

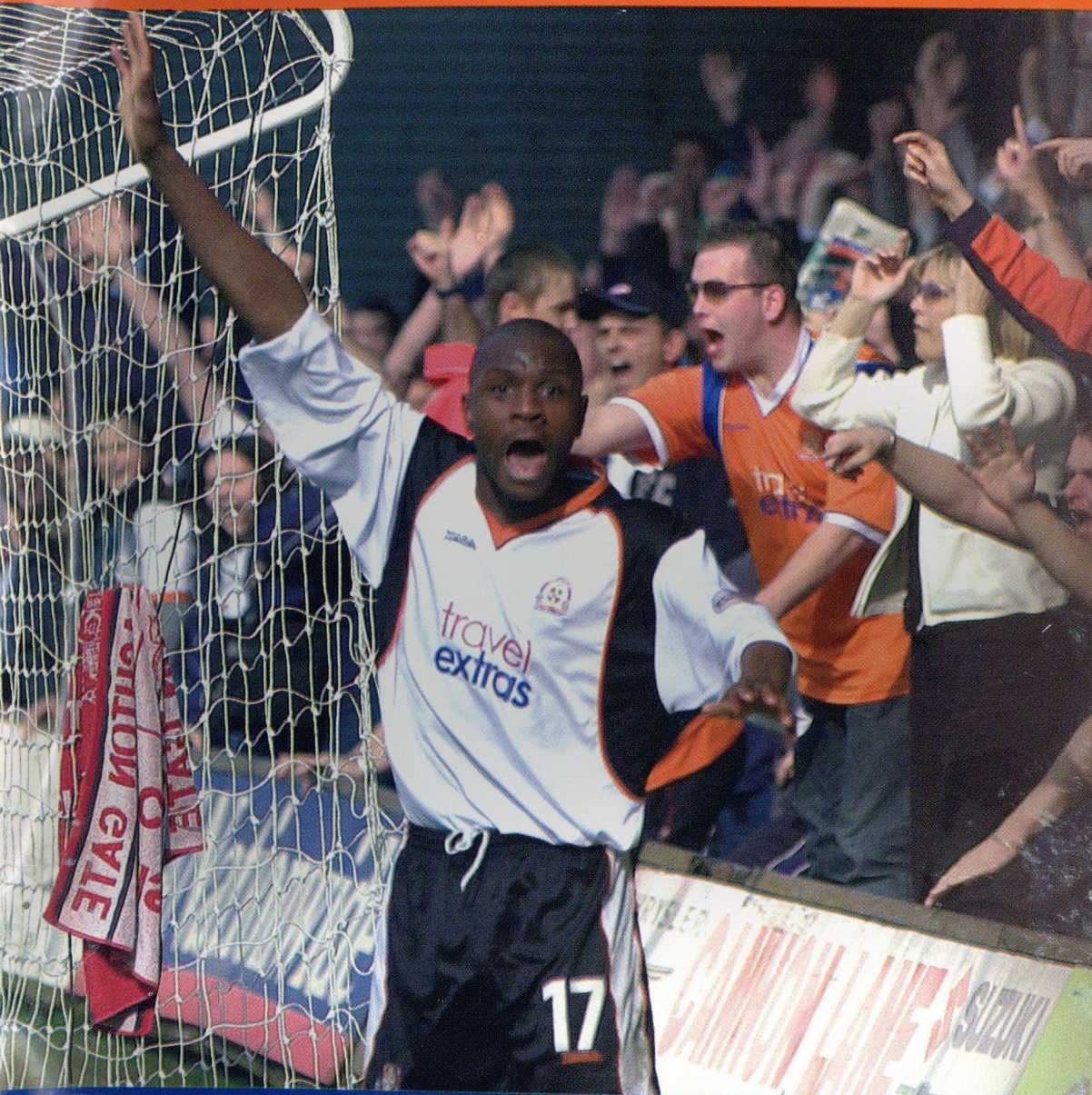


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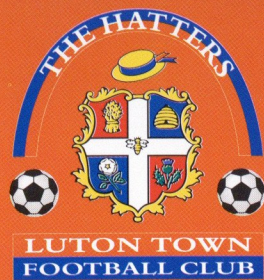


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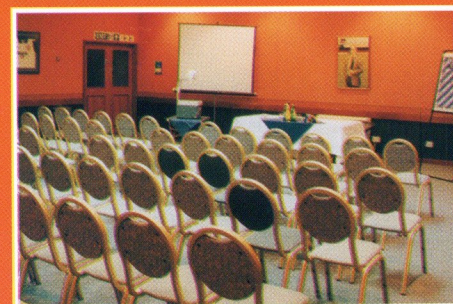
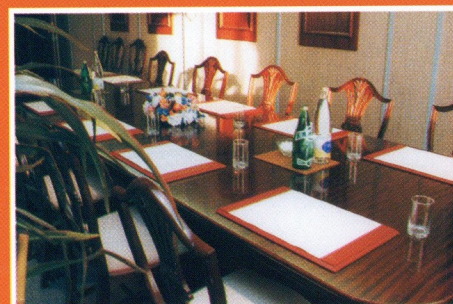
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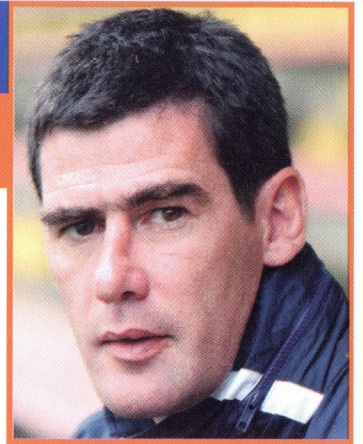


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# The Manager's Message



HELLO and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's rearranged fixture with Bournemouth. The cancellation last month was a major disappointment to all of us, as I am sure it was to you and everyone who had travelled from Bournemouth.

Not only were we in a decent run of form at the time, and looking forward to keeping it going, but we were also always going to face a fixture pile-up at a busy period of the season

Welcome to Sean O'Driscoll and his staff, players, directors and supporters from Dean Court. Bournemouth have had a good season after promotion via the play-offs last year, and like ourselves still have everything to play for.

Saturday's last-gasp victory over Bristol City keeps us in with a chance. The lads dug deep and got their rewards and that little bit of good fortune that has so often gone against us at the death this season.

It's strange, but even after City's equaliser in injury

time I had a feeling that we were still going to win it. You cannot go on conceding goals as late in the game as often as we have done and not ever get a winner yourselves.

I am not a big believer in luck, and over a season things even themselves out, so I reckon we are still due about five more injury-time goals! Let's hope that one on Saturday turns out to be a big winner. As I said before Saturday's game, we will keep going to the end. All season teams in this division have produced strange results, and there is no reason to expect it to change in the final weeks. Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

*Mike Newell*



**MIDFIELD CONTEST:** Steve Robinson starred for the Town on Saturday, once more partnering Kevin Nicholls in the centre of midfield, and is pictured in typical action, competing with Bristol City's Louis Carey.

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## The Town Captain's View



HAVING just beaten the best team in the Second Division, we face another must win-game tonight, and we are in the right frame of mind to do it again. You may be surprised that we rate Bristol City as the best side we have met this season, but that is the dressing room view on the evidence of our games against them. We think Swindon are the second-best side we have played, but of course the league table doesn't lie and Plymouth must have been better against other teams than they were against us.

I admit we took too long to get going on Saturday, and we were grateful to Morten Hyltdgaard for a couple of early saves. Bristol might have scored two or three before we settled down, and if that had happened it could have been the Swindon game all over again.

But once we had weathered that early spell, Howie popped up with a goal he was due, and then we settled down to play well for the rest of the game. We lost to Swindon because we had too many players who were below par. We beat Bristol City because every one put in a very good performance. Having said that, I don't care how we play so long as we get three points, and that victory has given us a massive boost, as well as ending our worst run of the season. City were unhappy about Emmerson Boyce's goal, but those of us who were close have no doubt the ball crossed the line before the keeper grabbed it. And fair play to the assistant referee, who was in a perfect position to make the decision, and did not bottle it. If he had not flagged I doubt if the referee would have been in position to rule that it was a goal.

The injury-time drama was something else. We have been caught out in stoppage time too often for my liking, so it was a great moment when this time we got a stoppage time winner, and we felt it was no more than we deserved.

And well done Keith Keane. He might score a lot more goals in his career, but we will all remember his first one with considerable gratitude. He is only 17, but shows a lot of character, and he stood up for himself in the dressing room when we tried to kid him that the winning goal was an OG because it was deflected in. He was having none of it - no-one, however senior or more experienced, was going to be

allowed to take away from him his delight at his first-ever league goal, and of course we know he deserved it.

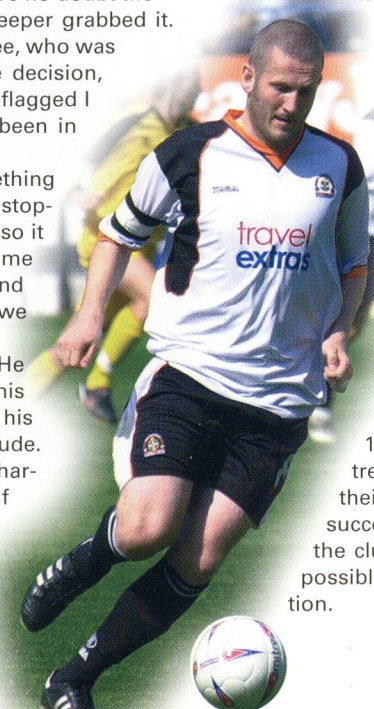
We also know that tonight is another must-win game. It's a shame that our play-off hopes are not now entirely in our own hands, but if we get three more points we move up into seventh place again, four points short of the top six. And that will have Hartlepool looking over their shoulder, and perhaps sew a few seeds of doubt in their minds.

It will put a bit of pressure on them, and as their last two games are Plymouth at home and Swindon away, so they have a tough run-in.

But we can't afford to worry about other teams' results: all we can do is try to win every game, and we owe it to everyone to do the business tonight, having lost badly at Bournemouth earlier in the season. If we play as well as we did on Saturday we should get another win to stay in the play-off chase.

It is hard to know what effect it will have on Bournemouth after their home thrashing at the hands of Tranmere on Saturday. They might still be feeling shell-shocked tonight, or it could be a case of a wounded animal always being dangerous. Whichever it is, we need to concentrate on our jobs, and give you all a repeat performance of Saturday's display, but preferably without leaving it quite so late to get the winner!

And I hope Bournemouth bring a good crowd with them - the atmosphere on Saturday, with more than 1,500 away fans packing one end, was tremendous, and the supporters played their part in the result. We are hungry for success, and we owe it to ourselves, to the club and to the fans, to do everything possible to stay in with a chance of promotion.



*Kevin Nicholls*

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# A Season Full Of Frustration

WITH everyone in Kenilworth Road keenly anticipating the end of the Town's administrative receivership, Mike Newell has spoken of the frustration it has caused within the club.

He makes the point that he enjoys a challenge, and likes being the Town manager, but wonders how different things might be today if the Football League had been a little more lenient in its dealings with the club.

