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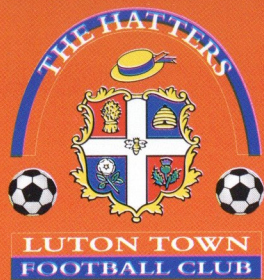
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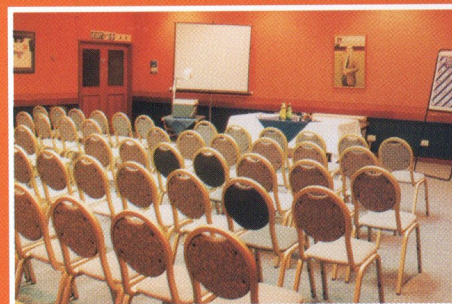
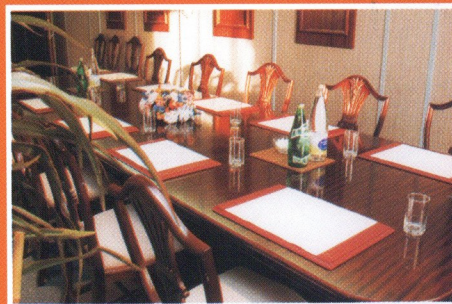
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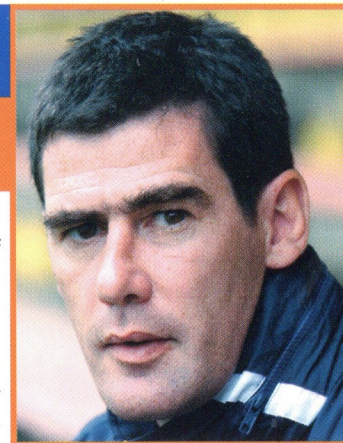


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# The Manager's Message



HELLO and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Swindon. Welcome also to Andy King and his staff, players, directors and supporters from the County Ground.

As a club there are few places more accommodating than Swindon. Travelling up and down the country week in, week out, to watch or play games, you will be hard pressed to find more helpful staff, and even when I was sent to the stands there back in the autumn I was met with understanding "football people."

That may be because they're used to managers losing the plot! But seriously, I think it will be more to do with employing personnel who appreciate the game, as opposed to "bouncers" or "jobsworths" and believe me we meet a lot of them

Kingy is a one-off, a golfing partner of Mike, Brian and myself, and someone you can't help but like. When I signed here as a player in 1985 and walked through the door as a 20-year-old Scouser I was an easy target for Andy, but behind all the "sledgings" – and there were

plenty – there is a heart of gold and someone who loves his football. And let's face it, he was only a reserve at the time. He has

come through a lot at Swindon, including the sack, and their position speaks for itself. Having said that, there is no room for sentiment in football, and Kingy, I hope we smash you.

Talking of sackings, we were at Hartlepool last week, and you can imagine how disappointed I was with that result. We played some decent football, and were ahead twice, but it wasn't to be.

There will be fans who travelled to Victoria Park for the abandoned game and also for Tuesday's match. That's dedication, and we appreciate it. We just wish we could have rewarded them.

These notes are written ahead of the Tranmere game, one we needed to get something out of. Easter is always a make or break stage of the season, and I think it is still in our own hands.

Having come so far with so many restrictions this season, I will not let anybody give in, or concede, or patronise us by telling us we have done better than expected.

The players will be tested in the coming week or so, but they continue to produce against the odds, and the youngsters who have been thrown in have been a revelation. We will keep going to the death, as we are sure you will.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

*Mike Newell*



**SHIRTY VISITORS:** Enoch Showunmi comes in for some very close "marking" in the match against Oldham. Wes Wilkinson is the opponent having a crafty tug at his shirt on one side, while Gareth Owen has a little pull on the other.

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# The Town Captain's View



AS YOU may imagine, I am hoping to be selected for this afternoon's game after having to sit it out for three matches. We are at a stage of the season where every game is very important, and we need to treat them all like a cup final, because we want victories to maintain our play-off chances. Because of the holidays I have had to write this before Saturday's match at Tranmere, when we wanted to bounce back after the disappointment at Hartlepool.

Our last home game was also a disappointment to us, when we allowed Oldham to sneak a point. At least we were not beaten, but it is strange how we seem to be affected by the opposition's standing. We had played some terrific football when we showed we were the equals of the top two teams in the division. Without being disrespectful to Oldham, they are one of those teams you expect to beat at home if you are realistic promotion contenders. Instead the game was a bit flat, with little tempo or urgency, and no-one can explain why it happens. At least we didn't lose, and we could have, because having fluked one goal Dean Crowe ought to have scored another in the last few minutes.

We suffered similarly last season: we couldn't beat Chesterfield or Mansfield, who were both relegated, and you could say our failures against them cost us a play-off place. So perhaps we should be grateful that our remaining matches are all involving teams with promotion ambitions of their own.

Give credit to Oldham for doing a decent job at Kenilworth Road, even if their goal was a pure fluke. We needed a very quick reply, and once again well done Enoch Showunmi for another well-taken goal, from a nice ball played in by Ahmet Brkovic.

Enoch is getting stronger and fitter with every game. I know from experience that when you come back for pre-season work it can make you hurt, mentally and physically, so it has been even harder for Enoch, who had to make the transition from parks football to the Second Division. We're all delighted for him.

One of the odd features of the Oldham game was that the fans seemed to be very quiet. Like the game, they were flat. I suppose they were disappointed with what they were

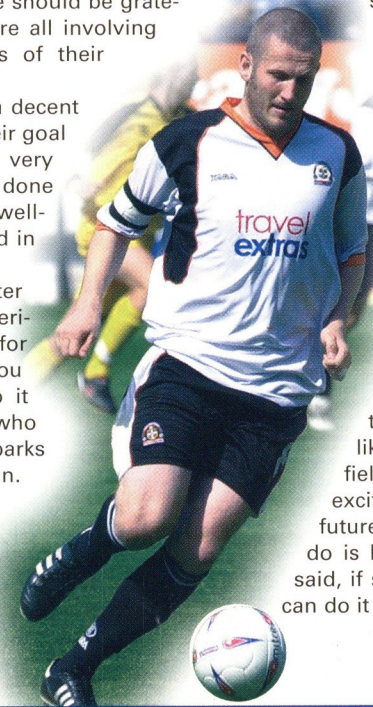
watching, but that's exactly the time when a team needs the supporters to be the 12th man. Our fans have been tremendous this season, and can play a big part in our efforts for the final month of the campaign.

Well done to all those who made the long trip to Hartlepool, and we were sorry we did not give you a better result. The lads were very disappointed, especially after conceding yet another very late goal on a night when they felt all the important refereeing decisions went against them.

The early goal was exactly what we needed, another example of a player returning to score against his former club. We needed a second and then we could have been cruising, but it wasn't to be. Even so, we could well have taken a point, which would have been very valuable because it would have kept Hartlepool below us. Instead they overtook us, and it is obviously going to be a real scrap for the play-off places. I think the season still has a few twists and turns left in it.

It was nice to welcome Michael Leary to our score-chart, and his progress has been another feature of a difficult season. Being in administration forced the gaffer to operate with a very small squad, and recent injuries have added to the problems, but it has given the chance for young lads to come through and prove they can do a man's job.

This afternoon we will all have to stand up like men, because this is a game of huge importance to both teams. Swindon are going well, and like us scoring goals from all over the field, so hopefully there should be some excitement for the fans of both sides. Our future is in our own hands - all we need to do is beat the teams above us. And, as I said, if supporters can be the 12th man, we can do it today.



*Kevin Nicholls*

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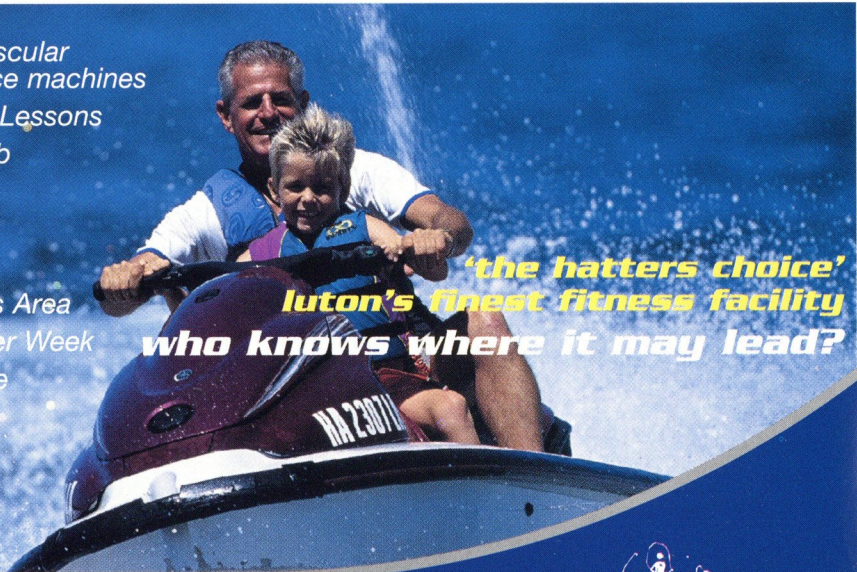
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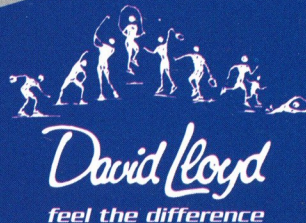


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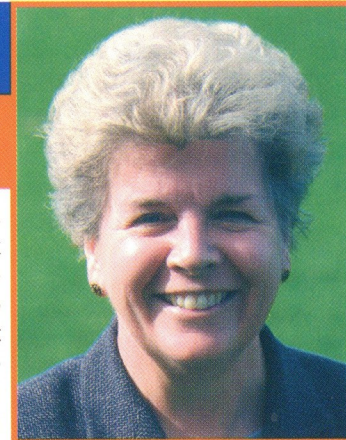
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## From The Chief Executive



GOOD afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road. I hope everyone has enjoyed Easter so far, and that the last few weeks of the season continue to add to our pleasure. We welcome the directors of Swindon Town, and I would like to add a particularly warm welcome to their manager, our old friend Andy King.

I must this afternoon offer sincere apologies over the fact that the public address system was not working at the last game, against Oldham. All our systems are given a pre-matchday check, and it was not until 1.15pm on Saturday that the main console stopped working.

It proved to be impossible to put things right in time for the match, but I am pleased to advise you that the engineers have now repaired the unit and it will be back working as normal today.

I found the atmosphere without the music and public address system very eerie. It is not until you don't have something that you realise how much it contributes to the day.

I felt there was a definite lack of atmosphere in the build-up to the game, let alone trying to get the winning Golden

Gamble number around the ground – my thanks to Gareth, the club photographer, and Dawn, the Golden Gamble supervisor, for their "modelling" of the winning number along the touchline.

Despite our best efforts we were unable to find the day's winner, so £740 is still waiting to be collected. Please see page 35 for all the details. Because of the PA system failure we also had to abandon plans to present the Travel Extras Player of the Month Award for March to Steve Robinson, and this will now take place today. I am sure supporters will give him a warm reception, and on the subject of supporters I must offer my congratulations to those who managed to get to Hartlepool on Tuesday evening. It's one of the longest journeys of the season, and it was good to see and hear nearly 300 who made the trip for a midweek evening game.

