

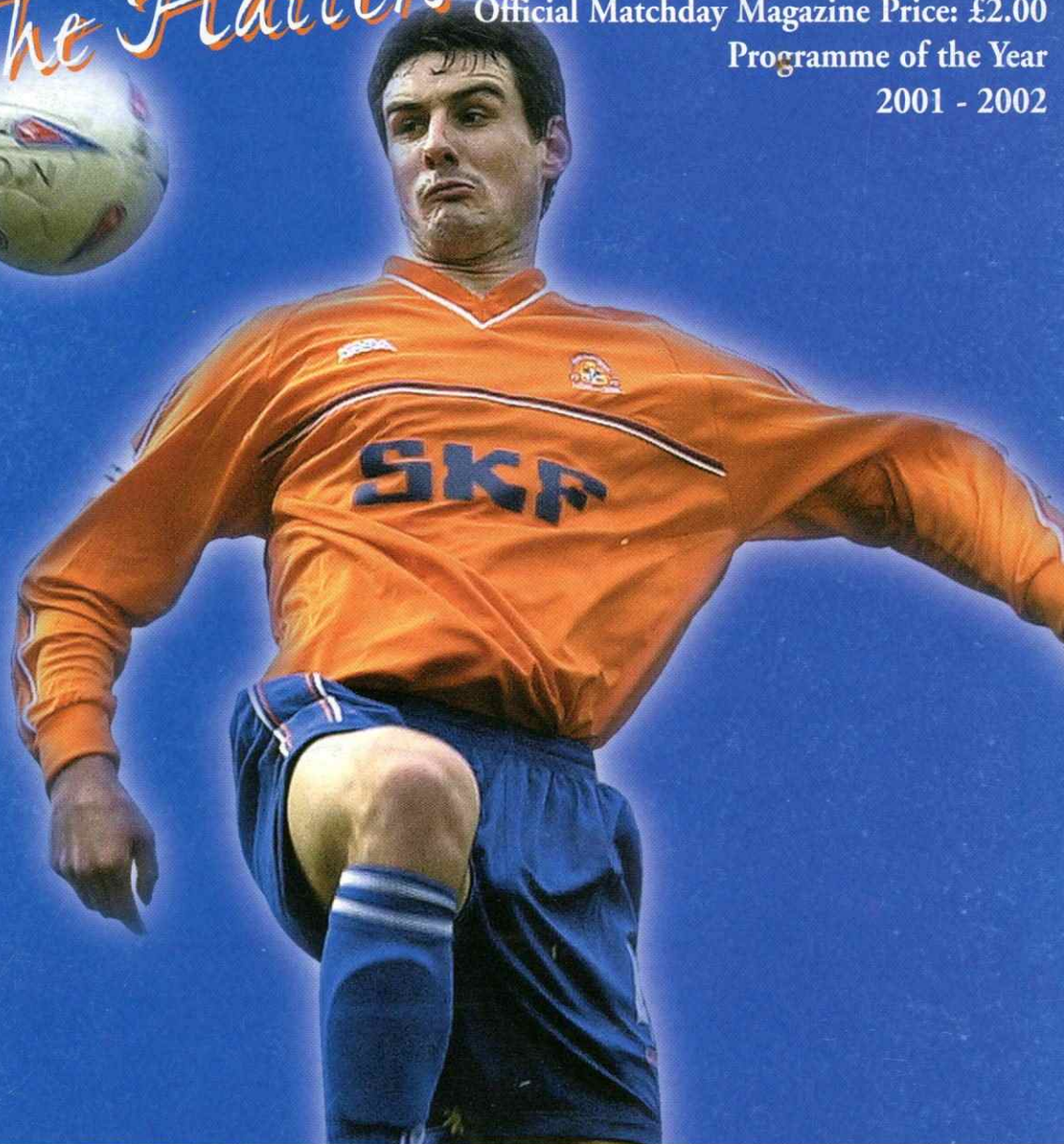
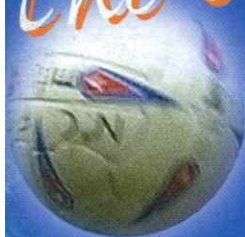
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On the ball: Matt Spring a pic-  
ture of concentration at  
Meadow Lane.

# Inside Forward

WITH Dean Crowe ruled out of action for the rest of the season because of a broken leg sustained at Mansfield on Tuesday, Joe Kinnear was yesterday trying to persuade two strikers to join the Town's promotion campaign by signing loan deals. As we went to press he would not name them, except to say that both are experienced forwards with First Division clubs, but currently out of their league sides.

If either is signed he will be in today's squad. "I'm not into signing Mr Average," said the boss. They are front runners, and familiar names in the game. But the search also continues for a pair of wingers to improve the balance of the side. As he says in his column, he thinks the squad of available players is "a bit thin" because of the latest crop of injuries.

The boss has been able to sign one player on a short term contract, fullback Duncan Jupp, formerly with Wimbledon, and more recently at Notts County. "Fit as a fiddle, a strong runner, and won't let us down," was the manager's description.

He knew the player from his days at Wimbledon, who paid £200,000 for him from Fulham in 1996. The Town made their offer to him after impressive performances in a couple of reserve games. Notts County thought they had beaten Joe to Jupp, but having gone into administration they were not able to offer him a full contract after he made half a dozen appearances for them. Ironically, their next sight of him was in the Town squad last Saturday.

Jupp, 28, a former Scottish under-21 international, is normally a right back, but can play on either flank and made a brief debut as a sub at Meadow Lane before replacing Ian Hillier for his full debut at Mansfield. He will probably make his home debut this afternoon.

### Defenders On The Way Back

Hopefully, Lars Hirschfeld, on loan from Tottenham, will also be in the team today, but his loan agreement includes a stipulation that Spurs can recall him at 24 hours notice if anything happens to their two senior keepers.

The Canadian international's loan is for a month, initially at least, and the chances of a permanent deal are slim: the 24-year-old is

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on a four-year contract at White Hart Lane, being groomed as an eventual replacement for Kasey Keller and Neil Sullivan.

He has appreciated the chance of first-team football, and Joe is well pleased with what he has seen so far. The keeper, he said, was not down for any of the goals conceded at Nottingham and Mansfield.

Russ Perrett, out injured since mid-November, is ready to compete for a recall, having had a very brief appearance as a sub at Field Mill on Tuesday.

David Bayliss is also getting

close, and both defenders were frustrated when Wednesday's reserve game against Crystal Palace was called off, because they hoped to play to show the boss they were ready for a return to league soccer.

The postponement also disappointed several clubs, who had hoped to watch Carl Griffiths in action. After dreadful luck with injuries, Griffiths, 32 in the summer, seems likely to leave Kenilworth Road.

Exeter, Lincoln, Rushden & Diamonds, Dagenham & Redbridge and Woking have all enquired about him, and the Town manager said: "If he wants to talk to any of them, he is free to do so."

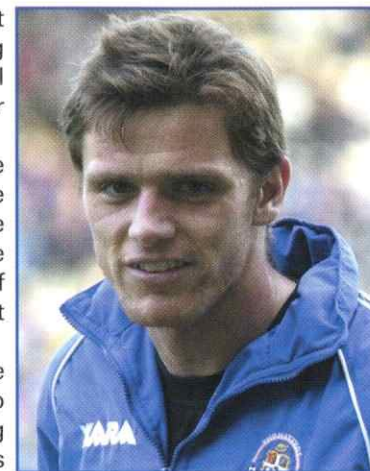
Chris Willmott's month loan from Wimbledon ends after today's game, with the boss thinking over an approach to extend it.

### New Contract For Midfielder

HAVING been part of the first team squad recently, midfielder Michael Leary was given a new two-year contract this week. It was a nice early birthday present - he will be 20 next month. Born in Ealing, he has been at Kenilworth Road since he was a schoolboy, progressing through the youth and reserve teams. His only first team experience so far was in the LDV Vans Trophy, with a full game at Woking and a substitute appearance at Stevenage.

His manager said: "He's an aggressive player, something like Kevin Nicholls, and not frightened to stick his foot in. He has done well in training, and he has a good attitude."

