

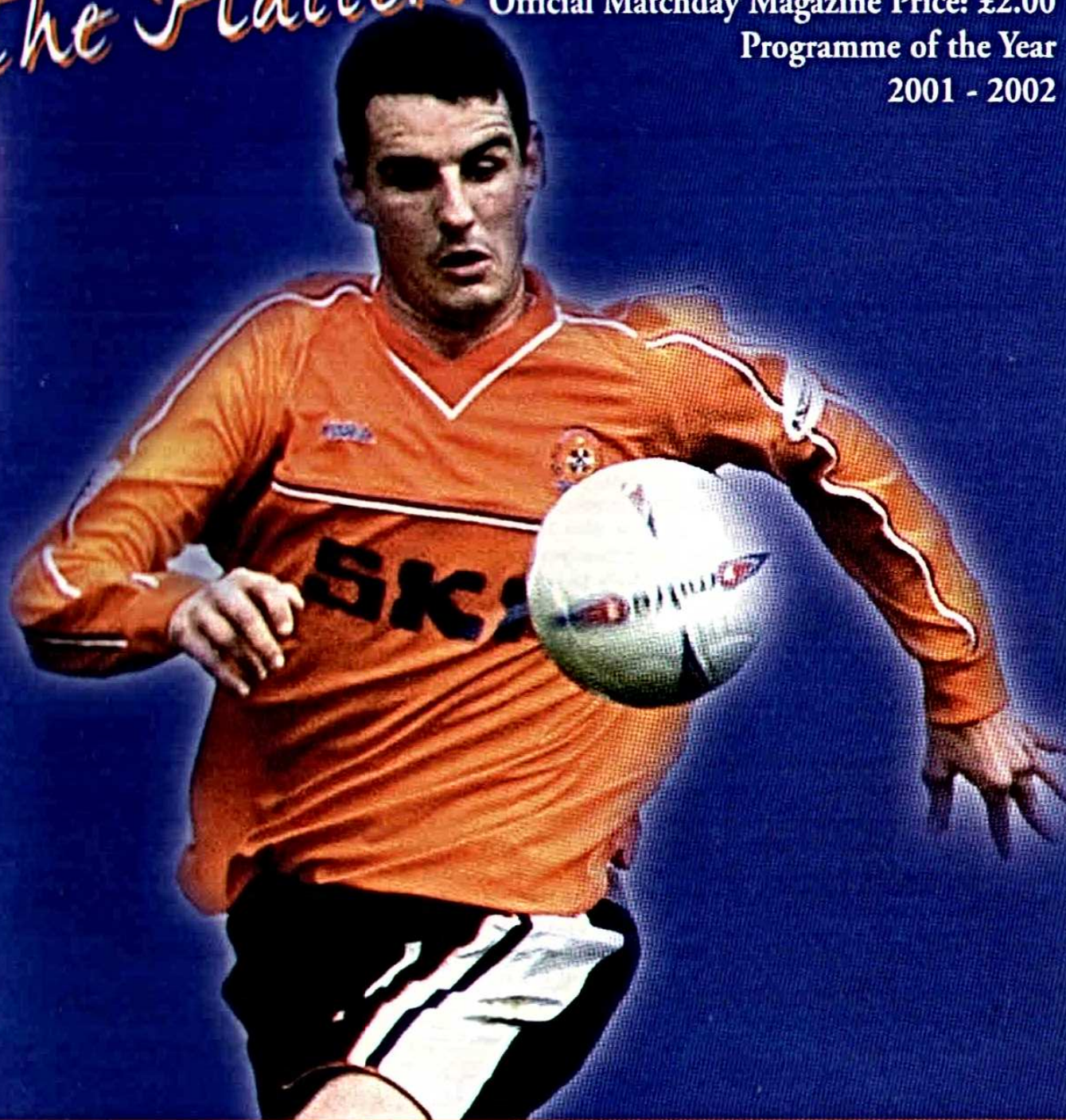
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Cover Story



On the ball: Matt Spring in action at Huddersfield, where the Town turned in a highly professional performance to chalk up their first away win of the season in the Second Division. See pages 36 and 37 for a report and more pictures.

Inside F

MANAGER Joe Kinnear watched strikers Andrew Fotiadis and Tony Thorpe stake claims for a place in this afternoon's line-up when they played for the reserves on Wednesday, leaving him to ponder on whether or not he should change a winning team.

The squad on duty for the win at Huddersfield earned praise all round from the boss, but as he seeks the first back-to-back wins since early April he has four attackers competing for two places in today's front line.

Leading scorer Steve Howard can be pretty sure of his place. His winner at the McAlpine was his seventh goal of the season, and his fourth in consecutive games.

Dean Crowe played alongside him at Huddersfield, but was subbed by Fotiadis, who impressed with his pacy and muscular contribution, including laying on Howard's goal.

On Wednesday, watched by his manager, Fotiadis scored in a 4-1 Avon Combination victory at Kenilworth Road over a not very good Peterborough side. The 25-year-old former England schoolboy international is quite possibly in a make or break season, with his current contract due to expire next summer, and the manager confirms that he has reminded Fotiadis that he needs to deliver a better scoring record to earn a new deal.

In Wednesday's game Fotiadis accepted orders to take men on and be positive, and pleased the boss with his response. "He scored with a very good finish, and showed a bit," said the boss. "When I sent him on at Huddersfield I told him to take the bull by the horns by getting forward and taking people on, and he did.

Also "showing a bit" on Wednesday was Thorpe. Playing his first game after a fortnight out because of an eye infection, he netted twice with two confident finishes. One was a clever chip, catching the goalkeeper off his line, and the other came when Fotiadis squared a pass for Thorpe to dummy the keeper and dribble round him.

The boss is not keen to change the shape of the side by including three strikers today. As the team is set up at present, Matt Spring is effectively the third attacker as the midfielder with main responsibility for breaking forward while Kevin Nicholls operates just in front of the back four in a mainly defensive and covering role.

The boss said his inclination was to retain the side which played at Huddersfield, except for the possibility of a change in the front line. He

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was waiting for yesterday's training session to show if Thorpe was match fit after his lay-off.

Steve Robinson is set to retain his place on the right of midfield, having replaced Ahmet Brkovic at the McAlpine. The boss said: "Berkie was disappointed to be left out, but he is a very good pro, and admitted that his form had dipped a bit."

Cup Tickets On General Sale

As usual, the boss is following the old football adage of taking each game as it comes, so thoughts about how to approach Wednesday's Worthington Cup game at Villa Park on Wednesday are still on the back burner.

"We can give anyone a good game on our day," said Joe. "But first and foremost we need league points, and that is what we have concentrated on this week."

The Town have plenty of tickets available, and they are now on general sale at Kenilworth Road. A £10-a-head coach deal is also on offer to take fans to the game. See page 10 today for ticket details and page 27 for travel arrangements.

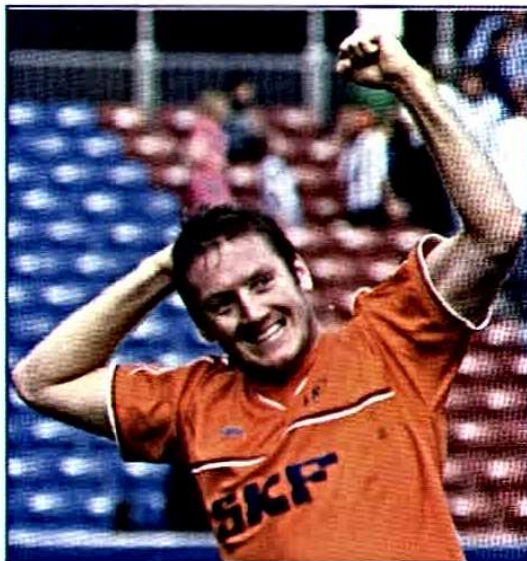
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BEARING in mind what happened at Dagenham last season, we might be tempting fate to suggest that the Town have a very good chance of progressing through to the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy, having been drawn away to Woking in the first round.

Joe says he has not begun to think about this game yet – it is to be played on October 22 and after today we have three league matches and the Villa Park cup-tie before then.

Last season we fielded a mainly reserve side when we lost to top Conference club Dagenham & Redbridge. Woking, on paper at least, are not such a difficult proposition. They were top of the Conference briefly a month ago, but Saturday's 5-0 thrashing at Morecambe was their fifth consecutive defeat and they are currently fourth from bottom.

Brian Swain



WINNER: Steve Howard salutes the crowd after his late goal gave the Town victory at Huddersfield. It was his seventh of the season, and Joe Kinnear thinks that the big man is in the sort of form which could bring him a second consecutive Golden Boot after his success in the Third Division when he hit 24 league goals.



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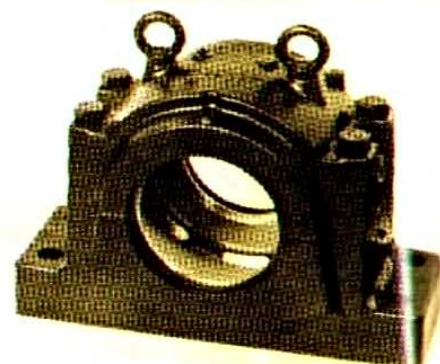
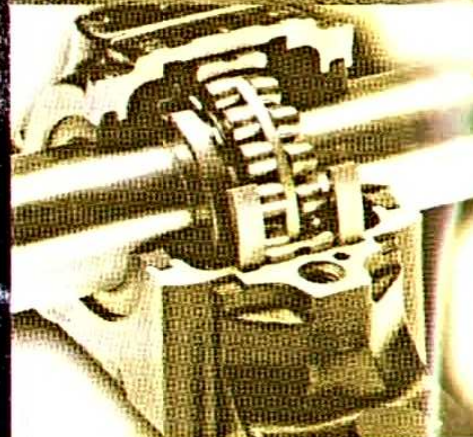
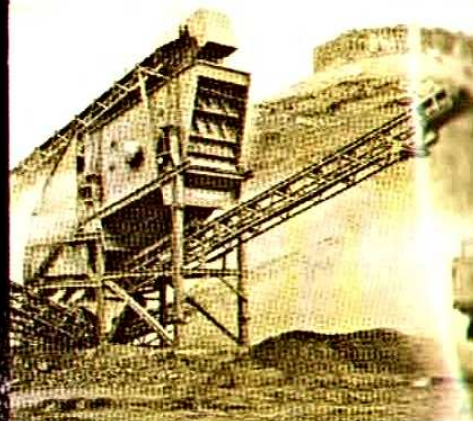
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Manager's View



WITH ten games played so far, we are approaching the point at which the league table begins to give a realistic reflection of how teams are performing. My belief has always been that a dozen games is enough for the table to sort itself out, and today I think that our current position is several notches below what it should be.

It is strange that currently our away record is better than our home results, and that is something we must put right if we are to achieve our ambition. A couple of weeks ago, when we were anticipating two home games in four days, we knew that six points were there for the taking if we played at somewhere near our best. Instead, we gave silly goals away to Notts County and then to Mansfield, and finished up with just one point. After the Mansfield game we were asking ourselves how we could be so poor just seven days after we had been so good at Watford.

One obvious requirement was to stop making mistakes that gifted goals to opponents, and the players deserve credit for bouncing back from the Mansfield defeat by being much more professional at Huddersfield. That game was always going to be very close, and so it proved, but I did not agree with the suggestion that we had stolen the points by scoring in stoppage time.

Over the 90 minutes, Huddersfield never looked like hurting us. They created hardly one decent chance, and the closest they came was from a free kick, which hit the

bar. We looked much more impressive as attackers, and while we had to wait a long time for the winner I felt it was always likely, and no more than we deserved.

In a sense a quick away win after a home defeat goes some way towards putting the record straight. But I do not entirely share that view. I want a team of winners, home and away alike. You will have seen, the same as I have, that we are not yet consistent enough in our defending, and that is something we must put right, wherever we are playing.

The lessons from recent matches are obvious. We defended very well at Cardiff, Brentford and Watford. If we hit that standard regularly, we will for sure start to move up the table, because we are always likely to score goals. And well done to Steve Howard for getting his seventh of the season at Huddersfield – with a just a little luck he can collect another golden boot this season. And well done the 700 supporters who gave us such spirited backing at Huddersfield – a wonderful turn-out, especially in view of the game they had seen just a few days earlier, against Mansfield.

We were so pleased to give you something to cheer about at the McAlpine Stadium, because we knew we had let you down – and ourselves, of course – when we threw away the points in the Mansfield match. I had no problem with the crowd's reaction that night: our players deserved criticism, and know they brought it on themselves.

It goes without saying that footballers prefer to be heroes,

not fall-guys, and this

afternoon we have another chance to put things right, for ourselves and for you.

So far as I am concerned three home defeats so far this season are more than enough for the whole campaign. Before meeting Mansfield we put together a little run of five league and cup games without defeat. Now we need another run, preferably a lot more than five, and with draws turned into victories. Today we have the chance to make it back-to-back wins for the first time this season, and who knows what effect that might have on our league table placing?

It was certainly encouraging to see the Huddersfield result push us out of the relegation zone, and now we have to build on that.

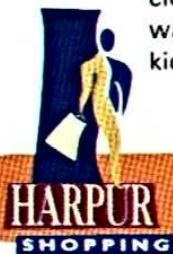
In our early games we found it difficult to cope with the higher standard of football we meet in the Second Division, but I feel we have now come to terms with it. At Watford we showed that, on our day, and when we are all focused, we can compete with the First Division too.

One lesson from our campaign so far is very clear: there are no easy matches, because this is a division where any team can beat any other.

And not until this afternoon's important match is over will I begin to give any thought as to how we are going to win at Villa Park on Wednesday. We will relish the chance to pit ourselves against Graham Taylor's Premiership side, but this afternoon league points are much more important.

