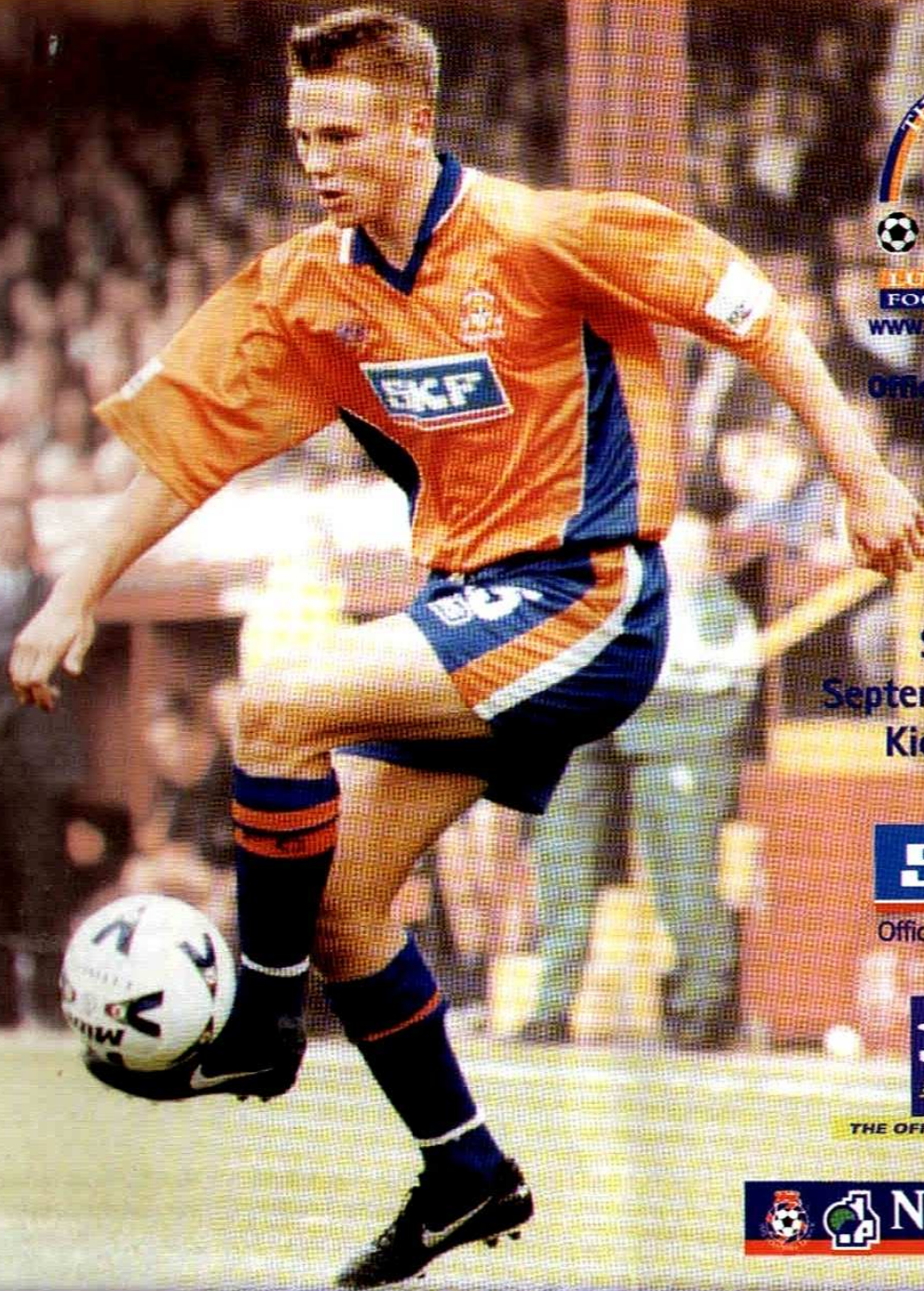


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### Front Cover



Breaking clear: Matthew Taylor in  
action, trying to put attacking  
pressure on Swansea last  
Saturday.

# Inside

FORMER chief executive of the Football Association, and one-time secretary of the Football League, Graham Kelly this week joined the board of Luton Town, promising to "work hard to enhance the club's status."

Chairman Mike Watson-Challis said he wanted to harness Mr Kelly's great experience in the game for the benefit of the club, and the new director said he expected to play an ambassadorial role.

He has a host of contacts in the game, having been a professional soccer administrator for 31 years.

He is a chartered secretary, and always wanted to be a professional footballer. Born in Blackpool, he got as far as goalkeeper for his home town club's third XI, having decided he was never going to be good enough to be an outfield player. After a handful of games, he ditched his dream - "I decided I was not going to be a good goalkeeper either, because I wasn't daft enough."

Mr Kelly went into banking, before joining the admin staff at the Football League, then in Lytham St. Annes, in 1968. Eleven years later he was secretary of the League, in succession to Alan Hardaker, before moving to the FA in 1988.

There he played a major role in the biggest change the domestic game has undergone, with the formation of the FA Premiership. "Whatever your view of the rights and wrongs of the Premiership, it was certainly the most significant event of my 11 years at the FA," he said.

Resignation in 1999, after a row about the FA doing deals with the Welsh FA, left him angry at the time, but not bitter. He had time to write his account of his experiences at Lancaster Gate - Sweet FA, still on sale at £16.99 - and to maintain his interest in football at all levels.