*Brian Swain*



Duncan Jupp



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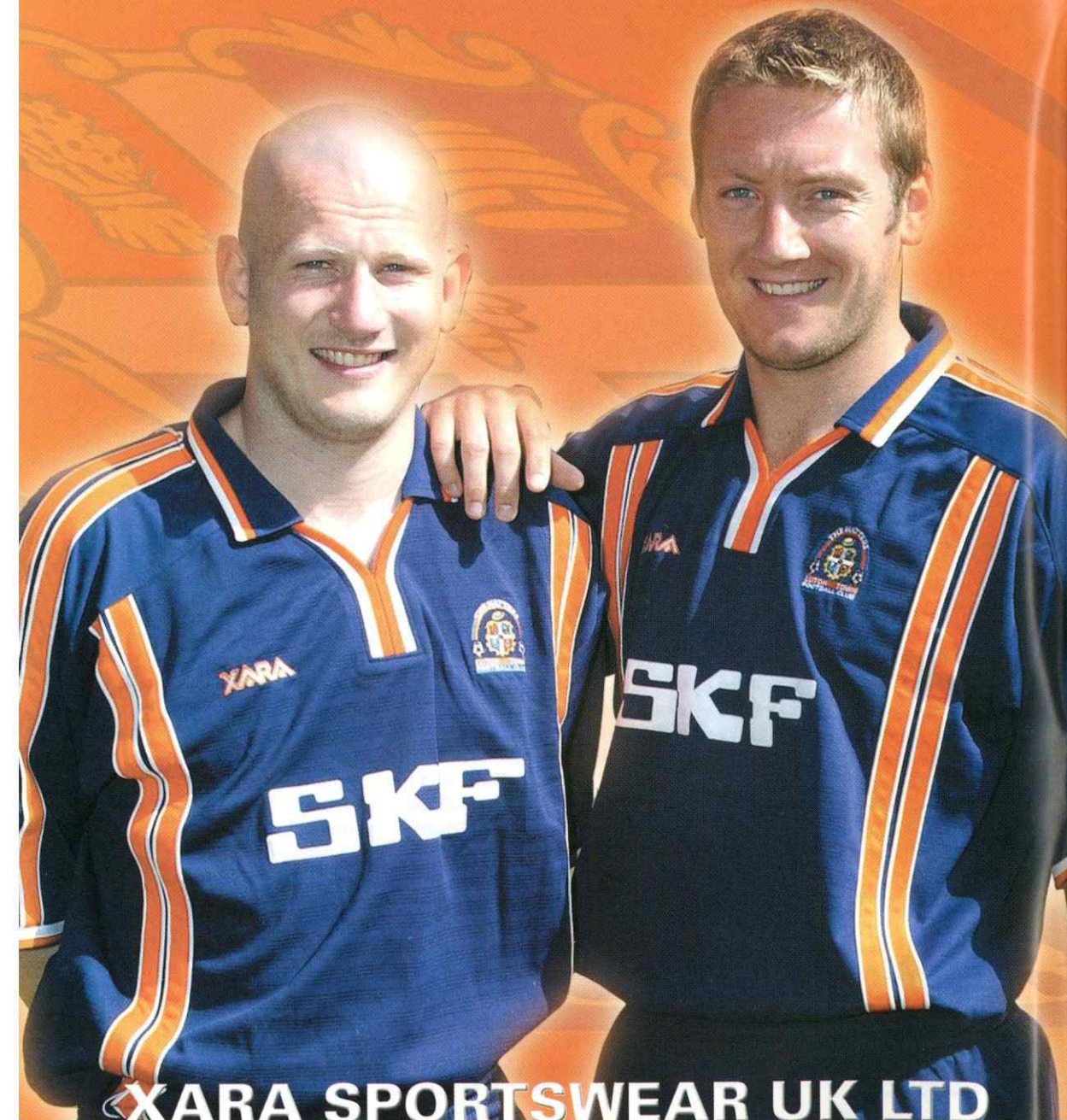
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## Captain's View



THERE has been some very straight talking in the dressing room this week, after our very poor performances at Nottingham and Mansfield.

I felt devastated. We are capable of doing so much better, but in recent weeks too many players have let themselves down. We let six points slip through our fingers in the space of four days, to teams we should have beaten comfortably. Are Notts County better than us? Are Mansfield? No way, would have been my answer a week ago. But they were able to beat us all too easily, and it was all down to our awful defending.

You never know why you can play better some days than others, and players performances, naturally, do dip. But even if you are having a bad game, you have to give 100 per cent.

My philosophy is that the best answer is to have a bit of bottle, and whatever your form stand up to be counted and do your bit for the team. The worse you play, the harder you must try. I am desperate to do whatever I can to help get the best out of everyone at all times.

We hardly got going at Meadow Lane on Saturday, and while County's goals were well struck, the guy should never have been given the chance to get through us. There were some harsh words said after that game, and I really expected us to bounce back at Mansfield. We knew what to expect there, and once again all we had to do was to defend properly, knowing that we would almost

certainly score one or two ourselves.

Unbelievably we gifted the opposition a goal in the first ten minutes, when the ball should have been booted up to row Z instead of being allowed to reach a striker in the box. Not one defender was within a yard of him, and the same was true of their other goals.

I get angry about things like that. In four games over the past two seasons Mansfield have put 13 goals past us, and taken nine points to our three. That average is not good.

That leads to something else that makes me angry with our record in recent weeks: Blackpool apart, we have given good accounts of ourselves against the top teams. But we have lost to outfits like Notts County, Mansfield and Brentford. I am not being disrespectful to any of those clubs when I say that as I expect Luton to win promotion, I expect to beat teams like them. If we can't we won't deserve to go up. And if we don't stop leaking goals, forget it. And if players are up for it only when we play the big teams, that is an attitude which must be changed.

Much, much more has been said in the privacy of the dressing room, but don't get the impression from this that I am not still very optimistic. I sympathise with the fans who paid good money to watch poor performances at Nottingham and Mansfield.

But not so long ago we were defending solidly, and we have shown in the past that we can

bounce back from bad results.

We have 11 games to put things right and must treat every one as a cup final. Every single player must run his socks off. We have done the talking. Now it's time for action.

We have a wonderful opportunity, and we have to strain every muscle to try to grab it. Just imagine, if we can win promotion again, what a wonderful two years that will have been for everyone connected with the club. And what a prospect – to be playing next season just one division below the best league in the world. That thought alone should galvanise us into action for the rest of the season.

We have been fortunate that other teams have also suffered wobbles recently, and the gap between us and sixth place is only four points. We still have a hell of a good chance of closing it, but only if we play with a lot more professionalism today, and in the other ten games to come.

At our best we can take care of anyone. We have had a harsh reminder this week that only our best is good enough, whoever the opposition are, and I hope that today we will rediscover it. Conceding another double to Mansfield hurts. Today, it's our turn: Huddersfield are another team battling to get away from the bottom end of the table, and we know what to expect. This time we must do the business and kick off another winning run.

*Kevin Nicholls*



## Treatment Room

IT'S mostly good news from the treatment room today, except for Dean Crowe who got a whack on the side of his right leg at Mansfield on Tuesday. He has a fracture of the fibula, and will be out of action for some time, and certainly will not be able to play this afternoon. The good news is that Steve Howard is OK again after missing the Mansfield game with a knee injury picked up at Meadow Lane on Saturday. It was not a major problem, and he has made a full recovery. Emmerson Boyce, however, will be absent again this afternoon as he continues treatment for his lower abdominal strain. He will see

the consultant again during the next few days, and the consultant's report will decide where we go from there. Steve Robinson is doing very well as he works to get over a lower back problem. He was 95 per cent there by the middle of this week, and will not have much longer to wait to resume full training. With a little luck four others should be able to resume training some time in the next seven days or so: Aaron Skelton, Adrian Forbes, Alan Neilson and Mark Ovendale. Neilson has just about shaken off his calf muscle injury, while Forbes has worked hard to earn the chance of resuming football shortly following his cruciate

ligament operation. We have pencilled in a possible comeback with the reserves on Wednesday, which would be a nice occasion for him, because the visitors to Kenilworth Road will be Norwich City, his former club. Skelton has also worked hard to overcome his knee injury, and should be in full training before long, although it will still take time to regain full fitness. Ovendale is responding well to treatment for a hip injury, and Carl Griffiths is already back in full training, and he too hopes to be able to play for the reserves this week.

Lee Taylor

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## Club Secretary

I EXPECT like me you have been disappointed with results recently, but I am sure if we all get behind the team we can change all that, and get back to our winning ways. I must mention the excellent support not only at Port Vale and Mansfield, but also at our FA Youth Cup fifth round match at Kenilworth Road. Our youngsters were only beaten on penalties after putting up a fantastic display against Middlesbrough, and there is a report on the game elsewhere in today's programme. Speaking of supporters, I want to add our club's thanks to

those who proved at Port Vale that there can be good sportsmanship and comradeship between rival fans. We have had a letter from Port Vale expressing their gratitude for the response of our supporters to a bucket collection at Vale Park - see page 37 for more details. We have a bucket collection of our own today, for the Marie Curie Cancer Appeal, and I am sure that, as always, you will give generously. The fixture congestion problem goes on. Crystal Palace had to cry off our reserve game on Wednesday because they already had too many fix-

tures in one week! There is as yet no new date for the match, or for our other outstanding reserve games, and believe me, we have tried to arrange them. We will publicise the dates as soon as possible, through match programmes, our website, ClubCall and the local media. The club shop is to be closed on Mondays on a trial basis until the end of the season, except for this coming Monday, when the sale of the new third kit will be in full flow, and the following Monday, March 17, the day before our next home game, against Oldham.

One important change you should know about is the date for the end of season Presentation Evening, run jointly by the official Supporters Club and the Football Club. It will now take place on Sunday May 4. All other details remain the same, and it will still be a great night. The change of date is due to the PFA annual dinner now being on the 27th, which was the original date for our function. Naturally we want all the players at the end of season bash, while they want to support their own organisation's function as well.

Please keep up the support today - get behind the boys, and we will get there!

Cherry Newbery



**SAFETY FIRST:** Our stewards undergo extensive training to make sure they are completely qualified to carry out their duties, and we were delighted that another group of them received official recognition of their expertise. They are pictured after collecting NVQ certificates, with club Safety Officer Geoff Lovell in attendance.

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

# Ticket Office News

## Nationwide League Division Two



### Wigan Athletic v Luton Town

**Saturday March 15, 2003, kick-off 3pm**

This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance from Kenilworth Road.

