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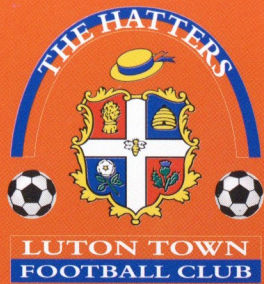
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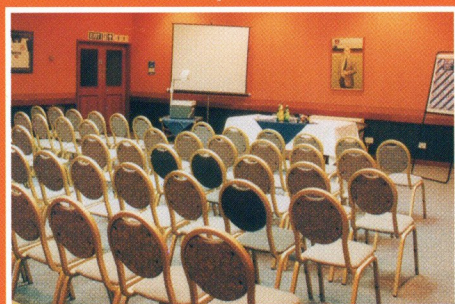
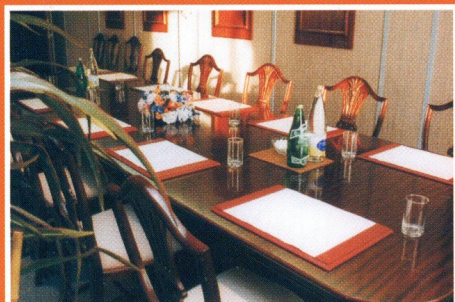
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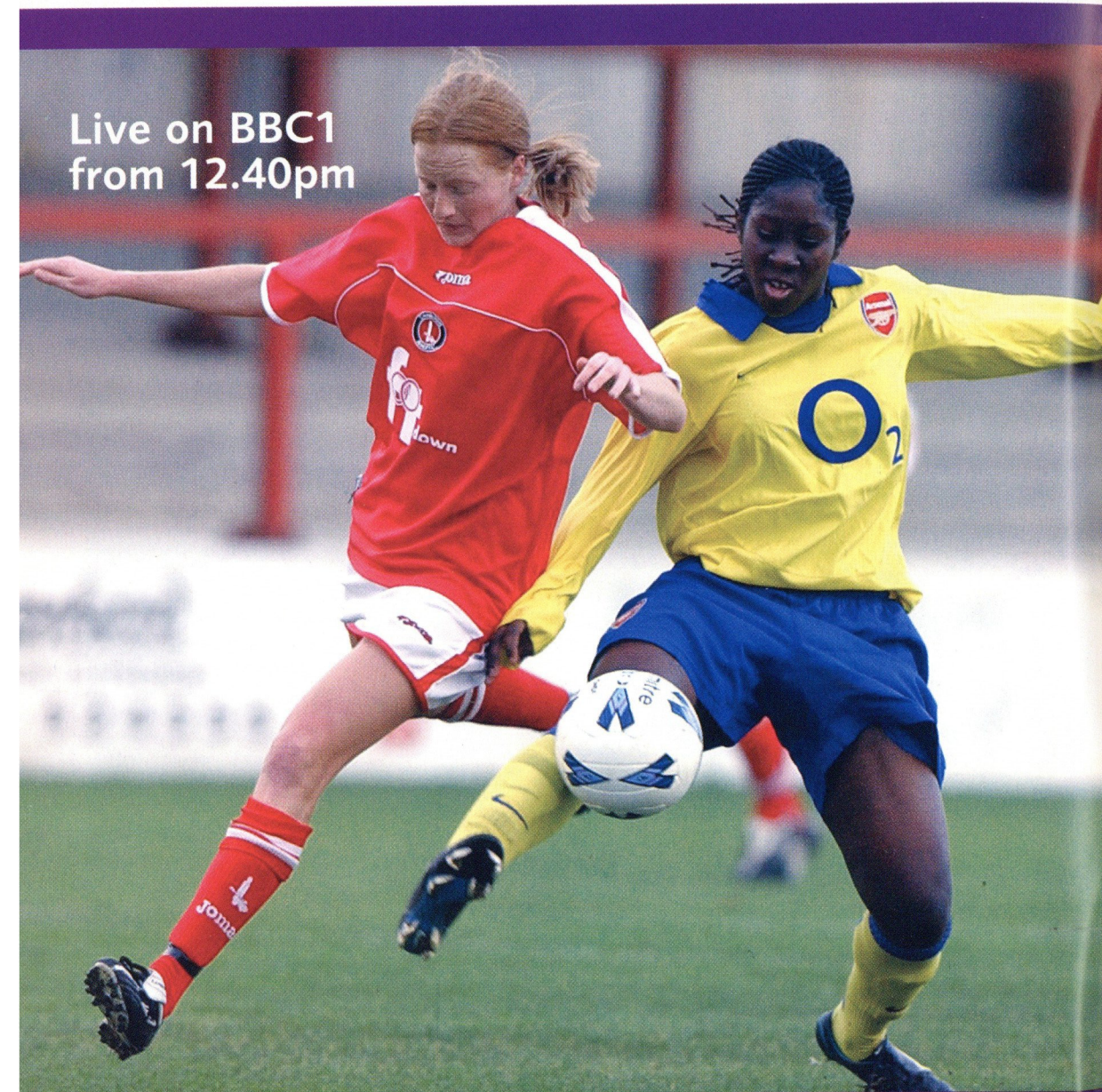
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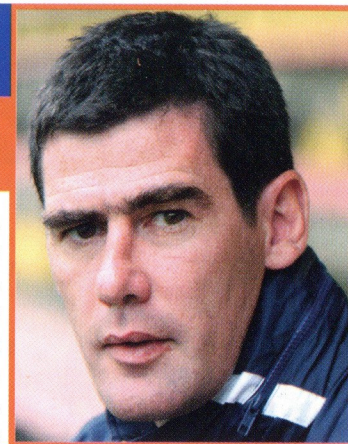


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The Manager's Message



HELLO and welcome to today's game with Bristol City.

It is easy to give in, find and make excuses, totally surrender. That's the easiest thing in the world, and after Monday's result against Swindon I detect there are plenty of people ready to do so.

Nobody ever won anything, or achieved any sort of success by giving in when things started to go against them, or the going got tough.

We have just had the worst week of our season, losing three games in seven days at a crucial time, and having picked up three points out of the last 21 people will say that with that sort of form there is no way we can reach the play-offs.

They would of course be right, except that life isn't like that, and football isn't like that.

It will be hard. We need to win today, which will also be hard, but it's far from impossible, and until it is impossible we will not give in, and nobody pulling on a Luton shirt will be allowed to give in.

Welcome to Danny Wilson, Frank Barlow and their staff, players, directors and supporters from Ashton Gate.

Danny is another former Luton player and ex team-mate of ours, and a manager of some experience. The success he had at Barnsley is now being repeated at Bristol, and they are in with a good chance of automatic promotion.

Danny will be the first to tell you that things don't always go your own way, and he will, I am sure, also tell you that along the way there will be plenty of doubters and pessimists. And what those doubters and pessimists will say on the occasion they are right is "I told you so." It is no coincidence, therefore, that the achievers don't listen to the doubters, and also no coincidence that when they achieve, they very rarely say anything. They don't have to.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell



RETURNING HERO: Back in the first team squad after injury, Adrian Forbes has made two come-back appearances as a substitute, and is pictured on the ball at Tranmere. .

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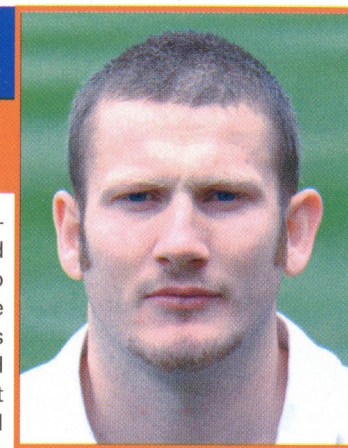


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The Town Captain's View



YOU will not need me to tell you that Easter was a huge disappointment for all of us within the club, as it must have been for the supporters as well. We have been talking it over and still cannot explain why we had so many players below par against Swindon on Monday.

The Tranmere result was a disappointment, but at least there we created chances. Tranmere had two, hit the post with one and scored with the other. It was a repeat of the FA Cup game here earlier in the season. I don't think it is much consolation to know that we played pretty well and created chances – if you don't take them you can't expect to win. It was interesting to read what the Tranmere manager said – Luton were the better footballing team, but Tranmere ground out the result. A good performance with no points is no use to anyone, and I would take a bad display and three points any day.

That result meant that for only the second time this season we had suffered back to back reverses, and we were confident that once again we would bounce back when we played Swindon. We were all up for it, and to be fair I felt we were playing well in the first 15 minutes or so, despite conceding an early goal, but their second goal was a killer.

We should have had a penalty which might have got us back into it, but while just about everyone in the ground saw the handball, the referee and his assistant both missed it. But in the end Swindon deserved their win.

Perhaps things caught up with us over the holiday weekend. The injury list has been horrendous, and typical of our luck was that having signed Paul Underwood, a very good left-sided player, we saw him added to the treatment room queue before he had got though one game for us.

With no disrespect to youngsters who have come in, we have been robbed of some of our most experienced players. Every team

needs experienced men, and we have had to do without the likes of Russ Perrett, David Bayliss, Matt Spring, Paul Hughes, Alan

Neilson and now Paul Underwood with long-term injuries.

Adrian Forbes was another, and although he is back in the squad, and giving everything, he is obviously short of match fitness. Players who have been out injured a long time need competitive reserve games to complete their preparation for league football, but that has not been possible for us this season.

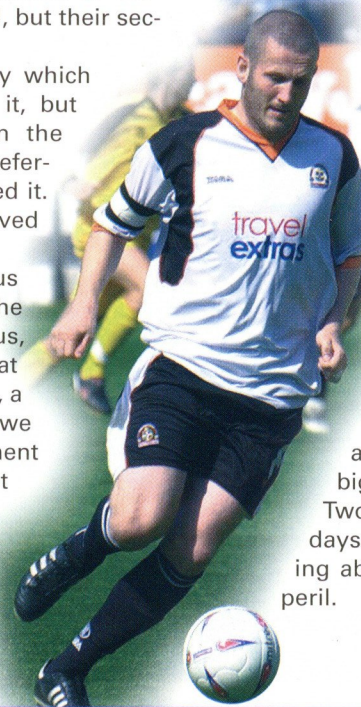
But we are not feeling sorry for ourselves. We can still make it a season to remember because the play-off fight is not over yet. We have gone through the bad run that hits all teams at some stage of the season, and we are ready to

put things right today. We look forward to testing ourselves against another good side, because we still have a massive chance of getting into the play-off places.

For starters we have to win at home again, and with Bristol City wanting to gain automatic promotion rather than face the play-off lottery for a second time in 12 months it's a big game for both sides today. We haven't done ourselves justice in the last couple of weeks, so we owe it to ourselves, and to the supporters, to get back to winning ways today and set ourselves up for Tuesday's big game against Bournemouth.

Two decent results in the next few days will have a few other clubs worrying about us. They write us off at their peril.

Kevin Nicholls



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From The Chief Executive



Good afternoon, and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. And once more, for the second time in a week, welcome to a visiting manager who is an old friend. We will never forget Danny Wilson's contribution to our 1988 Wembley success.

There are good things going on behind the scenes at the club, and congratulations to our Community Department on being awarded The Football Association's Charter Standard for Holiday Courses. It is an accolade not given lightly, and is due to the hard work put in by Stuart Smith, our Community Officer, his coaches and Trish Johnson, his administration assistant. The award today is being presented by Alan Turvey who is our council member at the Football Association and we are pleased to welcome Alan here today.