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

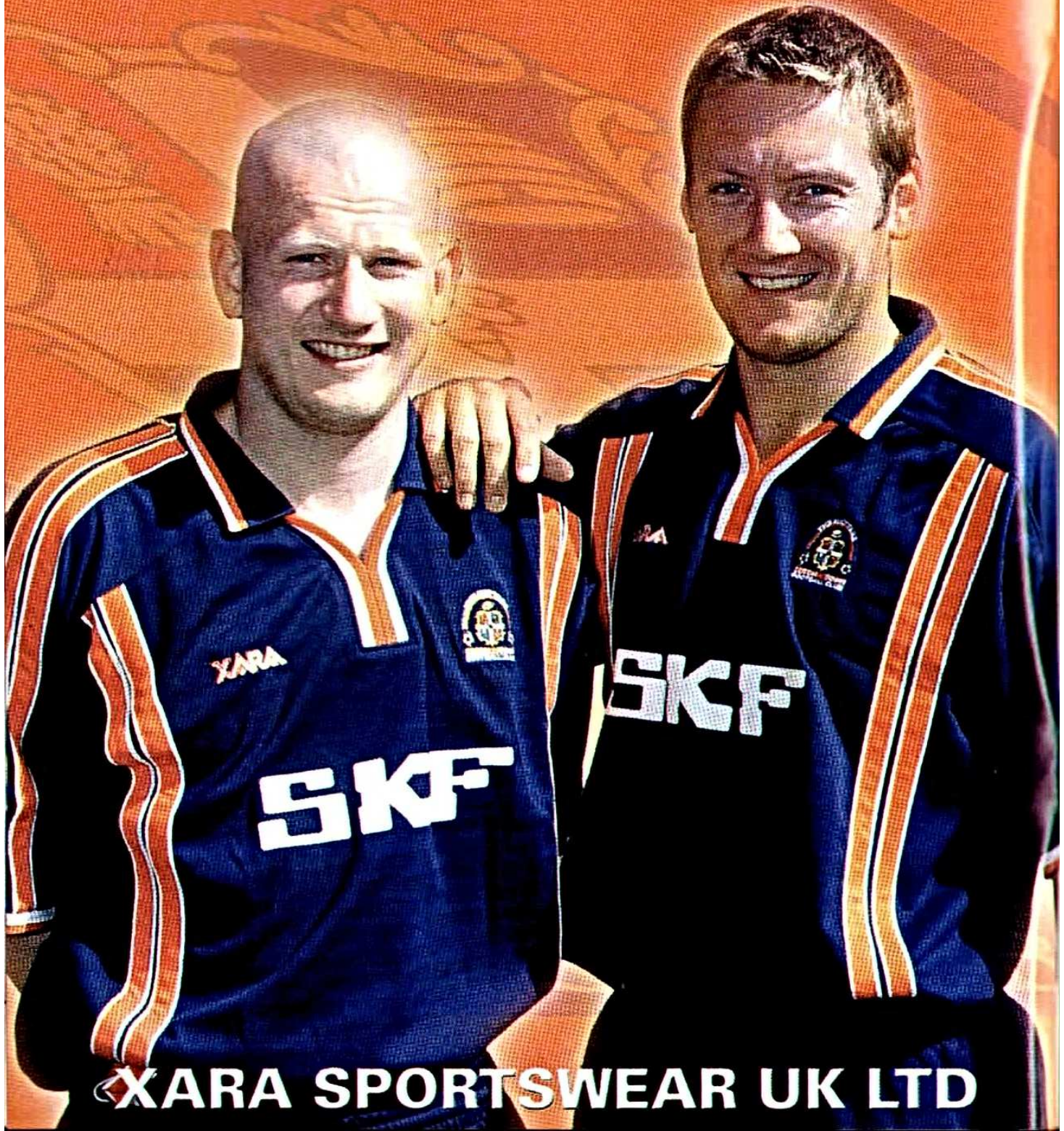
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Captain's View



I AM tempted to spend all of my column today talking about Huddersfield, and our tremendous performance at the McAlpine Stadium to get the win we all wanted. But I realise you might also want to know our reaction to our poor showing in our last home game, when we gifted three points to Mansfield.

Like you, the players were very unhappy about our performance. There was a lot of straight talking about it afterwards, but what was said is a matter between us, and not for public consumption. Suffice to say we knew we had made stupid mistakes and passed up a golden opportunity to move out of the bottom four. Different players have different reactions to crowds who start to have a go. The gaffer made it clear that we had brought criticism down on our own heads against Mansfield, and we couldn't argue with that.

The big question is how could we be so good at Watford and so bad against Mansfield just seven days later? We have got to be more consistent, and having spoken about that we knew we owed it to everyone, not least ourselves, to do a good professional job at Huddersfield. Even the most critical supporter would have to agree that we did exactly that.

I thought it was a marvellous

performance, perhaps our best of the league season so far. We should have won more comfortably, but we all felt that if we stuck to our game plan, and did our individual jobs properly, goals would come. Even so, we had to wait until stoppage time before the big man popped in the winner. Steve Howard is really on song, and I was pleased for Andrew Fotiadis, who laid on the opening for the goal. He had to wait until the last ten minutes to get on, but then he caused Huddersfield all sorts of problems. The defence and midfield was absolutely solid, and we kept another clean sheet.

We passed the ball well, and the team that had been chasing shadows in losing to Mansfield was transformed into a compact unit. It was a vast improvement, and we took professional pride in that.

It has set the pattern we must try to follow in all our games. We had done well earlier, when we went five matches without defeat, but it is no good setting standards in two or three matches and then letting them drop.

The victory turned out to be all the sweeter when we discovered that it had pushed us up the table, and out of the relegation zone at last. It just shows what one good result can do – so

obviously several more can be even more beneficial. We know that it will be another tough game this afternoon, because it is another six-pointer. Once more we are entertaining visitors who will be overtaken if we beat them. It's an attractive prospect, but we can hardly forget that the same circumstances applied in our last two home matches, and we failed to deliver.

The Huddersfield result made it all the much harder to understand why we had not done the business against Notts County and Mansfield on our own pitch. In both those games we started much too slowly, and allowed our opponents to take the initiative. That's a warning to us: today we must get out of the traps early, and impose ourselves. There might be some consolation in being able to come back from two down to earn a point, but not much – far better never to fall behind in the first place. In fact, far better not to concede goals at any time. We know what is required, and I trust that this afternoon we will give you a Huddersfield performance, not a Mansfield one.

Kevin Nicholls



Treatment Room

WHILE it is mostly good news from the treatment room this week, David Bayliss has suffered a blow, and it looks as though he could be unable to play for three months or so. His shoulder has been giving him pain in recent games, and we sent him to see a specialist. The verdict is that he needs an operation, and we hope to have that done within the next few days.

His progress after that will depend on his recovery from the surgery, and obviously we will work closely with the specialist in deciding a schedule for his return to fitness.

It was a pleasure to see Tony Thorpe back in business with the reserves on Wednesday, proving that he was 100 per cent

OK again after his eye infection. The medical advice when it struck was to give it a couple of weeks for the infection to clear up, and then start playing again "when you feel comfortable." He was very comfortable indeed as he scored a couple of goals!

Carl Griffiths had hoped to be involved in that game, but his return after a broken leg has suffered a very minor interruption with a calf muscle strain. It is nothing serious, and I expect to see him back in full training within a few days.

I had thought that Griff and Mark Ovendale would be able to return to competitive football on Wednesday, but both will have to wait a further week because the scheduled reserve fixture against Bournemouth has been

postponed.

The goalkeeper has worked hard to recover from his hip operation, and is looking fit and comfortable in training. He has been out of action since the start of the season, but is now very close to being ready for a return with the reserves. He should be able to make his comeback at Plymouth on Wednesday week. Ben Roberts is also back in training after his illness and shoulder injury, and will probably be in contention for a return this afternoon, subject to the boss's team selection.

Also close to a return is Alan Kimble, who is running again and feeling no ill-effects after a thigh muscle strain.

Bruce Sewell Hobbs

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FIRST this afternoon, my thanks, and those of Mary Biswell and her helpers, go to supporters for your generosity at the Notts County match when the bucket collection for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital raised £938.91p. Charity collections always do well at Kenilworth Road, and this was no exception. Supporters have been asking if we intend to change kick-off time for our home game with Cheltenham Town in a fortnight's time, on October 12. The question is prompted by the fact that the England match, in Slovakia, is being televised on the same day. However, the kick-off for England is 7.30pm our time, so there will be no need to change our arrangements and the usual 3pm kick-off will apply to our match. We have this week received news of two cup draws affecting the

club. In the LDV Vans Trophy we will be away to Woking, of the Nationwide Conference. The game will be on Tuesday October 22, with a 7.45pm kick-off, and there will be plenty of accommodation for our supporters. It will be pay on the night only, and prices will be £9 for adults, £7 for senior citizens and £4 for under-16s. Unusually, those prices are the same whether you choose to sit or stand.

The under-19 youth team has qualified for the second round of the Football League Youth Alliance Cup, and has been drawn away to Brighton. The match is to be played in the week commencing November 11, and further details will be announced shortly. Our big cup date, of course, is at Villa Park on Wednesday, for the Worthington Cup second round. We have a generous ticket alloca-

tion, and at the time of writing plenty were still available, and on sale at our ticket office in Kenilworth Road. See the announcement on page 10 for full details. We are also combining with Town on Tour to put on a fleet of coaches to the game, as we did with great success for the match at Watford. The fare will be a flat fee of £10 for everyone, and full details are on page 27 today. Because of the match against Aston Villa, our Avon Insurance Combination game at home to Bournemouth, which was due to be played at Kenilworth Road on the same afternoon, has been postponed until November 6, kick-off 2pm.

Finally, today I am pleased to pass on some information to supporters which I hope will not be necessary for our supporters to use. You may have heard that an Independent Football Commission has recently been set up, and is to be the final stage in dealing with complaints against football clubs.

Any supporter who has a complaint must first take it to the club concerned. Then, if he or she is not satisfied with the way the complaint is handled, the supporter has the right to ask the Commission to adjudicate.

In the ticket office and in the club shop there are supplies of the leaflet published by the IFC explaining the procedure, and supporters are welcome to take a copy home. Naturally, I would like to think that we as a club, always keen to listen to our supporters, and reply to all their letters and calls, can resolve any problem that a supporter may have.

Cherry Newbery



HATTERS GALORE: We are always happy to support local organisations, which is how this picture came to be set up at Kenilworth Road. The Phoenix Players, one of our local drama groups, is to stage a show called *Alice's Adventures at Luton Central Library* in late November. Inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, the cast includes a Hatter – but not a mad one, we are assured – and the actor in question, Tim Gannon, is pictured with a bunch of real live Hatters, left to right Matt Spring, Emmerson Boyce, Adrian Forbes, Kevin Nicholls, Ahmet Brkovic and Steve Robinson.

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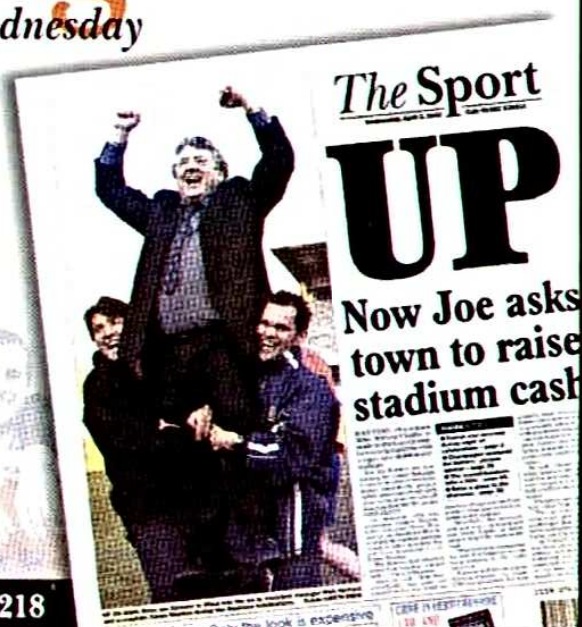
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David lives at Ross Close, Farley Hill, and goes to Whipperley Infants School. Today he had to get to the ground earlier than usual, because his duties started off with a meeting with the players in the dressing room while they prepare for the game.

He then has the chance to run onto the hallowed turf, to join the team in the pre-match rituals, including the warm up and kick-about, followed by a meeting with the match officials and skippers at the toss of the coin for choice of ends.

We know David will enjoy meeting all the Town stars, but probably his biggest pleasure will be the chance to chat to Dean Crowe, because the striker is David's favourite player. As well as watching the Town, David likes playing football and swimming.

STEVE Tattam is a long-time Luton Town supporter who will enjoy his football even more than usual this afternoon. He normally sits in the Enclosure to shout the lads on, but today, as a director of Das Systems (UK) Ltd, our match ball sponsors, he is in one of the executive lounges.

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Linda Layton

Golden Gamble

TOWN fan Steve Dunham did not enjoy the result when we lost to Mansfield at our last home game, but he had a nice consolation as he set off for his home at Putnoe: he was the night's Golden Gamble winner and is pictured collecting £560 after Lee Mansell pulled out his lucky ticket.

The jackpot at the Notts County game, when the attendance was higher, was £705, and Alan Kimble made the half-time draw, extracting the ticket bought by Chris Green, from Hemel Hempstead.

