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UP FOR THE CUP: Chris Coyne rising to the occasion against Ryan Senior during last week's FA Cup victory

# **Inside Forward**

MARK Ovendale, fully recovered from his summer hip operation, is wanted by Peterborough, and could be joining them on loan to aid their Second Division relegation battle.

Posh manager Barry Fry watched "Gloves" star in a Beds Senior Cup-tie at Wootton on Wednesday evening, when the goalkeeper was one of only three players picked out for praise by coach Brian Stein as the Town overcame United Counties League opposition on penalties. (See page 49).

Peterborough are the second club to enquire about Ovendale, who is now one of three fit goalkeepers competing for a place in the Town's league side. Third Division promotion hopefuls Torquay United asked about a loan, and the goalkeeper, who was 29 yesterday, agreed to go, for the chance to play regular first team football.

"We were all ready to do the deal, but then they changed their mind," said Town boss Joe Kinnear. "It might be something to do with money."

A club taking a player on loan is liable for his full wages, unless the lending club is willing to continue paying a proportion of the pay packet.

Hard-up Peterborough are believed to want the Town to offer that sort of arrangement. Said Joe: "It looks as though the money might be a problem for them. I am willing to allow him to go, if he wants to, but I will expect them to pay his wages."

Cedric Berthelin, who was signed as cover for Ovendale, is with the Town until the end of the year, when the boss will decide on his immediate future. By then, the Frenchman could hope to have the chance to return home, with the transfer window re-opened for a month.

## **Cup Luck Turns Again**

HAVING enjoyed his first home cup-tie in nearly two years as Town manager, Joe Kinnear's luck ran out again when the draw was made for the FA Cup second round, the last stage before the big clubs come in.

The news that the LDV Vans Trophy had given us a home area quarter-final with Third Division Cambridge was well received. But there was probably a groan or two at both clubs when the FA Cup paired the Town with Wigan, at the JJB. It was the tenth knock-out draw the Town have been involved in since the boss became manager, and eight of them have been away.

Remembering the game at Watford in the Worthington Cup, the manager says the Town will go to the JJB with plenty of self-belief, even though Wigan are top of the table.

"It's the tie of the round," he said. "I would think it was probably the one pairing neither of us really wanted.

"I am disappointed for our fans, who have had to travel so far and so often

## INSIDE TODAY...

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For the latest news, views and interviews call: CLUB CALL on 09068 121123 (calls cost 60p per minute at all times) WE HEARD with much sadness this week of the death of Bert Ward, a Luton Town supporter for more than 70 years, and for much of that time a driving force behind the Bobbers Club. Until the executive boxes were built the Bobbers had a much closer affinity to Luton Town than it has today: it was the first supporters club, with a long bar running underneath the old stand where the shilling a head admission price – a bob in old money – gave its name to that side of the ground.

Bert was born to be a Town fan: his parents lived in Oak Road, which was where he was

brought up, and he admitted on occasion that as a young lad he sometimes watched the Town through the fence, and sometimes climbed over to sneak into the ground.

He joined the Bobbers Club in 1947, and soon became a leading light, despite being a quiet and shy man. He served on its committee for many years, and had a 20-year spell as chairman. He was following a family tradition: his father-in-law, Arthur Wright, was a founder-member of the Bobbers.

Bert, of Culverhouse Road, Luton, rarely missed matches at Kenilworth Road, except for service with the Royal Artillery in the Second World War, and in recent months when he and his wife suffered ill health. One of his great delights was that in the 1980s the Town had a spell of

One of his great delights was that in the 1980s the Town had a spell of inviting extra-special supporters to become Honorary President of the club for a year, and Bert was one of the first chosen for the honour. Bert died in hospital at the age of 82, and is survived by his wife Phyllis, a son-in-law and daughter, Brendan and Janet Owen, and a grandson, John. We send them our condolences. The funeral will be on Friday, 12 noon, at Luton Crematorium. The family have asked that instead of sending flowers, tributes to Bert should be in donations to the MacMillan Unit appeal at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

to support us, but they have been tremendous. Our away form is decent, and as with any cup-tie anything is possible. It was a very good game between us when Wigan were here a few weeks ago, and their people were saying Luton were the best side they had met this season.

"We will fancy our chances up there, but at present I am much more concerned with gathering league points."

## **Goodbye And Good Luck**

PHYSIO and sports therapist Bruce Hobbs makes his final appearance at Kenilworth Road this afternoon after two years in charge of the treatment room. He is leaving to take up a post as a lecturer in sports therapy at the University of Hertfordshire, preparing students for a degree course which he himself took 20 years ago.

"I am sorry to be leaving in some ways, because I have enjoyed most of my time here, except for relegation," he said. "But I always felt that teaching was my vocation, and my time with Luton Town has been part of my education."

Brian Swain

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## **Manager's View**

HAVING eased our way into the second round of the FA Cup with a thoroughly professional performance, we need to produce something similar, if not better, this afternoon for what promises to be a very good football match.

Like us, QPR are trying to regain some of their old glory, and come here to defend their place in the top six in the league. They are only three points above us, so it is obvious that this match is vital to both clubs, and we must be on top of our game if we are to take maximum points.

I would like to think that we can carry on where we left off a week ago, despite knowing that QPR will be a harder nut to crack than Guiselev were.

I was delighted at the way we handled that game, and 4-0 was the least we deserved against visitors who were kept on the back foot for almost the whole 90 minutes. They rarely threatened our goal, but they worked hard to avoid humiliation, with their goalkeeper their top man.

It would be easy to be critical of our players because they scored only four times on a day when we created a sackful of chances. But it can be difficult to stay fully focused when you are so much in control of a game, and that was a test of our character. We passed with flying colours, and I would imagine you all enjoyed the entertainment. I would have welcomed another goal or two, but I wouldn't complain if we "only" win every game 4-0!

> The great danger was that might be too

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the players heeded my warnings on that subject, and avoided the embarrassment that is always lurking in cup-ties involving David and Goliath teams. Someone always suffers, and we were professional enough to ensure that we did not go the same way as Notts County, Chesterfield and Colchester, all Second Division clubs who were knocked out by non-league teams.

For the second round I hoped for another home draw, but instead we face a tough game at Wigan. It is the tie of the round, and I was surprised that it was not chosen for live TV coverage. I hear they are putting on a Muppet show instead! We will fancy our chances at the JJB, despite Wigan's lofty position in the league table.

We struck lucky in the LDV Vans Trophy by getting a home tie, which now means our next match at Kenilworth Road will be against Cambridge. But that is more than a fortnight away, and we are not starting to think about either of the knock-out tournaments vet.

Before we go to Wigan we have six league points to play for, three today and three at Tranmere next Saturday. I would like to see us win both games, and I believe we are capable of doing so.

We are back on the goal standard after firing blanks against Northampton and Port Vale. Eight goals in the matches against Stevenage and Guiseley prove that we can be potent in front of goal, and we must carry that ability into today's game. We realise that those goals complacent, but came against non-league

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defences, but you can only

beat what is put in front of you, and there is a massive will to win every game running throughout our squad. I can't remember us ever creating as many scoring chances as we did a week ago, and if we can continue to produce that sort of attacking quality the goals will flow again, irrespective of who the opposition might be.

We are also due a touch more luck than we had last week, when the woodwork helped a goalkeeper in inspired form. I am a firm believer in the old adage about making your own luck. The harder you work, in any walk of life, the luckier you get.

Today will be about working hard for the cause, and as always you can help. There was a good atmosphere in the ground last week, and I hope that today we will have a full house for one of the season's most attractive fixtures.

I remember saying after our defeat at Northampton that it was not a disaster to lose once after a run of six wins and a draw from the previous seven games. If we could reproduce that sequence for the rest of the season, we could expect to be champions. A tall order, I know, but I insist we aim high, and build on two victories with three or four on the trot in the league. Today we have an opportunity to peg back one of the teams above us, and we must take that chance.

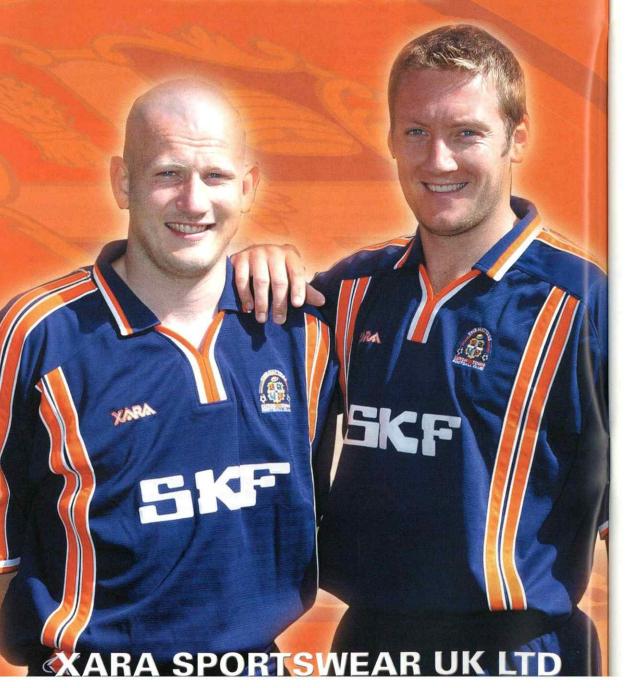
Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear





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## **Captain's View**

IT HAS been a pretty happy dressing room at Kenilworth Road this week, with a feeling of professional pride in the job we did in the FA Cup on Saturday. We were all well aware that a cup-tie against a non-league team who are up for it can be a bit tricky, but we applied ourselves really well. Everyone did their jobs properly, and it was good for the home fans to see a few goals.