Congratulations also to the Rawstorne family, most of whom are season ticket holders here at Kenilworth Road, on their success in participating in the new BBC interactive game show Come

and Half a Go If You think You're Smart Enough.

It was good to see Luton Town supporters on the television. On that point, we still don't have a date for the showing of the "Trouble at the Top" documentary made by the BBC last summer. I know it will be worth watching, and as soon as we find out when it is to be transmitted I will let you know.

Unfortunately last Monday's game again saw a home supporter throw a plastic bottle onto the pitch. We did warn what would happen to supporters who behave like this – you are simply not welcome at Kenilworth Road. Our thanks to the true supporter who pointed out the culprit to the stewards, who removed the offender from the stadium. However frustrated supporters become, we must all adhere to the ground regulations. And misbehaviour by just one thoughtless individual can cause major trouble for the club.

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Peter Davis, our Commercial Manager, has had a mild heart attack, and we all send him our good wishes for a very speedy recovery to full health.

At long last we have a date for our under-17 match with Brentford. It will now be played on May 1st at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Luton, kick-off 11am.

Finally, belated congratulations again to Steve Robinson, our Travel Extras player of the month for March. He was due to receive the award at the Oldham game, but as you may remember the PA system went down that afternoon, so he had to wait until Monday for the presentation.

At the time of writing (and thanks to the printers my programme notes were held until Friday morning) we have still not received the green light from the Football League regarding the administration.

Enjoy the game and get behind the team for today's very important match.

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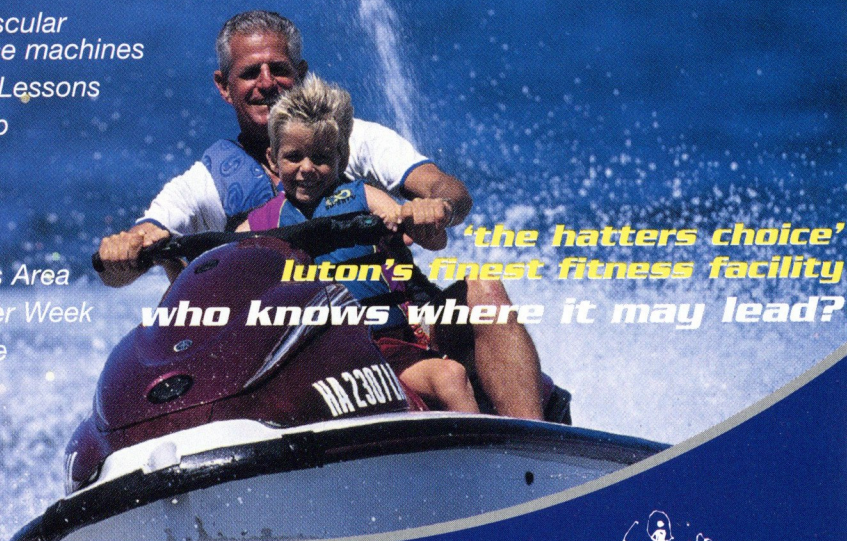
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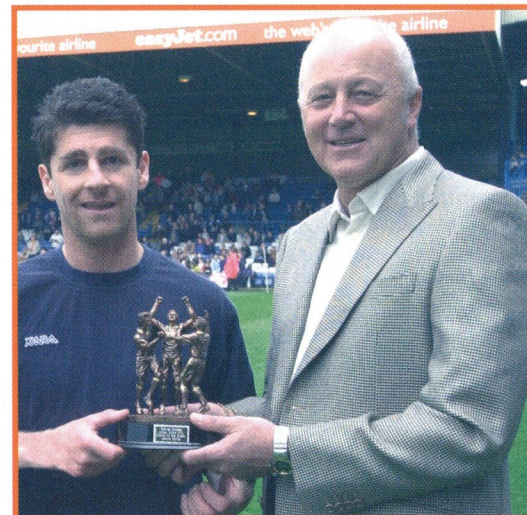
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TOP MAN: Steve Robinson receives his player of the month trophy from Ray Mulford, managing director of Travel Extras, our shirt sponsors who also sponsor the monthly prize. It is much appreciated by the players, because the choice is made by supporters, via the official club website or by text messages.

Hatters Away: The Final League Trips

THE END of a long road is in sight as the Town prepare for their final games of the regular season, with a trip to Wrexham next Saturday followed by the last game, at Chesterfield a fortnight later.

Two organisations are offering coach travel to the games, the long-established Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour, which is part of Luton Town Supporters Club.

For the game at Wrexham the Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 9am, with various pick-up points on the way to Luton, and departure time from Kenilworth Road is 10am. The fare is £13.50 for adults, and £11 for junior and senior citizens.

Town on Tour start their journey at Leighton Buzzard at 9.15, leaving Luton at 10, and with a stop at Milton Keynes Coachway at 10.30. The fare is £15 for adult members of LTSC, £13 for concessions, and £17 for others.

For the game at Chesterfield Town on Tour leave Leighton at 10.15 and Maple Road at 11, and call at Milton Keynes Coachway about 30 minutes later. The fare is £14 for LTSC members, £12 for junior and senior members, and £16 for others.

The Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 10 am and Luton at 11, and their fares are £11.50 for adults, £9.50 for concessions.

Road To The Racecourse



THE DRIVE to Wrexham is a mixture of motorways and iffy trunk roads. Leave Luton on M1 north, and then take the M6. The Midlands toll is not much help because it takes you beyond junction 10a, where you need to take the M54, to Telford and beyond.

That road becomes the A5, and follow that past Shrewsbury and Oswestry. After by-passing Oswestry take the A483, which is signposted to

Wrexham. That road becomes the Wrexham by-pass, which you leave to follow the signs to Wrexham and Mold. You will see the Racecourse Ground on your left as you approach the town, and it has good car parking facilities.

Mileage from Luton: about 170.

Easy To Chesterfield



DRIVING to Chesterfield is simple: head up the M1 to junction 29, and there turn left onto the A617 to follow the signposts towards Chesterfield. Five miles on from the motorway you come to a roundabout, where you take the second exit, signposted towards the town centre. Another roundabout comes up quickly, where you take the first exit, going towards Bakewell and Buxton. Take the third exit at the next roundabout and you are in Foljambe Road and the stadium is ahead of you, to the right.

Mileage from Luton: about 125.

BOOKINGS for away games travel can be made at the LTSC or Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after home games. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose service includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1. Town on Tour offers LTSC members the best deals, and seats can be reserved at the Supporters Club kiosk or by phoning 07960 567465. They offer additional pick-ups at Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis.

Hundreds On The Road For Holiday Football

COUNTER-attractions of the Easter holiday weekend were not strong enough to deter Town fans from making the long trip to Prenton Park, with nearly 600 boosting Tranmere's attendance to their fifth best of the season. Seven clubs have enjoyed bigger followings, but the local derby element played a part in that.

Sheffield Wednesday have taken the biggest away crowd to Prenton Park so far this season, 1,741 for a Christmas game. The other visiting crowd's bigger than the Town's were supporting Oldham (1,451), Wrexham (1,344), Blackpool (797), QPR (780), Port Vale (606) and Plymouth (597).

The Easter Monday gate at Kenilworth Road was the Town's fourth highest of the season, and Swindon supporters helped create a bit of an atmosphere early on: 943 were in the Oak Road end, and although that is more than twice as many as we took to the Country Ground in October, that was a midweek evening game.

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
Tranmere	573
Total:	28,775
Average:	959

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
Swindon	943
Total:	13,956
Average:	607

News From The Ticket Office



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



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.



News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Chesterfield v Luton Town

Saturday May 8, 2004, kick-off 3pm

Prices: Terracing: £13 adults,

£7 concessions Seats: £15 adults, £9 concessions

This is an **ALL TICKET** match for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game. Our allocation is 2,100 tickets, 1,500 terracing and 600 seats, and they will be sold as follows:

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

One ticket per season ticket holder, on production of Special Match voucher D, directly after today's game and until 6pm on Friday, April 30, subject to availability.

Postal applications are welcome, but **NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS** will be accepted.

MEMBERS

If any tickets remain after sales to season ticket holders, they will go on sale to members, one per membership card holder, on production of the card, from 9am on Saturday May 1 until 5pm on Wednesday May 5, subject to availability. **NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS** will be accepted.

GENERAL SALE

If any tickets remain after priority sales, they will go on general sale from 10am on Thursday May 6



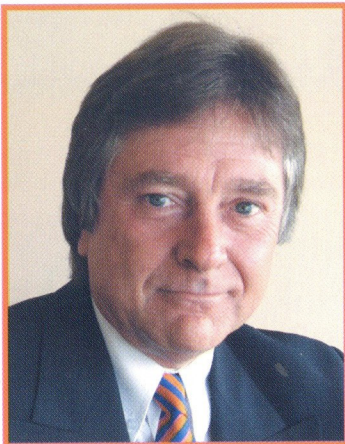
Ticket Office Opening Hours

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

10am to 5pm, except on Fridays before Saturday home games when it is 10am to 6pm

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9am to 5.15pm on match days; 10am until the away coaches depart on days when there is no game at Kenilworth Road.



Commercial Corner

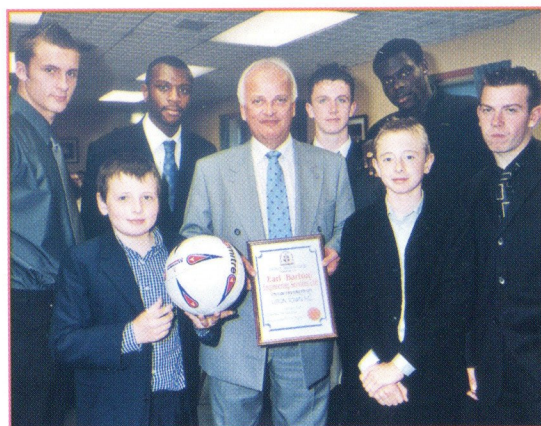
WE EXTEND a very warm welcome to our corporate sponsors and partners to this afternoon's match against

Bristol City. We have another commercial full house, which again sees us using the Eric Morecambe Suite to satisfy the increased corporate hospitality demand for what we hope will be a most entertaining game.

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Graham Jones of Earl (Barton) Engineering Services Ltd, and joint match sponsor against Swindon, receiving his commemorative certificate.



Ian Smith and Steve Tattam of DAS Systems (UK) Ltd presenting Emmerson Boyce with his Luton Man of the Match trophy after the Swindon game.

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For the second time this season we welcome representatives of Anachem Service, the Service Division of Anachem Ltd, distributors of scientific equipment, and their friends from Napp Pharmaceuticals.

Anachem Service and Napp Pharmaceuticals continue to enjoy a successful partnership in which Anachem Service supports Napp's scientific equipment.

The sponsors and their guests all enjoy football and support teams in Division Two.

MATCH BALL SPONSOR
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Our match ball sponsors are entertaining two young winners of prizes in a competition which they won at Sainsbury's, Hitchin, together with their families. The winners were James Green

Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests

and Jack Harding, who will take part in a penalty shoot-out at half time.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT
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Joanne Chan

We welcome as our Commercial Mascot today, Joanne Chan, aged 12, who is accompanied by her mum and dad, Helen and Brian. Joanne will lead out the team as part of what we hope will be a great day to remember for her. Her hobbies include netball, swimming and of course, football. She attends Lealands School in Luton and her favourite player is Kevin Foley.