Prices: Adults £14, Senior Citizens and Juniors £9



### Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

**Tuesday, March 18, 2003, kick-off 7.45pm**

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



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# Ticket Office News

## Nationwide League Division Two



### Cheltenham Town v Luton Town

**Saturday, March 29, 2003, kick-off 3pm**

This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game. We have an allocation of 1,500 tickets - 600 seats, and 900 terracing. They will be sold as follows:

#### SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders only, one per season ticket, upon production of Cup Match voucher E, until close of business on March 18. No telephone bookings will be accepted, but season ticket holders can make postal applications if they wish.

#### MEMBERS

In the event of any tickets remaining, they will go on sale to members, one per membership card, at 10am on Wednesday March 19

#### Prices:

TERRACING: Adults £13, senior citizens and 15 & 16-year-olds £9, 14 and under £5  
SEATING: Adults £15, senior citizens and 15 & 16-year-olds £12, 14 and under £7

Cheltenham Town advise that if you are travelling with young children, you are recommended to buy seating tickets, as youngsters would struggle to get a sufficient view of the game on the terracing.



### Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers

**Saturday, April 5, 2003, kick-off 3pm**

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



### Queens Park Rangers v Luton Town

**Saturday April 12, 2003, kick-off 3pm**

This is not an all ticket match for Luton Town supporters, and we have an allocation of 3,930 seats at Loftus Road. However, tickets are available to purchase in advance from Kenilworth Road.

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today as on their last sponsorship visit, which was for the 2-1 victory against Cheltenham in October.

They call themselves Don't Wait Up, which is the considerate message they leave with wives and girlfriends when they have important business in hand, like watching their favourite team, or meeting to talk about Luton Town.

Grant Janes, from Stapleford Road, Stopsley, has gathered a group of like-minded football-lovers for today's sponsorship, and we are delighted to welcome them back.

OUR match ball is being sponsored by Keith Harvey and his son Richard, who are both avid and long-time Luton Town supporters. They are members of the Kenilworth Suite, and have been ball sponsors on a number of previous occasions.

Before his retirement in 2001, Keith operated a successful Sandy-based haulage company, R. W. Harvey & Son, which was founded by his father in 1947. With 30 vehicles and more than 50 trailers of different types, they delivered goods nation-wide for local manufacturers of building materials, agricultural merchants and cardboard-producing companies.

Richard attends Bargrove College in St. Neots, and is active in the local community with his support for local charities.

*Linda Layton*



ONE of the best birthday presents any young football fan can receive is the chance to enjoy VIP treatment at Kenilworth Road. Joshua Alexander Bottaro celebrated his tenth birthday in January, and was to celebrate by being commercial mascot at the match with Plymouth.

But the game was postponed, and he has had to wait patiently for another opportunity to arise to collect his present from his family belatedly this afternoon.

Joshua, from Franklin Road, Dunstable will meet the players in the dressing room and join them on the pitch before kick-off for the warm-up and toss of the coin. His favourite player is Emmerson Boyce.

Joshua comes to games with his dad and younger brother and attends St. Martin de Porres Primary School. His other hobby, apart from football, is his computer.

## Golden Gamble

OUR Golden Gamble lottery continues to be a big hit with supporters, and the prize jackpots have now passed the £12,000 mark for the season. By co-incidence, the two latest winners are from Leighton Buzzard.

At the Brentford game Craig Goodger, from Appenine Way, who was sitting in the main stand collected £835 for a £1 ticket. He is pictured with Emmerson Boyce, who drew the winning ticket out of the drum.

The winner at the match against Plymouth was Clive Somerfield, of Winstone Close, who picked up £695 in cash. He was a guest in one of our executive boxes.

So far this season 19 winners have shared £12,660, an average of £666 each, and every winning ticket cost just £1. The pay-out depends on sales, with half the income going into the jackpot kitty and the other half to club funds. The draw is made during half time, and the prize is available immediately.





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**Seasonal Progress Comparison**

**Clubs Comparison**

Goals Scored	32	9	7	3	1	0
Shots	9	9	7	3	1	0
Headers	3	3	1	1	0	0
Volleys	1	1	0	0	0	0
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free Kicks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Own Goals	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Where Goals Scored**

**Where Goals Conceded**

**When Goals Scored**

**2002-2003 Attendances**

Hatters	Aggregate	Terriers
117,589	166,275	53.3
9,477	11,989	7,878
5,890	7,294	6,842
6,917	9,238	-13
69	38	48

**Average Goals per game**

For	Against
1.49	0.77
1.53	1.11
1.44	0.41
1.37	1.20
1.24	1.11
1.50	1.29

**2002-2003 Figures**

36	Players Used	26
11	Clean Sheets	12
6	Failed to Score	17
7	Goals scored from...	
4	Corners	1
4	Free Kicks	3
3	Goals conceded from...	
5	Corners	7
5	Free Kicks	8

**10 Year Record**

Hatters	Avg Pos.	Terriers
53.3	among 92 clubs	43
7,878	Avg Att 1993	6,365
6,842	Avg Att 2002	9,404
-13	+ / - %	48

**Top League Scorers**

Howard	Smith	
14	League Goals	12
30	Games Played	28
0.47	Lge Goals/Game	0.43
10	Points Gained	11
4	Scoring Run	1
0	Hat-Tricks	0
0	Close Range	1
7	Inside Area	9
2	Long Range	2
6	Shots	7
5	Headers	0
3	Volleys	4
0	Penalties	1
0	Direct FKs	0

**Huddersfield Town's 10 Year History**

**Form Guide - Last 6**

2	Won
0	Drawn
4	Lost
8	For
11	Against
6	Points
-3	Goal Difference
LWLWLL	Sequence

**Yellow & Red Cards**

68	Yellow
5	Red

**Margins**

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

**Misc stats**

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

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**1: SCOTT BEVAN**  
**BORN: SOUTHAMPTON**  
**DOB: 16/9/79**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 6INS**

Arrived at the beginning of the season on a 12 month loan from Southampton, where he was third in line. Scott is keen to prove himself as a number one. Suffered a recent injury which has kept him out of contention for the last 3 weeks.

**35: PHIL SENIOR**  
**BORN: HUDDERSFIELD**  
**DOB: 30/10/82**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS**

Phil was involved with the first

team squad last season on the bench and following a recent injury to Scott Bevan he has become our regular first team keeper. Phil came through the Academy system and was a pupil at Lilleshall, after which he represented England at youth level. Although only 5 foot 11 he makes up for his lack of stature with his exceptional agility

**40: ANDREW JEFFREY**  
17 year old Andrew has made a massive step up from the Academy to the first team in the last month. Following the injury to Scott Bevan, Jeffrey who hails from Sheffield has been Phil Senior's understudy as first team keeper.

## DEFENDERS

**3: GARETH EVANS**  
**BORN: LEEDS**  
**DOB: 10/4/81**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT**

Gareth signed for Town on a free transfer just days before the start of the 2001/2002 season from Leeds United. Having graduated through the youth ranks at Elland Road to make his debut in the Champions League against 1860 Munich. He made a number of appearances from the bench for Leeds before the lure of regular first team football led him to the McAlpine. Evans has been out all season with a knee injury.

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**4: NATHAN CLARKE**  
**BORN: HALIFAX**  
**DOB: 30/7/83**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS**

A teenage centre-half who signed professional forms in September 2001 after impressing in the Academy ranks. In his first season in the first team Nathan impressed but has had injury problems this season and after making a comeback with an impressive display against Barnsley has suffered another injury setback.

**5: ADRIAN MOSES**  
**BORN: DONCASTER**  
**DOB: 4/5/75**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS**

Joined Town from Barnsley for an undisclosed fee in December 2000. He worked his way up through the ranks at Oakwell to establish himself in the first team picture. Represented England at under 21 level and has also played in the Premier Division for Barnsley. He made his Huddersfield debut as a second-half substitute against Tranmere Rovers in December 2000, but did not feature in the first team on a regular basis under the previous regime. Has become a regular this season missing out on the recent Barnsley derby through suspension.

**17: EDDIE YOUDS**  
**BORN: LIVERPOOL**  
**DOB: 3/5/70**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS**

Eddie joined Town during the closed season from Charlton Athletic. Previous clubs include Ipswich Town and Bradford City. The impressive centre back has had an injury plagued career but as club captain following the departure of Steve Jenkins he is determined to make a success of

his career at Huddersfield.

**20: THOMAS HEARY**  
**BORN: DUBLIN**  
**DOB: 14/2/79**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS**

Thomas is one of the club's longest serving players, having risen through the ranks after originally being spotted playing non-league football in Dublin by Academy Director Gerry Murphy. He made his first team debut against Stoke City on Boxing Day 1996. During his time at the club he has played in a variety of positions. Heary has represented his country from youth to under 21 level.

**22: KEVIN SHARP**  
**BORN: CANADA**  
**DOB: 19/9/74**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 8INS**

Kevin Sharp has previously enjoyed spells with Leeds United, Wigan and Wrexham and has established himself as a regular left back since his arrival in the close season.

**27: NAT BROWN**  
**BORN: SHEFFIELD**  
**DOB: 15/6/81**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS**

A regular in the reserve team last season but was unable to force his way into the first team fold. Nat began his career as a trainee with Town and has been converted to a central defender after starting his career as a striker. He has been most impressive this season and is one of the club's rising stars.

