the skippers and match officials in the centre circle are Thomas Heywood, representing the Junior Hatters, and Scott Clark, who was the commercial mascot.

Happy Harry

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

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TODAYS MATCH:

- 2.15 Team line up to be announced
- HMV Single of the week Blue - One Love
- Dedications announced
- Town Teaser -See Page 55
- Player Track See Right
- Teams runout to The Blues Brothers 4.05 Teams arrive back on pitch "Gimme Some Lovin"
- 3.00 THE BIG KICK OFF

HALF TIME

- 3.50 Golden Gamble Winning ticket drawn on pitch
- 3.55 Run down of half time scores from around the country
- 4.00 Dedications
- to theme sona "Gimme Some Lovin"

Player Track



Matthew Spring DONTELL JONES SHORTY GOT HER EYES ON ME

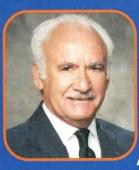
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Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

Reviewed August, 2002.



Luton Belles



LUTON maintained their top of the league form with a crushing 8-0 victory against Oxford-based Mansfield Road. In the wet conditions the Belles pinged the ball around to devastating effect, and were in the lead within three minutes from a cool finish by in-form striker Vicky Moody. Vicky repeated the act twenty minutes later, to take her tally to five goals in three matches, before finding Rhiannon Morgan with a neat through-pass which she finished off with a hard low shot to give the Town a 3-0 interval

The onslaught continued into the second half and Rhiannon Morgan's near post cross was won by Vicky Moody and the ball popped up for Fay Howell to head in from close range. Kim Hide then burst into the area and was brought down and Louise Evans confidently smashed in the penalty to make it 5-0. Kaylee Owen capped a determined midfield performance with her first goal of the campaign for number six. Sam Mather then volleyed home from a corner before Stacev Connell and Louise Evans both struck the woodwork. The eighth goal arrived in the last minute when Rhiannon Morgan made a diagonal run

across the box to flick in Fay Howell's near post cross.

Belles now have a break from league action when they entertain Denham United in the First Round Proper of the FA Cup tomorrow at Stockwood Park, kick off 2pm. The tie will prove a stern test of the young Belles' progress, as Denham are two leagues above them.

The youth section continue their good form, with the under-14s' 6-1 victory at Hoddesdon bringing four goals for Michelle Byrne and two for Fay Rolls.

The under-13s pulled off an outstanding result against pre-season title favourites QPR, winning 3-2 with goals from Natalie Burchnall, Ann Folan and Brittany Murtagh. They too remain at the league summit despite their first defeat of the season when they went down 1-2 to Denham United. Natalie Burchnall gave them an early lead but they were pegged back and then conceded a late penalty.

The under-11s extended their lead with an outstanding display of passing football and finishing against QPR. Lauren Bruton led the way with a hat trick, with Robyn Wilfort (2), Livi Robinson and Jasmine Hall also on target in a fine 7-

win.

Hatfield Town then visited Luton and were on the end of a real goal feast as livewire striker Lauren Bruton weighed in with another eight goals in a 16-0 win. Yasmin Hickling and Livi Robinson both struck braces and Kelly Moss, Robyn Wilfort, Jade McEntaggart and Maisie Wyatt completed the scoring. Lauren Bruton has now become the youngest player in the club's history to reach 50 goals, and the record is likely to stand for some time as she is still one month short of her tenth birthday.

Belles now also top the Chiltern Sevens under-12 league, having beaten the two previous leaders heavily in the space of a fortnight. Leighton United were the first victims, beaten 7-0 to four goals from Natalie Burchnall and a Nicky Shepherd hat trick. Crawley Green were then hammered 6-0, the goals coming from Brittany Murtagh (4) and Micky Osman (2).

The under-14s recorded a 5-1 away win against Flitwick Eagles, with goals by Emma Wells (2), Chloe Fensome, Laura Massey and Natalie Forbes.

