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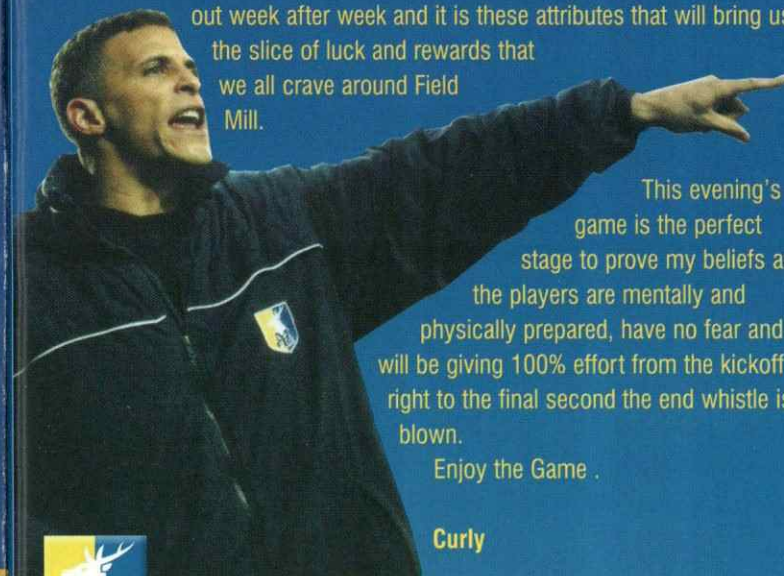
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A warm welcome to everybody this evening and especially to Joe Kinnear, his players and supporters of Luton Town. Joe is a well respected manager in the game of football and expects high standards from his players as I know too well from my days at Wimbledon when he was manager there so we know that this evening will bring an entertaining, emotion filled game of football.

We are now firmly in the last quarter of the season and we have everything to play for so I can guarantee that you will be seeing some exciting and entertaining football from the Stags. We will be taking the same positive approach to each of the remaining games as we have done all season and we will continue doing so into next season and beyond.

I doubt that any of the Mansfield Faithful need proof of this but if it is required just take a look at our last two games QPR and Oldham Athletic, both strong teams and are genuine promotion hopefuls when the final shake down comes in May, these clubs left after the game knowing that they had been involved in a game of football with very fit and disciplined professional players.

I am a firm believer that decisions and the run of the ball evens themselves out through the course of a football season and given this theory Mansfield Town are certainly due our slice of luck as we are, as I have said, approaching final furlong. I also believe that the harder you work the luckier you become and we will be working very hard as we have been throughout. And, I believe that you, the supporters have seen the degree of commitment, determination and work rate that each and every Stags player turns out week after week and it is these attributes that will bring us the slice of luck and rewards that we all crave around Field Mill.



This evening's game is the perfect stage to prove my beliefs as the players are mentally and physically prepared, have no fear and will be giving 100% effort from the kickoff right to the final second the end whistle is blown.

Enjoy the Game .

Curly

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## Ian Wilkerson Writes

**S**uddenly, I have begun to realise that the season will be over in less than two months, which I am sure you will agree is a bit of a frightening prospect.

After all, it only seems like a couple of weeks since we were beating Plymouth at home (and if you are a Luton fan reading this, you will realise that it actually was.)

It might just be a sign of me ageing but I cannot believe the speed with which the season has gone flashing by and, now, we sit with 12 games left to extend the team's life in Division two by another season.

Saturday's defeat against Oldham was obviously a disappointment because, yet again, the boys put in a performance which was not rewarded with what they deserved, which was at least a share of the spoils.

I listened to the phone-in on the way home and it appears there are people now who are beginning to think that Stags may be destined to trips back to the likes of Torquay rather than the prospect of a local-ish derby against Sheffield Wednesday next season.

What has been brought home is the



different times that we are all expected to fall towards our individual panic buttons.

John Gannon pointed out after the game that there was no need to press the button yet but I am sure there are some who have done so already.

Some will have done so in August. You know the type. If Stags had beaten Liverpool in the cup then they would have been the ones telling everybody to control themselves because it was Wycombe Wanderers the following Tuesday and we need to get a result against them if we are going to maintain the necessary average points total per game to stay in touch with those cruising away from the relegation picture.

Then there is the just-wait-until-the-pitches-get-wet bandwagon, who approach the season full of initial enthusiasm but, in the back of their minds, are always worrying about the day that the yellow ball comes out, foreseeing that it is all downhill from there.

I think the reason why we are currently being engulfed by a series of doubters at the moment are not necessary because results have been bad in the last couple of weeks but, rather, that late goals have been conceded and games have slipped through the team's fingers.

It is a bit depressing but it is necessary to have faith and hope that the luck will change because it is about time that we went on a run again.

John hasn't lost faith, I'm sure the players haven't and I am certainly remaining positive because there are plenty of games to go.

Panic will only lead to more points being dropped and now is the time for cool heads.

It's been a great adventure so far and I'm sure there is still room for a few more twists and turns.



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From the

**G**ood Evening and welcome back to Field Mill for what will be our second Fixture at Home in the short space of four days.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming the Chairman, officials, players and supporters of Luton Town.

The 3-2 victory at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season will mean that our boys will be taking to the pitch in good fighting form to attempt the double over Joe Kinnear's side.

Our young stags will also know that the support that has been so prevalent in recent games will once again shine through and will drive them on to what I am sure will be a great game of football.

The performances of late by our boys have made me proud to be chairman of Mansfield Town, their determination and professionalism are a credit to them and the manager Keith Curle and I have no doubt that they will be giving yet another show of these attributes that should see us keep the points here rather than take the journey south and as always you can do your part by showing the unconditional support that we have seen home and away this season.

Make as much noise as you can to show the lads your support, they do appreciate it!  
Enjoy the game.



Keith

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# Captain's Corner

## INJURY UPDATE with Ian Pearce

Welcome back to Field Mill for the second time in four days. Prior to the home game at the weekend against Oldham Athletic people were asking about the progress of Colin Larkin's Hamstring problems.

Colin has been responding very well to the treatment he has received and is back in what we call progressive training to bring him back to match fitness slowly but surely. This method of rehabilitation is to avoid aggravating the injury and is the reason that Colin did only 45 minutes in last week's reserve game against Hartlepool.

Craig Disley picked up a knock at the weekend where he limped off the pitch complaining of a sore knee on examination I identified the problem as a medial cruciate ligament strain which routine treatment will put right in the minimum of time scales so we will be seeing Craig back in action soon if not this evening.

Other than that the only other absentee is Stags Keeper Kevin Pilkington who, as you know punctured a lung during the Notts County derby game here. Being a very fit individual Kevin is doing really well but still needs to rest as much as possible and working in conjunction with the specialists from Kings Mill hospital we hope to see him back in training sooner than later.

Well, that's just about it for this week. Enjoy the game.



Ian

Ian Pearce's Injury Update  
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Hi and welcome back to Field Mill. It has only been four days since the lads came and did battle here against a strong Oldham side. I watched this game from the Bishop Street stand and despite the result I was very proud of the lads who put up a brave battle and gave Oldham a little more than they were bargaining for - I'm pretty sure that their journey home wasn't what they were hoping for.

Once again I felt that lyseden did a good job in the role of captain and Keith Welch was a worthy man of the match - a real sterling effort that showed true commitment to the cause. It was also good to see Rhys Day win the award of Man of the Month. I think this will go some way to helping pick his spirits up after being sent off.

I would like to thank everybody for the support and kind words that I have received since my injury and I hope to be back in the thick of the action soon. The club Physio Ian Pearce has been working hard on my recovery and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking him for his professional and urgent response to my condition right from the outset.

This evening as always I will be at the match offering my support to the lads but this time I will be watching from a different perspective. Rob Ferguson the club Media Co-ordinator has asked me to be co-commentator on the StagsWorld website which is a challenge that I am looking forward to and with the lads playing the way they have been lately I should have a lot to talk about.

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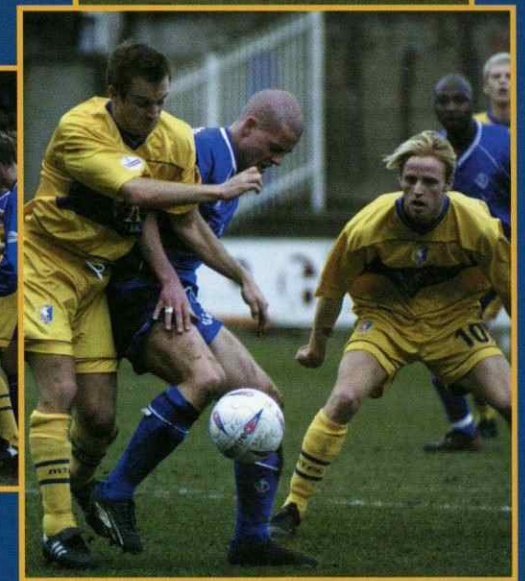
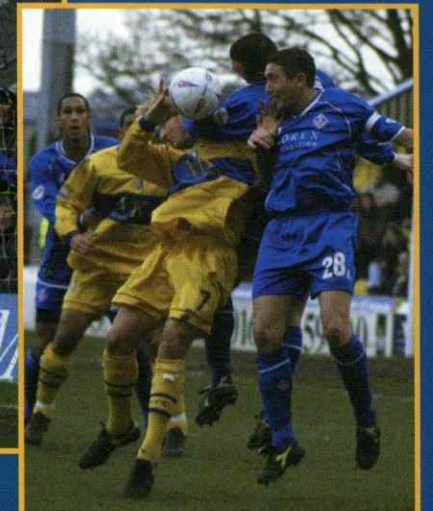


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We have been as busy as usual putting together all manner of off pitch entertainment for your enjoyment these include the Classic meets Pop evening to be held at the Renaissance Hotel off junction 28 of the M1 Motorway. This fabulous night out is priced at £25.00 per person so don't miss out call me at the club on 0870 756 3160 for more details and to book.