SPECIAL SPONSOR

Charles Wells of Bedford

We also welcome again management and guests from Charles Wells, who are our preferred brewery, supplying our executive lounges and stadium bars with a fine range of products which include Eagle Bitter, Red Stripe and Corona.

Their continued support is much appreciated.

Enjoy the match

Peter Davis



Ian Smith, one of our match sponsors for the Swindon game, who was celebrating his 40th Birthday with friends and family, enjoys standing on the hallowed turf.

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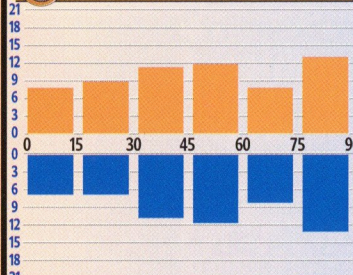
Miscellaneous

Players Used:	35
Clean Sheets:	9
Failed to Score:	9

The Guys to Watch

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

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	222
Goals conceded	58
On target/goals scored	3.83
Division 2 rating	19

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	254
Goals scored	61
On target / goals	4.16
Division 2 Rating	12

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	11
Points lost	13

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.66
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	22
Average Offsides per game	4.66
Div 2 Rating	24

Swings

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	6
LOST when ahead	4
DRAWN when ahead	6
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	4
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	6
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	6

Attendances

Aggregate	125,220
Highest	8,499
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,261

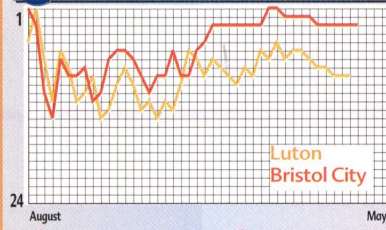
Where Goals

Close Range	13
Inside Area	40
Outside Area	8

How Goals

Shots	34
Headers	17
Volleys	4
Penalties	3
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	2

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

Scored from C	8
Conceded from C	6
Scored from FK	8
Conceded from FK	5

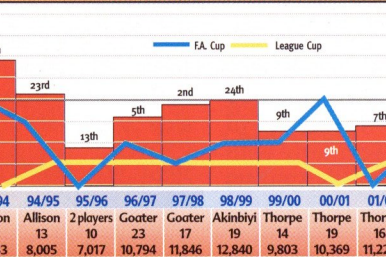
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Margins

WON BY:	8	1 Goal
LOST BY:	7	1 Goal
2 Goals	6	2 Goals
3 Goals	1	3 Goals
4 Goals	0	4 Goals
5+ Goals	0	5+ Goals

Bristol City's 10-Year Record

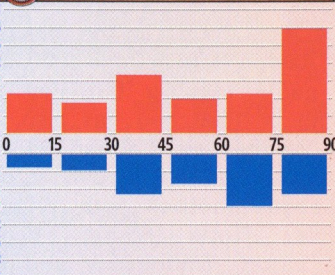


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The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Miller, Peacock	4
Long range shots	Peacock	3
Inside 6 yards	Peacock	4
Shots from 6-18 yards	Peacock	4
Volleyed shots	Miller	3
Penalties	none	0
Scored 1st Goal in match	Peacock	8
Most goals in last 10	Lita	3
Points gained from goals	Peacock	19.7

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	156
Goals conceded	33
On target/goals scored	4.73
Division 2 rating	5

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	278
Goals scored	53
On target / goals	5.25
Division 2 Rating	24

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	13
Points won	14
Goals Against, last 10	5
Points lost	4

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.60
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	12
Average Offsides per game	3.86
Div 2 Rating	17

Swings

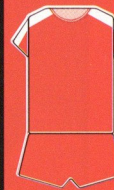
WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	3
LOST when ahead	0
DRAWN when ahead	7
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	0
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	3
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	7

Attendances

Aggregate	260,026
Highest	19,045
Lowest	9,365
Average	12,382



Robins



Form Guide:

Won:	0
Drawn:	3
Lost:	3
Scored:	6
Conc:	11
Points:	3
Goal Diff:	-5
Last 6:	LLLWDW
Last 5 Home:	DWLWW
Last 5 Away:	LLLD

Miscellaneous

Players Used:	25
Clean Sheets:	11
Failed to Score:	8



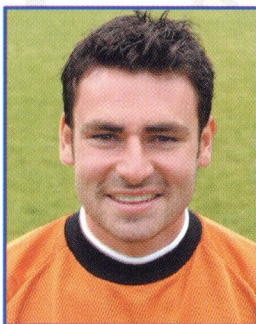
EVERY CLUB, EVERY GAME ...FROM THE PREMIERSHIP TO THE CONFERENCE



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MANAGER - DANNY WILSON

Born: Wigan, 1.1.60. City's longest-serving manager since Terry Cooper in the mid-1980s first arrived at Ashton Gate in June 2000, after making his name leading Barnsley into the Premiership in 1999 and has also managed Sheffield Wednesday. Capped 24 times by Northern Ireland during his playing career, he played League football with Wigan, Bury, Chesterfield, Notts Forest, Scunthorpe, Brighton, Luton, Wednesday and Barnsley. Signed a new three-year contract with the club in the summer of 2003.



1 STEVE PHILLIPS

Born: Bath, 6.5.78. Goalkeeper who joined City in November 1996 from local non-league side Paulton Rovers. A good shot-stopper, he made steady progress at Ashton Gate under goalkeeping coach Mike Gibson, and earned his first-team debut in

December 1998. He is now established as the club's first-choice goalkeeper.

2 LOUIS CAREY

Born: Bristol 20.1.77. Versatile defender who is a product of the club's youth system. Made his first-team debut in October 1995 and has been a regular for the senior side ever since, playing at both right-back and in central defence. Has won one cap at under-21 level for Scotland. Signed a new four-year deal in July 2000 and skippered the side for the first time in March 2001.

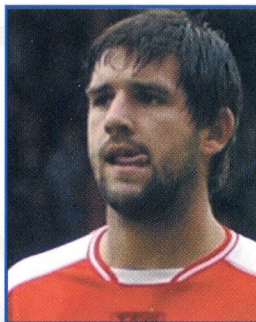
3 MICKEY BELL

Born: Newcastle 15.11.71. Left-back snapped up from Wycombe Wanderers for a tribunal fee of £150,000 in the summer of 1997. Formerly with Northampton Town. A member of City's 1997/98 Second Division promotion-winning side, he has scored a number of his goals from free-kicks. Signed a four-year deal in May 2000 and has been named in the Division Two PFA Select

XI for the past three seasons.

4 TOMMY DOHERTY

Born: Bristol 17.3.79. City's skipper is a central midfielder who came through the youth ranks to make his first-team debut aged 17 in December 1996. Was a regular in City's Second Division promotion-winning side the following year. His no-nonsense performances have made him a fans' favourite. Capped four times by Northern Ireland, for whom he qualifies through his grandfather.



5 TONY BUTLER

Born: Stockport, 28.9.72. Experienced central defender who was a free transfer signing from West Bromwich Albion in November 2002, after completing two-month loan spell, signing a two-year deal. Started his career as a trainee with Gillingham, before moves to Blackpool and Port Vale.

6 MATTHEW HILL

Born: Bristol 26.3.81. Versatile defender who can play at left-back or in the centre of defence. Progressed through the club's youth system to make his senior debut aged 17 in November 1998. He scored his first goal for the club in the 2-1 win at Swindon Town in January 2002 and was voted Player Of The Year and Young Player Of The Year in 2001/02 by the Supporters Club.

7 LUKE WILKSHIRE

Born: Wollongong, 2.10.81. Right-sided midfielder who signed for City from Premiership side Middlesbrough in July 2003 for a fee of £250,000. The Australian can also play in the centre of midfield. Capped at under-23 level for his country, for whom he will represent at this summer's Athens Olympics, and was an unused substitute in a full friendly international versus Republic of Ireland in August 2003.



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8 JOE BURNELL

Born: Bristol 10.10.80. Utility player whose prime position is in central midfield but can also play in defence. Joined City as a schoolboy and played for the club's under-19/reserve sides before making his first-team debut in January 2000, scoring his first goal for the club during City's Auto Windscreens Shield run that season. Captains the side in Tommy Doherty's absence.



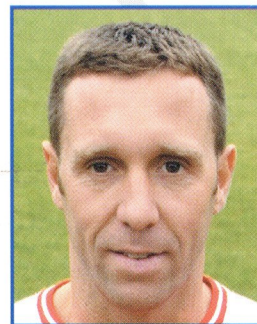
9 LEE PEACOCK

Born: Paisley, 9.10.76. Striker who became club's third-most expensive signing when he arrived from Manchester City in a £600,000 deal in August 2000. Netted the opening goal in City's LDV Vans Trophy final win in April 2003 over former

club Carlisle United, where he started his career before moves to Mansfield Town and Manchester City.

10 LEE MILLER

Born: Lanark, 18.5.83. Scottish striker who signed a three-year contract in July 2003 after completing a £325,000 move from Scottish First Division club Falkirk, with whom he started his career. Scored 17 goals for his former club last season which would have helped Falkirk win promotion to the Scottish Premier League only to be denied top-flight status as their ground did not meet SPL standards.



11 BRIAN TINNIION

Born: Durham, 23.3.68. Midfielder who is currently City's longest-serving player - he is currently in his 11th full season with the club and in January 2004 made his 500th appearance for the club. A £180,000 signing from

Bradford City in 1993, he began his career at Newcastle United, where he played in the same youth team as Paul Gascoigne. Scored City's winner in the club's famous FA Cup win at Liverpool in January 1994. A UEFA qualified coach, he signed a new two-year deal in the summer of 2003 and has been awarded a testimonial in 2004.

12 AARON BROWN

Born: Bristol 14.03.80. Attacking midfielder who is a product of the club's Academy and made his first-team debut aged 18 in the First Division in December 1998. When he and younger brother Marvin appeared in a League Cup tie at Nottingham Forest in September 1999, they became the first brothers to represent the club since the early 1970s. Signed a new three-year contract in July 2001. Spent a month on loan to Exeter in January 2000.

14 MIKE STOWELL

Born: Preston, 19.4.65. Experienced goalkeeper who signed in July 2001 after serving 11 years at Wolves, during which time he clocked up a club record number of appearances for a goalkeeper and set a mark for clean sheets. His long service was rewarded with a testimonial versus Aston Villa in July 2000. Currently competing with Steve Phillips for a spot in the senior side, he signed a new two-year player/coach deal in the summer of 2003.

15 MARC GOODFELLOW

Born: Burton, 20.9.81. Left-footed winger who arrived from Stoke City in January 2004 for an initial £50,000 fee rising to £100,000 depending on performance, signing a two-and-a-half year contract. A versatile player, he can play on either flank and also up front. Scored the winner on his debut as a substitute at Notts County, and also netted on his full debut at home to Chesterfield.