Dave Baker

LUTON Belles organises football for girls of all ages, from ten upwards. If you want to know more, or fancy being involved, e-mail Dave Baker at lutonbelles@hotmail.com The Belles also have a website — pay a visit to www.lutontownbelles.com



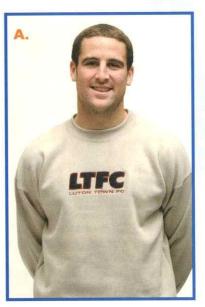
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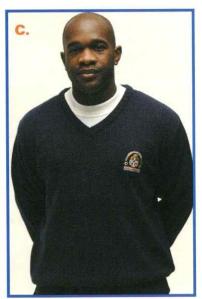


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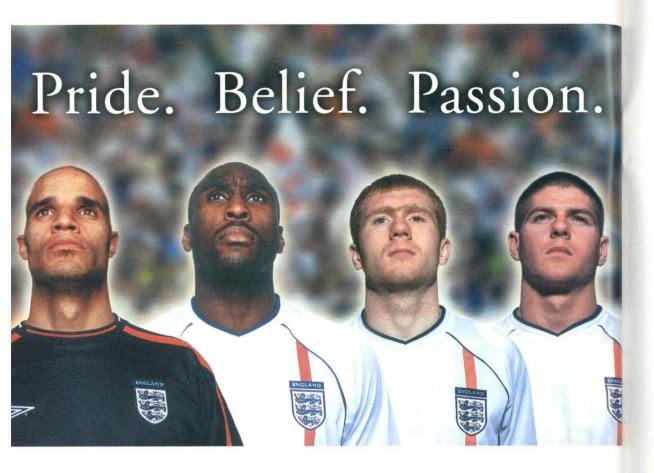
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In Reserve

Luton Town 3 AVON ENSURANCE Wycombe Wdrs 1

WE HAD to put out a very inexperienced team because seniors who would have been available were wanted to augment the injury-hit first team squad. Mark Ovendale and Alan Kimble, both coming back after injuries, were the only senior pros in the team, and it was a great delight to see the way everyone played their part in a very good win.

Eight youth team players took their chance to show they can do well playing against men, bridged the gap between youth and reserve football very well. Conceding the opening goal was a reminder of how not to do things. It came from our corner, after 29 minutes, and Wycombe launched their first attack on the break from it. Even so we had two defenders facing one striker and should have dealt with the danger, but we allowed the Wycombe man to hold the ball long enough to await the arrival of a speedy colleague and poor marking allowed him to score.

We were level six minutes later, mainly through the bravery of Michael Leary. His shot was blocked and spiralled into the air, and he went up with the keeper for a header. He was clattered, but the ball broke for Matthew Judge to score.

We made a few chances after that, but too often our

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	7	7	0	0	17	4	21
Crystal Palace	7	6	1	0	23	6	19
Norwich	8	5	3	0	16	3	18
Luton Town	7	5	1	1	19	6	16
Brighton	7	5	1	1	16	6	16
QPR	8	4	2	2	11	12	14
Swindon	8	4	1	3	10	11	13
Cardiff	7	3	2	2	12	7	11
Southend	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Colchester	6	3	2	1	4	4	11
Brentford	9	3	2	4	12	19	11
Reading	5	3	1	1	9	3	10
Millwall	8	3	1	4	7	7	10
Bournemouth	7	3	1	3	11	15	10
L. Orient	6	2	2	2	15	12	8
Gillingham	7	2	2	3	11	11	8
Bristol City	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
Bristol Rov	10	1	4	5	10	16	7
Oxford	6	2	0	4	7	10	6
Peterborough	8	2	0	6	10	16	6
Plymouth	7	2	0	5	8	16	6
Wycombe	8	2	0	6	10	20	6
Northampton	9	2	0	7	10	26	6
Cheltenham	5	1	2	2	12	8	5
Cambridge	6	1	1	4	3	13	4
Barnet	6	0	1	5	6	19	1

final ball let us down, and we needed more awareness. At half

time, when it was still 1-1, my instructions were not to complicate things, but to rely on pass and move, and we did just that. I felt we always looked like winning because we were more decisive and making more use of attacking width.

We took the lead on 58 minutes when Max Howell had a shot blocked and Judge converted the rebound, and on 75 minutes Howell slotted in the third goal after Parys Okai went to the line and crossed.

We probably should have scored more goals, especially when Wycombe had a man sent off for using an elbow on Leon Barnett, but overall I was very pleased to see us playing simply but effectively.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Foley, Kimble, Barnett, J. Deeney, L. Mansell, O'Leary (Okai 56 mins). Leary, Howell, Judge, Osborn (Davis 87 mins).

