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Striking pose – Tony Thorpe
on the ball at Wigan.

Inside Forward

HOLDING runaway leaders Wigan to a draw on Saturday was a pretty decent result for the Town. Steve Howard headed his 17th goal of the season in the 57th minute, with Neil Roberts saving a point for the champions-elect with a quarter of an hour to go.

But the best result of the week was probably one 48 hours earlier, when an FA enquiry threw out four misconduct charges against Kevin Nicholls.

They followed the match against QPR in November, when Howard and Nicholls were sent off. The nine men held out for a draw remarkably comfortably, and at the end of the match there were claims and counter-claims about acrimonious exchanges involving players and the two benches.

At the hearing in Birmingham Nicholls was accused of taking too long to leave the field after his second yellow card, inciting the crowd, and becoming involved in altercations with opposing players, and with their manager.

The Town disputed the allegations as soon as they were made, and were angry that it took so long for the hearing to be organised. While they were confident that if justice were done the skipper would be exonerated, there was also a worry that the disciplinary hearing had wide-ranging powers to dish out fines or long suspensions.

They need not have worried. After hearing the Town's rebuttal of every allegation, the charges were found not to be proved.

The skipper said: "The most important thing about the decision was that it ended the risk of me having to serve a lengthy ban. It is very important at this time of the season that we have all our key players available."

Joe Kinnear, who attended the hearing with the player and Town Secretary Cherry Newbery, said: "There were no grounds for Nicholls to be punished further than the suspension he had already served for being sent off. I read the referee's report after the game, and there was no mention of other incidents that cropped up later. I believe the complaint came from other people, and there were other implications."

Happy Returns

DAVID Bayliss is the latest long-term injury victim to return to first team football, and was pressed into service as an emergency right

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IN WHERE IT HURTS: Ian Hillier and Nathan Ellington collide at Wigan on Saturday. The defender suffered a cut forehead that required stitching, and had to miss the second half while his head cleared. He was "bright as a button" by Sunday as physio Lee Taylor reports in his column. A full report and more pictures from the game at the JJB Stadium will be in Saturday's programme.

back at Wigan as the Town put together a back four which was makeshift, but effective. Sol Davis was missing after being injured in training, so Ian Hillier switched to left back, with centre-half Bayliss operating on the other flank.

Russ Perrett is also back in business, and Adrian Forbes, out with cruciate ligament damage since pre-season, returned to action with 45 minutes in the reserves on Wednesday.

Chris Willmott has been under treatment for a groin injury at Wimbledon, but the Town have extended his loan into a second month.

Painful Decisions

PREPARING to make room for new recruits for next season, the Town have parted company with three youth team players near the end of their three-year scholarships. Midfielder James Osborn, and defenders Joe Deeney and Rob Gillman have been given the heartbreak news that they were not being offered professional contracts.

Gillman and Deeney have both tasted first team soccer, the former in the LDV Trophy at Dagenham last season, and Deeney in the same competition at Woking this season, when he and Peter Holmes scored in a 2-0 win.

Brian Swain



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Manager's View



WE WOULD, naturally, like to be a little nearer to the top six places in the league as we prepare for kick-off this evening, but we have a marvellous opportunity to close the gap, with two home games in the next five days. Both are against teams above us in the table, so we know we are facing two tough tests.

We are all up for it, and have every reason to believe we are capable of a top six finish at the very least. We were well worth our point at Wigan on Saturday, and that was the second time we have matched the league leaders. It was also the second time we came close to beating them, and it was galling that we went to the JJB having had another look at how they saved the game at Kenilworth Road in October, with a very late far post header by their skipper, Jason De Vos. "Don't let it happen again," was the order to our defence. So what happened? Once more we took the lead, with an excellent goal by Steve Howard. And once more we let Wigan back into it - another far post cross, another header by De Vos, and this time a final header by another striker.

That peeved me, but otherwise I was very pleased with the way we coped with what is probably the best team in the division. And we did it despite having to shuffle our pack at the back again, because of injuries. We have had to bring back players a little earlier than might be ideal, and we have had

to play them out of position, but they have responded.

At this stage of the season we must have 100 per cent commitment and effort as the first priority, and we are getting it. The match at Wigan might not have been the prettiest you have ever seen, with two sides just about cancelling each other out. Scoring opportunities were very few and far between, and Wigan's 20-goal Nathan Ellington, who cost a lot more than our entire squad, was never given the slightest chance of adding to his tally.

Wigan went into the game with only one home defeat in the league all season, and that was way back last August. They had lost only three of their 36 league games, and only one of their last 30. They have put together one of the most expensive squads in the division, and I have little doubt they will be champions.

Yet twice Luton Town have proved to be their match, and on each occasion we made them sweat until the last minute to take a point off us. And even when they got their equaliser with 15 minutes to go on Saturday we had the confidence and ability to ensure that they didn't get a sniff of a victory.

It maintains our good record against this division's better teams. Not one of the sides currently above us in the table has been able to beat us yet, and two more are coming to Kenilworth Road this week to try to change that.

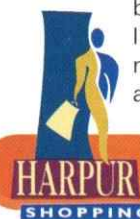
Oldham, tonight, and Crewe

on Saturday, will be desperate to stop us completing doubles against them, while we must see every match until the end of the season as a six-pointer. We are approaching the final shake-down, and we are in with a chance of closing the gap, because we also still have to play Bristol City, QPR and Tranmere. That means that despite the four-point gap between us and the top six, we are to a great degree in charge of our own destiny. We need to win six of our remaining nine games to be pretty sure of getting into the play-offs, and that must be our minimum target.

Our home results have been too patchy for my liking, but except for Blackpool the failures have been against teams from lower down the table. For some reason we seem to find it easier to deal with the better sides, so perhaps we should be glad that five of our last nine are against teams currently above us.

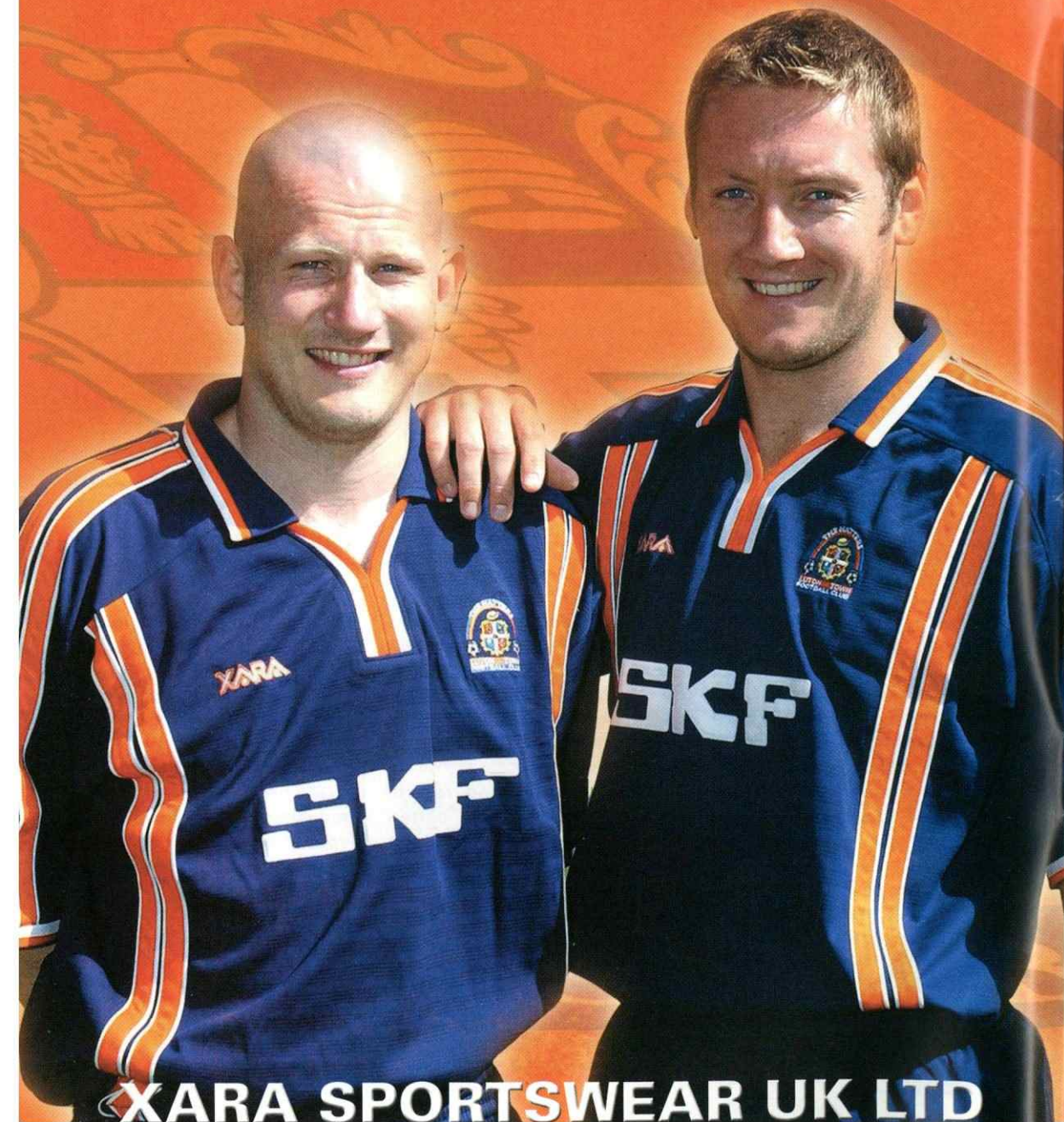
This week we have a wonderful chance of bagging six points. We are focused, ready for the challenge, and determined to give everyone connected with Luton Town continued hope of a second successive promotion. It won't be easy, but it's not impossible, and a good win tonight will set us up nicely. Keep the faith, and enjoy the game

Joe Kinnear



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Captain's View



IT WAS a pretty happy bunch of players who came home from Wigan on Saturday, with our draw and other results in the Second Division keeping us well in the chase for a play-off place.

We could have been even happier, because while our second draw with the runaway league leaders has to be seen as a decent result, we also knew we might well have won the game.