The boss came in during the summer, hired by a temporary owner, and within a month the administrative receiver had been put in charge. And the manager is as frustrated as everyone else at the time it has taken for the new owners to be approved by the League.

He will welcome the new owners, a consortium headed by former Town secretary and general manager Bill Tomlins, not least because it will give him much-needed freedom to start putting into effect his plans for next season.

He also looks back wistfully on what might have been, particularly in regard to Gary McSheffrey

and Marlon Beresford. The League's overall stance to a club in administration was to restrict it to a 20-man first team squad. The Town had to make special pleadings when a rash of injuries decimated numbers, but when transfer deadline day arrived last month the embargo meant that the boss had to unload one player, Dean Crowe, to bring in another, Paul Underwood.

And the former Rushden skipper was then injured early in his first game, at QPR, and it is possible we may not see him in action again this season.

"It has been a very frustrating season," said the manager. "I don't know why administration has dragged on so long, but to be fair to the people who hope to come in, they have been paying the wages for months, which indicates how serious they are about their take-over. The stumbling blocks seem to be at the Football League.

"We have to wait to come out of administration before we can talk to players who are nearing the end of their contracts, and the major frustration

was when we were not allowed to keep the players I wanted to sign, particularly Gary McSheffrey and Marlon Beresford.

"But the League took a bit of stick over the way Leicester went into and out of administration and it may be a case of once bitten, twice shy.

"Fortunately we have enough quality players here to see us through to the end of the season, but it was a real hammer blow when we lost three men injured, Paul Underwood, Paul Hughes and Peter Holmes, in the first half at Queens Park Rangers.

"I wanted to do more on deadline day. Teams trying to go up, or fighting to avoid relegation, tend to bring in three or four players for the final push, but we couldn't do that."



**IF ONLY...** Gary McSheffrey, who hit nine goals in 19 appearances for the Town. The club had to plead with the league to allow his loan to be extended twice, but at the end of three months, and unable to sign because of the transfer embargo, he had to go back to Coventry, and is now established in their Division One squad.

# Coaches Booked For Final Away Games

THE TOWN play their last but one away game of the regular season on Saturday, at Wrexham, and if you are quick you can still book seats on coaches being run by Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club. Town on Tour, part of Luton Town Supporters Club, will start from 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.

The Bobbers will set off from Cranfield at 9am and departure from Kenilworth Road is 10am. The fare is £13.50 for adults, and £11 for junior and senior citizens.

The final game of the season before the play-offs is at Chesterfield on May 8, and bookings are now being taken, with a fair chance that extra coaches will have to be put on as Town fans celebrate the end of a season some of us feared might not even start. The Bobbers will leave Cranfield at 10am and Luton at 11, and their fares are £11.50 for adults, £9.50 for concessions.

Town on Tour start from 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 Road To North Wales



DRIVING to Wrexham takes about three hours if road conditions are kind. 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 On The Last Day



CHESTERFIELD is easily reached by car. Leave Luton on the M1 going north, 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.

# Big Crowd Likely For Final (?) Home Game

THERE ought to be a cracking atmosphere around Kenilworth Road a week on Saturday, when we play our final home game of the regular season, with, hopefully, just one more at home to come in the play-offs.

Sheffield Wednesday are the visitors for an all-ticket match, and they have consistently been the biggest attraction in the Second Division this season, both at Hillsborough and on their travels. The signs are that their following could beat the previous best in the Oak Road end. Print deadlines prevent us including Saturday's crowd figures on this page, but before then QPR and Plymouth had brought the largest number of fans so far. But Wednesday's travelling supporters have contributed to the season's-best attendances at Barnsley, Brentford, Chesterfield, Hartlepool, Peterborough, Port Vale, Stockport, Swindon, Tranmere and Wrexham. Three clubs have enjoyed their highest attendance of the season against the Town: Brighton, Colchester and Rushden.

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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28,775</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>959</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
Swindon	943
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,956</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>607</b>

# 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.



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on credit or debit cards by  
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# 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

Season ticket holders can purchase one ticket each, on production of Special Match voucher D, from now 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



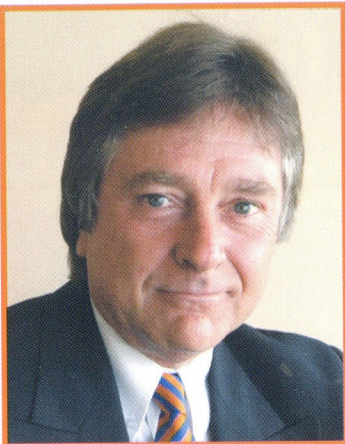
## Ticket Office Opening Hours

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### SATURDAY

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days; 10am until the away  
coaches depart on days  
when there is no game at  
Kenilworth Road.



# Commercial Corner

WE AGAIN extend a very warm welcome, for the second time, to all of our sponsors and commercial

partners and their guests to this evening's match against AFC Bournemouth, and we are most appreciative of their continued support.

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### City Plumbing

City Plumbing join us as joint match sponsors, and all of us at the club would like to take this opportunity of thanking them not only for their support this evening, but also for the past six years of continuing sponsorship. Based in Bilton Way, Luton, City Plumbing is one of the largest plumbing and heating distributors in the area, with a bathroom showroom which is open to both retail and trade customers.



Joint match sponsors for the Bristol City game Anachem Ltd with their guests inspecting the pitch prior to the game.



Joanne Chan, our commercial mascot for Bristol City, receiving her commemorative certificate from the players.

# Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests



The Luton man of the match for the second game running receiving the trophy from representatives from our two match sponsors for the Bristol City game.



Clark & Son Ltd joint match sponsor for the Bristol City game and their guests running the rule over the hallowed turf.

Managing Director Mick Abbott extends a warm welcome this evening to guests, including representatives from Vogel & Noot Radiators and Ferroli Boilers. City Plumbing can be contacted on 01582 431561 or via their web site [www.city-plumbing.co.uk](http://www.city-plumbing.co.uk)

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### Sami Naveed

Sami Naveed, aged 11, is our commercial mascot this evening, and we extend our usual warm welcome to him and his mum and dad, who are here with him.

Sami attends Beechwood Junior School in Luton, and his hobbies include playing football and cricket. I am sure he is going to enjoy being part of the action this evening.



Representatives of the ball sponsor, for the Bristol City game, Coca-Cola and their guests.

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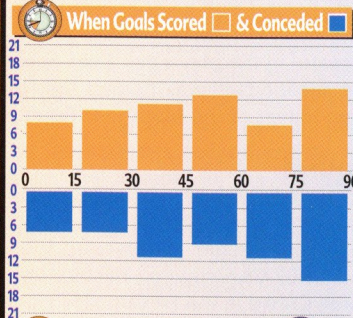
Won: 1  
Drawn: 2  
Lost: 3  
Scored: 8  
Conc: 12  
Points: 5  
Goal Diff: -4  
Last 6: DDLWW

Last 5 Home: WDDLW  
Last 5 Away: DDLWL

Miscellaneous

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

The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Howard	4
Long range shots	Howard	2
Inside 6 yards	Howard	3
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	4 players	1
Penalties	Nicholls	2
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard	7
Most goals in last 10	6 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	10.5



Goalkeeping	
Opp. attempts on target	229
Goals conceded	60
On target/goals scored	3.82
Division 2 rating	20

Goalscoring Strike Rate	
Shots on target	259
Goals scored	64
On target / goals	4.05
Division 2 Rating	9

Goals in last 10 mins	
Goals For, last 10	6
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	12
Points lost	13

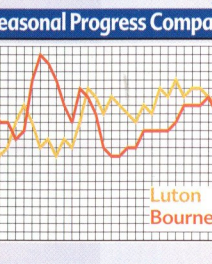
Fouls & Offsides	
Average fouls per game	13.76
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	23
Average Offsides per game	4.67
Div 2 Rating	24

Cards	
76	7

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	132,164
Highest	8,499
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,294

Where Goals	
Close Range	17
Inside Area	32
Outside Area	5



Set Piece Goals	
Scored from C	8
Conceded from C	7
Scored from FK	11
Conceded from FK	6

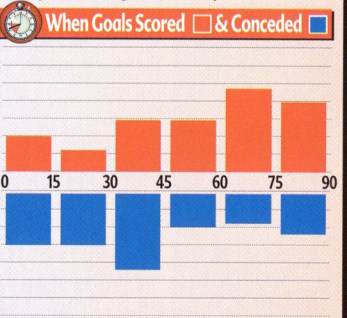
Cards	
62	2

Margins	
WON BY:	12
LOST BY:	8
WON BY:	1
LOST BY:	3
WON BY:	2
LOST BY:	1
WON BY:	4
LOST BY:	0
WON BY:	1
LOST BY:	5

Bournemouth's 10-Year Record	
93/94	14
94/95	8
95/96	17
96/97	8
97/98	12
98/99	15
99/00	11
00/01	18
01/02	13
02/03	8

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The Guys to Watch		
Headed goals	Hayter	5
Long range shots	5 players	1
Inside 6 yards	Hayter	6
Shots from 6-18 yards	Feeney, Hayter	6
Volleyed shots	Feeney	5
Penalties	O'Connor	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Hayter	5
Most goals in last 10	Hayter	5
Points gained from goals	Feeney	13



Goalkeeping	
Opp. attempts on target	208
Goals conceded	49
On target/goals scored	4.24
Division 2 rating	13

Goalscoring Strike Rate	
Shots on target	225
Goals scored	54
On target / goals	4.17
Division 2 Rating	11

Goals in last 10 mins	
Goals For, last 10	7
Points won	5
Goals Against, last 10	5
Points lost	3

Fouls & Offsides	
Average fouls per game	11.88
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	7
Average Offsides per game	2.74
Div 2 Rating	2

Cards	
62	2

Swings	
WON when behind	4
DRAWN when behind	8
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	3
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	4
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	1
DRAWN 1 down	7
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	3

Attendances	
Aggregate	151,465
Highest	8,909
Lowest	5,837
Average	6,885



Cherries



Form Guide:

Won: 1  
Drawn: 2  
Lost: 3  
Scored: 1  
Conc: 1  
Points: 1  
Goal Diff: -

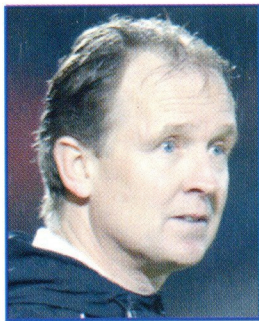
Last 6: LWDLWL  
Last 5 Home: WLDDL  
Last 5 Away: LDWWL

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 23  
Clean Sheets: 15  
Failed to Score: 9

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## MANAGER SEAN O'DRISCOLL

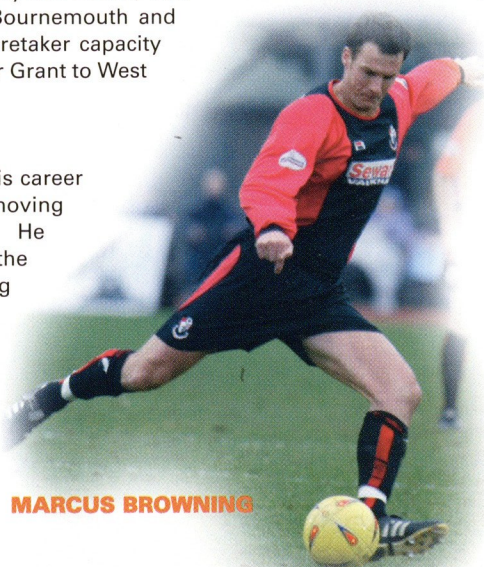
Sean is now in his 20th season at AFC Bournemouth after initially joining on loan from Fulham in the 1983-84 season and last Wednesday marked his 20th anniversary. He went on to become the Cherries all time appearance maker, having his last out-

ing in the 94-95 season. Since then he has acted as physio, youth coach, first team coach and then manager in 2000. It has certainly been an eventful time in management for Sean. In his first season, he led the side from the relegation zone to three minutes away from the play-offs. The disruptive 01-02 season, where the side started using Dorchester Town as the home venue due to the new stadium being built ended in disappointment as the side were relegated. His managerial skills were used to the full though in the 02-03 season as despite losing many key players to injury and having a transfer embargo on him for much of the season, he led the team to promotion via the play-offs with a thrilling 5-2 win over Lincoln City at the Millennium Stadium and with little or no resources plus a long injury list has again worked miracles this term. Sean is currently assisted by Joe Roach, who is the Head of Youth at Bournemouth and has taken the role in a caretaker capacity after the departure of Peter Grant to West Ham.