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If watching is more your thing you are more than welcome to come along and show your support at a cost of £2.00 per person with 50% going to a local Alzheimer charity. This will be a great day and not to be missed. So if you fancy playing against an England International there are ONLY 3 places left which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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Just look at that heading again, go on.

QPR v Mansfield Town, no disrespect but its not Carlisle or Exeter v The Stags, it's QPR. For the away fan this is a big part of promotion, days like this, a visit to Loftus Road rather than Brunton Park or Plainmoor. The fact over 1,000 Mansfield fans made the trip reflects that. Like the trip to Notts County, this was an opportunity to make a day of a match and have a real good time in London. Of course we have had regular matches with London sides, Brentford, Leyton Orient, Barnet etc but there's something about the word QPR which screams MUST GO!

SSA took 2 coaches to Loftus Road, our coach was driven by a chap who works in London through the week and knew a "back way in." Unfortunately it became apparent that this "back way in" was blocked right at the end so not only did we have a day in London, we also took in a sightseeing tour through central London which included Madame Tussards and various other well known attractions! Can't be bad, people pay a fortune for sightseeing bus tours in London, travel Away with SSA and have that plus the match for £15!!!!

Parking close to the ground was proving difficult but after negotiating with some signage which said "Road Closed" the coach dropped us off as close as police would allow, although this still involved a short walk to the stadium. Stallholders were everywhere, selling flags and banners, this reminded me of Wembley in 1987 and brought home to me that we were visiting a big club in central London, this doesn't happen in Division 3!

I must admit to being slightly disappointed with Loftus Road itself, the ground wasn't as huge and intimidating as I had expected and as with many old grounds looked well past its sell by date. Everybody was packed in very old fashioned and huge blocks of seats were built especially in corners facing other seats rather than the pitch. I suppose Loftus Road being one of the first all seater stadiums accounted for this image but I couldn't help comparing the stadium to our shiny new stands with perfect unrestricted views and new stadiums shaped like bowls with gleaming new paint and a modern feel.

Stags fans were installed in the upper tier having negotiated with the stewards who again were very old fashioned and would only let you in certain entrances. The view was poor with nobody in the stand able to see the bottom of the netting in the goal straight ahead of us but the atmosphere was crackling nevertheless.

The Stags appeared overrun and overawed in the first 20 minutes when QPR really sliced through the defence at will and the goal duly arrived accompanied by a very strange celebration from home fans. You had to be there really to understand but having suffered this 5 times so far this season including the home game it wasn't really appreciated by the amber ranks.

A Corden cross resulted in Mendes nodding onto the bar and when Captain Christie headed home the Stags end erupted, scoring at QPR! Corden was immediately replaced by Jones who at the time nobody in the away end knew who he was!

Everybody soon did however the first booking was his first challenge and surely a warning would have sufficed? However we had been warned that this referee had sent off Sellars at Wigan which was disturbing but had sent off Mr Shayne Bradley also so I thought he deserved the benefit of the doubt! I thought Jones was off moments later after a deliberate handball but the reprieve didn't last long when a further foul saw a red card. Game Over most thought but how wrong we were.

A beautiful goal by Captain Christie right in front of us was an excellent moment in my season so far and then it was a case of biting your nails and clockwatching.

Despite a very harsh penalty to QPR moments later which was saved, the Stags fought like tigers and blocked everything and everybody which threatened our goal.

The referee amazingly failed to give Captain Christie a penalty when blatantly brought down which at 3-1 would surely have wrapped the game. I was amazed as refs tend to give a penalty to each side especially just a few minutes after giving one to QPR, outrageous decision. Surely if it wasn't a penalty it was a dive which would have resulted in a 2nd yellow for Christie. You can't just ignore it but he did!!

It was about 5pm when the lobbed heartbreaker sailed in for the leveller, words can't do that moment justice and even QPR fans were embarrassed afterwards. The players deserved the win and the fans deserved the win. Sadly those 2 points were again snatched away and if matches lasted for 88 minutes not 90 a point at Colchester coupled with a win here and who knows how our season could have been reshaped.

But it's not about if's but this was a performance to be truly proud of.

A performance to make you want to have a Stags head tattooed on your forehead to show the world that your club came to QPR and really should have beaten them.

The players were absolutely shattered but the referee found the time to give QPR a chance to steal the game which thankfully they didn't take. Many QPR fans shook our hands on the way out and said they hope we stay up, well played etc which is good to reflect on but at the time just increased the disappointment. We knew we deserved to win and so did they!!

In conclusion this match was pure drama and as an event was a marvellous occasion, made really by the inspired performance of the team against all odds (man down for 70 minutes, penalty awarded against you, debatable length of added time etc) and the superb show of support from the Stags fans. It was the sort of event that you could take a non football fan to and they would enjoy it as a spectacle, the drama and the emotion as a package made the occasion almost pure theatre for the neutral.

But neutral I'm not, we have waited 10 years to experience occasions like this and next year we want 2nd Division Football again. These next few games are massive and can influence so much, for the away fan which do you prefer next season? Sheffield Wednesday V Stags or Boston V Stags, no disrespect meant but ...

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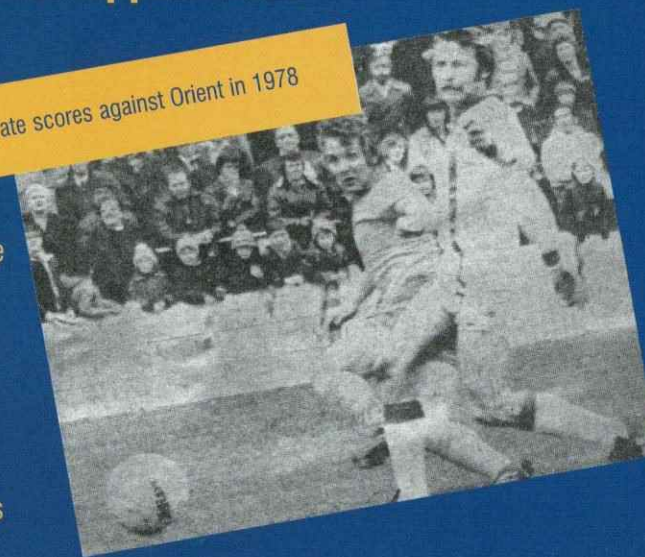
# Back in Time

## Pate scores rare goal in final appearance at Field Mill

**S**andy Pate was probably the greatest full-back in Mansfield Town's history. Between 1967 and 1978 he made 471 league and cup appearances, which was the record at the time (though later beaten by Rod Arnold). Perhaps more incredibly, 366 of his appearances were consecutive, not missing a game between September 1968 and August 1975. He was ever-present for six consecutive seasons.

Pate scored just two league goals for the Stags and the second of them was in his final league game at Field Mill on 29th April 1978. It was the Stags penultimate game of their only season in the old Division II, and the Stags were already relegated when Orient visited. Stags took the lead in the 16th minute as Pate got on the end of a free-kick to score (pictured). Orient equalised in the second half when Joe Mayo followed up after Peter Kitchen's blockbuster had been parried by Arnold, and the game ended 1-1. Pate's other league goal came in a 3-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday at Field Mill in April 1976. He also scored in the League Cup, in August 1972, in a 3-1 home win over Lincoln City.

Sandy Pate scores against Orient in 1978



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DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE	RESULT	WDL
Sat 21 August	Notts County	Away	1-1	D
Wed 28 August	Hull City	Home	0-2	L
Wed 4 September	Scunthorpe United	Away	4-1	L
Wed 18 September	York City	Home	1-0	W
Wed 25 September	Chesterfield (Cup)	Home	0-0	D
Wed 2 October	Boston United	Away	1-3	W
Wed 9 October	Wrexham (Cup)	Away	3-4	W
Wed 30 October	Hartlepool United	Away	1-1	D
Wed 13 November	Grimsby Town	Away	CANCELLED	
Wed 27 November	Lincoln City	Home	6-3	W
Wed 4 December	Scarborough	Home	CANCELLED	
Wed 11 December	Darlington	Away	4-1	L
Wed 8 January	Notts County	Home	0-1	L
Wed 15 January	Hull City	Away	CANCELLED	
Wed 29 January	Scunthorpe United	Home	1-10	L
Wed 5 February	York City	Away		
Wed 12 February	Scarborough	Home	1-0	W
Wed 19 February	Boston United	Home	CANCELLED	
Wed 26 February	Hartlepool United	Home	0-8	L
Wed 26 March	Grimsby Town	Home		
Wed 2 April	Lincoln City	Away		
Wed 16 April	Scarborough	Away		
Wed 23 April	Darlington	Home		
Wed 30 April	Boston United	Home		



### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE:

Well, it's that time of year when decisions are to be made on the players from the under 16's and as to their future.