Again at the time of writing we are still in receivership, which I know is extremely disappointing and frustrating for everyone. I did not anticipate things taking this long when I genuinely advised you nearly a fortnight ago that I believed we would be out that week. Keep up the support, we will get there I promise you!

Meanwhile our thanks also to those who have supported the buy-a-seat campaign. The response has been tremendous, and I had to include a mention of one of the name-tags requested by one of our fans. The picture says it all!

Finally, the close season is not too far away, and we are beginning to formulate plans for refurbishment and decoration of the stadium, so if you could spare a few days between June 1 and July 15 to volunteer to put on a coat of paint, etc, we would love to hear from you.

Cherry Newbery

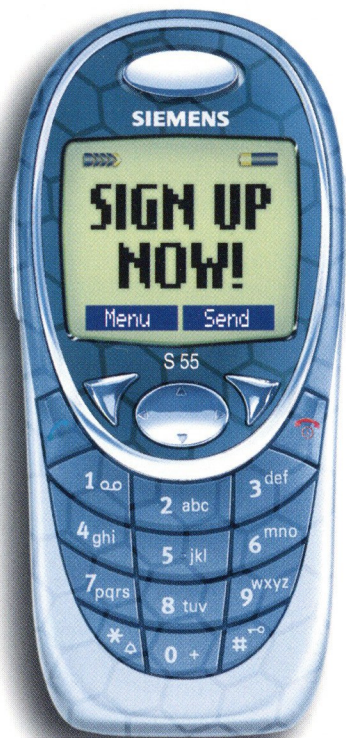


Our offer to fans to put their own message on their seat at Kenilworth Road, which they will own when we move out, has brought a very good response, and we thought this label, in the Kenilworth Road end, was one that sums up the affection Luton Town FC can inspire.





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## Die-Hards Clock Up The Miles

THE Town's away following passed the 28,000 mark on Tuesday, when nearly 300 die-hards managed to make the 500-mile round trip to Hartlepool – a wonderful turn-out considering the cost, time involved and the need to take time off work.

It was very nearly as many as Oldham brought to Luton for our last home game, and the biggest away crowd seen at Kenilworth Road so far this season remains that brought by QPR. However, that may change when Sheffield Wednesday complete our home season on May 1. They have been the best-supported team home and away throughout the campaign despite disappointing results which seem to have wrecked their chances of a return to Division One at the first attempt.

The latest stats for fans on the road at Town matches:

### Town Travellers

Stockport	671
Brighton	727
Notts Co	1,215
Plymouth	449
Charlton (CC)	2,407
Oldham	487
Swindon	412
Stevenage (LDV)	1,028
Brentford	1,468
Bournemouth	462
Bristol City	496
Rushden (LDV)	876
Thurrock (FAC)	509
Sheffield Wed	1,462
Rochdale (FAC)	562
Southend (LDV)	216
Blackpool	458
Colchester	941
Bradford	1,620
Rushden	2,319
Wycombe	1,838
Grimsby	249
Peterborough	2,583
Barnsley	723
Port Vale	601
QPR	3,139
Hartlepool	284
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28,202</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>1,007</b>

### Visitors to Luton

Rushden	922
Yeovil (CC)	493
Grimsby	318
Hartlepool	573
Port Vale	344
QPR	1,872
Tranmere	170
Wycombe	414
Peterborough	579
Wrexham	176
Thurrock	239
Chesterfield	168
Barnsley	358
Notts County	363
Stockport	364
Tranmere(FAC)	1,344
Colchester	367
Brighton	1,107
Brentford	579
Blackpool	325
Plymouth	1,638
Oldham	300
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,013</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>591</b>

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# News From The Ticket Office



## Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Bristol City

Saturday April 17 2004, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at  
normal matchday prices.

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Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability.

Remember there are **no concessions** available on cash turnstiles.



## Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Bournemouth

Tuesday April 20 2004, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal  
matchday prices.

This is a re-arranged fixture following the postponement on March 2. Season ticket holders are asked to produce special match voucher 0 at the turnstile to gain entry. All other tickets previously purchased for this match are still valid, including those which have the stub removed.

Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability.

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# News From The Ticket Office



## Nationwide League Division Two Wrexham v Luton Town

Saturday, April 24, 2004, kick-off 3pm

Prices: Adults £15, Senior Citizens and  
Juniors £10 No student concessions available.

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



## Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Sheffield Wednesday

Saturday, May 1, 2004, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal prices.

This is an **ALL TICKET** match for  
**ALL SUPPORTERS**, with no tickets available  
on the day of the match. Supporters are advised to purchase  
their tickets early to avoid disappointment.



## Ticket Office Opening Hours

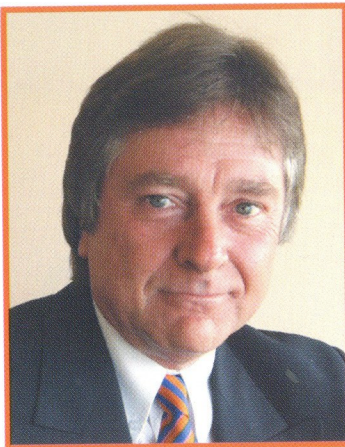
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# Commercial Corner

HAPPY Easter everybody, and may we offer a special welcome to all of our sponsors and commercial partners to this afternoon's Bank Holiday match



**David Lloyd Leisure guests in the sponsors lounge for our Oldham Athletic match.**

to another good year, they can be contacted on **01604 499462**

### JOINT MATCH SPONSORS

**Ian Smith**

It's not very often that we have the opportunity to support the celebration of a "coming of age" party, but today sees the exception. Ian Smith, today's joint match sponsor, joins us with his family and friends to start celebrating, his 40th birthday. He started attending Kenilworth Road in 1969, and numbers, amongst his many Hatters highlights, our Littlewoods Cup victory over Arsenal, and Scott Oakes's magnificent individual goal against Derby County in a match the Hatters won 2-1. He prides himself on having seen all 92 Football League and Premiership clubs play at home, most of them against the Town. Among his guests today are fellow supporters from Block A in the Main Stand and colleagues from Amphill Town and Bedfordshire CCC, where he is Treasurer.

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**Guests of match sponsors David Lloyd Leisure and John Eastaff (Builders) Merchants Ltd, presenting Chris Coyne with his Man of the Match award against Oldham.**

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### COMMERCIAL MASCOT

**Thomas Degnan**

Eight year old, soon to be nine, Thomas Degnan joins us this afternoon as commercial mascot. Thomas, who attends Flitwick Lower School, regularly comes to Hatters home matches with his dad, and sometimes

accompanied by his little sister. His hobbies, in addition to football, include cricket and golf, with his favourite Town player being Adrian Forbes. We all at the club hope that Thomas and his family have a great afternoon with us.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMIE BATES

All at the Club would like to extend congratulations



**Billy Popham, Director of Decillion Financial Services, our match ball sponsor, with his guests at the Oldham game.**



**Players kit sponsors Chris Payne, Scott Simpson and Mark Norman, together with their guests on the Town turf before the kick-off against Oldham.**

to Luton Town season ticket holder, 27 year old, Jamie Bates, as he prepares for his last week of freedom prior to his marriage to Kirsty on Saturday 17th April. Jamie first came to Kenilworth Road in 1985 courtesy of his uncle, and has been a regular visitor ever since. Jamie is joined today by 11 of his closest friends and family, with the celebrations being conducted in the Century Club. We all wish Jamie and Kirsty a long and happy life together.

Enjoy the match

*Peter Davis*



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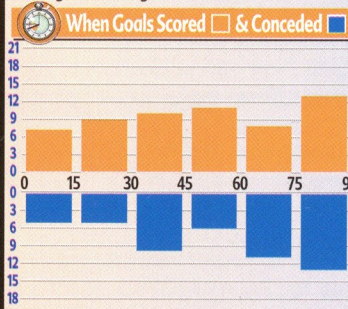


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Won: 1  
Drawn: 4  
Lost: 1  
Scored: 6  
Conc: 6  
Points: 7  
Goal Diff: 0  
Last 6: DWLDDD  
Last 5 Home: WWWDD  
Last 5 Away: LWDLD

Miscellaneous  
Players Used: 34  
Clean Sheets: 9  
Failed to Score: 7

The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	3 players	2
Long range shots	Howard	2
Inside 6 yards	Coyne, Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	3 players	1
Penalties	Nicholls	2
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard	5
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	9.5



Goalkeeping	
Opp. attempts on target	204
Goals conceded	50
On target/goals scored	4.08
Division 2 rating	14

Goalscoring Strike Rate	
Shots on target	234
Goals scored	58
On target / goals	4.03
Division 2 Rating	9

Goals in last 10 mins	
Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	10
Points lost	12

Fouls & Offsides	
Average fouls per game	13.39
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	19
Average Offsides per game	4.61
Div 2 Rating	24

Swings	
WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	6
LOST when ahead	3
DRAWN when ahead	6
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	3
DRAWN 2+ down	0
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Margins	
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LOST BY:	1 Goal: 5
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LOST BY:	3 Goals: 2
WON BY:	4 Goals: 0
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WON BY:	5+ Goals: 0
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Attendances	
Aggregate	118,212
Highest	8,499
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,222

Where Goals	
11 Close Range	22
40 Inside Area	38
7 Outside Area	7



Goalkeeping	
Opp. attempts on target	208
Goals conceded	53
On target/goals scored	3.92
Division 2 rating	17

Goalscoring Strike Rate	
Shots on target	244
Goals scored	67
On target / goals	3.64
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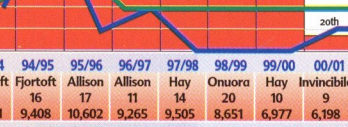
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Points won	9
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Points lost	2

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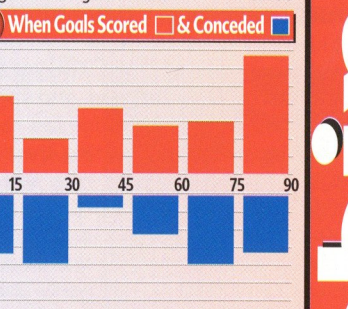
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LOST BY:	5+ Goals: 0

Attendances	
Aggregate	145,613
Highest	10,573
Lowest	5,313
Average	7,281



The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Mooney	8
Long range shots	Mooney	2
Inside 6 yards	Parkin	7
Shots from 6-18 yards	Mooney	8
Volleyed shots	Mooney	4
Penalties	Gurney	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Mooney, Parkin	9
Most goals in last 10	Parkin	5
Points gained from goals	Parkin	19.08



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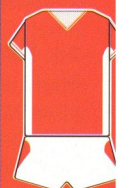
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## Robins



Form Guide:

Won: 1  
Drawn: 1  
Lost: 1  
Scored: 1  
Conc: 1  
Points: 1  
Goal Diff: -1  
Last 6: LWLDDL  
Last 5 Home: WWWWD  
Last 5 Away: WLLDL

Miscellaneous  
Players Used: 28  
Clean Sheets: 12  
Failed to Score: 5



EVERY CLUB, EVERY GAME  
...FROM THE PREMIERSHIP  
TO THE CONFERENCE





# Welcome to Today's Visitors

## 1. BART GRIEMINK - GOALKEEPER

Giant keeper signed by Colin Todd on a free transfer in the summer of 2000. Griemink is a former Dutch Under-21 international who spent a successful loan spell with The Robins (as cover for Frank Talia) before eventually joining the club. He came to English football in 1995 with Birmingham and deputised competently for the injured Ian Bennett, playing in the 1995 League Cup semi-final. Bart played every game last season and was one of the most consistent performers - he was also in contention for the Player of the Year Award. The arrival of Under 21 goalkeeper Rhys Evans in 2003 has seen Bart with a tougher test than seasons gone by and subsequently has found himself as second choice keeper. However, the Dutchman continues to train hard and push Evans all the way for the number one shirt and is probably the best goalkeeper on the bench in Division Two.