16 SCOTT MURRAY

Born: Aberdeen, 26.5.74. Popular right winger who was a transfer deadline day signing from Reading in March 2004, signing a three-year

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deal as he returned for a second spell at the club with whom he scored 61 goals in 271 games between 1997-2003. He first arrived at Ashton Gate in a £150,000 transfer from Aston Villa in December 1997 and enjoyed his best season to date in 2002/03 when he netted 26 goals and was voted Player Of The Season by the Supporters Club after City lifted the LDV Vans Trophy and finished third in Division Two. Capped by Scotland at B level, he started his career with Fraserburgh before moving to Aston Villa in a £35,000 deal in March 1994. Despite a £650,000 transfer to the Madejski Stadium in the summer 2003, he fell out of favour after manager Alan Pardew left to join West Ham.

17 LEE MATTHEWS (ON LOAN AT YEovil TOWN)

Born: Middlesbrough, 16.1.79. Striker who arrived on loan from Leeds United in March 2001, before signing in a £105,000 deal. Scored an injury-time winner from the penalty spot on his debut after coming on as sub in a home game versus Millwall, and scored twice in a 3-0 win over Bristol Rovers in the LDV Vans Trophy in January 2002. Played for Leeds' 1997 Youth Cup-winning side and has also played on loan at Notts County and Gillingham. Spent a month on loan with Darlington in December 2003/January 2004.

18 CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Born: Cardiff, 22.10.79. Forward signed from Exeter City for £100,000 in March 2002. Started his career at Cardiff City, and was capped at under-21 level by Wales, before a transfer to The Grecians. Scored a hat-trick at Barnsley in City's 4-1 victory in October 2002 and finished his first full season at the club as second-highest scorer with 17 goals - including two against former club Cardiff. Was as an unused substitute for a full friendly international in USA in May 2003.

19 DANNY COLES

Born: Bristol, 31.10.81. Versatile defender who is a product of the club's Academy. Made his

first team debut in April 2000 and has recently signed an extension to his contract that will keep him at Ashton Gate until 2006. Made his full senior debut in December 2000 at Plymouth in the LDV Vans Trophy and was voted Young Player Of The Year by the Supporters Club in 2002/03 after forming a partnership with Tony Butler in central defence. Can also play at right-back. City turned down a £500,000 offer from Cardiff for his services in the summer of 2003.



20 KEVIN AMANKWAH

Born: Kenton (London), 19.5.82. Right-back, who can also play in central defence. Signed schoolboy forms with City after being spotted by the Academy playing for Middlesex Youth and made his senior debut in March 2000. Capped at under-17 level by England, he was used as substitute at Wembley in the 2000 Auto Windscreens Shield final versus Stoke. Now back to full fitness after fracturing his neck in a horrific car crash in April 2002. Played on loan for Cheltenham Town in August/September 2003. Currently out for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

21 TONY ROUGIER

Born: Trinidad, 17.7.71. Trinidad and Tobago international forward who was a transfer deadline day signing from Brentford in March 2004, putting pen to paper on a short-term contract. Started his UK career with Scottish club Raith Rovers in March 1995 and has also played for Hibernians, Port Vale, Reading and Brighton & Hove Albion (loan). Can also play on the right side of midfield.

22 MARVIN BROWN

Born: Bristol, 9.7.83. Striker, who at 16 years and 71 days old became City's youngest-ever player when he made his first-team debut at



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Nottingham Forest in September 1999. An Academy product and younger brother of City midfielder Aaron, he was capped by England at under-16 and 17 levels, and been involved with the national under-19 squad. Has also played on loan for Torquay United and Cheltenham Town.

24 CRAIG WOODMAN

Born: 22.12.82. Left-back who attended the FA National School of Excellence at Lilleshall. A product of the club's Academy, he signed as a professional in the summer of 2000 and was awarded with his senior debut in the LDV Vans Trophy in December 2000, before making his full League debut in February 2001.

25 CLAYTON FORTUNE

Born: London, 10.11.82. Central defender who signed on a two-year contract in March 2001 after being released by Tottenham Hotspur. Has impressed for both Academy and reserve sides since his arrival and made his senior debut as a substitute versus Peterborough United during a



Ahmet Brkovic in action at Ashton Gate in the Town's 1-1 draw earlier in the season.

LDV Vans Trophy tie in December 2001. Can also play in midfield.

26 DARREN CASKEY

Born: Basildon, 21.8.74. Midfield playmaker and free-kick specialist who signed a short-term contract at Ashton Gate on transfer deadline day in March 2004, after being released by Notts County. Started his career as a trainee with Tottenham Hotspur, and was capped by England at youth and under-21 level before moving to Reading in a £700,000 deal in February 1996. He made more than 240 appearances for the Royals - scoring 45 goals - before a transfer to Notts County in July 2001.

27 LEROY LITA

Born: Congo, 18.12.84. Striker who top-scored for the club's under-17 side in 2001/02 before being fast-tracked into the senior set-up last season, making his senior debut in the opening game of the season versus Blackpool. Scored his first goal for the club in September 2002, netting an injury-time winner at Port Vale. Spotted by City's Academy after being released by Premiership side Chelsea and signed a professional contract in March 2003.

28 SEKANI SIMPSON (ON LOAN AT FOREST GREEN ROVERS)

Born: Bristol, 11.3.84. Central defender who has progressed through the club's Academy set-up and was offered a professional contract in March 2003. Was named as substitute for an LDV Vans Trophy tie at Plymouth Argyle in December 2000 but has yet to make a first-team appearance. Trained with England's under-19 squad in the spring of 2003.

29 DARREN HAWKINS

Born: Bristol, 25.4.84. Right-sided midfielder who signed professional forms with City in March 2003 after completing a three-year scholarship with the club's Academy. A regular with the club's reserve and under-19 sides last season, he scored a hat-trick in the opening friendly of the 2003/04 season against a West Wiltshire XI in Devizes.



Blast From The Past

Is it only ten years ago that the Hatters fought their way through to the F.A.Cup semi-final for the first time as a non-top flight club?

A lot of water has certainly passed under the bridge since 25,700 Luton supporters made their way down Wembley Way for the clash with Chelsea which, although bringing ultimate disappointment, had been fun while the cup run lasted. Having been relegated from the old Division One in 1992 the club endured a torrid time in the following campaign and only saved themselves from further demotion at the death, the fifth year on a row that we had gone to the wire. Most supporters hoped therefore for a year of gentle consolidation in the new season but this was Luton Town and that sort of wish was never likely to come true!

The 1993/94 campaign started off with a 2-1 home win over the old enemy, Watford, but we flattered to deceive as the Hornets were down to nine men after a couple of stupid dismissals and we made

extremely hard work of beating them.

A run of four defeats followed and although we picked up a little over the autumn period we were never higher than 15th and always seemed to be hovering just above the relegation zone. As a consequence crowds were dropping to their lowest level for 15 years.

The F.A.Cup third round draw paired us with Southend, then also of Division One, and it is probably fair to say that enthusiasm for the fixture was underwhelming on the streets of the town.

The original game was postponed due to a deep covering of snow on the pitch and by the time the tie could go ahead, ten days later, we knew that the winners would be away to Premiership high-flyers Newcastle in the next round.

A crowd of 7,955, including almost 2,000 from Southend, turned up to see the Shrimpers completely dominate the first half and miss a hatful of chances. The Town's Paul Telfer hacked one effort off the line while Gary Jones and Jason Lee spurned simple opportunities that would have put the game out of our reach.

The Town could only get better in the second half, and so it proved when Telfer broke the deadlock on 50 minutes. An intricate passing movement involving Julian James,

Kerry Dixon and Ceri Hughes ended with the latter hammering over a cross that was hit first time by Telfer, who was running in full pelt, for a goal to win any game.

The Town managed to hang on to this slender advantage leaving Southend to rue their first half misses.

Newcastle has never been an easy place for successive Town sides but this trip was even harder as 35 league places separated the two sides. Quite frankly, we did not have a prayer and when the news came through that debutant 19



Teenager John Hartson in the thick of the action against Newcastle.

On The Road To Wembley

year old Tony Thorpe was to replace the suspended Hughes our hopes dropped still further. A full house of over 32,000 was present at a St James's Park that was going through some major re-structuring work and the crowd were fully behind their side from the start, but the Luton central defensive partnership of John Dreyer and Trevor Peake stood firm and held the prolific strike partnership of Andy Cole and Peter Beardsley in their pockets.

Out of the blue the Town took the lead in the 35th minute and in true 'Roy of the Rovers' style the goal came from the boot of Thorpe. A mistake from the Magpies Paul Bracewell led to David Preece stealing the ball and playing a short pass to Thorpe who, spotting Newcastle goalkeeper Mike Hooper off his line, sent a 20 yard shot over his head and into the net.

We all thought that the goal had come too soon but surprisingly Newcastle did not put our defence under constant pressure and when they did eventually equalise it came from the penalty spot when Beardsley tumbled in the area after trying to deceive Alan Harper. We managed to hang on after this although at the end it was Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan who was the most relieved.

The replay was one of those special Luton nights that live long in the memory. The Sky T.V. cam-

eras were there together with a crowd of 12,503, the biggest for two years, and from the start the Town attempted to unsettle their illustrious opponents and force them back.

The tactic worked a treat and after only 16 minutes a long clearance from Peake found 18 year old John Hartson, deputising for the injured Dixon, who used strength and skill in equal proportions to find the net and immediately mark himself out as one to watch in the future.

The Magpies had only one real spell of pressure when, just after the interval, they launched attack after attack on the Luton goal but the nearest they came to scoring was when Beardsley hit a post.

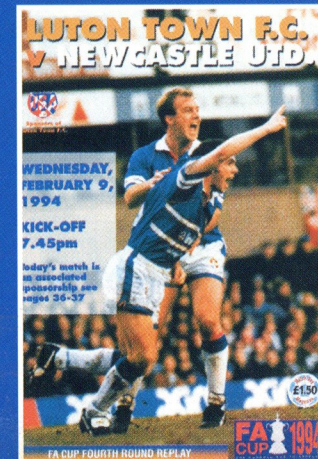
The game was made safe with ten minutes to go when Scott Oakes shot was beaten out by Hooper to Des Linton who unselfishly knocked it back to Oakes who made no mistake.

"Luton deserved to win, fair and square, and good luck to them," said Keegan afterwards, "I hope they go all the way to the final at Wembley."

The fifth round draw was not kind to the Hatters with an away trip to Cardiff to contend with and you can read about this and the rest of the games on the road to Wembley 1994 in Tuesday's match programme.

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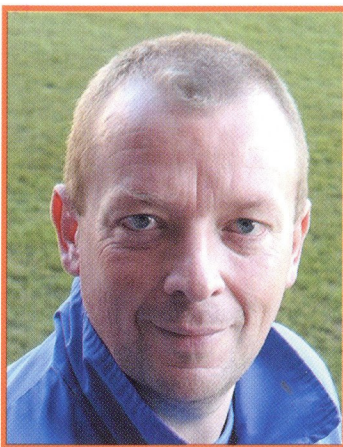
Yesterday's pages



For the replay against Newcastle the Town produced their normal 40 page programme for £1.50 which was one of the better efforts around at the time.

Much was made of Sky T.V's first ever visit to Kenilworth Road and an article showing what had been achieved since they won the rights to show live games in 1992 confirmed that we were about to enter a whole new world of televised football whether we liked it or not!

A look back at our previous F.A.Cup meetings with the Magpies showed that honours remained even. Our magnificent 2-0 win at Newcastle in 1973, when John Aston slammed in both goals, was cancelled out eight years later when we went down 1-2 at St James's Park.