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Top Scorer



Form Guide



Discipline



Attendances



Swings/Margins



Miscellaneous



Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
7	Shots	6
7	Headers	1
0	Volleys	1
1	Penalties	2
0	Free Kicks	1
0	Own Goals	0

Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored

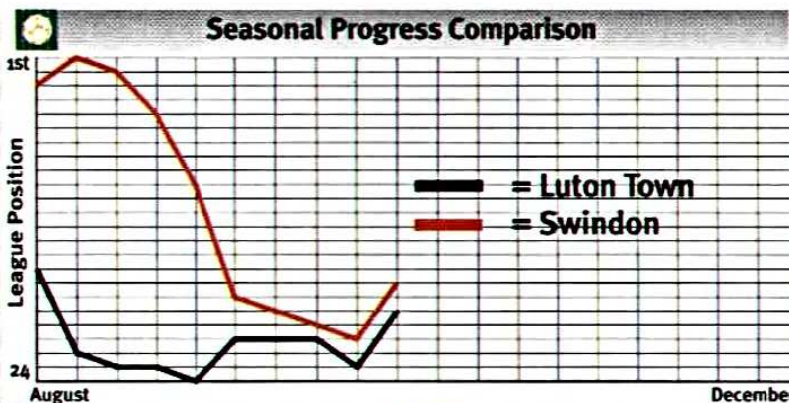
1	0-15 mins	2
0	16-30 mins	1
2	31-45 mins	4
1	46-60 mins	2
4	61-75 mins	0
7	75-90 mins	2

Form Guide - Last 6

2	Won	1
3	Drawn	0
1	Lost	5
8	For	4
5	Against	10
9	Points	3
3	Goal Difference	-6
DWDDLW	Sequence	LLLLLW
LLWDL	Home Seq.	WLLLW
LLDDW	Away Seq.	WDL

Yellow & Red Cards

22	Yellow	17
1	Red	1



2002-2003 Attendances

Hatters		Robins
32,610	Aggregate	28,470
7,860	Highest	7,564
6,004	Lowest	4,719
6,522	Average	5,694
65	% of Capacity	39

Average Goals per game

1.50	For	1.10
2.20	Home For	1.20
0.80	Away For	1.00
1.80	Against	1.40
2.20	Home Against	1.00
1.40	Away Against	1.80

2002-2003 Figures

21	Players Used	18
4	Clean Sheets	2
2	Failed to Score	5
	Goals scored from...	
3	Corners	0
2	Free Kicks	1
	Goals conceded from...	
1	Corners	0
1	Free Kicks	3

10 Year Record

Hatters		Robins
54.4	Avg Pos. among 92 clubs	45
7,878	Avg Att 1993	15,011
6,522	Avg Att 2002	5,694
-17	+ / - %	-62

Top League Scorers

Howard		Parkin
6	League Goals	5
10	Games Played	10
0.60	Lge Goals/Game	0.50
3	Points Gained	3
3	Scoring Run	2
0	Hat-Tricks	1
3	Close Range	0
2	Inside Area	5
1	Long Range	0
2	Shots	3
4	Headers	0
0	Volleys	0
0	Penalties	2
0	Direct FKs	0

Swings

LT	Games Won from:	ST
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	1
	Lost from:	
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	1
	Drawn from:	
0	3 Goals Down	0
1	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
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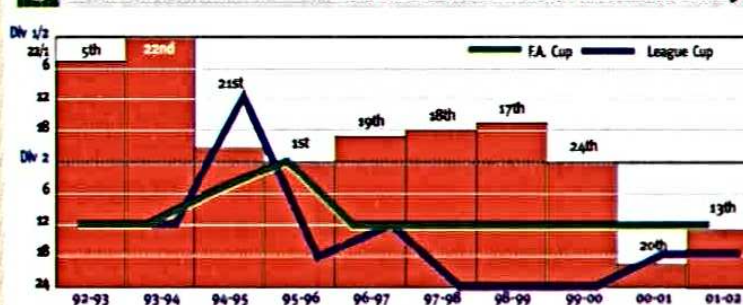
Margins

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

Misc stats

16	Highest Pos.	1
24	Lowest Pos.	21
0	Winning Run	2
4	Unbeaten Run	3
4	Losing Run	6
5	No Win Run	7

Swindon Town's 10 Year History



Season	Leading Scorer	Ave Att
01/02	Grazioli8	6,363
00/01	Invincible9	6,198
99/00	Hay10	6,977
98/99	Onuora20	8,651
97/98	Hay14	9,505
96/97	Allison11	9,265
95/96	Allison17	10,602
94/95	Fjortoft16	9,408
93/94	Fjortoft12	15,011
92/93	Maskell18	10,489

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MANAGER

ANDY KING

Born in August 1956, in Luton, King made his name as a lively midfielder having joined his home town club in 1974. His next stop was Everton, the club with which most people associate him, who he signed for in 1976 for £35,000.

He made 150 appearances for The Toffees, scoring an impressive 38 goals in four seasons at Goodison before joining QPR.

One season with the Superhoops was followed by another at West Bromwich Albion before a return to Everton for the 1982-83 season, where Andy played a further 43 games and added another 11 goals to his tally for the Toffees.

A short period with Dutch side Cambuur followed, before Andy returned to England with Wolves, for whom he played 28 times scoring 10 goals.

A very brief spell back at Luton in 1985 (just three appearances) preceded Andy's final move as a player when he joined Aldershot and notched 11 goals in 36 games for the Surrey side.

GOALKEEPERS

1. BART GRIEMINK

Giant keeper signed by Colin Todd on a free transfer in the summer of 2000. Griemink is a former Dutch Under-21 international who spent a successful loan spell with The Robins (as cover for Frank Talia) before eventually joining the club. He came to English football in 1995 with Birmingham and deputised competently for the injured Ian Bennett, playing in the 1995

League Cup semi-final. He then followed Barry Fry to Peterborough United but lost his place to Mark Tyler. Griemink started the 2000-01 season as first choice goalkeeper and even deputised as captain, but ended up on the bench as Steve Mildenhall took his place in goal following Griemink's two dismissals and subsequent lengthy suspension. However, following Mildenhall's departure to Notts County Bart played every game last season and was one of the most consistent performers.

32. CRAIG FARR

Goalkeeper who was an unused substitute for the Robins in the 2000-01 season and will hope the departure of Steve Mildenhall gives him more of a chance.

Has impressed greatly when given the chance in Town's second string and could become Bart Griemink's understudy this season. Andy King is a huge admirer of Farr and his display between the sticks against Wimbledon in pre-season is testament to the lad's ability.

DEFENDERS

2. GARETH EDDS

21-year old Australian who joins us on a month's loan from Nottingham Forest. Played nearly 40 games at Forest before joining Town on loan and has been excellent in the right-back role. Andy King will be hoping to secure his signature on a more permanent basis.

5. ADAM WILLIS

Willis arrived at the County Ground in 1998 on a free transfer from Coventry and was Steve McMahon's last signing for The

Robins. He scarcely figured for Jimmy Quinn and was allowed to go on loan to Mansfield after being told he could leave Swindon. Fortunately Todd liked the tall defender and gave him a new contract. Willis was a regular in the first half of the following season and scored his first goal for Swindon in the 4-1 win against Ilkeston in the FA Cup.

6. ANDY GURNEY

Andy joined Reading from Torquay in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender that could also play in midfield. He started his career at hometown club Bristol Rovers, where he spent four seasons before moving to Torquay for one year and impressing during their surge to the play-offs. Established a regular starting place with Reading in 1999/2000 and figured in the Royals' promotion push last year. Was keen to join Town after their impressive performance against Reading and King snapped him up on a Bosman in the summer of 2001. Crowned an impressive home debut performance against Tottenham with a long-range goal and proved to be one of King's best buys. Will be an integral part of King's squad this season and is set to continue as club captain.

12. JUAN COBIAN

Argentinian Cobian played for Boca Juniors before moving to Hillsborough in 1998. He was subsequently sold to Charlton and Aberdeen without playing much first team football. Made only three league appearances in his first season for the Robins, with Mark Robinson the normal right back.

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19. MATTHEW HEYWOOD

Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout, Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. What a signing he's proved to be, ever-present in the latter half of 2000/01 and missing just four games last year, it is no surprise that he swept the board in last year's Player of the Year Awards. The tall defender has signed an extension to his contract, much to the delight of the fans and he will be looking to show the same strength and commitment as he did last year. Strong in the tackle and good in the air, Heywood could prove to be a great asset to the club - if they can hang on to him.

22. ALAN REEVES

Experienced centre back who is particularly strong in the air.

Reeves always causes problems from set pieces and for a brief period in season 2000/01 he was the club's top goalscorer. At the beginning of the season he was told by Colin Todd that he could leave the club, but persuaded the manager to reconsider with some fine pre-season performances. Reeves went on to be a permanent fixture and even ended up captaining Swindon in Mark Robinson's absence. Before joining Swindon in 1998, he spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale where he was considered one of the best players in the club's history.

30. CHRIS COLLINS

Chris signed professional forms last summer having made the

step up from

Town's youth set up. Just a few months later his younger brother, also on Town's books, was sold to Fulham for £150,000. Chris is yet to make his debut for the side but with Sol Davis leaving the club and Mark Robinson retiring - he could well figure in Town's defence this season.

MIDFIELDERS

4. MATTHEW HEWLETT

An attacking central midfielder, Matt Hewlett was once tipped for the top by all at Ashton Gate. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000.



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Matty was a regular last season until a reoccurrence of his knee injury kept him out for the majority of December and January - other than that he was pretty consistent and even managed to bag his first goal for the club, a close range effort during Town's 2-0 victory away at Port Vale in September.

7. KEITH O'HALLORAN

Irish midfielder who was one of several Bosman signings Colin Todd made in the summer of 2000. O'Halloran is a talented right-sided player who became first choice on the right of midfield, a position Swindon struggled to fill in 1999/00. O'Halloran started life as a trainee at Middlesbrough, but only made six appearances for Boro before moving to Scotland in 1997. He was a success at St Johnstone,

and was offered a new contract but preferred to try his luck in Division Two. A good striker of the ball, O'Halloran proved one of Swindon's best signings of 2000, netting seven goals from midfield (most of them from the penalty spot).

8. JIMMY DAVIS

Not too much is known about this youngster on loan for three months however Jimmy Davis arrives at the club with a glowing reference from Sir Alex Ferguson. He scored two goals for England's under 20 side in Toulon and showed glimpses of what he's capable of against Barnsley and Chesterfield where he came on as sub in both games.

10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College football sys-

tem in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial. They were keen to sign him but no deal came about. Portsmouth then out-jumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter. The 22-year-old is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better.

11. DAVID DUKE

Left-sided midfielder that arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000. Unfortunately, Duke never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the

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Robins. He combined well with Sol Davis down the Robins' left and is a good crosser of the ball. Was in and out of the side last season but with a bit of consistency, can make the left side his own following the departure of Sol Davis.

15. DARREN DYKES

Darren is somewhat of an unknown quantity having signed from Buckingham Town. However, the youngster made a huge impression when facing Didcot Town in a pre-season friendly and he was subsequently snapped up in a matter of weeks. The central midfielder has had trials with Spurs and Leyton Orient, but after failing to secure a contract had been helping out with his father's business before he landed the deal at Town. Will be a couple of weeks before he reaches match fitness, but Dykes could be one for the future.

17. Danny Invincible

Australian midfielder who endeared himself to the fans having been recommended to Colin Todd by Harry Redknapp at West Ham. Danny subsequently joined the Robins on a free transfer when Todd watched him in a trial game.

After a slow start (although he did score on his debut against West Brom), Danny showed the club what he was capable of with five goals in four games in October/November in season 2000/01. The former Marconi Stallion and Aussie Under-21 star would later become Town's top scorer with ten goals, arguably his most important coming in the last home game of that season against

Peterborough in the ninetieth minute - a goal that some say kept the club up.

25. STEVE ROBINSON

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfielder terrier signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001.

Found in the centre or right of midfielder, Robinson likes to win the ball and pass it on quickly. He made over 50 league starts for the Blues, but almost joined Sheffield United in 1999 only to fail the medical. Involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, but was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad. Looks set to be a part of King's plans once again this season and he will be eager to add to the two goals he scored against Oxford in 2000/01., not to mention improve his disciplinary record!

FORWARDS

9. SAM PARKIN

Very young and very promising forward who joined the club from Chelsea on Thursday August 1, 2002. Parkin joined the club from Stamford Bridge where his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. However, whilst at the club he joined several other clubs on loan and it is with them that he built up a reputation as a lethal striker.

Has scored three goals already in pre-season and could be a hot prospect this year.

14. ERIC SABIN

Few had heard of the young Frenchman when he joined the club last summer, but with Andy

King comparing him to Thierry Henry he brought a lot of flair and excitement to Town's front line. Sabin joined Town from French Second Division club Wasquehall who finished 18th in season 2000/01. Sabin contributed with seven goals in 58 starts in France and last season, he didn't get the goals he deserved scoring just five in total. However, in terms of hard work Sabin brings much more to the team and in the first few games alone he earned four penalties. Sabin looks particularly dangerous when the ball is played behind the opposing defence for he has blistering pace. With a bit more confidence in front of goal, Sabin could prove to be a great acquisition.

26. ALAN YOUNG

At 19 years of age, Young is one of Swindon's brightest hopes for the future. Having already played for England's Youth team, Young has risen from Town's youth set up to the fringe of the first team squad via the Reserves.

Scoring goals for fun with the youth side, Young more than held his own in the club's second string and marked his first team debut in the FA Cup by scoring against non-league Ilkeston Town in 2000/01.

King has made his admiration for the youngster very clear and he could well figure in his plans this year after a growing influence on the first team last year; he made seven appearances in total in scored the winner in Town's 1-0 win over Blackpool.



Blast From the Past

When the Town were promoted from the old Division Four in 1968 they started off the following season in blistering form and looked odds-on favourites to walk through the third as well. Remaining unbeaten for the first eight games, a place at the top of the table was quickly established. Boosted by the astute signings of Mike Harrison from Plymouth, Laurie Sheffield from Oldham and Brian Lewis from Coventry for the then huge total sum of £37,000, Oldham, Rotherham, Barnsley, Tranmere and Mansfield were all seen off at Kenilworth Road, while points were picked up on travels to Barrow, Gillingham and Orient. The bubble had to burst eventually and, at Brighton on September 21st, the Town went down 0-1 in a lacklustre display against a side they had hammered out of the League Cup only ten

days previously.

The barnstorming displays were now beginning to take their toll, and although a 1-0 win was recorded the following week against Torquay at Kenilworth Road, it was a very tired performance that barely warmed the hearts of the crowd of 14,936.

Injuries were now starting to cause a problem, coupled with the downturn in form, and back to back away defeats were suffered at local rivals Watford and at that ground where we rarely seem to get a result, Oakwell, Barnsley.

Win at home and lose away now seemed to be the pattern that was setting in, and in a bid to rejuvenate the side manager Allan Brown went out and signed goalkeeper Sandy Davie from Dundee United and defender Jack Bannister from Crystal Palace.

Both

players made their debuts in the home game against Northampton at the end of October, before a crowd of 17,818, and they played their parts in a hard fought 2-1 victory.

Unfortunately it was then back to the now expected away defeat in the next game, at Walsall, and the Hatters were pushed back to sixth position which was no place to be for a side backed by an ambitious board of directors who were determined to get the club back in to the top flight, which we had last graced in 1960.

