

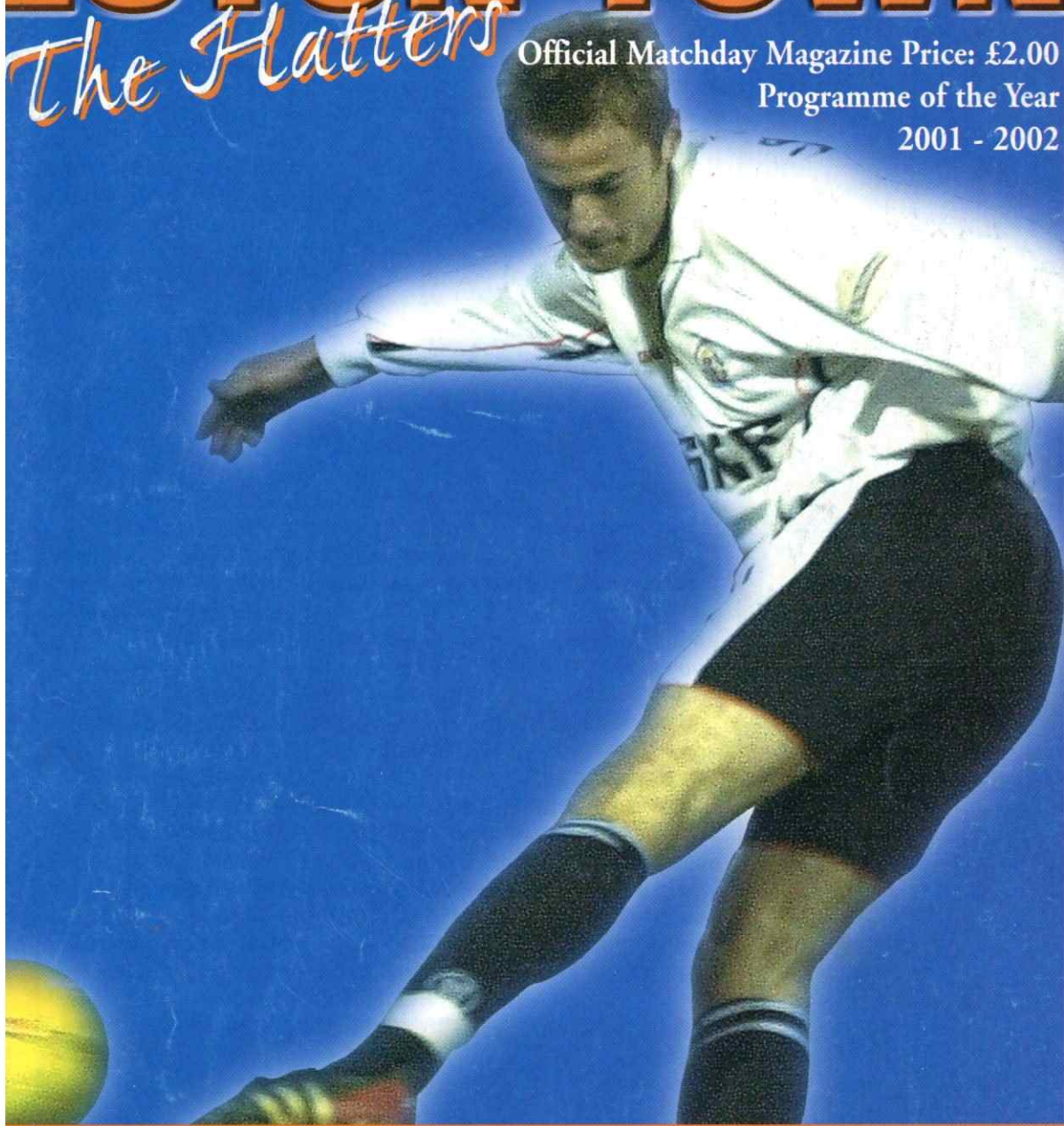
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Best foot forward: Peter  
Holmes in action during  
Tuesday's LDV game  
against Cambridge.

# Inside Forward

STRIKER Steve Howard has delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road by committing himself to the Town for at least two more seasons after this one.

Joe Kinnear, who bought him for a bargain fee of £50,000 from Northampton, was keen to tie up another contract to avoid the possibility that some other club might do to the Town the same as he had done to the Cobblers. They were not keen to lose their top striker, but Howard was then approaching the end of his contract at Sixfields, so they took the knock-down fee on deadline day in March 2001.

They had paid Hartlepool £120,000 two years previously, and when the Town boss went in for him Northampton asked for £150,000. No deal, said Joe... he'll be a Bosman free in six weeks time at the end of the season.

The manager has ensured that the same scenario cannot now be played out with him as the victim. Howard, 26, has signed a new deal which will run until the summer of 2005.

"He loves the club," said the manager, and Howard confirmed that he was as pleased as his boss that negotiations had led to agreement. Born in Durham, he still lives near Northampton, and as a family man has happily settled in the area.

The boss said that recent games had underlined the need to secure the services of the striker. His three-match suspension ends today, and, to put it mildly, he was much missed at Wigan and in Tuesday's LDV game against Cambridge.

With one player signed, the boss reluctantly said farewell to Cedric Berthelin, who has completed his short-term contract. The manager wanted to extend his deal until the end of the season, but the board felt that having three senior goalkeepers was a luxury a club the size of Luton Town could not afford.

Joe admitted he was disappointed, but added: "I have been in football a long time, and I understand the realities. We have a good squad, and I accept the situation and get on with the job."

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LUTON TOWN is just one of many local organisations mourning the loss of Eric Fountain, a remarkable man who did much for the benefit of this area, and for football. He died this week at the age of 73, having made his mark in a wide variety of fields.

In Luton he was best known for his career with Vauxhall Motors, and for the football club that was to bring huge benefits in the 1980s. Mr Fountain joined Vauxhall as an office boy and his 46-year career took him all the way to the top. He was director of public affairs by the time he retired in 1989.

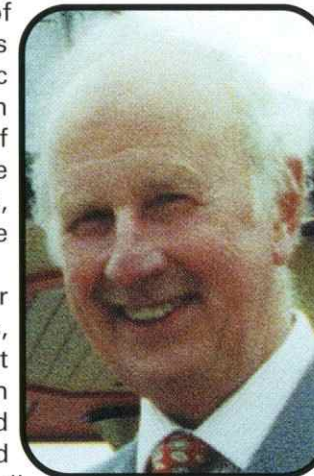
He was a keen Hatters fan, and when shirt sponsorship came in he was not best pleased that the first name on the Town's shirts was that of a local Ford dealership.

He felt that Vauxhall Motors and Bedford Trucks, then the biggest employers in Luton and Dunstable, had missed a trick, and persuaded General Motors to make amends when the sponsorship deal came up for renegotiation.

The result was that the Bedford name, and later that of Vauxhall, were carried through the highest level of football in this country, with the financial backing a major reason for "little Luton" doing so well in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He also got General Motors involved in sponsorships with the FA, which led to him having the privilege of presenting the Charity Shield at Wembley, when Everton beat Coventry in 1987.

Mr Fountain was awarded the MBE for his services to the motor industry, and in retirement he set about serving his local community in a wide range of capacities. One cause dear to his heart was the Keech Cottage Hospice, where he chaired the fund-raising committee.

His funeral will be private, and the family asks that instead of offering flowers, donations to Keech Cottage should be made in his memory. We offer our condolences to his wife Yvonne, sons Greg and Rod, and daughter Lynn.



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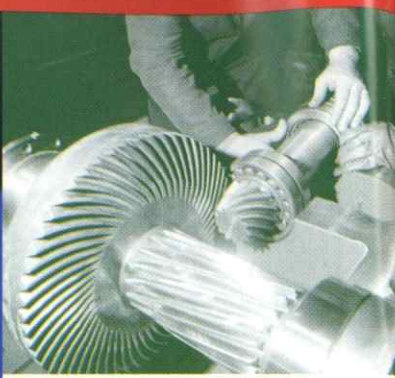
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# Manager's View



WE INTEND to set the record straight this afternoon by returning to winning ways after the double disappointments of the past week. Our exit from the FA Cup at Wigan was less of a shock than the result on Tuesday, when we lost a game we should have won.

I don't want to take anything away from Cambridge, because they played well, but they must know they should have been dead and buried by half-time. The game would have been all over if we had taken one or two more of the many chances we created, and that is a worry. When you have the opposition on the ropes, you must deliver a knock-out punch.

Our failure to do that cost us dear, and the players knew they had under-achieved. We were not at full strength, but the team I fielded should have been good enough to account for Third Division opposition on our own pitch. We needed another goal after Tony Thorpe's opener to kill off the game, but instead we contributed to our own downfall by missing too many chances. The fact that their goalkeeper was man of the match, making some outstanding saves, was no excuse for losing. We passed up countless opportunities, and it was obvious that we are not the same side without Steve Howard. Tony Thorpe and Dean Crowe both worked hard, but we didn't have enough options.

We put in some great crosses, but missed Howie's height and

physical presence. We needed someone stronger up front to hold the ball up for us.

He was one of eight senior men who were unavailable, and on Tuesday's evidence we do not have enough depth in attacking options. I would like to do something about it, but it is difficult, because we are not able to spend a lot of money to bring in new men, even if they are available on the sort of budget we operate on. However, there is no need to be pessimistic. We have a very capable squad, despite the current problems with injuries, and we are still having a very good season. Our league form shows only one defeat in the last 11 games and if we keep it up a play-off place is well within our grasp.

I believe we could have achieved a double: promotion is obviously the first priority, but as you will have realised when you saw the team I picked on Tuesday I also wanted to stay in the LDV Trophy. We had a reasonable chance of winning it, but now, as the cliché has it, we can concentrate on the league.

In view of the injury situation, perhaps we will eventually see Tuesday's result as a blessing in disguise. We are due for some better luck with injuries, and at the time of writing I was not certain who would be available for today's game. Steve Howard will be completing his three-match suspension, and with the benefit of hindsight perhaps we were a little fortunate that he

will miss only one league match.

Sol Davis and Tony Thorpe were substituted as precautionary measures: they both felt hamstring twinges, and we certainly don't want any more of those in the club.

It was tough on Kevin Nicholls, who had been looking forward to playing on Tuesday after being suspended for the cup-tie at Wigan, but was another on the sick list. He picked up an injury while doing extra training, which is typical of the luck we have had recently.

Luck, however, tends to balance out over a season, and perhaps our attacking play on Tuesday has put a few goals in the bank. I trust, also, that we will rapidly get back to winning games on our own pitch. We are within a whisker of the play-offs, and after today's game we have the chance to peg back two of the teams above us, at Bristol on Saturday and then at home to Cardiff on Boxing Day.

And despite the week's two disappointments, we have one very important asset - a tremendous team spirit, and a determination to do well. I couldn't fault the players for effort and attitude against Cambridge, and more often than not that sort of endeavour will earn its just rewards.