We created so many chances we could have matched Bristol City's 7-0 result at Heybridge, but we were pleased to get four, and to keep another clean sheet

I would like to pay tribute to Guiselev: they were a great bunch of lads, and over the moon to be playing on a league ground. They played in the right spirit and I was pleased that our fans as well as Guiseley's showed their appreciation of the visitors at the final whistle. I also thought the ref had a good game, helping it to flow.

Supporters might think that we were under no real pressure in the cup-tie. We were, although it was a different sort of pressure from what we usually have to cope with. Guiseley were the team with no pressure - they were here to enjoy their day out, knowing they were not really expected to win.

In football, anything can happen, whatever teams are involved. Guiseley had a couple of free kicks on the n e e edge of the box, and it takes only one unlucky deflection to put you in trouble.

The danger for us as we prepared for the game was obvious. We talked about the need to avoid complacency, and to get at the opposition quickly, and impose ourselves.

We needed a bright start, and had to make sure our tackling was sharp from the first minute. We also wanted an early goal to set the pattern, and Matt Spring delivered with a fantastic strike. Tony Thorpe took his chance expertly, and little Berky was over the moon to pop in two more to follow his midweek hat-trick. It was a shame Steve Howard couldn't get on the scoresheet.

This afternoon's match is sure to be different from last week's, and it is a big game for both teams. We are three points off the play-off places, but still in mid-table, as we have been for a couple of months. We must get closer in the next few weeks, and a win this afternoon would be doubly useful, by improving our chances and putting a dent in QPR's hopes. It will be a big test for both teams.

The way we have been playing recently, with the exception of the blip at Northampton, suggests we are on course to do well. But I don't want to see us stand still in mid-table for too long. We

another decent

winning run, and I see no reason why we cannot keep pushing on to be in, or very near, the top six places by Christmas.

With league points to play for first, we have not started to make any plans for our games in the FA Cup and LDV Vans Trophy. You might that going back to Wigan will be special for me, but it's not so. As I said when Wigan came here a few weeks ago, it is a very different club today than when I left to come to Luton. Personally I would have preferred another low-profile home draw, but I am pleased we have the chance to knock out the league leaders on their own pitch. We had an excellent game against Wigan at Kenilworth Road, when they needed a very late goal to save a point. I believe we can go one better in the Cup

Our results this season show that we rise to the challenge when we meet the better teams, home or away, and we will certainly travel to Wigan believing it is a game we can win.

We feel the same about today's match, and it should be an interesting game. I shall be keeping an eye on Kevin Gallen. He is one of several Rangers players I know from my time with Charlton. The last time I played against him was in youth football.

Kevin Nicholls

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## **Treatment Room**

THIS is my last column for

the matchday magazine, so I hope you will forgive me for starting on a personal note, to thank everyone at Luton Town for the enjoyment I have had since I came here a couple of years ago.

In particular my thanks go to the players, who are a really exceptional bunch. There has never been a single case of anyone falling below the high standards of professionalism that are expected at this club, and while I have always done my best to aid their recovery from injuries, much of the success on that score has to be achieved by the players themselves.

Dean Crowe, Adrian Forbes and David Bayliss are all cases in

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point: suffering from long-term injuries, but willing to work hard to get over them.

Crowe is the closest to a return after his hamstring injury. He is well on the road to recovery, stepping up his fitness routines. and hopefully he will be ready for a return to action in a few chance of being ready to play weeks.

Forbes and Bayliss are also making aood progress, although for them there is still a lot more hard work to be done. Bayliss is looking for a return to the first team squad in the new year, while Forbes will have to wait longer.

Carl Griffiths continues to work towards full fitness, and got through 55 minutes of the reserves' game at Wootton on Wednesday. He felt a twinge in his calf muscle, so was taken

off, and he is currently still under treatment.

So is Russell Perrett, who had to be subbed during Saturday's game against Guiselev because of a niggling groin strain. He needs at least another week of treatment, but has a good again before we go to Tranmere.

Finally, Emmerson Boyce has been in full training this week, despite being taken off during the FA Cup-tie. That was because he was feeling ill, having had a minor ear operation a few days earlier. He soon recovered, and will be available for selection this afternoon.

## Bruce Hobbs

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## **Club Secretary**

I COULD not start today without mentioning our FA Cup match with Guiseley. Their club secretary has written, thanking everyone for making their day so memorable, and I must say it was a pleasure to deal with their staff, players and officials. A thank-you also to our fans for the reception given to the Guiseley players at the end of the match. You may have seen and heard a lot about racism at football in the press and on the radio recently. Fortunately it has never been a problem at Kenilworth Road, with everyone welcome regardless of colour or creed, and we are sure that this will continue. It is sad in this day and age that we cannot all live together in harmony, and simply enjoy our football.

Unfortunately we have not been selected for the live TV game in the second round of the FA Cup, and full details of tickets for that game at Wigan on December 7 can be found on page 10.

The LDV Southern Area quarterfinal will be at Kenilworth Road

on December 10 (7.45pm), and with Cambridge Utd's agreement we have again been able to reduce prices for this match. Again, see page 10 for full details.

With so many fixtures in December the supporters quiz night has been pushed from pillar to post, but I can confirm that the date is now Wednesday December 11. If you haven't got your ticket some may still be available at the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road. It really is a good night out.

The same applies to the local Phoenix Amateur Dramatic Society performances of Alice's Adventures at the Luton Library Theatre from November 28 to 30. Tickets are available from the library box office. Naturally, the cast includes a Hatter - not a mad one! - and we were pleased to help them out with a few items from the club shop to be used as stage props. As Christmas looms, the thought of all that Christmas shopping seems rather daunting, so here

is the answer: a one-stop shop for all your presents. Next Saturday, November 30, in the club shop from 8.30am to 4pm, you can get 20 per cent off everything - yes, absolutely everything, for one day only - so there will be plenty of bargains there.

The Football League have this week published their annual report on Customer Charters, and for those supporters who are not familiar with our own Charter, it is available from the ticket office, club shop, or on our official website, www.lutontown.co.uk. If you would like a copy of the Football League report, you can order it by e-mail to mcrobbie@football-league.co.uk Finally today, we are pleased to support the National Blood Transfusion Service who have a stand in Kenilworth Road this afternoon. They are worth supporting - as they say, you never know when you might need

them.

Cherry Newbery

## FIRE SERVICE DISPUTE

AS EVERYONE is now aware, the Fire Service strikes have commenced, and over the coming weeks and months there will be occasions when there will be no regular fire service cover at the stadium.

It is for this reason that we have banned smoking in the Enclosure, and we would ask everyone to co-operate in helping to reduce the risk of fire in or around the Main Stand area.

As was so tragically seen at Bradford, a fire in a wooden stand can have very serious consequences.

**Geoff Lovell, Safety Officer, Luton Town FC** 

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## **IF THERE IS A REPLAY**

If a replay is necessary it will be at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday December 17, kick-off 7.45pm.

Normal matchday prices will apply and cash turnstiles will be open on the night, subject to availability.

Tickets will go on sale at 10am on Sunday December 8.

## SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season ticket holders' seats will be held for them until close of business on Saturday, December 14. If you completed a cup match authorisation form in the close season, your ticket will be forwarded to you automatically.

## **GENERAL SALE**

Non-season ticket holders can purchase all other available seats as usual from Sunday December 8, and will also be able to purchase any unclaimed season ticket holder seats from 10am on Sunday December 15.

## **OPENING HOURS**

In the event of a replay, to assist supporters the ticket office will be open for business during the following hours: Sunday December 8 10am-4pm Monday December 9 to Friday December 13: 10am-6pm Saturday December 14: 9am-3pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Sunday December 15: 10am-4pm Monday December 16: 10am-6pm



## LDV Vans Trophy, Southern Section, Quarter-final Luton Town v Cambridge Utd Tuesday December 10, 2002, kick-off 7,45pm



Season ticket holders' seats will be held for them until close of business on Saturday, November 30. If you completed a cup match authorisa-

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

tion form in the close season, your ticket will be forwarded to you automatically. GENERAL SALE

Non-season ticket holders can now purchase all other available seats, and will also be able to purchase any unclaimed season ticket holder seats from 10am on Monday December 2. Prices:

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You can order tickets via email on ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk

## **Ticket Office News**



## Tranmere Rovers v Luton Town Saturday November 30, 2002, kick-off 3pm This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters,

with no tickets available in advance from Kenilworth Road Prices: Adults £5, Senior Citizens/17-22 year olds £3,



16 and under £1

PLEASE NOTE: Tranmere Rovers are now using this game for a special offer and therefore the above prices are different from those previously published.



## Luton Town v Colchester Utd Saturday December 14, 2002, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices Cash turnstiles will be available on the day, subject to availability, but please remember there are NO CONCESSIONS available on cash turnstiles



## **Bristol City v Luton Town**

Saturday December 21, 2002, kick-off 3pm This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance from Kenilworth Road. KID A QUID



Bristol City are using this game for their "Christmas Special Offer" with reduced admission prices: Adults £10, Senior Citizens, Students and under-19s £5, under-16s £1.



## Luton Town v Cardiff City Thursday December 26, 2002, kick-off 12 noon

This match is ALL TICKET for ALL SUPPORTERS, with no tickets available on the day of the game.



Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices and support ers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. There will be no cash turnstiles available



## Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town Saturday December 28, 2002, kick-off 3pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Luton Town supporters with no tickets available on the day of the game. SEASON TICKET HOLDERS



Tickets will go on sale to season ticket holders, one per season ticket, at 4.45pm on Saturday November 23 until 7.45pm on Tuesday December 10, subject to availability. Postal and telephone bookings will be accepted from 10am on Monday November 25.