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: L. Mansell 7, Skelton 7, Fotiadis 6, Holmes 6, Leary 5(2), Hillier 5, Foley 5, Gillman 4(1), Barnett 3(1), J. Deeney 3, Neilson 3, Griffiths 3, Osborn 2(5), Okai 2(3), Eberendo 2(2), Hughes 2, Beckwith 2, Howell 2, Brill 2, Thorpe 2, Brkovic 2, Howell 2, Ovendale 2, Kimble 2, Kovacevic 1, Emberson 1, De Souza 1, Berthelin 1, Barnett 1, O'Leary 1(4), Judge 1(2), Davies 0(2).

Goals: Fotiadis 3, Judge 3, Griffiths 3, Thorpe 2, Brkovic 2, Howell 2, Skelton 1, Eberendo 1, Holmes 1, Gillman 1

Brian Stein

August		
Wed 14 Bristol City(LC)	A	0-3
Wed 21 Reading	A	1-2 Skelton
Wed 28 Bristol Rov	н	1-1 Griffiths
September		
Wed 4 Millwall	н	2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)
Wed 18 Swindon	A	4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell
Wed 25 Peterborough	н	4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes
October		
Wed 9 Plymouth	A	4-0 Brkovic 2, Gillman, Judge
Wed 16 Wycombe	н	3-1 Judge 2, Howell
Wed 30 Cambridge	Α	2pm
November		
Wed 6 Bournemouth	н	2pm
Wed 13 QPR	н	2pm
Wed 27 Northampton	A	2pm
December		
Wed 4 Southend	A	2pm
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Youth Soccer - U17s

Luton Town 0 QPR 2

FIELDING a side which included five under-15s, we hardly deserved to be beaten by two goals, but were punished by a good team for a couple of defensive lapses, and for not taking the chances we created.

An injury to Robert Beckwith gave us the chance to look at a new goalkeeper, Sebastian Hurst, from Welwyn Garden City, and he was one of many who played well, despite the result.

We fell behind on five minutes to a good strike, but should have been level ten minutes later. Unfortunately Mutsa Mugadah headed over the bar from close range. On run of play we deserved an equaliser, even though we were not at our best.

Three changes were made at the interval, to give younger players their chance, and we saw an excellent second-half performance. We passed and moved well, and at times QPR were on the ropes. The disappointment was that for all our good play we missed a lot of chances.

We had QPR pinned down for much of the second half, but they scored again with a breakaway on 85 minutes, and try as we might we could not pull one back. But even at two down we were still going for it, and the team spirit was great.

Luton Town: Hurst, Smyth, Shea (Green HT),

	FL Youth	Allia	nce	Under-17
Augus	st			
17	Brighton	Α	0-3	
24	Peterborough	Α	6-0	Shea, Barnett, Blythe, Freeman, Keane, Maitland.
Septe	mber			
7	Southend	Α	2-1	Ridgway 2 pens
14	Portsmouth	н	1-0	Mugadah
21	Gillingham	Α	4-3	Ridgway 2, Clark, Mansel
28	Cambridge	A	0-0	
Octob	per			
5	Colchester	н	3-0	Mugadah, Keane, Blythe
19	QPR	н	0-2	
26	Wycombe	Α		
Nove	mber			
2	L. Orient	Α		
9	Brentford	н		
16	Cambridge	н		
23	Colchester	Α		
30	QPR	Α		

RECOGNITION of the talent we have in our youth system has come from Ireland and England in the last week or two. Keith Keane and Sean Ridgway were the only 15-year-olds among 27 boys invited to attend a Republic of Ireland under-17 training camp at Lilleshall. The get-together was to enable FAI youth coaches to have a look at candidates for places in the Irish team for the European Youth Championships.

England, meanwhile, called up Paul Marsiligo to attend an under-14 development squad session, with Ryan Charles on stand-by.