## MIDFIELDERS

**6: CHRIS HOLLAND**  
**BORN: CLITHEROE**  
**DOB: 11/9/75**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 9INS**

Chris was signed by Steve Bruce from Birmingham City for a fee of £100,000, and made his debut in February 2000. He started his footballing career as a trainee at Preston before moving to Newcastle United and then Birmingham. A pacy midfielder, Chris has been a regular member of the first team during his time at the club.

**7: DANNY SCHOFIELD**  
**BORN: DONCASTER**  
**DOB: 10/4/80**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS**

Danny signed for the club in the summer of 1998 from non-league club Brodsworth Town and made everyone sit up and take notice when he broke into the first team last season and for a time he topped the goal scoring chart. He can operate on either flank or is equally effective as a striker. Has been out of the side following a hernia operation but hopes to return before the end of the season.

**8: KENNY IRONS**  
**BORN: LIVERPOOL**  
**DOB: 4/11/70**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS**

Arrived at the McAlpine from Tranmere Rovers during the summer of 1999 for a fee of £450,000. Built a reputation at Prenton Park as a hardworking midfielder with an eye for goal. A free kick specialist, one of his most memorable games for Town was at Stamford Bridge when his stunning free kick knocked Chelsea out of the Worthington Cup.

**10: JOHN THORRINGTON**  
**BORN: SOUTH AFRICA**  
**DOB: 10/7/79**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 8INS**

Thorrington joined Town after a



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successful trial period in March 2001 after playing for Manchester United and Bayer Leverkusen. Thorrington made his full debut against Bury on August 25 2001. Impressed at the beginning of last season with his pace on the wing, but had a spell on the sidelines with an ankle injury and missed on a USA call up. Has been in and out of the side this season.

**11: SIMON BALDRY**  
**BORN: HUDDERSFIELD**  
**DOB: 12/2/76**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS**

Simon is a product of Town's successful youth system. He operates effectively on the right wing but has played occasionally as a striker. Since signing a new contract last season reoccurring injuries kept him out of the side last season but he is currently

enjoying an extended run. Played at Wembley in the Autoglass final and is one of the club's longest serving players.

**28: PAUL SCOTT**  
**BORN: WAKEFIELD**  
**DOB: 5/11/79**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT**

Rose up through the Academy ranks and became a regular feature in the reserves last season. Paul was originally a central defender but has increasingly found himself playing in midfield.

**29: JONATHAN WORTHINGTON**  
**BORN: DEWSBURY**  
**DOB: 16/4/83**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 9INS**

Jonathan Worthington is another Academy success. Jonathan is a gritty midfielder and has become a regular member of the first team squad.

**33: DWAYNE MATTIS**  
**BORN: HUDDERSFIELD**  
**DOB: 31/7/81**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS**

Dwayne came up through the ranks at his hometown club and made his first team debut as a second-half substitute in May 1999 against Crystal Palace. He broke through into the first team last season. Has attained international honours with Ireland.

## FORWARDS

**9: ANDY BOOTH**  
**BORN: HUDDERSFIELD**  
**DOB: 6/12/73**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS**

Re-joined the club on transfer deadline day 2001 after a five-year stint at Sheffield Wednesday and following a loan spell at Spurs. Andy began his career as a trainee with Town and quickly established himself in the first team. He made



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over 150 appearances for his hometown team, before earning a £2.7 million move into the Premiership with Sheffield Wednesday. He quickly adapted to life in the top flight and earned rave reviews in his first season with Wednesday. A regular in the side last season, Andy is a fans favourite.

**12: GIANFRANCO LABARTHE**

A Peruvian Under 21 international Gianfranco made his first league appearance for the club in February when he came on as a substitute against Brentford. A striker with a lot of talent, Labarthe is one to watch for the future.

**14: JONATHAN STEAD**  
**BORN: HUDDERSFIELD**  
**DOB: 7/4/83**  
**HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS**

Jonathan has been with the Academy since the age of 11. The versatile forward can play on either wing or as a centre forward. He impressed in pre-season friendlies and has been a first team regular.

**19: MARTIN SMITH**  
**BORN: SUNDERLAND**  
**DOB: 13/11/74**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS**

After seven years at Sunderland, Martin left the Stadium of Light for Sheffield United in the summer of 1998, where he scored 28 goals in over 100 appearances.

Signed for Town by Steve Bruce in a £300,000 deal at the beginning of February 2000. Martin was sidelined during last season due to injury, but has been a regular member of the squad this season and is the club's top scorer.

**31: PAUL MACARI**  
**BORN: MANCHESTER**  
**DOB: 23/8/76**  
**HEIGHT: 5FT 8INS**

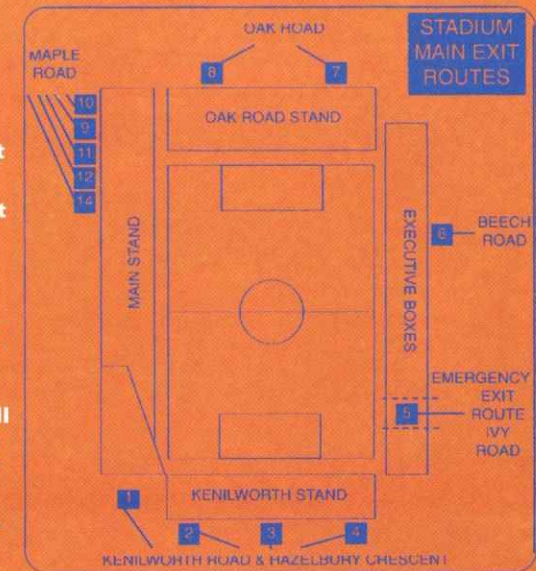
Paul initially joined the club on non-contract forms at the start of the 2001/2002 season. Yet to make his first team debut, Paul featured regularly on the bench last season. Previous clubs have included Sheffield United and Stoke City.

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## Blast From the Past

Although both Huddersfield Town and ourselves boast long and eventful histories we have locked horns only infrequently with the first clash for league points taking place as relatively recently as 1952. During the 1952/53 campaign the Hatters had surprised the football world by being amongst the front runners in the old Division Two for almost the whole season. Surprising, because we had just endured several seasons of scraping at the wrong end of the table and indeed had narrowly avoided relegation in 1951. Huddersfield were looking for a quick return to the top flight, following relegation the previous year, and easily saw off the Hatters in an early season game at Leeds Road, the 0-3 defeat turning out to be our biggest of the campaign. In the return at Kenilworth Road in February 1953 we looked to gain revenge but went down 0-2 in

front of a crowd of 25,831. We were third in the table at the time with Huddersfield one place above us, but whereas the Terriers could boast a settled side we had six first teamers out injured with two others, Jesse Pye and Roy Davies, included but barely fit. It came as no real surprise, therefore, when two goals in three minutes midway through the first half from Jimmy Glazzard and Roy Shiner killed off the game. The Terriers won promotion at the end of that season at our expense but it was only two years before we joined them in the old Division One. During our early season bright spell in 1955/56, when we took to our new home in the top flight like ducks to water, Huddersfield were one of our victims with Gordon Turner and Jim Adam scoring in a 2-0 win at Leeds Road. By the time of the return however, we were struggling and Huddersfield inflicted our sixth

straight defeat, stretching back to Christmas 1955, in winning 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

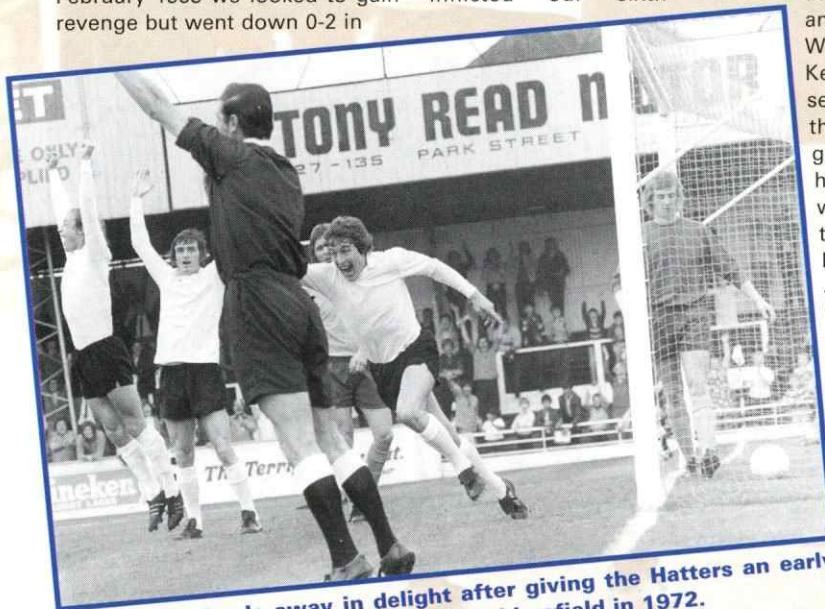
Turner scored his normal goal, but Bill McGarry netted trice on a snowbound pitch to send the points back north. The Hatters managed to halt their slide the following week but Huddersfield were unable to maintain the momentum gained from their win and were relegated at the end of the season.

It was to be another four years before paths crossed again, this time in the old Division Two, and our first game following relegation was at Leeds Road. Sam Bartram, in his first match in charge, saw a satisfactory 1-1 draw with that man Turner scoring once more after latching on to a cross from debutant winger Stuart Imlach.