## 1 NEIL MOSS

Goalkeeper who started his career at Bournemouth before moving to Southampton in 1996. He spent seven years with the Saints, also serving Gillingham on loan. His first team chances were limited despite showing excellent form when used in the Premiership and he rejoined Bournemouth early last season on loan. He then signed

MARCUS BROWNING



permanently for the club he supported as a boy and put in some excellent performances as the Cherries were successful in the play-offs. Ever present in the league this season Neil was named the Nationwide Division two Player of the Month for February.

## 2 NEIL YOUNG

Long serving right back who joined Bournemouth in 1994 from Tottenham. Neil has had to overcome serious injury to reclaim his place in the side and enjoyed a fine 02-03 campaign despite breaking his ankle against Crewe in the FA Cup. He signed a new contract in the summer and enjoyed an excellent pre-season, scoring a rare goal with a superb strike against Leicester in the final friendly. Unfortunately, he missed the start of the season through injury, but came off the bench to make his first appearance at Wrexham and has won his place back in the side. Neil sustained an injury in the 2-1 win at Blackpool in September and has recently made a return for the reserves and could be involved in the match at Luton.

## 3 STEPHEN PURCHES

Stephen signed from West Ham in 2000 and has been used in a number of roles, left back, right back and towards the end of last season, in the centre of midfield where he put in a number of eye catching appearances and signed off with a superb goal against Lincoln in the play-off final. Scored his first goal of the season in the win at Wrexham and also netted at Blackpool. Stephen has now scored ten goals in his senior career, with Bournemouth winning all ten games that he has found the net in and that could be counted as eleven as he scored an own goal against Luton, but the side went on to win 6-3!

## 4 MARCUS BROWNING

Commanding midfielder who was surprisingly released by Gillingham at the end of the 2001-02 season and quickly snapped up by Bournemouth. He started his career at Bristol Rovers before making a big money move to Huddersfield



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## 7 CARL FLETCHER

and then Gillingham and has won international honours for Wales. A highly versatile player, Marcus filled in as goalkeeper twice last season and in an 80 minute appearance against Hull, kept a clean sheet and in the recent draw at Barnsley, filled a central defensive role. Marcus has been an inspirational member of the side this season and he scored his first goal of the season in the FA Cup against Accrington Stanley. Recently out with a groin problem, he returned as a substitute last weekend and is back in the starting line up, captaining the side in the second half against Chesterfield.

## 5 KARL BROADHURST

Central defender who has suffered more than his fair share of injuries. The former youth player who can also fill in comfortably in the right back role, missed the promotion run in last season due to a shoulder problem, but returned for pre-season and took full advantage of Shaun Maher's injury problems to get the start at Port Vale and has impressed with his displays at the heart of the defence. Scored his first goal of the season in the 2-1 win at Blackpool and had been ever present until suspension and illness ruled him out. Karl has been showing fine form recently but was carried off last week against Notts County with a facial injury and has since returned to the first team displaying the consistent form that he has done all season.

## 6 SHAUN MAHER

Shaun signed from Bohemians in 2001, but it was at the start of the 2002-03 season where he started to show his great potential. He scored twice early in the season before damaging his knee in the 2-2 draw at Darlington, which ruled him out for the rest of the season. He returned fit from the summer break and made his first appearance in the pre-season opener at Hamworthy and was involved throughout pre-season, getting stronger with every game, but sustained an injury on the day before the seasons opener. He has suffered from injury throughout the season, but regained his fitness to enjoy a good run in the side, but was forced to limp off against Chesterfield on Easter Monday and could be doubtful for the Luton trip.

CARL FLETCHER



The former Cherries youth player enjoyed his best season yet, capping it with a clean sweep of the club awards and two goals at the Millennium Stadium against Lincoln in the play off final. In 2002, Carl became the youngest ever Bournemouth captain and captains the side regularly now. A midfielder, injuries meant that Carl had to fill a central defensive role for much of last season where he excelled. An inspirational player all season, Carl recently got his international call up for Wales and made his debut against Scotland at the Millennium Stadium in their recent 4-0 win and came on as a substitute in the 2-1 win in Hungary recently. Carl missed the Easter Monday match due to a thigh strain and will hopeful to be fit for the match at Kenilworth Road.

## 8 BRIAN STOCK

Winchester born midfielder who came through the youth ranks at Dean Court, making his first team debut whilst still a youth player. Brian has been capped by Wales at Under 21 level and holds the distinction of being the first player to score at the new Bournemouth stadium. Brian was in the recent Welsh under 21 squads that travelled to Serbia & Montenegro and Italy, and played the full 90 minutes against Finland in their next game. Brian scored his first goals of the season against Luton in the 6-3 win and after regaining a starting place, scored the opener in the recent 3-0 win at Rushden.

## 9 WARREN FEENEY

Northern Ireland international, Warren was injured playing for his country last season and missed the promotion run in. The former Leeds striker endured an injury hit season, but his goal ratio when fit was excellent. He signed a new contract in the summer. Warren has appeared as a sub in all the games this season and has received a call up for the Northern Ireland Under 21 squad and scored in his last two games at that level and he will be hoping that he will be facing England at full level in the World Cup qualifiers.

## 10 STEVE FLETCHER

Big Fletch joined Bournemouth back in 1992 from Hartlepool. He was rewarded

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for his loyalty to the club with a testimonial against Portsmouth, a game in which he scored during the 5-4 win. The very popular striker is also club captain with over 400 appearances to his name and is renowned for being one of the best target men in the lower divisions. He would have made a lot more appearances but for a series of injuries, the last one keeping him out for 17 months, but he capped his comeback with the superb opening goal in the play-off final. Fletch got off the mark this season with two goals in the 2-2 draw against Barnsley and has scored seven more goals since.

## 11 WADE ELLIOTT

Highly popular midfielder who signed from local non-league club Bashley in 1999 and has shown great progression since then. A midfielder with the ability to take men on, he showed great form in the promotion campaign and scored a number of important goals in his 58 appearances during the season. Wade scored his first goal of the season with a dramatic injury time winner against Sheffield Wednesday and has found the net three more times since and has recently been on the bench.

## 12 GARRETH O'CONNOR

Dublin born midfielder who signed from Bohemians in 2000 and although it took a while for him to establish himself as a first team regular, is now one of the most influential players on the pitch and last season enjoyed his finest campaign, culminating in a superb goal against Lincoln at the Millennium Stadium. He scored his first goal of this season with a header against Luton and added to that with a penalty against Port Vale.

## 13 GARETH STEWART

Goalkeeper who the phrase 'bad luck' could have been invented for in the last year. A former Blackburn trainee, he signed for Bournemouth in 1999 and after Mark Ovendale left for Luton in 2000, beat off competition to establish himself as the number one keeper. Prior to last seasons opener at Boston, he sustained a training ground injury and then on his return, he broke his leg within minutes of his comeback against Southend in the FA Cup.

He came on for the second half of this seasons pre-season opener at Hamworthy, but was forced to limp off after a few seconds, but returned two weeks later to play against Reading and was an ever present on the bench this season and made an appearance in the LDV at Yeovil, but he sustained a bad injury in a reserve match at Cardiff and will now miss the rest of the season.

## 14 JAMES HAYTER

Long serving player who made his debut for the club in 1996 whilst still a YT. A forward, James can play behind the front two to great effect. He has a superb scoring record and at the end of last season, scored the two goals that secured fourth place in the league and then two goals in the play off semi final against Bury. A regular on the scoresheet, James has proved to be a very important member of the squad and came off the bench early last week against Notts County and scored the winner. His next game though was simply sensational and has made his national news. He missed the game at Brighton due to becoming a father for the first time. In the next game against Wrexham seven days ago, he came on as an 84th minute substitute. He scored his first goal to make it 4-0 in the 86th minute and 140 seconds later, had completed a hat trick in the 6-0 win, creating a new British record for the fastest hat trick. James is now top scorer with 14 goals and is in fine form.

## 16 DEREK HOLMES

Tall striker who signed from Ross County in 2001 when Neale Cooper sold him to the Cherries. Formerly with Hearts, Derek shows great ability in front of goal and has a good strike ratio. Injuries have affected his appearance record and with the form of Steve Fletcher, he has had to be content with a place on the bench on many occasions, but remains a very important part of the squad. Scored the Cherries equaliser against Hartlepool recently, but sustained an injury in the LDV match at Yeovil in October and didn't return until a reserve game at Yeovil in January. He made his first team comeback on the following Saturday at Barnsley due to the injury hit squad and gave a superb

performance and has since shown great form for the reserves, recently scoring a hat trick against Cardiff and has been excellent when coming on for the first team. Derek has started the last couple of games and was on target against Chesterfield.

## 17 ALAN CONNELL

Young striker who was signed from Ipswich in the summer of 2002 and made a sensational start to his Bournemouth career with seven goals in 14 appearances before sustaining a serious knee injury in October. That injury kept him out of the first team for the rest of the season, but he returned last on for the reserves and started pre-season, but was injured in the first friendly and missed three weeks. After recovering from that, it was revealed that Alan needed an operation, which went well and he returned to the side as a substitute on 20 December at Wycombe and started his first game for over a year at Swindon, but has since again been sidelined through injury.

## 18 JASON TINDALL

Jason was the only Cherries player unable to take part in pre-season training due to injury and that cost him a place in the side. Originally a midfielder when signed from Charlton in 1998, it was when Sean O'Driscoll converted him to a centre half in 2000 that his career at the club flourished and when fit, is a great asset. Now fit and captaining the reserves, he has regularly appeared as a substitute. He sustained a knee injury in the FA Cup draw against Accrington in December and has had to have an operation. He has since returned to the reserve side and is now back in full training and came on for 20 minutes in the win at Rushden and 45 minutes on Easter Monday and looks certain to be involved against Luton.