There was not a lot of good football played, and I think that was inevitable in view of the importance of the game to both sides. But we felt we did a good professional job, against the team I expect to take the championship. The first priority, for Wigan as well as for us, was not to be beaten, and it turned out to be a good contest.

I was delighted to play against my old club, having missed the previous games in the league and FA Cup, but my first visit back to the JJB Stadium was not really a special occasion for me. My time at Wigan was nothing great, and I have never been in any doubt that I made the right choice when I decided to accept a move to Luton. And that career decision nearly two years ago will look even better when we move up another division.

I am now Luton through and through now, and we are all very determined to do everything possible to achieve a second successive promotion.

We all feel that the four-point gap between us and the top six can be closed, and if it is to be a bit of a scrap, we are ready to battle for the cause. I would rather see us grind out a succession of 1-0 victories than play pretty football and lose points.

Having said that, I think our last two performances have been pretty good, and I was well pleased with the way we played in taking the points in our last home game. Huddersfield were desperate because of the threat of relegation, and they made us work hard for the win. But I felt we were the better footballing side, as we had been when we won at their place.

The good team performance against Huddersfield helped to set us up for the game at Wigan, and I was pleased to see Russ Perrett back in the team. I thought he was the man of the match on Saturday, and Wigan's equaliser was not down to him. We were annoyed about the goal because we had talked about the dangers of Wigan set pieces, and the way their skipper likes to get upfield for headers from free kicks. Jason De Vos did us at Kenilworth Road, and he was involved again in their goal on Saturday.

Supporters might wonder how we allowed it to happen again. One answer is that Wigan were very crafty at the free kick to the far post. Steve Howard always drops back to mark his man when centre-

halves go upfield at free kicks. More often than not he will beat them in the air and make the clearance. On Saturday he was back in defence marking De Vos, but as the free kick was played in Wigan sent in Matt Jackson to baulk the big man. The ref didn't spot it, De Vos was left clear for his header, and it led to the equaliser. I was angry that having lost the first ball to De Vos, the marking went absent when we should have won the second ball when Neil Roberts turned it into our net. Bristol City were the only top team to take three points on Saturday, so our draw left us still in with a very good chance of making the top six.

It means that every game from now until the end of the season is massive. We are proud of the fact that no team above us has beaten us in the league this season. But that record is about to face a series of tough tests, starting this evening.

But if we are at our best again, we can put three more points in the bag tonight, and then, hopefully, three more on Saturday at the expense of Crewe, and that could make the league table in a week's time look even better than it does now. At this stage we are chasing sixth place. I would settle for that, but if we put together a decent winning run, we could finish even higher than that.

Kevin Nicholls



Treatment Room

WE CAME through the game at Wigan with no additional serious injury worries. We took Ian Hillier out of the match at the interval after he suffered a cut forehead following a clash of heads. He was feeling a little groggy, but treatment contained the problem straight away, and by the time the players reported in at Kenilworth Road on Sunday he was as bright as a button. Our thanks are due to the Wigan physio, Alex Cribley, and the club doctor, Dr Mike Ashworth, for their help at the time. It was good to see David Bayliss back in the starting line-up for the first time this year. His hamstring cramped up a little in the closing minutes, but it was nothing serious. Russ Perrett, of course, returned after a four-month absence as a

sub at Mansfield, and then was able to start the games against Huddersfield and Wigan to prove his recovery is complete. Sol Davis and Alan Kimble were unable to travel to the JJB Stadium after picking up slight hamstring injuries in training, but again they are not major problems. There was some good news for Emmerson Boyce, who has been out of action for a month with a groin injury. He was examined by a consultant, and the verdict was that Boyce will not need surgery, and his current course of treatment will get him fit again. He is doing strengthening work, and should be able to resume training in a fortnight or so. Alan Neilson has nearly recovered from his calf injury, and Mark Ovendale is back in training after getting over

tonsillitis. Lars Hirschfeld had missed the Huddersfield game because of a virus infection which soon cleared up. Aaron Skelton has suffered a minor setback after making his comeback with the reserves last Wednesday. He played 45 minutes, but suffered a localised tendonitis problem at the bottom of a hamstring, so he is back in the treatment room. Happily, it is not a major problem. Finally this evening, congratulations to Adrian Forbes, who also returned to competitive football for the reserves. He particularly enjoyed the occasion because it was against Norwich, his former club. He did very well, and sailed through the 45 minutes we gave him.

Lee Taylor

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Club Secretary

ANOTHER match postponement hit us last week, when the under-19s fixture at Exeter was called off two days earlier because of a waterlogged pitch. The good news is that we have been able to sort out a new date quickly, and the game will be played next Saturday, March 22. I do question the football authorities in having games for under-19s played between teams so far away. We had made arrangements for some of our schoolboys to be released from school in order to travel on the Friday, and of course it cost us a cancellation fee with the hotel we had booked. Although next season might seem a long way off, we are already making plans, including recruiting our next intake of scholars. We are looking for families or supporters who could offer accommodation for boys of 16, to give them a home from home. We pay for

their lodgings, and anyone interested is asked to ring me at the club. The current world problems and the possibility of war in Iraq are naturally much in evidence at present, and we will be bringing in additional checks to ensure the safety of all, so I would ask for your assistance and co-operation if you are asked to have your bag or property searched on entry to the ground. I am pleased to tell you that Roberto Perroni, a presenter on BBC Three Counties Radio, has agreed to be guest speaker at the end of season Presentation Evening, to be held on Sunday May 4. Some supporters have asked about an open day at the end of the season. They have been very popular in the past, but I hope you can appreciate that this season we hope to be involved in other things at that time, and have put an open

day on hold for the present. Finally, I am always pleased when we have a picture to brighten this page, and I hope you agree that today's is certainly something out of the ordinary! As a club we are pleased to support a lot of good causes, and this week's unusual view of staff members was part of our backing for Comic Relief. Nationwide Building Society, sponsors of the Football League and a partner of the England team and the FA Cup, has linked up with the BBC to bring a football theme to this year's Comic Relief. Radio 1's Mark "Chappers" Chapman and Comedy Dave, from the Chris Moyles show, are trying to collect a signed shirt from all 92 Premier League and Nationwide League clubs in seven days, and visited Kenilworth Road on Tuesday. We were happy to oblige, and enjoyed their visit. Hopefully, they have now completed the full set. Nationwide, provider of the Comic Relief credit card, offered them £10 for every club they visited, and if they made all 92 in the week the donation was to be rounded up to £10,000. The shirts are then to be used for a fund-raising effort for Comic Relief, with details of how supporters can help, and win one of the shirts, being aired on the Chris Moyles show.

Cherry Newbery



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Nationwide League Division Two

Luton Town v Crewe Alexandra Saturday, March 22, 2003, kick-off 3pm



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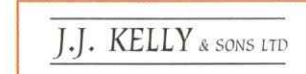
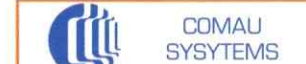
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Linda Layton



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Jade comes to Town matches with her dad and Paul Dimery, and her other main hobbies are all about sport. She likes swimming, and plays football for Dunstable Colts, and hopes to go on and play for our own ladies team, the Luton Belles.

Jade's Kenilworth Road treats this evening include a look behind the scenes, and the chance to meet the players, including her favourite, Tony Thorpe, in the dressing room before going out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities.

Golden Gamble

WE ALL enjoyed the victory over Huddersfield at the last home game, but Town fan Mrs Pearl Ellis, from Ninth Avenue, Sundon Park, had even more to celebrate, because she was the day's Golden Gamble winner. Happy Harry drew out her ticket and she won £755 in cash. She sits in the New Stand, and her winning ticket cost just £1. This evening another wedge of cash is on offer for a similarly modest outlay. The jackpot depends on sales: half the income goes towards the prize, and the other half to club funds. So far this season 20 winners have shared £13,415, an average of £671 each, and every winning ticket cost just £1. The draw is made during half time, and the prize is available immediately.





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Seasonal Progress Comparison

Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored	34	10	8	3	1	0
Shots	9,477	5,890	6,873	69		
Headers						
Volleyes						
Penalties						
Free Kicks						
Own Goals						

Where Goals Scored

Where Goals Conceded

When Goals Scored

2002-2003 Attendances

Hatters	Aggregate	Latics
123,711	126,925	53.3
9,477	9,415	7,878
5,890	5,039	6,842
6,873	6,680	-13
69	49	

Average Goals per game

1.51	For	1.41
1.61	Home For	1.47
1.42	Away For	1.33
1.32	Against	0.84
1.17	Home Against	0.84
1.47	Away Against	0.83

2002-2003 Figures

36	Players Used	27
12	Clean Sheets	16
6	Failed to Score	9
7	Goals scored from...	8
4	Corners	7
3	Free Kicks	3
6	Goals conceded from...	4
	Corners	4
	Free Kicks	4

Form Guide - Last 6

2	Won
1	Drawn
3	Lost
8	For
7	Against
7	Points
1	Goal Difference
LWLLWD	Sequence

Yellow & Red Cards

72	Yellow
5	Red

10 Year Record

Hatters	Avg Pos.	Latics
53.3	among 92 clubs	47.6
7,878	Avg Att 1993	12,569
6,842	Avg Att 2002	6,885
-13	+ / - %	-45

Top League Scorers

Howard	Eyres
16	9
32	33
0.50	0.27
11	8
4	2
0	0
5	1
9	6
2	2
6	2
6	0
4	2
0	4
0	1

Oldham Athletic's 10 Year History

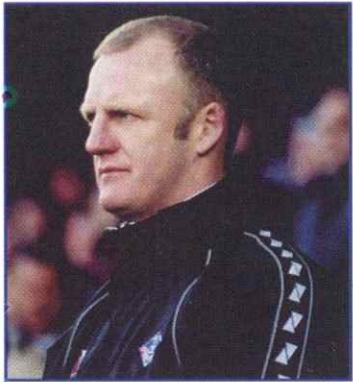
Season	Leading Scorer	Wins
01/02	Eyres10	5
00/01	Duxbury/Corazzin 8	4
99/00	Allott10	5
98/99	Allott7	5
97/98	Barlow12	5
96/97	Barlow12	7
95/96	Richardson11	6
94/95	McCarthy18	8
93/94	Sharp9	12
92/93	Olney12	12



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MANAGER

IAIN DOWIE



Born 9th January 1965 in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, made his football league debut whilst with Luton Town before moving on to join West Ham United and Southampton. Made 25 appearances for Northern Ireland before trying his hand at management with Queens Park Rangers. Joined the new management team at Boundary Park under head coach Mick Wadsworth and progressed to manager of the Latics in June 2002. One of the games more likeable characters.