## 20. RHYS EVANS - GOALKEEPER

Made his debut for the England Under 21 side against Serbia, but was eventually released by Chelsea in the summer. Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts for Town and has turned in many match saving performances. A Town fan at heart that is glad to be playing for his local team again. He continues to work hard with goal keeping coach Fraser Digby in a bid to push him into a more prominent England spot.

## 3. GRANT SMITH - MIDFIELDER

Grant joined Swindon Town after being released from the Blades and was strongly recommended by Sheffield United boss, Neil Warnock amongst many others. Since joining in the summer of 2003, 'Smithy' has had little chance to impress with a host of restricted performances in the first team and a blight of niggling injuries. However, the Scot has continued to perform excellently in the reserve side and is now regular skipper of Town's second string eleven.

## 4. MATTHEW HEWLETT - MIDFIELDER

All at Ashton Gate once tipped midfielder Matt for the top. The former Bristol City player was called

into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000.

Matt captained the side last season in the absence of the suspended regular skipper Andy Gurney and has continued to deputise this season, losing only seven of his eight games with the captain's armband. He has now made well over a hundred appearances for Swindon Town and continues to be a consistent performer in the centre of midfield. Despite some criticism, he tends to be the engine room at the heart of the team and the side never quite looks the same when he is missing.

## 6. ADI VIVEASH - DEFENDER

Viveash started his career here at Swindon and spent two separate brief spells on loan with the Royals in the 1992/3 and 1994/5 seasons. Joined Reading on a permanent deal in 2000/01 and started as the first choice centre back. Last season his first team involvement at Reading was restricted to a handful of games as a non-playing substitute until the final part of the campaign. Adi chose against signing a new one year deal with the Royals and departed for Wiltshire in the hope of a final few seasons with regular first team action. After starting the season as a regular choice on the left side of three centre backs, he found himself back on the bench following a poor run of games for Town in the winter. Has since struggled to return to the side for personal reasons but is now back in training and pushing for a first team start.

## 6. ANDY GURNEY - DEFENDER (CAPT)

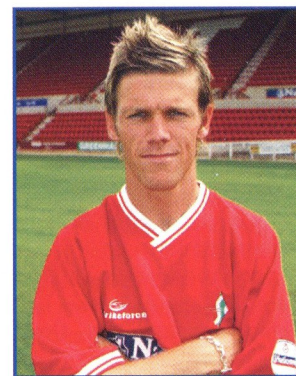
Andy started his career at hometown club Bristol Rovers, where he spent four seasons before moving to Torquay for one year and impressing during their surge to the play-offs. He then joined Reading in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender that could also play in midfield. He soon established a regular starting place with Reading in 1999/00 and figured in the Royals' promotion push last year. Was keen to join Town after their impressive performance against Reading and King snapped him up on a Bosman in the summer of 2001. Crowned an impressive home debut performance against Tottenham with a long-range goal and proved to



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be one of King's best buys. Comfortable on the ball, he is a versatile defender who can appear at right back or in midfield if required.



## 7. SAMMY IGOE - MIDFIELDER

After making his way up through the ranks at Portsmouth, where he began as a trainee, Igoe went on to secure a first team spot at the south coast club and made his mark with some impressive performances. He moved to

Reading in a £100,000 deal but found it difficult to break into the first team and spent much of his time on the substitutes bench. Sammy eventually joined Luton on loan on transfer deadline day and went straight into their starting line up. However after just two appearances a training ground accident brought his stay to a premature close and he returned to the Madejski Stadium. Igoe left to join Swindon in the summer of 2003. This season he has brought a fresh enthusiasm to the Town side and has quickly become a crowd favourite with his quick feet, skills and turn of pace.

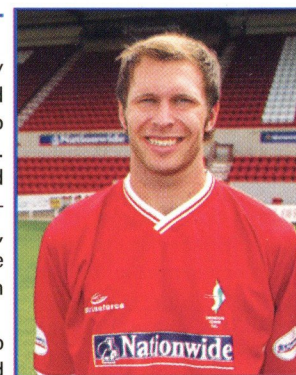
## 8. TOMMY MOONEY - STRIKER

Tommy joined Town from Birmingham in July this year. He joined previous club Birmingham from Watford and, over the course of his career, he has spanned the highest and lowest levels of English football. He is one of few current players in the Town squad to have Premiership experience thanks to his time with the Hornets. Over seven seasons at Vicarage Road, Tommy's goal average was an impressive one in every four games with 63 goals in 279 appearances in all competitions. Late on in the summer of 2003 he decided to join Andy King's revolution at Swindon Town and has quickly become a fans favourite in Wiltshire. His grit and determination made him a cult hero, and after a fantastic start to the season he is now well into double figures along with strike partner Sam Parkin. On regular occasions King has referred publicly to the strike pairing as the best in Division Two and with a work rate and character as strong

as Mooney's, he looks set to fire the team further up the table and into the play off's.

## 9. SAM PARKIN - STRIKER

Young and very promising forward who joined the club from Chelsea in 2002. The transfer followed a mass of speculation, with Andy King, a huge fan of the player, tracking him for several months. Parkin joined the club from Stamford



Bridge where his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. However, whilst at the club he joined several other clubs on loan and it is with them that he built up a reputation as a lethal striker.

He joined Millwall in September 2000 and made his Football League debut for the Lions in a 5-0 demolition of Oxford United. He then went on loan to Wycombe Wanderers in November 2000 after having a trial with Queens Park Rangers. Scored twice in 13 games for the Chairboys, but eventually went on loan once again to Oldham Athletic before joining Northampton, again on loan, in 2001.

'Super Sammy Parkin' more than repaid Andy King's faith in his ability by netting 26 goals during the 2002-03 campaign, including a devastating hat-trick against Barnsley on the opening day of the season. Strong on the ball and devastating in the box, he then went on to finish third in the Division's goal charts.

Understandably he romped away with the majority of trophies when the clubs 'Player of the Year' awards were handed out. So far this season, the striker has picked up where he left off last term and in tandem with Tommy Mooney, has begun to terrorise defences and fire Town further up the league.

A true legend already, Town fans will be hoping the club can hang on to their hero before he attracts any major interest.

## 10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI - MIDFIELDER

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College



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football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial. They were keen to sign him but no deal came about. Portsmouth then out jumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter. The 22-year-old is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better. What's more, Miglioranzi is versatile; he can play in defence or as a central midfielder and since joining the club in July, has impressed in the middle of Town's midfield. This campaign has seen the midfielder go from strength to strength at the heart of Town's midfield and after chipping in with his fair share of spectacular goals; he has quickly become the heartbeat of Andy King's team.

#### 11. DAVID DUKE - DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

'Dukey' will feel slightly aggrieved with the tag of 'Most Improved Player' last season - but he hardly missed a game and rarely put a foot wrong on the left hand side of Town's midfield. The Scotsman arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000 having never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins. He combined well with Sol Davis down the Robins' left and is a good crosser of the ball - last year he became more affective beating players and he contributed more to the team with his hard work and endeavour.

#### 14. JON STEVENSON - FORWARD

Live-wire young striking prospect signed his first professional forms in February 2001 with Leicester City. He was involved regularly from the bench during that season, scoring in their drubbing at Portman Road, and continues to have the making of a fine future player.

Although he looked a fine prospect, he was released by the club in preparation for their return to the Premiership.

He then signed for Swindon Town after a recommendation from Foxes Director of Football, Dave Basset. With bags of pace and skill, he has proved to be a good summer addition to the squad and despite very few first team chances, he continues to develop into a hot prospect for the future.

#### 15. ANDREW NICHOLAS - DEFENDER

Andrew was a regular member of Liverpool's under-19 winning team in 2003 and won plaudits with his consistent performances at left back, resulting in a flattering comparison to Anfield legend Sami Hyypia.

At the time, his path into the first team at Liverpool seemed blocked and upon his decision to leave, King snapped him up in the summer of 2003. After working his way into the manager's starting line up with some hard work in training, the left sided defender has never looked back and has given a number of solid performances so far.

With good height, terrific pace and recovery he has proved to be a valuable asset to the defensive line up this season. He also possesses a Dave Challinor-style long throw, which he claims to be one of the longest in the division.

#### 16. RORY FALLON - STRIKER

A recent signing from Barnsley, the big striker made quite an impression against Swindon in the past two seasons, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Town boss Andy King. He had just began to cement his place in the first team when he suffered a stress fracture of his foot at the end of February and it was not until the closing stages that he rejoined the first team squad.

King had become a keen admirer of the striker by that point and Town eventually agreed a disclosed fee with Barnsley to bring him down to Wiltshire. However, with Parkin and Mooney in such good form, he has found it difficult to gain many first team chances but looks a superb prospect for the future. Has so far come of the bench to good effect and managed his first goal for the club against Plymouth in December.

#### 17. BRIAN HOWARD - MIDFIELDER

The youngster joined Town from Southampton in 2003 having playing for the Saints reserves for two years. The 20-year old left-sided midfielder even turned down a late move to go to Chelsea, choosing instead to opt for some first team football under Andy King.

He has been a regular member of the England youth set up and was unlucky to not be included in the Under 20's side that went to the FIFA World Youth Championships.

The left sided midfielder has proved to be a reve-



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lation on the flanks this season and should regularly be getting a pat on the back from the Town forwards as he continues to put chances in front of them.

#### 19. MATTHEW HEYWOOD - DEFENDER

It has been another consistent year for Town's most effective defender and after a slow start, he returned to the kind of form that saw him clean up in the 2001/02 Player of the Year Awards.

Originally, Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer.

Was an ever-present in the latter half of 2000/01 and has now missed just four games since. The tall defender signed an extension to his contract, much to the delight of the fans and he has shown the same strength and commitment this season.

Strong in the tackle and good in the air, Heywood is proving to be a great asset to the club. It is no coincidence that Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and whilst he may not have scored as many goals as he would have liked, he can prove effective went sent forward as an extra body in the box.

#### 21. BEN MARTIN - DEFENDER

Manager Andy King signed Martin, a massive 6'7 centre-back, in August 2003. After impressing King during a scouting mission last season, he trained with the squad towards the end of last term and signed a one-year deal with the Club.

He has so far had a loan spell at Lincoln City where he didn't manage to get into the first team action and recently decided to join Farnborough Town on loan in a bid to get more football under his belt and will hope to figure in manager Andy King's future plans.

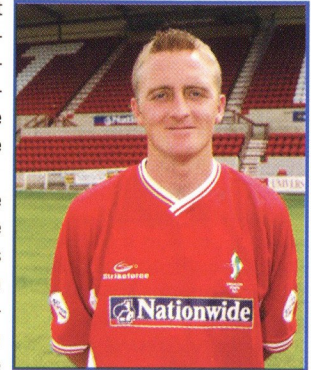
#### 22. ALAN REEVES - DEFENDER

Before joining Swindon in 1998, he spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale where he is considered to be one of the best players in the club's history.