MEMBERS

In the event of any tickets remaining, they will go on sale, one per member, from 9.30pm on Tuesday December 10 until close of business on Friday December 20, subject to availability. GENERAL SALE

If any tickets are still available, they will go on general sale at 9am on Saturday December 21 Prices: Adults £14, Senior Citizens/Students £12, Juniors £10

If supporters wish to make a family booking in the Family Stand they must contact Wycombe Wanderers direct on 01494 441118.

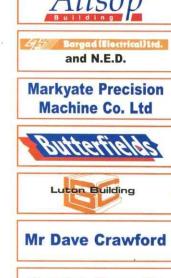


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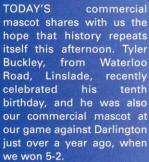
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Team line-ups

## **Commercial Corner**

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A pupil at Linslade Middle School Tyler comes to games with his father, and loves football. He plays for Leighton United under-10s. He is also a mad PlayStation fan.

His favourite player is Dean Crowe, and with luck he will get to meet the striker today. The commercial mascot's duties include reporting to the Town dressing room to meet the players before the game, and to go onto the pitch with them for the warm-up and toss of the coin. committed to a programme of

continuous improvement and staff development, and offers excellent career opportunities to all members of staff.

Stuart Kay, who is leading the Hays Logistics party today, said: "We are delighted to be sponsors of today's match, and wish the Hatters every success, not only today but also for the future."

For our part, we thank Mr Kay and his company for their support, and hope they have an enjoyable day with us.

BASED in Alma Street, Luton, Critical Research Ltd, the company which is sponsoring today's match ball, is another long-time supporter of Luton Town, and of our commercial activities, and it is a pleasure to welcome back Derek Farr and his guests.

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## Linda Layton

# **Golden Gamble**

A TREBLE chance came up in the Golden Gamble on Saturday. The lucky winning ticket was bought by a threeman syndicate, and pictured with Cherry Newbery, collecting £510 in cash, are, from the left, Peter Mitchell, Alan Corkhill and Peter Mallord.

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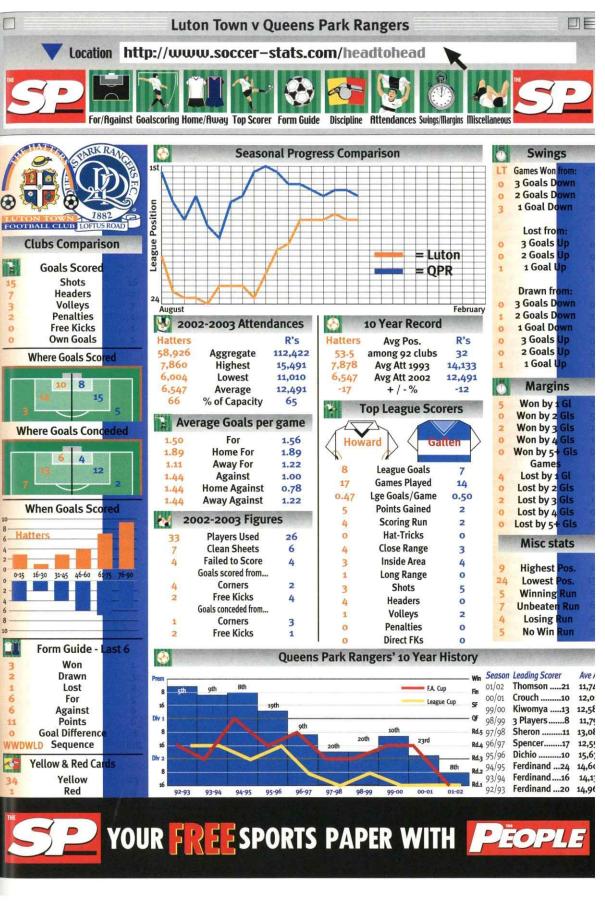
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### 22. MARCUS BEAN DOB - 2/11/84 Height - 5' 11" Weight - 11st 6lbs

Marcus came through the youth ranks at Rangers after first joining the Club as an eleven year old. His first team debut in August 2002 is one that he will want to forget though, as not only did Rangers lose 4-1 at Wycombe, but he was sent off only eight minutes after coming on as a substitute.

#### 8. MARC BIRCHAM DOB - 11/5/78 Height - 5' 10" Weight - 12st 4lbs

Lifelong Rangers fan Marc joined Rangers on a free transfer from Millwall in July 2002. Marc was a Trainee at Millwall before he first broke into their team in the 1996/97 season when he made six appearances for the Lions. Established himself in the Millwall team at the start of the 1998/99 season and his energetic midfield displays also earned him call up to the Canadian National Team for who he has now made thirteen full appearances and scored one goal. A member of the QPR Loyal Supporters Association from a youngster, Marc turned down offers from several higher division clubs to realise a lifelong ambition when he signed for Rangers at the start of this season.

## **18. OLIVER BURGESS** DOB - 12/10/81 Height - 5' 10"

Weight - 11st 7lbs

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Highly competitive and hard working midfield player who came up through the Youth Academy at Rangers. Made his First Team debut as a substitute in April 2001 at Loftus Road against Blackburn Rovers. Oliver scored his first senior goal for the club against

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Swindon Town in a 4-0 victory in transfer from Manchester United November 2001.

#### 5. CLARKE CARLISLE DOB - 14/10/79 Height - 6'3" Weight - 14st 3lbs

Highly promising defender signed in May 2000 from Blackpool for an intial fee of £250,000 which could rise subject to appearances. Clarke came through the YTS system at Blackpool and made his debut for them in September 1997 against Wrexham. Clarke made his Rangers debut on the opening day of the 2000/01 season at Loftus Road against Birmingham City and scored his first goal for the club in only his second appearance against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. Less than a month later he made his debut for the England Under 21 Team when coming on as a second half substitute in the Friendly International against Georgia at the Riverside Stadium.

#### **11. KARL CONNOLLY** DOB - 9/2/70 Height - 5'10" Weight - 11st 10lbs

Signed on a 'Bosman' from Wrexham in May 2000 after spending the previous nine years of his career at the Racecourse Ground where he was undoubtedly one of the fans favourites, winning their Player of the Year Award three years running. Was Wrexham's top scorer for the last two seasons he spent at the club. Karl has now settled in the Rangers squad and his experience has been vital in what has become a very young side. He has also weighed in with his fair share of important goals from midfield.

**13. NICK CULKIN** DOB - 6/7/78 Height - 6'2" Weight - 14st 3lbs Nick joined Rangers on a free Experienced goalkeeper signed in

in July 2002. Goalkeeper who began his career at York City before the Reds signed him for £250,000 in September 1995. Made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 2002/03 season at Loftus Road v Chesterfield.

#### 21. WESLEY DALY (DOB - 7/3/84 Height - 5'6" Weight -11st 7lbs

Wesley joined the club as a ten year old and has progressed through the youth system to the First Team squad. Made his debut two weeks after his eighteenth birthday against Colchester United in March 2002.

### 1. CHRIS DAY DOB - 28/7/75 Height - 6' 4" Weight - 14st 6lbs

Former England Under 21 goalkeeper signed on a free transfer from Watford in July 2001. Chris won the first of his six Under 21 caps whilst at Tottenham Hotspur although he never made a First Team appearance for them. He moved to Crystal Palace for £225,000 in August 1996 where he continued to be the number one for the young England team and broke into the Eagles First Team making 24 appearances in what turned out to be his only season at Selhurst Park. Joined Watford in July 1997 in a deal that took Kevin Miller in the opposite direction. Whilst at the Hornets Chris gained experience of playing in the Premier League. Made his Rangers debut at Loftus Road against Stoke City on the opening day of the 2001/02 season.

**30. FRASER DIGBY** DOB - 23/4/67 Height - 6'2" Weight - 14st 7lbs

# **Queens Park Rangers**

November 2001 from Huddersfield Town as cover for the injured Chris Day. Marked his debut the same month away at Notts County with an outstanding display in a 2-0 Rangers victory. Fraser began his career as a trainee at Manchester United before moves to Oldham (on loan) and Swindon where he made over five hundred appearances. A three year spell at Crystal Palace then followed before Fraser joined Birmingham at the start of the 2001/02 season as cover for the injured lan Bennett. He then had a brief spell at Huddersfield before joining Rangers last season. Fraser has five England Under 21 caps.

#### 12. 'DOUDOU' (DOB - 11/9/80 Height - 5' 5" Weight - 9st 11lbs Striker signed in August 2001 after

impressing in two pre-season trial matches. Formerly with AS Monaco. In a unique deal 'Doudou' had his first years wages and accommodation paid for by two generous Rangers fans. Made his Rangers debut in a Worthington Cup match away at Northampton Town in August 2001.

#### **17. LYNDON DUNCAN** (DOB - 12/1/83 Height - 5'7" Weight - 11st 5lbs

Lyndon graduated from the FA National School in 1999 and has represented England at every level from Under 16 to Under 19. Yet to make a first team appearance but has travelled with them on several occasions.

#### **19. BRIAN FITZGERALD** DOB - 22/10/83 Height - 5' 10" Weight - 12st

First signed for Rangers as a ten year old and has progressed through the youth system, signing

professional on his seventeenth birthday. Has represented the Republic of Ireland at Under 17 level in a Friendly match v France and also, more recently, been selected for their Under 18 squad. Brian made his debut for Rangers as an eighteen year old in January 2002 when he appeared as a second half substitute against Bury at Loftus Road.