GOALKEEPERS

13. DAVID MISKELLY AGE 23, HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 12.06

David was born in Ards, Northern Ireland has had to wait for his place in the Latics

first team, and when it came along picked up a bad shoulder injury (v Stoke City). Made a comeback to the first team at the back end of the 2001/02 season when Gary Kelly was out with a leg injury. Sound goalkeeper which has brought David honours with Northern Ireland.

16. LESLIE POGLIACOMI



AGE 27, HEIGHT 6'5" WEIGHT 12.10

Former Parramatta Power goalkeeper joined Latics in the summer of 2002 from the Australian Premier League. Very respected goalkeeper in the southern hemisphere has won a host of championship cup medals. Had trials with a number of English clubs in the higher divisions before Latics moved in to secure his signature to bring him to

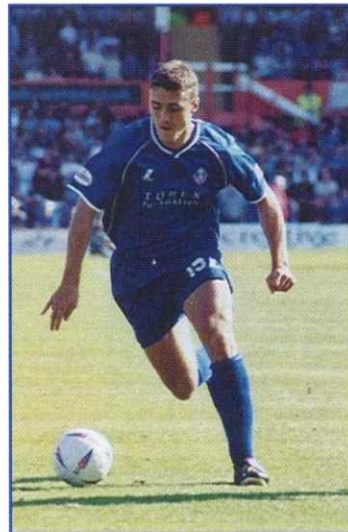
Boundary Park.

DEFENDERS

33. CHRIS ARMSTRONG AGE 20, HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 10.09

Talented young fullback signed from Bury in 2002 for a £250,000 fee. Chris has lightning pace and is very aggressive which has not gone unnoticed by the England set up who gave Chris three U20's caps last summer in the Toulon tournament.

15. JULIEN BAUDET AGE 23, HEIGHT 6'3" WEIGHT 12.08



French defender of some promise who joined Latics from Toulouse last season. Big and strong with an eye for goal ... unlike English defenders, Julien is a very good distributor of the ball.

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20. DAVID BEHARALL AGE 23, HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 11.12

Another new signing this season. David spent six months of last season on loan at Boundary Park from Newcastle United and impressed so much Latics stepped in with a permanent offer. Very quick and good in the air, one to watch on the park this season.

14. MICHAEL CLEGG AGE 25, HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 11.11

Joined Athletic last season from near neighbours Newcastle United, Michael's strongest position is that of fullback. Three appearances for United in the Champions League but only nine in the Premier League meant Michael was loaned out to Ipswich Town and with his future uncertain at Old Trafford decided to join Latics at the end of last season. Michael also has England U'21 honours.

21. FITZ HALL AGE 21, HEIGHT 6'4" WEIGHT 12.04

Giant defender of some promise, Fitz's career started at West Ham United as a schoolboy but was then released to Barnet for his formative years, which were as a centre forward. Having so called "failed" to find the net Barnet released him to Chesham United where Latics picked up the exciting

prospect. Scored his debut League goal with a rasping header against Stoke City last season and already many clubs from the higher divisions have their eyes on this towering defender. Has the unusual nickname of 'One Size'.

29. CLINTON HILL AGE 23, HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 11.08

Clint joined Latics July 2002 from Tranmere Rovers after agreeing a compensation fee of £225,000 for the ex-Tranmere youth player. A rugged no-nonsense defender who was club captain and backbone of the defence at Prenton Park. Scorer of valuable goals especially in Tranmere's good cup runs late. The Prenton Park faithful were most upset to lose this young exciting defender when he decided to refuse his contract with them.

2. DEAN HOLDEN AGE 22, HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 12.03

Another close season signing from Bolton Wanderers who spent seven months on loan last term. Dean can play either at the centre of defence or at fullback, pacy and not afraid of a 'tackle or two'. Another exciting prospect.

27. MARC TIERNEY AGE 18, HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 11.00

Second year scholar who has risen from the youth team.

Has figured regularly in the reserve team this season and having impressed the management team was given a place in the squad for the Colchester game. Although Marc didn't get on the field he is definitely one for the future.

MIDFIELDERS

11. MATTY APPLEBY AGE 31, HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 11.11

Matty joined Athletic from Barnsley at the back end of last season. Matty adds experience to Latics' midfield with Newcastle, Darlington and Barnsley. Clever, strong and good distribution are Matty's strengths.

18. DANNY BOSHELL AGE 21, HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 11.10

Came through the youth set up at Boundary Park but lost his place in the first team after making only four appearances last term. An excellent passer of the ball, is being groomed as an understudy to John Sheridan.

31. TONY CARSS AGE 26, HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 11.09

Tony's career started at Bradford City before moving on to Blackburn Rovers, Darlington, Cardiff and Chesterfield. Picked up the Oldham Player of the Season accolade in 2001/02. Busy left-sided midfielder, likes to



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push forward, was out much of last season with a serious injury.

6. LEE DUXBURY
AGE 33, HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 11.02

Lee seems to have been around the Leagues for a lifetime. Experienced midfielder general and captain of Athletic who has over 500 Football League appearances under his belt with Bradford City, Rochdale, Huddersfield Town and Latics.

28. DAVID EYRES
AGE 38, HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 11.07

Another Latics player with vast experience of the Football League, over 500 appearances with Blackpool, Burnley, Preston and Oldham Athletic where David was unanimously voted as the Supporters' Player of the Season as well as winning the Junior Supporters' accolade and the coveted Lookers Player of the Year at Boundary Park. Age holds no barriers for David who still bamboozles defences with his tricky footwork ... Lethal left foot.

25. WAYNE GILL
AGE 27, HEIGHT 5'9"
WEIGHT 11.01

Wayne joined Athletic from Tranmere Rovers for a fee of £80,000 last season. Small but busy player that has suffered a great deal from injury. Scored seven times in a 12

game loan spell with Blackpool, previously with Blackburn Rovers.

7. PAUL MURRAY
AGE 26, HEIGHT 5'8"
WEIGHT 10.07

Paul joined Latics from Premier League Southampton midway through last season in a surprising free transfer deal, Paul having joined Southampton from Queens Park Rangers for a substantial £600,000 fee. Paul's career began at Carlisle United under the guidance of Mick Wadsworth, the then Cumbrian's manager. Clever passer of the ball, never-say-die attitude won Paul England 'B' and Under 21 caps.

3. DARREN SHERIDAN
AGE 34, HEIGHT 5'6"
WEIGHT 11.06



Darren joined Latics from the other Lancashire Latics of

Wigan during 2001 and immediately made himself at home at Boundary Park with goals against Manchester City and Blackpool. The tigerish midfielder player is one of the game's great battlers, and when the going gets tough you can find Darren at the forefront.

8. JOHN SHERIDAN
AGE 38, HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 11.12

John Sheridan is one of the lower division's greatest passers of a ball, recognised by his peers for his silky skills for which age holds no barriers. Capped by Ireland 34 times for whom he has scored five goals. John's career began with Manchester City before moving on without playing a game for the Blues to Leeds United, 230 games and 47 goals later John made a high-profile move to Nottingham Forest where he stayed for only a short period before moving on to Sheffield Wednesday. He became known as one of Wednesday's greatest ever players in his seven-year stay at Hillsborough before joining Bolton Wanderers in 1996. After having had a short spell with Doncaster Rovers, he joined Latics in 1998.

FORWARDS

12. WAYNE ANDREWS
AGE 24, HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 10.09

Striker of some repute, signed



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during the close season from Chesham United in the Ryman League where Wayne has been top scorer for the past two seasons. Went on loan to Second Division Peterborough United where he scored an astonishing four goals in 29 minutes for his debut for the Posh, unfortunately due to the shortage of cash at London Road, Posh couldn't afford the exciting youngster hence his arrival at Boundary Park after Latics manager Iain Dowie's brother manager at Chesham recommended the youngster.

19. CARLO CORAZZIN
AGE 30, HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 12.06

Canadian international with Italian roots, Carlo, joined Athletic from Northampton Town for season 2000. Veteran of over 300 League appearances and scorer of well over 100 goals. Represented his country more than 60 times, scoring 10 goals, Carlo is a very dangerous player in and around the box.

10. JOHN EYRE
AGE 28, HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 12.00

John started his career at Boundary Park where he made 10 appearances scoring one goal before moving on to Scunthorpe United for a £40,000 fee in 1994. Having made 173 appearances and scoring 51 times for The Irons John left for Hull City, his

home town club in a £70,000 transfer where he scored 13 times in 50 games before re-joining the Latics under the Bosman Ruling.

24. CHRIS KILLEN
AGE 20, HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 11.06

20 year old striker signed from Manchester City in the close season for a fee of £200,000 plus appearance related bonuses. Chris, born in Wellington, New Zealand, is an established international for his native country and a proven goalscorer, scoring 10 goals in 12 appearances for the Kiwis. On loan at Port Vale last season, he netted six times in ten appearances before going on to score four goals for Manchester City reserves against an experienced Liverpool reserve side in a 6-0 route of the Reds.

34. JOSH LOW
AGE 22, HEIGHT 6' 2"
WEIGHT 13.00

Very tricky, pacy right-winger whose career started at Bristol Rovers where he made 22 appearances for the Pirates. Moved to Leyton Orient in the 1999/2000 season where he unfortunately could not settle and after making only five appearances for the O's moved on to join Cardiff City. Josh's scintillating form for the Bluebirds earned him rave reviews and attracted interest from Premiership club Bolton Wanderers and First Division

Reading. Latics moved in August to secure his services on a two year contract.

32. CLYDE WIJNHARD
AGE 28, HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 12.04

Very experienced ex-Ajax, Groningen, RKC and Willem II striker. Clyde scored 35 goals in the Dutch League before joining Leeds United for £1.8million in 1998. Found the net three times in 18 games for the white rose outfit before moving on to Huddersfield Town where he made 62 appearances scoring 16 times. Also had a short spell with Preston North End where he scored three goals in six games. Now on the comeback trail after suffering an horrific car accident. Latics were the first to step in to sign the exciting Surinam born striker.