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road were the new pacesetters Swindon Town, who boasted the mercurial winger Don Rogers in their side. As well as the desire to maintain our 100% home record we had a score to settle for the Wiltshire side had rather fortunately knocked us out of the F.A.Cup at the County Ground the previous season.

Luton secretary Bob Readhead was said to be rather disappointed with the crowd of only 17,250 that turned up on a murky afternoon and put the 'low' attendance down to the pockets of fog that had blanketed many local areas.

The Town welcomed back skipper Terry Branston, as well as wingers Mike Harrison and Graham French after injury, while Swindon were at full strength hoping to add to their run that had seen them march to the top.

The first half honours, in a



A proud Allan Brown with his 1968/69 squad at the start of the season.

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fiercely contested match, belonged to the Hatters who had several chances to take the lead with Sheffield guilty of misses he would normally have put away.

The game had a scoreless look about it as the two midfields cancelled each other out, but in the second period Swindon decided to come out of their shell and subjected the Luton defence to a great deal of pressure.

It was only some smart saves from Davie that prevented Swindon from taking the lead, and it was therefore against the run of play when the Town went 1-0 up on the hour.

Sheffield had been guilty of a heavy challenge on Swindon goalkeeper, Peter Downsborough, and while he was still groggy the Luton for-

wards exploited this weakness and pumped a succession of high balls into the area.

From one of these, Sheffield took advantage of some hesitation and smacked a volley into the net.

The Robins now had to attack for all they were worth and consequently left gaps in defence which were increasingly exploited by the Luton forwards. From one such counter attack French beat two defenders and laid on an inch perfect pass for Lewis to put the game beyond doubt with ten minutes to go.

Whereas Allan Brown spoke of a "fine all round performance" after the match, the national press preferred to concentrate on the less savoury aspects of the clash, particularly Sheffield's foul on Downsborough and the running battle between Lewis

and the Swindon captain Stan Harland.

'Crunch...! Luton swagger on' ran one national headline, with the reporter going on to say, "Some call it professional instinct. Some call it power play. I call it ugly...the way Luton preserved their perfect home record and ended Swindon's sweep of success". It is not often that a Luton Town side has been accused of bullying!

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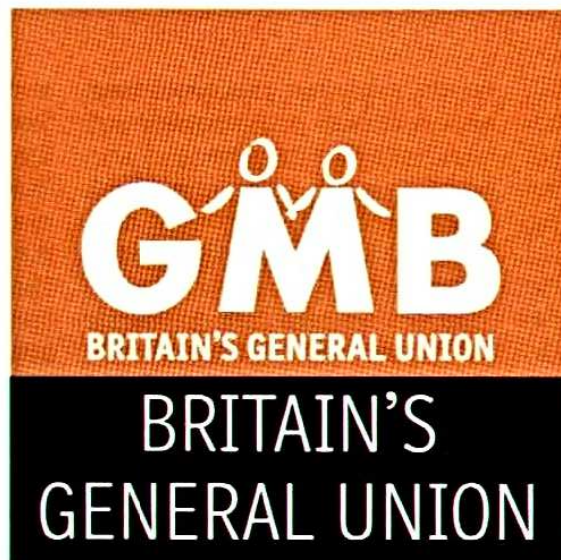
The 20 page issue for the visit of Swindon on 9th November 1968 had barely two pages of reading material, making it extremely poor value for the increased price of 1/- (5p), although we did get to marvel at the cover page drawing of a very strange shaped footballer.

The 'Club Notes' section offered congratulations to Swindon for reaching the semi-final of the League Cup where they were due to play Burnley. The Robins, of course, went on to lift the trophy that season beating Arsenal in the final at Wembley.

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Hatters Away

AFTER the success of its operation to take more than 700 supporters to the Worthington Cup first round tie at Vicarage Road, Town on Tour, part of Luton Town Supporters Club, is organising something similar in conjunction with the football club, for the second round game at Villa Park on Wednesday. The difference is that this time only executive coaches will be used, and the fare will be a flat rate of £10 for everyone. Departure from Luton will be at 4.30pm, with a pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later. There will also be a service starting from Leighton Buzzard at 4.30, tickets for which must be booked from the LTSC kiosk tonight, or via the Town on Tour mobile phone on 07960 567465.

The Bobbers Travel Club will also be running to Aston Villa, leaving Cranfield at 3.15, picking up at villages en route before setting off from Luton an hour later. Their fares are £10 for adults, £8 for pensioners and under-16s.



Villa Park

Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC and the Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road before or after home matches. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, who pick-up at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1.

Town on Tour offers its best deals to members of Luton Town Supporters Club. You can visit the club shop to book seats, or reserve them by phoning 07960 567465.

Maple Road car park, which will be stewarded, is available for coach passengers, at £4 per car.

Supporters intending to travel are reminded that they must buy match tickets in advance, at the Town's ticket office.

We travel further north on Saturday, for a Second Division game against Stockport County. The Bobbers set off from Cranfield at 8.30 and Luton an hour later. Fares are £14 for adults and £11.50 for pensioners and under-16s. Town on Tour will leave Maple Road at 10am, with a pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway and their fares are £15 for LTSC adult members and £13 for under-16 members. If you are not in the Supporters Club the price will be £17.

Motorway to Villa

THE drive to Villa Park would be a piece of cake if only we could trust the M6 to be free-running. Unfortunately, there is little choice but to use that motorway, although you turn off before the most notorious stretch, near Spaghetti Junction.

Leave Luton on the M1 north, then onto the M6. Leave at junction 6 to take the A38(M), signposted towards Birmingham. Follow the signs to A38 Birmingham NE, Lichfield, to the Salford Circus, where you turn right, signposted towards Birmingham centre. After 400 yards, where the road divides get into the right hand lane, and filter right to follow signs towards Witton and Aston Villa. Seven hun-

dred yards further on a left turn near the Priory Castor pub will take you to the ground. There is street parking, but beware of restrictions, including "residents only" areas.

Mileage: 92.

The Road to Stockport

STOCKPORT is another of those grounds in the north west where the most direct route on the map is not necessarily the quickest. You need to get onto the M6, but our preferred route is to join that troublesome motorway much further north than the Birmingham area. Take the M1 from Luton, and stay on it to junction 23a, and then follow the A50 towards and beyond Stoke, then join the M6 heading north. Leave M6 at junction 19, turning right onto the A556 towards Manchester. Just over four miles from the M6 you reach Bowdon. At a large roundabout there take the M56 towards Manchester and after nearly seven miles take the M60, signposted to Stockport. Leave M60 at junction 1, to head towards Stockport town centre, and then at a roundabout follow the signs towards Cheadle. Go straight on at one set of traffic lights, and turn right at the next, onto the A560, and after a further mile turn left by the Farmer's Arms, into Edgeley Road, and another mile takes you to the ground. Parking is a bit of a problem, with restrictions applied to many streets around Edgeley Park.

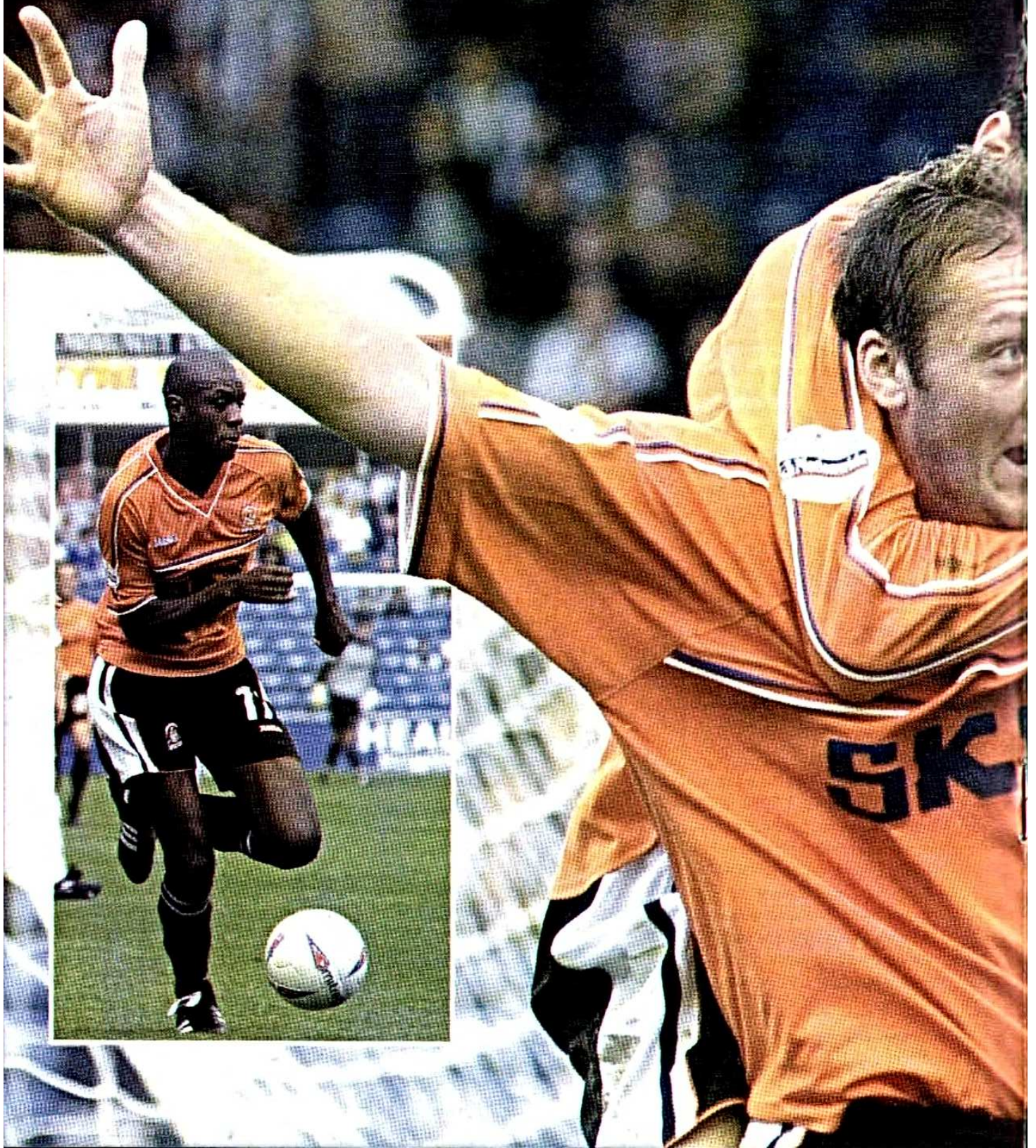
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Edgeley Park

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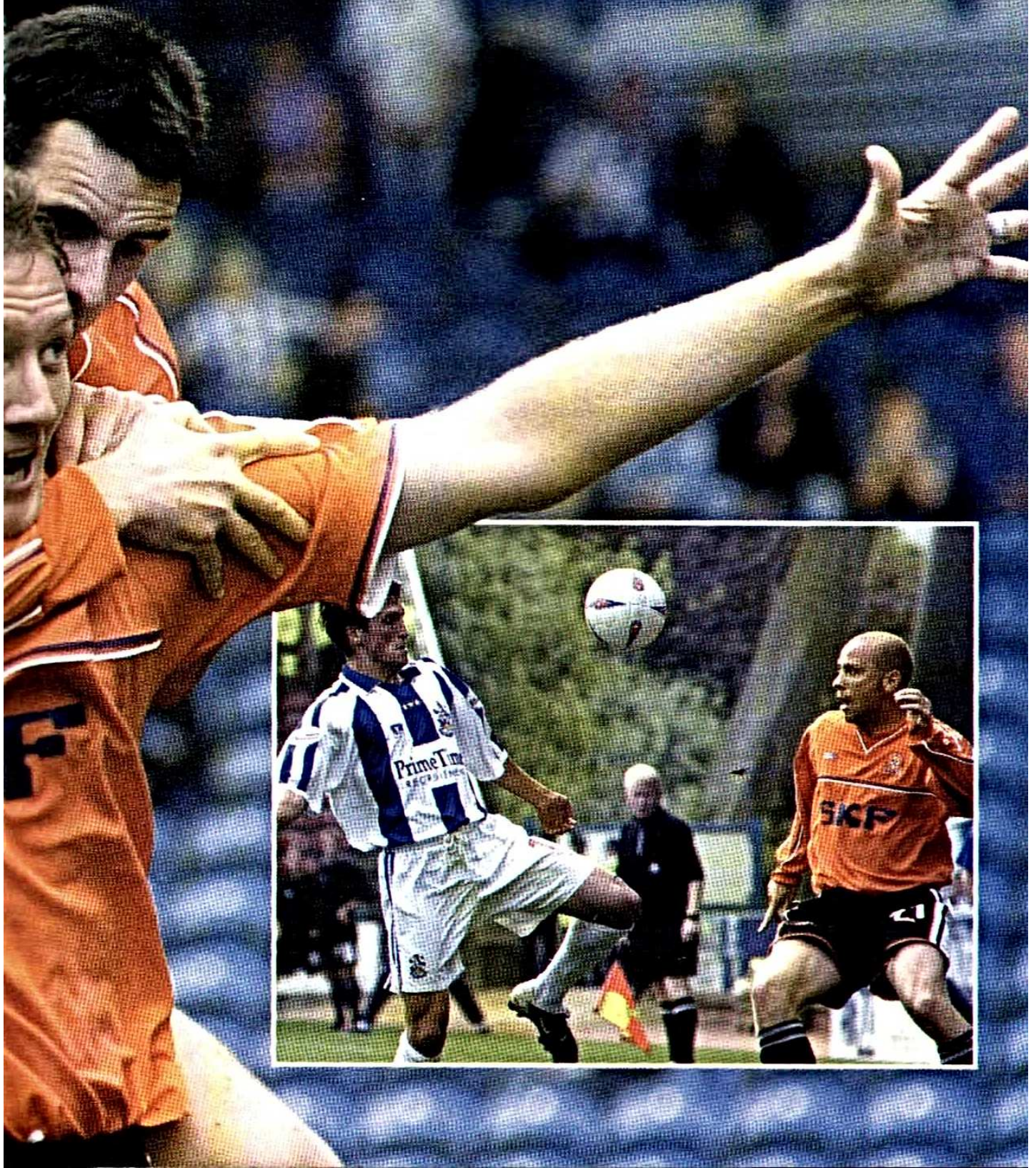
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HAPPY HATTERS: Steve Howard has just got the winner in stoppage time at the McAlpine Stadium, and Matt Spring is first to show his delight.