#### 2. TERRELL FORBES DOB - 17/8/81 Height - 5'10" Weight - 12st 5lbs Versatile defender signed on a free

transfer from West Ham in July 2001. Came through the youth system at Upton Park but never made a first team appearance for the Hammers in his two seasons there. Made three appearances on loan at AFC Bournemouth in 1999/2000. Terrell was voted the Club's Player of the Year in 2001/02 for his consistent displays at right back

#### **29. PAUL FURLONG** DOB - 1/10/68 Height - 6' 1" Weight - 13st 8lbs)

Experienced striker who joined Rangers in September 2002 on a free transfer from Birmingham City after an initial loan spell at Loftus Road. Paul began his career in the non-league ranks at Enfield Town before Coventry City snapped him up for £130,000 in July 1991. A year later he moved on to Watford for £250,000. Chelsea paid £2.3M for Paul in May 1994 but just two seasons later Paul was on the move again, this time to Birmingham City for £1.5M. An initial three month loan spell at Loftus Road in season 2000/01. Paul rejoined Rangers on loan in August 2002 before signing permanently a month later. His 'debut' as a a fully fledged Rangers player came away at Mansfield

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where scored the first goal in a 4-0 victory for the R's.

#### **10. KEVIN GALLEN** DOB - 21/9/75 Height - 5' 11" Weight - 12st 10lbs

Former England Youth and Under 21 striker who rejoined Rangers in November 2001 on a free transfer from Barnsley. Kevin left Rangers at the end of the 1999/2000 season to join Huddersfield Town where he scored ten goals in thirty nine appearances for the Terriers. Barnsley signed him at the start of the 2001/02 season but less than four months later Kevin returned to Loftus Road where he had previously been brought up through the Clubs Youth system. During his first spell at Rangers Kevin netted forty goals in one hundred and ninety one appearances after signing professional as a seventeen year old.

#### 9. RICHARD LANGLEY DOB - 27/12/79 Height - 6' 0" Weight - 12st 4lbs Former Trainee who signed pro-

fessional in December 1996. Has represented England at Under 16 and Youth level. Richard made his first team debut in October 1998 when he appeared as a substitute against Swindon Town, he went on to score his first goal for Rangers on his home debut against Barnsley three days later. His confident displays in midfield made him a first team regular during 1999/2000 and the Rangers fans voted him the Club's Young Player of the Year for 1999/2000.

## **16. DANNY MURPHY** DOB - 4/12/82 Height - 5' 7" Weight - 10st 8lbs

Joined the Club as a fourteen year old schoolboy after previously



DOB - 28/1/84

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#### being at West 24. RICHARD PACQUETTE DOB - 28/1/83 Ham for four Height - 5' 11" years. Danny has been capped on

numerous occasions by the Weight - 13st 12lbs Republic of Ireland at Under 17 Local player who progressed through the Youth ranks and and Under 18 levels. Signed prosigned professional on his sevenfessional on his seventeenth birthday and made his first team debut teenth birthday. Strongly built two weeks after his nineteenth birthday in a 3-2 win away at Chesterfield. Rangers fan voted him their Young Player of the Season for 2001/02. 20. DENNIS OLI

Height - 6'0" Weight - 12st Striker who joined the Club in August 2000 whilst still attending college on a full-time basis. In February 2002 he set a remarkable record, when aged just eighteen, of playing for the Youth Team, Reserves and made his debut for the First Team against Wigan Athletic all the space of eight days.

striker who was a regular goalscorer during his youth team days, once scoring all four goals against Liverpool in a 4-4 draw in an Under 18 match. Richard made his debut for Rangers as an eighteen year old but will remember it with mixed emotions as it came on the day Rangers were relegated from the First Division at Huddersfield in April 2001.

#### 3. GINO PADULA DOB - 11/7/76 Height - 5' 9" Weight - 12st 1lbs

Left back who was first signed by lan Holloway for Bristol Rovers from Xerez in Spain in October

1999. Gino then joined Walsall a month later where he went on to make twenty seven appearances before joining Wigan Athletic on a free transfer in July 2000. Joined Rangers in July 2002 and made his debut in August 2002 away at Barnsley.

#### **4. STEVE PALMER** DOB - 31/3/68 Height - 6' 1" Weight - 13st 6lbs

Highly experienced defender signed on a free transfer from Watford in July 2001. Graduate of Cambridge University, Steve joined Ipswich Town in August 1989 and went on to make 130 appearances for the Suffolk club, scoring three times. He joined Watford for £135,000 in September 1995 and during one particular season for the Hornets actually played in every position including goalkeeper. Current Club Captain, Steve made his Rangers debut in



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## **Queens Park Rangers**

the first match of the 2001/02 season at Loftus Road v Stoke City.

#### 7. MATTHEW ROSE DOB - 24/9/75 Height 5'11" Weight - 12st 2lbs

Signed from Arsenal in May 1997 for a fee of £500,000. Matthew captained Arsenal's FA Youth Cup winning team of 1994 before going on to make his full debut for them in March 1997. Has been capped twice at England Under 21 level playing against Georgia in November 1996 and later Italy. He made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 1997/98 season against lpswich Town.

#### 6. DANIEL SHITTU DOB - 2/9/80 Height - 6' 2" Weight 16st 3lbs

Powerfully built central defender signed in January 2002 from Charlton Athletic for an initial fee of £250,000, after previously spending two months on loan at Loftus Road. Daniel never played a competitive match for Charlton but made 19 appearances on loan at Blackpool towards the end of the 2000/01 season, scoring two goals. Daniel has now established himself in the heart of the Rangers

plays earned him an International call-up in March 2002 when he made his debut for Nigeria in a friendly International v Paraguay at Loftus Road.

#### 27. ANDY THOMSON DOB - 1/4/71 Height - 5' 11" Weight 11st 8lbs)

Striker signed from Gillingham on a free transfer on deadline day 2001. Began his career at Queen of the South after joining them in July 1989 from Jerviston BC and made 175 appearances for them, scoring 93 goals before joining Southend United for £250,000 in July 1994. Didn't find goalscoring as easy south of the border, netting only 28 times in 122 at Roots Hall and was released by Southend on a free transfer. Andv then joined Oxford United in January 1998 and scored 7 times in 38 appearances. From there Andy joined Gillingham where he helped them to promotion scoring the winning goal at Wembley in the 1999/2000 Second Division Play Off Final. Made his R's debut at Turf Moor coming on as a substitute against Burnley in March 2001. Andy was top scorer for the R's last season, netting twenty one

defence and his impressive distimes.

#### **26. BEN WALSHE** DOB - 24/5/83 Height - 5' 11" Weight 12st 12lbs

Local boy who progressed through the Youth ranks at the club and signed professional at seventeen. Made his First Team debut when coming on as a substitute in the final home league game of the 2000/01 season at Loftus Road against Stockport County

#### **33. TOMMY WILLIAMS** (DOB - 8/7/80

Height - 6'0" Weight 11st 8lbs On loan from Birmingham City for season 2002/03. Began his career at Walton & Hersham before West Ham snapped him up for £60,000 in April 2000. West Ham loaned him to Peterborough towards the end of season 2000/01 and it was for the 'Posh' that Tommy actually made his league debut. Tommy ioined Peterborough at the start of last season before Birmingham paid £250,000 to secure his services. Made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 2002/03 season at Loftus Road against Chesterfield.

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## **Blast From the Past**

Having started off the 1981/82

season with a resounding 3-0 newly-promoted win over Charlton at Kenilworth Road, the big test for the Hatters was to take place on the following Tuesday with a trip to Q.P.R.

What made the game special was the fact that all the great and good from Fleet Street would be there together with many leading dignitaries from Sir Stanley Rous down - all to witness the first league match to be played on an artificial surface.

Rangers 'Omniturf' was reported to have cost £350,000 and the first impression was of a strangely coloured, slightly rucked, carpet completely different to the more advanced models to be laid over the succeeding years at Luton, Oldham and Preston.

It was generally agreed that Rangers could not have wished for better opponents in their bid



Ricky Hill cleverly lobs Peter Hucker in the Q.P.R. goal during the 3-2 win at Kenilworth Road in May 1982.

world that an artificial surface did not necessarily mean artificial football as the Town were promotion favourites and were regarded as a footballing side rather than a 'long ball' team.

This comment certainly fooled the 4,000 strong Luton contingent as the Town spent the first half slipping and sliding around and generally struggling to contain a lively Rangers attack.

Rangers took the lead on 34 minutes when ex-Luton favourite Andy King scored with a far-post header and the general concerns at half-time were that the Town were in for a thrashing and that we all hated plastic pitches!

As normally happens, we were proved completely wrong as a simple tactical change by manager David Pleat, in pushing fullback Mark Aizlewood further forward, changed the whole complexion of the game. Godfrey

wing foraging rather than covering back as he had done in the first half, and with Brian Stein and Steve White balancing things out on the right, the Hatters looked a much more potent attacking outfit.

It was now Rangers' turn to be under the cosh and with the Luton confidence increasing by the minute, the famed one touch play came to the fore placing increasing pressure on Rangers goalkeeper John Burridge and the rest of his defence.

The deserved equaliser came in the 70th minute after Ricky Hill had played a long diagonal ball across the penalty area where both White and Aizlewood were racing in to get to the pass before Burridge. Aizlewood it was who got the touch, gently lifting the ball over the keeper much to the delight of the Luton supporters behind the goal.

Ingram then missed a sitter ten minutes later before Ricky Hill finally got the winner that the Town's second half display fully deserved. White was half tackled on the edge of the box and as the ball ran loose, Hill surged on to it and smacked an unstoppable low shot past Burridge.

Rangers boss, Terry Venables, had no complaints and admitted that by being brave and taking the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half the Town were worthy winners.

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Antic, Saxby, Donaghy, Horton, Hill, Stein, White, Ingram.

**O.P.R:** Burridge, Gregory, Hazell, Roeder, Fenwick, Waddock, Francis, King, Flanagan, Stainrod, Allen.

## **Double over Rangers on way to the Title**

By the time of the return, on 11th May, the Town had enjoyed a remarkable campaign and needed one more win to clinch the championship of the old Division Two with three games to play. Promotion had been won 11 days before after a 4-1 home win over Shrewsbury and with a win at Chelsea inbetween extending an unbeaten run to 11 games, May 11th would hopefully see the Hatters return to the top flight for the first time since 1975.