9. BEN BURGESS
AGE 22, HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 14.13

Buxton-born Ben joined Latics on loan from Stockport County in January 2003, having joined Stockport for a £400,000 fee from Blackburn Rovers. Ben came to fame whilst on loan at Brentford last season where he scored 18 goals in 45 appearances, also had loan spells with Australian side Northern Spirit. Dangerous in the air, tricky feet for a tall player.



Blast From the Past

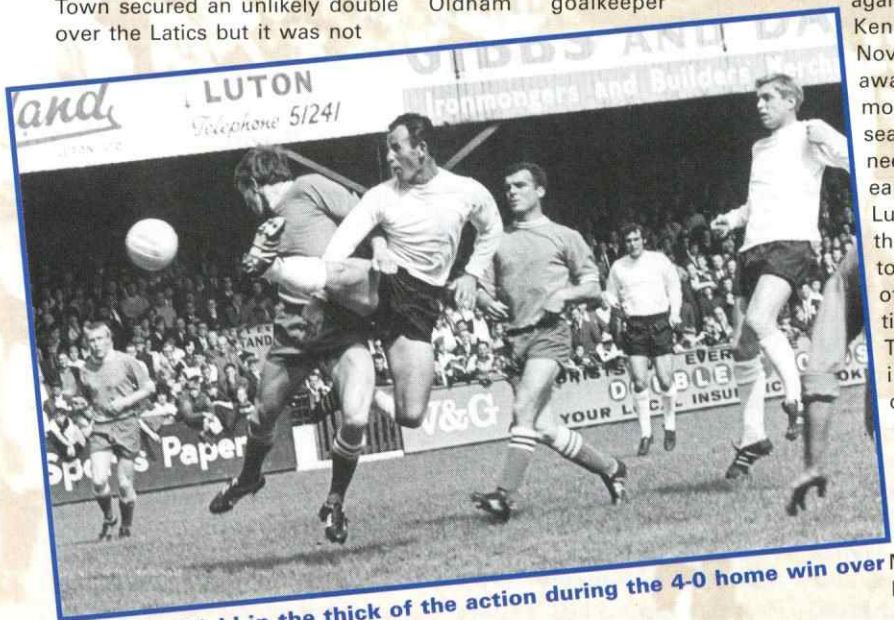
Meetings with tonight's visitors started in 1953 following the Latics promotion to the old Division Two. On the opening day of the 1953/54 season the Town entertained Oldham in front of a crowd of 22,822 and a John Downie hat-trick, on his debut, helped earn a point in an end to end 4-4 draw. By the time of the return the Latics were finding goals less easy to come by and were propping up the rest of the table. Two goals from the Town's record scorer Gordon Turner, in a 2-1 victory, did not help their cause as Oldham drifted towards inevitable relegation. Ten years were to pass before paths crossed again, this time in the old Division Three, but Turner was still displaying his predatory instincts and was on target in a 2-1 home defeat in November 1963. In the following campaign the Town secured an unlikely double over the Latics but it was not

enough to prevent relegation to Division Four. After three years in the football basement the Hatters emerged a reborn side and their first opponents back in Division Three were the Latics. A great deal of money had been spent over the summer of 1968 and it was reputed that £90,000, a previously unheard of amount for a club like the Town, had been forked out on players and improvements to the ground. The new players, Brian Lewis, Mike Harrison and Laurie Sheffield all made their debuts in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 14,747 which included brand new supporter Eric Morecambe. The supporters did not have to wait long before finding out whether the new boys could maintain their pre-season form as, after only 17 minutes, Lewis was upended in the area with the resultant spot kick expertly converted by Harrison. Oldham goalkeeper

David Best was forced to make half a dozen excellent saves before a Sheffield shot beat him and cannoned off the bar for Keith Allen to drill in the rebound. After the interval the Town attacked, seemingly at will, and it came as no surprise when full-back Fred Jardine cracked in a 25 yard shot that beat Best all ends up. Harrison and Bruce Rioch both hit the woodwork before Lewis notched the goal his clever play deserved in the closing seconds. The return that season was an altogether different game with the Town gifted an own goal in the first minute with a wind assisted Alan Lawson effort. The remainder of the match was one way traffic as Oldham lay siege on the Luton goal but, despite their best efforts, an equaliser would not come.

With the Latics relegation at the end of that campaign it was to be six years before paths crossed again, Oldham winning 3-2 at Kenilworth Road in November 1975 for their first away victory in over 18 months. In the following season a late goal from loanee forward David Geddis earned a valuable 1-0 win at Luton as the Town secured their ninth consecutive victory as they made an end of season bid for promotion.

The next significant meeting took place on the opening day of the 1978/79 season at the start of David Pleat's first full campaign in the Luton hot seat. By selling Paul Futchter to Manchester City, Pleat had raised the money to wheel and deal on the transfer market in an



Laurie Sheffield in the thick of the action during the 4-0 home win over the Latics in August 1968.

Goals galore in clashes with the Latics



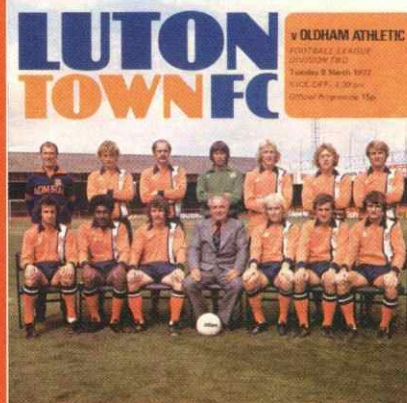
effort to ring the changes at Kenilworth Road. In a mad summer of frantic transfer negotiations the upshot was that a bemused Kenilworth Road crowd of 8,043 turned out to see the Town line up with no fewer than seven new faces against the Latics. By half-time the supporters were wondering whether Pleat knew what he was doing as the Latics had cruised into a comfortable 1-0 lead. What was said during the interval team talk has never been reported but the Town steam-rollered Oldham in the second period, running in six goals without reply, with both Bob Hatton and David Moss netting twice on their debuts. The next parting of the ways came at the end of the 1981/82 season as the Town walked away with the championship of the old Division Two. During that campaign Oldham became the first side to prevent the Town from winning on their travels following a 1-1 stalemate at Boundary Park.

Revenge was sweet, however, as the Hatters won 2-0 in the return with future Luton star Darron McDonough being dismissed for a nasty tackle on Lil Fuccillo and David Moss scoring direct from a corner. Oldham eventually won promotion to the top flight just as the Town were about to enjoy their final season at that level. The Latics were early season visitors to Kenilworth Road and were obviously hoping to build on their promising start to the campaign by beating a Hatters side that had only one win to show from seven starts. Luton manager David Pleat, back in charge for the second time, realised that a big 'Mick Harford type' centre forward was required and decided to invest in the best by signing Mick himself. The second coming of Harford was greeted by a rapturous home crowd but the game started in less than sparkling fashion with the Hatters forced to defend in depth against a Latics strikeforce of Ian Marshall

and Graeme Sharp. It came as no real surprise when Marshall headed Oldham into the lead just after the interval, but the game began to turn with the introduction of fresh, young substitutes Paul Telfer and Kurt Nogan who were prepared to run at the Latics defence. With five minutes to go, Nogan put over a low cross for Harford, who had got in front of his marker, to tap the ball in. The crowd went wild but the best was yet to come, for in injury time hesitancy in the Oldham defence was punished when Harford hit a sweet overhead kick into the roof of the net for an unlikely winner. Since that dramatic finale, games between the two sides have been relatively low key affairs with the only highspots, before this season's dramatic win at Boundary Park, being Stuart Douglas netting on his debut in November 1995 and Andre Scarlett doing the same three years later.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



The Town went for a full colour programme cover for the first time in 1976/77 and although the team group shown remained unchanged for the whole season it was certainly an improvement on the advert laden effort of the previous year.

Harry Haslam's notes in the Oldham issue of 8th March reflected the importance of the game. In a late bid for promotion from the old Division Two the Hatters had won eight games on the trot with the stirring 2-0 home win over favourites Wolves the previous weekend still fresh in the mind.

For the record, Oldham made it a tough game for the Town but a late goal from David Geddis, on loan from Ipswich, secured another valuable victory, although the normal Easter slump ensured that promotion would have to wait for another year.

Even so the smart Luton supporter of 26 years ago could have, in the meantime, bought a brand new home in Leighton Buzzard for £8,300. He or she would probably have paid off the mortgage by now!

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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

Total: 30,330
Average: 1,319

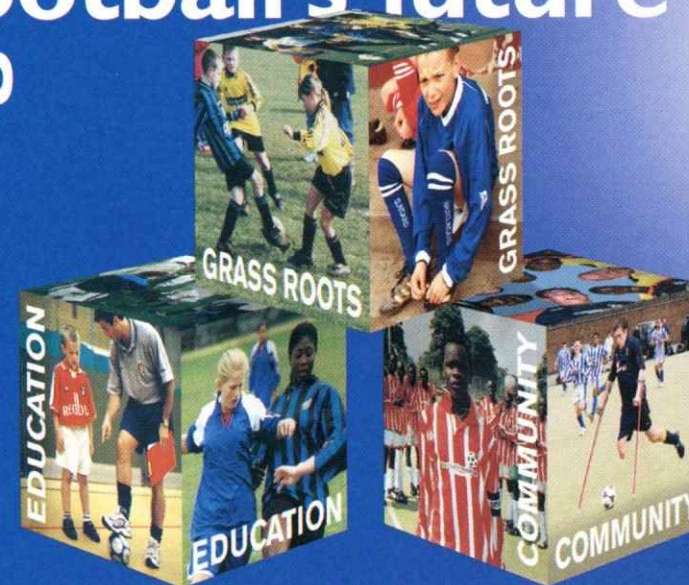
Visitors to Luton

Peterborough	990
Barnsley	504
Chesterfield	366
Notts County	341
Mansfield	160
Swindon	404
Cheltenham	328
Wigan	425
Port Vale	247
Guiseley (FAC1)	467
QPR	1,851
Cambridge(LDV)	571
Colchester	527
Cardiff	1,090
Wycombe	702
Blackpool	491
Northampton	905
Brentford	533
Plymouth	1,102
Huddersfield	454

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Action Replay

ONE dramatic moment turned a game the Town needed to win to keep play-off hopes alive. After surviving for 50 minutes by dint of defiant defending and a lot of luck, Huddersfield, in trouble on and off the field alike, were finally breached by a goal they believed was illegal. No offside flag waved, and Tony Thorpe danced around the exposed goalkeeper and knocked in his 15th goal of the season, his fifth in four games. Mass protests by Huddersfield failed to change a decision later described by their manager as "hideous, absolutely disgraceful." Skipper Kenny Irons and striker Martin Smith were booked for dissent, and within a minute Irons, still furious, was yellow-carded again for an awful tackle on Sol Davis, and the ten men left had no chance of preventing their 12th away defeat of the season, which pushed them back into the bottom four.