## 20 FAWZI SAADI

First year professional who was part of the youth set up at Bournemouth. Fawzi has been a regular in the reserve side and has recently been on the bench for the first team, and has recently recovered from an ankle injury.



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## 21 KEVIN SCRIVEN

19 year old goalkeeper who is a regular in the Cherries Under 19 side. He has been drafted in due to the injury to Gareth Stewart and was on the bench against Grimsby and will now be with the first team for the rest of the season.

## 26 LEWIS BUXTON

Central defender who is currently on his second loan spell at Bournemouth from Portsmouth. He gained experience as a youngster when he was handed a long run in the Pompey team. Last season saw him go to Exeter on loan before going to Bournemouth where he excelled and he jumped at the chance of returning this season. He has since extended his loan spell for the rest of the season and has been an ever present in the squad in that time until illness ruled him out of the trip to Hartlepool.

## 28 WARREN CUMMINGS

Left back Warren was first associated with Bournemouth in 2000 when he joined the club on loan from Chelsea. He has also been at West Bromwich Albion and Dundee United on loan before returning to Bournemouth last season, again on loan. He made the move permanent and has become a vital part of the team. Scored only his second career goal against Wrexham and then to prove it was no fluke, scored a superb winner in the 1-0 success against Wycombe ten days later.

## 30 CLAUS JORGENSEN

Claus is on loan from First Division Coventry City, with his initial first month ending after the Brighton game. The Danish midfielder joined Bournemouth from AC Horsens in 1999 and became very popular in his two-year spell at the club before joining Bradford City where last season, he enjoyed a particularly fruitful time in front of goal. He has found his chances limited at Coventry and made his second Cherries debut in the 1-0 win over QPR. He has signed two one-month extensions to his loan deal and is currently showing fine form.



WADE ELLIOTT



JAMES HAYTER



# Blast From The Past

In last Saturday's programme we looked back ten years to the amazing F.A.Cup run that took Luton Town of Division One to the semi-final. We recalled that

the Hatters were lucky to survive the third round after being pummelled by Southend at Kenilworth Road, especially in the first half, but a goal from Paul Telfer saw us through to a lucrative tie at Premiership high-flyers Newcastle.

An amazing draw at St James's Park, with 19 year old Tony Thorpe netting on his debut, brought the Magpies back to Kenilworth Road where, on a special night, another teenager, John Hartson, coolly slotted home a clever goal to settle the nerves leaving Scott Oakes to clinch the tie with ten minutes left.

The run had brought in £200,000 at that stage, which was money that had not been budgeted for, and manager David Pleat was hoping that this windfall would mean that he did not have to sell another of the club's promising youngsters.

The fifth round draw had paired the Town with Cardiff City of Division Two at Ninian Park. The

Bluebirds had knocked out Premiership side Manchester City in the previous round but nevertheless we were regarded as firm favourites and over 3,000 supporters made their way to Wales and a cauldron of intimidation.

Much has been written about the sour atmosphere surrounding the game and the actions of a sizeable minority of the home support as well as the stewards but the players did not allow the antics of the crowd to upset them in what became a very good cup-tie.

John Hartson was preferred to the less than match fit Kerry Dixon and he became the target of much abuse as he hailed from Swansea but he seemed to relish the challenge and looked very lively from the start.

The Hatters gained the early initiative but it took until the 38th minute to open the scoring when David Preece played an inch perfect pass through to Scott Oakes on the left wing who then skipped inside his man and hit a shot just inside the near post for a clever goal.

Cardiff raised their game at the start of the second period but even so their equaliser, after 65 minutes, came out of the blue. Veteran striker Gary Thompson headed back a long ball across goal to Phil Stant who smacked in a brilliant volley to send the home crowd even madder!

The Town's lead was regained within five minutes though, when Preece ran through a square Cardiff defence to slot the ball home for the eventual winner. The Cardiff fans, but significantly not the players, felt there should have been an offside decision along the way and the row continued long after the game had finished with the Cardiff manager and chairman acting boorishly.

We were all glad to escape Wales on this occasion and as soon as we crossed the Severn Bridge the happy realisation spread that we were through to the quarter-finals. This delight was tempered somewhat when we were drawn to face Premiership West Ham at Upton Park but almost 4,000 Town supporters



Des Linton and Paul Telfer fail to prevent Gavin Peacock getting a shot in during the 1994 F.A.Cup semi-final at Wembley.

# Hatters Fail At The Last Hurdle

made the short trip for another live Sky game. 20 year old David Greene was given only his third Luton start in the heart of the Town defence as a replacement for the injured Trevor Peake and it was his timely tackle on West Ham's Trevor Morley that prevented an early breakthrough.

Goalkeeper Juergen Sommer also made an important early save from the same player and after that was largely untroubled as the Hatters soaked up the pressure. As West Ham became a spent force we actually had some late chances on the break but on the final whistle both managers were satisfied. Hammer's boss Billy Bonds said ominously, "We can play a lot better than that."

Another capacity crowd at Kenilworth Road as well as our old friends from Sky watched the eagerly awaited replay. This time we attacked from the start and it was therefore against the run of play when the Hammers took the lead after 30 minutes with Martin Allen beating the offside trap and slotting the ball past Sommer.

The Town fought back, however, and Scott Oakes levelled five minutes later with a fierce shot after being played in by Preece. The crowd then went berserk when Oakes put us ahead just after the interval but in a see-saw game of frenetic excitement Ian Bishop fired in a Hammers leveller after a rare Preece error.

All those Luton supporters present that evening can picture Oakes robbing Steve Potts on the halfway

line and sprinting forward to fire home his hat-trick goal and what proved to be the winner. This was certainly Oakes's night and he was deservedly chaired off by happy fans after and his transfer value shot up as a result with a supposed bid of £1.5 million being tabled!

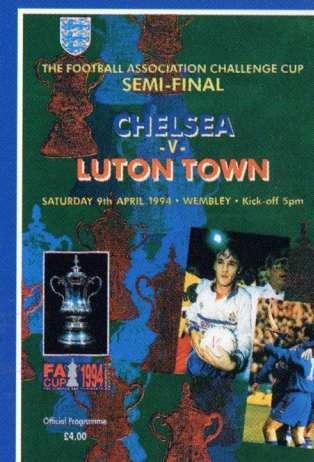
Our semi-final opponents were to be Chelsea, another Premiership side. At the time the F.A were experimenting with playing the ties at Wembley which did not go down well with the purists but we did not mind and our allocation of 25,700 tickets were soon snapped up.

By this time we were all confident that we could go all the way and on the big day our first choice side was up against a Chelsea team missing the influential Glenn Hoddle and ex-Hatter Mark Stein.

Unfortunately, the uplifting story of little Luton's quest for the F.A.Cup ends here. On a day which promised so much we just did not perform and Stein's replacement, Tony Cascarino, proved a major handful to the Town defence and set up two goals for Gavin Peacock which were enough to win the tie. Although the club's bank balance was reflecting a healthy windfall we all wanted a bit of glory and it was tremendously disappointing to go out without a whimper. Instead we had to make do with memories of the famous wins over Newcastle and West Ham which, on reflection, was not so bad!

Roger Wash

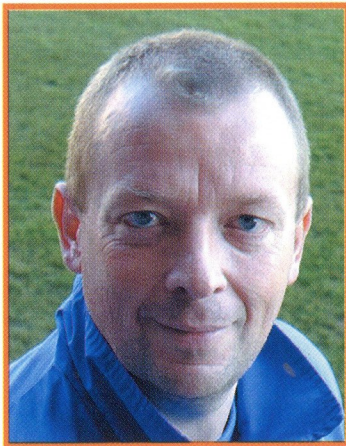
## Yesterday's pages



The F.A. produced a 52 page brochure style programme for the F.A.Cup semi-final against Chelsea which at £4 was expensive for the time.

Although it is a nice souvenir of the occasion and includes some good photographs, the reading material is lightweight and an insult to the intelligence of the average Luton supporter.

Chelsea, who boasted ex-Hatters Mark Stein, Paul Elliott and Mal Donaghy in their squad had enjoyed a fairly gentle ride to the semi-final beating Barnet, Sheffield Wednesday, Oxford and Wolves along the way. They would meet their match in the final, however, with Manchester United sweeping them aside, winning 4-0 at a canter.



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matchday magazine that we were close to receiving our FA Charter Standard, and I am delighted to report we were presented with the reward at last Saturday's match.

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Alan Turvey our council member at the Football Association presents Stuart Smith Community Officer and Trish Johnson administrative assistant with the Charter Standard Award

children receive the best possible care and coaching while they are with us. The end product of all our preparation, of course, is to offer top quality coaching to boys and girls, and our pictures show how children have enjoyed themselves on one of our Charter Standard Courses at Farley Hill.



Last Monday, at the Swindon game, Curtis Davies presented on behalf of Luton Town FC and Bedfordshire FA the 'Back the Ref' Fair Play Award for February to Sundon Park Rangers under-14s, and they are pictured receiving their trophy.

## THREE NEW COACHING COURSES

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THE BIGGEST roar we have heard for many a day shook the rafters at Kenilworth Road as the Town clung on to play-off hopes by netting the second of two stoppage-time goals. We had been stunned when Bristol City seemed to have taken two points off us by equalising in the first minute of extra time. But then 17-year-old Keith Keane popped up with his first league goal to set off a crescendo of noise to acclaim a famous victory.

It was the perfect finale to a match in which both sides had spells when they looked likely winners, with the Town for once enjoying the luxury of bagging the points in stoppage time instead of giving them away.

"I had a funny feeling after they scored that we were due a goal, and that late as it was we still had a chance," said Mike Newell. "We have taken so many knocks in the last minute, and in the 93rd and 94th minutes, that I had the feeling we were due a little bit of luck.

"Our workrate and commitment has never been in question. We were run over by a strong side against Swindon and we have not had too many of those this season. Today we have come up against another very good side and have beaten them."

Morten Hyltdgaard made important early saves against Christian Roberts and Mickey Bell, and 16-goal Lee Peacock missed a sitter when he headed wide. At that stage City were well in command, but it all changed when Tony Butler, who found Steve Howard a difficult handful, committed one of many fouls on the striker, and Steve Robinson floated in the free kick for Howard to escape Butler's attentions and head his 12th goal of the season in the 26th minute.

Ahmet Brkovic went close with a neat chip over the keeper which did not quite have the legs to carry over the line, but the much-needed second goal arrived on 55 minutes. Another foul on Howard enabled Robinson to flight another free kick, and

Chris Coyne headed the ball back across the face of the goal for Emmerson Boyce to come in at the other post an head in off the far upright.

The assistant referee thought it was in, and the referee went with that. Danny Wilson was adamant it was not a goal. "It was impossible for that ball to be over the line," he said. "It came back off the post and our goalkeeper was two yards in play and it bounced into his hands."

The Town view was that the ball was well over, and that the keeper's body language confirmed it, with an exaggerated movement to sweep the ball forward from behind him.

City hit back within five minutes, through a volley Roberts, and Wilson said: "I fancied us to go on and win it at that stage."