Rangers also had eyes on promotion and would probably have clinched a top three spot had they not embarked on an amazing run that had seen them fight their way through to the F.A.Cup final where they were due to meet Tottenham.

A best of the season crowd of 16,657 turned up at Kenilworth Road on a warm evening to see Rangers take early control against a nervous Town but the game hinged on the early dis-

missal of Glenn Roeder. The Rangers midfielder had already been harshly booked for a fairly harmless obstruction on Raddy Antic and when he foolishly brought down Hill in full flight he left the referee with little option. The dismissal had a double effect on poor Roeder as he was suspended for the F.A.Cup final replay which Rangers lost narrowly.

For a time it was difficult to see which of the sides was down to ten men but slowly the Hatters took control and Hill opened the scoring chipping the ball expertly over Rangers' goalkeeper Peter Hucker after latching on to a clever through ball from Kirk Stephens.

Hucker pulled off a miraculous save from David Moss before White doubled the lead, just after the interval, poking the ball home from close range. Rangers refused to lie down, however, and Terry Fenwick reduced the arrears after 70

minutes with a diving header

quickly followed by a glaring miss from Ian Dawes which was the warning the Town needed to shock them back into action. The game was eventually made safe when Moss was pulled down in the box by Steve Wicks and then sent Hucker the wrong way from the spot. A 35 yard blockbuster from Simon Stainrod with five minutes to go was too little too late and when the final whistle sounded thousands of Luton supporters swarmed on to the pitch to

salute the champions. Findlay, Stephens, Luton: Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss.

Q.P.R: Hucker, Neil, Dawes, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Micklewhite, Flanagan, Allen, Stainrod, Fenwick.

Roger Wash



## **Yesterday's pages**

Quite naturally the programme for the visit of Q.P.R. in May 1982 was full of pictures, articles and accolades relating to the 4-1 win over Shrewsbury 11 days before which clinched promotion to the old Division One.

It was a great time to be a Luton Town supporter with Ricky Hill and Mal Donaghy gaining international recognition, the youth and reserve teams finishing their seasons with good victories and the club's programme winning prizes.

Considering that we are only talking about 20 years ago, an article from club secretary John Wilkinson where he describes a horrendous 12 hour return journey to the Football League H.Q. in Lytham St Annes to register Richard Money is positively medieval! Since that time fax machines became the club secretary's saviour and of course even these have been superseded by e-mail.

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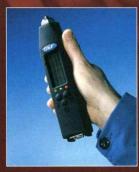
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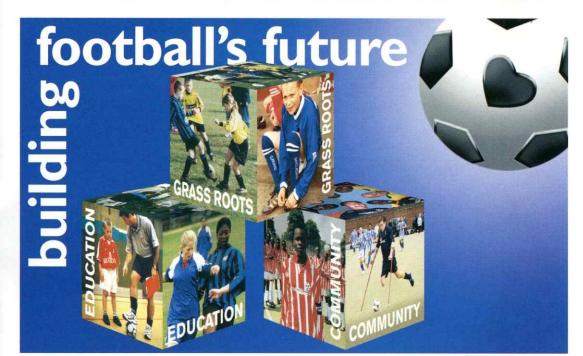
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Plymouth	773	Barnsley	504
Cardiff	314	Chesterfield	366
Brentford	1,493	Notts County	341
Watford(WC)	4,404	Mansfield	160
Huddersfield	700	Cheltenham	328
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588	Wigan	425
Stockport	680	Port Vale	247
Oldham	610	Guiseley (FAC)	467
Woking (LDV)	262		
Northampton	1,250		
Stevenage (LDV)	1,199		
Total:	17,054		3,828
Average:	1,421		425





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# Action Highlights Luton Town 4 Guiseley 0

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THANKS, PAL: Man of the Match Ahmet Brkovic has just netted his second goal, and the Town's fourth, from a cross-goal header by Tony Thorpe.

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Left: On the break – Thorpe is too quick for a would-be marker.

Above: Livewire – Matt Spring, whose early strike set the Town on their way, breezes past Peter Atkinson, with two other Guiseley men already left trailing.

## **LTFC in the Community**

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AS I am sure that you aware, part of the work that the Community Department undertakes involves delivering free coaching to schools as part of their curriculum-time learning. Unfortunately, with around 90 schools in our locality, it is impossible for us to reach them all.

Therefore I thought it might be a good idea for the Community Department to try to encourage schools to enrol the teacher or the parent in charge of their team onto one assist schoolteachers, here's one for the of the Beds FA's coaching courses.

There are wide ranges of courses available starting with TOPS, which is a course that carries no final assessment and is designed to inform the teachers on how to deliver basic football training, based on a series of resource cards.

This course is only four hours long and attendance bears no charge and as part of the course each school receives a variety of equipment including Samba goals and six free footballs.

Next in line, replacing the old JTM, is a Level 1 course. This takes two days and evenings, involving instruction of basic coaching drills and fun games for children. This is followed by child protection and emergency aid courses. All of this is followed by a final assessment day to determine if the candidate has reached the required level.

These courses are followed by the more complex Levels 2, 3 and 4 courses, which have instruction periods of at least six days. I have written to every school in our locality and invited them to attend a meeting at Luton Town. This will be hosted by me and Simon McQueen, Football Development

Officer for the Beds FA. We will outline the requirements of the TOPS and Level 1 courses, and hopefully persuade teachers that these are worthwhile and beneficial courses for them.

If you are involved in football within one of our local schools and would like to attend the meeting on December 18 (5pm), please call me on 01582 391927.

Having suggested a way in which we can Mums and Dads! On December 21we will be having a Christmas Shopping Fun Day.

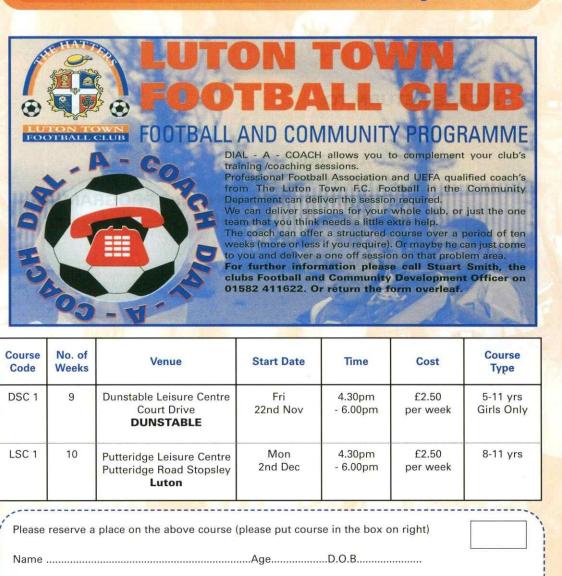
How about leaving children with us while you go into town to complete your Christmas shopping? Details for the day are yet to be completed but the initial idea is that we will run the Fun Day from 10am to 3pm. In the morning we will be offering Football Coaching at a venue adjacent to Kenilworth Rd. From there we will return to the ground, have lunch and hopefully take the children on a mini ground tour. After that the children will be able to participate in games such as bar football. I would estimate that the cost of this day would be around £10, with a reduction for siblings. The final itinerary will be in our next match day magazine and the other usual outlets.

Finally I would like to welcome today's Community Department quests, Earls Barton FC, who have travelled from Northamptonshire to take part in our Matchday Soccer Club, I hope the players, management and parents of the club all enjoy their day with us.

Stuart Smith



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## **Hatters** Away

Ricky Hill.

AFTER three Saturdays at home, we hit the road again for the next two, going to the north west twice in succession, to played Tranmere Rovers in the league next week, and Wigan in the FA Cup on the following Saturday.

The usual coach services will run to both games, provided by the Bobbers Travel Club, and Town on Tour, which is part of Luton Town Supporters Club.

For the trip to Prenton Park the Bobbers will set off from Cranfield at 8.30am, with a 9.30 departure from Luton, and their fares are £14 for adults and £11.50 for pensioners and under-16s.

Town on Tour will also leave Luton at 9.30 and will pick up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. The fare is £15 for LTSC members and £13 for junior members. Non-members can travel for £17.

The journey to Wigan takes about the same time, so the Bobbers and Town on Tour have both decided that for the cup-tie their timetables and prices will be the same as for the Tranmere trip. Hopefully it will be third time

lucky at the JJB: the stadium was opened for the 1999/2000 season, and we have been there twice so far, and lost by one goal on each occasion. It was 0-1 in October 1999, when Lennie Lawrence was

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 pick-up 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.

manager, and 1-2 in August the turn, following year, the first away game under the management of

#### The Road to Prenton Park



IF TRAFFIC is flowing well, the drive to Prenton Park, which is in Birkenhead, can be done comfortably in not much over three hours. The direct route is via the M1 and M6, although you may wish to avoid the midlands stretch of the M6 and use the M1. A50 and on to M6 near Stoke instead. Either way, head north on the M6, leaving at junction 20 to turn left onto the M56, which you follow to junction 15. There, turn right onto the M53. Leave that motorway at junction 3, making a right turn onto the A552, signposted to Birkenhead and Liverpool. After just over a mile watch for a right turn, signposted B5151 to Clatterbridge. Make that



Storeton Road,

and then take the first left, into Woodchurch Lane, which leads to the ground. There is a car park next to the stadium, but street parking is restricted because of "residents only" areas. Mileage: About 200

#### **Driving to the JJB**



MOTORING to Wigan poses the same problem as for the trip to Tranmere: whether to use mostly M6, or to go up to junction 23a of the M1, then head across to the M6 via the A50, around Derby and Stoke.

Our experience is that recently the M6 has not been as bad as it used to be, and is now worth using.