LEFT: Right back on the run – Emmerson Boyce surges forward to support the Town attack.

RIGHT: One on one – Paul Hughes in midfield competition with Huddersfield's John Thorrington.





LTFC in the Community

Working in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Association

I WOULD like to begin today by telling you about a national campaign which Luton Town Football in the Community is supporting.

Called MAD 4 IT, it will run from October 7 to 12. The project is run by Business in the Community, and is designed to bridge the digital divide, by giving people who have yet to experience the world of information technology the chance to participate. Mad 4 IT will run nationally in approximately 30 locations throughout the UK.

Locally the project will involve 110 taster sessions in various locations throughout the town. These will include libraries, the Arndale, Marsh Farm, Dallow and all Barnfield College sites. The sessions will be run by volunteers from 30 organisations, with equipment donated by local businesses.

Business in the Community has been overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of business and community partners, and hopes to build on the success of Mad 4 IT in ways that will bring confidence to the wider community in terms of information technology.

So whether you are a business or an individual interested in supporting or taking advantage of free access to IT, such as taster sessions, training, technical support or work experience, please contact: Mary Palmer, Luton Business Broker, Business in the Community. : Her phone number is Luton 522391, or you can e-mail to Mary.Palmer@bitc.org.uk

Another contact is David Slater, Business Action Manager, Business in the Community for Luton Lives.

He is on Luton 452577, or e-mail:

davidslater@lutonlives.org

It is hoped that the Community Department will present a session in Marsh Farm on Friday October 11. Maybe we will see you there.

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LTFC in the Community

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the response to our Bramingham and Warden Hill soccer schools has been outstanding. It is fantastic to see 60 or more children playing football at these venues each week.

There are a few places left on the courses but you will have to be quick. With the darker nights coming and a change in the clocks imminent, it will soon be time to move back indoors. With this in mind we will shortly be announcing the next batch of courses, some in sports halls and others on artificial pitches under floodlights. One of these sessions will see the introduction of a new idea for mums and kids.

We are going to put on a one and a half hour session of football coaching for the 5 and 6 year olds, while at the same time the mums, for a very small price, will be able to undertake an hour's aerobics under the instruction of a professional tutor. Keep your eyes open for that one! Not wanting the dads to feel left out, in early October and again around New Year time we will be supporting the national Dads and Sons project, where boys and their fathers can team up to compete against other pairs in one of our Community Fun Days.

Stuart Smith

VENUE	AGE GROUP	START DATE	DAY & TIME	TOTAL WEEKS	WEEKS REMAINING	COST
Bramingham Freemans Avenue Luton	7 - 11	14/9-02	Sat 10.00 - 11.30am	10	7	£2.50pw
Warden Hill Junior School Birdsfoot Lane Luton	5 - 6 7 - 11	5/9/02	Thurs 4.15 - 5.45pm	7	3	£2.50pw
Queensbury School Meadway Dunstable	5 - 6 7 - 11	16/9/02	Mon 4.00 - 5.30pm	10	8	£2.50pw

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I acknowledge and accept that Luton Town FC, their football in the community scheme, or the organisation providing facilities and their respective agents, servants and employees, are not under any liability whatsoever in respect of personal injury, loss or damage however caused whilst in attendance on the above course.

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Hatters Abroad



SUPPORTERS who watched the Town in the 1970s should have no difficulty in recognising one of the faces in our picture from Spain, and the orange, blue and white soccer strip will also be familiar to that generation – it was the kit Harry Haslam introduced when he was manager from 1972 to 1978.

Wearing it in our photo is Peter Rolt, who runs The Time, The Place, a bar and restaurant in La Cala, Benidorm, and the guest who posed with him is Alan West, midfield general and club captain for most of his eight years at Kenilworth Road, in which he made over 300 appearances.

Peter Rolt was a Luton fanatic in those days, before emigrating to Spain, and tells us that as well as Alan West, Steve Foster is a regular visitor.

He added: "All Luton Town fans are very, very welcome – especially if they care to bring items of Hatters memorabilia with them!"



OUR OTHER Hatters abroad snap is also from Spain, and the chap in the yellow shirt is another exiled Town fan.

Mark Dille, from Shefford, sent us the picture, and explained: "We were on holiday recently in Ibiza, and the picture is of me and my sons, Graeme, 13, and 11-year-old Adam. The fellow Luton Town supporter is Dale Hazell, who now works as an entertainment rep at the Hotel Mare Notrum, in Playa D'en Bossa. He told us he once played football with Marvin Johnson for Barebrook Rangers in Aylesbury. I wonder if Marvin will recognise him?"

"Luton lost their first three matches while we were away, and despite being in the company of Blackpool and Plymouth supporters, it didn't put us off wearing our Town shirts."

Mark, has supported Luton all his life, and the whole family, including wife Wendy, who took the photograph, are following in his footsteps – they are season ticket holders in the Kenilworth.

Marvin tells us that he can remember a boy called Hazell playing for his first football team. Marvin joined Barebrook Rangers when he was eight, and stayed until he was 14, when he signed schoolboy forms for the Town.



ARE you a Town fan who wants to be in the picture? We are always pleased to receive photographs of Hatters supporters in their club colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap you would like to see published please send it, with a few details, to the editor, by post to Luton Town FC, or e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com

If you use e-mail, please include your home address and a day-time phone number. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but don't offer us anything which is irreplaceable, because with the best will in the world items sometimes go astray.

We are also pleased to hear about very young Town supporters - our "Mini-Hatters" feature will appear occasionally, and any photo of youngsters in the appropriate Hatters kit will be welcome.



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Action Replay



IF YOU were one of those who stood to shout your displeasure at the Town's third home defeat of the season, we have a message from manager Joe Kinnear: You were quite right!

"That was probably our worst display since I have been here," said the man who had watched in disbelief and shock as the Town stumbled against fellow strugglers who won promotion last season by finishing third in Division Three, 16 points below the Town.

A dreadful first half gifted Mansfield two goals, and while there may have been a hint of offside about their third, five minutes after the interval, the Town boss had no complaints about the result. For the second consecutive game his team had failed to get going until the opposition had been given a head start. A header by Steve Howard on 85 minutes and a shot by Kevin Nicholls a minute later failed to provide even scant consolation for the hurt caused by the failure to take the

Luton Town 2 Mansfield Town 3 (HT 0-2)

chance to move out of the bottom four for the first time this season. Just before those goals headers by Howard and Russ Perrett had come back off the bar, but the Town boss was not claiming that his team had deserved anything from the game. He tried four formations in the search for a winning formula. It was 4-4-2 for 23 minutes, by which time Liam Lawrence had taken a chested "pass" by Perrett and whacked in an easy goal. Paul Hughes was taken off and replaced by Chris Coyne for the Town to play 3-5-2, the plan being that Emmerson Boyce and Sol Davis would give more attacking penetration on the flanks. Unfortunately the back three still seemed to be deciding who should do what when no-one did anything as Scott Sellars doubled Mansfield's lead.

Half-time substitutions saw Steve

Robinson

sent on to play on the right, and Andrew Fotiadis becoming an extra attacker, but when Iyseden Christie burst clear to score, with no offside given, the game was as good as over.

Perhaps, said Mansfield assistant manager Neil Richardson, it was a night when his men were more than usually determined: they had held a crisis meeting to debate their problems after five consecutive league defeats, with one goal scored and 19 conceded. Hammered 6-1 at Oldham a few days earlier, Mansfield were due a result and had lifted themselves because they could not afford to lose a six-pointer at Kenilworth Road.

The Town manager spoke of his bitter disappointment at the team's display, especially in the first half. "You can't believe that's the same team that did so well at Watford only a week ago," he said. "The fans were quite right to have a go - if you put in a performance like that you deserve to be criticised."



PRESSING: Russ Perrett gets in a header, with Steve Howard just visible behind Mansfield's Craig Disley, as the Town try to save the game.

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce, Perrett, Bayliss (Fotiadis HT), Davis; Brkovic (Robinson HT), Spring, Nicholls, Hughes (Coyne 23 mins); Howard, Crowe. Unused subs: Neilson, Holmes.

Booked: Bayliss, dissent, Nicholls, foul.

Mansfield: Pilkington; Clarke, More, Lever (Reddington 87 mins), Delaney; Lawrence, Disley, Williamson, MacKenzie; Sellars (Andy White 87 mins), Christie. Unused subs: Jason White, Corden.

Booked: No-one.

Referee: Barry Knight, Kent.

Attendance: 6,004, including 160 away fans.



Action Replay

UNDER fire from their boss a few days earlier for a poor performance in the defeat against Mansfield, the Town earned their first away win of the season in the league by cutting out the defensive sloppiness that gifted goals to the Stags, and then hitting the Terriers with a stoppage time winner.

It was a game that looked to be heading for the third consecutive 0-0 away from home until hard-working Steve Howard poked in his seventh goal of the season, from an opening created by sub Andrew Fotiadis, two minutes into added time.

It is difficult to be dogmatic about who deserved what from a game that had few exciting goalmouth incidents – both managers told us, in separate press conferences, that their team had been the better side on the day.

Each could point to occasions when the woodwork prevented goals. Both sides also saw one excellent scoring opportunity missed.

It was a close contest on just about all counts, with the Town very determined to give nothing away. The defence, with Chris Coyne restored to partner Russ Perrett, provided the platform for success and Huddersfield were never allowed to look too threatening in the penalty area.

Their best first-half effort was a 25-yard free kick by Kenny Irons which came back off the bar, with Perrett clearing Kevin Gallacher's follow-up header. Carl Emberson's outstretched hand as he leapt high to his

Huddersfield Town 0 Luton Town 1 (HT 0-0)

right was within touching distance of the free kick, and had it been on target, just a little lower, the chances are that it would have been saved.

The similar close call at the other end was when a cracking Town move, instigated by Emmerson Boyce, ended with Paul Hughes smashing a drive against a post. Before that, Dean Crowe had found himself in the clear thanks to a Huddersfield defensive mistake. Just outside the penalty area, he got onto the end of a long ball, and had only to chip the onrushing keeper to put the Town ahead. He lifted the shot too high. The counter-balance to that came in the second half when Danny Schofield, for the only time in the game, was unmarked in the box to meet a cross, and failed to cash in by dithering long enough for the Town defence to cover.

Boyce must have been very close to earning a penalty early in the second half, when he seemed to be brought down, and as each side made substitutions the Town came more and more into the match as an attacking force.

Fotiadis, ever willing to run at opponents, carved out the chance for the late winner, leaving home boss Mick Wadsworth desolate.

"We have been caught with our trousers down in the last minute," he said. "Draws are not good enough, and trying to win the game we left the back

door open. We were poor, but played better in the second half and controlled the game. Luton camped deep and made it hard for us, which they would do because they had had a bad run. The goal was a blow because I didn't think Luton were going to score."

Joe Kinnear disagreed with that. "I always felt we were the better side," he said. "The free kick which hit the bar was a decent strike, but otherwise there wasn't much for us to worry about."

"I wasn't as worried about keeping a clean sheet as in getting a result. I wanted maximum points, because of the position we were in. It was a late goal, but it was always on the cards that it was coming. It was the perfect time to score, and this is not the easiest place to come and get a result."

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Davis (Hillier 80 mins); Robinson (Holmes 90 mins), Spring, Nicholls, Hughes; Howard, Crowe (Fotiadis 80 mins). Unused subs: Neilson, Skelton.

Booked: Steve Howard and Paul Hughes, both for fouls.

Huddersfield: Bevan; Jenkins, Dyson, Brown, Sharp; Thornington (Macari 64 mins), Irons, Holland, Schofield; Gallacher (Stead 64 mins), Booth. Unused subs: Senior, Mattis, McDonald

Booked: No-one

Referee: Frazer Stretton, Nottinghamshire

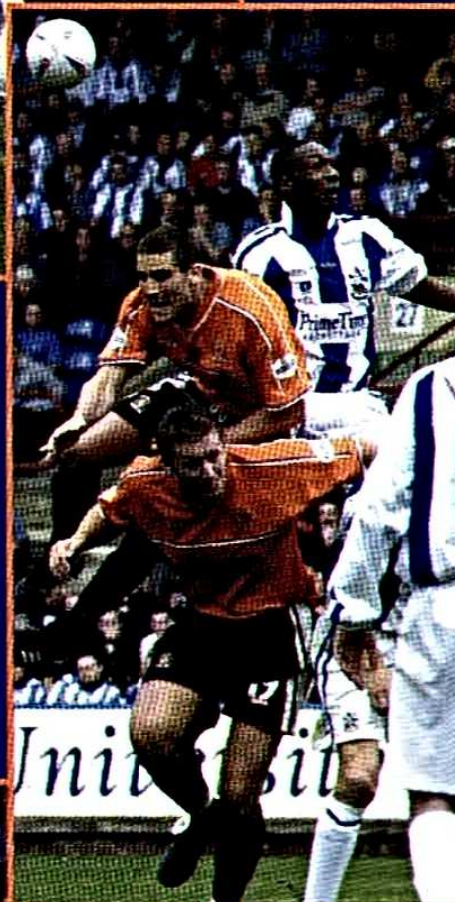
Attendance: 9,249, including 700 away fans.



ON ITS WAY: Andrew Fotiadis, on as a sub for the last ten minutes, cuts through the Huddersfield defence and plays the ball beyond the goalkeeper, with Steve Howard ready to pounce for his seventh goal of the season.

Right: Chris Coyne gets even higher than Howard to put on the pressure at a corner.

Below: Dean Crowe enjoyed another lively afternoon, and was always ready to take on defenders two at a time for the chance of a shot at goal.



THE WINNING COMBINATION!

Camden



Hatters Chatter



THE LATEST publication available in the Town's club shop is winning friends and admirers for Caroline Dunn, pictured with her hero Steve Howard.