Two teams intent on fighting for maximum points made it a thrilling contest after that, with chances created and missed until the first minute of stoppage time saw City go level, Danny Coles going up from defence to head goalwards from Brian Tinnion's corner, with Marc Goodfellow deflecting the ball in.

To their huge credit, the Town refused to let that deflate them, and once more a Robinson free kick proved City's undoing. It led to Howard's header being blocked on the line, then panic in their penalty area, before the ball bounced to Keane to shoot a goal which might just be priceless.

Wilson was not amused, and claimed that there was nothing wrong with the tackle by Louis Carey on Boyce that led to the free kick, so the ref had got another major decision wrong. But he added: "I was disappointed that we did not defend it better."

The Town boss rightly praised all his men, and was pleased with the gamble to throw in Adrian Forbes, for his first start in three months after knee surgery. "He's not match fit," said the boss, "But he was ready to run himself into the ground, and you always have the threat of Enoch coming off the bench.

### Match Details

**TOWN:** Hyltdgaard; Keane, Boyce, Coyne, Davis; Foley, Robinson, Nicholls, Brkovic; Howard, Forbes (Showunmi 82 mins). Unused subs: Davies, Mansell, Leary, Brill.

**BOOKED:** Ahmet Brkovic.

**BRISTOL CITY:** Phillips; Carey, Butler, Coles, Hill; Rougier, Doherty, Wilkshire (Tinnion 60 mins), Bell (Miller 85 mins); Peacock, Roberts (Goodfellow 72 mins). Unused subs: Burnell, Stowell.

**BOOKED:** Tony Rougier, foul on Ahmet Brkovic; Danny Coles, foul on Steve Robinson.

**REFEREE:** Martin Atkinson, Yorkshire.

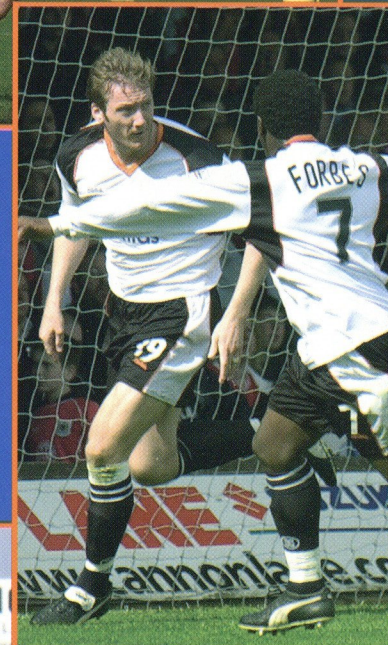
**ATTENDANCE:** 6,944, including 1,543 supporting the visitors.



**IN THE CLEAR:** Emmerson Boyce thumps in the header which put the Town two up.

**RIGHT:** Happy days are here again as Steve Howard and Adrian Forbes start celebrating the opening goal.

**BELOW:** Adrian Forbes, making his first start for three months, at full stretch in competition with Danny Coles



# Hatters Pic of the Week



**A MOMENT TO SAVOUR:** Keith Keane has just scored the first league goal of his career, an injury-time winner to give the Town a memorable victory over Bristol City, and is about to be engulfed by his team-mates.



# Programme Job Lot On Sale For Minibus Fund

IN AN EFFORT to assist Luton Town Supporters Club in meeting its £20,000 target to buy a new minibus for the Town's youth squad, the editor has donated his programme collection to the cause. Brian Swain, a lifelong Town fan and vice-president of LTSC, retires at the end of the season after covering every league and domestic cup game played by the Town, home and away, since Christmas 1972. He has kept every match programme, and by the time he goes to Chesterfield, for his final game of the regular season as a reporter, he will have nearly 1,700 programmes. They span all four divisions of the Football League, including ten years at the top before the First Division became the Premiership.

In those days he was Sports Editor of the Luton News, but gave up that job to go freelance seven years ago.

He has no idea how much the programme collection is worth, but figures the best chance of obtaining a decent price is to offer it to Hatters fans, especially as it is for a Luton Town cause. The first bid has been received for £1,000, from Alan Corkhill a member of the Kenilworth Suite.

The Town's current minibus, used mainly for taking youth players to training and to matches, is looking decidedly down at heel, and the Supporters Club is trying to raise the £20,000 needed to buy a replacement.

They have set up a separate bank account for the appeal, so that supporters who make donations can be sure of knowing exactly where the money is going.

The fund needs a boost, and if you give £200 or more you can have your name put on the new bus as one of its sponsors. Advertising space on the vehicle is also on offer: any company willing pay a minimum of £1,000 will be entitled to have the gift acknowledged on the bus.

If you want to support the sponsorship scheme, or make any sort of donation, large or small, please send your cheque, payable to Luton Town Supporters Club, to the football club.

If you want to bid for the collection of Town programmes, you can make your offer by post, to The Editor, care of Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW, or you can e-mail offers to him at [brian.swain@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.swain@btinternet.com). Bids will be accepted until May 3, and the whole job lot will be ready for delivery a day or two after the final game at Chesterfield or, as the seller hopes, later that month, with the final addition to the collection being from the Town's first appearance at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

If the buyer does not live too far from Luton, delivery can be arranged, but otherwise the buyer will have to organise collection. Our best estimate is that the full collection, parcelled up season by season, weighs more than 800lbs so the postage bill could be a bit hefty!

Thanks to the help of Chris Rivett, the progress of the bidding can be followed on the Town's official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)



# Hatters Abroad: Spot The Odd Man Out!



A CHANCE meeting in a bar in High Wycombe began a chain of events which ended with our team photo from Jamaica, sent from the Caribbean by Des Palmer, the guy on the right, whose strip is in colourful contrast to the rest of his Waterhouse United FC team-mates.

The picture reached us via John Ashton, a real Luton Town fanatic, and the man responsible for turning Des Palmer into a kindred spirit. They met by chance in a pub at High Wycombe, while both were visiting family nearby. John and Des got chatting, struck up an immediate friendship, and before he knew it Des was also a committed Luton fan. John brought him to eight Town games, and when it came time to go home after his 12-week holiday Des took great care to ensure his luggage included a Luton Town strip. He then organised a photo-call with his soccer team, and will be delighted to see the picture published – John makes sure he receives Town programmes regularly.



TODAY'S other offering from far-flung places is of a familiar landmark. Lisa Campbell is the third generation of a family of Town fanatics, and has just got back from a memorable six-month trip around Australia.

"It was something I had always wanted to do, and never had the chance before," she said. "My plan was to go back-packing, but when I got there I bought a camper-van and travelled the country in that. Goodness knows how many miles I covered, but it was many thousands."

Naturally a Town strip, pictured in front of the Sydney opera house, was worn with pride. Lisa says she was born to be a Hatter. Her grandfather started the family tradition, and her parents, Ray and Tina Williams, are Kenilworth Club members.

## Town Teaser

A PAIR of match tickets will be won by a lucky supporter this evening. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go in our Town Teaser competition. On Saturday we asked how did the visiting manager contribute to one of the best days in Luton Town's history, and the answer was that Danny Wilson scored one of the goals - Brian Stein got the others - when we beat Arsenal 3-2 in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

How did Bournemouth defender Stephen Purches give us a little pleasure on a miserable night when we lost at Dean Court earlier this season?

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# Bundles Of Cash To Give Away

AT LEAST one supporter should go home happy tonight, whatever the result of the match, because we will again be paying out several hundred pounds in the Golden Gamble. Print deadlines prevent us from reporting on Saturday's winner, but the average jackpot prize has been close to £700 so far. It all depends on

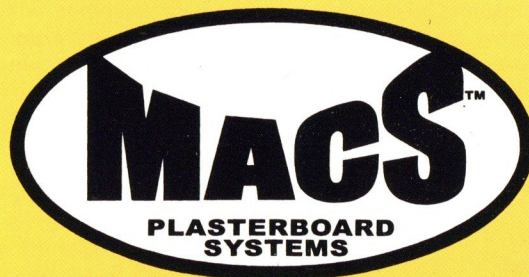


sales, because half of each £1 you spend on a ticket goes into the jackpot and the other 50p is a donation to Luton Town FC, so your support is very much appreciated.

Going into the Bristol game the 50-50 lottery had paid out £16,120 to 24 winners. But two of the prizes have still not been claimed, and Golden Gamble sellers Vicky Mead and Becca Perry would love to hand over the cash they are holding in the picture.

The jackpot at the postponed Bournemouth game was £585, won by ticket 29485, and at the Oldham match ticket 36681 was worth £740. If you hold either of those tickets, please contact the commercial department.

Meanwhile Golden Gamble tickets at £1 each are on sale in all parts of the ground this evening. As usual the draw will be made at half time and the cash will be ready for collection there and then.



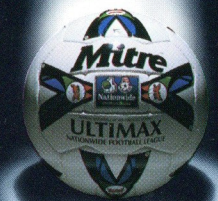
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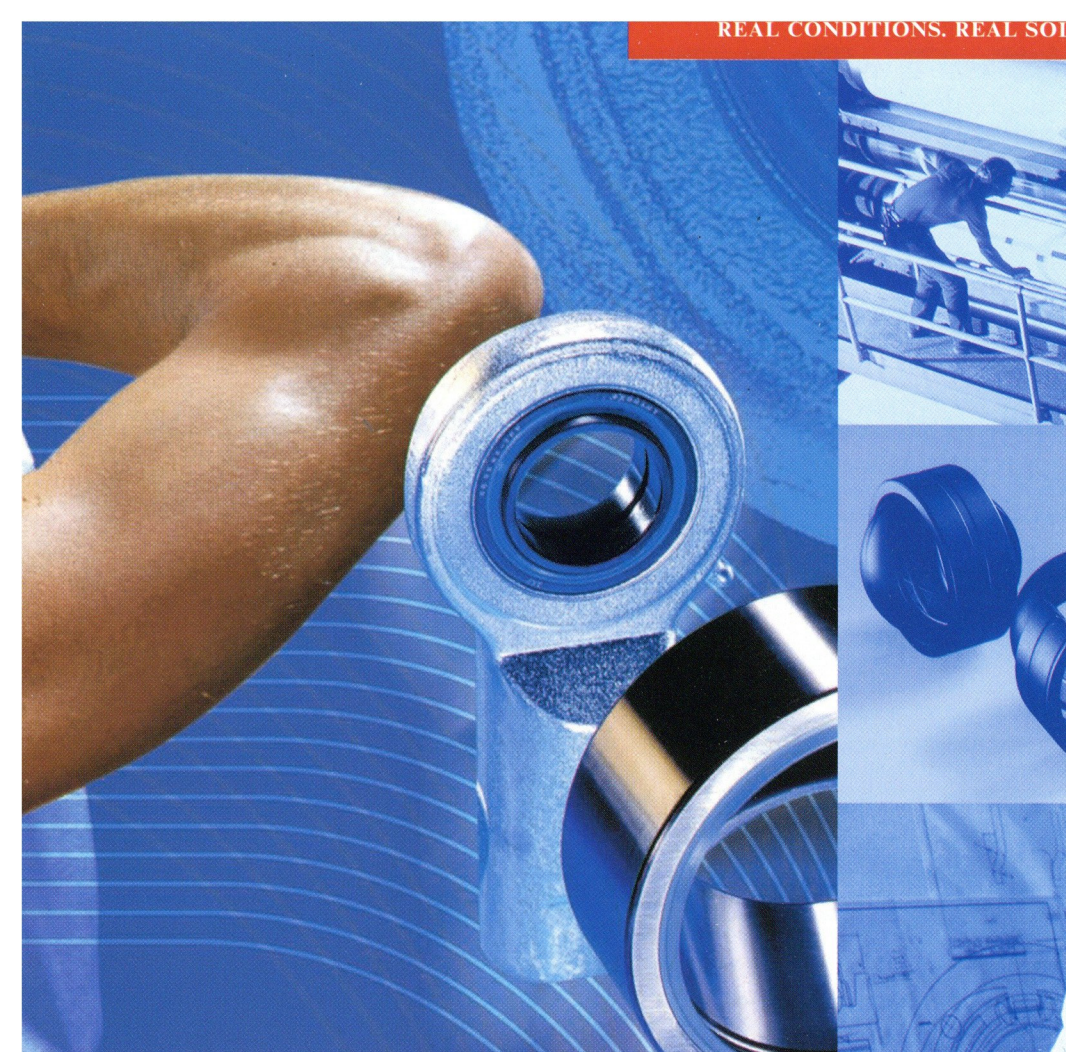
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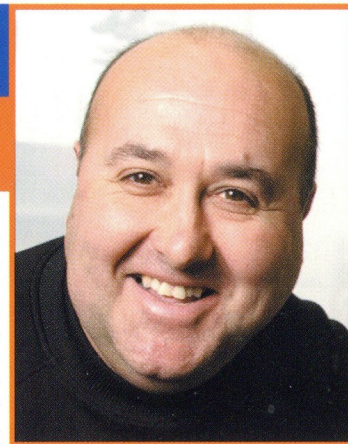
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# Youth Soccer The under-17s