For Wigan, go up M1 and M6, and across the Thelwall Viaduct, which takes you over the River Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal into Lancashire. Leave the M6 at junction 25 to follow the A49 into Wigan. After 1.8 miles you come to a complex junction, overlooked by McDonalds and Homebase. Keep in the left hand lane to turn left into the traffic light filter into Robin Park Road. At the second set of traffic lights turn right and you will see the stadium, with plenty of parking. Mileage: About 200.

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# **National Blood Service**



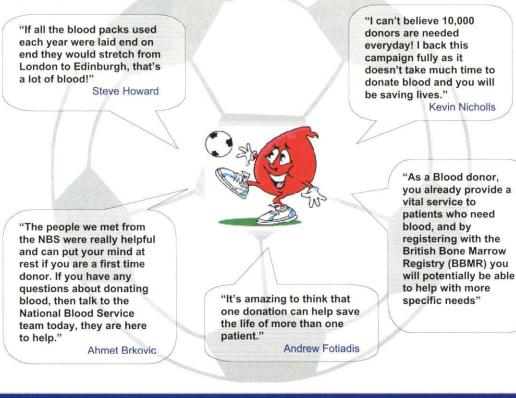
## WHICH LEAGUE ARE YOU IN?

6% of the eligible population are in a league of their own, they give blood!

Today, the National Blood Service (NBS) has been invited to the match, to highlight the constant demand for blood across the country. National Blood Service representatives, are outside the Kenilworth Road Stadium, where you can sign up to give blood and ask them any questions you may have.

The NBS play an essential role in saving and improving patients lives. Blood is not only used in Accidents & Emergencies and for cancer patients, but for routine life enhancing surgery such as hip replacements.

The NBS recently visited Luton Town Football Club and asked some of the team what they thought about blood donation.



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## PLAYING what manager

Joe Kinnear called "sensible football" the Town avoided a potential banana-skin to go through to the second round of the FA Cup at the expense of part-timers from four leagues below.

Two goals in the last couple of minutes of the first half ensured there would be no upset, against a team who had seen the game as their cup final. "Here to enjoy it," was the pre-match promise from the Unibond League Division One outfit, a team including all kinds of trades and professions, except full-time footballers.

Guiseley were never allowed to threaten, and once Ahmet Brkovic had struck the first of his two goals, making it five in four days, the Town were safe. Matt Spring's stunning 30-yard left-footer in the third minute was a telling blow, and for Guiseley it was then a matter of not being humiliated.

Their goalkeeper, Chris Hill, a pneumatic systems engineer, had to be the man of the match, with a series of excellent saves, aided by a little luck now and again. Four minutes after his goal, Spring hammered a 20-yard free kick at the bar, after a slight deflection by the wall, and Steve Howard headed over from the rebound, with the goal gaping. The Town always looked comfortable, with their higher skills level more than a match for the opposition's hard work and commitment, but we had

## Luton Town 4 Guiseley AFC 0

(Half-time 3-0)

**Action Replay** 

to wait until the 44th minute for the class gap to be turned into goals. Brkovic, from the left by-line, delivered a perfect far post cross for Tony Thorpe to head in, and in stoppage time the Croatian scored a delightful individual goal. The keeper could not hold a power-drive by Sol Davis, and Howard nipped in to take possession and lay off the ball to Brkovic, who cut back to the edge of the penalty area and then placed a neat curling shot between keeper and near post. The Town were able to coast after that, with Brkovic stabbing in his second goal on 65 minutes after Spring crossed from the left and Thorpe headed the ball back beyond the groping goalkeeper.

The pattern of the game was always in the Town's favour, despite the loss through injuries of Russ Perrett in the first half and Emmerson Boyce in the second. It led to Brkovic displaying his versatility – striker at Stevenage, left-sided midfielder for 75 minutes on Saturday, and then right back in the closing stages.

Joe Kinnear had no complaints about the Town performance beyond: "We were missing chances for fun. We were queuing up to score goals, but their keeper did exceptionally well. Guiseley tried to play football, but we were always that bit sharper." Neil Parsley, the visitors' manager, said: "I am glad we have saved face, and earned the right to be clapped off the field. Luton were too good for us, but my lads worked their socks off to keep the scoreline down. They have done themselves proud against a side who pass the ball really well, and congratulations to Luton.

"The two goals on the stroke of half-time were the killers. If we had held it to 1-0 in the first half we might just have been in with a chance.

"I thought we had a better second half, but perhaps by then Luton had taken their foot off the pedal. We have had a wonderful cup run, and the money will be very helpful, and I am pleased that we came to Luton and didn't let ourselves down."

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce (Holmes 75 mins), Perrett (Neilson 33 mins), Coyne, Davis; Robinson, Nicholls, Spring, Brkovic; Howard, Thorpe. Unused subs: Fotiadis, Hughes, Ovendale.

#### Booked: No-one.

Guiseley: Hill; Atkinson, Shaw, Trevitt, Freeman; Stuart (Chattoe 79 mins), Henry, Sumner, Nettleton (Reilly 67 mins); Senior (Newhouse 63 mins), Cooke. Unused subs Hey, Shutt.

**Booked:** James Nettleton, for a 29th-minute foul on Steve Robinson.

**Referee:** Joe Ross, London. **Attendance:** 5,248, including 467 visiting fans.



FOUR UP: Ahmet Brkovic knocks in his second goal of the game, and his fifth in five days, with goalkeeper Chris Hill left helpless by Tony Thorpe's header from one side of the goal to the other.

Right: Emmerson Boyce, seen taking on Guiseley skipper James Nettleton, had another storming game, despite being under orders not to head the ball following a minor ear operation. He couldn't resist late in the game, and was subbed as a precautionary measure.

Below: Two up – Tony Thorpe's header has put the ball behind the goalkeeper, who has been left just as helpless as defenders Clive Freeman and Simon Trevitt.



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## **Junior Hatters**

## **TODAY'S MASCOT**

SEVEN-year-old George Kiely will enjoy himself even more than usual at today's game, because he has been lucky enough to have his name drawn out of the drum to be our Junior Hatters mascot. He will join the players in the dressing room before the game, and then go

out with them onto the pitch for the warm-up and to meet both skippers and the match officials for the toss of the coin.

George lives at Ampthill Road, Shefford, and attends Shefford Lower School. He comes to games with his uncle, Guy Green, and they sit in the Main Stand. Dean Crowe is George's favourite player, and is also a real role model, because George is captain of the Shefford Saints under-8s, and is their leading scorer. His other hobby is swimming.

Today's ballboys are Lee Radmore, from Fourth Avenue, Luton, and Ben Kisby, of Beaconsfield, Luton.



FRIENDS IN SPORT: Both teams had mascots for the FA Cup-tie last week, and they are pictured with the skippers and match officials. Eight-year-old Oliver Dagless, from Galston Road, Luton, was doing the honours for the Junior Hatters, and the mascot from Yorkshire was Jack Parsley.

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IF YOU want to go on the

Junior Hatters trip to Tranmere on Saturday, you will need to look sharp, because as we went to press the coach was very nearly sold out.

The price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests, and that includes a match ticket.

Bookings are taken at the club shop, which is the Junior Hatters headquarters,

but NOT on match days, when staff are busy with other customers.

Our next trip will be to Bristol City next month, but tickets for that will not go on sale until after the Tranmere game.

Happy Harry

Welcome to QPR mascot, five-yearold Sonny Bircham.

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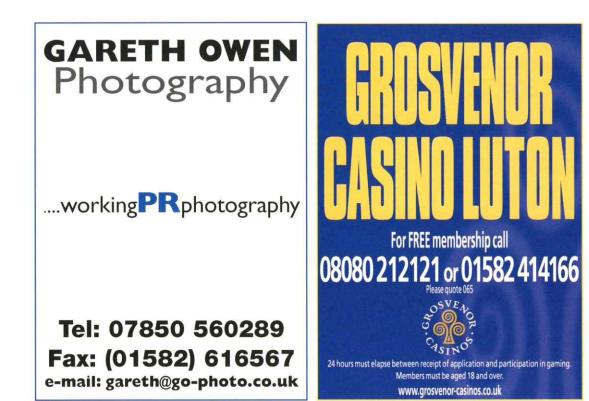
## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

WE ARE doubling up on our popular Christmas parties this year. Twelve months ago we could not fit in all the Junior Hatters who wanted to attend, so this year we are having two parties at the Century Club. The first will be on Thursday December 5, for Junior Hatters aged up to 10. The party for Junior Hatters aged 11 and above will be on Thursday December 19. Both will run from 7pm until 9pm, and there will be the usual disco, refreshments, and festive fun and games, including a visit from Father Christmas.

Parents will be welcome to use the Maple Road car park, and if they wish to stay while the parties take place the Eric Morecambe Suite will be open, with bar facilities. Tickets cost £5, and each member can buy one guest ticket, at £6. They are available from Monday to Friday at the club shop.

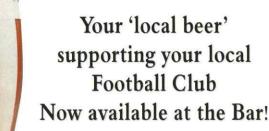
Junior Hatters membership is open to any boy or girl aged from 0 to 16 who supports Luton Town, and if you want to know more please contact the club shop. There are lots of advantages, including value for money trips to away games, and the chance to be picked out as mascot at home matches - the choice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

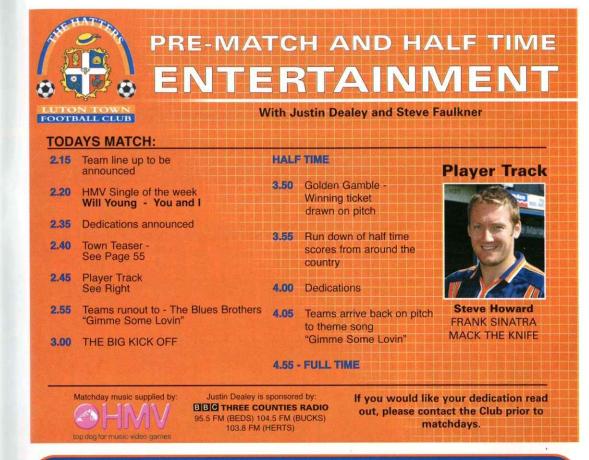




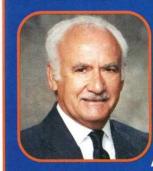


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Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

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## **Luton Belles**

ONLY two Belles squads have escaped the waterlogged pitches in the past fortnight, with the under-11 and under-13 groups continuing to top their respective Hertfordshire Girls League tables.