The university student and keen Town follower kept a diary of last season's promotion progress and turned it into a 150-page paperback.

Entitled "A brand new bright tomorrow..." it's a very personal view of last season's Town performances as she and her friends followed the promotion trail. The diary format may not be to everybody's taste, but nat-

urally the day-by-day story brings back a lot of happy memories, with the occasional chuckle on the way.

Caroline comes across as a real true Hatters supporter, so much so that meeting Bontcho Guentchev after he left Kenilworth Road counts as a highlight. Her work for the official club website gave her the opportunity to meet players, and she quickly discovers that they are, to a man, nice people.

Opposing midfielders nursing occasional bruises might like to know that "One of the sweetest

people I have ever had the pleasure to meet" was Caroline's description of Kevin Nicholls. He is too, off the field at any rate.

We quite liked reading the background story to the tale that did the rounds at one stage last season suggesting Paul Gascoigne was coming to Luton. It was dreamed up by a group of fans wanting to take the micky out of a football website notorious for publishing "pieces infrequently based on truth." The wind-up starts with the Gazza for Luton story on the LTFC fans' message board. Conspirators added their messages to support the rumour, but the ruse failed when someone on the fans' mailing list spilled the beans, and TeamTalk didn't fall for it..

"Still, it's quite an entertaining way to spend an afternoon," says Caroline. "I heartily recommend it to any fellow connivers who wish to make news purveyors look foolish."

There is plenty more where that came from, and to find it for yourself Caroline's tale, published by The Book Castle, Dunstable, is available from the club shop at £7.99.

Brian Swain



End Of The Road

NORMALLY at this time of the season we are preparing an article inviting readers to represent the club in the Flora London Marathon. Sadly, we have been informed that the opportunity will not be available for next year's event.

For the last seven years the Football Challenge was part of the race in which each club in the Premiership, Nationwide and Scottish Leagues had the opportunity to enter a runner. It was not just about supporting your team, but in raising charity cash as well – Dave Suttle, who ran for us in this year's race, collected sponsorship to the tune of £2,000. Half went to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the other half to the Keech Cottage, our local hospice for children.

A statement by The London Marathon Ltd said: "The scheme was popular with clubs, and successful for us, but with increased pressure on places in the marathon we have taken the decision to discontinue the scheme."



Junior Hatters

WE OWE sincere apologies today to 11-year-old Danielle Lack, whose picture we are pleased to publish after gremlins got into the printing works when her photo should have been included in this column for the Notts County match.



Danielle, from Almond Road, Leighton Buzzard, was our Junior Hatters mascot that day, but the picture of another mascot accompanied the write-up about her. We are very sorry it happened, and we hope she enjoys seeing the right picture here today. We are also making arrangements for Danielle to have an extra little treat to try to make it up to her.

Today's Mascot

JOE Anderson is today's lucky Junior Hatter, because his name was picked out of the drum to be our mascot. It means he meets the players in the dressing room before kick-off, and then joins in with them as they prepare for the match on the pitch. He will particularly enjoy kicking about with Emerson Boyce, because the defender is Joe's favourite player.



Joe lives at Elmwood Crescent, Luton, and goes to Seapeley High School. He cheers on the Town from the Kenilworth lower tier, and when he is not supporting the Hatters he enjoys golf and reading – especially football magazines.

We have two ballboys on duty this afternoon, Nicholas Smith, from Crawley Green Road, Luton, and Jack Smith, from Greenhill, Leighton Buzzard.



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Junior Hatters



OUR trip to Huddersfield was a day to remember, and not all for the right reasons. The journey was a bit of a nightmare, with traffic hold-ups on the M1 and then at roadworks in Huddersfield, making us late, but our hosts did everything possible to compensate.

The Junior Terriers looked after us very well, and we enjoyed their company and sportsmanship very much. There was also a nice touch from them as we prepared to return home, after seeing Steve Howard's late goal give us a result to enjoy. Our hosts presented us with a smart framed certificate as a memento of the day.

Unfortunately, the coach developed problems with its air-conditioning and heating system, with the result that hot air was being blown in all the time. It was impossible to turn it off, and because modern coaches do not have windows which can be

opened, it was very uncomfortable to say the least. We apologise to all passengers, but strenuous efforts to find a replacement coach for the journey home proved fruitless.

Hopefully we will not have the same problems for our next trip, which will be to Stockport next Saturday. It entails an 8am departure from Kenilworth Road so that we can get there in time to play the Edgeley Park juniors at five-a-side football on an all-weather pitch. If you want to take part, bring your kit and your trainers! You also need a Town strip with you if you want to be mascot at Stockport. The choice will be made by lucky dip on the journey. As usual the fare is a bargain - £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests and parents, and that includes a ticket to the match.

To check availability of seats, or for any other information about the Junior Hatters, visit our headquarters at the club shop. You can

phone on Luton 411622, or e-mail us on clubshop@lutontown.co.uk

It is always a pleasure to see football fans of any ages mixing together, and today it is our turn to welcome visitors, George Chadwick and his Young Robins from Swindon. They will be joining us in our Saturday Club, and then at the game, and while we hope to see a home win we hope all the visitors enjoy their time with us.

The Robins have already chosen their mascot, so a special welcome this afternoon to 13-year-old Sam Skeats, from Moredon, Swindon. We were fascinated to hear that his favourite player is midfielder Steve Robinson. No, Sam is not a secret Luton Town fan - Swindon Town also have a Steve Robinson in their squad.

Happy Harry



CENTRE CIRCLE STARS: The ritual before football games kick off is the same all over the country, as our two pictures show, with skippers, match officials and mascots all meeting for the toss of the coin ceremony.

The group above left is from our last home game, when we played Mansfield, and there were two Luton mascots on duty, Lee Radmore, who was representing the Junior Hatters, and Jade Mansfield, who was the commercial mascot.

Above right is the VIP party at the McAlpine Stadium on Saturday, with 12-year-old Adam Currington, from Riddy Lane, Luton, the Junior Hatters mascot.

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- 2.45** Player Track
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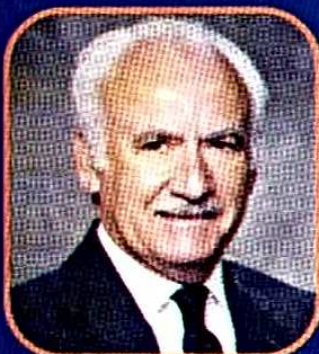


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Luton Belles



AN OUTSTANDING start to the season by the Belles squads sees them topping their leagues in the under-11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups, and with the adults reaching the summit for the first time in their short history all looks set for exciting times ahead.

The senior team began a very profitable week in their local derby against Leighton-Linslade. They twice fell behind in the first half-hour but fought back each time through a bullet header by Kim Hide and a clever finish from Rhiannon Morgan. They led 3-2 at half time after Louise Evans tucked in a rebound from the keeper. The Town took control after the interval, with a double strike from Fay Howell and a second goal for Rhiannon Morgan before conceding a late goal to win a fierce encounter 6-3.

Tring were the visitors last week

and were destroyed 7-0, five of the goals coming in the second half. Stacey Connell and Kim Hide made it 2-0 at the interval, and the second-half strikes were by Fay Howell, Louise Evans, Vicky Moody (2) and Stacey Connell's second.

The under-14s began their league campaign away to Garston and first-half goals from Michelle Byrne, Holly Flynn and Rebecca Kane put them on their way. In the second half Michelle Byrne completed her-hat trick and other goals from Fay Rolls and Tanya Blacksley sealed a 7-0 win.

Watford were the visitors last week and Luton raced into a two-goal lead with new signing Lizzie Randall getting her first goals for the club with far post finishes. Watford pulled one back and dominated for a time, but could not break through a resolute defence, where Alice Middleton

and Gemma Vale shone. Victory was sealed with five minutes left when the inspirational Fay Rolls released Rebecca Kane who raced away to thump the ball into the top corner from 20 yards.

The surprise package so far are the newly-formed under-13 squad, who have a 100 per cent record after three games, the latest 5-0 and 4-1 away wins against St Albans Rangers and Stevenage Borough. The striking partnership of Natalie Burchnall and Brittany Murtagh has already notched 20 goals between them. Their record in the under-12s is just as impressive, where the duo have blasted another 13 goals. But the leading scorer is captain Nicky Shepherd, who struck seven times last week to add to her four-goal haul the week before. Chloe Reeves also scored in both matches, which brought debut goals for Sarah Pickering and Michaela Osman. The victories were 17-0 against Kempston and 11-2 against Brickhill Wanderers.

The youngest Belles are also going great guns in the under-11 league, defeating a strong Tottenham Hotspur side 7-0 with two first-half goals from Lauren Bruton and an amazing five-goal blast from Yasmin Hickling in the second half. They then showed great character last week – they were two down to Stevenage Borough but came back to win 4-2 with goals from Robyn Wilfort, Olivia Robinson, Kelly Moss and Yasmin Hickling.

Dave Baker



HORNETS STUNG: Lizzie Randall scores her first goal for the club to put the under-14s one up against Watford

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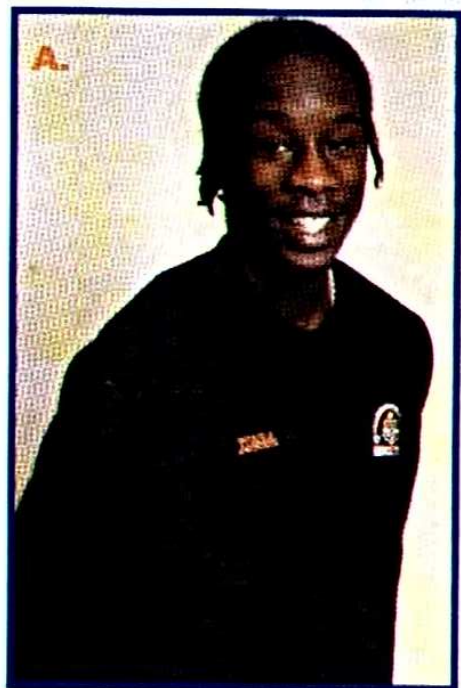
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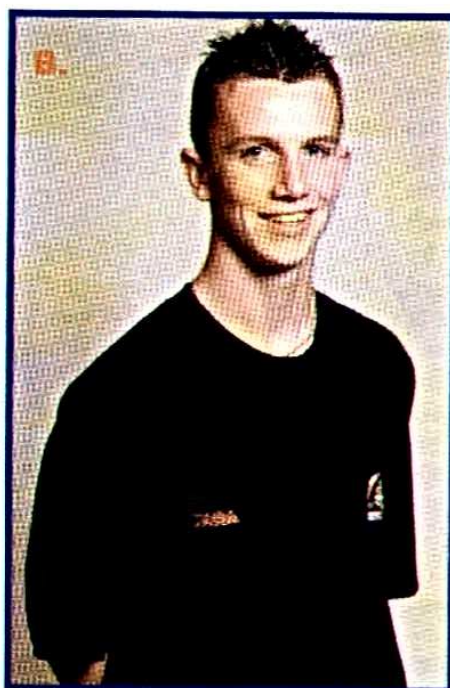
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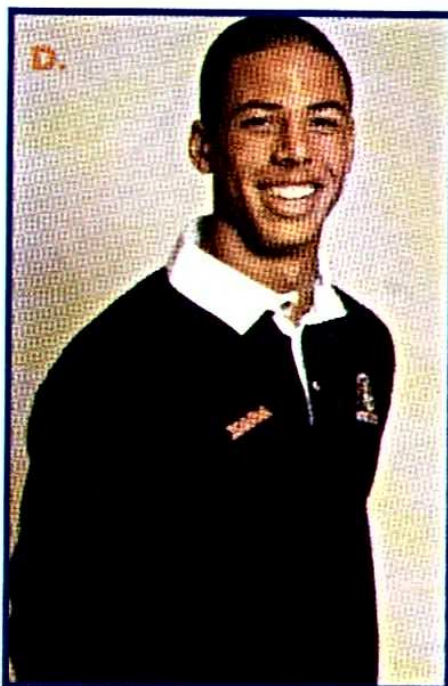
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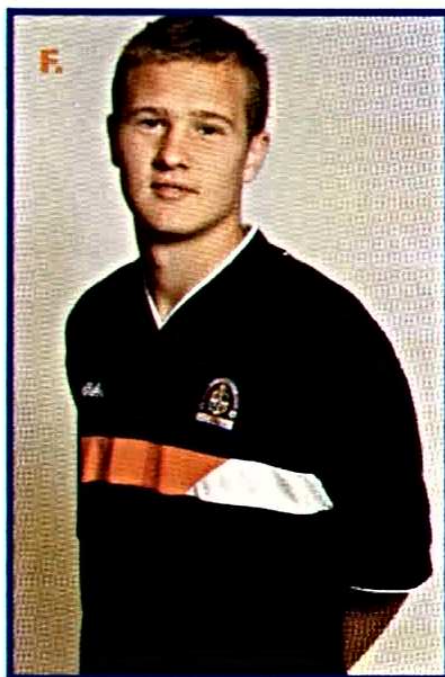