Three points this afternoon will just about compensate for the Wigan and Cambridge results, and put us back on track for the season's really important prize. Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

*Joe Kinnear*

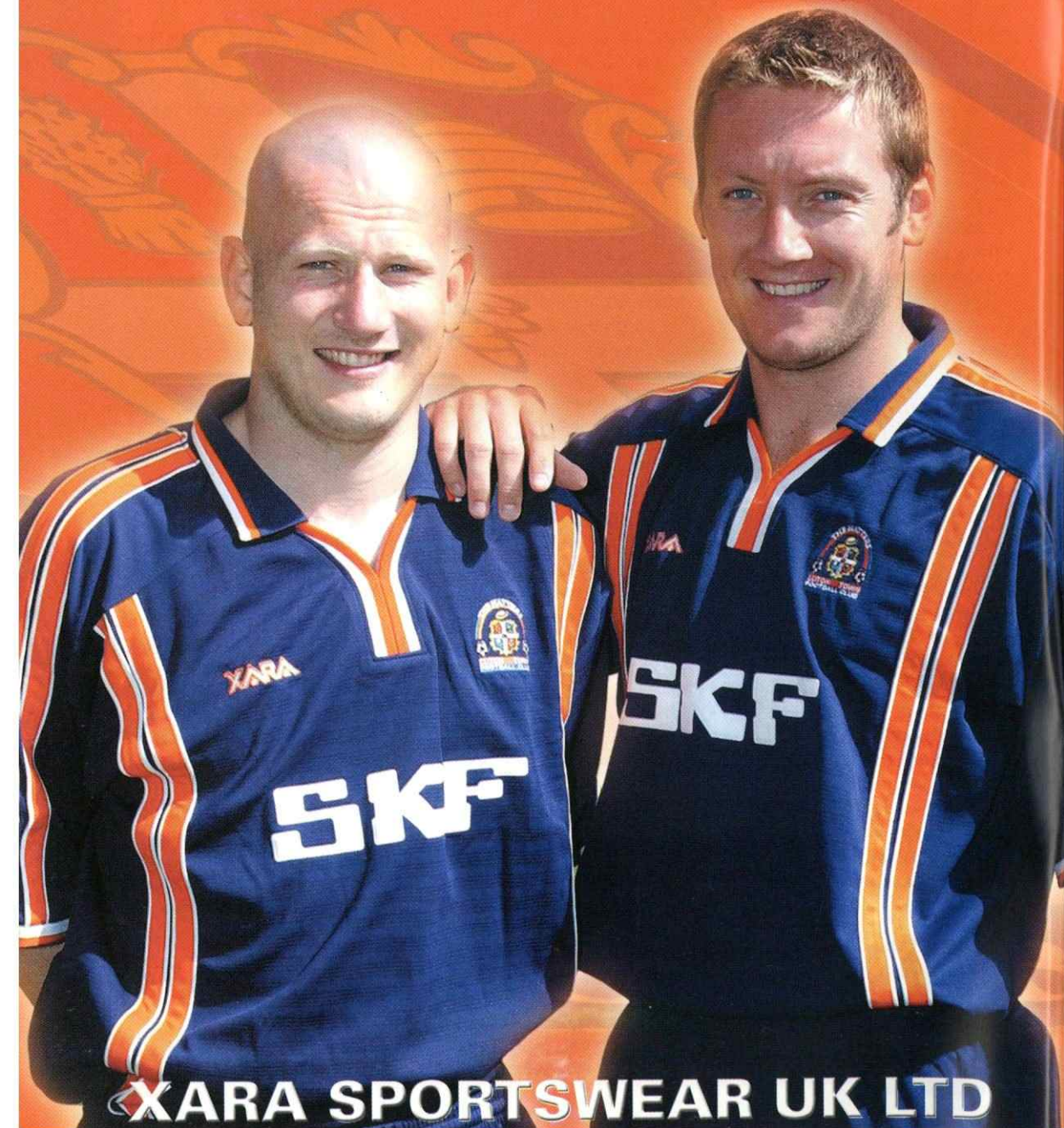


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## Captain's View



WE ARE all very glad to be back in action this afternoon, for an early chance to put things right after Tuesday's huge disappointment. We are still puzzling over how we managed to do so well in so many aspects of the game, but then lose it.

I give credit to Cambridge for sticking to their task, and their goalkeeper had a terrific game, but we won't often play like we did and lose. On the night we paid for not turning our chances into goals, although Tony Thorpe took his with his usual style. We needed a second, and if we had got it I am sure we would gone on to win.

To lose to a golden goal in extra time was a real choker, because we all felt it was a game we were capable of winning, and we also felt the LDV was a competition which offered us a real chance of collecting a medal this season.

It wasn't to be, and we have to accept it and get on with our jobs. I have never wavered from my belief that cups are not the most important objectives for us: we want promotion, and Tuesday's disappointment can be turned to our advantage. You can be absolutely certain we will

be in a very determined mood this afternoon.

Obviously we do not want to lose three times in eight days, and if we had been told in advance we could take one win out of the three, this afternoon's league match would be our choice.

I am hoping I will be fit to play, but I think it has been encouraging to see how well the team has performed despite the recent crop of injuries.

The disappointments from the Wigan and Cambridge games are behind us, and I can promise you that the atmosphere around the club is still upbeat, particularly when we look at the league table. So far the "recovery plan" we mapped out at a team meeting after the poor start to the season is working out well, and its final stage for this year was the determination to be in the play-off zone by the time we moved into 2003.

We might just do it this afternoon, depending on how well we perform and what happens elsewhere. We will concentrate on trying to put three more points in the bag, and know we will have to be on top of our game to see off Colchester.

They seem to be having a

bit of a mixed season, and from what I hear they can be very good one day and not so clever the next. That is the case very often in football, and you never know why it happens.

I know a little bit about Colchester: Joe Keith, their leading scorer, is my second cousin, the same age as me, and the product of the youth scheme at West Ham. He's got a great left foot, but he and I know that family connections will count for nothing if we are up against each other today – if the ball's there I go in to win it, no matter who the opponent is. I also know Kemmy Izzet, who went to the same school as me, at Newham. He was in my younger brother's class, and was a YT boy at Charlton when I first signed pro forms there. He can play a bit, but not today, if I have anything to do with it! One thing we have talked about is the need for us to be more consistent at home. We are doing well in away games and need to bring the home record at least level with results on our trips. If we can do that we will be unstoppable.

*Kevin Nicholls*





## Treatment Room

IT'S MAINLY good news from the treatment room today, with several players getting closer to full fitness, and a couple of minor scares disappearing rapidly.

If you were at the Cambridge match on Tuesday you will have seen that both Sol Davis and Tony Thorpe were subbed. It was a case of taking precautions when they felt slight discomfort, but both are all right, and have been able to train in preparation for today's game.

The worry, of course, was that they might be suffering hamstring problems, but in the case of Thorpe it was a touch of cramp, while Davis had felt his muscle tightening up a little during the warm-up. They were

subbed because it was not felt worth taking any chances in an LDV game when we have important league matches to follow.

Dean Crowe enjoyed his return to the first team after being out for nearly two months with a hamstring injury, and came through the game with no adverse reactions apart from a slight, and temporary deadleg. It soon cleared up, and he is ready to play today, if selected. Alan Neilson received good news after having X-rays taken of his big toe injury. There was a possibility that it might be broken, which could lead to a spell out of action, but the plates showed that there was no fracture. He had jarred the joint, which led to swelling, but that

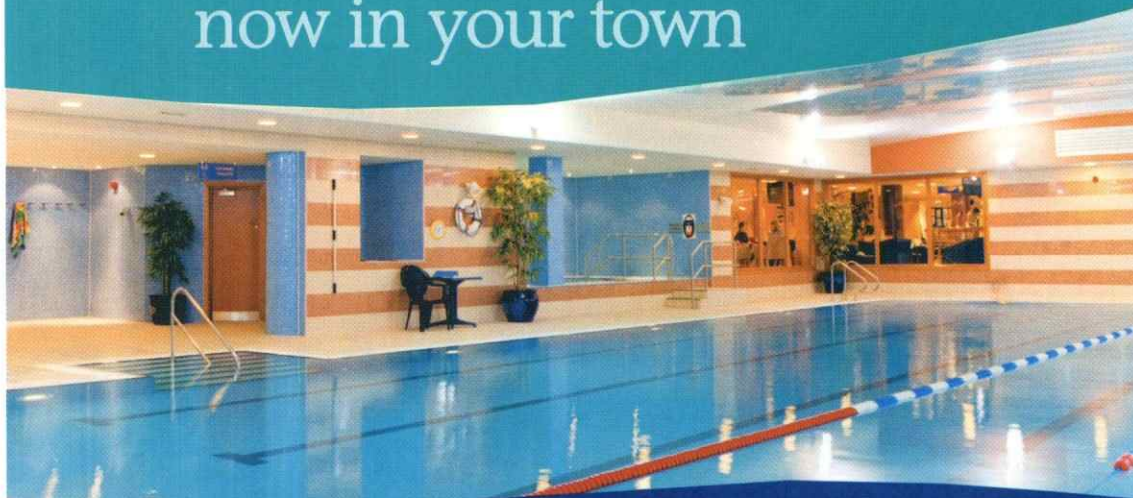
has now subsided after treatment, and he was able to resume full training on Thursday. Unless there were unexpected developments, he should be available to play this afternoon.

Russell Perrett underwent keyhole surgery on Tuesday to clear up his groin injury, and it went well. At this stage, however, it is impossible to say how much longer it will take to complete his recovery.

Aaron Skelton has got over his knee injury, and made his comeback with a 45-minute appearance for the reserves on Wednesday, and is ready to work to build up his fitness level to first team requirements.

*Lee Taylor*

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## Club Secretary



WELCOME to our final home league game before Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all supporters a very happy Christmas - with lots of points! - and also to thank you for your fantastic support both at home and away.

In the true spirit of Christmas, today we welcome the Salvation Army band, whose playing of traditional carols is always very popular. Look out also for Father Christmas, who will be around the ground with Happy Harry.

There is also a collection today for the Mayor's Christmas Appeal for the senior citizens of Luton which is being carried out by the local Rotary Clubs. I know our supporters will give generously.

Next Monday, December 16, sees our sixth annual carol service taking place at St. Mary's Luton Parish Church, with a 7.30pm kick-off. Management and players will be there, and all are very welcome. Afterwards we will be having coffee and mince pies. We will be welcoming children from Someries School, who will be singing during the service. And thanks, in advance, to our club chaplain, the Rev Catherine Moss, for her help.

Meanwhile, football business goes on as before, and we were informed on Tuesday that our game at Chesterfield on New Year's Day is now an all-ticket match for our supporters, with none available on the day. Please see page 11 for further details.

Unlike us, Chesterfield do not print their own tickets, so we are waiting for their arrival. But if you want to go to the game, you do not have to wait until the tick-

ets get here. The ticket office will be happy to accept orders, and post them out to you.

Should you make a last-minute decision to watch the game, we will, as always, be happy to take tickets to Chesterfield for you to collect on the day - all it needs is a phone call to the ticket office (01582 416927) by close of business on December 30.

A date for your new 2003 diary: our game against Bradford in the FA Youth Cup fourth round has now been arranged. It will be on Wednesday January 15 at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 7pm. Admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. Turnstiles will be open at Kenilworth Road and on Maple Road Bridge. Please come and support the youth team - they are playing some excellent football.

This addition to the fixture list means that our scheduled reserve game that day, against Crystal Palace, will be postponed, and as yet I have no new date.

The postponed match in the Football League Youth Alliance under-19 section with Cambridge has now been arranged for next Saturday, at Cambridge, with an 11am kick-off.

Finally, on fixtures, we have a blank day on January 4. Blackpool were due to be our visitors, but they will be involved in the FA Cup instead. I will inform you of the new date as soon as possible.