WE RESUMED our Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance programme on Saturday, away to Queens Park Rangers, hoping to win one of our last two games to clinch fourth spot in the table. It would be an amazing achievement, but whatever happens we have done better than expected this season. My job is to provide good players for Marvin Johnson's under-19s, and he in turn develops them so that they can go on into the first team. If we win matches along the way, so much the better, but the real measure of success is the number of boys who have reached the senior squad. This season we have seen several get there - Robert Beckwith, Dean Brill, Keith Keane, Curtis Davies, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley, Stephen O'Leary, Michael Leary and Matthew Judge. And there are younger boys likely to come through in the future.

Our policy in the youth department is to blood lads early, and get them to move up as quickly as possible. At the beginning of the season I thought we might struggle physically. But I have noticed that other clubs are now also putting in younger players, introducing under-14s to under-17 football, the same as we have done. Throughout the season we have put in schoolboys a little earlier than usual, but when we are matched aged for aged, our boys have made it look easy.

We have still met a lot of teams containing boys much older than

ours, but it has been a fantastic season for both our Alliance squads.

Marvin is doing a great job, and our boys play "the Luton way" and if you ever have a couple of hours to spare my advice is to go and see his under-19s in action, because they are well worth watching, and hopefully by the time you read this they will have clinched their league championship.

The boys know there is still a long way to go, and much work to be done, but it has been an encouraging season.

There was a report in Saturday's programme about our lads who have received international recognition from the Republic of Ireland, and while congratulating the lads on their success I would also like to offer our thanks to Eddie Lynch, a Luton Town season ticket holder who takes great interest in our youth teams. He has close contacts with the FAI, and takes a lot of trouble to let them know which of our boys are doing well, and tips them off about who has Irish blood.

Our league season is now nearly over. There will be a report on Saturday's QPR game in our next match programme, and our final fixture will be against Brentford on May 1, kick-off at Luton RFC at 11am.

**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), R. Quinn 2(1), Freeman 2, Keane 2, 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).

**Goals:** Andrew 8, Preston 7, Burrows 6, Freeman 4, Ridgway 4, Magadah 4, S. Sinclair 3, Richardson 3, Hanley 3, Maitland 2, Green 2, Kenneford 2, Tague 1, Smyth 1, R. Sinclair 1, Keane 1, Jones 1, Hamilton 1, Charles 1, Deeney 1.

**Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference**

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

**Umbro Isotonic FL Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
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
Southend	26	10	5	11	50	46	4	35
Gillingham	26	8	6	12	42	68	-26	30
Oxford	25	9	2	14	39	60	-21	29
Brentford	25	7	7	11	36	48	-12	28
Wycombe	26	6	7	13	37	64	-27	25
Northampton	26	4	3	19	32	74	-42	15
L. Orient	26	3	3	20	35	96	-61	12

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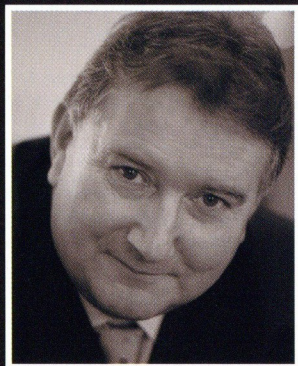
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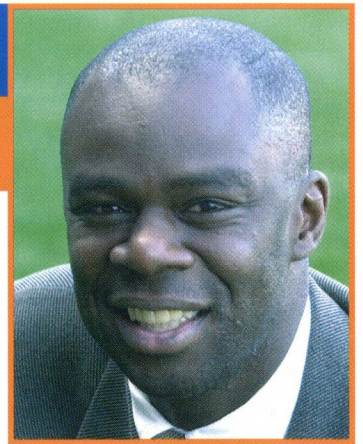
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# Youth Soccer: The under-19s



## Brentford 0 Luton Town 1

OUR season ends on Saturday with a home game against Cheltenham, and if we avoid defeat we will be champions of Division Two South of the Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance.

I will be looking for more than a draw, because victory will give us a 100 per cent record, and we should be confident, especially on our own pitch. It's a good playing surface at Luton Rugby Ground, in contrast to the hard bobbly surface we had to contend with against Brentford.

Much of the game was scrappy, a bit of a battle at times, with Brentford tough opposition and probably more experienced than us. But we are on a high, and despite having three schoolboys in the side we were good value for the win.

In the first half Brentford were more suited to the poor pitch, using long balls, corners and free kicks to try to

make progress, but they did not create any real chances. At half time we told our boys that on this pitch it was best not to try to get the ball down and play in their own half, but to pass it longer, and then try to play your football in their half. They carried out orders to perfection, and although Brentford defended robustly we deserved the 66th-minute winner. It came after Richard Mansell played the ball out of our half towards Matthew Judge. He flicked it on to Parys Okai, who crossed for Judge to continue his run and score a tap-in.

**Luton Town:** Edae, Mountford, Mansell, Deeney, Howell, Barnett, Maitland (Hanley 62 mins), Ridgway, Ward (Richardson 62 mins), Judge (S. Sinclair 87 mins), Okai.

THE championship decider at Luton RFC on Saturday will kick off at 11am, and spectators are welcome. There is no charge for admission. One point will give us the title but if Portsmouth beat Swindon and we lose to Cheltenham it will be decided on goal difference. We will not be relying on Swindon to help us out: Portsmouth have won all five of their league games since we beat them on the first day of the Merit Division season.

**APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets):** Mountford 23, Ridgway 23, Deeney 22(2), R. Mansell 22(1), Howell 22, Barnett 20, Okai 16(1), Judge 16(1), Edae 15, Andrew 14(2), Keane 13, Davies 12(1), O'Leary 12, Maitland 10(1), Freeman 6(1), Hanley 5(3), Jones 5, Barrett 4, Magadah 2(8), S. Sinclair 2(7), Brill 2, Godfrey 2, Green 2(1), Ward 1(2), Pendleton 1(2), Tague 1, Beckwith 1, Lambu 1, Wright 0(2), Richardson 0(1), Burrows 0(1), Robinson 0(1), Francis 0(1).

**GOALS:** Judge 12, 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

## 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 1-0 Judge  
24 Cheltenham H

## Merit Division Two South

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<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
Portsmouth	6	5	0	1	14	4	10	15
Cheltenham	6	4	1	1	6	3	5	13
Torquay	6	2	1	3	13	9	4	7
Swindon	5	1	2	2	9	10	-1	5
Oxford	6	1	1	4	5	12	-7	4
Swansea	5	1	0	4	6	18	-12	3
Brentford	6	0	1	5	5	15	-10	1

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IT HARDLY seems possible that another season is nearly over, with only three more games after this evening's except for the play-offs. Saturday is the last chance this season to join a Junior Hatters excursion trip to see the Town play. Wrexham have invited us to send an official party, and in the past we have always had a good time at the Racecourse. They have organised a football tournament to be played before the Town match, and have also invited us to field a Junior Hatters mascot. As usual the choice will be made during the journey, so if you want to have a chance of being chosen don't forget to bring your Luton kit with you.

The trip will go ahead if there is enough response, so if you are interested please get in touch with Junior Hatters headquarters at the Community Department as soon as possible.

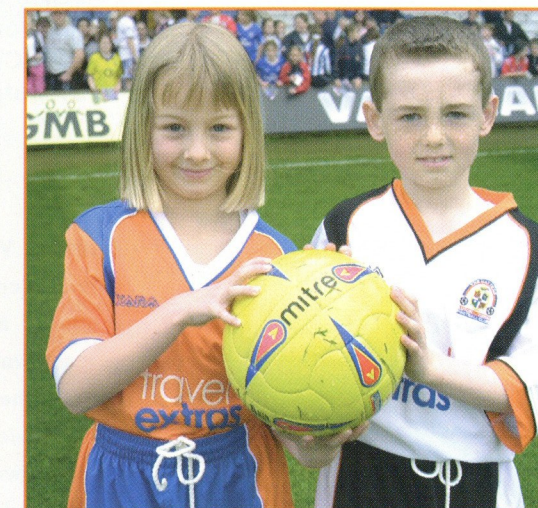
The coach will leave at 8.30 am because the pre-match entertainment offered by Wrexham will kick off at around midday. The price, including a match ticket, will be £14 for Junior Hatters, £22 for adults and £18 for concessions.

## Tonight's Mascot

IT'S A case of second time lucky tonight for Graham Randall, our Junior Hatters mascot. He was chosen for the original Luton v Bournemouth game, early last month, but just as he was ready for the most exciting moment of all, the game was called off. Like the players, he was in his kit, had warmed up and was already to run out onto the pitch with them for the kick-about and toss of the coin.



Tonight we all try again, including Graham, who lives at Brooklands Close, Luton and goes to Ashton Middle School. He is a regular at Town games, watching with his dad from the Kenny End, and his favourite player is Enoch Showunmi. Graham's hobbies are all sporting – playing football, golf, basketball and swimming.



**PRINTING** deadlines have meant that we are unable to include the usual mascot group picture from Saturday's game – we hope it will be published in our next matchday magazine – but we thought this photo by club snapper Gareth Owen was worth an airing.

It shows the two mascots at the Swindon match, Amy Burns, representing the Junior Hatters, and Thomas Degnan, who was the commercial mascot.