Turner was on the scoresheet yet again in the return, banging in the only goal of the game and taking away some of the glory from another debutant, Jim Fleming.

When the teams met at Kenilworth Road the following season, the Town had started off the campaign winning three games out of four and looked to have two more points in the bag when they went 3-1 ahead through goals from Tom McKechnie, Jack Lornie and a John Coddington own goal. Whether it was the heat or complacency I cannot remember, but we ended up losing 3-4 and effectively kissed our hopes of promotion goodbye...in August!

The return at Leeds Road that season, played in January, saw the Town pull off a shock 2-1 win, after a run of four successive defeats without scoring a goal. The Luton marksmen that afternoon



Vic Halom wheels away in delight after giving the Hatters an early lead during the 4-1 home win over Huddersfield in 1972.



## Battles with the Terriers

were McKechnie and Bob Morton but local boy Robin Chandler, making a rare appearance, certainly put himself about according to reports and was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet.

At the end of the following season we suffered relegation but one of our rare wins was against this afternoon's visitors. Both games were played within seven days of each other in March 1963 following the 'Big Freeze' and in the first, at Leeds Road, we went down 0-2 in a dismal game with Mike O'Grady setting up Derek Stokes for the first and worrying Luton centre-half Terry Kelly into an own goal.

A crowd of only 5,507 turned up at Kenilworth Road the following week to see a Luton side, showing four changes, go into a three goal lead with strikes from Fred Jardine, Turner (again) and Harry Walden. O'Grady engineered a Huddersfield fightback to 3-2 but the Town were fully deserving their first win for three months. On now to 1972/73 and just as the

sixties saw the Hatters fall from grace the same can be said of Huddersfield in the seventies as they tumbled from Division One to Division Four in double quick time.

Huddersfield only lasted one season in the old Division Two and the Hatters helped them on their way with an early season 4-1 home win, with Vic Halom scoring after only 90 seconds, and a 2-1 victory at Leeds Road where all the goals could be put down to the snowy conditions.

A crowd of just 3,871 saw Geoff Hutt lob a frozen Keith Barber in the Luton goal before Barry Butlin took advantage of a poor back-pass to equalise. This was followed by a David Lyon own goal when he slipped in trying to clear the ball.

Paths crossed for the final time in 1995/96 at the end of which we were relegated from Division One. The clash at Kenilworth Road on 23rd December 1995 marked the first game in charge for new manager Lennie Lawrence who took

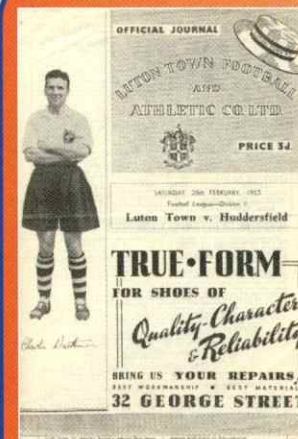
over a side that was rock bottom with only four wins from 22 league starts.

As is often the case the players were out to impress the new man and Dwight Marshall fired the Hatters into a half-time lead. The dismissal of Steve Davis for an alleged professional foul on Huddersfield striker Andy Booth was harsh but inspired the Terriers into a 2-1 lead before a glorious diving header from David Oldfield earned a point for the ten men.

By the time of the return, in March 1996 at the new McAlpine Stadium, the initial momentum gained by Lawrence's appointment had been lost and the Hatters were drifting down to Division Two. Huddersfield were aiming for the play-offs at the time but the Town made them fight all the way before a wonder strike from Rob Edwards with 15 minutes left secured all three points for the home side.

Roger Wash

## Yesterday's pages



At the start of the 1952/53 season the Town decided to get a bit 'racy' with their programme by including a photo of a first team player on the cover for the first time.

For the visit of Huddersfield, Glasgow born and former Ranger, Charlie Watkins was featured and in the 'Club Notes' section it was mentioned that he was starting to build up a physiotherapy practice on the side. As is probably known Charlie continued to practice long after retirement from the professional game and was still turning out in charity games until only a few years ago!

Also in the 'Club Notes' section the importance of the clash with Huddersfield was emphasised. Third versus second with the Hatters having played one game less made this a genuine 'four pointer'.

Much was written about the injury crisis at Kenilworth Road at this most important time of the season with a game at top side, Sheffield United, to come on the following Saturday but the general impression from reading

between the lines was that the squad would have to get on with it! The Town stayed in third spot for the remainder of the campaign but went one place better two years later as they reached the top flight for the first time in their history.

# Fans on the road

NOTTS County were grateful to Luton Town twice over on Saturday – for three points and for another magnificent Town following which gave them much-needed income as they try to get out of administration. The following to Mansfield, for a Tuesday night match, was smaller but still very respectable.

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## Hatters Away

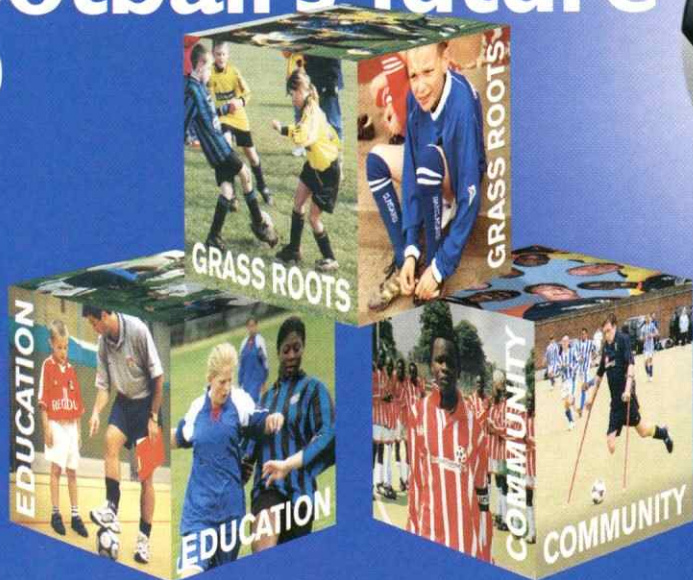
Blackpool	781
Plymouth	773
Cardiff	314
Brentford	1,493
Watford(WC)	4,404
Huddersfield	700
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588
Stockport	680
Oldham	610
Woking (LDV)	262
Crewe	585
Northampton	1,250
Stevenage (LDV)	1,199
Tranmere	839
Wigan (FAC 2)	769
Bristol City	709
Wycombe	2,039
Chesterfield	1,076
Barnsley	858
Peterborough	2,928
Port Vale	884
Notts County	1,867
Mansfield	722
<b>Total:</b>	<b>30,330</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>1,319</b>

## Visitors to Luton

Peterborough	990
Barnsley	504
Chesterfield	366
Notts County	341
Mansfield	160
Cheltenham	328
Wigan	425
Port Vale	247
Guiseley (FAC)	467
QPR	1,851
Cambridge (LDV)	571
Colchester	527
Cardiff	1,090
Wycombe	702
Blackpool	491
Northampton	905
Brentford	533
Plymouth	1,102

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## Action Replay



### Luton Town 1 Plymouth Argyle 0 (HT 0-0)

AFTER the awful performance which allowed Brentford to take the points four days earlier, the Town responded with a display which put the record straight. The margin of victory should have been greater, but the result was a huge boost as the final game in hand was used to edge the Town back to within a point of the top six.

Tony Thorpe's alertness enabled him to turn in the winner, his 11th goal of the season, when he reacted quicker than the defenders as Ian Hillier dropped a long throw into the box. In a game played at high speed it was a mystery why the result was not something like 7-4. Lars Hirschfeld, on his Town debut, was one of two goalkeepers who played well, while the finishing of both attacks was just a little short of what it might have been.

The Town lost Matt Spring at the interval, suffering from a migraine after being clattered, but the end-to-end pattern continued as before to give a big crowd value for money.

"We got our just rewards," said Joe Kinnear. "If we had been a bit more cunning we could have had more goals, but I am delighted with the clean sheet and the three points. We had to work for them, and Plymouth were pretty good at set plays, but we dealt with them. Thorpe was Johnny on the Spot for the goal, but it was a team performance from the back to the front." Plymouth boss Paul Sturrock had no complaints about the result, just about his team's atti-

tude. A year ago the Town beat his men at Kenilworth Road far more emphatically than the 2-0 result suggests, and it seemed that some Argyle players had that in mind this time.

"We had players who thought they knew how not to lose, but they didn't know how to win" said Sturrock. "Too many were thinking about stopping Luton play instead of thinking about scoring goals. When we did get chances, we didn't hit the target."

He made his point during the game, with substitutions giving him four attackers in the closing stages in a desperate attempt to unsettle the better team.

**Luton Town:** Hirschfeld; Hillier, Willmott, Coyne, Davis; Crowe, Nicholls, Spring (Brkovic HT), Hughes; Howard, Thorpe.

Unused subs: Emberson, Perrett, Kimble, Leary.

**Booked:** Kevin Nicholls, dissent.

**Plymouth:** Larrieu; Worrell (Lowndes 85 mins), Coughlan, Wotton, Hodges; Bent, Norris, Friio, McGlinchey (Keith 73 mins); Evans, Stonebridge.

Unused subs: McCormick, Phillips, Adams.

**Booked:** Richard Johnson and Darryn Stamp, for fouls on Alan Neilson and Chris Coyne.

**Referee:** Tony Bates, Staffordshire.

**Attendance:** 7,589, including 1,102 from Plymouth, brilliant for a Tuesday night game 250 miles from home. Joe said he was, naturally, absolutely gutted for them.