Away from the football field, the club is joining the Prince's Trust in its efforts to help young people find employment. They try to help more young people develop key skills, increase confidence,

and get into work as part of a volunteers programme.

The Prince's Trust will deliver a 12-week personal development programme from a base at Luton Youth House, St. Mary's Road, Luton, and it will include a week away at an outward bound centre, working on projects in the community, and work placements.

We will help by offering stadium tours, a venue for meetings, work placements, and use of the Eric Morecambe Suite for a final celebration event.

Jamie Roberts, the Prince's Trust Football Development Manager, asked for our help because we are in the heart of the community, and offer a stage to promote the Trust's work.

For our part, we are pleased to be able to support local young people who are making efforts to improve their lives. The programme fits in with our own profile, and our aims to help the local community.

It starts on January 13, and places are available now. Anyone interested should contact team leader Mark Golby on 0781 5733720, or Verity Southwell on 01582 410011.

We know that the Trust, set up by the Prince of Wales, is effective as it targets 14-30 year-olds who are unemployed, or facing barriers in life. The Trust is in a long-term partnership with football, through the Premier League, the Football Foundation, and the PFA to help, in particular, under-25s to develop skills, confidence and motivation.

*Cherry Newbery*

You can e-mail Cherry Newbery on [clubsec@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:clubsec@lutontown.co.uk)



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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.

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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

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### Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town

Saturday December 28, 2002, kick-off 3pm

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Tickets are available to season ticket holders, one per season ticket, until kick-off today, subject to availability.

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In the event of any tickets remaining, they will go on sale, one per member, after tonight's game 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

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### Chesterfield v Luton Town

Wednesday January 1, 2003, kick-off 3pm

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### Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle

Saturday January 11, 2003, kick-off 3pm

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is traditional that we report on new signings as they happen, with newcomers being introduced to fans in ClubCall interviews.

Manager Joe Kinnear can be heard on the line the day before every match, giving his last-minute preview and the latest on injuries and team news. Joe is back on the line after each game to reflect on the action.

Hatter's players also feature heavily in interviews on ClubCall during the week, as do directors and other members of staff at the club. Our match coverage consists of up to the minute reports on every Luton game, home and away. The service is updated regularly throughout the 90 minutes, and goals are reported within seconds of the ball hitting the back of the net. So if you can't get to a game, get to a phone!

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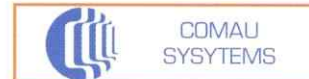
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is a season ticket holder, and like our 15-year-old son Steven hardly ever misses a home game. He goes to lots of away games as well. I was looking for a special present to mark a special birthday, and I know this will be just perfect."

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TWELVE-year-old Harry Layton will enjoy a very special day out today, supporting his favourite team. He is our commercial mascot, which means he gets a look behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road and is also very close to the action in the build-up before the match.



He will meet the team in the dressing room, and then run out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match rituals. Hopefully Steve Howard will be around, despite having to miss the game, because the striker is Harry's favourite player.

Harry comes from Stratfield Park Close, Winchmore Hill, London and goes to Highfield School. He loves coming to Town games with his dad, and his other main hobby is his computer.

THE match ball is being sponsored by more good friends of Luton Town, G. Owen Ceramic Tiling Ltd. They have long-standing and close links with Luton, although it is now based at Northampton, having had to move to find larger premises as the business grew. The company has built up a big reputation for quality and service, supplying and fixing ceramic tiling for the building industry, including most of the big names in house building. We thank them for their continued support of the club, and of our vital commercial activities.

*Linda Layton*

## Golden Gamble

HATTERS supporter Darren Davidson had one good result to cheer him up on Tuesday evening, because he went home with a £295 "consolation prize." Mr Davidson, of Holgate Drive, Luton, was the night's Golden Gamble winner. He paid only £1 for the lucky ticket, which was drawn out of the drum by Alan Neilson

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**Clubs Comparison**

Goals Scored	18
Shots	7
Headers	3
Volleys	2
Penalties	0
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0

**Where Goals Scored**

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**When Goals Scored**

**Form Guide - Last 6**

2	Won
3	Drawn
1	Lost
5	For
5	Against
9	Points
0	Goal Difference
0	Sequence

**Yellow & Red Cards**

38	Yellow
3	Red

**Seasonal Progress Comparison**

**2002-2003 Attendances**

Hatters	U's
68,403	31,633
9,477	3,714
6,004	2,721
6,840	3,163
69	42
% of Capacity	

**Average Goals per game**

For	Against
1.50	0.95
1.70	0.80
1.30	1.10
1.35	1.30
1.30	0.70
1.40	1.90
Away Against	

**2002-2003 Figures**

33	Players Used	23
8	Clean Sheets	5
5	Failed to Score	7
4	Goals scored from...	1
2	Corners	2
1	Free Kicks	4
2	Goals conceded from...	0
1	Corners	4
2	Free Kicks	0

**Swings**

Games Won from: 0  
3 Goals Down: 0  
2 Goals Down: 0  
1 Goal Down: 4

Lost from: 0  
3 Goals Up: 0  
2 Goals Up: 1  
1 Goal Up: 1

Drawn from: 0  
3 Goals Down: 1  
2 Goals Down: 0  
1 Goal Down: 0  
3 Goals Up: 0  
2 Goals Up: 1  
1 Goal Up: 1

**Margins**

Won by 1 Gl: 5  
Won by 2 Gl: 1  
Won by 3 Gl: 2  
Won by 4 Gl: 0  
Won by 5+ Gl: 0

Games: 4  
Lost by 1 Gl: 4  
Lost by 2 Gl: 0  
Lost by 3 Gl: 2  
Lost by 4 Gl: 0  
Lost by 5+ Gl: 0

**Misc stats**

Highest Pos.: 7  
Lowest Pos.: 24  
Winning Run: 5  
Unbeaten Run: 7  
Losing Run: 4  
No Win Run: 5

**Colchester United's 10 Year History**

Season	Leading Scorer	Goals
01/02	McGleish	15
00/01	Stockwell	11
99/00	McGavin	16
98/99	Gregory D	11
97/98	4 Players	7
96/97	Adcock	11
95/96	Adcock	12
94/95	Whitton	10
93/94	Browns	11
92/93	McDonough/McGavin	9





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## GOALKEEPERS

### 1. SIMON BROWN

Big Chelmsford born keeper who was signed from Tottenham in the summer of 1999. Failed to make the first team at White Hart Lane, but had spells on loan at Lincoln and Fulham. Established himself in his first season at Layer Road, making 41 appearances in all competitions. Having faced a battle to regain the first team shirt from Andy Woodman in the 2001/2 campaign, Simon overcame a similar battle with Richard McKinney at the start of this season to be the current incumbent of the goalkeeper shirt.

### 31. RICHARD MCKINNEY

Signed a one year contract at Layer Road at the beginning of August after impressing Steve Whitton both during pre-season and in the opening games of the season. Richard has played for Northern Ireland at Under-21 and Under-18 level and is a goalkeeper who commands his area with a considerable vocal presence. The 23-year-old was formerly at Manchester City and Swindon Town where he failed to make the breakthrough. Richard started the 2002/3 campaign in goal as

first choice 'keeper Simon Brown came back from injury, but is currently Brown's understudy.

## DEFENDERS

### 2. JOE DUNNE

Crowd favourite at Layer Road who was surprisingly released by former manager Mick Wadsworth, but brought back into the fold in December 1999 after a spell with Dover. Dublin-born full back with Eire international honours at U21, youth and schools level, he started his League career at Gillingham. Made 131 first team appearances in six years at Priestfield before moving to Essex in March 1996 on a free. He has now topped 100 appearances for the U's. Currently out with a cruciate ligament injury, and is still on the road to recovery after a year out of the game.

### 3. JOEY KEITH

Talented young wing back who signed from West Ham in the summer of 1999. Despite no first team experience he went straight into the U's side and missed only one of the 50 first team games in 1999/2000 a feat only equalled by one other player. Discovered a new talent when pushed forward just over a year ago and has proved his ability around the

box with some superb free-kick taking. Currently the club's top scorer

### 4. GAVIN JOHNSON

Polished left sided defender who returned to his native East Anglia after a spell in Scotland. Has experience at the top level with Ipswich, plus spells at Luton and Wigan, and has now well over 200 league games to his credit. Won divisional championship medals while with Ipswich and Wigan, and his versatility means he often plays in midfield as well as at the back. Gavin was the club's acting skipper in the absence of Scott Fitzgerald, but is now out until around Christmas having broken his leg against Port Vale.

### 5. SCOTT FITZGERALD

A former Irish Under-21 international defender who started with Wimbledon for whom he made 125 first team appearances before joining Sheffield United in 1995. A year later he returned to the capital and signed for Millwall for £50,000. He made around 100 appearances for The Lions before Steve Whitton recruited him for Colchester at the age of 31 in October 2000, and became club captain after the shock departure of Simon Clark in



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January 2002. Due to return to the first team soon.

## 8. MARK WARREN



Signed on the eve of the 2002/03 campaign after impressing on trial with the U's in pre-season. The former Notts County centre half is an experienced, tough-tackling defender who was a regular in the Magpies team up until the middle of the 2001/02 campaign. Gelled well with his new team mates after formerly playing with Kevin Rapley at Meadow Lane and Bobby Bowry at Crystal Palace. Became the U's third captain of the season in September before passing the armband onto Bobby Bowry.

## 19. ALAN WHITE

Released by Luton in May 2000, this tall central defender joined Colchester in the summer for his second spell at Layer Road, following a month's loan midway through the previous season. Made nearly 100 first team appearances in all competitions at Luton, where Lennie Lawrence had recruited him for £40,000 from Middlesbrough in 1997. Aged 24, hails from Darlington and signed a year's extension to stay with the club for the 2002/3 season.

## 24. PAT BALDWIN

Pat was the second young defender to sign for the U's after a pre-season trial. Although he made the professional ranks at Chelsea, he was unable to make the first team at Stamford Bridge and was released at the end of the 2001/2 season. A regular in the U's reserves, the 19-year-old will be hoping to make a first team place his own and made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup defeat against Coventry City.

## 25. SAM STOCKLEY

Sam joined Colchester United on a permanent basis at the beginning of November, after impressing on a two month loan deal

from Oxford. Having endured a nightmare spell with the Third Division club, Sam will be hoping for regular football with the U's. Cost Oxford £150,000 from Barnet in 2001, and was a part of the PFA Third Division Team of the Year for that season.

## MIDFIELDERS

### 6. THOMAS PINAULT

Thomas is a young Frenchman who signed in the summer of 1999 and after a long time on the sidelines, has now established himself a regular midfield place in the U's line up. His first taste of senior action came as a sub in August 1999, but he had to wait another eight months for his full debut. His Gallic artistry opened up many a defence during the 2001/2 season and it is hoped he can find that level of performance on a consistent basis this time around. Having previously struggled to get a shot on target, Thomas now has three goals to his name this year.

### 7. KARL DUGUID

The Player's Player of the Year in 1999/2000, Karl regained his title – and that of the Colchester United supporters – after a superb 2001/2 campaign. Having spent much time as a





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speedy front runner, Karl also served the club at wing back after the injury to Joe Dunne. This Hitchin born 24-year-old now has over 200 games for the U's under his belt and typifies the club's fighting spirit in the Second Division. Recently returned to reserve team football and is expected back in action soon.