**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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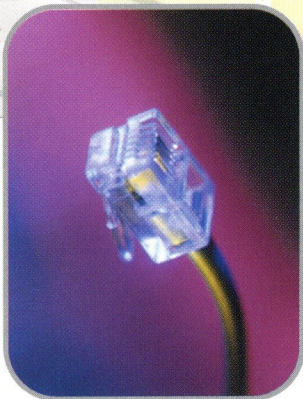
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# Belles Youngsters Clinch The Title

WITH another very successful season drawing to a close, most of the Luton Belles teams are in a position to challenge for both league titles and cups, but the first team to bring home silverware are the under-13s, who have been crowned league champions with one game left to play.

The basis of this squad was formed from last season's double-winning Bedfordshire League team, and with a few additions and the occasional borrow from the under-12 squads they have continued their success in the Hertfordshire Girls League, winning 18 of their 19 matches so far, with just a single loss.

Their season began with a goal rush, scoring an incredible 37 goals in the opening three fixtures, but they then learned that this was a big step up in quality and had to

really earn 2-1 victories over QPR, Enfield Town and Denham United.

Without doubt, though, it was an incredible last seven minutes in a match against Stevenage Borough that turned the title race in the Belles' favour. They were being beaten 4-2, and staring defeat in the face for the first time, but then showed tremendous fighting spirit.

They dragged themselves level and then grabbed a last-minute winner to make the scoreline 5-4. A repeat 1-0 cup win in the group stages ensured their passage into the semi-final of the league cup as their other opponents were swept away.

The title was secured with a narrow 2-1 victory over Denham United, but they had to wait until just five minutes from the end for the winner as the ball was fired into the roof of the net after it had rebounded from the post.

Congratulations to manager Gary Taylor, and his girls: Stephanie Johnson, Kristina Mullen, Chloe Reeves, Sarah Pickering, Sarah Hawkins, Georgina Liscio, Natalie Burchnall, Micky Taylor, Brittany Murtagh, Amanda Scott, Nicky Shepherd, Sian Doherty, Kerry Stratton, Kelsey Lamont and Keri Murphy.

Thanks also to Kelly Moss, Yasmin Hickling and Alice O'Shea, who have all appeared when asked to step in from a younger age group.

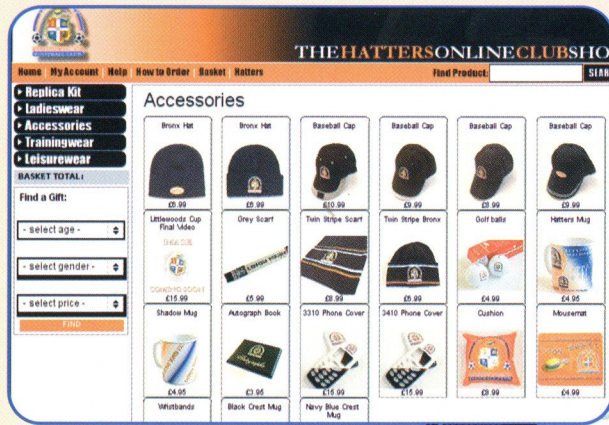


**CHAMPIONS:** Chloe Reeves scoring in a vital 2-1 win over QPR to help Luton Belles under-13s win their league title.

*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 [luton-belles@hotmail.com](mailto:luton-belles@hotmail.com) The Belles also have a website - pay a visit to [www.luton-townbelles.com](http://www.luton-townbelles.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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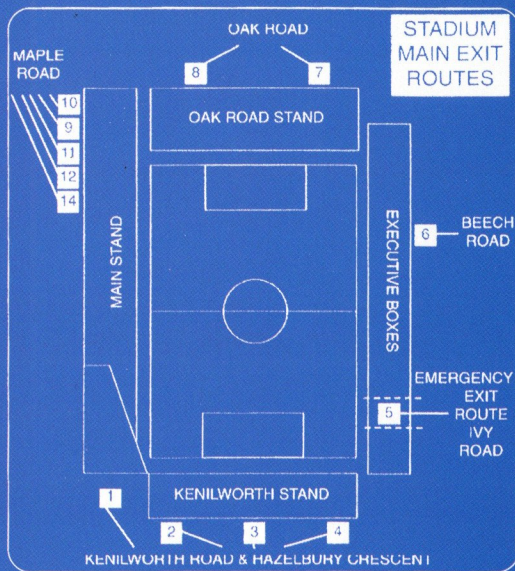
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.

# TwoStats

## Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

Port Vale	5	Plymouth	3	Notts County	2	Colchester	1
Blackpool	4	Rushden	3	Peterborough	2	Oldham	1
Bournemouth	4	Wrexham	3	Swindon	2	QPR	1
Hartlepool	3	Barnsley	2	Wycombe	2	Stockport	1
Luton	3	Bristol City	2	Brentford	1	Tranmere	1
Chesterfield	3	Grimsby	2	Brighton	1	Sheff Wed	0

## Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

Port Vale	6	Brentford	3	Colchester	2	Hartlepool	1
Grimsby	4	QPR	3	Sheff Wed	2	Notts County	1
Luton	4	Rushden	3	Stockport	2	Brighton	0
Oldham	4	Wrexham	2	Swindon	2	Bristol City	0
Peterborough	3	Bournemouth	2	Tranmere	2	Chesterfield	0
Wycombe	3	Blackpool	2	Barnsley	1	Plymouth	0

## Nationwide Division 2 2003-2004 Season - The Stats So Far

Highest Attendance	25,664	.....Sheff Wed v Barnsley
Lowest Attendance	2,513	.....Colchester v Stockport
Average Gate	7,374	
Aggregate Attendance	3,790,338	
Biggest Home Win	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
	Plymouth 7-0 Chesterfield	
Biggest Away Win	Port Vale 1-5 Plymouth	
	Bournemouth 1-5 Tranmere	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Bournemouth 6-3 Luton,	
	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Total Games	514	
Home Wins	234 (46%)	
Away Wins	123 (24%)	
Draws	157 (31%)	
1-1 Draws	74 (14%)	
0-0 Draws	42 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Bristol City .....11	
Unbeaten Sequence	Bristol City .....12	
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield .....6	
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield, Peterborough 13	
Total Yellow Cards	1,575	
Total Red Cards	115	
Current Winning Sequence	Hartlepool .....4	
Current Unbeaten Sequence	Stockport .....9	
Current Losing Sequence	Wrexham .....4	
Current Winless Sequence	Chesterfield .....8	

## Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

Team	Scored	All Gls	%	Team	Conceded	All Gls	%
Plymouth	25	78	32.1	Luton	22	60	36.7
Chesterfield	14	47	29.8	Bristol City	12	36	33.3
Swindon	22	74	29.7	Brentford	22	67	32.8
Luton	19	64	29.7	Colchester	17	54	31.5
Tranmere	16	54	29.6	Hartlepool	16	57	28.1
Bristol City	16	55	29.1	Brighton	12	43	27.9
Colchester	14	49	28.6	Barnsley	14	53	26.4
Bournemouth	15	54	27.8	QPR	11	42	26.2
Brentford	13	50	26.0	Wrexham	14	55	25.5
Sheff Wed	11	45	24.4	Oldham	14	57	24.6
Wrexham	11	46	23.9	Chesterfield	16	69	23.2
Port Vale	16	67	23.9	Sheff Wed	13	57	22.8
Rushden	14	60	23.3	Tranmere	12	53	22.6
Grimsby	12	52	23.1	Blackpool	12	58	20.7
Peterborough	11	53	20.8	Peterborough	11	55	20.0
Wycombe	9	47	19.1	Plymouth	8	40	20.0
Stockport	11	58	19.0	Stockport	13	66	19.7
Notts County	9	48	18.8	Rushden	13	68	19.1
Oldham	11	60	18.3	Bournemouth	9	49	18.4
Barnsley	9	51	17.6	Wycombe	13	72	18.1
Brighton	10	61	16.4	Grimsby	13	77	16.9
QPR	12	76	15.8	Notts County	11	74	14.9
Hartlepool	8	72	11.1	Swindon	8	54	14.8
Blackpool	5	56	8.9	Port Vale	7	61	11.5

## Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

Team	Scored	All For	%	Team	Conc.	All Agt	%
Stockport	13	58	22.4	Bristol City	13	36	36.1
Chesterfield	9	47	19.1	Stockport	14	66	21.2
Barnsley	9	51	17.6	Peterborough	11	55	20.0
Swindon	13	74	17.6	Tranmere	9	53	17.0
Luton	11	64	17.2	Colchester	9	54	16.7
Plymouth	13	78	16.7	Bournemouth	8	49	16.3
Sheff Wed	7	45	15.6	Brighton	7	43	16.3
Hartlepool	11	72	15.3	Chesterfield	10	69	14.5
Wycombe	7	47	14.9	QPR	6	42	14.3
QPR	11	76	14.5	Barnsley	7	53	13.2
Brentford	7	50	14.0	Grimsby	10	77	13.0
Grimsby	7	52	13.5	Swindon	7	54	13.0
Port Vale	9	67	13.4	Wrexham	7	55	12.7
Rushden	8	60	13.3	Plymouth	5	40	12.5
Peterborough	7	53	13.2	Sheff Wed	7	57	12.3
Brighton	7	61	11.5	Blackpool	7	58	12.1
Bournemouth	6	54	11.1	Brentford	8	67	11.9
Notts County	5	48	10.4	Wycombe	8	72	11.1
Oldham	6	60	10.0	Oldham	6	57	10.5
Blackpool	5	56	8.9	Luton	6	60	10.0
Colchester	4	49	8.2	Port Vale	6	61	9.8
Tranmere	4	54	7.4	Rushden	6	68	8.8
Bristol City	4	55	7.3	Hartlepool	4	57	7.0
Wrexham	3	46	6.5	Notts County	5	74	6.8

## Goals Scored & Conceded from Corners as % of all corners for & agt.

Team	Scored	Corn For	%	Team	Conc.	Corn Agt	%
Plymouth	13	260	5.00	Wycombe	13	227	5.73
Bristol City	12	274	4.38	Chesterfield	11	264	4.17
Rushden	8	190	4.21	Brentford	13	317	4.10
Hartlepool	9	223	4.04	Oldham	9	225	4.00
Brentford	10	248	4.03	Bournemouth	8	202	3.96
Tranmere	9	225	4.00	Hartlepool	7	202	3.47
Luton	8	226	3.54	Wrexham	8	238	3.36
Port Vale	7	199	3.52	Bristol City	6	181	3.31
Brighton	8	234	3.42	Luton	7	243	2.88
Colchester	7	236	2.97	Sheff Wed	6	209	2.87
Oldham	7	246	2.85	QPR	6	213	2.82
Barnsley	6	224	2.68	Port Vale	7	262	2.67
Chesterfield	5	187	2.67	Notts County	6	238	2.52
Grimsby	6	230	2.61	Plymouth	6	244	2.46
Swindon	6	255	2.35	Stockport	6	260	2.31
Stockport	5	236	2.12	Barnsley	5	218	2.29
Wrexham	5	257	1.95	Grimsby	6	264	2.27
QPR	5	264	1.89	Colchester	5	224	2.23
Sheff Wed	4	223	1.79	Blackpool	5	260	1.92
Blackpool	3	186	1.61	Rushden	5	293	1.71
Peterborough	4	259	1.54	Brighton	3	200	1.50
Notts County	4	287	1.39	Tranmere	3	236	1.27
Bournemouth	2	241	0.83	Peterborough	2	202	0.99
Wycombe	1	232	0.43	Swindon	1	220	0.45