LTFC in the Community

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LAST Monday, as I mentioned in the match programme, we held our first-ever Community Department Ladies Day, sponsored by the Nationwide Building Society's Supporters of Tomorrow scheme. It was held on the Pro Zone and Astro Turf main arena at Vauxhall, and the response to the invitation to take part was brilliant – we had 32 girls participating, which was the most we could accommodate, and we had to turn many more away.

It was such a success that we have already decided to run more events like this, and the next is likely to be on another bank holiday, on Monday May 31.

The format will be slightly different, because the league football season will be over by then, so there will be no first team match at Kenilworth Road.

We are planning a five-hour day, involving a mixture of coaching, skills challenges and a mini tournament to finish.

But back to last Monday: the day was a great success, with 12 girls lucky enough to win the opportunity to play on the pitch prior to the game against Swindon: Kiri Chapman, Rebecca Turp, Anna Hampton, Leela Sule, Ashleigh Horne, Hannah Turp, Amelia Glean, Clare Howe, Jodie Tice, Gemma Herbert, Rebecca Froggatt and Michaela Osman.

All the children participating received certificates as a memory of the day, and there were also awards for most improved player, player of the day and the winner of the skills challenge.

Our pictures give an illustration of how things went, with all the girls thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Successful Easter Course

OUR Easter holiday course at Barnfield was a huge success as we attract more children than any other provider of soccer activities. Last week we had between 70 and 100 children there on each day, enjoying the wide range of activities we offer, including specialist coaching for goalkeepers, strikers and defenders, as well as our general coaching course that lasts five days and offers coaching, skills tests, small-sided games and much more.

Last week the children were fortunate to meet a wide range of Luton players, and I was grateful to receive the support of Matthew Spring, Alan Neilson, Robert Beckwith, Max Howell, Luke Maitland and Sean Ridgway. The children were delighted to meet the players, and you can see from the pictures that they made the most of the opportunity to get autographs.

We are now a short time away from achieving our Holiday Course Charter Standard, the official FA kite mark, which assures you that the environment



to which you send your child is of the highest order, guaranteeing that all coaches have reached the appropriate qualifications in coaching, child protection and emergency aid. It also ensures that all staff are checked with the Criminal Records Bureau to ensure that they have no inappropriate convictions. We are also spot-checked to confirm that our procedures while your child is with us conform to rigid guidelines.

Our next batch of holiday course will be announced very soon, so watch these pages. Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.



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Tranmere Relieved To Take the Points

Tranmere Rovers 1 Luton Town 0

EVEN winning manager Brian Little admitted that the Town were the better teams at Prenton Park, and should have come home with at least a point instead of suffering their second consecutive defeat.

The only blemish on a good Town performance was the failure to put the finishing touch to it, with a lot of pressure promising so much more than it achieved. Even a penalty went begging.

"We had enough of the game to have got something out of it," said Mike Newell. "We created clear-cut chances and any football that was played was played by us on a poor pitch. All that was lacking was the goals. We had chances to win and I am very disappointed that we haven't.

"The players did well, and have got to keep going and have belief in themselves. We are certainly not giving up.

"Over the 90 minutes I was not unhappy with the amount of football we played, and tried to play. It's galling to do so well and get nothing for it – you would rather play poorly and get something out of it. It's all about results, but the season is not over yet by a long way. We still have a chance and we are not going to throw the towel in. We played well at Hartlepool and Tranmere, and but didn't get that little bounce of the ball we needed."

Brian Little said: "It was a hard game. We had to hang on in there, and we did. There are loads of different ways to win a football match – play great and score four or five, or sometimes dig in and even if you are second best get a goal and grind out a result, and that was how it was today.

"We were second best overall, but it was a good result for us. It doesn't matter how you win, but it is most important to do whatever it takes to win

and today we did just that."

You had to admire the decisive goal, if not the marking that allowed it to happen. Tyrone Loran took a throw-in, received the ball back from Paul Hall, and slung over a deep 29th-minute cross from the fight wing. It was pulled back too much, except that Gary Jones, with his back to goal, twisted acrobatically and his athletic volley went in off the far post. "It was one of those shots that could have gone anywhere, but worth trying," he said later.

The Town had looked as likely as Tranmere to score before that, with Emmerson Boyce having a powerful header following a corner scrambled away and Lee Mansell completing a smart passing move with a drive which brought the day's best save out of John Achterberg. Between those two efforts, however, Hall had drilled a cross-shot against the far post.

The equaliser should have come four minutes before the break. Enoch Showunmi broke free down the right wing, and as his cross went in Loran shoved Steve Howard in the back, right in front of the referee. There were no arguments about it being a penalty, but Steve Robinson, given the spot kick in the absence of suspended Kevin Nicholls, hit the shot too close to the goalkeeper, who had guessed right and went down to his left to save.

For the rest of the game it was a case of the Town always threatening to score, without achieving the final touch. The defence was rarely troubled, and the midfield more than a match for Tranmere's, but a succession of chances and half-chances went astray and Tranmere were delighted to hear the final whistle.

Match Details

TOWN: Hyldgaard; Foley, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Mansell, Leary, Robinson, Brkovic (Forbes 60 mins); Howard, Showunmi. Unused subs: Hillier, O'Leary, Davies, Brill.

BOOKED: Michael Leary for a foul.

TRANMERE: Achterberg; Loran, Allen, Sharps, Goodison; Hall (Beresford 75 mins), Mellon, Harrison, Roberts; Jones, Dadi (Hume 57 mins). Unused subs: Howarth, Connelly, Navarro.

BOOKED: Ian Goodison for playing on after the whistle, Eugene Dadi for a foul on Emmerson Boyce; Gary Jones for dissent

REFEREE: Mark Cooper, West Midlands.

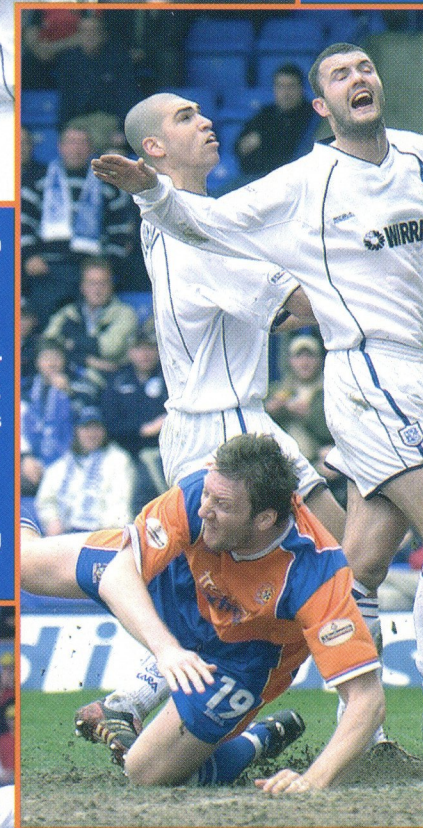
ATTENDANCE: 7,937 including 573 supporting the Town.



WELL AWAY: Chris Coyne is too good in the air for Graham Allen.

RIGHT: The penalty incident – Steve Howard grounded after being shoved in the back by Tyrone Loran, on the left. Graham Allen's expression seems to suggest he knows what the referee's decision will be

BELOW: Enoch Showunmi rises to head goalwards, beating Ian Sharps to it, with Ahmet Brkovic up in support.



Hatters Pic of the Week



DEFENDER ATTACKS: We could have no grumbles about being beaten at home by Swindon on Monday, but it was a different story at Prenton Park 48 hours earlier, when the Town were unlucky to come home pointless. Chris Coyne did his best to find the target, with this acrobatic attempt beating Gary Jones, but, sadly, flashing past the post.

King's "Mick Harford" Is A Match-Winner

Luton Town 0 Swindon Town 3

ANDY King, a midfield maestro for the Town as a youngster, came back as a manager to master-mind our heaviest home defeat of the season, then said how sorry he was if it were to put a nail into the Town's play-off coffin.

He is good friends with Mike Newell, Mick Harford and Brian Stein, but in football sentiment counts for nothing as jobs depend on results, and King's slick team had the game won by half-time. Three up, they were able to take it easy after the break, inviting the Town to "enjoy" plenty of possession that came to nothing.

Like the Town, Swindon were trying to get out of a faltering run – five games without a win had their play-off place in jeopardy – but they came to Kenilworth Road with a victorious game plan. When the Town had the ball Swindon pulled every man bar one behind it, defended well and mounted decisive smash and grab raids.

Rory Fallon, preferred to veteran Tommy Mooney for his third start since signing from Barnsley in November, was the only one they left upfield when they were defending. When they counter-attacked, he headed goals in the third and 21st minutes, and Matthew Hewlett shot the third two minutes before the break.

The referee earned little admiration: he missed a handball by Sean O'Hanlon soon after the second goal, and having booked the combative defender for a foul on Enoch Showunmi on 33 minutes gave a free kick but declined to wave the second yellow for O'Hanlon's blatant shirt-tug on the striker in the final minute of the first half.

But they were minor matters compared to the general pattern of play. Fallon nearly got his hat-trick with a second-half drive which came back off a post, and King claimed: "It was a good win, but really it could have been 7-0."

"We hadn't put in 90-minute performance for about five games, but this time we did. And that's the best our back four have played. O'Hanlon was magnificent and Heywood marshalled Howard. He was dominant, and that took away some of Luton's effectiveness."

He called Fallon "An old fashioned centre-forward, a throw-back to Mick Harford. When it goes into the box he will take ball, goalkeeper, centre-half, everything. He's probably the only centre-forward of that type around these days."

The question for Town fans was whether it was a case of the Town being poor, or Swindon being very good. "There's no doubt they deserved to win," said Mike Newell, "But there were things we could have done differently to stay in the game longer. We started well, and were up for it, but we gave the ball away too cheaply, and when you do that you will always be up against it."

"At 3-0 Swindon were happy to let us have the ball, They got bodies behind it, and we didn't look like creating chances, although there were a few goal-mouth scrambles."

Most of those came late in the game, after substitutions switched the Town formation to three at the front, with Adrian Forbes going on despite still being less than match fit.

Swindon moved up a place to fourth in the table, but King, a Markyate boy, said: "We're not there yet but it's a magnificent result away from home, and unfortunately it might have put a bit of a nail in Luton's coffin. But they can still do it – they can reach 74 points, and that will be enough for the play-offs."

Mike Newell was similarly bullish. He had the feeling that some of the crowd had conceded the Town can't do it now. Nonsense, he says, and there is no way that attitude will be adopted within his staff.

Match Details

TOWN: Hylgaard; Foley, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Mansell (Keane 58 mins), Leary (Forbes 61 mins), Robinson, Nicholls; Howard, Showunmi. Unused subs: Brkovic, Davies, Brill.

BOOKED: Steve Robinson for a foul, Steve Howard for dissent.

SWINDON: Evans; Gurney, O'Hanlon, Heywood, Nicholas; Igoe, Hewlett, Miglioranzi, Duke; Fallon, Parkin (Mooney 70 mins). Unused subs Smith, Reeves, Howe, Griemink.

BOOKED: Sean O'Hanlon for a foul on Showunmi, Rhys Evans for time-wasting at a goal kick, David Duke for a foul on Adrian Forbes.

REFEREE: Michael Jones, Cheshire.