There are 6 scholarship places for the forthcoming season with, hopefully, 2 sponsored places.

It will always be my first and foremost policy to try and bring lads from the Centre of Excellence here at Mansfield Town and then secondary from other academies.

Obviously we have to look for quality amongst the players and then nurture them and give them the chance of making it into the first team squad.

Our first game in the merit league gave me the opportunity to look at these players. In a hard fought match against a very strong Wigan side the majority of whom were 2nd and 3rd year Scholars, we played very well.

Our side was a very young side of which we had 5 trialists start the game. Despite the young age we frustrated Wigan in the first half going into the break 0-0. The second half started very brightly for the stags with both Mark Carter and Lance Mulligan coming close to scoring.

Eventually strength and experience of the Wigan side showed through and after 70 minutes we conceded the first of three goals.

The young stags continued to work hard right to the end, ending up with 7 trialists and 4 first years on the pitch.

Overall a good test for such a young side.

Kev Philliskirk

## Youth Alliance Merit League Division 1 North

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME	RESULT	WDL
22 Feb 2003	Wigan Athletic	Home	12.00pm	0-3	L
01 Mar 2003	Tranmere Rovers	Away	12.00pm		
08 Mar 2003	Scunthorpe United	Away	11.00am		
15 Mar 2003	Preston North End	Home	12.00pm		
29 Mar 2003	Rotherham United	Away	11.00am		
05 Apr 2003	Hull City	Home	11.00am		
12 Apr 2003	Port Vale	Home	11.00am		
19 Apr 2003	Hartlepool United	Away	12.00pm		
26 Apr 2003	Shrewsbury Town	Away	11.00am		

### How They Stand:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Wigan Athletic	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Hartlepool United	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
Rotherham United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Port Vale	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Scunthorpe United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Hull City	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Preston North End	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
<b>MANSFIELD TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0</b>
Shrewsbury Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0



Paul Holland  
Youth Team Manager

### North Central Conference as at 3/2/2003

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Port Vale	17	12	2	3	42	28	14	38
<b>Mansfield Town</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>
Rotherham United	18	10	3	5	49	31	18	33
Doncaster Rovers	18	5	5	8	33	33	0	20
Notts County	15	5	4	6	32	33	-1	19
Shrewsbury Town	15	4	7	4	28	30	-2	19
Chesterfield	14	5	1	8	18	26	-8	16
Chester City	16	4	3	9	17	32	-15	15
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Wrexham	14	3	1	10	10	34	-16	10

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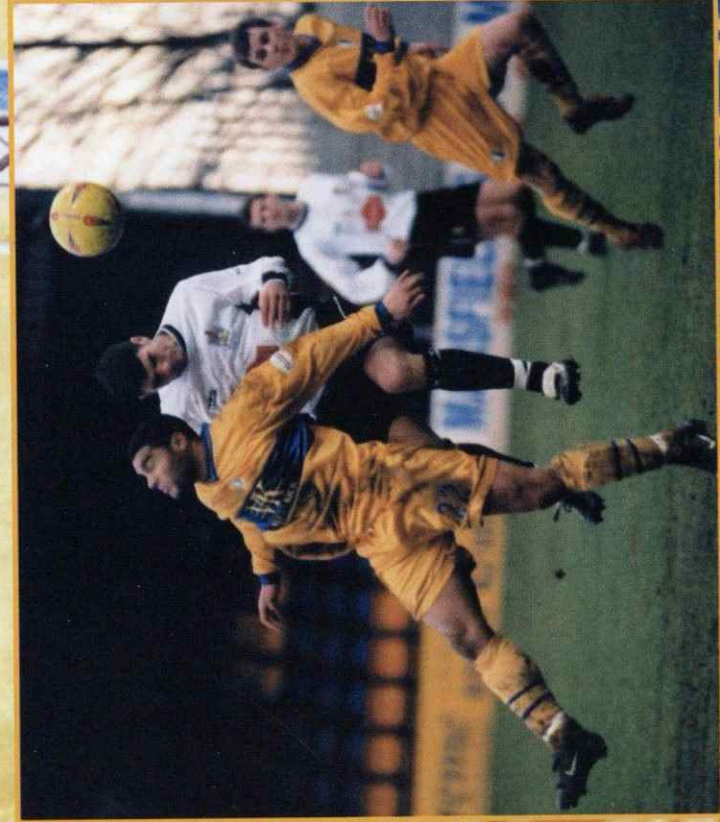
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4. Which nine players whose surname begins with CH have played International Football in post war years?
5. Which player scored for Italy in the final stages of the world cup in 1990, 1994 and 1998?
6. Which American Tennis Player 1938 became the first man to win the Singles Grand Slam?
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8. Which 'All Black' winger won 63 caps 1984 - 1994?
9. What Nationality is golfer Wayne Grady, winner of the PGA title in 1990?
10. Which club other than Luton Town are called the 'Hatters'?

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Can you spot the two Stags stars mixed into this picture:



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ANSWERS on page 50



LUTON TOWN

David Bayliss. Born Liverpool 8.6.76
An horrendous illness and injury crisis, with 24 players unavailable, led to Luton making one of their best signings last season. Manager Joe Kinnear spent a week in November 2001 chasing players to try to plug the gaps, and discovered to his great delight that Rochdale were prepared to release their longest-serving player. Centre-half Bayliss jumped at the chance to join the Hatters, and played a full part in the promotion campaign that followed. An inch under six foot tall, he had been at Spottland since he was a trainee, and made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale before deciding not to accept a new contract with them.
Luton record to the start of this season: 18 appearances.

Emmerson Boyce. Born Aylesbury, 24.9.79
One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.
Luton record to the start of this season: 124 appearances, 4 goals.

Abmet Brkovic. Born Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23.9.74
Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfielder playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999, and he became a regular in their league squad. He was bitterly disappointed when they failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined Luton. He was right, playing a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.
Luton record to the start of this season: 22 appearances, 2 goals.

Chris Coyne. Born Brisbane, 20.12.78
The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne

went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.
Luton record to the start of this season: 31 appearances, 3 goals.

Dean Crowe. Born Stockport, 6.6.79
The striker was signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut, at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal. His goals helped Luton win promotion last season. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but found it difficult to hold down a regular place in their league side after a change of management and an influx of Scandinavian players. He was made available by Stoke after loan spells at Northampton and Bury.
Luton record to the start of this season: 35 appearances, 15 goals.

Sol Davis. Born Cheltenham, 4.9.79
It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of last season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade him to sign a new deal, and Luton manager Joe Kinnear nipped in to add the tough-tackling left back to his squad. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

Carl Emberson. Born Epsom, 13.7.73
Wanting competition for the first team goalkeeper's spot, Joe Kinnear signed Emberson in the summer of 2001. Ironically, Plymouth, who went on to edge Luton out of the Third Division championship a few months later, were also interested in a player who chose to leave Walsall under the Bosman ruling. His career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in the summer of 1999.
Luton record to the start of this season: 35 appearances.

Adrian Forbes. Born Ealing 23.1.79
After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add width to

his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Kenilworth Road.
Luton record to the start of this season: 42 appearances, 5 goals.

Carl Griffiths. Born Welshpool, 15.7.71
An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs - led to the striker becoming a major target for Luton after their relegation from the Second Division in 2001. They got their man from Leyton Orient for £65,000, but he suffered a broken leg soon afterwards and missed most of the promotion season after a highly promising start. His earlier moves had totted up to well over £1 Million after starting as a trainee at Shrewsbury. His other clubs were Manchester City, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Wrexham, Port Vale and back to Orient for a second time.
Luton record to the start of this season: 11 appearances, 7 goals.

Ian Hillier. Born Neath, 26.12.79
No-one was more surprised than the Welsh under-21 international himself when he made his league debut for Luton in the second game of last season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Luton led to Joe Kinnear taking the young right back on loan, and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.
Luton record to the start of this season: 24 appearances, 1 goal.

Peter Holmes. Born Bishop Auckland, 18.11.80
A midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom - he is a product of the FA School of Excellence, from the same year as Michael Owen - Holmes has had to fight to stay in pro football. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club, but their relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left them desperate to cut the pay-roll and he joined Luton for a nominal fee. He was on the fringe of Luton's promotion squad last season, and is hoping to establish himself in this campaign.
Luton record to the start of this season: 32 appearances, 2 goals.

Steve Howard. Born Durham, 10.5.76
Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for £50,000, and the deal looks a





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bigger bargain with every game. Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. He helped Northampton win promotion to Division Two, and they grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman, and played a major part in Luton's drive to promotion. Not surprisingly, the fans voted him their player of the year.

Luton record to the start of this season: 55 appearances, 27 goals.