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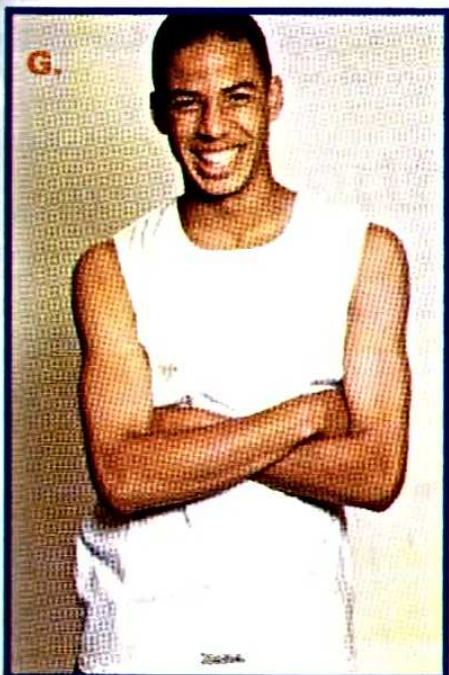
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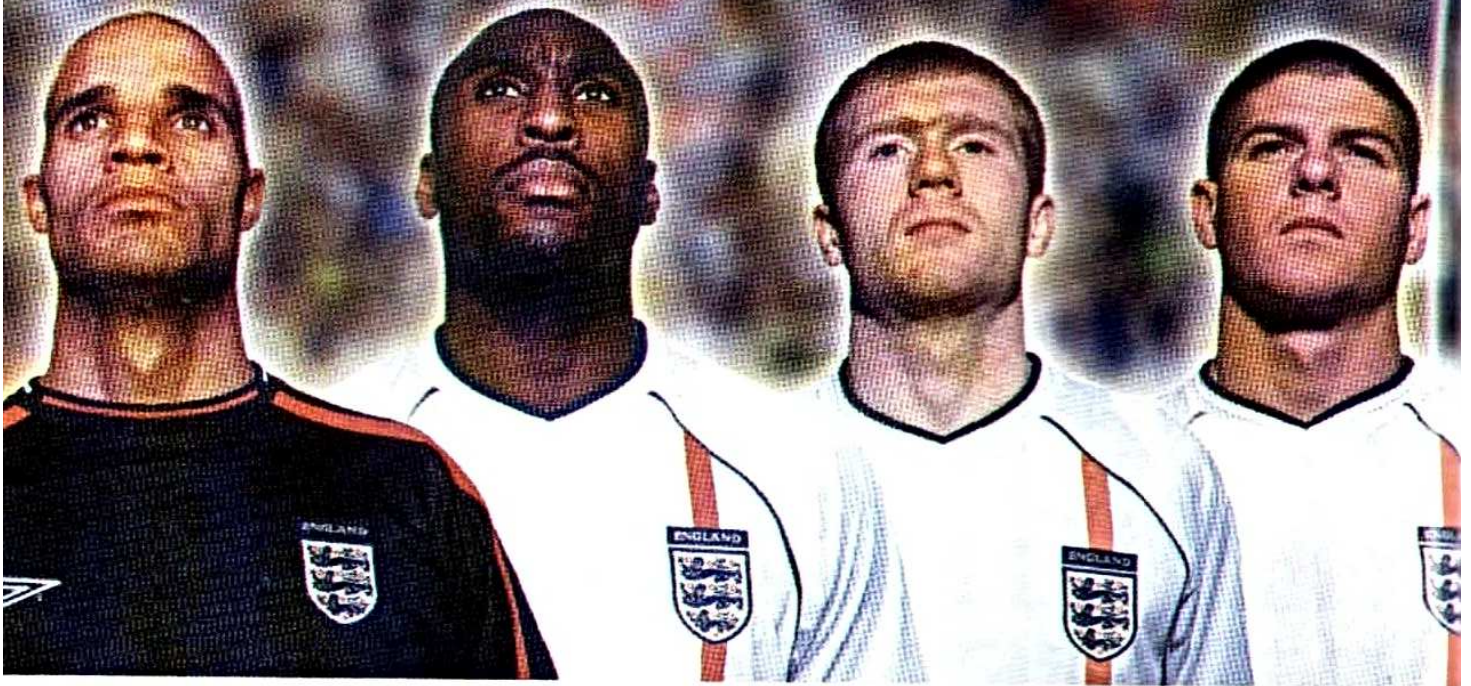
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FLYA U-19 Oxford Utd 1 Luton Town 4

THERE is no doubt we deserved this victory in the League Cup, but our performance was not as good as it might have been, and the result probably flattered us a little. It was a mixture of good and not so good, because we played in patches.

Having taken a lead after 20 minutes I wanted to see us capitalise, but I felt we turned off mentally, and paid the price when Oxford equalised before half-time.

Two goals in the first six minutes of the second half redeemed it, but even then we allowed the opposition too much of the ball. Perhaps a touch of over-confidence came into our play, and that can be a dangerous thing – we became a bit undisciplined at times, and little too cocky for our own good.

Parys Okai got the first goal, and the important ones early in the second half came from Tom Freeman on 47 minutes and James Osborn four minutes later, with Osborn adding his second on 65 minutes.

Luton Town: Beckwith, Howell, Barnett, O'Leary, Gillman, J. Deeney, Judge (R. Mansell 86 mins), Osborn, Freeman (Davis 82 mins), Maitland (Keane 82 mins), Okai.

THE victory at Oxford made it two of two in the round robin stage of the Alliance League Cup, and we made sure of reaching the second round with a 2-2 draw at home to Wycombe in the third and final match of the series. Matthew Judge and Leon Barnett scored the goals.

Luton Town: Beckwith, Howell, Barnett, O'Leary, Gillman, J. Deeney, Judge, Davis, Freeman (Keane 75 mins), Maitland, Okai.

FLYA U-17 Luton Town 1 Portsmouth 0

A GOAL 15 minutes from time settled a close match in which defences held the upper hand, with very few clear scoring chances created. Portsmouth fielded a 4-4-3 formation, and it took us a while to work it out. Our lads worked hard for the win, with Mutsa Mugadah netting the decisive goal, and Dean Brill pulling off a good save later to prevent an equaliser.

Luton Town: Brill, Mountford, Shea, de Souza, D. Deeney (Sinclair 75 mins), Reid, Blake (Green 70 mins), Ridgway, Clark (Smyth 70 mins), Blythe, Mugadah.

THE UNDER-19s have no game scheduled for Saturday, but the under-17s are at home to Colchester. Kick-off at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, is at 11am, and spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

UNDER-19 appearances, as sub in brackets:

Beckwith 5, Howell 5, Barnett 5, J. Deeney 5, Freeman 5, Okai 5, Maitland 4, O'Leary 4, Davis 3(1), Osborn 3, Gillman 3, Judge 3, Foley 2, Keane 1(2), R. Mansell 1(1), De Souza 1, Brill 0(2), Ridgway 0(1).

Goals: Freeman 3, Okai 2, Osborn 2, Judge 1, Barnett 1

UNDER-17 appearances:

D. Deeney 5, Reid 5, Blake 5, Ridgway 5, Shea 4(1), Brill 4, Blythe 4, Mountford 4, Clark 3(1), de Souza 3, Smyth 2(2), Mugadah 2(1), Green 1(3), McCarthy 1(2), Maitland 1(1), Barnett 1, Barrett 1, Howell 1, Freeman 1, Keane 1, R. Mansell 1, Sinclair 0(4).

Goals: Ridgway 4, Shea 1, Barnett 1, Blythe 1, Freeman 1, Keane 1, Maitland 1, Mugadah 1, Clark 1, R. Mansell 1

John Moore

FL Youth Alliance Under-19

August

17 **Walsall** H 0-0
31 Kidderminster A 1-0 Freeman

September

7 Brentford (LC) A 2-0 Freeman, Okai
14 **Oxford (LC)** H 4-1 Osborn 2, Okai, Freeman
21 **Wycombe (LC)** H 2-2 Judge, Barnett
28 **Northampton** H

October

12 Peterborough A
19 West Brom A
26 **Rushden** H

November

2 **Oxford Utd** H
9 Cambridge A

FL Youth Alliance Under-17

August

17 Brighton A 0-3
24 Peterborough A 6-0 Shea, Barnett, Blythe, Freeman, Keane, Maitland.

September

7 Southend A 2-1 Ridgway 2 pens
14 **Portsmouth** H 1-0 **Mugadah**
21 Gillingham A 4-3 Ridgway 2, Clark, Mansell
28 Cambridge A

October

5 **Colchester** H
19 **QPR** H

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In Reserve



Swindon Town 0 Luton Town 4

THIS was probably our best performance of the season so far, and my only disappointment was that we might have run up a double-figure score if we had been sharper in front of goal.

Even so, our attitude was spot-on, which was pleasing, but sometimes the final ball was not top quality, and at times we chose the wrong options – knowing when to pass and when to shoot is a vital part of the game.

Having said that, we moved the ball about very well, playing it through midfield and creating a lot of chances. In view of the all-round team performance it would be unfair to pick out any one or two players as doing especially well, because everybody did well.

My only concern at the interval was that for all our good play we had scored only once, a 17th-minute strike by Andrew Fotiadis. He took the chance well, from the first clear-cut opportunity of the game, beating the keeper in a one on one at the end of a good move.

After that Fotiadis, Lee Mansell and Parys Okai might have added further first-half goals, and I was a little concerned at the interval that Swindon had been left with a chance of saving the game when we should have been five up.

But we cut them open in the first minute of the second half, with an excellent build-up working the ball through for Max Howell to score, and I knew then that we could be comfortable winners if we took our chances. Fotiadis produced a great finish to net with curling right-footer from 15 yards on 56 minutes, and trialist Chima Eberendo added the fourth on 72 minutes, again an excellent finish. After that we threatened to run riot, with umpteen chances created, but disappointingly none of them taken on a day when we could have had ten goals. Asking for perfection? I suppose so, but that is what we should be striving for.

Luton Town: Brill, Neilson, Barnett (O'Leary 80 mins), Skelton, Hillier, Eberendo, Holmes, Mansell, Okai (Osborn 70 mins), Fotiadis (Gillman 80 mins), Howell

WE HAVE another blank week coming up: our home game with Bournemouth, due to be played on Wednesday, has been postponed because of the Worthington Cup game at Aston Villa that evening. So our next fixture is on Wednesday week, away to Plymouth. The Bournemouth match has been switched to Wednesday November 6.

Appearances: Fotiadis 6, Skelton 6, Holmes 5, L. Mansell 5, Hillier 5, Foley 4, Leary 3(2), Gillman 3(1), Griffiths 3, Neilson 3, Brill 3, Okai 2(2), Eberendo 2(2), Barnett 2(1), Hughes 2, Beckwith 2, Howell 2, Thorpe 2, Kovacevic 1, Emberson 1, Deeney 1, de Souza 1, Brkovic 1, Howell 1, Osborn 0(5), O'Leary 0(3), Judge 0(1).

Goals: Griffiths 3, Fotiadis 3, Thorpe 2, Skelton 1, Eberendo 1, Howell 1, Holmes 1

Brian Stein

AVON COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	5	5	0	0	12	3	15
Crystal Palace	5	4	1	0	16	2	13
Brighton	5	3	1	1	13	6	10
Luton Town	5	3	1	1	12	5	10
Swindon	5	3	1	1	8	7	10
Bournemouth	6	3	1	2	10	12	10
Norwich	5	2	3	0	7	2	9
Cardiff	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
Reading	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Colchester	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
Southend	5	2	1	2	9	8	7
QPR	4	2	1	1	5	6	7
Brentford	5	2	1	2	7	11	7
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Bristol Rov	5	1	3	1	7	8	6
Oxford	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Plymouth	5	2	0	3	6	8	6
Gillingham	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
L. Orient	3	1	1	1	9	6	4
Cambridge	5	1	1	3	3	12	4
Peterborough	5	1	0	4	7	12	3
Wycombe	5	1	0	4	6	12	3
Cheltenham	4	0	2	2	6	8	2
Bristol City	4	0	2	2	5	7	2
Barnet	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Northampton	5	0	0	5	5	18	0

August			
Wed 14 Bristol City(LC)	A	0-3	
Wed 21 Reading	A	1-2 Skelton	
Wed 28 Bristol Rov	H	1-1 Griffiths	
September			
Wed 4 Millwall	H	2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)	
Wed 18 Swindon	A	4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell	
Wed 25 Peterborough	H	4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes	
October			
Wed 9 Plymouth	A	2pm	
Wed 16 Wycombe	H	2pm	
Wed 30 Cambridge	A	2pm	
November			
Wed 6 Bournemouth	H	2pm	
Wed 13 QPR	H	2pm	
Wed 27 Northampton	A	2pm	
December			
Wed 4 Southend	A	2pm	

DIVISION 2 STATS 2002-03

WINNING MARGINS

Games won by:	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+
Cardiff	4	2	0	0
Oldham	3	2	0	1
QPR	0	4	1	1
Wigan	1	4	1	0
Blackpool	3	0	2	0
Brentford	3	2	0	0
Bristol City	1	2	2	0
Chesterfield	3	1	0	1
Crewe	2	2	0	1
Port Vale	5	0	0	0
Plymouth	3	1	0	0
Stockport	2	1	1	0
Tranmere	2	1	1	0
Barnsley	3	0	0	0
Colchester	3	0	0	0
Northampton	2	0	1	0
Swindon	0	3	0	0
Cheltenham	0	2	0	0
Huddersfield	2	0	0	0
Luton	1	0	1	0
Mansfield	2	0	0	0
Peterborough	1	1	0	0
Wycombe	0	1	1	0
Notts County	0	0	1	0

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
Blackpool	35,572	70
Cheltenham	25,902	70
Luton	32,610	65
Cardiff	63,759	64
Northampton	24,596	64
QPR	60,743	63
Wycombe	30,157	60
Crewe	29,479	58
Chesterfield	18,584	53
Plymouth	52,001	52
Bristol City	54,662	51
Mansfield	25,447	51
Brentford	32,102	50
Stockport	21,738	47

CLEAN SHEETS

Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Brentford	6 7
Chesterfield	6 8
Crewe	6 5
Oldham	6 4
Wigan	6 3
Blackpool	5 6
Bristol City	4 9
Cardiff	4 1
Huddersfield	4 21
Luton	4 19
QPR	4 2
Stockport	4 12
Colchester	3 16
Notts County	3 22
Port Vale	3 11
Barnsley	2 14
Cheltenham	2 18
Northampton	2 15
Peterborough	2 23
Swindon	2 17
Plymouth	1 10
Tranmere	1 13
Wycombe	1 20
Mansfield	0 24



FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Peterborough	6 23
Huddersfield	5 21
Mansfield	5 24
Northampton	5 15
Swindon	5 17
Tranmere	5 13
Blackpool	4 6
Bristol City	4 9
Colchester	4 16
Notts County	4 22
Barnsley	3 14
Brentford	3 7
Cheltenham	3 18
Chesterfield	3 8
Crewe	3 5
Oldham	3 4
Stockport	3 12
Wigan	3 3
Wycombe	3 20
Luton	2 19
Plymouth	2 10
Cardiff	1 1
Port Vale	1 11
QPR	1 2



SEQUENCES:

CONSECUTIVE WINS:

Port Vale	5
Oldham	4
Plymouth	4
QPR	4
Wigan	4
Bristol City	3
Cardiff	3
Chesterfield	3
Stockport	3

UNDEFEATED RUN:

Crewe	8
Blackpool	7
Brentford	7
Cardiff	7
Plymouth	6
Port Vale	5
QPR	5
Stockport	5

LOSING STREAK:

Swindon	6
Mansfield	5
Peterborough	5
Luton	4
Port Vale	4
Wycombe	4
Cheltenham	3
Colchester	3

NO WINS:

Cheltenham	8
Notts County	8
Mansfield	7
Swindon	7
Peterborough	6
Luton	5
Plymouth	5

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Premiership

67,645 Man Uv West Brom
16,338 Fulham v Bolton

Division 1

33,016 Derby v Reading
2,077 Wimbledon v Coventry

Division 2

14,001 QPR v Plymouth
2,721 Colchester v Wigan

Division 3

11,041 Carlisle v Hartlepool
1,795 Macc v Bournemouth

HEADERS SCORED

Luton	7
Wycombe	6
Oldham	5
Cardiff	5
Plymouth	4
Port Vale	4
Blackpool	3
Mansfield	3
Tranmere	3
Wigan	3



GOALS AGT. PENALTIES

Tranmere	3
Barnsley	2
Bristol City	2
Mansfield	2
Swindon	2
Wycombe	2



GOALS FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA

SCORED	Gls	Total	%	CONCEDED	Gls	Total	%
Mansfield	5	13	38	Luton	6	18	33
Plymouth	5	16	31	Plymouth	5	15	33
Bristol City	4	14	29	Cheltenham	4	12	33
Crewe	4	14	29	Notts County	4	14	29
Colchester	3	6	50	Mansfield	4	32	13
Cardiff	3	15	20	Northampton	3	14	21
Wigan	3	16	19	Wycombe	3	17	18
QPR	3	21	14				

GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS

minimum of 4 goals scored	Player:	Clyde Wijnhard	Luke Beckett	Robert Earnshaw	Rob Hulse	Steven Howard	Kevin Gallen	Glynn Hurst	Marco Gabbiadini	Andy Liddell	Rodney Jock
Lge Gls:		6	7	5	6	6	6	4	6	6	2
WC Gls:		1	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Games:		8	10	11	9	11	11	7	11	11	8
Gls/Game:		0.88	0.80	0.73	0.67	0.64	0.64	0.57	0.55	0.55	0.50

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Second Division Scene



WHAT a difference a win can make! The Town's success at Huddersfield has pushed them out of the bottom four of the Second Division for the first time this season, with a chance today to rise another notch or two at the expense of visitors who are just one point and two places above us.

Lennie Lawrence was another enjoying the benefits of one result this week. On Tuesday his Cardiff side, in fourth place, picked up a point at Plymouth and shot to the top of the table for the first time this season. It might have been even better, because the Pilgrims needed a stoppage time equaliser to rescue a draw. Robert Earnshaw netted twice for Cardiff, taking his tally to eight goals, to become the division's joint leading scorer alongside Luke Beckett of Stockport. Plymouth's two goals – wouldn't you know it! – came from centre-halves Paul Wotton and Graham Coughlan.

Cardiff's draw displaced QPR at the top. Rangers became the season's fourth leaders on Saturday by winning at Bristol City. That deposed Wigan, who were held to a home draw by Peterborough, a result which helped to make it all-change at the bottom of the table as well.

The Posh had briefly moved up to 20th place with a 2-0 home victory over Plymouth the previous week, and the Pilgrims had an even bigger shock to come. On Saturday Chesterfield, who didn't look the world's best at Kenilworth Road a month ago, succeeded where we, among others, failed – they beat Plymouth

1-0 at Home Park. It was Argyle's first home defeat in 13 months, a run of 26 games including two 2-1 victories over the Town.

The bottom of the table crunch game was at Mansfield, where Cheltenham won a six-pointer to shoot up six places, from bottom to 18th, ahead of the Town on goal difference because of their 2-0 success. Mansfield replaced Cheltenham in bottom place, and their win at Kenilworth Road ten days ago is all the more galling for Town fans because the Stags are struggling in this division. They have lost seven of their ten league games and since beating Plymouth 4-3 on the opening day of the season they have played 383 minutes of football at home without scoring a goal.

Notts County, another team we managed to make look like Brazil for half a game, are in the bottom four for the first time after a home defeat against Cardiff. In the top six in August, County's current run is eight games without a win.

Swindon come to town today having also suffered a dip following a bright start to the season. They were the first league leaders after two games, but then went seven without a win, and were also knocked out of the Worthington Cup at Wycombe. But Andy King, having hired Steve Coppell to help him on a short-term contract, has taken some of the pressure off thanks to last Saturday's 2-0 home victory over Northampton. Sam Parkin, a £50,000 buy from Chelsea in the summer, scored the clincher from a penalty after he had been brought down by Cobblers goalkeeper Lee Harper, who was sent off. The opener had been netted by Johnny Jackson, who is on loan from Spurs. The overdue victory ended a run of seven consecutive defeats. On the road, Swindon have not won since their first away game of the season, 4-2 at Chesterfield. Since then their awaydays have been 0-0 at Blackpool, 1-3 at Brentford and 0-2 at QPR and at Cheltenham.

Brian Swain

Nationwide League Division Two

	HOME						AWAY						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Cardiff	10	3	1	1	8	4	3	2	0	7	4	7	21	
QPR	10	4	1	0	12	3	2	1	2	9	7	11	20	
Wigan	10	3	1	1	10	5	3	1	1	6	1	10	20	
Oldham	10	3	0	2	10	5	3	2	0	5	1	9	20	
Crewe	10	3	1	1	5	3	2	3	0	9	3	8	19	
Blackpool	10	3	2	0	11	4	2	1	2	4	5	6	18	
Brentford	10	3	2	0	5	1	2	1	2	6	7	3	18	
Chesterfield	10	3	1	1	9	5	2	1	2	4	6	2	17	
Bristol City	10	4	0	1	11	3	1	0	4	3	8	3	15	
Plymouth	10	3	1	1	8	5	1	2	2	8	10	1	15	
Port Vale	10	3	0	2	6	7	2	0	3	7	9	-3	15	
Stockport	9	2	2	0	7	2	2	0	3	3	4	4	14	
Tranmere	10	3	1	1	7	5	1	0	4	4	10	-4	13	
Barnsley	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	0	4	5	11	-4	12	
Northampton	10	2	2	1	6	3	1	1	3	3	11	-5	12	
Colchester	10	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	8	-5	11	
Swindon	10	2	0	3	6	5	1	1	3	5	9	-3	10	
Cheltenham	10	1	1	3	6	8	1	2	2	4	4	-2	9	
Luton Town	10	1	1	3	11	11	1	2	2	4	7	-3	9	
Wycombe	10	1	2	2	10	9	1	1	3	3	8	-4	9	
Huddersfield	10	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	3	3	7	-6	9	
Notts County	10	0	2	3	4	9	1	3	1	7	5	-3	8	
Peterborough	9	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	5	7	-3	8	
Mansfield	10	1	0	4	4	16	1	1	3	9	16	-19	7	

Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

Barnsley v Wigan

Cardiff v Crewe

Cheltenham v Notts County

Chesterfield v Blackpool

Northampton v Mansfield

Oldham v Huddersfield

Peterborough v Brentford

Port Vale v Bristol City

QPR v Colchester

Tranmere v Stockport

Wycombe v Plymouth

Statistics and

Date	Opponents	Venue	Kick Off Time/Result	Score (LT first)	Attendance	Competition/Position	Referee	Goalkeepers		Defence									
								Yellow Cards (LT first)	Red Cards (LT first)	1	16	34	2	3	5	6	12	17	21
Sat 10 Aug	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	L	2-3	7,860	16th	B Curson	2/1	0/0										
Tue 13 Aug	Blackpool	A	L	2-5	6,377	22nd	M Clattenburg	2/2	0/0										
Sat 17 Aug	Plymouth Argyle	A	L	1-2	10,973	23rd	T Parkes	4/1	1/0										
Sat 24 Aug	BARNSEY	H	L	2-3	6,230	23rd	R Beeby	1/1	0/1										
Mon 26 Aug	Cardiff City	A	D	0-0	13,564	24th	P Danson	3/1	0/0										
Sat 31 Aug	CHESTERFIELD	H	W	3-0	6,060	21st	P Taylor	1/3	0/0										
Sat 7 Sep	Brentford	A	D	0-0	7,145	21st	D Pugh	2/1	0/0										
Tue 10 Sep	Watford	A	W	2-1	14,171	WC1	P Walton	2/1	0/0										
Sat 14 Sep	NOTTS COUNTY	H	D	2-2	6,456	21st	A Kaye	2/2	0/0										
Tue 17 Sep	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	L	2-3	6,004	23rd	B Knight	2/0	0/0										
Sat 21 Sep	Huddersfield Town	A	W	1-0	9,249	19th	F Stretton	2/0	0/0										
Sat 28 Sep	SWINDON TOWN	H		3:00pm		D2													
Wed 2 Oct	Aston Villa	A		7:45pm		WC2													
Sat 5 Oct	Stockport County	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 12 Oct	CHELTHAM TOWN	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 19 Oct	Oleham Athletic	A		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 22 Oct	Woking	A		7:45pm		LDVVT1													
Sat 26 Oct	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 29 Oct	Crewe Alexandra	A		7:45pm		D2													
Sat 2 Nov	Northampton Town	A		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 5 Nov						WC3													
Sat 9 Nov	PORT VALE	H		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 12 Nov						LDVVT2													
Sat 16 Nov						FAC1													
Sat 23 Nov	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 30 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 7 Dec						FAC2													
Tue 10 Dec						LDVVT3													
Sat 14 Dec	COLCHESTER UNITED	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 21 Dec	Bristol City	A		3:00pm		D2													
Thu 26 Dec	CARDIFF CITY	H		12:00pm		D2													
Sat 28 Dec	Wycombe Wanderers	A		3:00pm		D2													
Wed 1 Jan	Chesterfield	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 4 Jan	BLACKPOOL (or FAC3)	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 11 Jan	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 18 Jan	Barnsley	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 25 Jan	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 1 Feb	Peterborough United	A		12:00pm		D2													
Sat 8 Feb	Port Vale	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 15 Feb	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 22 Feb	BRENTFORD	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 1 Mar	Notts County	A		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 4 Mar	Mansfield Town	A		7:45pm		D2													
Sat 8 Mar	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 15 Mar	Wigan Athletic	A		3:00pm		D2													
Tue 18 Mar	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H		7:45pm		D2													
Sat 22 Mar	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 29 Mar	Cheltenham Town	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 5 Apr	TRANMERE ROVERS	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 12 Apr	Queens Park Rangers	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 19 Apr	BRISTOL CITY	H		3:00pm		D2													
Mon 21 Apr	Colchester United	A		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 26 Apr	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		3:00pm		D2													
Sat 3 May	Swindon Town	A		3:00pm		D2													

TOWN TEASER

IF YOU know your Luton Town trivia, you might win a pair of match tickets this afternoon. They are on offer in our Town Teaser competition. For your chance to have a go listen to the PA announcer before kick-off and be ready with your answer.

At the Mansfield game, we asked about a former midfield star at Kenilworth Road whose career later included a spell as manager of Mansfield. We could have asked it about today's game, because the answer was Andy King. Today we have another Swindon connection for you to ponder.

TODAY'S QUESTION

WHO was the Swindon winger whose nine years of trying eventually got him into the top flight with the Town, and how did he spoil a party at Kenilworth Road?

Penalties	Attendance Statistics	Started Match	0	6	5	0	3	10	0	6	8	6
1 (Scored 0 (Missed) = 100% Success	(All Competitions)	Substitute (Used)	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	2	1	1
24 Aug K. Nicholls (5)	Highest Home	Total 2002/2003 Apps	0	7	5	0	7	10	0	8	9	7
Potential Cup Dates	Average Home	Total 2002/2003 Goals	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
WC: R4 (3 Dec), R5 (17 Dec), SF (7 & 21 Jan), F (2 Mar)	Lowest Home	Substitute (Unused)	0	4	0	1	3	1	0	2	1	3
LDVCT: SF (21 Jan), Area Final (11 & 25 Feb), F (6 Apr)	Highest Away	Single Yellow Card	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
LAG: R4 (25 Jan), R5 (15 Feb), R6 (8 Mar), SF (13 Apr), F (17 May)	Average Away	First YC leading to RC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lowest Away	Second YC = RC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Key	Straight Red Card	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	X Substituted	Total LTFC Career Apps	47	42	19	23	15	51	437	39	133	21
	SUS Suspended	Total LTFC Career Goals	0	0	0	1	0	5	10	3	4	0
		Squad Number	1	16	34	2	3	5	6	12	17	21
		Position	Goalkeepers									Defence

Luton Town FC Statistics Chart designed and updated by David Newman

SQUAD CHECK

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Joe Kinnear

1	Mark Ovendale	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Aaron Skelton	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell Perrett	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Marvin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin Nicholls	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Tony Thorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Carl Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris Coyne	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Andrew Fotiadis	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Dean Crowe	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Carl Emberson	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Emmerson Boyce	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Ahmet Brkovic	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve Howard	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Peter Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	David Bayliss	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian Hillier	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Alan Kimble	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Lee Mansell	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Ben Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	Rob Gillman	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Michael Leary	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Steven O'Leary	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	James Osborn	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	Kevin Foley	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Andy King

1	Bart Griemink	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Gareth Edds	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew Hewlett	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Adam Willis	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Andy Gurney	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Keith O'Halloran	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jimmy Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Sam Parkin	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Stefani Miglioranz	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	David Duke	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Juan Cobian	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Eric Sabin	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Darren Dykes	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Danny Invincible	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Matthew Heywood	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Alan Reeves	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Steve Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Alan Young	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Nathan Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Chris Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Kevin Halliday	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Craig Farr	<input type="checkbox"/>

Today's Officials

Referee: Phil Joslin, Nottinghamshire

Assistants: Glenn Hambling, Norfolk (yellow flag); Ron James, Buckinghamshire (red and yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Mark Ives, Bedfordshire

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