D. Deeney, Mountford, Reid, Blake (Sinclair HT), Ridgway, Clark (Richardson HT), Mugadah, Blyth.

WE were away to Wycombe this morning, and next Saturday we travel to Leighton Orient. Our next home game is the week after, November 9, when we meet Brentford at Luton Rugby Club, kick-off 11am.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: D. Deeney 8, Ridgway 8, Blake 7(1), Blythe 7, Mountford 7, Shea 6(2), Brill 6, Reid 6, Smyth 5(2), Clark 5(1), Mugadah 5(1), De Souza 5, Freeman 2, Keane 2, R. Mansell 2, Green 1(4), McCarthy 1(2), Maitland 1(1), Barnett 1, Barrett 1, Howell 1, Hurst 1, Sinclair 0(6), Richardson 0(2) Pendleton 0(1).

Goals: Ridgway 4, Blythe 2, Keane 2, Mugadah 2, Maitland 1, Shea 1, Barnett 1, Freeman 1, Clark 1, R. Mansell 1

Mark Ridgway

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Peterborough	9	7	1	1	21	10	22
Brighton	9	6	1	2	18	9	19
L. Orient	9	5	2	2	21	11	17
Luton Town	8	5	1	2	16	9	16
Gillingham	9	4	1	4	25	25	13
Colchester	9	3	3	3	10	13	12
Cambridge	9	3	2	4	18	17	11
Wycombe	8	3	2	3	17	24	11
QPR	8	2	3	3	8	10	9
Portsmouth	8	2	0	6	16	16	6
Brentford	9	2	0	7	14	23	6
Southend	9	1	2	6	13	30	5

Youth Soccer - U19s

FA Youth Cup: Brentford 0 Luton Town 3

deserved on Wednesday, although the result was probably a little flattering. I felt 1-0 was about right, but it was very pleasing to see how we coped with Brentford's attempts to batter us after we took the lead, and then how we hit them on the break twice in the last ten minutes when they were gambling everything on attack.

fact that we included two schoolboys and had schoolboys on the bench. The subs were not needed - the eleven who started did so well there was no point in changing it.

We included four players who had been involved in the LDV game at Woking 24 hours earlier, and one of them, Matthew Judge, gave us the lead on 23 minutes, shooting in at the far

We had enjoyed the better of the game until then, but after the goal Brentford fought hard. They were direct and strong, but our defence stood up well, with Curtis Davies outstanding. I couldn't see Brentford breaking us down, and the only danger was that they might undo us with a set

game, and as the end approached Brentford were getting more and more desperate.

AN EXCELLENT team performance gave us a win which we

The performance was all the more satisfactory in view of the

post after a cross from the left.

However, the whole team applied itself well to keep us in the

We held them reasonably comfortably, and threatened on the break. Tom Freeman missed a glorious chance to extend

FL Youth Alliance Under-19

17	Walsall	Н	0-0	
31	Kidderminster	Α	1-0	Freeman
Septe	mber			
7	Brentford (LC)	A	2-0	Freeman, Okai
14	Oxford (LC)	н	4-1	Osborn 2, Okai, Freeman
21	Wycombe (LC)	н	2-2	Judge, Barnett
28	Northampton	Н	0-1	
Octob	per			
12	Peterborough	Α	1-3	O'Leary
19	West Brom	Α	0-1	
23	Brentford(FAYC1)	Α	3-0	Judge, Freeman 2
26	Rushden	H		
2	Oxford Utd	н		
9	Cambridge	Α		
16	Brighton (LC1)	Α		
30	West Brom	н		
Decer	mber			
7	Rushden & D	Α		
14	Oxford Utd	Α		
Janua	ary			
11	Cambridge	Н		
18	Walsall	Α		
25	Kidderminster	н		
Febru	ary			
1	Northampton	Α		
8	Peterborough	н		

the lead at the end of a sharp counter-attack, but more than made

amends by scoring twice in the last ten minutes. First he beat the offside trap on 80 minutes, and went round the goalkeeper to roll the ball into the net, and three minutes from time another break put him clear and as the keeper advanced he lobbed him to complete a fine victory.

Luton Town: Brill, Howell, R. Mansell, Foley, Davies, Barnett, Judge, O'Leary, Freeman, Maitland, Okai.

FLYA: Peterborough 3 Luton Town 1

A YOUNG team that had not played together before has to learn the lessons from this game, beginning with how to defend properly. We were two down in the first 23 minutes, and although Steve O'Leary pulled one back before the interval with a penalty we conceded another goal in the second half to a team who were sharper than us.