So often we hear managers, including Joe Kinnear, bemoan the fact that their teams are not ruthless enough when they have the opposition on the ropes. He had no cause to complain this time, with the Town completing another double with goals by Peter Holmes on 71 minutes and Steve Howard two minutes from time.

It was merciless, and Terriers boss Mick Wadsworth admitted that the minute Thorpe netted he knew his team was going to be beaten. Huddersfield, deep in debt, have a very uncertain future. Wadsworth owed his job to the parlous financial situation: the board voted to sack him two months ago, but couldn't afford

Luton Town 3 Huddersfield 0 (HT 0-0)

to pay up his contract. Wadsworth had no sympathy for Irons. "He acted stupidly," he said, "But I can't fine him, because our players are not being paid and are owed fortunes. They are as good as gold, but it can't go on." With the scoreline blank at half-time he hoped to go home with at least a point. The disputed goal changed everything. The argument was over interpretation of the offside rule. Chris Holland was trying to clear near the edge of the penalty area, when Matt Spring challenged him. Thorpe, Joe agreed, was forward of the action, and in an offside position. Wadsworth said Holland belted the ball against Spring, and it rebounded to Thorpe "and everyone in the ground knew he was off-side."

Joe agreed with the referee and his assistant. Spring went into the tackle and the ball broke off Holland, said the boss, and that played Thorpe inside.

If that was a bit of a lucky break, added the boss, it was no more than the Town deserved in a game in which Howard and Ahmet Brkovic both hit the woodwork and two more efforts by Howard were cleared off the line by defenders.

Howard returned after a knee injury in place of Dean Crowe, whose broken leg has ended his season early. Carl Emberson played because Lars Hirschfeld had gone down with a virus, and might have wished Huddersfield had more to offer in attack – he

hardly had a save to make in the whole 90 minutes.

Russ Perrett, in his first start since mid November, immediately settled into his best form, with Chris Willmott's loan ending a day early because he had suffered a knee injury in training.

Having failed to see the breakthrough in the first 45 minutes, Joe made two changes at the interval, to replace right back Duncan Jupp with the more pacey Ian Hillier, and to ask Peter Holmes to put a bit more drive on the other side, in place of Paul Hughes.

The changes paid off handsomely: Hillier did most of the work that led to Holmes lashing in the first league goal of his career, and Holmes hit the cross from which Howard netted his 16th goal of the season.

Luton Town: Emberson; Jupp (Hillier HT), Perrett, Coyne, Davis; Brkovic (Robinson 85 mins), Nicholls, Spring, Hughes (Holmes HT); Howard, Thorpe. Unused subs: Griffiths, Bayliss.

Booked: Ahmet Brkovic and Russ Perrett for fouls.

Huddersfield: Senior; Heary (Worthington 83 mins), Moses, Brown, Sharp; Mattis, Irons, Holland (Scott 77 mins), Smith (Stead 67 mins), Booth, Baldry. Unused subs: Labarthe, Jeffrey.

Booked: Kenny Irons and Martin Smith, dissent over the Tony Thorpe goal.

Sent off: Irons, for a foul on Sol Davis less than a minute after his first yellow card.

Referee: Iain Williamson, Berkshire.

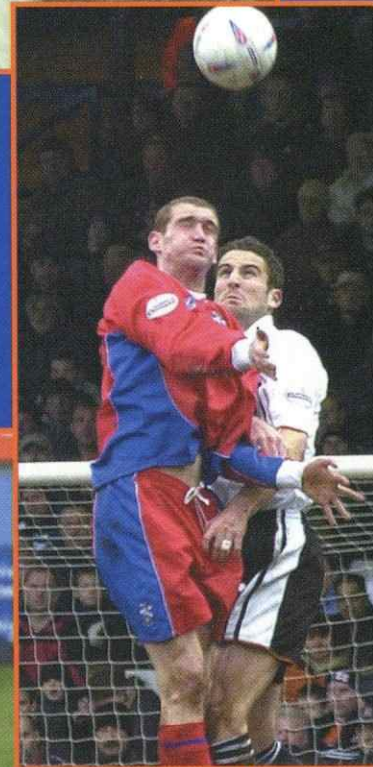
Attendance: 6,122, including 454 diehard Terriers fans.



ON HIS OWN... Tony Thorpe has waltzed around the goalkeeper and is about to roll in the opening goal.

RIGHT: Top Hatter is Chris Coyne, well above Huddersfield's Andy Booth.

BELOW: Demolition completion – Steve Howard bangs in the third goal.



Action Highlights

Luton Town 3 Huddersfield 0

A PILE OF HAPPINESS: Skipper Kevin Nicholls is top man in the celebration gathering after Tony Thorpe had given the Town the lead. He is under there somewhere, along with Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic.

TOP RIGHT: Peter Holmes is surrounded by defenders, but still gets in the shot for the first league goal of his career.

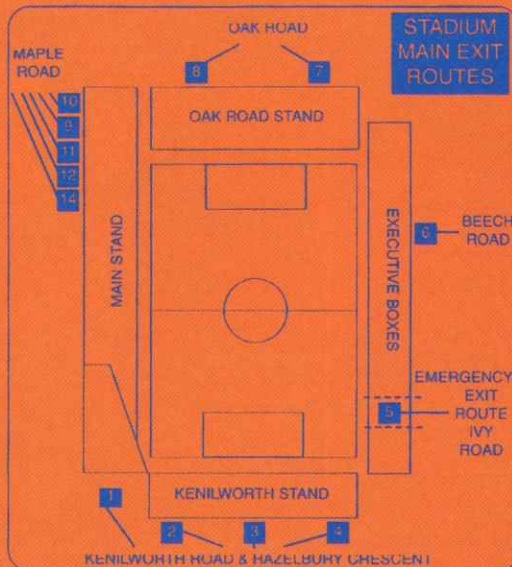
BOTTOM RIGHT: Chris Coyne joins the attack, with the goalkeeper and five defenders in attendance.



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In the event of evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrians, to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible, by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.



Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB



Offers its condolences to Joe Kinnear on his family bereavement. It led to the unavoidable postponement of his guest appearance scheduled for last Monday's meeting, and we are trying to organise a new date. Tickets already purchased will still be valid.

AN AUDIENCE WITH ADRIAN FORBES, DEAN CROWE AND STEVE HOWARD

Our next guest night, another "Any questions?" evening with three players, will be on Monday, March 31, at the Eric Morecambe Suite, 7.30pm.

Ticket prices are £2 for members of the Supporters Club, and £5 for others, but non-members can enjoy the discount if they join LTSC at the time they buy their tickets.

Tickets will be on sale after this evening's game in the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road, and if any are still left they will be available again at the kiosk before and after Saturday's match.

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LTFC in the Community

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TONIGHT I would like to take the opportunity to update you on a few of the Community Initiatives and courses available.

SATURDAY SOCCER CLUBS FOR SEASON 2003 / 4.

For each Saturday home game in The Nationwide League next season the Football and Community Department will be running a Saturday Soccer Club. These are open to children of all ages and will occupy them between 10.00am and 5pm. Schools, Football Clubs or maybe even children looking for an unusual way to celebrate their birthday or maybe just looking for a fun day out might want to participate in these clubs.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The first group to enrol will have the choice of all of the league fixtures, and the last to enrol will have to take whatever is left. Should the Luton Town fixture on your chosen day be postponed, your match ticket will be valid for the re-scheduled date.

The soccer clubs will consist of the following activities:

- 10am till 12 noon:** Professional Soccer Coaching on the new state of the art Pro Zone at Vauxhall Recreation Club.
- 12.30 till 1.3pm:** Buffet Lunch in the Trophy Room at Vauxhall Recreation Club. During this time we will also run a mini quiz for the children. THE SIX BEST SCORES WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN ACTIVITY ON THE PITCH AT HALF TIME.
- 1.30pm:** Depart for Kenilworth Road to watch the first team game.

The coaching part of the package will be limited to 20 children, with two options to chose from:

- Coaching, buffet and match. (Child only) £20.00**
- Coaching, buffet and match. (Child + 1 Parent. Buffet and match) £35.00**

In addition, for party organisers, up to four persons can be accommodated for a buffet and match at £15 per person.

Any additional tickets required will need to be purchased at full face value. THE PRICES SHOWN ABOVE ARE FOR SEASON 2002 / 3 AND ARE ONLY SHOWN AS A GUIDELINE. THE PRICES WILL BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE START OF SEASON 2003 / 4.

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We have instigated a new idea linked to our massively popular Saturday Soccer School at Bramingham School. This gives you the opportunity to purchase a season ticket to enrol on one, two or all three of the events planned for the next year. This, of course, will give the opportunity to enrol at reduced rates. The planned course and price options are listed below;

The first will run for 9 weeks on the following dates:

MAY	3rd	10th	17th	31st
JUNE	21st	28th		
JULY	5th	12th	19th	

The second will run for 10 weeks on the following dates:

SEPT	13th	20th	27th	
OCT	4th	11th	18th	25th
NOV	8th	15th	22nd	

The third will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2004:

JAN	17th	24th	31st	
FEB	7th	14th	28th	
MAR	6th	13th	20th	27th

Payment for course 1 is £3.00 per week or £23.00 for a block booking. Payment for courses 2 and 3 is £3.00 per week or £25.00 for a block booking.