Town's veteran defender enjoyed another fine season in 2002-03. His sheer presence and a willingness to throw himself into the thick of the action

were evident throughout that season and he thoroughly deserved his runner up spot in the clubs 'Player of the Season' award.

He has now made well over 400 league appearances and was rewarded last season with a playing/coaching role that has seen him turn around the fortunes of Town's reserve side. He continues to back up the Swindon defence when called upon and has so far continued with some sterling performances this season.



#### 25. STEVE ROBINSON - MIDFIELDER

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfielder signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of that season and more recently, signed a two-year extension to his contract.

A former Birmingham trainee, he broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry but has constantly been dogged by injuries that have limited his first team chances. He made over 50 league starts for the Blues, but almost joined Sheffield United in 1999 only to fail the medical.

He was involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, but was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad. He duly left for Wiltshire in the hope of first team football and has proved to be a shrewd signing for the club ever since.

His non stop attitude and one hundred per cent work rate for the team has proved to be an outstanding asset and despite never really hitting the net on a regular occasion, his goals have come at important times; including a memorable double against local rivals Oxford United not too long ago in the memory of many a Town fan.





# Blast From The Past

Although we had met up with Swindon on many occasions in the Southern League from our earliest times the story really starts when both clubs became founder

members of Football League Division Three in 1920. Our first opponents at this new level were old friends Swindon and on 28th August 1920 we travelled to the County Ground with high hopes only to return with our tails between our legs having suffered a 1-9 thrashing! Reports would indicate that the Hatters were worse than poor that day and even the reliable Ireland international Alan Mathieson caught the malaise that had spread through the side when he lobbed a spectacular 30 yard own goal to complete the scoring.

The return game was played the following week and, quite understandably, there was a massive shake-up in the side with only five players retaining their places. The changes had the desired effect with the

new-look Hatters winning through 2-0 with Sid Hoar and the prolific Ernie Simms on the scoresheet.

In the following season we had enjoyed a ten game unbeaten run leading up to Christmas with the result that the holiday fixture with Swindon attracted a record league crowd of 15,671 to Kenilworth Road, a figure which was not bettered for 14 years. Although we beat the Robins that day we failed to keep up the momentum and finally finished fourth.

For the rest of the 1920's and 1930's, leading up to our eventual promotion in 1937, results tended to go with the home side and it was not until 1933/34 that either side achieved the 'double'. Swindon gained that honour during that campaign but we returned the compliment the following year.

The final pre-war meetings took place in 1936/37 towards the end of a season that brought eventual promotion for the Hatters. In the game at Swindon on 3rd April, a last minute goal from George Stephenson secured a point in a 2-2 draw, but in the return three weeks later we were rampant scoring three times in fifteen minutes. Record goalscorer Joe Payne went on to hit a hat-trick in that game which finished 5-1 with his third goal bringing his personal tally for the season to 50.



Vic Halom is highest to the ball during the 0-0 home draw with Swindon in 1971/72.

# Clashes With The Robins

Paths did not cross again in the league until 1968/69 with both sides in the old Division Three. In the home clash that season the Luton players were heavily criticized for 'rough play' after leaving Swindon goalkeeper Peter Downsborough limping following a series of heavy challenges. Having said that, the Swindon defenders of the time took no prisoners and gave goalscorers Laurie Sheffield and Brian Lewis a good buffeting.

Swindon were promoted at the end of that season but we joined them twelve months later for a four season run which ended with our promotion to the top flight in 1974 and Swindon's relegation. During that promotion season we achieved the 'double' over the Robins, winning 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in our first ever sponsored match and 2-0 at the County Ground where only 2,791 turned up for an afternoon fixture at the height of the 'three day week' and electricity power cuts.

We had to wait nearly twenty years before paths crossed again and following our relegation from the old Division One in 1992 we had to endure a turgid 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road and a 0-1 defeat at Swindon with Paul Bodin netting the winner late on. Swindon were promoted at the season's end but only lasted a year before rejoining us in 1994/95. Again we achieved the double with our 2-1 victory at Swindon in November 1994 coming at the end of an eight game unbeaten away record which included six wins. Unfortunately our home record was

nowhere near as impressive that season and our 3-0 victory over the Robins at Kenilworth Road was a shining light in a sea of gloom.

We next met up in 2000/01 in Division Two and our miserable 2-3 home defeat at the hands of the Robins was typical of the displays put on by the Hatters at the time. Only three players (Emmerson Boyce, Peter Holmes and Matthew Spring) remain at the club from the team that turned out that day.

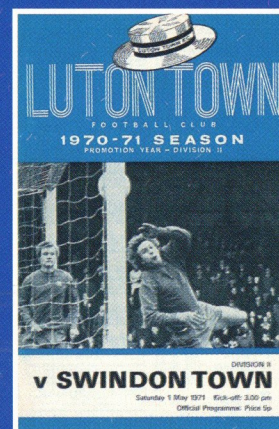
By the time of the return we had a new manager in charge. Joe Kinnear had overseen three straight wins at the start of his Luton career, had seen the Hatters lose at Walsall in game four and then take on the Robins at the County Ground for a 'must win' match.

The players did him and the supporters proud in winning 3-1 and I, for one, thought while driving home that we would escape the drop. Unfortunately, it was not to be and we had to miss out on clashes with Swindon for twelve months with matters resuming last season.

In the game at Kenilworth Road last term we were slowly recovering from a poor start to the campaign and our 3-0 win over the Robins pushed us several places up the table. Goals from Steve Howard, Andrew Fotiadis (after missing a couple of sitters) and Steve Robinson from the spot sent the crowd of 6,393 home happy. It would be nice for a repeat this afternoon!

*Roger Wash*

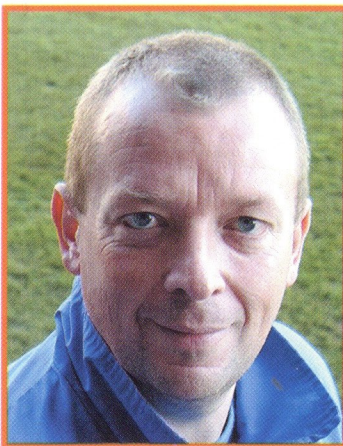
## Yesterday's pages



The Town entertained Swindon on the final Saturday of the 1970/71 campaign and produced their normal 20 page programme plus the Football League Review insert for 5p. The programme was one of the better ones around at the time and had a good mix of photographs and reading material. In the editorial column Eric Pugh (Chiltern of the 'Luton News') was on the one hand bemoaning the Town's luck as the season drew to a close and the realisation had set in that a third promotion in four seasons was not going to happen and on the other celebrating what had been an exhilarating campaign.

Right up until Easter we had been amongst the front runners but had slipped up big time over the holiday period losing all three games. For the record we drew 1-1 with Swindon that May afternoon on a dry, bumpy pitch in a game that had 'anticlimax' written all over it.





# LTFC in the Community

working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association and Luton Borough Council



A FEW weeks ago I informed you that Lealands High School had won our local heats of the Adidas Community Cup for girls under 13. Today there is more good news. They went on to the area final at Brentford, and once more they were winners. Beating Watford in the final was the icing on the cake.

Not only that, but they won without conceding a single goal. Group games results: Lealands 1 (Laura Day) Wimbledon 0; Lealands 0 Gillingham 0; Lealands 1 (Keri Murphy) QPR 0; Lealands 0 Brentford 0; Lealands 0 Watford 0; Lealands 0 Wycombe 0.

In the semi-finals a goal by Stephanie Fisher gave Lealands a 1-0 victory over QPR, and Laura Day got the only goal of the final, against Watford.

Well done to teacher and manager Wayne Cullum and the all the girls involved: Laura Cutler, Hannah Bush, Stephanie Fisher, Chelsea Cowley, Laura Day, Kelsey Lamont, Kerri Murphy, Amanda Scott

This puts Lealands into the last eight in the country, and they will play in a southern region finals day at The Causeway, Wycombe on April 22.



That will involve a mini-tournament with three other teams, and if they win this they will go into the national final at QPR's Loftus Road ground on May 3, which is the pre-match entertainment before the women's FA Cup Final.

Lealands success is another sign of the strength of youth football in and around Luton, and we have now had two of our schools reaching the last eight in national competitions. Hopefully the girls can go one better than the boys of



# Coaching Standards Are Adopted Nationwide



Hillborough and reach the national finals. Good luck girls!

## LADIES DAY.

Today is a Community Department Ladies Day. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Nationwide Building Society through their Supporters of Tomorrow campaign. We have laid on a series of activities for girls.

This morning we had a two-hour fun and coaching session on the Astro turf at Vauxhall, with 40 girls from 8 to 13 years old.

They have joined us for this afternoon's match. Hopefully they will enjoy the game and come back to see more. Twelve of the girls have been lucky enough to win the opportunity to play on the pitch before today's big kick-off.

Also, the Lealands High School squad are putting on a half time demonstration of girls football. Have a watch - the standard is excellent. They are also here thanks to the sponsorship of Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow. Also today's Junior Hatters Mascot is a young lady. This will hopefully be the first of many similar events.

Stuart Smith

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# Instant Response Earns A Point

## Luton Town 1 Oldham Athletic 1

A THIRD consecutive 1-1 draw kept the Town in the play-off hunt, with Enoch Showunmi heading a valuable equaliser less than a minute after Oldham had taken a shock league with a fluke goal. The visitors, fighting to avoid being dragged into the relegation scrap, were much happier than the Town with the result. They should have been – they were lucky to go home with a point, and manager Brian Talbot admitted: "If we had been offered the draw before kick-off I would have taken it."

Mike Newell was not so pleased. But he pointed out that it was inevitable Oldham would battle, and that the Town's preparations have for weeks been bedevilled by injuries and suspensions.

Four changes were made to the starting line-up that did so well at QPR, with three enforced: Paul Hughes and Paul Underwood injured and Kevin Nicholls suspended.

So when he was asked why the Town looked so good against the top two teams in their previous two games, but not so convincing against lowly visitors, the boss said: "We were not at our best, but it's difficult to be so when you have to chop and change every week. And we are throwing players back in who are not 100 per cent, with little or no match practice."

"We haven't got great resources, but all we ask is for them to keep their minds right, keep believing in themselves, and we believe we can still do it."

"Their goal looked like a cross to me, but these things happen. But we created clearer and better chances and their keeper made some very good saves, particularly two or three before we scored and another one in the second half against Enoch."

It was probably inevitable that the Oldham goal came from Dean Crowe, on his full debut ten days after being released by the Town. It was his first goal since August 2002 when he contributed the last in a

3-0 win over Chesterfield at Kenilworth Road, although a broken leg interrupted his career after that. He celebrated wildly, but few doubted it was pure fluke, an attempted right-wing cross that sailed into the far top corner, the sort of goal that has been known to embarrass David Seaman.

It was Oldham's first on-target shot, if shot it was, and they managed only one other in the rest of the game.

To their credit the Town responded to that 33rd-minute blow by going onto the attack from the restart, and Ahmet Brkovic played in a tantalising left wing cross for Showunmi to head his eighth goal of the season.

Oldham were concentrating their efforts on defence, having worked all week on the training ground on ways to keep the Town at bay. That policy, said Brian Talbot, was needed after his side had allowed bottom club Wycombe to chalk up their first away win of the season at Boundary Park seven days earlier.