**Paul Hughes.** Born Hammersmith 19.4.76

A promising career that began at Chelsea was cruelly interrupted after the gifted midfielder earned the admiration of, among others, Joe Kinnear and Glenn Hoddle, the former England boss. Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, learning his trade under Hoddle's management, and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he soon recruited Hughes, but a serious groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months.

Southampton, by then under new management, made him available for transfer, and he joined Luton just before last season kicked off.

Luton record to the start of this season: 23 appearances, 3 goals.

**Marvin Johnson.** Born Wembley, 29.10.68.

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is probably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and fans alike, but he knows that his first team chances are likely to be limited this season as younger men make an impact. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 15th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, having been on the books since he was schoolboy. He is the only member of the staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton - he made his debut at Goodison Park in 1988 in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He signed yet another contract in the summer, but has also gained coaching qualifications which will be put to use part-time with Luton's youth squad.

Luton record to the start of this season: 437 appearances, 10 goals.

**Alan Kimble.** Born Dagenham, 6.8.66

When Luton won promotion last season, Joe Kinnear felt that he needed more experience in his squad to help his young side cope with the Second Division. He knew exactly what he was getting when he signed defender Kimble, because the two had been manager and player together at Wimbledon for most of the 1990s. Now they have teamed up again after the Dons released Kimble last summer. The had received sterling service from him after recruiting him from Cambridge United for £175,000 in the summer of 1993. Charlton had missed out on a bargain: they had Kimble as a trainee, but after only six league appearances he was allowed to leave to join Cambridge on a free transfer in 1986.

**Lee Mansell.** Born Gloucester 23.9.82

The young midfielder is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut. Because of injury absences, he had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001, and was just 58 seconds into his debut

against Queens Park Rangers, in an FA Cup third round replay, when he scored. Luton had looked after him since he was an 11-year-old, and signed him as soon as he left school. His dramatic emergence at Loftus Road led to him being rewarded with a full professional contract, but he went into this season still fighting against stiff competition for a permanent place in Luton's midfield.

Luton record to the start of the season: 32 appearances, 7 goals.

**Alan Neilson.** Born Wegberg, Germany, 26.09.72

WITH Luton's promotion bid going well in February 2002, Joe Kinnear felt it was the right time to boost his squad for the run-in, and defender Neilson, a former Welsh international, was signed on a free transfer after being released by Grimsby as part of a cost-cutting exercise. He brought with him plenty of top football experience. His international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham, and established himself at right back for Luton in the closing stages of last season.

Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances.

**Kevin Nicholls.** Born Newham, 2.1.79

The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. At the time Joe Kinnear, now manager of Luton, was in charge of Wimbledon, and made a note of the young Nicholls, and just before last season started he was surprised - and well pleased - to hear that Nicholls was available for transfer. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999, but the move did not work out, and Luton's offer of £150,000 led to him moving to Kenilworth Road. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite with Luton fans, although opponents did not always view his all-action style with similar relish.

Luton record to the start of this season: 43 appearances, 6 goals.

**Mark Ovendale.** Born Leicester, 22.11.73

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2000 enabled Luton to break a depressing pattern set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been great sellers of players, and very rarely buyers. That changed

when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available to secure goalkeeper Ovendale from Boumemouth for £425,000, a Luton record fee for a goalkeeper. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town. Last season he was one of two capable goalkeepers fighting for the keeper's jersey, competing with Carl Emberson. Each had spells in the team, knowing the other was always waiting to displace him.

Luton record to the start of the season: 47 appearances.

**Russell Perrett.** Born Barton on Sea, 18.5.73

Having helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, the big central defender was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park and Perrett knew his first team future at Cardiff might be limited. Luton boss Joe Kinnear had a long-standing friendship with Cardiff owner Sam Hammam, from the time when they were manager and owner at Wimbledon, and Hammam allowed Perrett to join Luton a few days before last season began. It proved to be a shrewd acquisition, with Perrett an automatic choice in the promotion-winning team, losing his place only when injuries and a suspension intervened. His career had begun with non-league Lymington before he went to neighbouring Portsmouth in 1995 and then to Cardiff four years later.

Luton record to the start of this season: 41 appearances, 3 goals.

**Steve Robinson.** Born Lisburn, 10.12.74

Having rebuilt his side to win promotion from the Third Division, manager Joe Kinnear knew that an even stronger squad was needed for this season's challenge, and one of his first summer signings was midfielder Robinson, for £50,000 from Preston North End. Capped five times by Northern Ireland, the attacking midfielder had made his name at Boumemouth after joining the Cherries on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearances for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.

**Aaron Skelton.** Born Welwyn, 22.11.74

It was a case of going "back home" when the defender, born a few miles from Luton, signed for the Hatters for the second time in July 2000. He had joined the club as a schoolboy, and worked his way up through the ranks to be on the fringe of the league team when he was 19. But a succession of injuries sidelined him for long periods and a change of club, on a free

transfer to Colchester in the summer of 1997, brought a much-needed change of luck and Skelton rapidly became a big favourite at Layer Road. His contract there expired in the summer of 2001, and although Colchester wanted him to sign a new deal, the invitation to move back to his first club, on a Bosman, was too good to turn down.

Luton record (current spell) to the start of this season: 23 appearances, 1 goal.

**Matthew Spring.** Born Harlow, 17.11.79

There was relief all round when the competitive midfielder accepted a new contract at Kenilworth Road at the end of last season. Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and his first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20. He was influential in the Luton team that won promotion last season, and manager Joe Kinnear's determination to guide Luton to a second successive step up helped to persuade Spring to remain at his only club, rather than insist on leaving under freedom of contract.

Luton record to the start of this season: 213 appearances, 21 goals.

**Tony Thorpe.** Born Leicester, 10.4.74

It was a case of "coming home" for the striker when he joined Luton as a Bosman free transfer in the summer - it was the fourth time he had signed for the Hatters! He was 18 in 1992 when Leicester declined to sign him at the end of his traineeship at Filbert Street. But David Pleat, previously at Leicester, and by then Luton manager, knew that Thorpe had potential, and gave him a chance at Luton. Thorpe was a spectacular success, particularly when Pleat switched him from midfield to the front. Nimble footwork and an instinctive eye for goal made Thorpe a hot property - he netted 31 times in 1996/97, the first time anyone had done that for Luton since the days of Malcolm Macdonald 25 years earlier. At the time Luton were very much a selling club, and they cashed in when Fulham offered £850,000 in February 1998. A £1million move to Bristol City followed four months later, but in his early days at Ashton Gate management changes left the striker unsure of his future. He returned to Luton twice in 1999 on loan deals, but a permanent move could not be sorted out, until, in the summer of 2002, Thorpe became a free agent, and could hardly wait to get back to his old pals at Kenilworth Road. They will be delighted if he can reproduce the strike rate of his first spell at Luton - 60 goals in 144 games.



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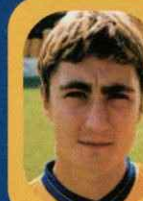
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**Wednesday 2nd April 2003:**  
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**Wednesday 8th April:**  
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**Friday 9th May:**  
'End of season club dinner' to be held at the Civic Centre. Tickets will cost £30 of which includes a four course meal and disco. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by top comedian Leslie Gibson. Players of the year presentations will also take place on the evening of this dinner.

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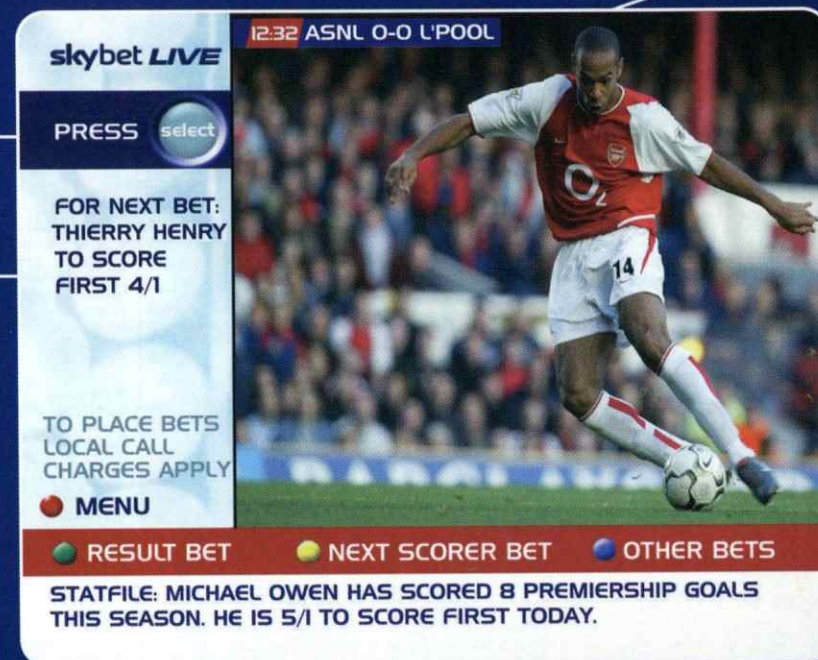
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**Most Scoring chances per game**