## 10. KEM IZZET

Exciting and combative midfielder who joined the U's on transfer deadline day in 2001 after being released by Premiership side Charlton. Initially brought to Layer Road on month's loan, Kem impressed manager Steve Whitton and earned a permanent move. Brother of Leicester's Muzzy, 21-year-old Kem has already attracted interest from higher divi-

sion clubs with his dynamic performances.

## 14. CHRIS KEEBLE

Signed from neighbouring Ipswich just before the March 2000 transfer deadline, Chris is a young attacking midfielder. He's the son of U's legend Vic Keeble, a goal scorer who also starred for Newcastle and West Ham in the fifties. Chris had languished in Ipswich reserves for a couple of seasons before making an instant impact at Layer Road. After a long spell in the reserves, he broke back into the side for the last few games of the 2000/01 deadline, before snapping his Achilles heel against Wycombe and only now is putting himself back into contention for first team football.

## 16. MARC CANHAM

A skilful midfielder, Marc is a product of the Colchester United youth system. Having guided the youth team to a 2001/2 Youth Alliance championship, Marc made the step up from youth and reserve team football to make his debut against Cardiff City. One for the future, Marc has been given a full year's professional contract to prove his worth.

## 17. BOBBY BOWRY

Signed from Millwall in July 2001, Bobby was signed to fill the role vacated by Aaron Skelton's departure to Luton Town during that summer. An experienced midfielder, Bobby's passing ability will provide a spark for the likes of Kem Izzet and Thomas Pinault to feed off in the centre of the park, whilst his defensive strengths allow the younger duo to push forward.

## 20. MICKY STOCKWELL

Colchester were delighted to capture the summer signature of this midfield ace, who has more than 600 first team appearances with Ipswich Town under his belt. Essex born, his experience and irrepressible energy and enthusiasm proved invaluable at this level as he scored 11 goals and was an ever present in the first team – winning a string of Player



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of the Year awards in his first season. The 2001/2 campaign saw him play several games in his old right back position, and it is this versatility which will continue to prove useful.

## FORWARDS

### 9. SCOTT MCGLEISH



The U's top scorer last season with 15 goals, Scott was born in Barnet. He is a lively striker who joined Charlton from non-league Edgware at the age of 20 in May 1994. After six Division One appearances as a sub and a loan spell at Leyton Orient,

he moved to Peterborough for a spell. The goals began to flow in a 1996 loan spell at Colchester where he helped the U's into the Division Three play-offs. After a £50,000 move to Leyton Orient in November 1996, Barnet paid £70,000 for his services and he scored nearly 40 senior goals before new Steve Whitton snapped him up for Colchester in January 2001. Recently made his 100th appearance in a U's shirt.

### 11. DEAN MORGAN

An effervescent striker who is expected to make his breakthrough into the U's first team this season. Aged just 18, Dean is rated highly by the backroom staff at Layer Road, and after a season of substitute appearances will be keen to force his way into the starting line-up on a more frequent basis. Has three goals to his name this season.

### 12. KEVIN RAPLEY

Became the U's third signing of last summer after an impressive trial spell. Having fallen out of favour with Notts County, 23-year-old Kevin was signed by Steve Whitton to provide strength in depth up front. Hard-working and determined, Raps had a long spell out of the team before regaining his place towards the end of

the campaign – becoming the second U's player to hit double figures for goals scored during the 2001/2 season.

### 15. ADRIAN COOTE

Joined the U's for a club record equalling fee of £50,000 in December 2001. A prolific scorer in Norwich City's reserves – he was the Avon Combination top scorer with 23 goals in the 2000/1 season – he didn't quite make the grade at Carrow Road and was forced to seek first team football elsewhere. Snapped up by Steve Whitton after interest from one or two other clubs, Adrian provides the club with a different option with his height up front and scored his first goal for the club in the draw against Brentford before finishing up with four. Recently returned from a loan spell at Bristol Rovers.

### 21. SIMON ATANGANA

Cameroon international striker with eight caps to his name. Simon signed for the U's on a weekly contract at the beginning of November and – having scored on his reserve team debut – will be keen to show the management staff that he is worth a long term deal. Previously with Dundee United and Port Vale.





## Blast From the Past

Mike Keen had already enjoyed a full footballing career which would have been the envy of most professional players before coming to Kenilworth Road and having a second!

Born in High Wycombe in March 1940, Keen, although an Arsenal supporter, signed professional forms at Q.P.R. in 1958 and made his league debut for Rangers against York City in September 1959.

This started a virtually ever present run during which time he saw Rangers rise from Division Three to the top flight in a glorious spell which included a League Cup win in 1967 in the first final played at Wembley.

"We had a good side at Q.P.R. at the time and in the period 1966 to 1968 we won back to back promotions with players such as Rodney Marsh and the Morgan twins. I was captain when we became the first Division

Three side to win a major final at Wembley when we beat West Brom 3-2 after being 2-0 down at half-time."

While all this was going on the Hatters were also embarking on a run of their own which started with the championship of Division Four in 1968 and a barnstorming start to the following campaign which then stuttered, as autumn turned to winter, with a string of away defeats.

After manager Allan Brown applied for the vacant Leicester job in November 1968, which he did not get, the Luton board accused him of disloyalty and promptly sacked him giving the job to Alec Stock who had left Q.P.R. the previous summer just as Rangers were about to embark on their first ever season in the old Division One.

"I missed a few games for Rangers during the

opening spell of that Division One season with two managers in quick succession not helping my cause and when Alec Stock, my old manager, asked me to come to Kenilworth Road I jumped at the opportunity. I would not have moved for anyone else."

The Town therefore captured, in January 1969, a cultured midfielder player, who was far better than Division Three, for a bargain £18500. Making his debut for the Town in a 1-0 home win against Walsall it was not long before Keen had to miss a number of games with ankle trouble, this after a virtually injury free career.

Hatters supporters were clearly split into two camps over Keen at the start of his Kenilworth Road spell with some thinking he was slow and wasted the ball while the majority could see that his thinking was far quicker than that of his colleagues who were not on the same wavelength.

This all changed when Keen had clever players around him especially Malcolm Macdonald and Don Givens who were able to latch on to his astute and delicate forward passes. A new golden era at Kenilworth Road had now begun.

"Things did not go particularly well for me when I first came to Luton as there were a couple of players who had their noses put out of joint. There were also a few supporters who did not really rate me but I think I eventually won them over. I can also state quite categorically that I am not Alec Stock's son-in-law which was a common rumour at the time!"



Mike Keen scores against Watford at Vicarage Road in 1970.

## Mike Keen, cultured playmaker



After that injury ridden first season Keen then enjoyed three years at Kenilworth Road without missing a match, a testimony to his skill and leadership, during which time he skippered the side to promotion to the old division two and then, twelve months later, saw the Town fail by a whisker to win further elevation.

"Similar to my time at Q.P.R we had a good team spirit at Luton as we won promotion and took the old division two by storm. Malcolm Macdonald was a revelation aided by the clever play of Don Givens up front with myself, Roger Hoy and David Court forming a good midfield and Chris Nicholl and John Moore solid in defence."

We both went misty eyed in recalling great games of that period including the vital 1-0 wins at Reading and Fulham on the way to promotion, the 5-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday with Macdonald netting a hat-

trick, the 1-0 win at Watford with Mike Keen heading the only goal of the match and his first game back at Q.P.R when he scored the eventual winner with a rocket free-kick in the first minute.

"I had a great time at Luton with some great players and it was while playing for the club that I was honoured to lead the F.A. party on a nine game unbeaten tour of Australia. Malcolm Macdonald was due to play on the tour but he had to withdraw as he was involved in transfer negotiations with Newcastle."

It was the collapse of chairman Tony Hunt's Vehicle and General Insurance Group in the spring of 1971 that brought financial turmoil to Kenilworth Road and with it the inevitable sale of Macdonald. Season 1971/72 was therefore a bit of an anti-climax and at the end of the campaign Alec Stock resigned, citing the problems of daily travel to and from his Epsom home as the reason.

"New manager Harry Haslam, quite rightly, wanted to bring his own players in and to be honest I don't think he really fancied me as I was by then 32. I therefore decided to move to Watford."

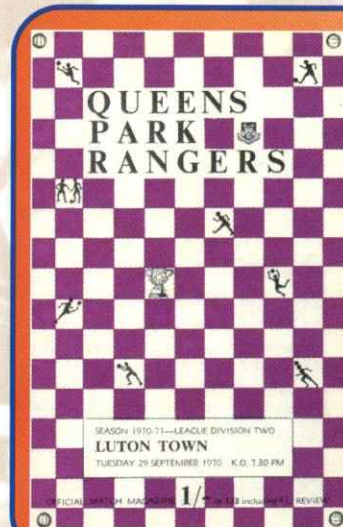
So ended a Luton career of 160 first team appearances spanning one of the most exciting times in the club's history as Mike Keen made his way to Vicarage Road firstly as player-manager before hanging up his boots in 1975.

He continued as manager at Watford until 1977 before spells in the hot seat at Northampton, Wycombe and Marlow after which he left the game to concentrate on his sports shop in High Wycombe.

Mike is now manager of a sports shop in Bicester Village outlet centre and still takes an active interest in the game through his son Kevin who is now assistant academy director at West Ham.

Roger Wash

## Yesterday's pages



After a slow start to the 1970/71 season the Town had forced their way up into the top six by the time of the visit to Q.P.R in late September.

Rangers naturally welcomed Alec Stock, Mike Keen and trainer Jimmy Andrews back to Loftus Road for the first time but all three spoil their evening by masterminding a 1-0 win. "Roger Hoy told me to leave it but I spotted a gap and just hit it," said Mike Keen after his 35 yard free-kick settled the game in the first minute.

It brings back memories from this correspondent when he remembers running from the pub with his friends to get in at Loftus Road just as the teams kicked off. The 'Evening Post' reporter, Roger Duckworth called Mike Keen's early goal one of the best free-kicks he had ever seen. The trouble was we left him in the pub with a full glass in front of him!



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THE road journey to Bristol is an easy motorway

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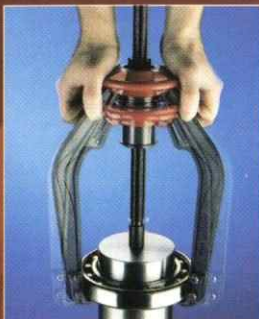
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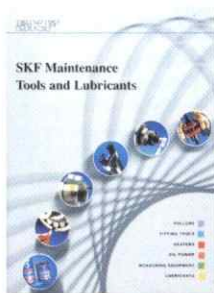
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### Hatters Away

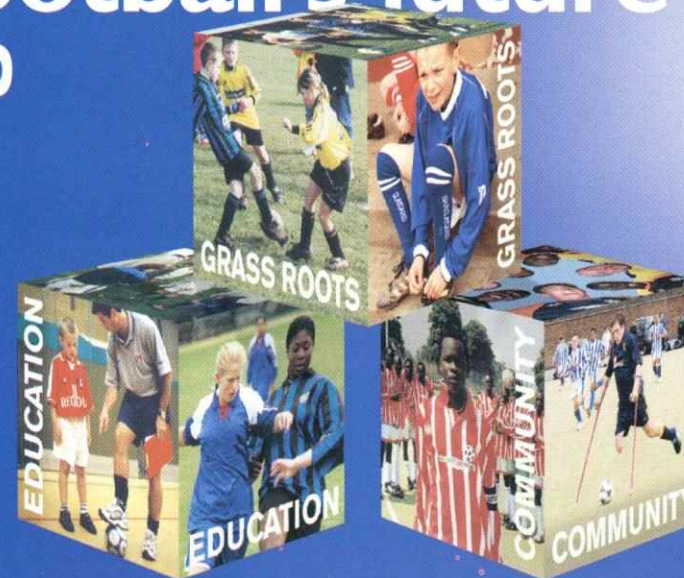
Blackpool	781
Plymouth	773
Cardiff	314
Brentford	1,493
Watford(WC)	4,404
Huddersfield	700
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588
Stockport	680
Oldham	610
Woking (LDV)	262
Northampton	1,250
Stevenage (LDV)	1,199
Tranmere	839
Wigan (FAC 2)	769
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18,662</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>1,333</b>

### Visitors to Luton

Peterborough	990
Barnsley	504
Chesterfield	366
Notts County	341
Mansfield	160
Cheltenham	328
Wigan	425
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# Action Highlights

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**DRIVING FORCE:** Paul Hughes proved to be a dependable deputy for injured skipper Kevin Nicholls, influential in midfield, and ever ready to back up attacks.