Even so they were grateful to Les Poglomici for several good saves, notably from Showunmi and Steve Robinson in the first half, and from Showunmi again just before the end. Those saves almost cost the Town dear, because with four minutes to go, and attack on everybody's mind, they were caught on the break, and sub Jermaine Johnson, who had been dropped to make way for Crowe, set up the former Town man for the best chance of the game. With Morten Hyltdgaard exposed, Crowe shot wide of the far post. "His first touch wasn't good enough," said a disappointed Talbot.

He added: "We could have won it then, but overall I can't complain about the result. We worked hard on defence in training, and if our defensive performance in the remaining seven games is as solid as this one we should be all right."

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Hyltdgaard; Keane, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Foley (Forbes 76 mins) Neilson (O'Leary 70 mins); Robinson, Brkovic; Howard, Showunmi. Unused subs: Davies, Leary, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Alan Neilson and Stephen O'Leary for fouls.

**OLDHAM:** Poglomici; Holden, Owen, Haining, Griffin; Eyre, Murray, Sheridan, Cooksey; Wilkinson (Johnson 72 mins), Crowe. Unused subs Clegg, Vernon, Bonner, Eyres.

**BOOKED:** Andy Griffin and Dean Holden, fouls on Keith Keane and Ahmet Brkovic.

**REFEREE:** Richard Beeby, Northamptonshire.

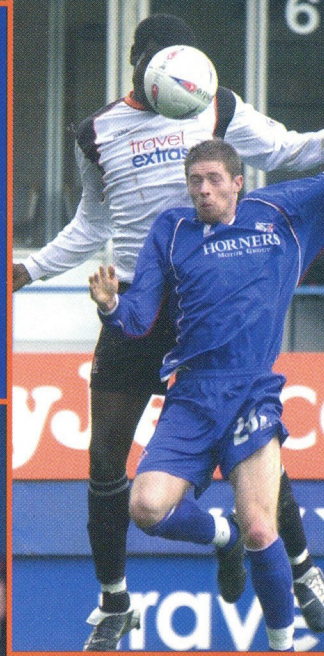
**ATTENDANCE:** 5,966, including 300 supporting Oldham.



**BUSY MIDFIELDER:** Ahmet Brkovic, who delivered the cross for the Town's equaliser, in competition with Dean Holden, with Dean Crowe in the background.

**RIGHT:** Enoch Showunmi rises above Adam Griffin to head the Town's goal.

**BELOW:** Chris Coyne joins a Town attack, with John Eyre his would-be marker.





# Hatters Pic of the Week



**GETTING STUCK IN:** Midfielders were some of the hardest-working men on view in the Town's draw with Oldham, and Steve Robinson was no exception – best foot forward and eye on the ball as he comes up against Darren Sheridan.



# Last-minute Penalty Settles It At 'Pool

## Hartlepool Utd 4 Luton Town 3

THE locals were delighted with what they called a seven-goal thriller. We would have been if the result had been the other way round, but instead there was huge disappointment as once more a very late goal cost the Town the point that seemed to be theirs.

The winner was from a penalty, and while the trip by Curtis Davies on Eifion Williams was not disputed, questions were asked about whether the attacker was offside. Seconds later, Enoch Showunmi had the ball in the net at the other end, only for that effort to be ruled out, leaving Mike Newell to comment that it was one of those games where the officials seemed to give less and less to his men the longer the game went on. Emmerson Boyce and Alan Neilson were the latest to be struck down by injury, leading to the recall of 19-year-old Davies at the back and 20-year-old Michael Leary in midfield.

Hartlepool were up for it, knowing a home win would enable them to leapfrog the Town and Port Vale, but their early enthusiasm was doused when Steve Howard confirmed the tradition of players scoring against their former clubs in the third minute. A Sol Davis free kick led to Enoch Showunmi's goal-bound effort being tipped over the bar, and Howard converted the corner by Steve Robinson.

A corner at the other end led to Antony Sweeney equalising on 14 minutes, but Leary regained the lead with a goal to remember, a 30-yard piledriver in the 31st minute for his first league goal.

The Town were fairly comfortable for the rest of the first half, and the result might have been dif-

ferent had Ahmet Brkovic converted a 44th-minute chance. He broke through down the middle, got beyond the Hartlepool defence, but shot against the bar, with the goalkeeper beaten.

The second half was a different story, with not much to choose between the sides except for Pool's ability to take chances. Adam Boyd headed them level from a right wing cross on 52 minutes, and that raised the tempo and the crowd, and three minutes later Hugh Robertson lashed in a goal as good as Leary's to give his side the lead for the first time.

Back came the Town, and it took only four minutes to restore parity when Chris Coyne's header from a corner by Robinson came back off the bar and Leary pounced to convert the rebound.

The draw looked set until the 90th minute when Hartlepool enjoyed the rub of the green and the chance to end it with Boyd's second, from the penalty spot.

"We should have got something out of it," said the Town manager. "At half time we felt that if we continued to play as we had done there would be more goals in it for us. We certainly never expected to concede three in the second half.

"We are not complaining about the trip for the penalty, but my impression was that the player was offside, and I don't know why Enoch's last-minute header was disallowed. We got very little from the referee, and less and less as the game went on.

"We are very disappointed, but we are still in a reasonable position, with another 21 points to play for."

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Hyldgaard; Keane, Davies, Coyne, Davis; Foley (Forbes 70 mins), Robinson, Leary, Brkovic; Howard, Showunmi. Unused subs: Mansell, Hillier, O'Leary, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Chris Coyne for a foul, Sol Davis for handball and Enoch Showunmi for playing on after the whistle.

**HARTLEPOOL:** Provett; Craddock, Westwood, Tinkler, Robertson, Clarke (Istead 78 mins), Sweeney, Strachan, Humphries; Porter (Williams 87 mins), Boyd. Unused subs: Jordan, Danns, Konstantopoulos.

**BOOKED:** Hugh Robertson, foul on Steve Robinson.

**REFEREE:** Frazer Stretton, Nottinghamshire.

**ATTENDANCE:** 4,434, including 284 supporting the Town.



**TAKE THAT:** Michael Leary heads his second goal to make it 3-3 on 59 minutes at Victoria Park

**RIGHT:** Mark Tinkler can do nothing to stop Steve Howard opening the scoring inside three minutes.

**BELOW:** Chris Coyne at full stretch as the Town put on late pressure.





## Town Teaser

A PAIR of match tickets will be won by a lucky supporter this afternoon. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go in our Town Teaser competition. At the last home game we asked who was the connection between Oldham, Luton Town and Crystal Palace, and the answer was Iain Dowie, who played for the Town, was manager of Oldham until earlier this season, and is now the boss at Selhurst Park. Today's question is about another manager.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

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THE GOLDEN Gamble attracted plenty of interest at the Oldham game, but someone in the crowd went home without collecting the £740 jackpot prize, and we are looking for the supporter who bought the lucky winning ticket.

A problem with the public address system meant that the winning number could not be announced over the Tannoy, but it was flashed onto the scoreboard several times, and posters carrying the number were paraded all round the ground.

So if you bought a ticket and did not check it on the day, it's worth another look now: the lucky number is 36681, and if you hold that ticket please contact the commercial department as soon as possible. The only other information we can offer is that the winning ticket was sold, probably just before kick-off, on the apron at the top of Kenilworth Road.

It is the second time this season that the win-

ner has not stepped forward. The jackpot prize at the postponed Bournemouth game was £585, and we are still looking for the holder of ticket number 29485.

The two prizes are worth a total of £1,325, so it's worth checking to see if you are due a fistful of readies.

Kevin Nicholls picked out the winning ticket at the Oldham match, and once more today another jackpot winner will be chosen on the pitch during half time. The Golden Gamble has generated £15,380 at our 23 home games so far, an average of £669 each jackpot. Tickets are only £1, with half the income going into the prize and the other 50p to club funds, so your support is much appreciated. Sellers will be on duty in all parts of the ground again today, and hopefully the winner will claim the cash there and then.

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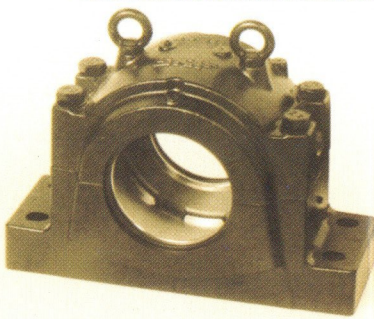
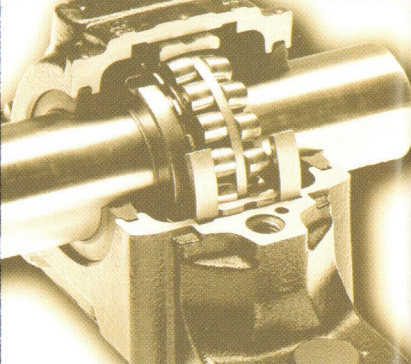
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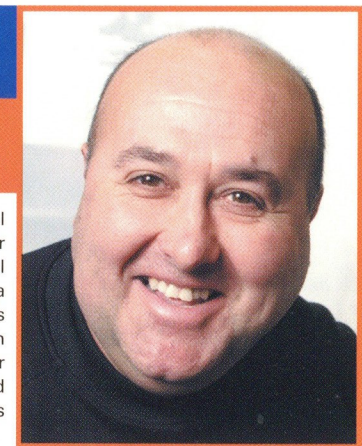
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# Youth Soccer

## The under-17s



**Luton Town 3 Portsmouth 2**

WE ARE guaranteed a top five finish after completing our home programme with a victory against a good visiting side. We were three up after an hour, but Pompey then scored twice to make it a tense finale. With no under-19 game Portsmouth fielded some experienced players, while our 15-man squad included seven boys aged 14 and two of 13.

But we got the opening goal on 19 minutes. Ross Hanley did well on the wing to drive forward and deliver a low cross for Matt Kenneford to finish at the far post.

Portsmouth came back hard, and put us under pressure. Zac Barrett made a good save when a quick free kick nearly caught us out, and just before the break he helped turn defence into attack to set up a second goal. He collected a free kick, cleared long, and Matt Kenneford broke free. He crossed for Stuart Richardson to volley in.

He almost scored again early in the second half, but the keeper made an excellent save before being beaten for the third time on the hour. The chance was created by Rob Sinclair's cut-back and expertly finished by Ross Hanley with a powerful drive from just outside the box. Portsmouth pulled a goal back in the 72nd minute after we

passed up several chances to clear our lines, and the goal gave the visitors a lift. Seven minutes later Josh Green was pulled up for shirt-tugging and the penalty was converted.

We had strong claims for a penalty for handball turned down, so it was an anxious end to the game as Portsmouth piled on pressure, only to be met by resolute defending, with everyone in the team playing his part. The win put us within two points of Portsmouth, and if we do well in our final two fixtures we could finish fourth again, which would be a tremendous achievement in view of the average age of our side this season.

**Luton Town:** Barrett, Asafu'Adjaye, Tague, Green, Pendleton, Richardson (Cowley 65), Hanley, Reynolds, R. Sinclair, Preston, Kenneford (Quinn 80).

WE ARE away to Brentford next Saturday, and have one other fixture to complete our programme, away to QPR, with a new date still awaited after a postponement last month.