CLOSE CALL: Brian McGlinchey, who earlier missed a good chance for Plymouth, clears a Chris Coyne header off the line, with Tony Thorpe, who later got the winner, ready to pounce on any slip.

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## Action Replay

### Notts County 2 Luton Town 1 (HT 0-0)

RECENT roller-coaster form struck again to make it a miserable day out for Town fans at Meadow Lane. After the deep dip that cost a home defeat against Brentford, we enjoyed the upsurge that saw off Plymouth, only to drop down to the depths again to allow County to win a scrappy game.

No-one can explain how players can be so good one day and poor the next. The Town went to Nottingham needing to win to maintain play-off hopes. County were desperate for points to stay clear of the relegation zone.

Defensive errors were the difference between two below-par sides, and if Paul Heffernan's two second-half goals were nicely taken, Joe Kinnear made the point that over the 90 minutes the result should have been 0-0, on one of those days when you would settle for a point from a display that was much below your true potential.

Defenders stood off as County scored their goals, in the 78th and 84th minutes, one from a routine ball down the middle and the other after a solo run by Heffernan. Tony Thorpe, put in by Matt Spring, replied with two minutes to play.

The Town had too many players off colour, and with County little better it was a poor day for spectators who wanted to be entertained. It was hard to begrudge County their success as they fight for survival on and off the field

alike, having become another addition to the long list of financially-troubled clubs going into administration. Goalmouth thrills were very few and far between, with the best of a bad first-half bunch a header by County's Ian Baraclough which hit a post. At the other end the Town fired a few blanks, and it got no better when the boss ordered Dean Crowe and Paul Hughes to swap wings, with Crowe switching to the left before being replaced early in the second half by Ahmet Brkovic.

We had our first look at defender Duncan Jupp, who made a brief sub's appearance against the club which had just released him. It was no day to pass judgement on a new man trying to settle into a squad which was way below its average form.

County manager Billy Dearden put the best possible spin on his view. "I thought we deserved it, because we scored two magnificent goals," he said. The administrators had refused him permission to sign Jupp or anyone else, so he was well pleased with three points which kept his men clear of the pack at the bottom of the table.

Joe Kinnear was in subdued mood. Tranmere's win at Brentford enabled them to

overtake the Town in the table again, although news that QPR had lost at Swindon gave the boss a bigger lift than his team's performance. "It was very disappointing," he said, and wondered if the rush of games in the previous couple of weeks had taken a toll.

"Whatever the reasons, we were second best," he added, "And I am disappointed at the manner in which we gave the goals away. We were well below par, with too many players looking jaded and tired.

"It was always looking like a 0-0. Good sides keep clean sheets and go away playing badly and getting a point. We needed someone to inspire us, but no-one could do that."

**Luton Town:** Hirschfeld; Hillier, Willmott, Coyne, Davis; Crowe (Brkovic 54 mins), Nicholls, Spring, Hughes (Jupp 83 mins); Howard, Thorpe. Unused subs: Emberson, Perrett, Kimble.

**Booked:** Steve Howard and Paul Hughes for fouls.

**Notts County:** Mildenhall; Bolland, Richardson, Ireland, Nicholson; Francis (Ramsden 15 mins) Caskey, Baraclough, Liburd (Riley 90 mins); Heffernan, Stallard. Unused subs: Hackworth, Stone, Deeney.

**Booked:** Ian Baraclough and Ian Richardson, fouls on Sol Davis and Tony Thorpe.

**Referee:** Matt Messias, Yorkshire.

**Attendance:** 6,778, including 1,867 Town fans.



**CUTTING EDGE:** Steve Howard slides in as the Town attack, in an incident which led to him suffering a gashed leg which required stitches, and kept him out of the side at Mansfield on Tuesday.

**RIGHT:** Matt Spring in close competition with Simon Ramsden

**BELOW:** Tony Thorpe hits his 12th goal of the season, but too late to affect the result.



# Action Highlights

## Notts County 2 Luton Town 1

ON THE BALL: Sol Davis is a picture of concentration as he clears his lines.

RIGHT: County goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall is put under pressure, with Paul Hughes and Chris Willmott in the thick of the action.

BELOW: Steve Howard in a handy-looking challenge with Simon Ramsden.





## Action Replay

### Mansfield Town 3 Luton Town 2 (HT 2-1)

OH NO, not again... We went back to Nottinghamshire for the second time in four days on Tuesday, and once more the Town were humbled by hosts who were fighting to escape a relegation threat. Tony Thorpe did the business at one end, but the defence didn't at the other, and although they were hanging on for the last five minutes or so, Mansfield earned the result that made them the second side this season to do the double over the Town.

Thorpe is looking real class, and two more expertly-taken goals made it six in the last seven games. But four of those have been defeats, and as Joe Kinnear said after Tuesday's flop: "Thorpey has scored some great goals recently, but some of them haven't counted because we have been poor defensively. We were beaten far too easily at the back for all three Mansfield goals. When they got their third it was Keystone Cops - we didn't know how to defend and confidence had been shattered."

New recruit Duncan Jupp was given his full debut at right back, with Ian Hillier absent with a groin strain, but the Town struggled to cope over the full width of the pitch at the back. Mansfield, who also won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road, enjoyed much more attacking pressure by using pace on the flanks, with the two front men regularly given ammunition by midfielders or defenders operating as wingers. In Ilyseden Christie they had a powerful and quick spearhead, and the whole Mansfield team was up for it. But however creditable their efforts, the Town and their fans know that the points were given away because once again the

team display was short of what it can be.

Steve Howard was missing after being injured at Nottingham, with Ahmet Brkovic returning on the right of midfield and Dean Crowe operating alongside Thorpe. There was plenty of huffing and puffing, but we couldn't blow the Mansfield house down, even after Thorpe gave us a lift with a quick response to the opening goal. Mansfield took nine minutes to cap the night's first real attack with a decisive shot by Rhys Day. He was left with space and time to place his drive from just inside the box after the Town failed to deal with an overlapping full-back's run and cross from the Mansfield right wing by Bobby Hassell.

Four minutes later the Town made use of their right flank to shift the ball from Crowe to Matt Spring, and his through-ball bypassed Keith Curle to set Thorpe in on a one-on-one with the keeper. The striker danced around Keith Welch, and we thought the Town were on their way. They might have been, except that Hassell lived up to his name again, and Sol Davis slipped at the vital moment to enable Christie to fire in his 19th goal of the season on 29 minutes.

Tired and jaded were words the manager had already used when discussing the Notts County defeat, and they came into play again at Mansfield. The home team's recent fixture list had been more spread out than the Town's, and the Stags looked fresher and livelier.

In the second half the pattern was

little changed. Spring had a 25-yarder saved, and there were vain appeals for a penalty when Kevin Nicholls was upended as he tried to complete a move instigated by Thorpe and Crowe with a strong burst down the middle.

It looked game over when Wayne Corden netted with an excellent drive on 79 minutes, after good work by Christie down the wing, but with seven minutes to play, plus an extra five as it later turned out, the Town got back into it with Thorpe capitalising on a mix-up in the Mansfield back four, again from a pass by Spring.

After that, the Town played at somewhere near their best, with Mansfield nerves jangling as their players battled to safeguard three very valuable points. Sub Peter Holmes had a shot brilliantly saved, and Coyne floated a far post header from a corner onto the top of the netting, before time ran out.

**Luton Town:** Hirschfeld; Jupp, Willmott, Coyne, Davis; Brkovic, Nicholls, Spring, Hughes (Holmes 83 mins); Crowe (Perrett 94 mins), Thorpe. Unused subs: Emberson, Kimble, Leary.

**Booked:** Chris Coyne, Sol Davis and Paul Hughes for fouls.

**Mansfield:** Welch; Hassell (Gadsby 80 mins), Day, Curle, Eaton; Mendes, Curtis, Williamson, Corden (Lawrence 85 mins); Christie, Mitchell (Andy White 91 mins). Unused subs: Jason White, MacKenzie.

**Booked:** Adam Eaton, Rhys Day, Keith Curle, first two for fouls on Crowe, Curle for a foul on Brkovic.

**Referee:** Clive Wilkes, Gloucestershire.

**Attendance:** 4,829, including 722 Town fans.



**EQUALISER:** Tony Thorpe leaves Keith Welch helpless, on his way to his first goal at Mansfield, to bring the Town level. It was unlucky for Welch - Thorpe's 13th goal of the season, in the 13th minute.

**RIGHT:** Duncan Jupp on his full debut at Field Mill, having made his first appearance for the Town at Meadow Lane as a sub.

**BELOW:** Thorpe leaves defenders stranded as he knocks in his and the Town's second goal.





# LTFC in the Community

Working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association

AS I announced in the programme for the Brentford game, that day saw the launch of our Disability Development Plan. The day was a fantastic success, topped by the appearance of the English National Amputees team, under the leadership of former World Footballer of the Year Steve Johnson.

I am sure you will agree that the lads put on an excellent performance, and judging by the crowd reaction you all enjoyed it. The players have asked me to thank you for the wonderful reception you afforded them, and I hope that we will be able to invite them back in the not too distant future.

I have included a couple of photographic reminders of the day: one shows action from the half-time demonstration match, and the other shows children from a variety of local special needs schools receiving the cheque from The English Federation of Disability Sport.