Left: Dean Crowe in full cry in search of a goal

Above: Tony Thorpe shadowed by Andy Duncan.





# LTFC in the Community

Working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association

I WOULD like to tell you today about a new sponsorship initiative that will benefit the local schools and community.

The Nationwide Building Society, who are official sponsors of the Football League, are continuing their support of football within the community. The 'Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow' scheme this year will focus on maintaining the momentum of the fastest-growing game in the UK - Women's Football.

Football has overtaken all other sports in terms of girls' participation at schools and clubs around the country, not least with our own Luton Town Belles.

The Football League and Nationwide Building Society have agreed that this year's sponsorship is to be channelled into promoting general interest in the women's game, with an additional objective of encouraging more women to attend Football League matches.

To support this scheme Luton Town FC will offer schools free tickets to Nationwide Football League

matches, and also provide a series of events designed to maintain any new interest that can be generated. These will include:

- (1) Community Coaching Sessions provided by LTFC Community Coaches, sessions to be available to schools, existing clubs and individuals.
- (2) Girls Fun Days, again sessions to be available to schools, existing clubs and individuals.
- (3) Free curriculum time coaching, open to school children of all ages.

To be part of Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow, each local school has been offered ten match tickets for use at a fixture this season.

And there is no doubt that girls who take up soccer enjoy it, as our pictures show. They were taken during Luton Borough Council/Luton Town FC football tournaments.

Hopefully this offer will help to generate a new generation of lady supporters for the club.

In closing today I would like to wish a happy birthday to Mathew Robinson-Welsh who is celebrating his birthday today. Mathew and his friend are guests of the Community Department at our Matchday Soccer Club. I hope he enjoys his day.

*Stuart Smith*



# LTFC in the Community

## Kids Christmas Shopping Funday 21-12-02

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- 2.45pm - 3.00pm - Presentation

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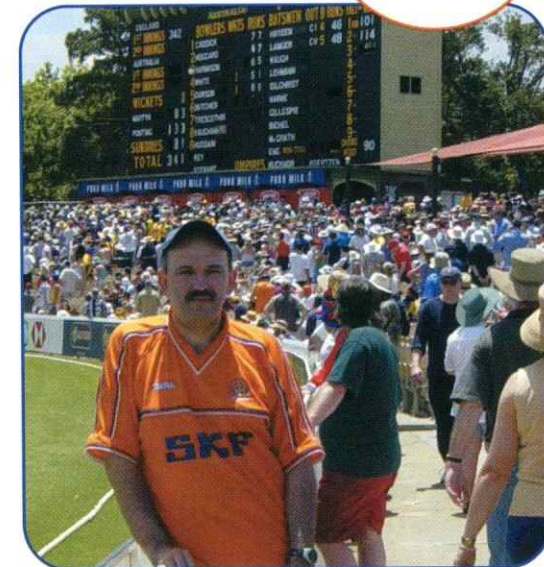
## Hatters Abroad



OUR picture which came in by e-mail from the other side of the world is a touch painful for those of us who love cricket as well as football. The scoreboard giving the awful stats of another England performance in the Ashes series says it all.

A lot of supporters will recognise the wearer of the Town kit who bravely posed for this photograph, during the second test in Adelaide. Fortunately he did not have a ticket for the fifth day!

The temporary member of the Barmy Army Down Under is Mick McConkey, who rarely misses Luton Town home games except for holiday trips like this one. He is also a great supporter of the Luton Town Belles.

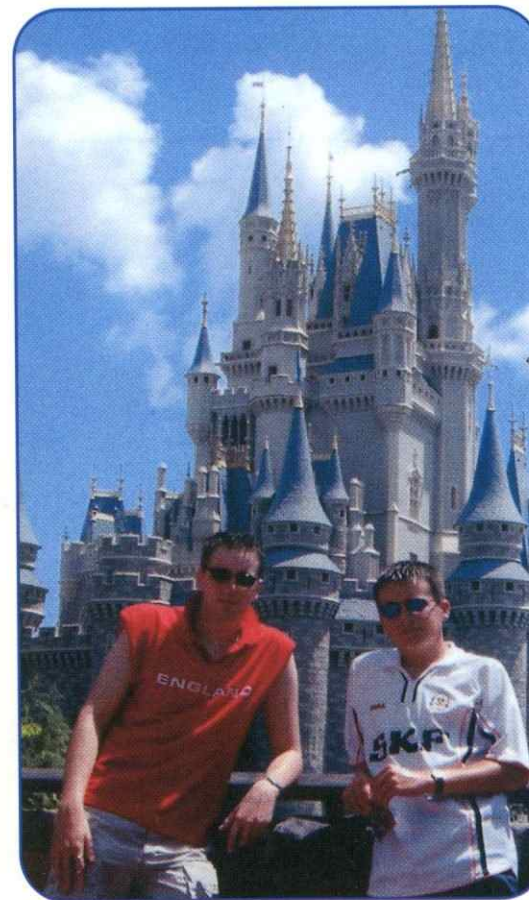


THE photo taken in the Magic Kingdom – no not another name for Kenilworth Road! – is of season ticket holder Matthew Gray, of Kingcroft Road, Harpenden, wearing the Town's home shirt, alongside his brother Andrew.

They were on a family holiday trip to Florida, which also included a tour of the Kennedy Space Center and a look behind the scenes at Cape Kennedy. "There were two West Brom fans on the conducted tour coach, but I was still proud to wear my shirt," said Matthew.

WE ARE always pleased to receive photographs of Hatters supporters in their club colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap you would like to see published please send it, with a few details, to the editor, by post to Luton Town FC, or by e-mail to [brian.swain@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.swain@btinternet.com) If you use e-mail, please include your home address and a day-time phone number.

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## Action Replay

THE CHANCE of a trip to Cardiff in the spring for the final of the LDV Vans Trophy vanished on a cold and bleak winter's night at Kenilworth Road, when Third Division visitors picked themselves up from a first-half mauling and completed their recovery with a winning golden goal. Three steps from the final, the Town should have had the game won by half-time, but Cambridge goalkeeper Shaun Marshall enjoyed one of those once-in-a-lifetime occasions. A series of blinding saves kept his side in the game, and manager John Taylor inspired his side to improve dramatically after half-time.

He enjoyed a very happy return to Kenilworth Road, where his playing days were not the best of his career. As a centre forward he was dogged by injury and ill fortune. On Tuesday the luck evened itself out for him, and it was hard to begrudge him his night to savour.

Both managers agreed that Marshall was the man who made most impact, with a series of stunning saves to deny the Town at least four goals.

Tony Thorpe and Dean Crowe returned from injury to form a nimble attack, but the Town suffered from the absence of a target man like suspended Steve Howard. Yet a strong Town side, with Paul Hughes deputising for injured Kevin Nicholls, looked comfortable for the first 45 minutes.

Thorpe wasted an early chance, blazing wide of an empty net, but made amends with his fifth

### Luton Town 1 Cambridge Utd 2 (After extra time)

goal of the season in the 14th minute, thanks to being quicker than the defenders to react as the ball bobbed around the area following a corner by Matt Spring and interventions by Hughes and Chris Coyne.

Omer Riza matched Thorpe's early miss after a misjudgement by Mark Owendale, but the Town were looking good as Cambridge were put under increasing pressure.

The pattern was maintained despite the early loss of Sol Davis, taken off as a precaution, and replaced by Alan Kimble. Crowe looped a far post header onto the top of the net, and then brought an instinctive save from Marshall after incisive work by Emmerson Boyce and Steve Robinson down the right.

All it needed was for the Town to continue in the same vein after the break, but instead Taylor galvanised his team, and they got stronger and stronger. The departure of Thorpe hardly helped the Town cause, and for the first time Cambridge began to exert consistent pressure. It brought an equaliser on 58 minutes, Terry Fleming guiding a shot from the edge of the box through a crowded penalty area into the bottom corner.

The Town responded well, looking the more potent attacking side without enjoying the domination that had marked their first half showing. But Marshall made excellent saves from

Coyne, Crowe, Andrew Fotiadis and Robinson, to inspire his side and drain some of the confidence out of the Town's play. Cambridge, who looked capable of matching the Town's achievement last season by returning to the Second Division at the first attempt, proved to be resilient, and seemed to have a greater desire as the minutes ticked away.

Luke Guttridge shot wastefully off target four minutes from time, but by then the visitors were playing with much more self-assurance, and he settled in in the 113th minute. He was set free in space on Cambridge's right wing by an accurate cross-field pass by Franco Nacca, and before the Town could cover the shot was hammered home in some style.

**Luton Town:** Owendale; Boyce, Hillier, Coyne, Davis (Kimble 9 mins); Robinson, Hughes, Spring, Brkovic; Crowe (Holmes 95 mins), Thorpe (Fotiadis 50 mins). Unused subs: Emberson, Skelton.

**Booked:** Sol Davis and Matt Spring for fouls, Dean Crowe for dissent.

**Cambridge:** Marshall; Tann, Angus, Duncan, Jordan; Tudor (Chillingworth 10 mins), Fleming, Guttridge, Bridges (Nacca 75 mins); Riza, Youngs.

**Unused subs:** Brennan, Rush, Paynter.

**Booked:** Terry Fleming, dissent, Luke Guttridge, foul.

**Referee:** Michael Jones, Cheshire

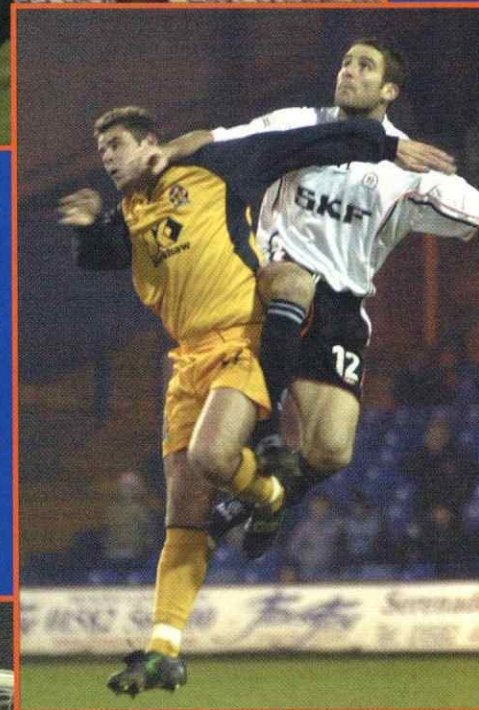
**Attendance:** 3,578 including 571 away fans.