Alternatively you can block book any two courses for £40.00 and all three for £60.00.

If you book for two or more courses you will be issued with a proof of payment pass which you should bring to each session.

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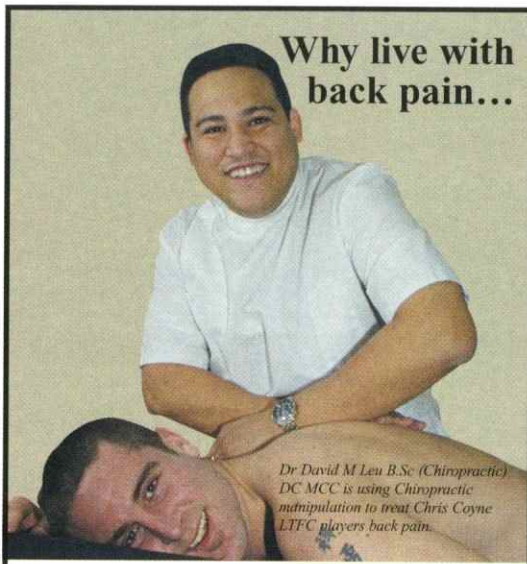
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A PAIR of match tickets will be won by a lucky supporter this evening. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go in our Town Teaser competition. At the Huddersfield game we asked who enjoyed stoppage time in the away match against the Terriers, and the answer was Steve Howard, who scored the late winner.

TONIGHT'S QUESTION

OLDHAM manager Iain Dowie is coming back to one of his former clubs today. Which club did the striker join when he left Luton in a £480,000 deal almost exactly 12 years ago?

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Junior Hatters



PRINT deadlines mean that we are unable to report tonight on our trip to Wigan on Saturday, but the chances are that we were given a warm welcome at the JJB.

This season has not been the best for Junior Hatters trips, because financial restrictions mean that many clubs feel unable to offer facilities. It looks very unlikely that we will be able to run Junior Hatters trips to Cheltenham, QPR or Colchester, but we expect final confirmation shortly that Swindon Town will be able to accommodate us on the last day of the season, on May 3.

We will give more information nearer the date, but in the meantime don't forget that we offer a good day out at weekend home games through the Junior Hatters Saturday Club.

It kicks off at noon, with Dallow School the first

venue for games, usually including football, before we go to our family room underneath the Kenilworth Stand for a sausage and chips lunch, and more entertainment.

The family room is open again during half time, and at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. The price is a bargain: £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £11 including a match ticket. You can book through the Community Department or by phone to Luton 391927.

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. There are lots of advantages, including the chance to be picked as mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list.

Happy Harry

TONIGHT'S MASCOT

THE LUCK of the draw has given Farran Batchelor a perfect ninth birthday present this evening, because he is our Junior Hatters mascot. It gives him the chance to meet the players, including his favourite Steve Howard, in the dressing room before running out onto the pitch with them. Farran lives at Stratford Road, Luton, and goes to Willowfield School, Caddington. He plays in midfield for his school team, and his other leisure pleasures are cricket, all sports, and drama.



His dad, Michael Batchelor, has been a Town fan for over 40 years, and he and Farran watch matches from the New Stand. Tonight's ball girl is Emily Newns, of Colwyn Avenue, Greenford, and our ball boy is Rhys Calvano, of Sunset Drive, Luton.



VIP PARTY: Mascots, skippers and match officials meet before kick-off for the toss of the coin, and our picture, taken at the last home match, against Huddersfield, shows Oliver Groom, who was doing the honours for the Junior Hatters, and Joshua Bottaro, who was commercial mascot.

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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Mini Hatters



EIGHTEEN-month old Shawn Borrett might grow up with something of a split personality, depending on whether he follows his mother and father's interests, or his grandparents' love of Luton Town.

He lives in Blackpool, and was just two hours old when he was presented with his first little "Baby Hatter" romper suit bought from the Town's gift shop.

The doting grandparents are well known to the shop staff – they are Danny and Elsie Clubb, long-time Luton Town fanatics who now live in Blackpool but still get to just about every Town game, home or away.

Shawn's parents are Christopher and Nikki Borrett, and Danny admits with a pained expression: "We love them dearly, but they're not football fans and they were not too thrilled when we said that whatever happens Shawn will be a Hatters fanatic, like us. We couldn't bear the thought that he might grow up to support any other club, especially Blackpool. We were going to bring him to Kenilworth Road in January, when we were due to play Blackpool, but that fell through when the game was postponed to a midweek evening. He can already toddle so we are buying him his first football boots next week."

WE COULDN'T resist the bright smile of Amy Catherine Farrar, who will celebrate her first birthday in eight days' time. She is, as you can see, born to be a Luton Town fan.



Stuart Smith, her proud godfather, and close friend of the young fan's father, sent in the picture. Amy is the daughter of his friends Stuart and Sarah Farrar, of Lambourn Drive, Luton, and despite her father's Yorkshire origins is destined to follow in her parents' footsteps as a regular at Kenilworth Road.

They watch the Town from the Kenilworth, and Stuart said: "Apparently Amy has inherited all her father's bad habits and all her mother's good ones! However that can't be too bad, as it will guarantee that it won't be too long before we see her in the stadium."

IF YOU have a nice photo of a very young Town fan, and would like to see it published in this occasional series, please get in touch with the programme editor. Please send it, with a few details, either by post to Luton Town FC, or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com

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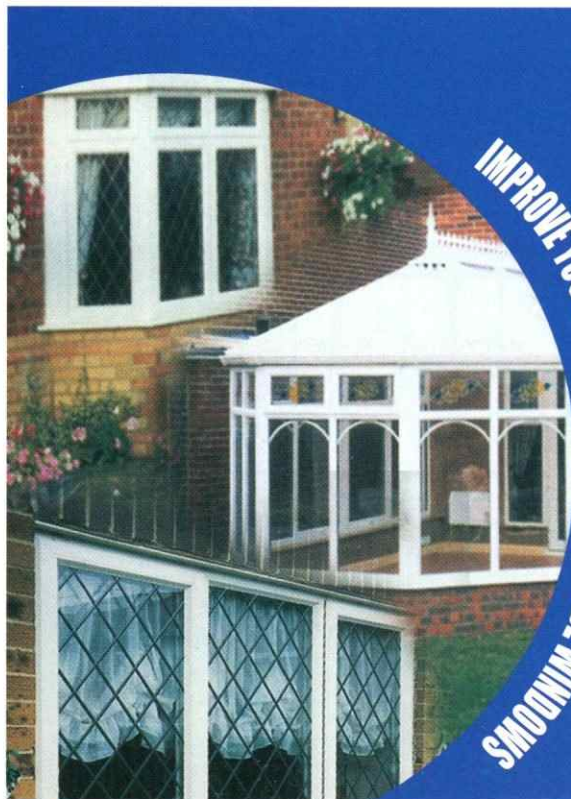
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Hatters Abroad



THERE'S no mistaking the soccer allegiance of Steve Day, who lives in Perth, Western Australia. He keeps in touch via e-mail and the internet, having been a Town fan all his life.

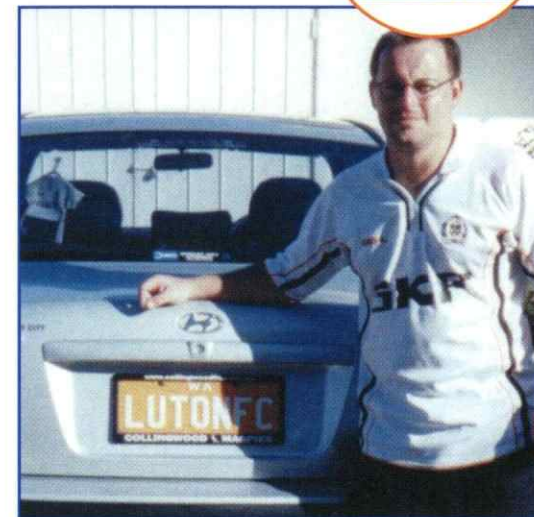
"I have been over here for just over a year," he said, "Trying to spread the word of Luton FC around Perth. I have managed to get my work colleagues interested in the Hatters, and a couple of them are looking into ordering Luton shirts from the web shop.

"I proudly wore my Luton shirt to the Ashes test here, and to the one-dayers, and I saw a few Hatters fans out here on holiday, which was good.

"I listen to the games on the web, although most of them kick off at 11pm here. I haven't missed a game yet, and that includes the mid week games, which normally means a 3am or 4am kick off."

Steve's number plates were a Christmas present, and are in good company. He said: "Another set of plates in Perth, LTFC, is owned by my mate Mark Newman, who has had his photo in the programme with them."

We're delighted to make it a Perth double this



evening, and doubtless Steve will hear about it via the internet. He is known as Moley on the message board.



THE SYDNEY Opera House is the backdrop to our other picture, featuring the Willmott family, who are back home in Batford Road, Harpenden after a holiday in Australia.

Nigel Willmott made sure he and his sons Sam, 9, and the younger Matthew carried their colours with them to the other side of the world.

"I have been a season ticket holder for many years," he said, "And I am slowly convincing my eldest son to be a Luton supporter rather than a Chelsea fan - so far so good. My younger son already has good taste in football clubs!

"We were in Australia visiting family, but kept in touch with how Luton were doing through Hatters World. As my eldest son is reading this he apparently has been a Luton supporter since he was four, so I don't know where the Chelsea thing came from. Both boys like going to Luton, but prefer away games like Torquay and Shrewsbury."

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 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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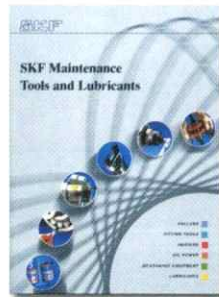
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- 7.25** Team Line Up Announced
- 7.35** Town Teaser
See page 34
- 7.40** Teams runout to - The Blues Brothers
"Gimme Some Lovin"
- 7.45** THE BIG KICK OFF

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- 8.35** Golden Gamble -
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- 8.40** Dedications
- 8.45** Run down of half time
scores from around the
country
- 8.50** Teams arrive back on pitch
to theme song
"Gimme Some Lovin"

9.35 - FULL TIME

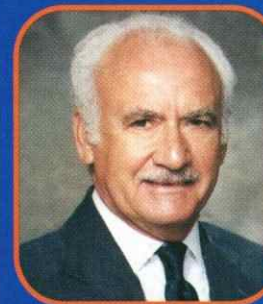
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Luton Belles

LUTON Town Belles under-11 squad overcame Stevenage Borough Juniors 2-0 to lift the League championship with games to spare. With three still to play, they lead nearest rivals Watford by a massive margin of 16 points.