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August		September		October		November		December		January		February		March		April	
9	Brentford	A	1-2	Burrows	6	Cambridge	A	0-2	15	L. Orient	A	4-0	14	Rushden	H	2-1	Hamilton, Charles
16	Brighton	H	1-2	Burrows	13	Portsmouth	A	0-3	6	Colchester	A	0-1	24	Wycombe	A	3-0	Andrew 2, Hanley
23	Rushden	A	3-1	Burrows 2, Preston	20	L. Orient	H	3-1	13	Oxford	H	6-1	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
6	Cambridge	A	0-2		27	Southend	A	2-6	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	14	Cambridge	H	2-2	Ridgway 2
13	Portsmouth	A	0-3		4	Northampton	A	4-1	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
20	L. Orient	H	3-1	Andrew 2, Freeman	11	Colchester	H	0-2	8	Wycombe	H	8-0	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
27	Southend	A	2-6	Magadah, Tague	18	Oxford	A	0-1	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	8	Wycombe	H	8-0	Freeman 3, Maitland 2, S. Sinclair, Magadah, Richardson
4	Northampton	A	4-1	Preston 2, S. Sinclair, Burrows	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	15	L. Orient	A	4-0	17	Gillingham	H	3-1	Preston 3
11	Colchester	H	0-2		8	Wycombe	H	8-0	6	Colchester	A	0-1	24	Wycombe	A	3-0	Andrew 2, Hanley
18	Oxford	A	0-1		1	Gillingham	A	4-1	13	Oxford	H	6-1	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
1	Gillingham	A	4-1	Richardson, Smyth, Kenneford, Hanley	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	13	Oxford	H	6-1	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
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15	L. Orient	A	4-0	R. Sinclair, Burrows, Richardson, Preston	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	8	Wycombe	H	8-0	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
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13	Oxford	H	6-1	Ridgway, Keane, S. Sinclair, Hanley, Green, Jones	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	8	Wycombe	H	8-0	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
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27	Brighton	A	1-2	Kenneford	1	Gillingham	A	4-1	8	Wycombe	H	8-0	17	QPR	H	3-1	Deeney, Magadah, Green
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**APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:**

Green 23, Pendleton 22(1), Tague 20(1), S. Sinclair 18(1), Barrett 18, Hanley 17, Smyth 15, R. Sinclair 14(4), Preston 13(4), Burrows 10, Asafu'Adjaye 9(8), Magadah 9(1), Ridgway 8, Richardson 6(1), Andrew 6, Mountford 6, Clark 6, Goodchild 5, Kenneford 4(4), Maitland 4(1), Reynolds 4(1), Deeney 4, Kennett 3, Jones 3, Charles 2(2), Freeman 2, Keane 2, R. Quinn 2(1), Robinson 1(4), Hamilton 1(2), Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNaly 1, Port 1, Hooper 1, Ward 1, Cowley 0(4), Edae 0(3), K. Quinn 0(2), Foley 0(1), McGuinness 0(1), Marsiligo 0(1).

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Brighton	26	20	1	5	74	28	46	61
QPR	25	17	6	2	82	27	55	57
Cambridge	25	14	4	7	57	30	27	46
Portsmouth	26	12	7	7	53	39	14	43
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>
Rushden	26	11	8	7	59	51	8	41
Colchester	26	11	7	8	56	45	11	40
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Gillingham	26	8	6	12	42	68	-26	30
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Brentford	25	7	7	11	36	48	-12	28
Wycombe	26	6	7	13	37	64	-27	25
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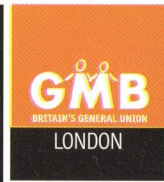
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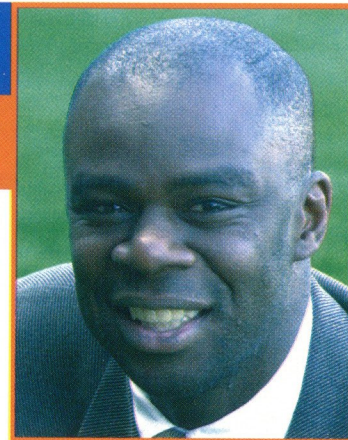
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# Youth Soccer: The under-19s



## Swindon Town 2 Luton Town 3

WE KEPT up our 100 per cent record in Merit Division Two with a hat-trick by Calvin Andrew completing an excellent second-half performance. It was a tough game: Swindon were more experienced in terms of age, and were up for it - everybody wants to beat the league leaders.

It was a bit of a battle early on. We missed a chance in the first minute, and Swindon then failed twice, so it could have been 2-1 to them before we scored in the tenth minute. Parys Okai went on a dribble, drifted inside and set up Andrew for a good finish. But ten minutes later a free kick somehow curled into the top corner as big bodies piled in, and on 24 minutes we fell behind, when a shot hit the bar and a Swindon man got to the rebound before any of our defenders.

Too many of our boys were playing without thought,

and at half time my instructions were to do the things that put us top of the league - play, move and pass, not just kick the ball.

I could not have asked for a better

result, starting with a very good goal, one of the best of the season. Okai was fouled, received the ball from a quick free kick, and crossed for Matthew Judge. He had his back to goal, but held up play long enough for Okai to continue his run, and Judge fed Okai who squared a pass for Andrew to knock the ball into an empty net.

Our keeper had to make a couple of good saves after that as Swindon tried hard to regain the lead, but with 15 minutes to go Richard Mansell set up Andrew for the winner. He had an excellent game, not just because of his hat-trick, but for his all-round contribution to a very good team effort.

**Luton Town:** Edae, Mountford, Mansell, Deeney, Howell, Barnett, Maitland, Ridgway, Andrew, Judge (Ward 70 mins), Okai.

WE ARE away to Brentford on Saturday, before completing our programme the following week, April 24, at home to Cheltenham. Kick-off at Luton RFC will be at 11am.

**APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets):** Mountford 22, Ridgway 22, Deeney 21(2), R. Mansell 21(1), Howell 21, Barnett 19, Okai 15(1), Judge 15(1), Andrew 14(2), Edae 14, Keane 13, Davies 12(1), O'Leary 12, Maitland 9(1), Freeman 6(1), Hanley 5(2), Jones 5, Barrett 4, Magadah 2(8), S. Sinclair 2(6), Brill 2, Godfrey 2, Green 2(1), Pendleton 1(2), Tague 1, Beckwith 1, Lambu 1, Ward 0(2), Wright 0(2), Burrows 0(1), Robinson 0(1), Francis 0(1).

**GOALS:** Judge 11, Andrew 7, Okai 4, O'Leary 3, Barnett 3, Ridgway 3, Magadah 2, Freeman 2, Davies 2, Maitland 2, Deeney 1, Mansell 1, Green 1, Hanley 1, OG 1.

*Marvin Johnson*

### Merit Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
Portsmouth	4	3	0	1	10	4	6	9
Cheltenham	4	3	0	1	5	2	3	9
Torquay	5	1	1	3	11	8	3	4
Swindon	4	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4
Oxford	4	1	1	2	4	9	-5	4
Swansea	3	1	0	2	6	14	-8	3
Brentford	5	0	1	4	5	14	-9	1

## Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-19 South Central Conference

### August

9 **Rushden** H 3-2 **Judge 2, Andrew**  
16 **Cambridge** A 1-2 **Barnett**  
23 **Kidderminster** H 1-1 **Judge**

### September

6 **Cheltenham** H 2-0 **Mansell, Davies**  
13 **Walsall** A 1-4 **O'Leary**  
27 **Oxford** H 3-3 **O'Leary 2, Okai**

### October

4 **Northampton** H 3-0 **Judge 2, Okai**  
11 **Southend (LC)** A 1-0 **Barnett**  
16 **Brighton (FAYC1)** A 0-2  
18 **West Brom** A 3-1 **Freeman, Deeney, Barnett**  
25 **Cheltenham** A 4-2 **Freeman, Ridgway, Magadah 2**

### November

1 **Walsall** H 0-3  
15 **Oxford** A 1-1 **Davies**  
22 **Swindon (LC)** H 0-4  
29 **Northampton** A 2-0 **Andrew, Ridgway**

### December

6 **West Brom** H 1-0 **Andrew**

### January

10 **Cambridge** H 0-1  
17 **Rushden** A 1-1 **Green**

### February

7 **Kidderminster** A 1-2 **Judge**

### Merit Division S. Section Div II

### February

14 **Portsmouth** A 3-2 **Judge, Andrew, Hanley**  
28 **Swansea** H 3-0 **Judge, Maitland, Okai**

### March

20 **Torquay** H 3-1 **Judge 2, Okai**  
27 **Oxford Utd** H 4-0 **Judge, Ridgway, Maitland, OG**

### April

3 **Swindon** A 3-2 **Andrew 3**  
17 **Brentford** A  
24 **Cheltenham** H

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TODAY'S programme had to be before printed before Saturday's outing to Tranmere, so we can only guess that we had a good day out. We are now planning our next Junior Hatters awayday, possibly the last of the season, to Wrexham a week next Saturday. They are always very good hosts, and it is sure to be another enjoyable day out, and we hope to finalise details shortly, and publish them here when we come back to Kenilworth Road on Saturday for the match against Bristol City. Meanwhile, we give a warm welcome today to all young football supporters, including those who have come from Swindon.

Last week we mentioned the vote now taking place to choose the young fans' Luton Town player of the year. We are joining forces with the junior members of Luton Town Supporters Club to select our favourite, and the result of the votes will be

announced at the LTSC end-of-season presentation evening on May 2.

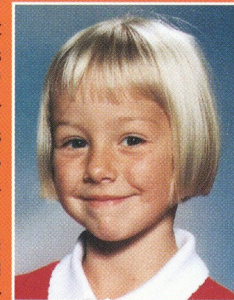
Thank you to all who have sent in voting slips: the leading names so far, and not necessarily in any particular order, are Adrian Forbes, Emmerson Boyce and Enoch Showunmi. If you haven't voted yet, there is still time to send your ballot slip to Junior Hatters headquarters.

Finally, don't forget that there is a continuous programme of coaching courses for boys and girls run by Luton Town, and Junior Hatters get a 10 per cent discount off the price. See the Community Pages for details.

## Today's Mascot

HAVING celebrated her eighth birthday last month, Amy Burns gets a belated "present" today from the Junior Hatters - her name was picked out at random to be this afternoon's mascot.

She lives at Tameton Close, Luton, and attends Someries Junior School, and she is a regular at Town games, sitting with her mum in the Kenny End. Her favourite player is Matthew Spring, and as well as watching the Town Amy enjoys swimming and being in the Brownies.



**CENTRE OF ATTRACTION:** Mascot duties at Kenilworth Road include meeting the match officials and skippers when they gather for the toss of the coin before kick-off, and at the Oldham match the honour fell to Ronan Lennon

**JUNIOR Hatters membership is open to boys and girls aged from 0 to 16 who support Luton Town. There are lots of advantages, including the Saturday Club, organised trips to away games, and the chance to be a mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list. For more information call Junior Hatters headquarters in the Community office, on 01582 391927.**

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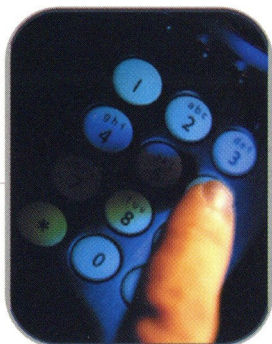
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# Belles Cup Hopes Suffer Cruel Blow

LUTON Town Belles senior team's quest for league cup glory ended at the quarter-final stage, after they were once again drawn away to higher league opposition in Launton, who have one of the longest histories in women's football.

Luton matched their opponents in all areas, but were again punished for not taking their chances in a game that they might easily have won. The tie was rather flat and goalless until the 68th minute when Luton missed a glorious opportunity to take the lead at one end and just seconds later the ball was in their net as the home striker seized onto a clearance to take her chance well, sliding the ball into the far corner of the net.