BRIGHT START: Paul Hughes is the first to congratulate Tony Thorpe for his goal that gave the Town an early lead.

Right: Town man of the match Chris Coyne rises to clear from Tom Youngs

Below: One of the many that got away – Shaun Marshall saves from Andrew Fotiadis.





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## Junior Hatters



### TODAY'S MASCOT

DEDICATED Luton Town fan Karl Hilton will enjoy his visit to Kenilworth Road today even more than usual, because he is the Junior Hatters mascot. Aged 13, he lives at Moat Lane, Luton, and goes to Icknield School. As well as watching the Town he enjoys playing football, and turns out on Sundays for Bushmead under-14s. He comes to games with his mum, and sits in the Kenilworth Lower Tier.



This afternoon he will meet the team in the dressing room, hopefully including his favourite, Dean Crowe, and go out with them for the warm-up and kick-about before joining the skippers and match officials for the toss of the coin formalities.

WE NOW have full details of our final away trip of the year, to Bristol City next Saturday. The Junior Reds always give us a warm welcome, and it is one of the top trips of the season. We have been invited to join their Christmas Party before the game, and also to take part in a five-a-side soccer tournament with them, so if you would like to play please remember to bring your boots.

We will also be able to send out a mascot with the Town team, and as usual the choice will be made during the coach journey to the game. If you want your name to go into the hat, don't forget to bring a Luton Town strip!

The price will be the usual bargain, £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests, including parents.

Bookings can be made at the club shop, which is the Junior Hatters headquarters, but not on matchdays, when the staff are busy with customers.



CENTRE CIRCLE STARS: Mascot, skippers and match officials pose for an official picture before kick-off at Tuesday's game against Cambridge. Fifteen-year-old Mark Bright, from Enfield Close, Houghton Regis, was the lucky Junior Hatter, chosen to be mascot when his name was picked out of the hat.

*Happy Harry*

THIS is our last call for the final Junior Hatters Christmas party of the season, for members aged 11 and upwards. It will be held on Thursday at the Century Club. There will be a disco, refreshments, Christmas fun and games, and with luck a visit from Father Christmas and a player or two.

Adults bringing Junior Hatters to the party, which will last until 9pm, can use the Maple Road car park, and the Eric Morecambe Suite will be open for their use, with bar facilities.

Tickets for the party cost £5 each for Junior Hatters, and each can buy one guest ticket, at £6. They are available from 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 – but not on a matchday, please, when the staff are very busy serving customers. 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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- 2.35** Dedications announced
- 2.40** Town Teaser - See Page 55
- 2.45** Player Track See Right
- 2.55** Teams runout to - The Blues Brothers "Gimme Some Lovin"
- 3.00** THE BIG KICK OFF

### HALF TIME

- 3.50** Golden Gamble - Winning ticket drawn on pitch
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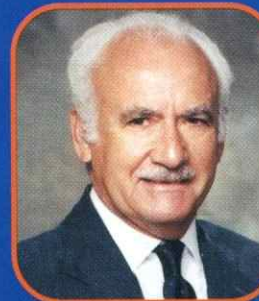


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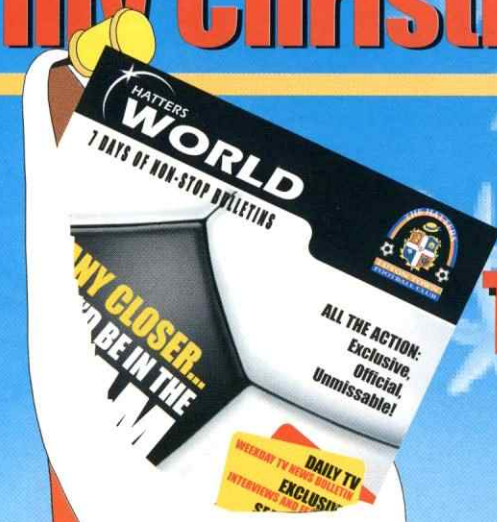
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## Luton Belles

WITH the weather and cup commitments continuing to hamper the adults' fixture programme, the youth section has continued unabated and Belles are approaching the end of the year with the future looking very rosy. The under 11,12,13 and 14 squads all top their various leagues at the half-way stage.

The under-14s have a 100% league record, although they will be tested tomorrow when they entertain current league champions Stevenage Borough.

For the visit of Garston last Sunday Luton turned on a fine display of attacking football in spite of the heavy conditions. Once Rebecca Kane had broken the deadlock Town swarmed over the visitors to run up an impressive 7-0 win. Leading scorer Michelle Byrne led the way with a hat-trick, with a second goal from Rebecca Kane, Holly Flynn, and Shelly Miller completing the scor-

ing. Shelly has now fired five goals in her last three matches, all after going on as a sub in the second half.

Town's under-12s won 13-2 at Shefford Saints. Michaela Osman scored four, and there were hat-tricks for Nicky Shepherd and Brittany Murtagh. Natalie Burchnall scored twice, and there was a rare goal from Sarah Hawkins.

The clash between league heavyweights Luton Town and Sundon Park Reds meant that something had to give as both sides had 100% records and Reds had not lost at home in their three-year existence. Belles were in the lead within two minutes when leading scorer Nicky Shepherd swept in Brittany Murtagh's cross but were quickly pegged back by an equaliser. Town then turned on a devastating display for the next 20 minutes, beginning with another strike from poacher Nicky Shepherd. Michaela Osman struck

a powerful shot from outside the area to make it 3-1 and then landed a corner on Natalie Burchnall's head for the fourth. Michaela smashed in the fifth and the points were all wrapped up with a 5-1 half time lead. Reds managed to pull back a goal in the second half but it was not enough to prevent Luton extending their lead at the top to four points.

In their first season together as a squad Belles under-13s have exceeded expectations and they lead a very open league by four points. Their 4-0 defeat away to Hemel Hempstead was offset by a crushing 16-0 victory over St Albans Rangers. Goalscorers were Brittany Murtagh (5), Natalie Burchnall (4), debutant Rebecca Dimmock (4), Kayleigh Watkins and Ann Folan scored a goal apiece with Rangers making things worse for themselves by contributing an own goal.

An away win against Watford at any level is always welcome but none more so than in the under-11 league where both clubs are setting the pace. Belles were in the lead within 30 seconds through Lauren Bruton. Watford had a brief period of domination before half time when they struck the post and were denied by a fine save from Sian Hall. Luton regained control in the second half and sealed the win when Lauren Bruton wriggled out of an almost impossible position in the corner to set up Yasmin Hickling, who fired home with seconds remaining.

*Dave Baker*



**HOTSHOT:** Michele Byrne in action, and on her way to a hat-trick for the under-14s against Garston.

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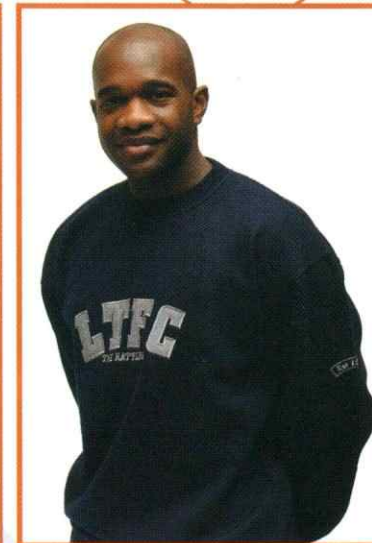
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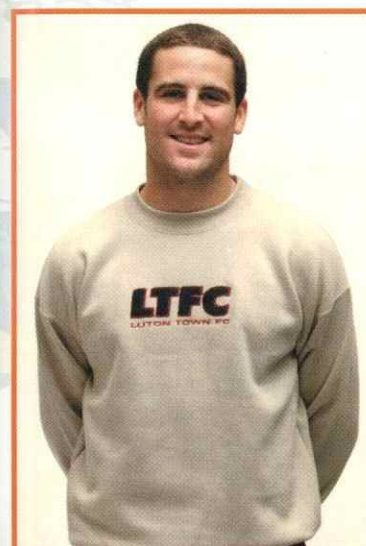
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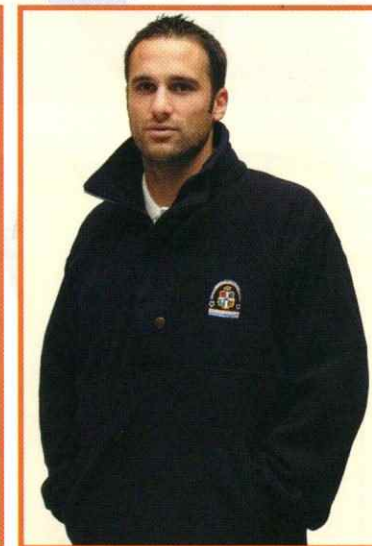
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# In Reserve



## Luton Town 1 Barnet 2

A VERY poor display ended with us giving away a stupid goal with the last kick of the match, to gift Barnet their first win of the season in the Avon Football Combination. They came to Kenilworth Road with nine defeats and one draw from their first ten games, and if we had done a professional job we should have murdered them. Instead we failed on the basics: we couldn't play five-yard passes to our own men, our control of the ball was poor, and time and again the wrong options were chosen, with players trying to score when they should have set up a colleague, and some shots finishing nearer the corner flag than the net. Having said all that, we had enough chances to have won comfortably, but the finishing was like the rest of the team performance.

Kevin Foley was one of the few to emerge with any credit, and no blame attaches to Luke Maitland either.

The team was below strength, but when players come in you expect them to do everything possible to impress, but instead I felt it was a very unprofessional performance.

We had the benefit of a good goal scored by Maitland on 25 minutes, but our football was not clever enough to build on that. Instead we allowed

Barnet to equalise from a set piece five minutes before the interval. It was a goal which should have been prevented. A wide free kick was clipped into the six-yard box and a striker was given a free header. I was not amused.

I demanded that the players got their act together for the second half, but we were not much better, and Barnet deserve some credit for working hard. Again we made chances without looking very convincing, and the final frustration came when Barnet got the winner. It summed up our problems, because it came from our corner. We lost possession, regained it as Barnet counter-attacked, and then gave it away again, and the schoolboy howlers were duly punished.

**Luton Town:** Emberson, Foley, J. Deeney, Bayliss, Barnett (Gillman 70 mins), Mansell, Skelton (Osborn HT), Holmes, Okai, Michael Johnson, Maitland (O'Leary 57 mins)

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** L. Mansell 10(1), Skelton 9, Foley 9, Leary 8(2), Fotiadis 8, Hillier 7, Holmes 7, J. Deeney 7, Ovendale 5, Kimble 5, Okai 4(4), Barnett 4(2), Gillman 4(2), Griffiths 4, Hughes 4, Neilson 4, Osborn 3(7), O'Leary 2(5), Judge 2(4), Eberendo 2(2), Emberson 2, Beckwith 2, Howell 2, Brill 2, Thorpe 2, Brkovic 2, Howell 2, Michael Johnson 2, Davies 1(2), Barnett 1(1), Kovacevic 1, De Souza 1, Berthelin 1, Baylis 1, Nicholls 1, Maitland 1.