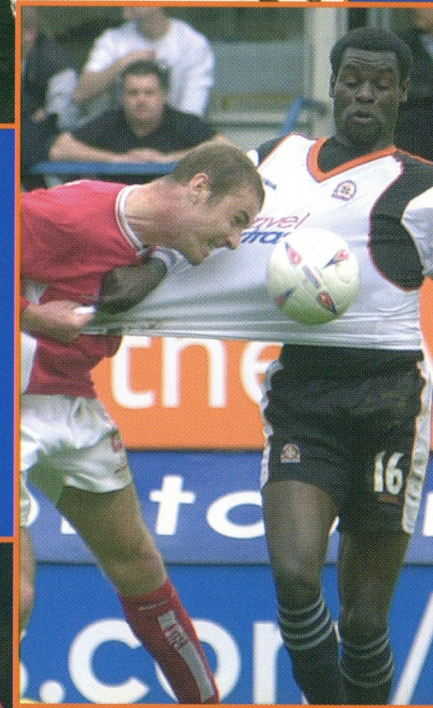
ATTENDANCE: 7,008 including 943 away supporters.



JUMPING TO IT: Michael Leary is enjoying his best run in the first team, and relished the chance to mix it with the Swindon midfield, on this occasion getting the better of Stefani Miglioranzi.

RIGHT: Sean O'Hanlon got away with this grab on Enoch Showunmi's shirt. The free kick was conceded but he escaped a yellow card, having earned one earlier for a foul on the Town striker.

BELOW: Another lucky break for O'Hanlon as a crafty hand goes up to deflect a cross by Sol Davis away from Steve Howard – the ref, his assistants and the fourth official all failed to spot it.



Town Teaser

IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you could win a pair of match tickets in our Town Teaser competition. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go. At Monday's game we asked how the visiting manager made history in the QPR v Luton game, and the answer was that Andy King scored the first-ever league goal on a plastic pitch, for QPR in September 1981. He was a loser on that occasion: Mark Aizlewood and Ricky Hill replied for a 2-1 Town win. Today's question is also about a famous match.

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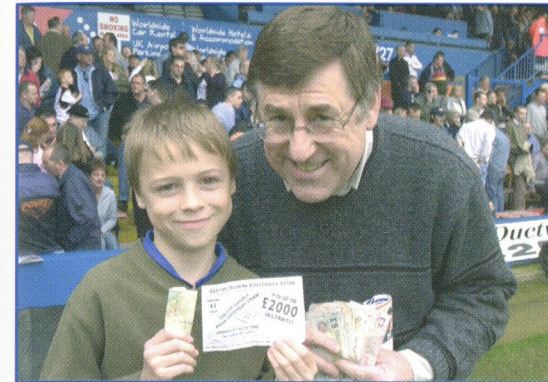
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Jackpot Cash Win Is Some Consolation

WE didn't like the result on Monday, but one Town fan had some pleasure to deaden the pain: Chris Harper, from Fern Heath, Barton Hills, picked up £740 as the day's Golden Gamble winner. The winning ticket cost only £1, and was pulled out of the drum by 11-year-old Jordan Emmett, who was picked out of the crowd to make the half-time draw.

Mr Harper, who sits in the Kenny End, was the season's 24th winner, and the Golden Gamble has paid out a total of £16,120, an average of £672 each. Another prize is on offer today, with Golden Gamble sellers visiting all parts of the ground. Tickets are only £1, with half the income going into the prize and the other 50p to club funds, so even if you don't win you are helping the club just by supporting the 50/50 lottery. The draw will be made during half-time, with the cash available there and then.



WE ARE still looking for two winners who have not claimed their prizes yet. The jackpot at the postponed Bournemouth game was £585, and was won by ticket number 29485, which was sold in the main stand or executive areas. At the Oldham match ticket 36681 was worth £740, and the winner bought it on the Kenilworth Road apron, probably just before kick-off. If you hold either of those tickets, please contact the commercial department.



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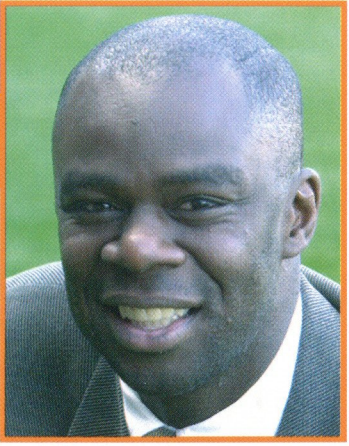
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Youth Soccer: The under-19s



AFTER the Easter break we resumed our Division Two South fixtures in the Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance this morning, and by the time this column is printed I hope we will be very close to taking the championship.

We were away to Brentford, trying to maintain our 100 per cent record, and with one more game to go, at home to Cheltenham next Saturday, we knew a draw and a win would definitely bring the silverware to Kenilworth Road.

Whatever happens, the squad has done very well, and I hope we have more good news to report in Tuesday evening's programme.

We kept the lads busy over the holiday period with a couple of friendlies, and they produced two good performances. We lost 2-1 at West Ham, fielding a team including schoolboys against a Hammers squad which included a couple of 20-year-old professionals. Tom Ward got our goal. I did not mind losing too much – it prevents complacency after the

good league run we have enjoyed recently. Our other friendly was a 0-0 draw at home to Colchester, of Division One, and again a side including four 14-year-olds, acquitted itself very well.

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Swansea	4	1	0	3	6	15	-9 3
Brentford	5	0	1	4	5	14	-9 1



YOUNG INTERNATIONALS: A remarkable achievement in the youth department this season has seen five of our boys capped by the Republic of Ireland. Left to right are Kevin Foley, Stephen O'Leary, Keith Keane, Matthew Judge and Sean Ridgway.

Judge has just returned from the Porto Tournament, where he made his international debut for the under-19s against Portugal. Manager Sean McCaffrey was looking at prospects for the European Championship Second Qualifying phase in Belgium in May.

Ridgway, in the under-17s last season, joins the under-18 squad for the second time next week for the Tournament of Viseu, involving games against Norway, Turkey and Portugal.

Foley was named in the under-21 squad in September for a game against Switzerland, but was forced to pull out because of injury.

O'Leary has been a regular at schoolboy level for the Republic after winning his first cap at under-16 level. He went on to appear for the under-17 and under-18s, and under-19s, but withdrew from the squad that went to Portugal because of his involvement with the Town's league team.

Keane earned his first call-up to the under-19 squad in February, a day before making his league debut for the Hatters against Wycombe. He appeared at under-17 level for Ireland last season.

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Programme Sale To Back Minibus Fund

A UNIQUE collection of Luton Town programmes is put up for sale today, with the proceeds going to the Supporters Club's appeal to raise £20,000 to buy a new minibus for the Town's youth squad. Our programme editor retires at the end of the season, with the proud record of reporting on every single Town match in the league and domestic cups, home and away, for more than 30 years.

He was sports editor of the Luton News for the first 25 of those years, before going freelance to work mainly for Fleet Street, radio and TV, and at the start of this season his record was 1,573 consecutive matches attended.

He has kept every programme from those games, which means the collection includes match day magazines from every level of football in this country, and every league club bar recent newcomers Boston, Doncaster and Yeovil. There are also a few odds and ends, from such games as pre-season friendlies.

The collection will be ready to hand over in a month's time, when this season ends. It will amount to over 1,600 programmes, bundled up season by season, starting with the 1972/73 campaign - our man took over the Luton News job as Town reporter at Christmas in the middle of that season.

Some of the most interesting are from the Town's ten years at the top level, when the Premiership was known as the First Division.

Every single programme from that era is included, but sadly there is not one for a Manchester United v Luton match which was postponed in the spring of 1983. It was called off the day before, so the Town did not travel to Old Trafford. Manchester United pulped that issue, but a few escaped, and they are now much coveted by collectors.

Naturally, we have the programme from when the game was played, and our illustration is of the front page of that issue. The programme from the next match marks the end of the most traumatic week in the Town's history, the great show-down game at Maine Road.

We confess that we have no idea how much the collection is worth on the open market, but the editor declined to offer it to dealers, hoping that a genuine Town fan might be prepared to offer a good price to aid a good cause.

The Town's current minibus, used to take the youth squad to training sessions and to matches, is wearing out fast, which was why the Supporters Club decided to try to fund the purchase of a new one for next season.

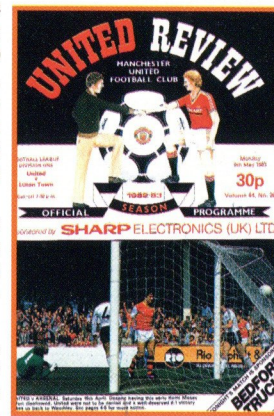
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If you are interested in Brian Swain's programme collection, there is no reserve price and you can put in bids by post - write to him care-of Luton Town FC - or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com

Bids will be accepted until May 3, two days after this season's final home game. Swain will then add the last item to the collection, from the Town's match at Chesterfield.

A word of warning: the whole job lot weighs around 800lbs, so parcel post could be expensive, and the buyer will be expected to make arrangements to collect. Local delivery could be arranged, or if the buyer lives in Cornwall a furniture removals van is heading that way in the summer as Swain heads for retirement...



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WE CAN only offer an apology today to the Junior Hatters and their friends and parents whose trip to Tranmere was cancelled. It was a decision we did not want to take, but we had no choice, because we had only 15 bookings for the coach, and that meant we would have lost a lot of money if we had still made the journey to Prenton Park.

Perhaps the fact that it was Easter had something to do with it, because usually our official Junior Hatters excursions to away games are very well supported. Our policy is always to offer the lowest possible prices, but they are worked out in the expectation that the coach will be almost full.

We intend to try again for the match at Wrexham next Saturday. We have had some very enjoyable trips to the Racecourse Ground in the past, and we are talking with our counterparts there to see if they can accommodate a Junior Hatters party.

We will know more in a day or two, and hope to be able to give full details in Tuesday's matchday mag-

azine, when we are at home to Bournemouth. If you are interested, please get in touch with Junior Hatters headquarters in the Community Office as soon as possible - we will take provisional bookings, and confirm them once the details are finalised.

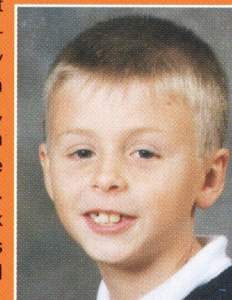
Meanwhile, welcome today to all young football supporters, and we are delighted to have with us our opposite numbers from Ashton Gate, a party of Junior Robins led by John and Claire Banks. They were joining us for Saturday Club before watching the game with us, and we hope they enjoy their day out.

Finally, a couple of reminders to all Junior Hatters: don't forget to vote for your player of the season, on the forms that have been sent out, and also have a look at the coaching courses being planned by the Community Department. Details are on page 25, and Junior Hatters get a 10 per cent discount on the normal price.

Today's Mascot

TODAY'S happiest Junior Hatter is probably seven-year-old Jay Sharpe, from Tenth Avenue, Sundon Park, because he has been lucky in the draw to be this afternoon's mascot. He goes to Sundon Park Junior School, and says football is his one and only hobby.

He names Adrian Forbes as his favourite player, and likes to watch him and the lads from the Kenny End, where he attends games with his mum, granddad, grandmother and his uncle.