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Wigan	6.65	7.15	Blackpool	5.32	5.09
Plymouth	5.71	7.18	Wycombe	5.29	5.09
Cardiff	6.18	6.06	Huddersfield	5.21	5.15
Barnsley	5.65	6.35	Swindon	5.29	4.76
Crewe	6.62	5.38	Cheltenham	5.35	4.56
QPR	5.71	6.03	Stockport	5.12	4.44
Mansfield	6.15	5.47	Port Vale	4.62	4.85
Tranmere	5.50	5.35	Notts County	5.06	4.12
Bristol City	5.41	5.32	Northampton	4.65	4.32
Luton	5.21	5.44	Colchester	4.33	4.15
Peterborough	5.76	4.88	Chesterfield	4.12	4.24
Oldham	4.85	5.65	Brentford	3.55	4.18

**TOP GOALSCORERS**

Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Earnshaw	Cardiff	11	Ferguson	Rangers	8
Hulse	Crewe	5	Dickov	Leicester	7
Henriksen	Kidderminster	5	Alexander	Preston	6
Kewell	Leeds	4	Beattie	Southampton	5
Solskjaer	Man Utd	4	Merson	Portsmouth	5
Beattie	Southampton	4	Liddell	Wigan	5
Sinclair	West Ham	4	Lee	Rotherham	4
McVeigh	Norwich	4	Sonner	Walsall	4
Todorov	Portsmouth	4	Hunt	Brentford	4
Curetton	Reading	4	Tinnion	Bristol City	4
Byfield	Rotherham	4	Keith	Colchester	4
Smith	Huddersfield	4	Eyres	Oldham	4
Stallard	Notts County	4	Parkin	Swindon	4
Gallen	QPR	4	Brown	Wycombe	4
Beckett	Stockport	4	O'Connor	Bournemouth	4
Parkin	Swindon	4	Crosby	Oxford	4
Haworth	Tranmere	4	Russell	Torquay	4
Gray	Rushden	4	Morrell	Wrexham	4
Hartson	Celtic	4	Duffield	York	4

Average Shots On and Off target per game

**Goals in last 15 Mins of match**

FOR	76-90 Tot	%	AGAINST	76-90 Tot	%		
Peterborough	14	34	41	Mansfield	22	70	31
Luton	16	50	32	Cardiff	8	27	30
Notts County	16	50	32	Tranmere	14	48	29
Bristol City	18	59	31	Northampton	15	55	27
Oldham	14	50	28	Chesterfield	13	48	27
Blackpool	12	45	27	Stockport	15	56	27
Wycombe	12	46	26	Crewe	8	30	27
Huddersfield	7	27	26	Plymouth	10	38	26
Cardiff	13	51	25	Peterborough	10	39	26
QPR	12	49	24	Wigan	5	20	25
Tranmere	11	46	24	Oldham	7	29	24

ordered by late goals as % of all goals

**COMEBACKS**

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Luton	0	0	6	6
Blackpool	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	0	4	4
Swindon	0	0	4	4
Tranmere	0	0	4	4
Bristol City	0	1	2	3
Barnsley	0	0	3	3
Crewe	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3

**THROWAWAYS**

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	6	6
Barnsley	0	0	5	5
Stockport	0	1	3	4
Chesterfield	0	0	4	4
Notts County	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
Northampton	0	0	3	3
Plymouth	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3

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

**Goals from Set Pieces for and against**

SCORED	Co	FK	CONCEDED	Co	FK
Plymouth	11	7	Mansfield	10	10
Crewe	4	12	Cheltenham	10	6
Oldham	8	7	Blackpool	7	8
Brentford	7	6	Northampton	2	13
Bristol City	5	8	Port Vale	12	3
Wigan	7	6	Huddersfield	6	8
Blackpool	10	2	Stockport	11	2
Swindon	8	4	Barnsley	4	7
Cardiff	8	3	Cardiff	3	7
Luton	7	4	Notts County	6	4
QPR	6	5	Swindon	3	7
Tranmere	6	5	Tranmere	6	4
Wycombe	7	4	Bristol City	3	6
Notts County	2	8	Peterborough	6	3

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

**Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run**

Club	Gls	GI/gm	Pts	Run	1stG
Robert Earnshaw	24	0.73	18	3	7
Sam Parkin	19	0.61	17	6	5
Rob Hulse	19	0.66	14	4	7
John Murphy	13	0.45	13	2	6
Luke Beckett	22	0.65	12	4	10
Simon Haworth	15	0.52	11	8	5
Martin Smith	12	0.44	11	1	4
Steven Howard	14	0.47	10	4	7
Bruce Dyer	12	0.39	10	3	3
Mark Stallard	17	0.52	9	3	4
Andy Liddell	15	0.54	9	2	7
Rowan Vine	10	0.32	9	1	3

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals per game figure and number of games player scored 1st goal

**Fouls and Offsides per game**

avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game		
Luton	14.44	Luton	5.26
Tranmere	14.26	Barnsley	4.47
Brentford	13.94	Tranmere	4.18
Wycombe	13.79	Peterborough	4.03
Oldham	13.62	Wycombe	3.68
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**Clubs Comparison**

Goals Scored	Shots	Headers	Volleys	Penalties	Free Kicks	Own Goals
34	30	9	7	3	1	0
9	9	9	7	3	1	0
4	2	1	1	1	1	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	0
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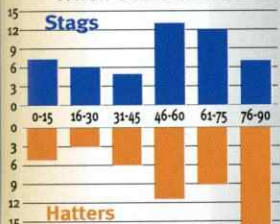
**Where Goals Scored**



**Where Goals Conceded**



**When Goals Scored**



**Form Guide - Last 6**

1	Won	3
2	Drawn	0
3	Lost	3
6	For	8
9	Against	9
5	Points	9
-3	Goal Difference	-1
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**Yellow & Red Cards**

61	Yellow	65
4	Red	5

**Seasonal Progress Comparison**



**2002-2003 Attendances**

Stags	Aggregate	Hatters
84,120	117,589	78.3
8,134	9,477	2,718
3,414	5,890	4,684
4,948	6,917	72
49	69	

**10 Year Record**

Stags	Avg Pos.	Hatters
78.3	among 92 clubs	53.3
2,718	Avg Att 1993	7,878
4,684	Avg Att 2002	6,842
72	+ / - %	-13

**Average Goals per game**

1.47	For	1.47
1.76	Home For	1.53
1.18	Away For	1.41
2.06	Against	1.32
2.00	Home Against	1.24
2.12	Away Against	1.41

**2002-2003 Figures**

38	Players Used	36
5	Clean Sheets	11
15	Failed to Score	6
2	Goals scored from...	
7	Corners	7
7	Free Kicks	4
10	Goals conceded from...	
10	Corners	3
10	Free Kicks	5

**Top League Scorers**

Christie	Howard	
17	League Goals	14
28	Games Played	30
0.61	Lge Goals/Game	0.47
8	Points Gained	10
5	Scoring Run	4
1	Hat-Tricks	0
7	Close Range	5
9	Inside Area	7
1	Long Range	2
9	Shots	6
6	Headers	5
2	Volleys	3
0	Penalties	3
0	Direct FKs	0

**Swings**

MT	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
4	1 Goal Down	6
0	Lost from:	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
1	2 Goals Up	0
2	1 Goal Up	3
0	Drawn from:	0
0	3 Goals Down	0
3	2 Goals Down	1
0	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
3	1 Goal Up	3

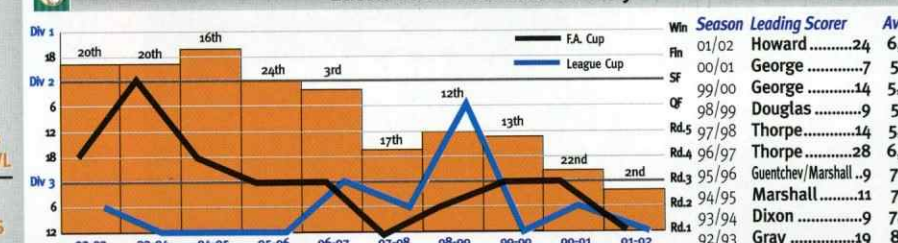
**Margins**

5	Won by 1 Gl	11
2	Won by 2 Gls	2
0	Won by 3 Gls	2
1	Won by 4 Gls	0
1	Won by 5+ Gls	0
8	Lost by 1 Gl	8
8	Lost by 2 Gls	1
0	Lost by 3 Gls	2
1	Lost by 4 Gls	0
2	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

**Misc stats**

7	Highest Pos.	6
24	Lowest Pos.	24
3	Winning Run	5
3	Unbeaten Run	7
5	Losing Run	4
7	No Win Run	5

**Luton Town's 10 Year History**





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# Hatters History

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By Brian Swain, programme editor, Luton Town FC

THE DELIGHT of winning promotion last season was just one more chapter in a series of ups and downs that Luton Town have experienced in their history.

They have enjoyed life at the very top, and suffered the indignity of twice tumbling all the way from the highest division to the lowest. Now, they hope, they are on their way back again after finishing last season as runners-up in Division Three.

In 1974 Luton were the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, and back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself.

The club has had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence when they were in receivership in the summer of 1999.

They survived, and a year later an old friend returned as the new owner and chairman - Mike Watson-Challis, who had been a director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership.