**Goals:** Judge 4, Fotiadis 3, Griffiths 3, Thorpe 2, Brkovic 2, Howell 2, Skelton 1, Eberendo 1, Holmes 1, Gillman 1, Barnett 1, Maitland 1.

Brian Stein

### AVON COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	11	9	2	0	36	8	29
Portsmouth	9	8	0	1	19	6	24
Colchester	10	6	3	1	13	8	21
Reading	11	6	2	3	23	8	20
Norwich	11	5	5	1	18	7	20
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>
Brighton	8	6	1	1	18	6	19
Cardiff	11	5	4	2	16	8	19
Swindon	10	5	2	3	14	14	17
Southend	11	5	2	4	15	16	17
Brentford	12	5	2	5	18	22	17
L. Orient	11	4	3	4	25	23	15
Bristol City	11	4	3	4	19	22	15
QPR	10	4	3	3	13	16	15
Millwall	11	4	2	5	12	11	14
Gillingham	11	3	4	4	16	17	13
Bristol Rov	13	3	4	6	14	21	13
Bournemouth	9	3	2	4	12	17	11
Cheltenham	11	2	3	6	21	25	9
Peterborough	9	3	0	6	13	17	9
Oxford	10	3	0	7	10	16	9
Plymouth	8	3	0	5	10	17	9
Northampton	11	3	0	8	15	30	9
Wycombe	11	2	1	8	13	30	7
Cambridge	9	1	2	6	7	19	5
Barnet	11	1	1	9	13	30	4

August		
Wed 14	Bristol City(LC)	A 0-3
Wed 21	Reading	A 1-2 Skelton
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Bristol Rov</b>	<b>H 1-1 Griffiths</b>
September		
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>Millwall</b>	<b>H 2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)</b>
Wed 18	Swindon	A 4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Peterborough</b>	<b>H 4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes</b>
October		
Wed 9	Plymouth	A 4-0 Brkovic 2, Gillman, Judge
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>Wycombe</b>	<b>H 3-1 Judge 2, Howell</b>
Wed 30	Cambridge	A 1-0 Barnett
November		
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>QPR</b>	<b>H postponed</b>
Wed 20	Wootton (BSC)	A 0-0 Won 4-3 on pens
Wed 27	Northampton	A 1-3 Judge
December		
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>H 1-2 Maitland</b>
January		
Wed 8	Brighton	A 7pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	<b>C. Palace</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
<b>Wed 22</b>	<b>Bournemouth</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
Wed 29	Leyton Orient	A 2pm
February		
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Bristol City</b>	<b>H 2pm</b>
Wed 12	Southend	A 2pm

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## Youth Soccer - U17s

**Luton Town 0  
Wycombe Wdrs 2**

WE WERE hit by the knock-on effect of the first team's injury problems. Some of our lads had to be promoted to the under-19s, which in turn led to our side including six boys aged 14. We don't like losing, but at least it was good experience for them, so much better than they get from the friendlies they play on Sundays.

In those games the boys are taught that results don't matter, but that is not how we see it in our league!

Unfortunately, we didn't have the quality to create a lot, yet the way the game went we never looked like losing until Wycombe showed us the crucial art of scoring goals. Basically there was little to choose between the sides, except that Wycombe took their chances and we didn't.

We thought we had got the early goal that would have settled us down when Peter Clark buried a header, but it was ruled out for offside, which was a very close call. We looked bright and played well, but we were caught for pace when Wycombe created their only real chance of the first half, and went into the lead after 30 minutes.

### FL Youth Alliance Under-17

Month	Date	Opposition	Result	Notes
August	17	Brighton	A 0-3	
	24	Peterborough	A 6-0	Shea, Barnett, Blythe, Freeman, Keane, Maitland.
September	7	Southend	A 2-1	Ridgway 2 pens
	14	Portsmouth	H 1-0	Magadah
	21	Gillingham	A 4-3	Ridgway 2, Clark, Mansell
	28	Cambridge	A 0-0	
October	5	Colchester	H 3-0	Magadah, Keane, Blythe
	19	QPR	H 0-2	
	26	Wycombe	A 4-1	Magadah 4
November	2	L. Orient	A 1-3	Ridgway
	9	Brentford	H 0-0	
	16	Cambridge	H 1-1	Maitland
	23	Colchester	A 3-1	Freeman 2, Keane
	30	QPR	A 2-2	Magadah, Clark
December	7	Wycombe	H 0-2	
	14	L. Orient	H	
January	11	Brentford	A	
	18	Brighton	H	
	25	Peterborough	H	
February	8	Southend	H	
	15	Portsmouth	A	
	22	Gillingham	H	

We were playing quite well, but it became a case of huffing and puffing with no real end product, and a minute into the second half some very poor defending gifted Wycombe their second goal.

We changed to 4-3-3 after that, and Wycombe hardly ever got into our box again. But they defended well and we could not find a way through. Clark had a good header blocked and Nick Skelton blazed over the bar when he should have scored the goal that might have set us on our way. We forced corner after corner without making them count, which was disappointing, but it was still invaluable experience for the youngsters.

**Luton Town:** Barrett, Smyth, Pendleton, D. Deeney, Skelton, Mountford, Blake (Sinclair HT), Blythe, Clark (Kelly 80 mins), Magadah, Danaher (Richardson 55 mins).

WE WERE at home to Leyton Orient this morning, and that was our final match before the Christmas break. We are due to resume our league programme on January 11, 2003, away to Brentford.

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Ridgway 14, Mountford 14, D. Deeney 14, Blythe 13, Magadah 11(2), Smyth 11(2), Blake 11(1), Brill 10, Shea 9(3), Clark 8(3), De Souza 8(2), Reid 8, Keane 6, Freeman 4, Danaher 3(3), Skelton 3(1), R. Mansell 3, Hurst 3, Green 2(4), Pendleton 2(3), Maitland 2(2), Howell 2, Barrett 2, McCarthy 1(2), Barnett 1, Sinclair 0(10), Richardson 0(3), Kelly 0(1).

**Goals:** Magadah 7, Ridgway 5, Freeman 3, Keane 3, Maitland 2, Blythe 2, Clark 2, Shea 1, Barnett 1, R. Mansell 1

*Mark Ridgway*

### FLYA UNDER-17 SE CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	15	10	3	2	30	15	33
L. Orient	15	9	3	3	36	15	30
Brighton	13	9	1	3	28	16	28
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>
Wycombe	15	7	2	6	29	36	23
Cambridge	15	6	4	5	31	24	22
Gillingham	14	5	1	8	32	39	16
Colchester	14	4	3	7	18	33	15
QPR	15	2	8	5	19	24	14
Southend	15	3	4	8	25	42	13
Portsmouth	12	2	4	6	22	22	10
Brentford	14	3	1	10	21	33	10

## Youth Soccer - U19s



**FLYA Under-19 Section  
Rushden & Diamonds 1 Luton Town 2**

WE WERE without some of our best players because three boys had to go with the first team to Wigan, so the victory at Rushden, in our third game in eight days, was a reasonable result, with a performance to match.

Matthew Judge was at the JJB, and I rested Tom Freeman, who had gone off the boil recently. Getting goals from good approach play has been one of our problems this season, and I brought in schoolboy Luke Maitland. It worked, because he scored both goals.

Unfortunately the habit of starting slowly cost us a goal, with Rushden going ahead on six minutes. Some of our players were in unfamiliar positions, and early on we looked disjointed. The Rushden goal was a good strike, but it was down to poor defending, with their man given too much space when our centre-backs should have been closer together.

However, we persevered and improved, but missed

a few good chances, and I began to think it was not going to be our day. But a minute before the interval we scored an unlikely equaliser. Maitland flung over a deep cross, and it dropped over the keeper and into the net. It might have been a fluke, but it was a reward for a playing to orders – get the crosses in and goals will come as my instruction. Earlier in the season Maitland went through a patch where he was out of luck with his finishing, so perhaps he earned a slice of luck.

We were more fluent in the second half, and Maitland and Keith Keane, another schoolboy, worked hard up front, and showed the right attitude. The winner came nine minutes from time, knocked in from close range by Maitland after a bit of a goalmouth scramble.

It was a very good recovery by the team, because for the first 20 or 25 minutes we looked like losing, and I was wondering if we would ever get it together. The 44th-minute goal gave us a lift and the second-half display deserved the victory.

**Luton Town:** Brill, Barnett, R. Mansell, O'Leary, Davies, Gillman, Maitland (Freeman 82 mins), Ridgway, Keane, Osborn, Okai.

WE ARE away to Cambridge on Saturday in our final game before the Christmas break. In the FA Youth Cup third round, we will play Bradford at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday January 15.

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Barnett 15(1), Howell 15, O'Leary 14, Freeman 13(1), Judge 13, Okai 13, Davies 11(2), J. Deeney 11, Foley 11, Osborn 10(1), R. Mansell 9(2), Maitland 9(2), Beckwith 9, Gillman 8(1), Brill 7(2), Keane 4(5), Ridgway 2(1), De Souza 1(2), Mountford 1.

**Goals:** Judge 10, Freeman 7, Osborn 4, Maitland 3, Okai 2, Barnett 2, O'Leary 2, Davies 1.

*John Moore*

### FLYA UNDER-19 SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	9	7	0	2	26	6	21
Northampton	10	6	2	2	14	9	20
West Brom	11	6	2	3	18	14	20
Walsall	12	5	2	5	19	15	17
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
Cambridge	10	4	2	4	15	13	14
Oxford	11	4	0	7	14	26	12
Kidderminster	9	2	1	6	11	21	7
Rushden	11	1	2	8	8	26	5

### FL Youth Alliance Under-19

Month	Date	Opposition	Result	Notes
August	17	Walsall	H 0-0	
	31	Kidderminster	A 1-0	Freeman
September	7	Brentford (LC)	A 2-0	Freeman, Okai
	14	Oxford (LC)	H 4-1	Osborn 2, Okai, Freeman
	21	Wycombe (LC)	H 2-2	Judge, Barnett
	28	Northampton	H 0-1	
October	12	Peterborough	A 1-3	O'Leary
	19	West Brom	A 0-1	
	23	Brentford (FAYC1)	A 3-0	Judge, Freeman 2
	26	Rushden	H 3-1	Judge, Freeman, Osborn
November	2	Oxford Utd	H 5-1	Judge 3, Freeman, Osborn
	7	Tooting (FAYC2)	A 3-1	Judge 2, Davies
	16	Brighton (LC1)	A 2-1	Barnett, O'Leary
	30	West Brom	H 2-1	Judge, Maitland
December	4	Stoke (FAYC3)	H 1-0	Judge
	7	Rushden & D	A 2-1	Maitland 2
	14	Oxford Utd	A	
	21	Cambridge	A	
January	11	Cambridge	H	
	15	Bradford (FAYC3)	H	
	18	Walsall	A	
	25	Kidderminster	H	
February	1	Northampton	A	
	8	Peterborough	H	



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**Shots On and Off Target per game**