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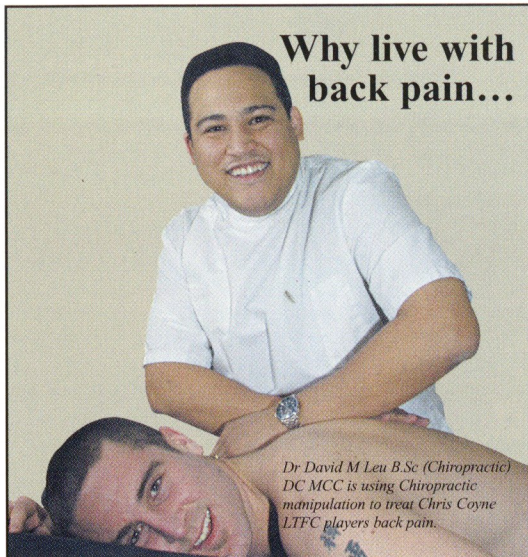
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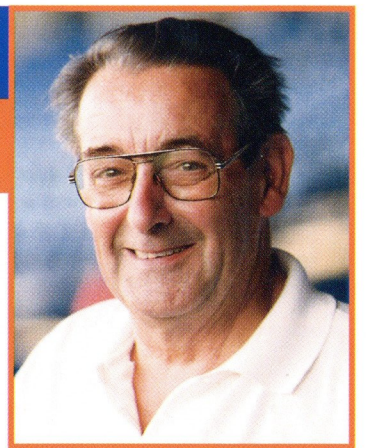
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# Around The Town - By The Editor



THE TOWN came through Saturday's gruelling contest with Bristol City with no more additions to the injury list, and Mike Newell's early thoughts about team selection were that he would not make major changes to the squad.

He was having a look at how Adrian Forbes went in training yesterday, to ensure that he is not asked to do too much too soon after returning from injury. The boss said it had been a bit of a gamble to throw him in for his first start in three months against Bristol City, but it had come off.

The difficulty players have faced as they strive to regain match fitness is that there are no reserve games to help them. Hopefully, that situation can change next season, although it is a decision that the new owners will have to make, with a balance to be struck between financial costs and footballing benefits.

There was great delight throughout the camp at the fantastic finale to the game, and for 17-year-old Keith Keane, whose winner was a first-ever league goal to remember. "He has done well and worked hard," said his manager. "We thought he was out on his feet a couple of weeks ago at Hartlepool, so we left him out to give him a rest and he has come back strong. Like Kevin Foley he is a confident lad without being arrogant, and with

a belief in his own ability."

He added: "It was a must-win game on Saturday, and so is the match against Bournemouth. I

didn't believe we had to win all five, but we had to win that one. All we can do is try to win all our games and not worry about what anyone else does. We need to keep winning at home, and pick up something away. It's not in our hands, but we are still in with the chance and it would be foolish after what these players have given all season to just hold your hands up and say we're not good enough. We have proved against the top teams and in the big games that we are good enough.

"It would be a fantastic achievement to get into the play-offs and there is still a chance. And I believe that whatever happens they have done well this season with the restrictions we have had."

*Brian Swain*

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THE almost unbelievable eruption of joy at Kenilworth Road on Saturday when Keith Keane stuck away the Town's injury-time winner brought back memories of those rare moments of really outstanding pleasure, the special occasions that are never forgotten. Raddy Antic, at Manchester in 1983, and Brian Stein at Wembley in 1988 may top the list, but there have been a few at Kenilworth Road too.

Many of us thought back to an injury-time winner six years ago by Marvin Johnson, who was a spectator on Saturday after guiding his youth team to within touching distance of their championship (see page 41).

He still remembers it well, although his mates say that's because he didn't score many goals at the right end!

It was September 1998 when the Town were trying to overcome a 2-1 first-leg deficit in the Worthington Cup against Ipswich. The second leg, under floodlights, was a humdinger and on

## Happy Memories

the night it was 3-2 to the Town with just seconds of extra time left. With the aggregate scores level Ipswich were set to win on away goals. Andrew Fotiadis, Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis had got the Town's goals, and remarkably centre-half Johnson appeared from nowhere to head the very late winner. The cup run had started with first round success against Oxford, and in the third round we beat Coventry, before going out in the quarter-finals to Sunderland.

The other raise-the-roof occasion remembered with great pleasure was a winner by David Moss seconds from time against Aston Villa in the old First Division in April 1983. The 2-1 victory that day (Trevor Aylott got the other goal) turned out to be priceless, because it helped set the scene for the great Maine Road showdown delight a month later.



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# Tonight's Prize Is A Move Up The Table

SATURDAY'S thrilling win kept the Town's play-off hopes alive, but with the painful addendum that their fate is not in their own hands. A victory this evening will push the Town up one spot, back to seventh, four points behind sixth-placed Hartlepool, and also adrift of Mike Newell's former club in terms of goal difference.

The playing and coaching staff are all focused on chasing 74 points, the most the Town can muster. Hartlepool can be overhauled, but one win by Swindon puts fourth place out of reach, while Brighton need a minimum of a win and a draw and Hartlepool know that two wins from their last three cements their place in the top six. A computer glitch resulted in an error in Saturday's programme when outlining Hartlepool's final games. They might find it difficult to achieve two wins out of three, because their remaining fixtures are Rushden away, Plymouth at home and Swindon away.

The enjoyment around Kenilworth Road on Saturday night after the amazing finale against Bristol City was tempered a little when we discovered that Hartlepool had thumped nearly-relegated Notts County 4-0. It makes our narrow defeat at Victoria Park all the more galling. That

lucky Hartlepool win kick-started a run of four consecutive victories.

The good news was that Port Vale dropped two home points with a 1-1 draw to struggling Chesterfield, and Bournemouth slumped to an astonishing home defeat, 5-1 at the hands of Tranmere. That enabled the Town to move ahead of the Cherries, and left Bournemouth needing to win this evening to grab seventh place.

Tonight's football ends the games in hand scenario. Oldham are at home to Wrexham, and that leaves everyone in the division with three games to play.

But at least it is impossible for every team above the Town to take maximum points, with the fixture list forcing several to play each other. Bristol City will be at home to Brighton on Saturday, followed by Barnsley away and Blackpool at home. Swindon entertain Oldham on Saturday, then travel to QPR, and finish at home to Hartlepool. Port Vale are at Notts County on Saturday, then at home to Tranmere and away to Rushden. Bournemouth complete their fixtures with Peterborough away, Stockport at home and Brentford away.

The Town and Bournemouth were both in better shape when they were due to play last month before the frost intervened. The Town were then fifth after winning at Peterborough and Bournemouth were eighth after a 1-0 home win over Oldham.

Like the Town, the Cherries have been inconsistent since then, and Saturday's heaviest defeat of the season made it four games without a win. But they have a slightly better away record than the Town's - five wins, six draws and nine defeats. The victories were at Wrexham, Blackpool, Notts County, Sheffield Wednesday and Rushden. The away draws were against Chesterfield, Oldham, Tranmere, Barnsley, Plymouth and Grimsby, while the defeats were at Port Vale, QPR, Colchester, Stockport, Wycombe, Bristol City, Swindon, Brighton and Hartlepool.

Bournemouth's last six results: Rushden A 3-0, Colchester H 1-1, Hartlepool A 1-2, Chesterfield H 2-2, Tranmere H 1-5.

### Nationwide League Division Two

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Plymouth	43	15	5	1	48	13	8	7	7	30	27	38	81
QPR	43	15	7	0	46	12	5	10	6	30	30	34	77
Bristol City	43	14	5	2	32	11	7	7	8	23	25	19	75
Swindon	43	12	6	3	39	20	8	6	8	35	34	20	72
Brighton	43	16	4	2	38	11	4	6	11	23	32	18	70
Hartlepool	43	10	8	4	38	21	9	4	8	34	36	15	69
Port Vale	43	14	6	2	43	27	4	4	13	24	34	6	64
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Bournemouth</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>61</b>
Tranmere	43	11	7	3	32	17	4	9	9	22	36	1	61
Blackpool	43	9	5	8	30	24	7	6	8	26	34	-2	59
Barnsley	43	7	12	3	25	18	7	5	9	26	35	-2	59
Colchester	43	10	8	4	31	23	5	5	11	18	31	-5	58
Wrexham	42	8	6	7	25	18	8	1	12	21	37	-9	55
Sheff Wed	43	7	9	5	24	22	6	5	11	21	35	-12	53
Oldham	42	8	7	6	34	24	2	12	7	26	33	3	49
Brentford	43	8	4	9	32	37	5	6	11	18	30	-17	49
Peterborough	43	5	7	9	35	31	6	8	8	18	24	-2	48
Rushden	43	9	5	7	37	30	4	4	14	23	38	-8	48
Stockport	43	5	8	8	27	32	5	10	7	31	34	-8	48
Grimsby	43	9	5	8	35	26	3	6	12	17	51	-25	47
Chesterfield	43	7	7	7	32	31	3	8	11	15	38	-22	45
Notts County	43	6	8	7	30	24	4	3	15	18	50	-26	41
(R) Wycombe	43	5	6	11	30	38	1	10	10	17	34	-25	34



# Tonight's Squads



**Manager: Mike Newell**

1	Morten HYLDGAARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan NEILSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew SPRING	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell PERRETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Paul UNDERWOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian FORBES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin NICHOLLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve ROBINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris COYNE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Enoch SHOWUNMI	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Emmerson BOYCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Ahmet BRKOVIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul HUGHES	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	David BAYLISS	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian HILLIER	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sol DAVIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27	Peter HOLMES	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Curtis DAVIES	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Lee MANSELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Dean BRILL	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	Keith KEANE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38	Michael LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Stephen O'LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	Kevin FOLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Parys OKAI	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Manager: Sean O'Driscoll**

1	Neil MOSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Neil YOUNG	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Stephen PURCHES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Marcus BROWNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Karl BROADHURST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Shaun MAHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Carl FLETCHER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Brian STOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Warren FEENEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Steve FLETCHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Wade ELLIOTT	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Garreth O'CONNOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Gareth STEWART	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	James HAYTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	James COUTTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Derek HOLMES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Alan CONNELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Jason TINDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Fawzi SAADI	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Kevin SCRIVEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Stephen COOKE	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Lewis BUXTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27	Stephen COLES	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Warren CUMMINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
30	Claus JORGENSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Tonight's Officials

Referee: David Pugh, Merseyside  
 Assistants: Gavin Ward, Kent (red and yellow flag);  
 Nick Kinseley, Essex (yellow flag)  
 Fourth official: Sukhdev Thiarra, Bedfordshire

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