He and his colleagues on the board made an inspired choice when they decided to appoint the respected and highly experienced Joe Kinnear as manager in February 2001. It was too late to prevent the relegation that had looked nearly certain since the early days of that season, but on the day relegation was confirmed Kinnear promised the fans: "We'll be promoted in 12 months time..." Brave words, but Joe kept his promise to make it a brief stay in Division Three. Four club records tumbled in the process: 30 league victories, a run of 12 on the trot, 15 away wins and 97 points gathered.

Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final.

But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium and unable to compete with the big-money outfits. They missed the first season of the Premiership, through relegation just as it was set up in 1992, and the decline continued, with a drop into the Second Division in 1996.

Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick

from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold at least Limillion worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements.

But now, with a new board and management team in place, money available for players, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again. The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade which was to give the club its nickname.

Players were paid for the first time in 1891, making Luton the first club in the south to embrace professionalism. Three years later they were founder-members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division.

But patchy results and rising costs led to the Club resigning to return to the Southern League. And there Luton stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League. They narrowly missed promotion to the old Second Division in 1936, when centre-forward Joe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near-unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record which is likely to stand forever. The following year Luton did win promotion, with Payne netting 55 league goals. Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership. It ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. The team were all getting too old together, and a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA Cup final appearance Luton had

tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. In 1967 they were perilously close to having to ask for re-election to stay in the League.

That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board injected new life and money into the Club. The Division Four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched, to the Second Division, with Malcolm Macdonald's goals a

major factor.

In 1974 Luton made history again: they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction. That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground.

Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. The Hatters made Wembley their second home that summer: they were also there for the Football League's Centenary Tournament, and for the Simod Cup final, in which they lost to Reading. They nearly got there four times: an FA Cup run ended in defeat in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Wimbledon.

Twelve months later Luton were at Wembley again to defend the League Cup, but they lost to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories for older supporters of the 1959 disappointment.

THE MANAGER  
Joe Kinnear. Born Dublin, 27.12.46



IN HIS first full season in charge at Kenilworth Road, Joe Kinnear made good a promise. He was brave enough to tell the disconsolate fans, who had just seen the Hatters relegated, that they would be celebrating promotion by the end of the season.

They were, returning to the Second Division at the first attempt as runners-up to Plymouth. And the Second Division should beware: he knows the task this season will be even harder, but once more the chirpy Irishman has laid his reputation on the line. "I want another promotion."

With the backing of a supportive chairman and board, Mr Kinnear has brought about a dramatic revival in Luton's fortunes. Needing an experienced man to try to halt a slide down the Second Division, Luton's directors persuaded him to take on the daunting task as February 2001, as Luton's third manager of the season. He improved performances and results, but the seaway was too great to make up, and no-one was more gutted than the manager when a season of struggle ended with the drop into Division Three. It was the first relegation he had suffered in a long career which made him a household name as a player and then as a manager. Born in Dublin, but brought up in Wexford, Kinnear was playing non-league football for St. Albans City as a teenager when Tottenham spotted his potential, and signed him in 1965. Joe was a reliable defender who enjoyed ten of the best years in the history of Spurs, making more than 280 appearances for them, and collecting 26 Republic of Ireland caps as well as an impressive array of medals - an FA Cup-winner in 1967, League Cup winner in 1971 and 1973 and a UEFA Cup winner in 1972.

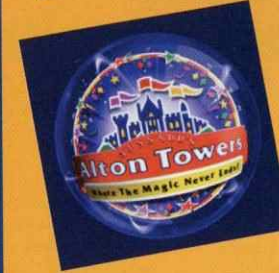
He then played for Brighton - Brian Clough signed him - for four years before moving into coaching. For six years he was the national team coach in the United Arab Emirates, working alongside his old Spurs pal Dave Mackay but his major impact in this country came after taking charge of Wimbledon in 1992. With no ground of their own, and the smallest fanbase in the Premiership, the Dons did much more than just survive in the Premiership, and the "crazy gang" were still there when a heart attack forced him to step down. His time with Wimbledon brought him more accolades - two Premiership manager of the year awards, another as Carlton TV manager of the year, and yet another voted by Sky TV viewers. Fully fit after being sidelined for 18 months, he was ready to get involved again when Luton approached him, relishing the chance to take control of all football matters at Kenilworth Road - director of football, manager and coach all rolled into one.

Relegation was not the fairy-tale return he and the club hoped for, but he set about a major rebuilding job on the squad, and no-one enjoyed the occasion more than he as Luton returned to Division Two at the first attempt, setting a string of club records on the way.



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## Cheltenham Town

**Saturday 8 March 2003**  
**Kick-off 3.00pm**

Whaddon Road  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire GL52 5NA

Tel: 01242 573558



### How to get there

#### Directions From the North (M5):

Leave M5 at junction 10 - follow road (A4019 towards Cheltenham). Keep straight on through Traffic Lights, until you come to large roundabout (Lex on right & McDonalds on left), turn left. Now follow directions below (titled Off the M5).

#### From the South (M5):

Exit M5 at junction 11, follow sign to Cheltenham, you will then be on A40, at first roundabout follow signs to Cheltenham, at next turn left. Follow this road (Princess Elizabeth Way), turning right, then left round Coronation Square, to big roundabout, go straight over. Now follow direction below (titled Off the M5).

#### Off the M5:

About 500 yards up this road, you will come to double mini roundabout, go straight over. Keep going about 300 yards, then turn right, follow this road over level crossing until you come to roundabout. Go straight over (signposted Prestbury) about 200 yards turn right (Albert Rd), follow this to end, at Roundabout turn left into Prestbury Road, about 200 yards on right, turn right into Whaddon Road, the pitch and car park are 300 yards on left.

#### From London/Oxford (A40):

Follow road into and through Charlton Kings, you will come to some lights where the Cirencester Road joins from left. Go straight on, but at next set of lights turn right into Hales Road, keep on this road for 1 1/2 miles, after a mile it will bear round to the right, then left, keep eye out for Whaddon Road, which will be next left, opposite a small row of Shops & just past Oakley GCHQ.

A few yards into Whaddon Road you will come to a small roundabout. Go straight over, and keep on going for 1/2 mile, the ground & car park are on right.

#### Train:

If you are coming by train, it's a bit of a nightmare to walk to the ground. Take the G or H bus to the town centre, and then the No.2 to get to Whaddon Road.

Alternatively, a taxi should cost about £5.00.



## Huddersfield Town

**Tuesday 18 March 2003**  
**Kick-off 3.00pm**

The Alfred McAlpine Stadium  
Huddersfield  
HD1 6PX

Tel: 01484 484100



PLEASE NOTE when in **The Alfred McAlpine Stadium:**

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J Ann Hough, Club Secretary - Huddersfield Town

### How to get there

#### BY CAR:

**From South:** Exit M1 at junction 38 (s/p Huddersfield A637). At motorway roundabout take second exit (s/p Huddersfield A637). Keep on the A637 for 6.1 miles, over one roundabout, to the Grange Moor Roundabout. Here, take first exit (s/p Huddersfield A642) onto the A642. At lights at the Waterloo Junction after 3.4 miles, by Cooke service station, go straight on (s/p Huddersfield A629, M62). After 1.7 miles, after passing through several sets of lights, turn right (by old church, now Aspley carpets, on LHS, s/p Leeds A62) into St Andrews Road. Pass 'The Aspley' pub on the LHS, and after 0.5 miles turn right at crossroads by Ford Cowie to ground. From North and East: Exit M62 at junction 25 (s/p Brighouse A644, Huddersfield (A62), also Alfred McAlpine Stadium). At motorway roundabout follow signs to 'Huddersfield East (A62), Dewsbury A644' onto the A644 Wakefield Road. At Cooper Bridge roundabout after 1.1 miles turn right (s/p Huddersfield A62). Follow 'Huddersfield A62' signs through several sets of lights for 2.9 miles and then turn left (s/p Sheffield A629, Wakefield A642, McAlpine Stadium) into St Andrews Road. At lights after 0.2 miles (by Ford Cowie) turn left to ground.

**From West:** Exit M62 at junction 24. At roundabout turn right, under the motorway. At roundabout after 0.2 miles, take 4th exit (s/p Huddersfield A629) onto the A629 Halifax Road. The ground is signposted from here (ie to end of the A629, left onto the Ring Road, second major exit onto the A62 Leeds Road). NB: The above routes are designed for cars. Coach operators should check routes in advance with the police Football Liaison Officer on (01484) 436 654.

**FROM RAILWAY STATION (Huddersfield):** By taxi: £3. By foot: Bear left out of station past the George Hotel. Straight over crossroads into Northumberland Street. At end of street, go straight over major crossroads (s/p Leeds A62). At roundabout after 0.2 miles, just after 'Homestyle' bear right into Gas Works Street, passing the gas works and crossing canal. Straight on at crossroads by Ford Cowie to ground. Last Midweek Trains: Call (0345) 484 950.

**BY BUS:** Special matchday buses, nos. 330 and 331, run from the bus station on Queensgate. Normal bus services to Leeds, nos. 201, 202, 203, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221 and 229 also run along Leeds Road.