The girls have won 15 of the 16 league matches they have played so far this season, and are renowned for their free-flowing football, which has won them friends all over the Home Counties.

The bubbly looked like it would have to remain on ice as Luton dominated the match but could not get the all-important breakthrough until they were awarded a penalty with seven minutes left.

Leading scorer Lauren Bruton made no mistake from the

spot, and Jasmine Hall made sure of the points with a second four minutes later.

Our picture shows the happy champions. From right to left are Robyn Wilfort, Jade McEntaggart, Nikki Baker (Coach), Yasmin Hickling, Stephanie White, Kelly Moss, Sian Hall, Jasmine Hall, Georgia Day, Sarah Gaitely (Manager), Livi Robinson and Lauren Bruton.

The Belles will be moving into under-12 eleven a side football next season, and are looking for a generous sponsor to replace their outdated kit. If you are able to support, please get in touch through the contact details below.

Meanwhile the senior team travelled to Carterton Rangers for a top of the table clash, and

secured a valuable 1-1 draw. In a hard-fought match played in high winds, Luton fought back to equalise with ten minutes left through Fay Howell. The promotion place is now in the Belles hands with four league matches left. *Dave Baker*

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



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Youth Soccer - U17s



Luton Town 2 Brighton & Hove Alb 0

A VERY good game produced a pleasing result for us. Both teams were up for it: Brighton needed a point to clinch the championship, and we wanted to win for a top four finish. We were also determined that the title was not going to be won by someone else on our pitch! We were able to field our best under-16 side for some time, and it was encouraging to see how they compared with the best team in the league.

The first half was lively, competitive and a bit scrappy, with each side unable to convert the best chances created. Trialist goalkeeper Liam Bevan made a good save to keep us level, and Keith Keane was unlucky with a header which dropped onto the top netting. Brighton were happy to get to half time with a blank scoreline, but we took the game to them in the second half and eventually were comfortable winners. Mutsa Magadah's pace caused them problems, and it was surprising that we did not score until 15 minutes from the end. But it was a goal worth waiting for. Sean Ridgway brought a good save out of the

keeper, and from Richard Mansell's corner Keane powered in a fantastic header at the far post. Brighton tried to get back, and Liam Smyth cleared off the line to preserve our lead before we clinched the game in the 88th minute. The keeper blocked a run by Ridgway and as the ball rebounded to the edge of the penalty area Magadah turned and chipped a clever shot into the net.

Luton Town: Bevan, Smyth, R. Mansell, Blythe, D. Deeney, Keane, Burrows, Ridgway, Maitland (Freeman HT), Magadah, Danaher (Pendleton 25 mins).

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Blythe 19, D. Deeney 18, Ridgway 17, Smyth 16(3), Mountford 16, Magadah 15(3), Blake 13(2), Brill 13, De Souza 12(2), P. Clark 11(3), Shea 9(3), Danaher 9(3), Reid 8, Keane 8, Pendleton 5(6), Freeman 5(1), Green 4(5), Maitland 4(2), Skelton 4(1), Barrett 4, R. Mansell 4, Howell 3, Hurst 3, Burrows 3, Sinclair 2(12), Richardson 1(3), McCarthy 1(2), Robinson 1(1), Barnett 1, R. Clark 1, Bevan 1, Kelly 0(2), S. Foley 0(1).

Goals: Magadah 10, Ridgway 5, Freeman 4, P. Clark 4, Keane 4, Blythe 3, Maitland 2, Shea 1, Barnett 1, R. Mansell 1, Blake 1.

Mark Ridgway

The under-19s fixture at Exeter was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, and has been re-arranged for next Saturday

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

FLYA UNDER-17 SE CONFERENCE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	21	14	3	4	48	23	45
Peterborough	22	13	6	3	45	20	45
L. Orient	22	13	4	5	46	19	43
Luton Town	21	10	5	6	36	28	35
Wycombe	22	9	6	7	38	45	33
Cambridge	21	8	5	8	41	36	29
Colchester	22	7	5	10	37	50	26
Portsmouth	21	5	7	9	42	37	22
QPR	21	3	10	8	27	40	19
Gillingham	21	5	4	12	38	56	19
Southend	21	4	6	11	30	54	18
Brentford	21	4	5	12	29	49	17

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In Reserve



Luton Town 2 Norwich City 2

CONSIDERING we were two down in the first 20 minutes, the draw was not a bad result, but I was disappointed with our performance in a game which we should have won. We had plenty of the ball, but wasted too much possession.

Adrian Forbes and Aaron Skelton came through half the match on their returns after injuries, but obviously both need games to get back to match fitness.

Poor defending cost us two early goals. The first followed a miskick by Dean Brill from a back pass by Rob Gillman. He got no distance with his clearance attempt, and a striker hooked the ball into the net. It was a skilful finish, but I felt Brill could have saved: he didn't try to reach the ball, thinking it was going over the bar. For the second goal we had four at the back but failed to deal with a lone runner, who punished us. Norwich had two quick forwards, whose movement caused problems for Gillman and David Bayliss, and set an example which I felt our strike force could have followed.

But at least we created chances, with Lee Mansell hitting the bar and missing a one-on-one, and Carl Griffiths miskicking in front of goal.

Griffiths put us back into the game after 38 minutes, slotting in from about eight yards, and he followed up with the equaliser on the hour mark, from another close-range strike.

They were rare bright spots in our performance. Too

often our passing let us down, with players unable to find colleagues even from five or ten yards. Our second-half performance was better, but not up to the required standard, although we had more legs when Curtis Davies and Joe Deeney went on as subs. **Luton Town:** Brill, Skelton (Davies HT), Bayliss, Gillman, Barnett, Forbes (Deeney HT), O'Leary, Leary, Okai (R. Mansell 85 mins), L. Mansell, Griffiths.

OUR next scheduled Avon Insurance Combination fixture is away to Brentford next Tuesday, and we are still awaiting new dates for postponed home games against Cheltenham and Crystal Palace.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: L. Mansell 15(1), Leary 13(2), Foley 11(1), Holmes 11, Skelton 10, Hillier 9, J. Deeney 8(1), Fotiadis 8, Griffiths 7, Gillman 6(3), Barnett 6(2), Osborn 5(8), Okai 5(6), Brill 5(1), Ovendale 5, Kimble 5, Bayliss 5, Hughes 4, Neilson 4, O'Leary 3(5), Barnett 3(2), Brkovic 3, Emberson 3, Perrett 3, Judge 2(4), Eberendo 2(2), Howell 2(1), Beckwith 2, Thorpe 2, Michael Johnson 2, Crowe 2, Jupp 2, Davies 1(5), Forbes 1, Davis 1, Kovacevic 1, De Souza 1, Berthelin 1, Nicholls 1, Maitland 1, Viander 1, Pandong 1, McAllister 1, Foyewa 1, Marvin Johnson 0(1), R. Mansell 0(1).

Goals: Griffiths 5, Judge 4, Fotiadis 3, Brkovic 3, Crowe 2, Howell 2, Thorpe 2, Skelton 1, Eberendo 1, Holmes 1, Gillman 1, Barnett 1, Maitland 1, Mansell 1, Leary 1.

Brian Stein

AVON COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	18	14	3	1	50	13	45
Portsmouth	17	11	3	3	38	13	36
Norwich	18	9	8	1	29	12	35
Colchester	19	10	4	5	29	17	34
Plymouth	17	10	1	6	29	25	31
Brighton	16	9	3	4	30	17	30
Brentford	18	9	3	6	33	28	30
Bristol City	18	8	4	6	33	32	28
Swindon	16	8	2	6	23	26	26
Reading	16	7	4	5	29	17	25
L. Orient	20	6	7	7	35	35	25
Millwall	18	7	4	7	21	23	25
Luton Town	15	6	6	3	29	18	24
Cardiff	18	6	6	6	19	18	24
QPR	16	6	5	5	22	22	23
Oxford	18	7	2	9	24	26	23
Southend	17	6	4	7	21	26	22
Cheltenham	16	6	3	7	32	28	21
Wycombe	19	5	4	10	18	36	19
Cambridge	16	5	3	8	25	28	18
Peterborough	17	5	3	9	25	35	18
Bournemouth	19	4	5	10	28	40	17
Bristol Rov	20	4	5	11	21	35	17
Gillingham	18	3	7	8	21	30	16
Northampton	16	3	3	10	20	38	12
Barnet	20	2	2	16	18	61	8

August			
Wed 14	Bristol City(LC)	A	0-3
Wed 21	Reading	A	1-2 Skelton
Wed 28	Bristol Rov	H	1-1 Griffiths
September			
Wed 4	Millwall	H	2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)
Wed 18	Swindon	A	4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell
Wed 25	Peterborough	H	4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes
October			
Wed 9	Plymouth	A	4-0 Brkovic 2, Gillman, Judge
Wed 16	Wycombe	H	3-1 Judge 2, Howell
Wed 30	Cambridge	A	1-0 Barnett
November			
Wed 13	QPR	H	postponed
Wed 20	Wootton (BSC)	A	0-0 Won 4-3 on pens
Wed 27	Northampton	A	1-3 Judge
December			
Wed 11	Barnet	H	1-2 Maitland
January			
Wed 8	Brighton	A	Postponed
Wed 22	Bournemouth	H	4-4 Crowe 2, Brkovic, Mansell
Wed 29	Leyton Orient	A	1-1 Leary
February			
Wed 12	Southend	A	0-0
Wed 19	Cardiff	A	0-0
Wed 26	Cheltenham	H	Postponed
March			
Wed 5	C. Palace	H	Postponed
Wed 12	Norwich	H	2-2 Griffiths 2
Wed 25	Brentford	A	2pm
April			
Wed 2	Colchester	H	2pm
Tue 8	Bedford (BSC)	A	7.45pm
Wed 23	Portsmouth	H	2pm
Mon 28	Oxford	A	2pm



Second Division Scene

THE TOWN'S draw at Wigan turned out to be par for the course, with six more of the weekend's 12 Second Division games ending all-square. It was good news in terms of the Town remaining just four points shy of the play-off places, but the bad news is that the top five are breaking away. Bristol City were the only winners out of the top eight, with Danny Wilson taking another dividend from his loan signing of Mark Robins from Rotherham. He got the only goal of the game against Peterborough at Ashton Gate as City made it five wins out of the last six. Robins has netted four in his six games so far, and Wilson thinks his men could yet make a bid for automatic promotion. He figures Wigan are championship certainties, but thinks City could snatch second place. One or two other ex-Luton men might be thinking along similar lines, including Lennie Lawrence at Cardiff, and tonight's visiting manager Iain Dowie. Cardiff's 3-3 draw at Tranmere came courtesy of a Robert Earnshaw hat-trick which puts him well clear as the Division's top marksman with 33 goals.