*Stuart Smith*



# LTFC in the Community

At recent matches we have been delighted to help Beds FA with presentations to the latest recipients of the Charter Standard Award, and also the winners of the January Luton Town FC / Beds FA Fair Play Award. Richard Richardson and Simon McQueen of the Beds FA made the presentations.



Players of Luton Belles/AFC Luton receiving their Charter Standard Award.



Sandy Colts receive their Charter Standard Award.



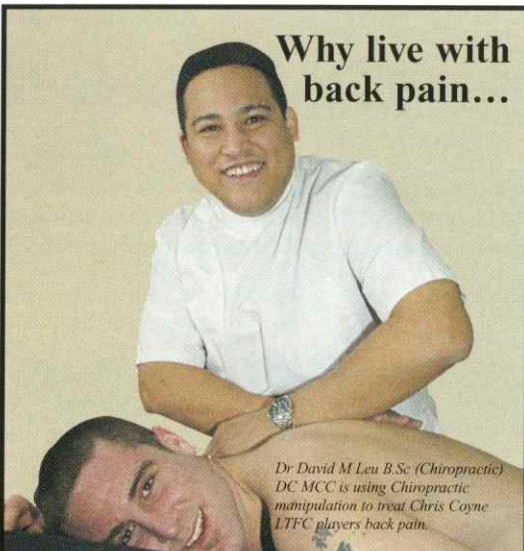
Presentation to players and Officials of Warden Hill Rovers.



Players and Officials of Houghton Harriers U17s receiving the Luton Town FC/Beds FA January 2003 Fair Play Award from first team player Peter Holmes.




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## TODAY'S QUESTION

The Town in general, and one player in particular, enjoyed stoppage time the last time we met Huddersfield, in September. Who, and why?

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If you want to go, check at the ticket office today, or, at other times, book through the Community Department or by phone to Luton 391927.

The coach will leave Luton at 7.30am and the fare is the usual bargain, £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for

guests, including a match ticket.

We had a very good day out with the Junior Magpies at Notts County, where we won the five-a-side football tournament.

This afternoon we welcome the Junior Terriers who have made the journey from Huddersfield, and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

*Happy Harry*



Mascots' duties include meeting the skippers and match officials at the toss of the coin ritual before kick-off. The picture above was taken at the Brentford match, when Chris Gollop was there for the Junior Hatters while Danny Coggins was the commercial mascot. For the Plymouth game, the group pictured below shows Junior Hatter Lauren Dolan and commercial mascot Tom Williams.



## TODAY'S MASCOT

ELEVEN-year-old Oliver Groom from Queen Street, Pitstone, is today's Junior Hatters mascot, which means he enjoys a VIP visit to Kenilworth Road, including a look behind the scenes before the game.



He will meet the players in the dressing room as they prepare for the match, and then run out onto the pitch with them for the warm-up before joining the skippers and match officials in the centre circle for the toss of the coin.

Oliver's favourite player is Ahmet Brkovic, and he enjoys all sport, including cricket and rugby. He plays for Aylesbury RFC juniors. It's a family day out when he comes to watch the Town, because sitting with him in the Kenilworth are his mum and dad, his brother Alex, and his friend Jack.

Today's ball boys are Martin Jackson, from Graham Gardens, Luton, and James Dickinson, from Tameton Close, Luton.

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 Community Department in Oak Road, or phone Luton 391927. There are lots of advantages, including bargain-price trips to away games, and the chance to be mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list.

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## Hatters Chatter



THE recent death of Gordon Dreyer closes a chapter in Luton Town history. The clever centre-half was the last surviving member of the squad that almost won promotion to the old Division One in 1938/39. They were five points off the pace in the days when it was two points for a win, one for a draw.

Roger Wash writes: Regarded by many as one of the best-ever Town teams, they were attempting to go one better in 1939/40 and actually topped Division Two as war broke out. That ended many a blossoming career, including that of Gordon Dreyer who had fought so hard to make it to the top.

Born in Sunderland in 1914, Gordon was a close friend of the great Raich Carter, but whereas Carter had a glittering football career already mapped out, Dreyer had to start his professional life in the old Division Three (North) with Hartlepool. Gordon recalled in later life that playing at that level required a good deal of fitness in order to avoid flying boots, with little protection being offered by ref-



erees in the days before video replays and match assessors in the stands. Washing on the train on the way back from an away match is also something that present day players do not have to put up with! A transfer to Hull in 1935 turned out to be a disaster, and so it was back to Hartlepool before the club announced that it could not afford to pay its players over the summer months. Gordon's girlfriend, later his

wife, had moved with her family from the North East to Luton in order to find work, and on a visit here to see her, the disillusioned footballer had a chance meeting with Hatters manager Ned Liddell, who had been at West Ham earlier, and had tried to sign the young stopper on amateur forms for the Hammers.

The upshot was the offer of a contract at Luton in 1937, and after 18 months in the reserves Dreyer finally made the first team centre-half position his own, only to see a hoped-for career at the top brought to an abrupt halt by Adolf Hitler.

Dreyer was called up for the Royal Navy, and spent a great part of the war in Australia. By the time hostilities came to an end he was the wrong side of 30, and after a few games for Bedford decided to hang up his boots.

There followed some scouting work for George Martin at Luton, and for his old pal Raich Carter, by then manager at Leeds, before spending 25 years at Vauxhall leading to a well deserved retirement in 1975.

### Thanks, Fans

WE ARE pleased to pass on a message of thanks today to supporters who went to see the Town play Port Vale, one of several clubs in administration and facing severe financial problems. A fans trust is trying to raise the money to bail out the club, and Donna Foster, Secretary of Port Vale Supporters Club has been in touch with us.

She writes: "On behalf of Port Vale Supporters Club, I would be most grateful if you could pass on our sincere thanks to all your supporters who visited Vale Park for the league game on February 8.

"We were holding a bucket collection around the ground towards our 'Save the Vale' fund. They were most generous with their donations, and we really appreciate their support at this most difficult time for our club. Thank you."

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## Hatters Abroad



IT MIGHT be politically incorrect to mention war with Iraq in a football programme, but whatever the rights and wrongs, we send our very best wishes to two Town fans who are serving with the Royal Navy in the Gulf.

A letter from Marcus Lock, a chef on board HMS Grimsby, explains: "I am writing to you with a desperate plea. I am sailing for the Gulf as part of Britain's task force, and as yet it is unknown when I will return.

"Enclosed is a picture of myself and a colleague named Daz Lawrence, when we were both chefs serving on HMS Lancaster. The picture - Hatters At War? - was taken on a previous trip to the Gulf, where we performed anti-smuggling runs. As you can see, Luton supporters get everywhere!

"I am a loyal Luton Town supporter, coming to as


many matches as I can. I am a regular customer of the club shop, and when I can't get to games I try to keep up to date with the club's progress via e-mails, papers and text, although it sometimes proves to be very difficult.

"As it looks as though I am going to miss the rest of the season's matches, I would appreciate it very much if you could keep me updated. Anything, club programmes, match reports or anything else you feel suitable would be very welcome."

We are doing what we can to meet Marcus's plea, and a copy of this programme will be on its way by air-mail to the Middle East within a day or two. We hope he enjoys seeing his picture in print, and that it is not too long before he and all his colleagues are on their way back home again.

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. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but don't offer us anything which is irreplaceable, because with the best will in the world items sometimes go astray.

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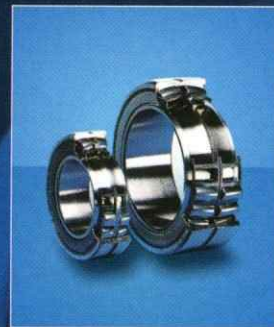
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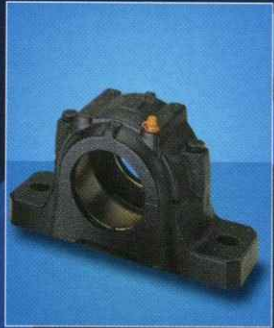
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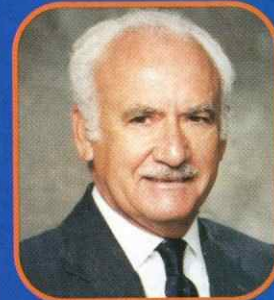
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## Luton Belles



THE BELLES rich vein of form in front of goal has continued right through the club over the past two weekends, with the various teams winning all ten of their matches.

The senior side led the way with two high-scoring league wins over Mansfield Road (7-0) and MK Wanderers (6-0). Road were on the receiving end first, with Kim Hide and Rhiannon Morgan both scoring twice and Kaylee Owen, Stacey Connell and Vicky Moody completing the rout.

Town then travelled to Milton Keynes with equal success, overwhelming the home side with Fay Howell firing a hat-trick, Kaylee Owen scoring another two and Vicky Moody again on target.

Town are now within site of top spot, travelling to current leaders Carterton this weekend.

The under-14s kept up their impressive record with a 10-0 win over Hatfield. Rebecca Kane scored a hat-trick, with fellow strikers Holly Flynn, Michelle Byrne and Lizzie Randall all scor-

ing twice and Fay Rolls making it ten.

Both the under-14 and under-12 Saturday sides made it a Belles cup final double, winning their semi-finals against St Martins and Leighton United respectively.