VIP PARTY: Two Luton Town mascots were on duty for the Swindon game, with Amy Burns representing the Junior Hatters and Thomas Degnan the commercial mascot. They met the skippers and match officials at the toss of the coin, with Happy Harry and Swindon's Rockin' Robin also in attendance.

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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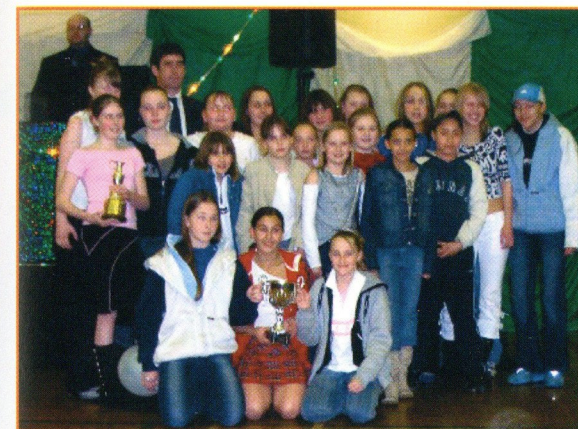
AFTER the Belles' untimely cup exit the previous weekend, a hastily-arranged midweek visit to London First Division outfit Viking Ladies. They romped to a convincing win, and the performance gave yet further encouragement for the future, as the Belles squad contained no fewer than five members of the current under-15 squad, and also saw the return of long-term injury victim Jenny Tucker in goal.

Town were quickly into top gear and Kaylee Owen gave them a third minute lead with a powerful low shot into the corner. After 10 minutes it became 2-0 when Fay Rolls shot high into the net from just inside the area to mark her first team debut with a goal.

The home side were having great difficulty in coping with the fluid passing and movement at the front end of the team and it was no surprise when Michelle Byrne made it 3-0 with a first-time shot. Fay Howell then cut inside and her shot deceived the keeper, who could only help the ball into the net for

Luton's fourth. Rebecca Kane then showed what a good prospect she is as she scored twice in as many minutes, breaking into the penalty area and finishing neatly on both occasions across the diving keeper. A 6-0 half time lead was no more than the Town deserved for an excellent display of quick-passing football.

The more experienced Viking team decided that they were not prepared to accept a similar tally in the second half, and defended far better after the break although Luton still created several opportunities. Saving the best till last Michelle Byrne won the ball on the wing and back heeled a pass into the path of Fay Howell who crossed to Rhiannon Morgan. She held the ball well before laying it back into the path of Michelle Byrne who had spun away from starting the move to finish with a first-time shot from 20 yards into the top corner. It was a goal right from the top drawer and a reflection of Luton's excellent performance



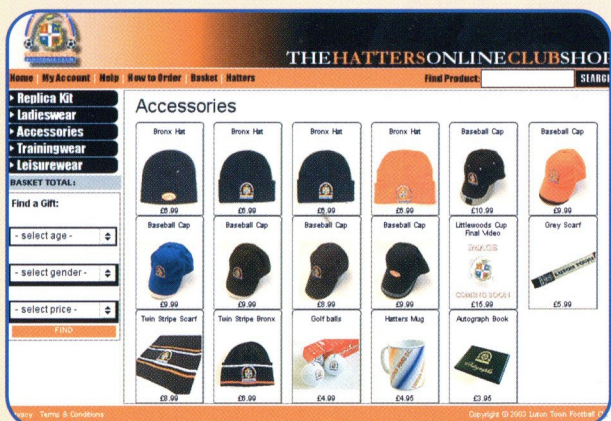
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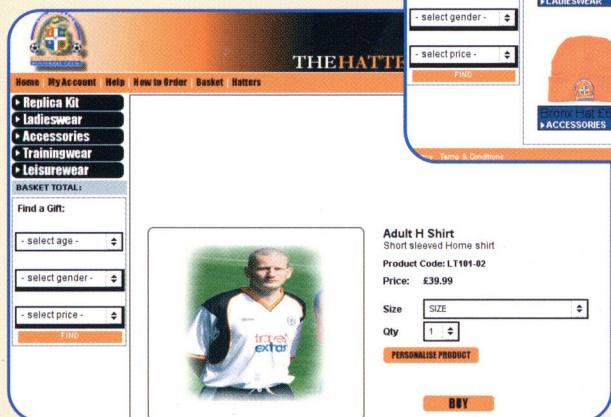
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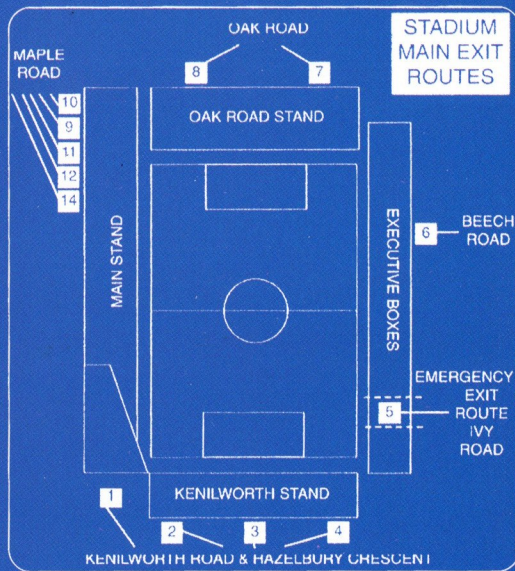
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Nationwide Division 2 Statistics

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	7	11	2	1	2
Bristol City	15	3	1	1	1
QPR	9	3	6	1	1
Brighton	7	7	4	1	0
Swindon	8	9	1	1	0
Hartlepool	10	6	1	0	1
Port Vale	12	2	3	1	0
Bournemouth	12	1	2	0	1
Wrexham	11	3	1	1	0
Blackpool	10	3	1	1	0
Luton	8	6	1	0	0
Tranmere	11	0	2	1	0
Barnsley	9	4	1	0	0
Colchester	10	3	1	0	0
Rushden	6	5	1	1	0
Sheff Wed	10	2	1	0	0
Brentford	10	1	0	1	0
Grimsby	4	5	0	1	1
Peterborough	5	3	2	0	1
Chesterfield	5	4	1	0	0
Notts County	5	2	3	0	0
Stockport	6	3	1	0	0
Oldham	4	2	2	0	1
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
Hartlepool	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	1	2	3
Chesterfield	0	0	3	3
Plymouth	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	7.71	6.55
Bristol City	6.62	4.76
QPR	6.29	4.95
Notts County	5.95	5.21
Swindon	6.10	4.95
Peterborough	5.81	5.02
Colchester	5.43	5.38
Bournemouth	5.32	5.46
Luton	6.20	4.56
Oldham	5.27	5.24
Brighton	5.62	4.74
Hartlepool	5.83	4.50
Barnsley	5.93	4.38
Blackpool	6.02	4.17
Wrexham	5.73	4.37
Port Vale	5.26	4.60
Rushden	5.86	4.00
Tranmere	5.38	4.36
Stockport	5.10	4.64
Grimsby	5.26	4.29
Sheff Wed	4.86	4.43
Chesterfield	4.81	4.33
Brentford	4.69	3.81
Wycombe	4.55	3.45

Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Port Vale	0	0	6	6
Grimsby	0	0	4	4
Luton	0	0	4	4
Oldham	0	0	4	4
Peterborough	0	1	2	3
Wycombe	0	1	2	3
Stockport	0	0	3	3
Brentford	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	0.60	20	3	7
Scott Taylor	16	0.52	17	3	6
Tommy Mooney	19	0.45	16	4	9
Wayne Andrews	12	0.32	15	4	6
Lee Peacock	14	0.38	14	3	8
Steve McPhee	20	0.48	13	4	9
Eugene Dadi	15	0.42	12	2	9
Kevin Betsy	10	0.24	12	1	3
Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu	9	0.45	12	2	4
Paul Heffernan	19	0.53	11	3	4
Kevin Gallen	16	0.39	11	3	6
Glynn Hurst	12	0.48	11	3	6
Rodney Jack	12	0.29	11	2	4
Steve Howard	10	0.33	11	2	6

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

Penalties Scored

Player	Club	Goals
Knight	Brighton	6
Hunt	Brentford	5
Sheridan J	Oldham	5
Lambert	Stockport	5
Heffernan	Notts County	4
Taylor	Tranmere	4
Reeves	Chesterfield	3
Wotton	Plymouth	3
Ndumbu-Nsungu	Sheff Wed	3

Scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Bristol City	18	53	34
Plymouth	22	77	29
Swindon	20	71	28
Tranmere	13	49	27
Chesterfield	12	46	26
QPR	19	75	25
Peterborough	13	53	25
Rushden	14	60	23
Notts County	11	48	23
Bournemouth	12	53	23

Against	76-90	Total	%
Brentford	27	67	40
QPR	12	41	29
Brighton	12	43	28
Peterborough	15	54	28
Chesterfield	18	68	26
Sheff Wed	14	53	26
Notts County	17	70	24
Luton	14	58	24

Goals from Close Range

Player	Club	Goals
Knight	Brighton	8
Coughlan	Plymouth	7
Paynter	Port Vale	7
McPhee	Port Vale	7
Parkin	Swindon	7
Hayter	Bournemouth	6
Taylor	Blackpool	6
Williams E	Hartlepool	6
Friio	Plymouth	6
Gallen	QPR	6
Lowe	Rushden	6
Barlow	Stockport	6

Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
QPR	42	687	16.36
Tranmere	42	575	13.69
Luton	41	560	13.66
Notts County	42	569	13.55
Barnsley	42	566	13.48
Brentford	42	553	13.17
Colchester	42	553	13.17
Grimsby	42	549	13.07
Wycombe	42	545	12.98
Plymouth	42	540	12.86
Brighton	42	539	12.83

OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Luton	41	191	4.66
Rushden	42	180	4.29
Chesterfield	42	175	4.17
Peterborough	42	174	4.14
Oldham	41	169	4.12
Hartlepool	42	172	4.10
Bristol City	42	162	3.86
Tranmere	42	162	3.86
Grimsby	42	160	3.81
Blackpool	42	152	3.62
QPR	42	151	3.60

Early Goals Scored

Player	Club	Goals
Mooney	Swindon	4
Williams E	Hartlepool	3
Howard	Luton	3
Heffernan	Notts County	3
McPhee	Port Vale	3
Brooker	Port Vale	3
Dadi	Tranmere	3

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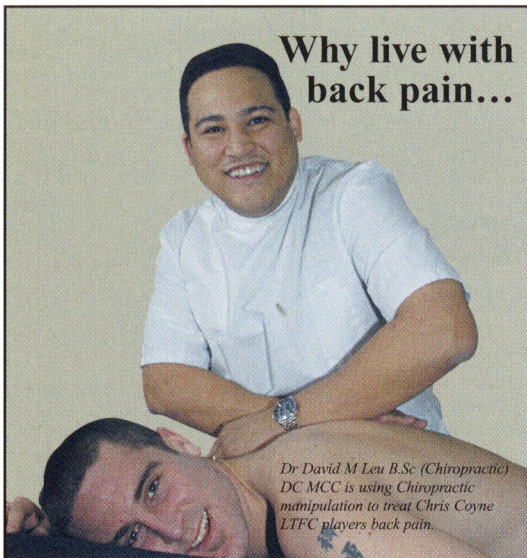
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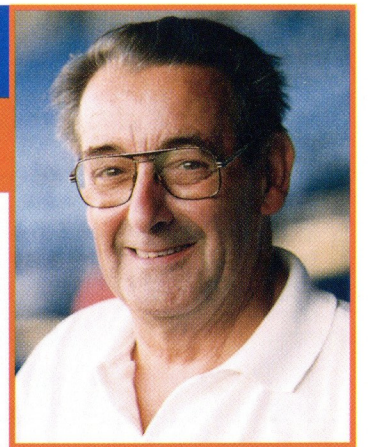
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Around The Town - By The Editor



THIS EDITION went to press a little later than usual, waiting and hoping for the big story we have wanted to write for months – the Town's emergence from administrative receivership. It has been frustrating in recent weeks as all the signs were that agreement on putting new owners into place was getting close. We now know that there is just one formality left, following a statement by Barry Ward, the administrative receiver who has been running the club since the middle of last July.