Town then appeared to wake up, and forced Launton to defend a number of corners, and in the 75th minute Luton drew level. Fay Howell's corner was flapped out by the keeper to Nikki Baker, whose shot fell to Rhiannon Morgan, and she turned quickly to fire into the net from just inside the six-yard box.

Luton then tried to win the tie, but were dealt a cruel blow just five minutes from the end

when Stacey Connell could only send a looping header from a cross over her own keeper into the net.

The youth squads had better cup luck, with the all-conquering under 10s giving Garston Blues a six-goal blast without reply to reach their first cup final, where they will meet Tottenham Hotspur.

Tricia Gould scored twice with long-range efforts and Maisie Wyatt, Olivia Dacosta, Katie Davis and Bethany Smith completed the scoring.

Not satisfied with reaching the cup final, the young Belles were in awesome form as they swept aside Barking 13-0 in the league. Tricia Gould notched a double hat-trick, Maisie Wyatt scored four and there were also goals for Katie Davis, Amy Garrett and Lily Knowles. A single point from their remaining three matches will bring the league title to Luton.

Meanwhile the under 12s moved quietly into the semi-final with a 1-0 win over Baldock Town. Lauren Bruton got the goal after 10 minutes, but the expected onslaught did not

materialise as this normally prolific squad left their shooting boots at home. Credit must be given to Baldock, who defended doggedly throughout, and might have nicked a goal on the break to earn extra time. Town will entertain the winners of the Denham United/Tottenham Hotspur tie.

The under 13s will be at home to Denham United in their semi-final while the under-15s will again battle it out with rivals Cambridge United.



**GOALS GALORE:** Maisie Wyatt scoring the under-10s' fourth goal against Barking.

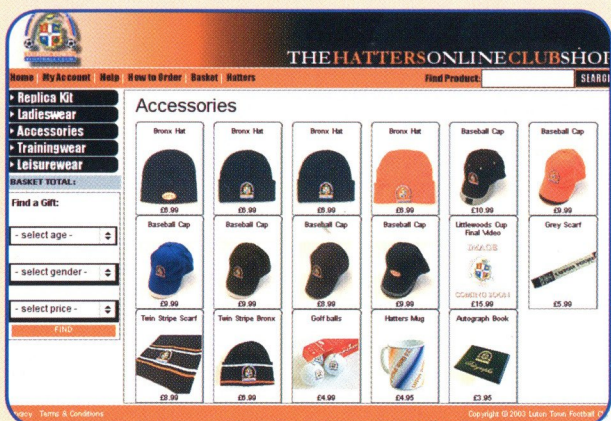
*Dave Baker*

LUTON Belles organises football for girls of all ages, from six upwards. If you want to know more, or fancy being involved, e-mail Dave Baker at [lutonbelles@hotmail.com](mailto:lutonbelles@hotmail.com) The Belles also have a website - pay a visit to [www.lutontownbelles.com](http://www.lutontownbelles.com) Home matches are played at Stockwood Park athletics stadium, under-10 to senior on Sundays and under-10 and under-12 mini soccer on Saturdays. Fixtures details can be found on the website.

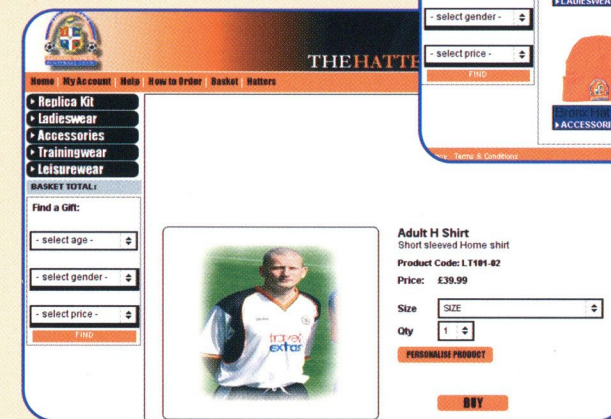
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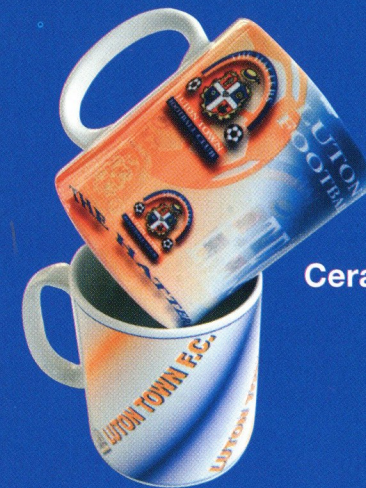
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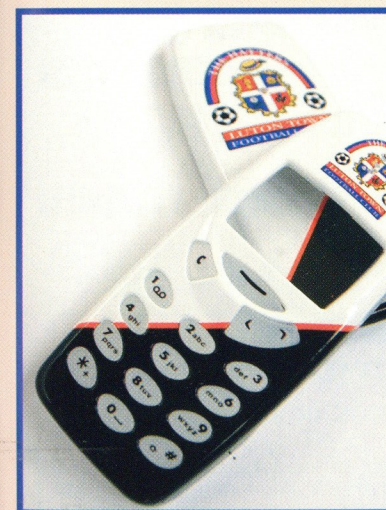


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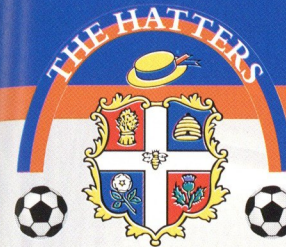
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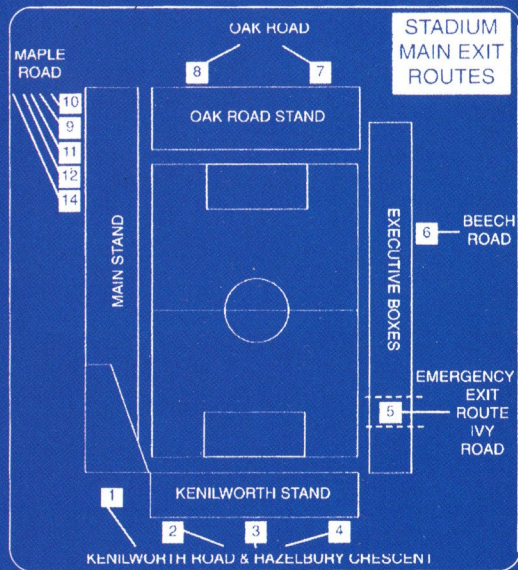


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# Nationwide Division 2 Statistics

### Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	6	11	2	1	2
Bristol City	14	3	1	1	1
QPR	9	3	5	1	1
Brighton	7	7	4	1	0
Swindon	8	9	0	1	0
Port Vale	11	2	3	1	0
Bournemouth	12	1	2	0	1
Wrexham	11	3	1	1	0
Hartlepool	7	6	1	0	1
Luton	8	6	1	0	0
Blackpool	10	1	1	1	0
Rushden	6	5	1	1	0
Barnsley	8	4	1	0	0
Colchester	10	3	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	10	2	1	0	0
Tranmere	9	0	2	1	0
Grimsby	4	5	0	1	1
Brentford	9	1	0	1	0
Peterborough	5	2	2	0	1
Chesterfield	5	4	1	0	0
Notts County	5	2	3	0	0
Oldham	4	2	2	0	1
Stockport	6	3	0	0	0
Wycombe	3	1	2	0	0

### Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Port Vale	0	0	5	5
Blackpool	0	1	3	4
Bournemouth	0	0	4	4
Luton	0	1	2	3
Chesterfield	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	3	3

### Scoring Chances per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	7.65	6.68
Bristol City	6.75	4.88
Swindon	6.10	5.08
Notts County	5.90	5.25
QPR	6.10	5.03
Bournemouth	5.44	5.46
Peterborough	5.70	5.10
Oldham	5.41	5.31
Colchester	5.30	5.35
Luton	6.16	4.34
Hartlepool	5.79	4.62
Blackpool	6.08	4.28
Brighton	5.78	4.58
Barnsley	5.93	4.25
Wrexham	5.74	4.38
Rushden	5.88	4.08
Tranmere	5.49	4.38
Port Vale	5.33	4.50
Grimsby	5.28	4.33
Stockport	4.93	4.58
Sheff Wed	4.85	4.38
Chesterfield	4.90	4.28
Brentford	4.73	3.93
Wycombe	4.50	3.50

### Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Port Vale	0	0	6	6
Grimsby	0	0	4	4
Oldham	0	0	4	4
Peterborough	0	1	2	3
Brentford	0	0	3	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3

### Scorer's Points Gained & Scoring Run

Player	Gls	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	1st Gl
Leon Knight	24	0.63	20	3	7
Scott Taylor	16	0.52	17	3	6
Tommy Mooney	19	0.48	16	4	9
Wayne Andrews	12	0.32	15	4	6
Steve McPhee	20	0.50	13	4	9
Lee Peacock	13	0.37	12	3	7
Guyain Ndumbi-Nsungu	9	0.47	12	2	4
Paul Heffernan	19	0.56	11	3	4
Kevin Gallen	16	0.42	11	3	6
Glynn Hurst	12	0.48	11	3	6
Rodney Jack	12	0.31	11	2	4
Steve Howard	9	0.33	11	2	5

### Headed Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Mooney	Swindon	8
Friio	Plymouth	7
Dadi	Tranmere	7
Coughlan	Plymouth	6
Parkin	Swindon	6
Hutchinson	Brentford	5
Paynter	Port Vale	5
Lawrence	Wrexham	5

### Scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Bristol City	17	51	33
Swindon	20	67	30
Tranmere	13	46	28
Plymouth	21	75	28
Chesterfield	12	44	27
Peterborough	13	49	27
QPR	16	69	23
Luton	13	58	22
Rushden	13	58	22
Grimsby	11	51	22

Against	76-90	Total	%
Brentford	25	64	39
Brighton	11	40	28
Sheff Wed	14	52	27
QPR	10	38	26
Luton	13	50	26
Chesterfield	16	63	25
Peterborough	13	52	25
Notts County	16	66	24
Wrexham	11	49	22
Bristol City	7	32	22

### Shots from Long Range

Player	Club	Goals
Wotton	Plymouth	5
Carpenter	Brighton	4
Anderson	Grimsby	4
Lowe	Rushden	4
Peacock	Bristol City	3
Vine	Colchester	3
Strachan	Hartlepool	3
Scully	Notts County	3
Padula	QPR	3
Jack	Rushden	3
Lambert	Stockport	3
Currie	Wycombe	3
McSpornan	Wycombe	3

### Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
Tranmere	39	541	13.87
Barnsley	40	538	13.45
Notts County	40	538	13.45
Brentford	40	536	13.40
Luton	38	509	13.39
Grimsby	40	529	13.23
Colchester	40	527	13.18
Wycombe	40	523	13.08
Plymouth	40	516	12.90
Brighton	40	509	12.73

OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Rushden	40	179	4.48
Peterborough	40	170	4.25
Chesterfield	40	169	4.23
Oldham	39	163	4.18
Hartlepool	39	158	4.05
Bristol City	40	161	4.03
Grimsby	40	148	3.70
Tranmere	39	142	3.64
Stockport	40	144	3.60
Blackpool	40	142	3.55

### Late Goals Scored

Player	Club	Goals
Hayter	Bournemouth	5
Mooney	Swindon	5
Parkin	Swindon	5
Evans	Plymouth	4
Lita	Bristol City	3
Evatt	Chesterfield	3
Andrews	Colchester	3
Boulding	Barnsley	3
Heffernan	Notts County	3
Friio	Plymouth	3
Lowe	Rushden	3
Williams	Stockport	3
Taylor	Tranmere	3

Average is number of Fouls/Offsides per game. Clubs are ordered by highest number of Fouls/Offsides per game.