Luton Town: Brill, Howell, R. Mansell (Gillman 82 mins), O'Leary, Davis, Barnett, Ridgway (Osborn 65 mins), Foley, Judge, Maitland, Okai.

FLYA: West Brom 1 Luton Town 0

WHEN you are playing the league leaders, who have a 100 per cent record, the last thing you want is to see one of your players sent off. It happened to us when Parys Okai was guite rightly red carded for violent conduct after 22 minutes. The other lads put in a tremendous effort, but we needed 11 on the field, and one goal was always going to settle it. West Brom got it, in the 75th minute.

Luton Town: Brill, Howell, Barnett, Foley, Davies, J. Deeney, Judge, Osborn, Freeman (R. Mansell 80 mins), Maitland (Da Souza 80 mins), Okai.

WE WILL be at home to Oxford next Saturday, and spectators are welcome at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill. Kick-off is at 11 am, and admission is free.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Howell 9, Barnett 9, Freeman 8, Okai 8, Maitland 7(1), Judge 7, J. Deeney 7, O'Leary 7, Davies 6(2), Beckwith 6, Osborn 5(1), Foley 5, R. Mansell 4(2), Gillman 4(1), Brill 3(2), Keane 2(2), Ridgway 1(1), De Souza 1(1).

Goals: Freeman 5, Okai 2, Osborn 2, Judge 2, Barnett 1, O'Leary 1

John Moore

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vest Brom	5	5	0	0	10	3	15
Vorthampton	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
Walsall	6	3	1	2	12	6	10
eterborough	5	3	0	2	13	5	9
ambridge	5	2	1	2	7	9	7
Kidderminster	6	2	0	4	9	14	6
Luton Town	5	1	1	3	2	5	4
Oxford	5	1	0	4	4	11	3
Rushden	5	0	2	3	4	13	2

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Yellow and Red cards

	Yell.	Red	1	Yell.	Red
Barnsley	28	3	Tranmere	19	2
Chesterfield	30	0	Bristol City	17	3
Luton	29	1	QPR	17	3
Stockport	28	1	Northampton	16	3
Oldham	25	2	Notts County	18	0
Peterborough	24	1	Huddersfield	17	0
Wycombe	23	2	Colchester	14	2
Blackpool	22	2	Cardiff	15	0
Swindon	22	1	Plymouth	14	1
Port Vale	20	2	Brentford	12	0
Wigan	20	2	Cheltenham	10	0
Mansfield	21	0	Crewe	8	0

Scored in first 15 Mins

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FOR	0-15	Tot	%	AGAINST	0-15	Tot	%
Cardiff	6	20	30	Swindon	7	22	32
Wycombe	4	19	21	Cheltenham	6	22	27
Oldham	4	22	18	Mansfield	5	37	14
Wigan	4	26	15	Colchester	4	16	25
Bristol City	4	27	15	Luton	4	22	18
Huddersfield	3	12	25	Barnsley	4	23	17
Northampton	3	13	23	Port Vale	4	23	17
Tranmere	3	14	21	Brentford	3	17	18
Brentford	3	16	19	Huddersfield	3	17	18
Notts County	3	19	16	Stockport	3	17	18
Port Vale	3	19	16	Northampton	3	18	17
Luton	3	25	12	Wycombe	3	21	14
QPR	3	26	12	100 M	34.9		

TOP GOALSCORERS

Shots ou	tside area		Scored in	last 10 mins	
Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Zola	Chelsea	4	Earnshaw		4
Henry	Arsenal	3	Bramble	Southend	4
	1000	-	Bothroyd	Coventry	3
Mulryne	Norwich	3	Counago	lpswich	3
Corden	Mansfield	3	Johnson	Forest	3
	222 0		Cresswell	Preston	3
Wotton	Plymouth	3	Taylor	Blackpool	3
Langley	QPR	3	Murray	Bristol City	3
Liddell	Wigan	3	Howard	Luton	3
		_	Angell	Port Vale	3
Tudor	Cambridge	3	Connell	Bournemouth	3
Tinkler	Hartlepool	3	Kitson	Cambridge	3
Simpson	Rochdale	3	Tudor	Cambridge	3