He said he had spoken to The Football League and they had confirmed that they had received the last remaining document they needed from the consortium which is to take over.

Mr Ward forecast that the club would be out of administrative receivership within days, but as we went to press we were still waiting for it to happen. When it does the group headed by former Town secretary and general manager Bill Tomlins will inherit a team which has done remarkably well in the face of adversity. For most of us, survival alone has been a result, but Mike Newell is concerned that there could be a feeling among supporters that the play-off chances have been blown by our worst run of the season. The sequence of seven games without a win, and only three points gathered, could hardly have come at a worst time, but he is determined that no-one in Kenilworth Road will give up the dream while we still have a chance.

The nearest play-off spot is seven points away, but the gap can be closed, and in his column today the

boss makes it clear that every effort will be made to earn the chance of a trip to the Millennium Stadium in late May. A top three finish is out of reach, and the only question at that level is whether Bristol City can overhaul QPR for the runners-up spot. If they retain today's third place until the end of the season they will think back with some trepidation to 12 months ago.

They finished third, behind Wigan and Crewe, but still failed to win promotion. Sixth-placed Cardiff went up via the play-offs. Perhaps we should aim to finish sixth! QPR and Oldham, incidentally, were last season's other unsuccessful play-off teams.

The Town have a game in hand on every club above them, with the exception of Bournemouth, who come to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday for a match which is hugely important for both clubs as Bournemouth currently stand two points above the Town.

The unknown factor, of course, is how other teams in play-off contention will fare, and it is a matter of opinion who faces the toughest run-in. But there are several "six pointers" facing all of them.

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Bristol City A
Notts County H
Wrexham A

Hartlepool

Wrexham A
Notts Co H
Rushden A
Plymouth H

Port Vale

Chesterfield H
Notts Co A
Tranmere H
Rushden A

Bournemouth

Tranmere H
Luton A
Peterborough H
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Wrexham A
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"It's not over by a long chalk. We have five games left and three of them are at home. Sections of the crowd might have given in, but I won't let that happen. It's not possible to give in with five games left, particularly the way everybody beats everybody else in this league." – **Mike Newell**



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Scene On Two: First Issue Is Decided

THE TOWN'S miserable Easter was not as disastrous as it might have been, with other teams in the play-off chase also faltering, with the result that our worst run of the season leaves us in ninth place, seven points adrift of the top six.

Three other teams in the Division failed to collect a single Easter point – Grimsby, Wrexham and Wycombe, and Wycombe's home defeat to Tranmere put them out of their misery. They are relegated, although the bad news sank in slowly at The Causeway. They are 12 points short of the safety mark, with four games to play, but having thought they still had a mathematical though unlikely chance of survival, they now know the worst. Other teams in trouble have to play each other, and points at stake in those games ensure Wycombe must finish in the bottom four whatever their last four results. They will be replaced by Doncaster Rovers, who have been promoted, and whose visit to Kenilworth Road next season will be their first since 1970 in the Third Division.

The only 100 per cent teams in the Second Division over Easter were Blackpool, Hartlepool and Tranmere.

Bristol City bagged four Easter points to maintain hopes of automatic promotion, with Tuesday's home clash with leaders Plymouth settled by Lee Peacock's late goal, his 16th of the season.

The other four-point teams over Easter were Barnsley, Brentford, Peterborough, QPR, Stockport and Swindon. Oldham and Sheffield Wednesday took two points, and there was a one-point return for Bournemouth, Brighton, Chesterfield, Notts County and Rushden. Bristol City are only one point short of the second place they held in the table during March following a wonderful run of 11 victories on the bounce.

Beaten only twice at home this season – by Port Vale and Oldham – City come to Luton with an away record showing seven wins, seven draws and seven defeats.

Draws were chalked up at Chesterfield, Bournemouth, Oldham, QPR, Wrexham, Rushden and Swindon. Defeats on the road were at the hands of Colchester, Wycombe, Blackpool, Sheffield Wednesday, Stockport, Tranmere and Port Vale.

The victories were at Plymouth, Brighton, Brentford, Notts County, Hartlepool, Peterborough and Grimsby. But since the 2-1 success at Blundell Park two months ago they have suffered four defeats and one draw on their travels.

City's last six results: Oldham H 0-2, Tranmere A 0-1, Port Vale A 1-2, QPR H 1-0, Swindon A 1-1, Plymouth H 1-0.

Nationwide League Division Two

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Plymouth	42	15	5	1	48	13	8	7	6	29	23	41	81
QPR	42	15	6	0	45	11	5	10	6	30	30	34	76
Bristol City	42	14	5	2	32	11	7	7	7	21	22	20	75
Swindon	42	12	6	3	39	20	7	6	8	32	34	17	69
Brighton	42	15	4	2	37	11	4	6	11	23	32	17	67
Hartlepool	42	9	8	4	34	21	9	4	8	34	36	11	66
Port Vale	42	14	5	2	42	26	4	4	13	24	34	6	63
Bournemouth	41	11	7	3	34	20	5	6	9	19	24	9	61
Luton Town	41	12	5	3	37	22	3	9	9	24	36	3	59
Barnsley	42	7	12	2	25	16	7	5	9	26	35	0	59
Tranmere	42	11	7	3	32	17	3	9	9	17	35	-3	58
Blackpool	42	8	5	8	26	23	7	6	8	26	34	-5	56
Colchester	42	9	8	4	28	22	5	5	11	18	31	-7	55
Wrexham	41	8	6	7	25	18	8	1	11	20	34	-7	55
Sheff Wed	42	7	9	5	24	22	6	5	10	20	31	-9	53
Peterborough	42	5	7	9	35	31	6	8	7	18	23	-1	48
Rushden	42	9	5	7	37	30	4	4	13	23	37	-7	48
Stockport	42	5	8	8	27	32	5	9	7	30	33	-8	47
Oldham	41	7	7	6	30	23	2	12	7	26	33	0	46
Brentford	42	8	4	9	32	37	4	6	11	16	30	-19	46
Chesterfield	42	7	7	7	32	31	3	7	11	14	37	-22	44
Grimsby	42	8	5	8	34	26	3	6	12	17	51	-26	44
Notts County	42	6	8	7	30	24	4	3	14	18	46	-22	41
Wycombe	42	5	6	10	30	35	1	10	10	17	34	-22	34

Today's Other Second Division fixtures

- Barnsley v Brentford
- Blackpool v Sheffield Wed
- Bournemouth v Tranmere
- Brighton v Peterborough
- Colchester v Wrexham
- Grimsby v Rushden
- Hartlepool v Notts Co
- Oldham v Plymouth
- Port Vale v Chesterfield
- QPR v Stockport
- Wycombe v Swindon

Today's Squads



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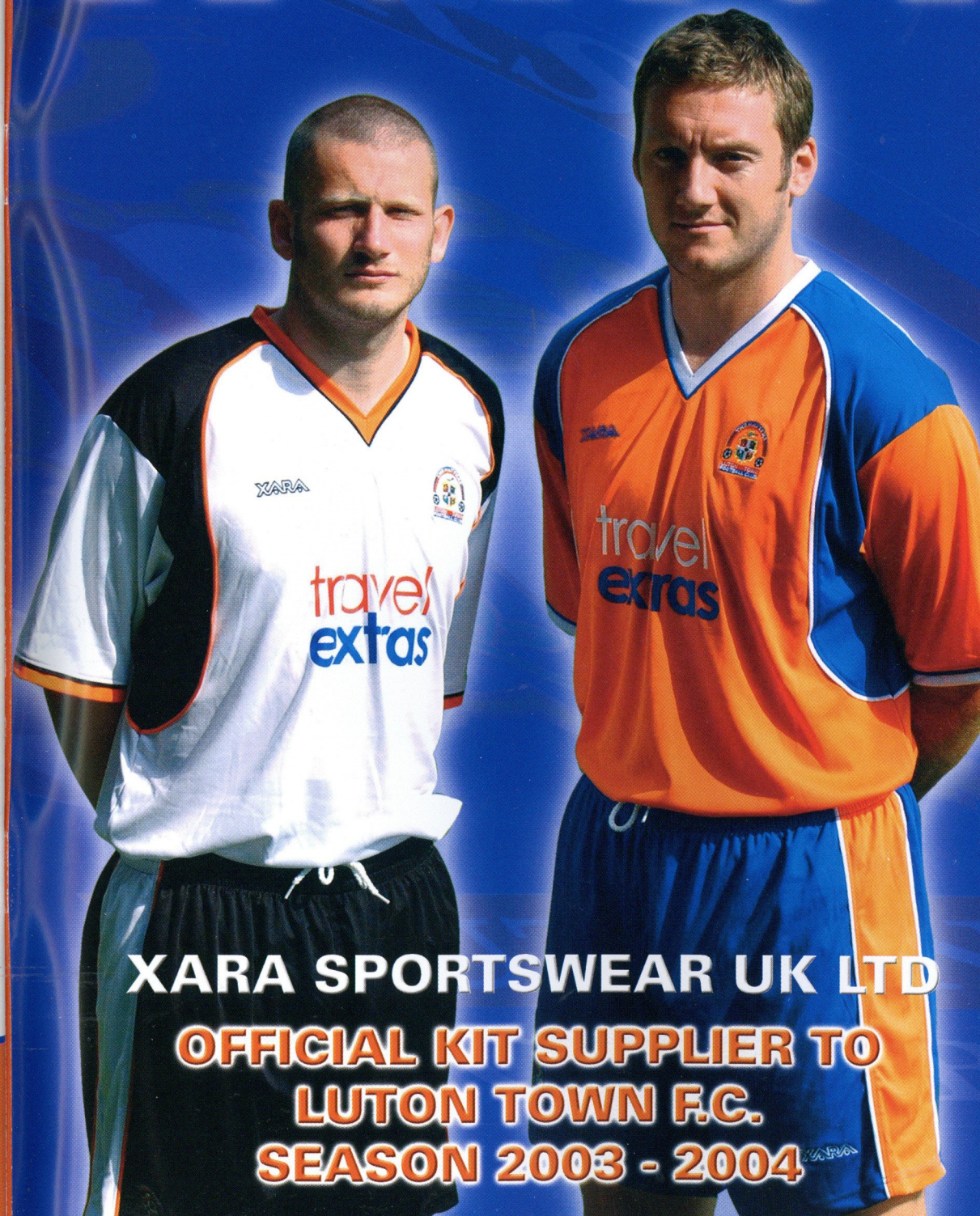
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