St Martins fell behind to an Ann Folan goal, but Belles were pegged back by a last-minute equaliser, before going on to win 2-1 in extra time courtesy of a golden goal from Alice Burbury.

The semi-final win followed a 5-1 quarter-final victory over Kempston West End. Ann Folan helped herself to a hat-trick, with Rebecca Dimmock and Alice Burbury scoring the other goals.

The under-12s didn't need the extra time, even though they were two down in 25 minutes. They struck back with a vengeance, scoring seven goals after Micky Osman reduced the deficit before half time. Six second-half goals followed as Yasmin Hickling struck an under-12 debut hat trick, Brittany

Murtagh scored twice and Chloe Reeves was also on target in a 7-2 win.

They also maintained their league form with a crushing 11-0 win against Crawley Green. Returning skipper Nicky Shepherd notched five and Natalie Burchnall four, with Micky Osman and Brittany Murtagh completing the win.

Two more victories for the on-fire under-11s leave them just three points short of the League championship. Yasmin Hickling and Robyn Wilfort scored the goals in a 2-1 win over Garston, and a devastating display of football brushed aside a hard-working Harpenden side 6-0. The goals were of top quality, with Lauren Bruton, Livi Robinson and Jade McEntaggart all scoring, and Yasmin Hickling rounding off a very productive week with another hat-trick, the pick of the goals being a back heel volley into the top corner. Victory today over Stevenage Borough will secure the club's first trophy of the season.

*Dave Baker*



TREBLE TOP: Rebecca Kane completing her hat-trick with the tenth goal against Hatfield

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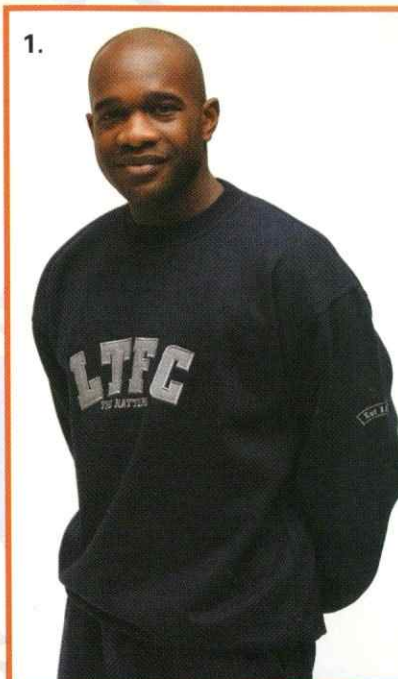
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## Youth Soccer - U19s



### FA Youth Cup, fifth round: Luton Town 1 Middlesbrough 1 (After extra time) Pens: 3-4

WE WENT out of the FA Youth Cup in the most cruel way possible, in a penalty shoot-out. It was disappointing, but all credit to our boys for getting as far as the fifth round and giving a good account of themselves against a Premiership academy club. I asked them to play so that at the final whistle they could walk off with heads held high, whatever the result, and they responded.

I was pleased with the effort and commitment, and Middlesbrough were made to fight all the way. Kevin Foley answered calls to shoot more often with a good drive to give us the lead on 17 minutes.

We knew Middlesbrough would raise their game, and the disappointment was that having reminded

our players of that we failed to defend solidly and conceded the equaliser early in the second half.

Robert Beckwith had to make a couple of good saves in extra time, and in the shoot-out we had a 3-1 lead at one stage. Stephen O'Leary, Foley and Matthew Judge scored but Parys Okai's shot was saved and Curtis Davies fired wide. Robert Beckwith had made a diving save to Middlesbrough's second penalty to enable us to go 3-1 up, but their four other kicks were converted.

**Luton Town:** Beckwith, Howell, R. Mansell, Foley, Davies, Barnett, Ridgway (Keane 68 mins), O'Leary, Freeman (Maitland 68 mins), Judge, Okai.

### Cambridge Utd 0 Luton Town 0

OUR major concern as we returned to Football League Youth Alliance action was that the players might suffer a hang-over from the cup defeat a couple of days earlier. But we put in a very good performance against a big team who like to mix it a bit.

Our instructions were to be sharp and bright, and move the ball about, and the boys responded. It was the best we have played in the league for some while. Perhaps the FA Youth Cup run had been too much on their minds in recent weeks.

We should have won the game, because we looked more confident and created the better chances. At last players were doing the things we have been trying to teach them. We were strong defensively, with Cambridge rarely threatening our goal, and Dean Brill hardly had a serious save to make.

**Luton Town:** Brill, Barnett, R. Mansell, O'Leary, Davies, J. Deeney, Keane, Foley, Freeman (Maitland 80 mins), Judge, Okai.

WE HAD to make the long journey to Exeter this morning, and our next fixture in the Merit Division is at home to Brighton on Saturday. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, is at 11am, and admission is free.

**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:** Barnett 25(1), O'Leary 24, Okai 23, Davies 21(2), Judge 20(1), Foley 20, Freeman 18(2), Howell 18, J. Deeney 16, R. Mansell 15(3), Maitland 14(6), Osborn 14(1), Beckwith 14, Gillman 13(1), Brill 10(2), Keane 8(9), Ridgway 8(3), Barrett 2, De Souza 1(2), Mountford 1(1), D. Deeney 1, Magadah 0(1).

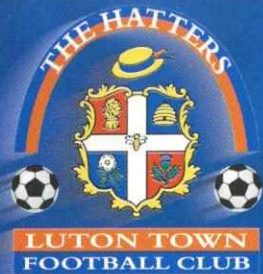
**Goals:** Judge 11, Freeman 7, Osborn 4, Maitland 3, Barnett 3, Foley 3, Okai 2, Ridgway 2, O'Leary 2, Davies 2.

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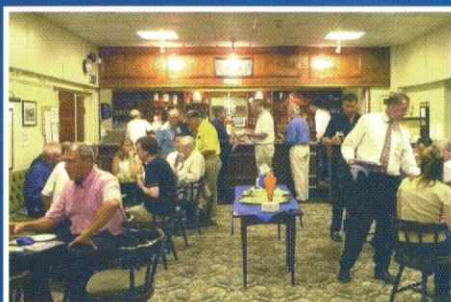
FL Youth Alliance Under-19				
August				
17	Walsall	H	0-0	
31	Kidderminster	A	1-0	Freeman
September				
7	Brentford (LC)	A	2-0	Freeman, Okai
14	Oxford (LC)	H	4-1	Osborn 2, Okai, Freeman
21	Wycombe (LC)	H	2-2	Judge, Barnett
28	Northampton	H	0-1	
October				
12	Peterborough	A	1-3	O'Leary
19	West Brom	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	0-1	
21	Cambridge	A	0-0	
January				
11	Cambridge	H	postponed	
15	Bradford (FAYC4)	H	1-0	Foley
18	Walsall	A	postponed	
25	Kidderminster	H	3-0	Ridgway 2, Barnett
February				
1	Northampton	A	0-3	
8	Peterborough	H	2-1	Davies, Judge
15	Cardiff (LC2)	A	1-3	Foley
22	Oxford (MD2)	H	0-1	
27	M'boro (FAYC5)	H	1-1	Foley. Lost on pens
Merit Div Two South				
March				
1	Cambridge	A	0-0	
8	Exeter	A		
15	Brighton	H		
29	Gillingham	A		
April				
12	Bournemouth	H		
19	L. Orient	A		
26	Cheltenham	H		

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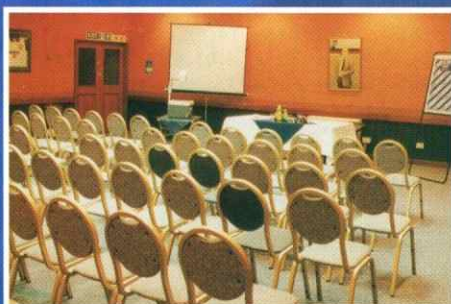
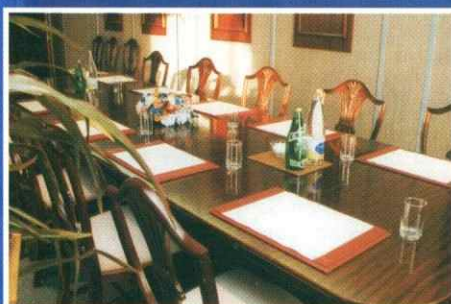
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## Hatters Away

WE GO to Wigan on Saturday for the second time this season, hoping for a better result than in the FA Cup in December. Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club both offer travel to the game.

The Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 8.30am, and Luton an hour later, and fares are £14 for adults, and £11.50 for junior and senior citizens.

Town on Tour will also leave Luton at 9.30, with a pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later. Fares are £15 for LTSC members, £13 for junior and senior members, and £17 for others.



### DIY Travellers

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IT TAKES a little over three hours to drive to Wigan, subject to the M6 being reasonably free-flowing, as it has been on Saturdays recently.

Leave Luton heading North on the M1, and then join the M6. Leave at junction 25 to follow the A49 into Wigan. After 1.8 miles you come to a complex junction, overlooked by McDonalds and Homebase. Keep in the left hand lane to turn left into the traffic light filter into Robin Park Road. At the second set of traffic lights turn right and you will soon see the stadium, with plenty of free parking.

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Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC or Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after home games.

Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose service includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1.

Town on Tour offers LTSC members the best deals, but please note bookings are no longer taken at the club shop. Seats can be reserved at the kiosk or by phoning 07960 567465.

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