Attendance Changes over 10 years

1,897

6,588

3,833

6,365

3,443 7,596

8,853 3,141

5,448

9,003 5,570

2,859

8,095

14,133

7,878

8,346

7,412

8.323

12,569

6,485 12,871

3,069

7,284

12,141

5,996

4,757

4,320

6,509

5,278

-48

	CLUB	Co	FK	CLUB	Со	FK
	Plymouth	5	5	Notts County	1	3
	Bristol City	3	4	Port Vale	2	2
	Brentford	2	4	Wycombe	2	2
	Luton	4	2	Barnsley	2	1
	Oldham	3	3	Chesterfield	0	3
h	QPR	2	4	Colchester	1	2
	Blackpool	5	0	Cardiff	2	0
	Crewe	1	4	Huddersfield	1	1
	Mansfield	0	5	Peterborough	0	2
	Tranmere	3	2	Swindon	1	1
	Wigan	2	3	Stockport	1	0
	Cheltenham	2	2	Northampton	0	0
	Co=Co	orne	ers	FK = Free Kick Rou	ıtir	ies

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Plymouth	5	5	Notts County	1	3						
Bristol City	3	4	Port Vale	2	2						
Brentford	2	4	Wycombe	2	2						
Luton		2	Barnsley	2	1						
Oldham	3	3	Chesterfield	0	3						
QPR	2	4	Colchester	1	2						
Blackpool	5	0	Cardiff	2	0						
Crewe	1	4	Huddersfield	1	1						
Mansfield	0	5	Peterborough	0	2						
Tranmere	3	2	Swindon	1	1						
Wigan	2	3	Stockport	1	0						
Cheltenham	2	2	Northampton	0	0						
Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines											

Outside the area

number of games when clubs have come

Blackpool

Mansfield

Port Vale

Tranmere

Plymouth

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2 2

Luton

OPR

Scored from long	range	Conceded from distance				
Mansfield	7	Cheltenham	7			
Bristol City	6	Luton	6			
Crewe	6	Plymouth	5			
Plymouth	6	Wycombe	5			
QPR	5	Cardiff	4			
Wigan	5	Mansfield	4			
Cardiff	3	Northampton	4			
Colchester	3	Notts County	4			
Luton	3	Barnsley	3			
Notts County	3	Peterborough	3			
Oldham	3	Stockport	3			

473 242 95 79 64 52 4,873 Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run 6,271 9,703 50 49 30 26 24 7.138 Cardiff 5,133 9.846 Wigan Nathan Ellington 11,139 Stockport 3,883 Luke Beckett 6,058 Plymouth Paul Wotton 9,897 6,096 5.552

Northampton Marco Gabbiadini Blackpool John Hills Huddersfield Martin Smith -14 -18 -28 -36 -48 Port Vale Brett Angell 6,493

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts

Second Division Scene

SOMETHING has to give in this afternoon's game between two teams enjoying a tremendous run of form. The Town are looking for their sixth consecutive league victory, while league leaders Wigan come to Kenilworth Road trying to extend a run of eight league games without defeat.

Wigan are one of six teams who have topped the table so far this season, and no team has come here with a more impressive current run - they haven't lost a match since August, 11 games in total, including a Worthington Cup victory over West

But all good runs, and bad ones as well, come to an end, as Cardiff City and Notts County will testify. Lennie Lawrence tasted his first away defeat of the season on Saturday, when then leaders Cardiff were beaten by a single goal at Blackpool. The shut-out was only the second Cardiff have suffered this season - the first was when the Town drew at Ninian Park in August.

The reverse at Bloomfield Road helped knock Cardiff off the top of the table, with Wigan taking the leadership for the third time this season thanks to a 2-1 home victory over Stockport.

Notts County enjoyed the end of their current run - a 2-1 victory over Northampton was their first at home this season, after three draws and three defeats.