The recent form stats show that Wigan and Tranmere are the only top teams not to have lost in their last six outings. Wigan's last six results have been three wins and three draws. That has enabled them to open up a big gap on Crewe, who have won two, drawn one and lost three. Cardiff's run is two wins, three draws and one defeat, and Oldham's is three wins, two draws and one loss, away to Bristol City, who have won four and lost two. QPR have won three, drawn two and lost one, and Tranmere have won four and drawn two. The Town's last six are two wins, one draw and three defeats. Oldham come to Kenilworth Road with a hugely impressive away record. They were the last team in the country to suffer an away defeat when they went down 2-0 at Ashton Gate three weeks ago. Until then they had won ten and drawn seven of their away games in the league, and tonight is their first away match since then. Their victories came at Peterborough, Notts County, Colchester, Swindon, QPR, Chesterfield, Crewe, Tranmere, Stockport and Mansfield. The draws were at Brentford, Blackpool, Port Vale, Plymouth, Barnsley, Wycombe and Cardiff. Oldham's last six matches: Stockport A 2-1, Notts County H 1-1, Mansfield A 1-0, Bristol City A 0-2, Colchester H 2-0 and QPR H 0-0. The Oldham boss might have enjoyed denying the home side two points - he had two spells as caretaker manager at Loftus Road, with the second ending a couple of years ago when Ian Holloway took over and dispensed with his services.

Brian Swain

WINNING MARGINS

Gms won by:	1gl	2gls	3gls	4gls	5+
Wigan	10	13	1	0	0
Crewe	7	9	2	1	1
Cardiff	11	4	1	3	0
Bristol City	7	7	4	1	0
Oldham	11	4	0	2	1
QPR	6	7	2	2	0
Tranmere	12	2	2	1	0
Luton	11	2	3	0	0
Blackpool	7	5	3	0	0
Plymouth	7	4	1	0	1
Wycombe	4	4	2	1	1
Brentford	9	2	0	0	1
Chesterfield	10	1	0	1	0
Swindon	6	4	2	0	0
Mansfield	7	2	0	1	1
Stockport	6	3	1	1	0
Barnsley	9	2	0	0	0
Colchester	7	3	1	0	0
Notts County	5	2	3	0	0
Port Vale	8	1	1	0	0
Peterborough	5	2	1	1	0
Huddersfield	6	2	1	0	0
Northampton	5	1	3	0	0
Cheltenham	3	4	1	0	0

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
Luton	123,711	69
Blackpool	130,827	68
QPR	231,379	67
Northampton	92,191	67
Cardiff	232,784	65
Crewe	124,325	64
Cheltenham	88,911	63
Wycombe	114,177	60
Chesterfield	75,721	60
Bristol City	223,194	55
Oldham	126,925	49
Mansfield	93,420	49
Tranmere	148,346	47
Plymouth	167,003	46

CLEAN SHEETS

Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Wigan	19
Oldham	16
QPR	15
Cardiff	14
Chesterfield	14
Crewe	13
Bristol City	13
Brentford	13
Luton	12
Huddersfield	12
Blackpool	11
Peterborough	11
Wycombe	10
Plymouth	9
Cheltenham	9
Northampton	9
Tranmere	8
Notts County	8
Colchester	8
Port Vale	8
Stockport	6
Mansfield	5
Swindon	4
Barnsley	4

FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Huddersfield	19
Northampton	17
Mansfield	15
Peterborough	14
Chesterfield	14
Swindon	12
Brentford	11
Wycombe	11
Blackpool	11
Cheltenham	10
Port Vale	10
Barnsley	10
Plymouth	10
Bristol City	10
Colchester	9
Tranmere	9
QPR	9
Oldham	9
Stockport	8
Notts County	8
Crewe	8
Luton	6
Cardiff	6
Wigan	5

SEQUENCES: DIV 2

CONSECUTIVE WINS:	11
Wigan	11
Bristol City	6
Oldham	6
Luton	5
Port Vale	5
QPR	5
Crewe	4
Plymouth	4
UNDEFEATED RUN:	21
Wigan	21
Bristol City	14
Blackpool	11
Cardiff	10
Crewe	8
Plymouth	8
Brentford	7
Luton	7
Oldham	7
Swindon	7
LOSING STREAK:	6
Swindon	6
Chesterfield	5
Colchester	5
Mansfield	5
Peterborough	5
Blackpool	4
Luton	4
Northampton	4
Port Vale	4
Wycombe	4
NO WINS:	10
Chesterfield	10
Northampton	10
QPR	9
Bristol City	8
Cheltenham	8
Colchester	8
Notts County	8
Plymouth	8
Stockport	8
Mansfield	7
Peterborough	7
Blackpool	7
Luton	7
Northampton	7
Port Vale	7
Wycombe	7

HEADERS SCORED

Oldham	16
Wigan	15
Tranmere	13
Wycombe	13
Barnsley	12
Cardiff	12
Plymouth	12
Stockport	12
Crewe	11
Blackpool	10
Luton	10
Peterborough	10
Cheltenham	9
Mansfield	9
Port Vale	9

HEADERS CONCEDED

Brentford	18
Mansfield	18
Chesterfield	15
Notts County	14
Port Vale	14
Barnsley	12
Cheltenham	11
Colchester	11
Swindon	11
Luton	10
Stockport	10
Blackpool	9
Bristol City	9
Tranmere	9

GOALS FROM OUTSIDE 18 YARD BOX

SCORED			CONCEDED		
Gls	Total	%	Gls	Total	%
Mansfield	12	56	21	10	45
Northampton	7	33	21	9	47
Barnsley	8	44	18	11	58
Bristol City	11	62	18	9	48
Plymouth	9	51	18	9	49
Crewe	11	63	17	10	59
QPR	9	53	17	9	55
Colchester	7	42	17	7	43
Tranmere	8	51	16	5	31
Huddersfield	4	27	15	5	32
Chesterfield	5	35	14	8	52
Wigan	8	58	14	6	39
			Bristol City	6	39
			Notts County	8	55
			Wycombe	7	49

ordered as % of all goals scored

GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS

Player	Goals	Games	Rate
Robert Earnshaw	28	28	0.76
Rob Hulse	21	28	0.74
Luke Beckett	25	38	0.64
Mark Stallard	21	33	0.56
Ilysend Christie	18	33	0.54
Tony Thorpe	12	23	0.52
Clyde Wijnhard	8	16	0.52
Sam Parkin	19	37	0.51
Steven Howard	16	31	0.49
Simon Haworth	16	33	0.49
Scott Murray	13	28	0.47
John Murphy	14	31	0.45

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Premiership	67,691 Man U v Southampton
	14,253 Fulham v Boro
Division 1	33,016 Derby v Reading
	849 Wimbledon v Rotherham
Division 2	18,085 Bristol Cv Plymouth
	2,721 Colchester v Wigan
Division 3	22,319 Hull v Hartlepool
	1,576 Macc v Hartlepool

Nationwide League Division Two

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
Wigan	37	11	7	1	31 14	13	3	2	27	8	36	82
Crewe	37	10	3	6	26 16	10	5	3	37	19	28	68
Cardiff	36	10	5	3	29 14	9	5	4	27	18	24	67
Oldham	37	8	5	6	28 16	10	7	1	24 15	21	66	
Bristol City	37	11	5	3	32 13	8	3	7	30	26	23	65
QPR	37	11	3	4	30 17	6	7	6	23	23	13	61

Tranmere	37	10	5	4	28 21	7	3	8	23	31	-1	59
Luton Town	37	8	4	6	29 21	8	5	6	27 28	7	57	
Blackpool	37	10	6	3	30 17	5	4	9	17	28	2	55
Plymouth	37	8	5	5	31 21	5	7	7	20	22	8	51
Wycombe	37	8	5	6	37 29	4	5	9	17	20	5	46
Brentford	37	7	6	6	21 16	5	4	9	17	28	-6	46
Swindon	37	7	4	7	24 24	5	6	8	23	30	-7	46
Notts County	37	7	7	5	30 28	3	8	7	24	27	-1	45
Colchester	37	7	6	6	22 17	4	6	8	20	31	-6	45
Barnsley	37	6	6	6	22 25	5	5	9	22	28	-9	44
Chesterfield	37	9	4	5	23 19	3	3	13	12	34	-18	43
Stockport	37	6	6	6	30 30	5	1	13	18	29	-11	40
Peterborough	36	5	5	7	19 17	4	7	8	17	30	-11	39
Port Vale	37	6	4	8	23 25	4	5	10	18	33	-17	39

Mansfield	37	8	2	9	35 37	3	4	11	21	39	-20	39
Cheltenham	37	5	6	8	19 27	3	7	8	21	28	-15	37
Huddersfield	37	6	6	6	20 20	3	3	13	7	27	-20	36
Northampton	37	6	3	9	19 22	3	5	11	14	36	-25	35

Tonight's Other Second Division Games

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

SQUAD CHECK

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Joe Kinnear

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Manager: Iain Dowie

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33	Chris ARMSTRONG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Josh LOW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tonight's Officials

Referee: Rob Styles, Hampshire

Assistants: Guy Beale, Somerset (yellow flag); Paul Barnes, Cambridgeshire (red and yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Grant Hegley, Hertfordshire



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