The under-13s notched up two wins on their travels, the first against bogey team Denham United, who had inflicted on them their first defeat a month earlier. Defender Eleanor Hill opened the scoring with a drive from 20 yards and the defence coped well under pressure from the wings to keep a clean sheet. Brittany Leading scorer Murtagh climbed from the bench to make sure the points came to Luton with two goals in the second half.

Last week's visit to Northwood was a more comfortable affair, with Town scoring eleven with-



Hoping for a repeat performance - Yasmin Hickling, extreme left, fires in last year's winner at Watford

out reply. Brittany Murtagh led the way with four and Ann Folan scored twice.Natalie Burchnall, Emma Wells, Chloe Fensome, Laura Massey and a first-ever goal for Luton from Amanda Scott rounded off a Lauren threaded the ball into comprehensive win. With the season almost at the half way stage this is a very competitive league with the top six all in with a chance of honours, each having lost twice so far.

In the under-11 league things are not so tight, with Belles sitting pretty at the top with a sixpoint lead over Watford. Edgware-based Belmont United were the visitors to Stockwood Park a fortnight ago and their performance belied their lowly league position. Defending deep, they were a tough nut to crack, but when Robyn Wilfort and Lauren Bruton combined



outside the area Lauren needed

just one touch to fire into the bottom corner to make it 1-0. Five minutes into the second half the points were safe when the path of Yasmin Hickling and she finished well with a first time shot with the outside of the right foot.

Last week's visit to Tottenham also brought maximum points, and the first league double of the season. Playing in the shadow of White Hart Lane, Olivia Robinson gave Luton the lead but Spurs equalised to keep the score level at the break. Jade McEntaggart restored the lead with an amazing corner which went straight in at the near post, and Lauren Bruton made certain with her 19th goal of the season.

Already every match seems like a cup final and next week's away match against secondplaced Watford will take on even more than its usual significance.

The senior team will hopefully return to action this week, taking on Southampton Saints in the second round of the League Cup. This marks the beginning of a very important three-week spell when we play both of our main rivals in the league, as well as the Saints, who currently top the Southern Division.

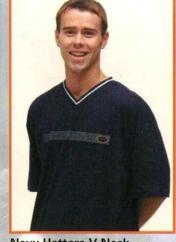
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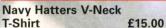
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#### Wootton BC 0 Luton Town 0 Penalties: 3-4 AVON WE SCRAPED through to the next

NATION. round of the Bedfordshire Senior

Cup, but it was a poor performance in difficult conditions, and we could easily have lost before squeezing home in a penalty shoot-out notable for producing as many misses as successes.

I was very disappointed, because while the bad pitch might have been a leveller, a professional team should be able to run up a convincing victory against a village team that plays in the United Counties League.

We fielded a reasonably strong team, and I felt the opposition, well though they played, should never have been allowed to be so close to beating us.

On a heavy and uneven surface the ball was difficult to control, but even so I expected us to perform very much better than we did.

I would pick out only three players who did well: Mark Ovendale in goal, Kevin Foley in defence and Michael Leary in midfield.

We never looked like losing, but nor did we look like winning. Both sides had a few promising breaks, and Leary was unlucky with a drive which came back off the bar, with James Osborn's shot from the rebound well saved.

We made more chances than Wootton, but they would have snatched a goal but for the alertness of Ovendale, who timed his advance well to save in a

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Southend	10	5	2	3	15	12	17
Colchester	8	5	2	1	10	7	17
Brighton	7	5	1	1	16	6	16
Cardiff	9	4	3	2	15	8	15
QPR	9	4	3	2	13	14	15
Reading	8	4	2	2	17	6	14
Swindon	9	4	2	3	11	12	14
Brentford	10	4	2	4	14	20	14
Gillingham	9	3	3	3	14	12	12
Bristol City	8	3	2	3	13	15	11
Millwall	9	3	1	5	8	9	10
Bournemouth	8	3	1	4	11	16	10
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Peterborough	9	3	0	6	13	17	9
Plymouth	8	3	0	5	10	17	9
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Cheltenham	8	1	3	4	16	19	6
Wycombe	9	2	0	7	11	26	6
Northampton	9	2	0	7	10	26	6
Cambridge	8	1	1	6	4	16	4
Barnet	7	0	1	6	7	22	1

one-on-one.

The 0-0 scoreline after extra time

was a reflection of the game, and to complete the occasion we saw players missing from penalties in the shot-out.

A save kept out our first penalty, by Aaron Skelton, but Ovendale also made a save to keep us level. Leary then netted, but so did their next penalty-taker to make it 1-1. Lee Mansell's effort was saved, but again Ovendale came to the rescue, so it was still 1-1 after each side had taken three penalties. Ovendale fancied taking one himself, but his shot was blasted over, clipping the top of the bar. Wootton converted their next kick to go 2-1 ahead, and put us on the edge - lan Hillier had to score to save the game, and he did.

That brought the sudden death sequence. Both teams scored with their sixth penalties, sub Matthew Judge netting for us before Foley was also on target to make it 4-3, and the next Wootton man blasted the 14th penalty of the night over the bar.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Foley, J. Deeney, Hillier, Kimble, Osborn (Okai 80 mins), Leary, Skelton, Mansell, Fotiadis (Barnett 104 mins), Griffiths (Judge 55 mins).

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: L. Mansell 9, Skelton 8, Leary 7(2), Foley 7, Fotiadis 7, Holmes 6, Hillier 6, J. Deeney 5, Gillman 4(1), Ovendale 4, Kimble 4, Griffiths 4, Neilson 4, Osborn 3(6), Okai 3(4), Barnett 3(2), Hughes 3, Judge 2(3), Eberendo 2(2), Beckwith 2, Howell 2, Brill 2, Thorpe 2, Brkovic 2, Howell 2, O'Leary 1(4), Barnett 1(1), Kovacevic 1, Emberson 1, De Souza 1, Berthelin 1, Nicholls 1, Davies 0(2).

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

August			
Wed 14	Bristol City(LC)	А	0-3
Wed 21		A	1-2 Skelton
Wed 28	Bristol Rov	н	1-1 Griffiths
		н	2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)
			4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell
	Peterborough	н	4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes
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			4-0 Brkovic 2, Gillman, Judge
			3-1 Judge 2, Howell
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Wed 11	Barnet	H	2pm
January			
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Wed 15	C. Palace	н	2pm
			2pm
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## Youth Soccer - UI7s



#### Luton Town 1 Cambridge 1

on a day when we turned in perhaps our poorest display of the season so far. We looked flat, and lacked any real spark on a heavy pitch. We struggled to get going, and there was not enough imagination about our play.

We missed a couple of decent chances early on when a goal might have settled us down against a visiting side which was not causing us too many problems. Peter Clark was unlucky with a header which hit the bar, but overall we looked strangely nervy.

At half time Luke Maitland was sent on to replace Clark, to give us more height in attack, and Paul Danaher also went on because Nick Skelton was injured.

But the game's pattern remained the same, very scrappy with neither side able to take control. We should have won after taking the lead on 70 minutes, Maitland firing in from the edge of the box after a good passing move. Cambridge had hardly created a single chance, and I couldn't see them scoring, but five minutes after our goal all but one member of our defence pushed up behind a clearance, leaving a striker clear down the middle, and not offside, to get

	FL Youth	Allia	nce	Under-17
Augus	t			
17	Brighton	A	0-3	
24	Peterborough	A	6-0	Shea, Barnett,
				Blythe, Freeman,
			Kea	ne, Maitland.
Septer	nber			
7	Southend	A	2-1	Ridgway 2 pens
14	Portsmouth	н	1-0	Mugadah
21	Gillingham	A	4-3	Ridgway 2, Clark, Mansell
28	Cambridge	A	0-0	
Octobe	ər			
5	Colchester	н	3-0	Mugadah, Keane, Blythe
19	QPR	н	0-2	
26	Wycombe	A	4-1	Mugadah 4
Noven	nber			
2	L. Orient	A	1-3	Ridgway
9	Brentford	н	0-0	
16	Cambridge	н	1-1	Maitland
23	Colchester	A		
30	QPR	A		
Decen	nber			
7	Wycombe	н		
14	L. Orient	н		
Janua	ry			
11	Brentford	A		
18	Brighton	н		
25	Peterborough	н		
Februa				
8	Southend	н		
15	Portsmouth	A		
22	Gillingham	н		

the equaliser.

After that our confidence drained away, and we THE performance was as disappointing as the result could easily have lost, because Cambridge had a goal disallowed for offside, and wasted the only other chance they made. In the end I was happy with a draw from a game in which we had not played well. And at least we are still looking hard to beat.

> Luton Town: Brill, Smyth, Shea (Sinclair 80 mins), D. Deeney, Skelton (Danaher HT), Mountford, De Souza, Ridgway, Blythe, Mugadah, Clark (Maitland HT).

> WE ARE away to Queens Park Rangers next Saturday, but at home to Wycombe the week afterwards. Spectators are welcome at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, and kick-off is at 11am.

> APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: D. Deeney 12, Ridgway 12, Blythe 11, Mountford 11, Shea 9(3), Blake 9(1), Mugadah 9(1), Smyth 8(2), Brill 8, Reid 8, Clark 7(3), De Souza 7(1), Keane 4, Hurst 3, Freeman 3, Green 2(4), Skelton 2(1), R. Mansell 2, McCarthy 1(2), Maitland 1(2), Barnett 1, Barrett 1, Howell 1, Sinclair 0(8), Danaher 0(3), Richardson 0(2) Pendleton 0(2).

> Goals: Mugadah 6, Ridgway 5, Blythe 2, Keane 2, Maitland 2, Shea 1, Barnett 1, Freeman 1, Clark 1, R. Mansell 1

## Mark Ridgway

COACH Mark Ridgway will attend this afternoon's league game with some sadness: he was due to be sitting alongside his cousin Doug Soar, a life-long Queens Park Rangers fan. But Mr Soar has died suddenly at the age of 51, and Mark asks us to pass on his sympathy to the family. We offer our condolences as well.

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	9	7	1	1	21	10	22
Luton Town	9	6	1	2	20	10	19
Brighton	9	6	1	2	18	9	19
L. Orient	9	5	2	2	21	11	17
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	9	3	2	4	18	28	11
QPR	9	2	4	3	10	12	10
Portsmouth	9	2	1	6	18	18	7
Brentford	9	2	0	7	14	23	6
Southend	9	1	2	6	13	30	5

## Youth Soccer - U19s

#### **Brighton 1 Luton Town 2**

THIS was not a vintage performance, but the boys deserve credit for their resilience and determination to win a difficult cup-tie which we might easily have lost.

We went a goal down in 90 seconds, thanks to a defensive error, but then started to work our way back into the game, and played some reasonable football.

With Tom Freeman unwell, we were short of attackers, so we gave defender Leon Barnett a run-out as a striker, and he did well. He scored our equaliser on 18 minutes, after a shot had been blocked and Brighton struggled to clear their lines in a scramble.

After that we were on top for the rest of the first half, and took the lead on 33 minutes through a header by Stephen O'Leary from a cross by Parys Okai.

For the second half I wanted us to kick on and stav

	FL Youth A	llia	nce	Under-19
Augu	st			
17	Walsall	н	0-0	
31	Kidderminster	A	1-0	Freeman
Septe	ember			
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	
Octol	per			
12	Peterborough	A	1-3	O'Leary
19	West Brom	А	0-1	
23	Brentford(FAYC1)	A	3-0	Judge, Freeman 2
26	Rushden	н	3-1	Judge, Freeman, Osborn
Nove	mber			
2	Oxford Utd	н	5-1	Judge 3, Freeman, Osbor
7	Tooting(FAYC)	A	3-1	Judge 2, Davies
9	Cambridge	A	Post	tponed
16	Brighton (LC1)	A	2-1	Barnett, O'Leary
30	West Brom	н		
Dece	mber			
4	Stoke(FAYC)	н		
7	Rushden & D	А		
14	Oxford Utd	A		
Janu	ary			
11	Cambridge	н		
18	Walsall	A		
25	Kidderminster	н		
Febru	Jary			
1	Northampton	А		
8	Peterborough	н		

in control, but Brighton raised their game, and they had slightly the better of the second half.

We should have got another goal, but an excellent save kept out an effort by Matthew Judge, but Brighton created more second-half chances than we did.

It became backs to the wall, with Robert Beckwith doing well in goal, and the defence working hard. I felt we did well to stay with it to hang on to the victory.

Luton Town: Beckwith, Howell, Gillman, O'Leary, J. Deeney, Foley (Keane 82 mins), Davies, Osborn, Barnett, Judge, Okai.

WE ARE at home to league leaders West Brom on Saturday, seeking to avenge a 1-0 defeat at their place earlier in the season. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, is at 11am and spectators are welcome. Admission is free. We now have a date for our FA Youth Cup third round tie against Stoke City. It will be on Wednesday week, December 4, at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 7pm. Admission prices will be £3 for adults, £1 for senior and junior citizens, with entrance via Kenilworth Road.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Howell 13, Barnett 12(1), Freeman 11, Judge 11, O'Leary 11, J. Deeney 10, Okai 10, Davies 9(2), Foley 9, Osborn 8(1), R. Mansell 7(2), Maitland 7(1), Beckwith 7, Brill 6(2), Gillman 6(1), Keane 3(4), De Souza 1(2), Ridgway 1(1), Mountford 1.

Goals: Judge 8, Freeman 7, Osborn 4, Okai 2, Barnett 2, O'Leary 2, Davies 1.

## John Moore

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	Ρ	w	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	6	5	1	0	12	5	16
Peterborough	6	4	0	2	17	6	12
Walsall	7	3	2	2	14	8	11
Northampton	6	3	2	1	8	5	11
Cambridge	6	3	1	2	12	9	10
Luton Town	7	3	1	3	10	7	10
Kidderminster	7	2	1	4	11	17	7
Oxford	7	1	0	6	5	21	3
Rushden	6	0	2	4	5	16	2

FROM ALL 4 DIVISIONS

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## **Second Division Scene**

WITH the first third of the season played, the league table is beginning to settle down, and we can start to work out probable promotion and play-off targets. The bad news is that if the Town maintain their current points-gathering average, they will fall short. The good news is that if they can keep up their record since the disastrous start to the season, they have every chance of finishing fifth in the table.

If the top ten teams all continue to perform at their average so far, Wigan, Oldham and Cardiff will be joint top on 95 points, with goal difference deciding which two go up. Then will come Bristol City, with 92 points, followed by Crewe 79, QPR and Brentford 74, Blackpool and Chesterfield 69 and the Town with 66. The sums get more interesting if we bin the Town's first four games, all of which were lost. Since then only two more defeats have been suffered, with 26 points gathered from the last 14 matches. And if that average is kept up, the final table will show the Town in fifth place on 80 points, six clear of seventh place. That is because the 28 league games to the end of

the season, starting with today's, will yield another 54 points if the Town keep up their average for the last 14 games.

And even if the average drops a little, a top six finish is well possible. The target to reach the play-off zone

			HO	ME				AWAY									
	Ρ	w	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts				
Wigan	18	5	3	1	17	9	6	2	1	15	4	19	38				
Oldham	18	6	0	3	21	7	5	4	0	11	5	20	37				
Cardiff	18	7	1	1	18	5	4	3	2	12	10	15	37				
Bristol City	17	7	0	1	18	3	4	1	4	15	14	16	34				
Crewe	18	5	1	3	9	6	4	3	2	16	9	10	31				
QPR	18	6	1	2	17	7	2	4	3	11	11	10	29				
Brentford	18	4	4	1	12	4	4	1	4	13	17	4	29				
Blackpool	18	5	2	2	16	10	3	1	5	8	14	0	27				
Chesterfield	18	6	2	1	12	5	2	1	6	4	15	-4	27				
<b>Luton Town</b>	18	3	3	3	17	13	4	2	3	10	13	1	26				
Tranmere	18	6	2	1	12	7	1	1	7	6	22	-11	24				
Wycombe	18	4	2	3	19	15	2	3	4	5	10	-1	23				
Port Vale	18	3	2	4	10	1000	3	3	3	11	12	-4	23				
Northampton	18	4	2	3	13		2	2	5	5	17	-6	22				
Stockport	18	3	3	3	15		3	0	6	7	10	-2	21				
Plymouth	18	3	3	3	12		2	3	4	11	14	-4	21				
Barnsley	18	3	4	2		13	2	1	6	8	15	-9	20				
Swindon	18	3	2	4	11		2	2	5	9	17	-7	19				
Notts County	17	1	5	3	1.00	15	2	4	2	11	9	-2	18				
Huddersfield	18	2	5	2	8	7	2	1	6	5	13	-7	18				
Colchester	18	3	3	3	8	7	1	3	5	8	17	-8	18				
Peterborough	18	3	2	4	9	7	1	3	5	11	18	-5	17				
Cheltenham	18	2	2	5	9	14	2	3	4	9	11	-7	17				
Mansfield	18	3	0	6	14	22	1	3	5	12	22	-18	15				

at present is 75 points, assuming that the other teams in

the top ten keep up their current rate of progress. Which means a minimum of 49 points have to be collected from 28 matches.

To achieve that, the Town need at least 11 victories, and that would be enough only if they drew 16 of the other 17 games.

For the Town to rack up 80 points, and thus be nearcerts for the play-offs, the possible combinations of results, with 26 points already in the bag, are a minimum of:

W	D	L	Pt
18	0	10	54
17	3	8	54
16	6	6	54
15	9	4	54
14	12	2	54
13	15	0	54
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The minimum requirement for a play-off place seems to be 49 points from the rest of the season, to produce a last-day total of 75 points. Combinations to produce that total:

P	W	D	L	Pts	
28	16	1	11	49	
28	15	4	9	49	
28	14	7	7	49	
28	13	10	5	49	
28	12	13	3	49	
28	11	16	1	49	

The optimists will figure that as the above stats are all minimum requirements, the Town can all but settle their future long before May's sun shines, by winning more games than are shown in the charts. The trouble is that nine teams currently above the Town will also be looking to improve their prospects, QPR included. They were briefly top of the league in late September, but come to Luton today looking for their first league win in six games after run of three draws and two defeats. On Saturday Rangers were held to a 0-0 draw away to non-league Vauxhall Motors, of Ellesmere Port.

Rangers' away record in the league shows two wins, four draws and three defeats. The victories were 4-0 at Mansfield in early September and 3-1 at Bristol City later that month. The draws were 1-1 at Stockport, Cheltenham and Wigan and 0-0 at Port Vale. The losses were 0-1 at Barnsley, 1-4 at Wycombe and 0-2 at Crewe.

## Brian Swain

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# Statistics and all the fixtures

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