Nationwide League Division Two													
HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wigan	14	4	2	1	14	8	5	1	1	12	3	15	30
Cardiff	14	5	1	1	11	5	3	3	1	9	7	8	28
Bristol City	14	6	0	1	17	3	3	0	4	10	11	13	27
Oldham	14		0	3	15	7	4	3	0	7	2	13	27
QPR	14	6	1	0	16	4	2	2	3	10	10	12	27
Crewe	14	4	1	2	7	4	3	3	1	14	6	11	25
Blackpool	14	5	2	0	15	5	2	1	4	5	8	7	24
Chesterfield	14	5	1	1	11	5	2	1	4	4	12	-2	23
Brentford	14	3	3	1	7	4	3	1	3	9	13	-1	22
Luton Town	14	3	1	3	16	12	3	2	2	9	10	3	21
Plymouth	14	3	2	2	9	8	2	2	3	10	12	-1	19
Tranmere	14	5	1	1	9	5	1	0	6	5	17	-8	19
Wycombe	14	3	2	2	1000	12	2	1	4	4	9	-2	18
Port Vale	14	3	1	3	9	11	2	2	3	10	12	-4	18
Stockport	14	3	2	2		10	2	0	5	4	7	-1	17
Northampton	14	3	2	2	9	5	1	2	4	4	13	-5	16
Huddersfield	14	2	3	2	7	6	2	1	4	5	11	-5	16
Notts County	14	1	3	3	8	12	2	3	2	11	9	-2	15
Colchester	14	3	1	3	5	4	1	2	4	5	12	-6	15
Barnsley	14	2	3	2	7	10	2	0	5	7	13	-9	15
Peterborough			2	3	7	4	1	2	4	10	14	-1	13
Swindon	14	2	1	4	8	8	1	1	5	5	14	-9	11
Mansfield	14	1000	0	5	21657	19	1	2	4	9	18	-18	11
Cheltenham	14	1	2	4	8	13	1	2	4	6	9	-8	10

While Lennie Lawrence was complaining about his side's

failure at Blackpool, another former Town man, Andy King, had even more to moan about. Swindon's 3-0 beating at Kenilworth Road turned out to be the first of four games without a win, with only one point from them, leaving the Robins deep in the relegation zone. King's job as manager was under threat, with Mel Machin reported to be the man to replace him.

A shot-shy attack has been one of Swindon's problems, with only 13 goals scored in their first 14 league games, yet on Tuesday they hammered Southend 6-1 in the LDV Vans Trophy.

They face a crunch today at home to bottom but one Mansfield. The teams are level on 11 points, with goal difference separating them - 37 conceded in 14 matches leaves the Stags GD figure on minus 19, the worst anywhere in the Nationwide League.

Huddersfield eased their relegation worries on Saturday by wining 2-0 at Mansfield, who have managed only one win and four defeats since their 3-2 success at Kenilworth Road, which is still their only away win of the season.

Wigan, as befits league leaders, have the best away record in the Division, with five wins, one draw and one defeat so far. They share with us the distinction of achieving better results away than at home so far this season.

Their only away defeat was 0-1 at Colchester in late August. Their awayday victories were 2-0 at Cheltenham, Notts County and Tranmere, and 3-1 at Barnsley and at Plymouth. Their only away draw so far was a 0-0 at Chesterfield six weeks ago. In midweek, Wigan eased through to the second round of the LDV with a 3-2 success at Notts County.

Brian Swain

Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

Barnsley v Wycombe Cardiff v Tranmere Chesterfield v Notts County Huddersfield v Colchester Northampton v Cheltenham Peterborough v Bristol City Plymouth v Blackpool Port Vale v Crewe QPR v Oldham Stockport v Brentford Swindon v Mansfield