#### PARKING:

A lot of the parking at the ground is now reserved by season-ticket holders, but some spaces in the St Andrews Road car park are available to visiting fans on the day, cost £2.50. Otherwise there's a charity car park in Gas Works Street (£2) and a small multi-storey on Pine Street (50p/hour to 6pm), which is signposted off the Leeds Road. Otherwise it's street parking.



## Stags Supporters Association

### SSA Race Night

First of all a big thank you to everyone who supported Saturday night's event, either by sponsorship or by turning up for a gamble. Thanks to you all we managed to break through the £1000 barrier for the second year running.

As always this money will be used to benefit Mansfield Town for things such as the Adam Eaton deal or the "soil reliever" which is pictured here being handed over to Rob Sprigg by SSA Publicity Officer Steve Danby. This vital piece of equipment cost SSA £500.



### T-Shirts

Our souvenir "derby double" t-shirts are now on sale and are available on the SSA Away Travel coaches and via post to SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 8RA - enclosing a cheque payable to SSA for £6 per T-shirt plus 50p P&P - remember to include your name, address and required size (they are available in XL, L, M & Large Boys).

### Away Travel

Places for Saturday's trip to Cheltenham are very limited now so give us a call as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Forthcoming trips are as follows:

- Sat 8 Mar 03 - Cheltenham - Depart 11am - Price: Adult: £13, Under 16: £11, Under 10: £6.50
- Tue 18 Mar 03 - Huddersfield - Depart 5pm - Price: Adult: £8, Under 16: £6, Under 10: £4
- Fri 21 Mar 03 - Cardiff - Depart 1pm - Price: Adult: £25, Under 16: £23, Under 10: £12.50

Fans who travel to Huddersfield will be entitled to a £3 discount off the trip to Cardiff.

To book please phone SSA on 07967 689597 or e-mail us at ssa@stagsnet.com.

### Happy Birthday

A big happy birthday to the following Junior Stags!!  
James Armstrong (13) - Sam Knight (10) - Lisa Robson (8) - Charlotte Strazds (7)  
Alex Vasper (7) - S Jolley (4) - Thomas Kimberley (9)

## Ollerton Supporters

Hello from OSSC

As we enter a crucial period in football, clubs are giving it a final push for promotion or battling to avoid relegation. Well, no one can say watching Mansfield Town is boring, its far from it!

At this point in the season every club relies on their supporters, and as shown last week at QPR stags fans definitely did their bit at being Mansfield Towns 12th man or should we say 11th! Let's keep this up tonight and help keep us where we belong in division 2!

The OSSC's next meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday 5th March 7.30pm at Ollerton House. Members and non-members welcome. As for the following meeting, which is on April 2nd, this meeting will be pretty different. We are calling this meeting an Open Forum for you, the members (or non members) to come and grill the committee about anything you want whether its something you want to happen or you are not happy about!

### IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING DATES FOR OSSC

Saturday 19th April - Blackpool departure 6.15pm  
Ollerton House. Please don't be late!

Saturday 26th April - OSSC's big trip out to Tranmere depart 8am to get there nice and early for lunch!  
Spaces are still available for this trip if anybody is interested.

Tuesday 29th April - Meeting at Ollerton House with Bob Gorrill present 7.30pm start everybody welcome!

Saturday 17th May - OSSC's End of season party held at The Ollerton House 7.30pm start Buffett, £3 per ticket everyone welcome!

If anybody is interested in the trip to Bristol on Saturday 12th April and helping us to fill a bus please get in touch with us and let us know visit [www.ollertonstags.co.uk](http://www.ollertonstags.co.uk)

Lastly, on behalf of everyone from Ollerton Stags I would like to wish our member Peter Elvin a very, very happy 50th Birthday for March 11th.

Hope everybody enjoys the game!



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TODAY'S MASCOTS

CONNOR JAMES FLEMING

Connor is 8 years old on the 9th March 2003.

His favourite Football team is Stags, favourite other team is Liverpool and in particular likes Michael Owen, Craig Disley and Wayne Corden are his Mansfield Town favourite players.

Connor plays himself for Beaufort Utd U8's in the McDonalds Sunday League and is a central defender. He also plays Cricket for Kirkby Portland CC Juniors

Connor attends Kingsway County Junior School in Kirkby in Ashfield. Saves all Stags Programmes and would one day like to play for the Stags and eventually be a commentator like his dad Steve (Stagsworld).

Also enjoys playing football games on his Playstation 2.

Favourite TV prog: Dreamteam, Premiership and Only Fools And Horses.



REBECCA MATTHEWMAN

Rebecca born on 27/9/89 is 13 years old and attends Dukeries Community College. Having a love of football she plays in midfield for Robin Hood Colts Under 13's Girls squad.

Her favourite football team is Manchester United and says that her favourite player is Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Other than football she lists amongst her hobbies - Swimming and going out. Her favourite colour is blue and her favourite food is Jacket Potato and Tuna.

Rebecca's introduction to playing football stems five years where she started playing in the boys U9 and U10's then when she was 12 moved to the girls team.



In photograph 1 are the mascots that represented Mansfield against Notts County and in photograph 2 are the mascots that represented Mansfield against Oldham Athletic

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Stags classroom page.

Lots of interesting developments are happening in the Stags classroom.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed two new teachers who will be joining us after Easter. Congratulations go to Clare Kiggins and Kathryn Dibble. Clare is presently working at Garibaldi Comprehensive and Kathryn is teaching in Southampton. These new appointments mean that we will soon be able to offer a full programme of activities again, from day visits to family learning opportunities.

Progress is being made on the building of the new classrooms under the west stand and Sherwood Industries have begun work on the furniture for these, all of which will be made in Mansfield Town colours of course.

A new name and logo is being developed for the education provision here at Mansfield Town and all will be revealed shortly.

More mentors needed

Do you think you could make a difference?

Could you like the players, spare two hours one evening a week (3:30pm to 5:30pm) to give support to one or two pupils who will be attending the study support centre in the future?

What to do now

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0870 7563160.

Fun Stuff

How well do you know your football phrases?

Choose 3 words from the list below each clue to make a football phrase.

When a shot strikes part of the goalpost it has? woodwork broken line the flag crowd hit

The biggest game in international football is the match cup game big final trophy world

When your favourite player scores 3 goals it's called penalty a nutmeg goal trick own hat

This supporter only watches their team when they're winning boy fair crowd good fan glory weather

When a player is found in an illegal attacking position they are too off caught line side goal near

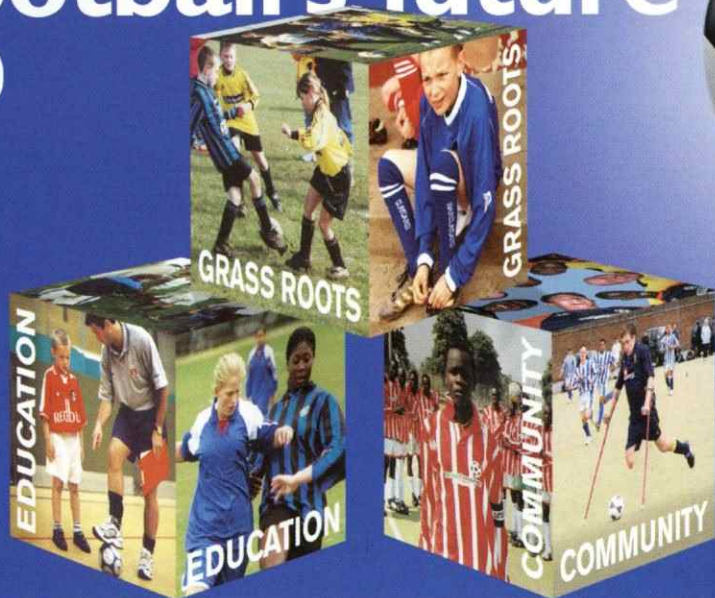
How well did you do?