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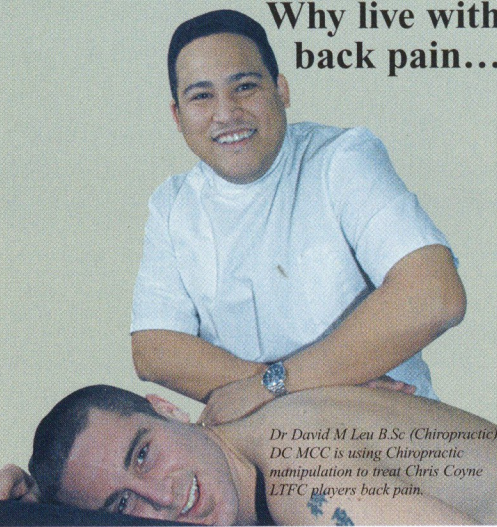
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The start of April marked the beginning of the final quarter - in terms of how Premium TV compare all the Football League sites in their network - and your continued support of the official website, the text alert service, the audio subscription site and the betting portal will ensure the Hatters continue to climb another league table.



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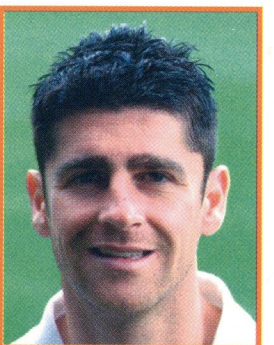
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## Player of the Month presentation

Steve Robinson will be presented with the Travel Extras Player of the Month award for March before today's game with Swindon Town.



**Steve Robinson**

It's a critical time for the players over the next few weeks, after this afternoon's game there will be just fifteen league points to play for as the lads look to cement a play-off berth and if you want to stay in touch with events at Kenilworth Road as the season enters the final straight, make sure you sign up for the Hatters' official SMS service. To register just text CLUB LUTON to 88442 or visit the official website for more information and the terms and conditions.

The award was closely contested between the former Bournemouth man and seventeen-year-old Keith Keane but Robbo edged it by the narrowest of margins to claim the accolade. A previous winner in January and runner-up last time out, Emmerson Boyce had to settle for third place this time around.

If you are using an unofficial SMS service to stay abreast of the news you're missing out. The LutonTown.co.uk service is the only one to come from the heart of the action, from the very offices where the news breaks You can find full details of how to transfer from unofficial package in the 'Mobile' section of the website. With Hatters World now firmly established as the most popular audio subscription site

Full details of how to vote for April's Top Hatter will be announced on the website on Saturday 24th April, after the match with Wrexham.

*Chris Rivett*





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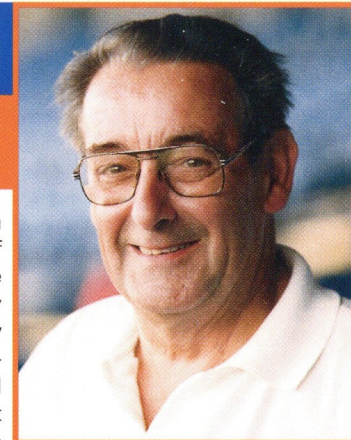
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# Around The Town - By The Editor



EASTER holidays prevent us from being as up to date as usual with this afternoon's programme, which means the league table on this page has to be read with Saturday's results in mind. But the strong feeling in the Town camp is that we still have a good chance of making the play-offs.

Starting today, we have six games to play, four of them at home, and the next three are all against sides involved in the promotion battle. And as we have already seen this season, the better the opposition, the better the Town play.

We should therefore be in line for a rattling good game this afternoon, with Andy King, who learned his football at Kenilworth Road nearly 30 years ago, seeking to strengthen Swindon's place in the play-off frame.

Kevin Nicholls will be able to return to the Town squad after suspension, but there was a doubt about Emmerson Boyce, the latest addition to a very long injury list. He missed the match at Hartlepool with a stomach muscle strain, and as we went to press it was not known how long he would need to recover.

Matt Spring is still out of contention after surgery, and needs at least another fortnight or so recovery time.

Alan Neilson and Paul Hughes, both of whom were injured at QPR, will not be able to figure today. They are making progress, and Hughes forecasts that if he doesn't make it before then he will be all right for the play-offs!

Hoping to be back in action before then is Paul Underwood, signed from Rushden on deadline day, whose debut at Loftus Road was restricted to 19 minutes because of a hamstring problem.

"Perhaps in a couple of weeks," was the manager's reply when asked how long the midfielder would need to be fit again. The same forecast went for Peter Holmes, who has a knee injury.

## Swindon Travelling Well

Swindon put a decent away record on the line today - six wins, six draws and eight defeats on their travels so far. On Saturday, they had another six-pointer, at home to Bristol City.

Their away wins were at Colchester, Grimsby, Oldham, Brentford, Notts County and Stockport. They drew at Bournemouth, Brighton, Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Blackpool and Port Vale.

The away defeats were at Bristol City, Chesterfield, Tranmere, Hartlepool, Rushden, Plymouth, Wrexham and Peterborough.

Goals are the norm: their only 0-0 in the league this season was at home to Port Vale in late October, and that was their first goalless game in 67 matches. They have played 24 league games since then, and failed to score in only two of them, at Hartlepool and Rushden.

Their last six before Saturday's game at home to Bristol City: Plymouth A 1-2, Grimsby H 2-0, Wrexham A 2-3, Barnsley H 1-1, Port Vale A 3-3, Peterborough A 2-4.

*Brian Swain*

### Top Of The Table On Good Friday

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Plymouth	40	14	5	1	46	12	8	7	5	29	22	41	78
QPR	40	14	6	0	42	11	5	9	6	27	27	31	72
Bristol City	40	13	5	2	31	11	7	6	7	20	21	19	71
Brighton	40	15	3	2	37	11	4	6	10	22	29	19	66
<b>Swindon</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>65</b>
Bournemouth	39	11	6	3	32	18	5	6	8	18	22	10	60
Hartlepool	40	8	8	4	32	20	8	4	8	32	35	9	60
Port Vale	40	13	5	2	41	26	4	4	12	23	31	7	60
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>59</b>
Barnsley	40	7	11	2	22	13	6	5	9	23	33	-1	55
Wrexham	39	8	6	6	24	16	8	1	10	20	33	-5	55
Tranmere	40	10	7	3	31	17	2	9	9	15	34	-5	52
Colchester	40	8	8	4	24	21	5	5	10	16	28	-9	52

### Today's Other Second Division fixtures

**Barnsley v QPR**  
**Bournemouth v Chesterfield**  
**Brentford v Colchester**  
**Brighton v Rushden**  
**Grimsby v Blackpool**  
**Notts Co v Sheff Wed**  
**Peterborough v Port Vale**  
**Stockport v Oldham**  
**Wrexham v Hartlepool**  
**Wycombe v Tranmere**  
**Tomorrow**  
**Bristol City v Plymouth**







# Today's Squads



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**Manager: Mike Newell**

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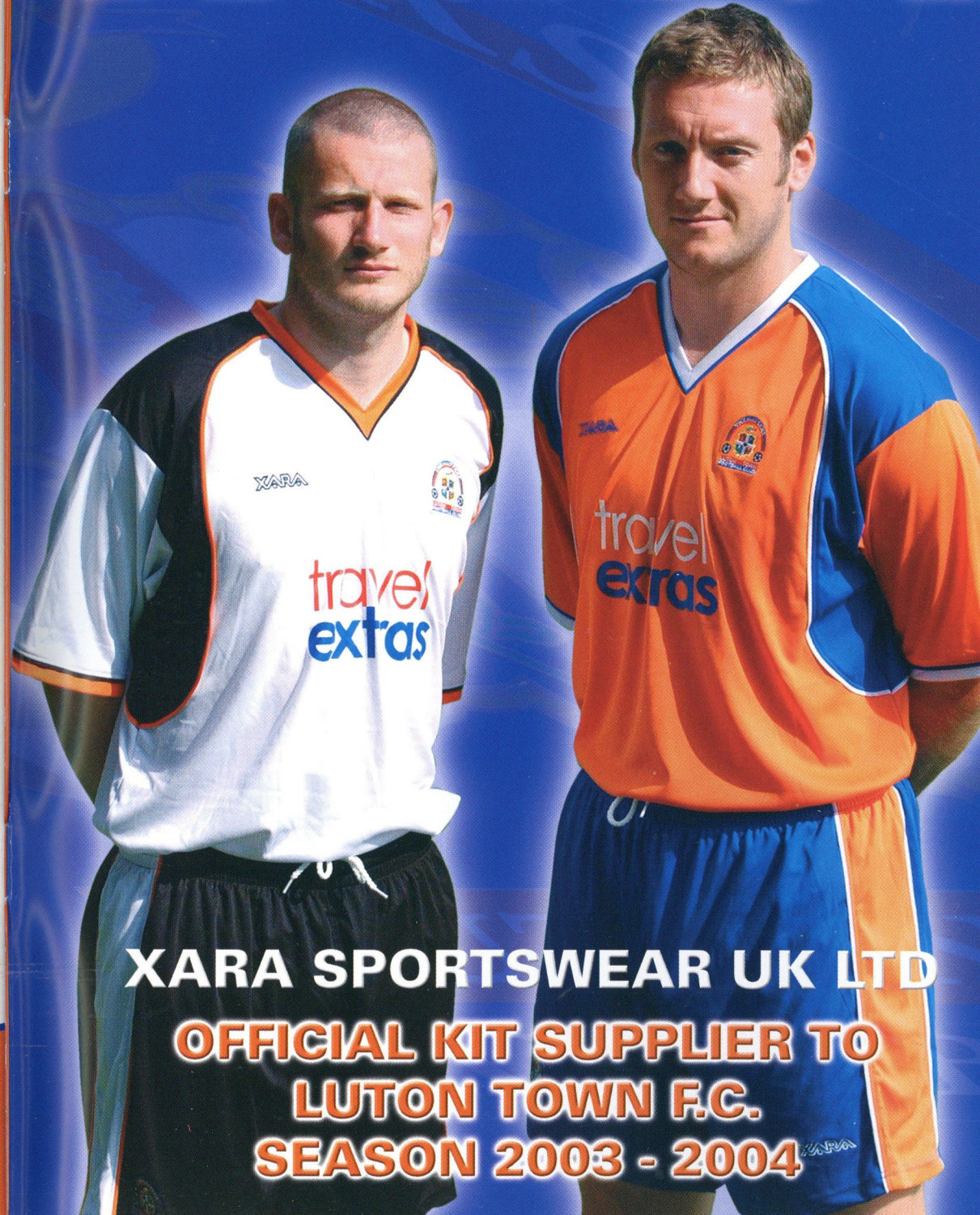
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## Today's Officials

Referee: Michael Jones, Cheshire  
 Assistants: Ian Bentley, Kent (red and yellow flag);  
 Chris Francis, Cambridgeshire (yellow flag)  
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