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Cardiff	6.65	6.35	Huddersfield	5.35	4.95
Wigan	6.60	7.55	Blackpool	5.20	4.70
Mansfield	6.45	5.20	Northampton	5.15	4.10
Wycombe	6.25	5.30	Notts County	5.05	4.68
Peterborough	6.00	5.20	Swindon	4.95	4.90
Cheltenham	5.95	4.40	Stockport	4.90	4.35
Crewe	5.85	5.60	Oldham	4.65	5.30
Barnsley	5.55	6.25	Port Vale	4.45	5.30
QPR	5.55	6.70	Luton	4.40	5.50
Bristol City	5.53	4.42	Chesterfield	4.25	4.25
Tranmere	5.45	5.30	Colchester	3.70	4.10
Plymouth	5.40	6.55	Brentford	3.20	4.40

**Goals in last 15 mins of game**

FOR				AGAINST			
	76-90	Tot	%		76-90	Tot	%
Luton	11	30	37	Chesterfield	8	21	38
Peterborough	8	22	36	Brentford	8	23	35
Blackpool	8	25	32	Tranmere	10	33	30
Tranmere	7	22	32	Crewe	5	17	29
Bristol City	12	40	30	Notts County	8	28	29
Wycombe	7	26	27	Plymouth	8	28	29
Oldham	9	34	26	Mansfield	15	53	28
Cardiff	9	35	26	Northampton	7	25	28
Swindon	6	24	25	Peterborough	8	29	28
Brentford	6	25	24	Blackpool	7	28	25
Northampton	5	21	24	Wycombe	7	30	23
Plymouth	6	27	22	Oldham	3	14	21
				Huddersfield	5	24	21

ordered by late goals as % of all goals

**TOP GOALSCORERS**

close range goals			Volleyed shots		
Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Kitson	Cambridge	10	Earnshaw	Cardiff	6
Larsson	Celtic	8	McVeigh	Norwich	4
Johnson	Forest	7	Todorov	Portsmouth	4
Beckett	Stockport	6	Cureton	Reading	3
Darby	Rushden	6	Byfield	Rotherham	3
Campbell	Everton	5	Hulse	Crewe	3
Taylor	Burnley	5	Gabbiadini	Northampton	3
Cresswell	Preston	5	Stallard	Notts County	3
Helguson	Watford	5	Beckett	Stockport	3
Ellington	Wigan	5	Weatherstone	Boston	3
Conlon	Darlington	5	Tinkler	Hartlepool	3
Torpey	Scunthorpe	5	Melligan	Kidderminster	3
Morrell	Wrexham	5	Morrell	Wrexham	3
Duffield	York	5	Duffield	York	3
			Larsson	Celtic	3

goals scored inside 6 yard box

**Margins of Victory**

Games WON by	1gl	2gl	3gl	4gl	5+gl
Cardiff	8	2	1	2	0
Wigan	4	8	1	0	0
Bristol City	4	4	3	1	0
Oldham	5	3	0	2	1
Crewe	4	3	2	0	1
Chesterfield	7	1	0	0	1
Brentford	5	2	0	1	0
QPR	1	5	1	1	0
Blackpool	4	2	2	0	0
Luton	5	1	2	0	0
Tranmere	5	2	1	0	0
Northampton	3	1	3	0	0
Port Vale	6	1	0	0	0
Stockport	4	2	1	0	0
Barnsley	5	1	0	0	0
Plymouth	4	1	1	0	0
Swindon	3	3	0	0	0
Wycombe	3	2	0	0	0
Cheltenham	3	2	0	0	0
Colchester	4	1	0	0	0
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	0
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	0
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	0
Notts County	1	0	2	0	0

**Leading Scorers - League and Cup**

Player	Lge	WC	FA	LDV	Tot	GI/Gm
Rob Hulse	15	1	0	3	19	0.86
Robert Earnshaw	16	3	0	0	19	0.83
Luke Beckett	14	1	1	0	16	0.67
Scott Murray	12	0	2	1	15	0.68
Ilyseden Christie	12	0	1	0	13	0.62
Sam Parkin	12	0	0	1	13	0.62
Marco Gabbiadini	10	0	1	1	12	0.50
Clyde Wijnhard	8	2	1	0	11	0.73
Nathan Ellington	8	3	0	0	11	0.44
Steven Howard	9	1	0	0	10	0.45
Andy Clarke	7	0	1	2	10	0.45
Andy Liddell	9	0	0	0	9	0.50
Danny Allsopp	7	0	2	0	9	0.41
Rowan Vine	6	1	2	0	9	0.39
Christian Roberts	7	0	2	0	9	0.39

the right hand figure is the number of average goals per game played

**Fouls and Offsides per game**

	avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game	
Wycombe	14.30	Barnsley	5.00
Luton	14.10	Luton	4.95
Brentford	13.80	Tranmere	4.10
Tranmere	13.70	Cheltenham	3.85
Oldham	13.40	Wycombe	3.85
Bristol City	12.95	Peterborough	3.80
Wigan	12.80	Plymouth	3.80
Swindon	12.75	Oldham	3.75
QPR	12.55	Crewe	3.65
Barnsley	12.35	Brentford	3.45
Chesterfield	12.35	Northampton	3.45
Plymouth	12.35	Stockport	3.45

**COMEBACKS**

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Luton	0	0	4	4
Blackpool	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
Swindon	0	0	3	3
Tranmere	0	0	3	3
Bristol City	0	1	1	2
Mansfield	0	0	2	2
Oldham	0	0	2	2
QPR	0	0	2	2
Wigan	0	0	2	2

**THROWAWAYS**

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	1	2	3
Notts County	0	0	3	3
Plymouth	0	0	3	3
Barnsley	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
Stockport	0	0	2	2
Tranmere	0	0	2	2
Wycombe	0	0	2	2

number of games when clubs have come behind to win or been ahead and lost

**Second Division Scene**



AFTER the break for FA Cup action, the Town resume their Second Division campaign today in their highest league place for over two years, with a chance of cementing a place in the play-off zone by the turn of the year.

For starters, we need to win this afternoon and hope QPR fail to win at Notts County. If that happens, we will be in the top six for the first time since we briefly went into third place in the autumn of 1999, when Lennie Lawrence's men were recovering from the previous summer's receivership problems. The bright promise of that September faded by the spring, and the Town eventually finished in 13th place. Poor results in November and December were a major reason. They included, whisper it quietly, defeats against Cambridge and Colchester!

December this time offers the Town a chance to peg back two of the top teams, with the trip to third-placed Bristol City next Saturday followed by the final home game of the year, against Cardiff on Boxing Day.

Today at least one of those teams will drop points, because Lennie Lawrence's team take on Danny Wilson's men at Ninian Park. Cardiff will be

seeking revenge for a 1-0 defeat suffered at Ashton Gate in October. Two other top teams also face a crunch, with leaders Wigan away to fourth-placed Oldham. The Town need to win today to maintain the promotion dream, with Chesterfield, Blackpool and Brentford poised to pounce on any slip-up. Except that Brentford or Chesterfield will falter, because they meet at Griffin Park. But Blackpool look likely away winners, at bottom club Mansfield.

While QPR lead the Town only on goal difference - theirs is three better at the moment - there is a five-point gap between the top five and QPR and the Town.

Rangers, the team who couldn't beat nine men at Kenilworth Road, are unlikely to be the most confident side in the land. Their draw here three weeks ago was their eighth league and cup game without a win, and that sorry sequence has now stretched to ten, including a home defeat in the FA Cup at the hands of part-timers Vauxhall Motors of Ellesmere Port, and a 4-0 thrashing on their own pitch against Cardiff.

Colchester come to Kenilworth Road today with the benefit of a fortnight's rest from competitive football while the Town are playing their third game in eight days. United went out of the LDV at home to Cheltenham in the first round, and suffered an embarrassing FA Cup exit when non-league Chester City beat them 1-0 in the first round at Layer Road.

They have been dragged towards the relegation zone by a run of only one win in their last six league games, 3-2 at Notts County three weeks ago. Their only other away win this season was 1-0 at Peterborough in August. They have managed three draws on the road, 1-1 at Tranmere in August and 2-2 at Swindon and 1-1 at Huddersfield in October. Five trips have been pointless, to Crewe, Port Vale, Northampton, QPR and Mansfield.

And to return to this column's starting point, if centre-half Alan White is here with the visitors today, he will remember the Town's disastrous autumn of 1999 - he went on loan to Colchester, was sent off in his fourth and final game of the month-long deal, and came back to Kenilworth Road with a three-match ban which he served as a Town player! He returned to Layer Road on a free transfer the following summer.

Brian Swain

	Nationwide League Division Two										GD	Pts	
	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Wigan	20	6	3	1	18	9	7	2	1	16	4	21	44
Cardiff	20	8	1	1	19	5	5	3	2	16	10	20	43
Bristol City	20	8	1	1	23	7	5	1	4	20	18	18	41
Oldham	20	6	1	3	21	7	5	5	0	13	7	20	39
Crewe	20	6	1	3	12	6	4	4	2	18	11	13	35
QPR	20	6	1	3	17	11	2	5	3	11	11	6	30
Luton Town	20	3	4	3	17	13	5	2	3	13	14	3	30
Chesterfield	20	7	2	1	13	5	2	1	7	4	16	-4	30
Brentford	20	4	4	2	12	5	4	1	5	13	18	2	29
Blackpool	20	5	3	2	17	11	3	1	6	8	17	-3	28
Tranmere	20	6	2	2	13	10	2	1	7	9	23	-11	27
Port Vale	20	4	2	4	14	15	3	3	4	11	15	-5	26
Plymouth	20	4	3	3	16	14	2	4	4	11	14	-1	25
Northampton	20	5	2	3	16	7	2	2	6	5	18	-4	25
Stockport	20	4	3	3	17	15	3	0	7	8	14	-4	24
Barnsley	20	3	5	2	13	15	3	1	6	11	16	-7	24
Wycombe	20	4	2	4	20	18	2	3	5	6	12	-4	23
Swindon	20	3	3	4	12	11	3	2	5	12	19	-6	23
Colchester	20	3	4	3	8	7	2	3	5	11	19	-7	22
Cheltenham	20	3	2	5	10	14	2	4	4	9	11	-6	21
Notts County	20	1	5	4	13	18	2	5	3	14	13	-4	19
Peterborough	20	3	2	5	10	10	1	4	5	12	19	-7	18
Huddersfield	20	2	5	3	10	10	2	1	7	5	14	-9	18
Mansfield	20	3	0	7	18	27	1	3	6	14	26	-21	15







# SQUAD CHECK

## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Joe Kinnear

1	Mark Ovendale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Aaron Skelton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell Perrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Marvin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin Nicholls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Tony Thorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Carl Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris Coyne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Andrew Fotiadis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Dean Crowe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Carl Emberson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Emmerson Boyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Ahmet Brkovic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve Howard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Peter Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	David Bayliss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian Hillier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Alan Kimble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## COLCHESTER UNITED

Manager: Steve Whitton

1	Simon Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Joe Dunne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Joey Keith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Gavin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Scott Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Thomas Pinault	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Karl Duguid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Mark Warren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Scott McGleish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Kem Izzet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Dean Morgan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Kevin Rapley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Chris Keeble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Adrian Coote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Marc Canham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Bobby Bowry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Alan White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Micky Stockwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Simon Atangana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Pat Baldwin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Sam Stockley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Richard McKinney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Today's Officials

Referee: Mark Cowburn, Lancashire

Assistants: Gary Lewis, Cambridgeshire (yellow flag); Mark Scholes, Buckinghamshire (red and yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Patrick Miller, Bedfordshire

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