Sarah Brennan, Centre Manager



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### NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO LEAGUE TABLE (up to and including Saturday 1st March 2003)

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Wigan	34	11	5	1	30	13	13	2	2	26	7	36	79
Crewe	34	9	2	6	21	13	10	5	2	36	17	27	64
Cardiff	33	10	5	2	29	12	8	4	4	22	15	24	63
Oldham	34	7	4	6	26	16	10	7	0	24	13	21	62
Bristol City	34	9	5	3	29	13	8	3	6	30	25	21	59
QPR	34	10	3	4	29	17	5	6	6	20	23	9	54
Blackpool	34	10	5	2	28	14	5	4	8	17	27	4	54
Tranmere	34	9	4	4	23	17	7	2	8	23	31	-2	54
<b>Luton</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>
Plymouth	34	7	5	5	25	20	5	6	6	17	18	4	47
Swindon	34	7	4	6	24	21	5	6	6	22	27	-2	46
Brentford	33	7	5	4	19	11	5	4	8	17	24	1	45
Wycombe	34	7	4	6	31	27	4	5	8	15	16	3	42
Chesterfield	34	8	4	5	20	17	3	2	12	10	31	-18	39
Notts County	34	6	6	5	28	27	2	8	7	22	27	-4	38
Peterborough	33	5	4	7	18	16	4	7	6	16	23	-5	38
Colchester	33	5	6	6	18	17	4	5	7	19	28	-8	38
Barnsley	34	5	6	6	21	25	4	4	9	18	25	-11	37
Huddersfield	34	6	6	5	20	17	3	3	11	7	22	-12	36
Port Vale	34	5	4	8	22	25	4	4	9	17	31	-17	35
Stockport	34	5	6	6	28	29	4	1	12	16	27	-12	34
<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>33</b>
Northampton	34	5	3	9	18	22	3	4	10	13	33	-24	31
Cheltenham	34	4	5	8	15	25	2	7	8	18	28	-20	30

### THE STAGS PLAYERS APPEARANCES, SEASON 2002-2003

Players Name	League App.	Cup App.	League Goals	Cup Goals
Kevin Pilkington	26	2	-	-
Bobby Hassell	8	-	-	-
Allen Tankard	-	-	-	-
Neil McKenzie	15(4)	3	-	-
Neil Moore	19(1)	2	-	1
Stuart Reddington	5(2)	1	-	-
Liam Lawrence	31(1)	4	7	2
Lee Williamson	21(7)	2	-	-
Shayne Bradley	-	-	-	-
Craig Disley	31(1)	1	3	-
Wayne Corden	25(6)	2	8	-
Jamie Clarke	13(5)	1	-	-
Michael Bingham	-	-	-	-
Dave Jarvis	4(2)	-	-	-
Dave White	18(3)	(2)	4	-
Danny Bacon	1(4)	(2)	-	-
Michael Sisson	-	-	-	-
Dion Scott	-	-	-	-
Scott Sellars	12(1)	1	1	-
Colin Larkin	14(4)	4	3	-
Iyteden Christie	21(7)	5	15	1
Jason White	-	-	-	-
Mark Lever	16	-	-	-
Danny Holyoak	(2)	1	-	-
Lee Glover	(2)	-	-	-
Damien Delaney	7	-	-	-
Peter Clark	2(1)	1	-	-
Mark Hurst	1	1(1)	-	-
Arjan Van Heusden	5	-	-	-
Jake Buxton	-	(1)	-	-
Alex Baptiste	-	-	-	-
Tony Vaughan	-	-	-	-
Colin Little	5(1)	-	-	-
Matt Gadsby	13(1)	-	-	-
Rhys Day	14	-	-	-
Adam Eaton	9	-	-	-
Keith Curle	6(2)	-	-	-
Tom Curtis	10	-	-	-
Chris Beardsley	1(2)	-	-	-
Ben Doane	7	-	-	-
Craig Mitchell	(6)	-	-	1
Junior Mendes	6	-	-	-
Keith Welch	3	-	-	-
Andy Jones	1	-	-	-

Up to and including Saturday 1 March 2003

### Stags squad list



- Kevin Pilkington
- Bobby Hassell
- Neil Mackenzie
- Tom Curtis
- Matthew Gadsby
- Liam Lawrence
- Lee Williamson
- Craig Disley
- Wayne Corden
- Jamie Clarke
- Ben Doane
- Andy White
- Danny Bacon
- Adam Eaton
- Junior Mendes
- Rhys Day
- Scott Sellars
- Colin Larkin
- Iyteden Christie
- Mark Hurst
- Jake Buxton
- Alex Baptiste
- Chris Beardsley
- Keith Curle
- Jason White
- Andy Jones
- Adrian Steel

### Hatters squad list



- Mark Ovendale
- Aaron Skelton
- Alan Neilson
- Matthew Spring
- Russell Perrett
- Marvin Johnson
- Adrian Forbes
- Kevin Nicholls
- Tony Thorpe
- Carl Griffiths
- Steve Robinson
- Chris Coyne
- Dean Crowe
- Carl Emberson
- Emmerson Boyce
- Ahmet Brokovic
- Steve Howard
- Peter Holmes
- Paul Hughes
- David Bayliss
- Ian Hillier
- Sol Davis
- Alan Kimble
- Chris Willmott

scorers  half-time score   
 FULL TIME SCORE

**Today's Match Officials**  
 Referee: Mr. C. Wilkes  
 Asst: Mr. R. Martin (Yellow Flag)  
 Asst: Mr. P. Barston (Red Flag)  
 Fourth Official: Mr. L. Mason

Man-of-the-Match   
 Attendance

scorers  half-time score   
 FULL TIME SCORE

**Key**  
 position substitutions  
 red card goals  
 yellow card

DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	W/D/L
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Sat 10	Plymouth Argyle	Home	4-3	5,309 (1,086)	W
Tue 13	Wigan Athletic	Away	3-2	5,837 (550)	L
Sat 17	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-3	5,057 (510)	D
Sat 24	Chesterfield	Home	0-2	7,258 (1,693)	L
Mon 26	Stockport County	Away	2-0	5,190 (663)	L
Sat 31	Crewe Alexandra	Home	0-5	4,183 (588)	L
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Sat 7	Queens Park Rangers	Home	0-4	4,581 (1,231)	L
Tue 10	Derby County (WCup R1)	Home	1-3	5,788 (1,741)	L
Sat 14	Oldham Athletic	Away	6-1	5,490 (396)	L
Tue 17	Luton Town	Away	2-3	6,004 (160)	W
Sat 21	Cheltenham Town	Home	0-2	4,116 (385)	L
Sat 28	Northampton Town	Away	2-0	5,594 (597)	L
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Sat 5	Tranmere Rovers	Home	6-1	3,668 (545)	W
Sat 12	Peterborough United	Away	0-0	5,067 (832)	D
Sat 19	Huddersfield Town	Home	0-2	4,998 (1,069)	L
Tue 22	Crewe Alexandra (LDV Trophy R1)	Home	0-4	1,874 (125)	L
Sat 26	Swindon Town	Away	2-1	4,136 (150)	L
Tue 29	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	3,441 (591)	L
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Fri 1	Colchester United	Home	4-2	3,414 (183)	W
Sat 9	Notts. County	Away	2-2	10,302 (3,764)	D
Sat 16	Team Bath (FA Cup R1)	Away	2-4	5,469 (TBC)	W
Sat 23	Bristol City	Home	4-5	4,801 (1,348)	L
Sat 30	Port Vale	Away	4-2	3,880 (512)	L
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Sat 7	Crewe Alexandra (FA Cup R2)	Away	3-0	4,563 (750)	L
Sat 14	Blackpool	Home	4-0	4,001 (522)	W
Sat 21	Barnsley	Away	0-1	10,495 (1,211)	W
Thur 26	Stockport County	Home	4-2	6,434 (817)	W
Sat 28	Brentford	Away	1-0	5,844 (550)	L
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Wed 1	Crewe Alexandra	Away	2-0	6,931 (751)	L
Sat 11	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	0-0	4,811 (433)	D
Sat 18	Chesterfield	Away	1-2	6,813 (2,300)	W
Tue 28	Wigan Athletic	Home	1-2	5,524 (439)	L
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Sat 1	Plymouth Argyle	Away	3-1	8,030 (240)	L
Tue 4	Brentford	Home	0-0	3,735 (125)	D
Sat 8	Notts. County	Home	3-2	8,134 (2,422)	W
Fri 14	Colchester United	Away	1-0	3,247 (350)	L
Sat 22	Queens Park Rangers	Away	2-2	11,942 (1,000)	D
<b>MARCH</b>					
Sat 1	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	5,712 (TBC)	L
Tue 4	Luton Town	Home			
Sat 8	Cheltenham Town	Away			
Sat 15	Swindon Town	Home			
Tue 18	Huddersfield Town	Away			
Fri 21	Cardiff City	Away			
Sat 29	Peterborough United	Home			
<b>APRIL</b>					
Sat 5	Port Vale	Home			
Sat 12	Bristol City	Away			
Sat 19	Barnsley	Home			
Mon 21	Blackpool	Away			
Sat 26	Tranmere Rovers	Away			
<b>MAY</b>					
Sat 3	Northampton Town	Home			

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# Mansfield Ladies

## League Cup Division Two – Semi-Final Mansfield Town Ladies - 0 South Notts - 1

Mansfield Town Ladies were knocked out of the cup at the semi final stage for the second successive year.

Stags keeper Kath Bailey was the busier of the keepers but chances were at a premium in a tightly fought contest.

South Notts had the edge in the second half and scored the match winning goal on the hour when lively striker Cynthia Jackson reacted quicker than Bailey to Strange's right wing cross poking the ball past the oncoming keeper.

Mansfield fought hard to force an equaliser and almost sent the tie into extra time a minute from time when makeshift striker Louise Warren burst through the visitors defence only to find keeper Amy Oakes's equal to her fine effort from just inside the box.

Seconds later referee Spray blew the whistle both to the relief and joy of the visitors.

Stags Ladies have now lost three matches on the trot a disastrous sequence of results that has seen them knocked out of both cup competitions and a severe dent to there promotion aspirations.

The team have another difficult task on Sunday travelling to last years league champions Sandiacre.

Manager Kath Bailey has decided to make several team changes which will result in debuts for Lorraine and Debbie Mason and a return to the team for Amy Hastings.

The Stags are desperately looking for a goalkeeper to replace the injured Amanda West and Kath Bailey.

If interested please contact Stewart 01623 470160.



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