Cheltenham

Mansfield

Huddersfield

Northampton

Blackpool

Barnsley

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Notts County

Peterborough

Port Vale

Swindon

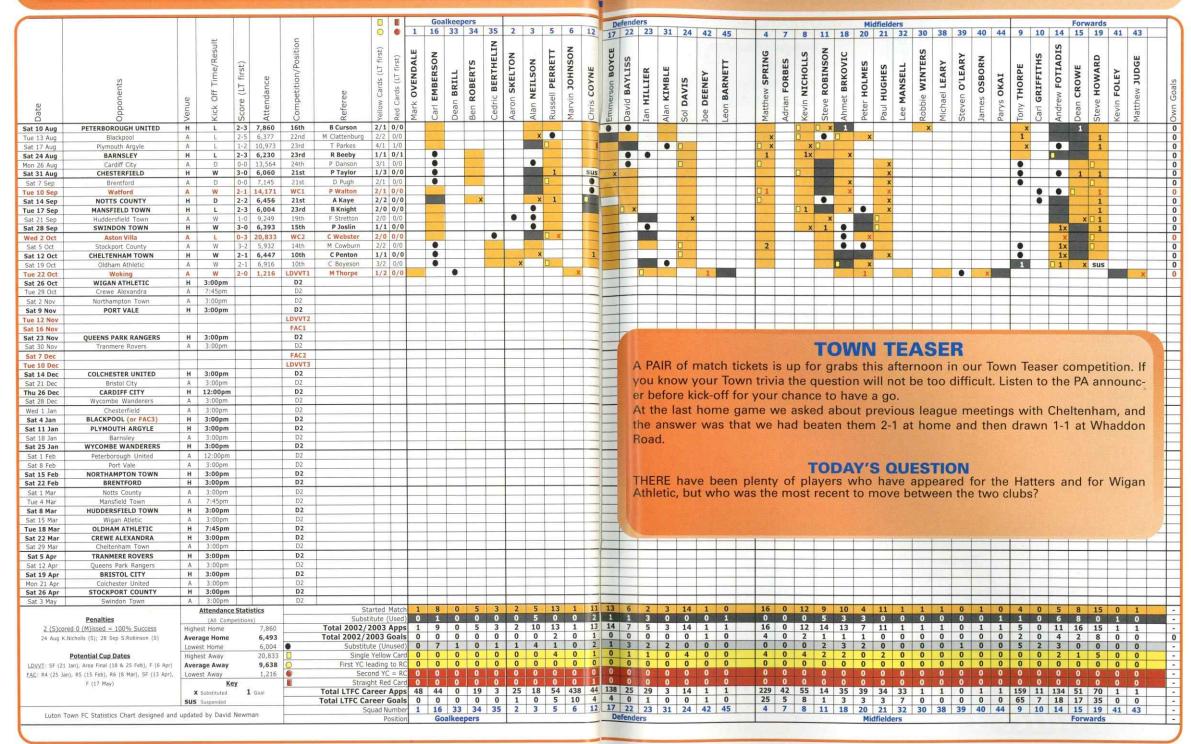
Oldham

Luton

Cardiff

Crewe

Statistics and all the fixtures



	LUTON TOWN		WIGAN ATHLETIC				
	Manager: Joe Kinnear	5.65			Manager: Paul Jewell		
1	Mark Ovendale			1	John Filan		
2	Aaron Skelton			2	Paul Mitchell		
3	Alan Neilson			3	Steve McMillan		
4	Matthew Spring			4	Matt Jackson		
5	Russell Perrett			5	Jason De Vos		
6	Marvin Johnson			6	Ian Breckin		
7	Adrian Forbes			7	Andy Liddell		
8	Kevin Nicholls			8	Neil Roberts		
9	Tony Thorpe			9	Nathan Ellington		
10	Carl Griffiths			10	Lee McCulloch		
11	Steve Robinson		nte nite	11	Peter Kennedy		
12	Chris Coyne		stit	12	Mike Flynn		
14	Andrew Fotiadis		gi i	14	Scott Green		
15	Dean Crowe		tick if substitute	15	Lee Ashcroft		
16	Carl Emberson		<u>5</u>	16	Tony Dinning		
17	Emmerson Boyce			17	Ged Brannan		
18	Ahmet Brkovic			18	Jason Jarrett		
19	Steve Howard		y in	19	Nicky Eaden		
20	Peter Holmes		tick if playing	20	Gary Teale		
21	Paul Hughes		=	25	Chris Lynch		
22	David Bayliss		tick	26	Leighton Baines		
23	Ian Hillier			27	Greg Traynor		
24	Sol Davis			28	Kieran Charnock		
31	Alan Kimble			29	lan Pendlebury		
	Cedric Berthelin			30	Paul Santus		
35	Cearic Bertnelin	ПО		33	Ryan Yeomans	ПО	

Today's Officials

Referee: Steve Tomlin, Sussex

Assistants: John Flynn, Wiltshire (yellow flag); Nick Kinseley, Essex (red and yellow flag) Fourth Official: Gary Evetts, Hertfordshire

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