He has also been a newspaper columnist, and a football broadcaster, and says he is looking forward to being a club director.

Why has he come back into the game at professional level? - "Simple, I am still as keen as ever to do a job."

And why Luton? - "Why not? No-one else asked me. A call from Luton came out of the blue. I came to see Mike Watson-Challis, and decided that I would like to accept his offer."

Living in Cambridgeshire, Mr Kelly expects to attend most Town games at Kenilworth Road, starting this afternoon.

OUR old friend Raddy Antic, scorer of the most valuable goal in the club's history, is offering to do us another favour. He has sent us a 22-year-old centre half who, he thinks, could benefit from English experience and who might also help the Town.

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# Forward

Jose Saavedra is under contract with Real Oviedo of Spain, where Antic began a second spell as manager in June. He and Ricky Hill were teammates in the best side the Town have had in recent years, the side that David Pleat built to go up into the old First Division.

Antic has been a top manager in Spain for a decade, with spells at Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid, for whom he achieved Spain's first-ever league and cup double.

Standing at just over 6ft tall, Saavedra has spent ten days on trial at Kenilworth Road, with Antic offering him on loan. If the Town boss is impressed, a deal could be done to keep the player here for the rest of the season.

But the boss has to think about current restrictions on loans. He is allowed to take up to two players under 23 on long-term deals.

Restrictions on other loans are complex: a club can have a total of 465 "loan days" in the course of a season, taking a maximum of eight players. Their deals must be for at least 28 days, and no more than 93. Clubs can have no more than two players at any one time on short-term loans, and cannot take more than two from any one club during a season.

The strategic decisions for managers are to work out when they will most need loans, with some consideration given to the possibility they might want a bit of leeway to bring in new recruits in the last couple of months of the season, as relegation and promotion issues get close.

Meanwhile, there are still plenty of players seeking work, and as many agents hoping to earn a bit of commission by finding it for them.

Midfielder Stokey Mason, 23, a Trinidad and Tobago international, is one of the latest to come to Kenilworth Road to try his luck.

ONE signing has been completed this week, and it is mainly down to the diligence of one of our scouts. Ugo Cerrone is based at Milton Keynes, and has a good record of spotting schoolboy talent. In the summer he was in Kent on a family visit, and took in a football tournament that happened to be taking place.

A 16-year-old centre-back, Robert Gillman, from Welling, caught his eye, and the player came to Kenilworth Road for trials with our youth squad.

He played in the first four fixtures in the Football League Youth Alliance, and did well enough to be offered the chance to chase his dream of becoming a professional footballer. He has been signed on as a first-year scholar, which is what apprentices are called nowadays.

*Brian Swain*



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# The Manager

## Ricky Hill

IT SEEMS a long time since we last played at Kenilworth Road, having clocked up around 1,000 miles for two games in four days, at Swansea and Sunderland. The question is how far have we come in terms of team progress, and my judgement is that perhaps we have moved forward a little, but not enough to satisfy me.

In the home game with Walsall we were grateful not to lose, but I felt it was a disappointing team performance, all the more so because it was in front of our own supporters.

We were giving the ball away too easily, and the way the game went Walsall were right to feel disappointed with a point, when they might easily have had three.

Looking back at that game and the trips to South Wales and Wearside, I think that overall only the goalkeepers could be anywhere near satisfied with their contributions.

Nathan Abbey has done really well. We are all delighted for him, and it was harsh on him, but part of football, when we decided we were going to bring back Mark Ovendale.

Conceding four goals at Swansea obviously was not in the script, and although there was some mitigating circumstance with the dismissal of Jude Stirling, we should have had enough about us to regroup and keep the opposition at bay.

Defensively we were very poor, and that is a criticism of the whole team not just the men at the back. There is no point in debating whether it was harsh on Jude to be red-carded on his debut. It probably was, but in football you get mistakes from everyone on the field, and after the defender was sent off we made far too many mistakes for our own good.

Playing for an hour with ten men is always likely to be difficult, yet how often in football do ten men react positively and beat the odds? Sadly, we did not, and got what we deserved, and there is a continuing concern about our inability to create chances. Again, as with defending, it is up to every member of the team to play his part

in attacking moves, and at The Vetch we were well short of what was required.

I felt sorry for those brilliant supporters who managed to overcome travelling difficulties and keep up their backing on a day when the team failed to respond.

Then it was on to the other end of the country, and for 45 minutes we acquitted ourselves very well at the magnificent Stadium of Light. We were the underdogs against Sunderland, but after a lot of straight talking following the Swansea trip we responded to the challenge admirably for the first half. Sunderland have the luxury of picking a team from 36 professionals, most of them very experienced, and bought at high prices.

For some of their team on Tuesday it was an opportunity to press claims for more regular inclusion in the Premiership squad, but we competed well to hold them to 0-0 at half time.

Our game plan was working, but we knew Sunderland would step up the pace for the second half. They did, and the night ended in another disappointment with defensive deficiencies on show again. Mark Ovendale prevented a rout, but who knows what might happen on Tuesday? If we could get an early goal at Kenilworth Road we might yet make a fight of it.

But if I were given a choice of a win today or one in the cup, I would take three points this afternoon. It's a bit of a six-pointer in view of the league positions of the two teams, and we need a win to get our season going - defeats in two of our four home games so far is clearly not good enough for us, nor for the supporters.

We know we are capable of better things, and now is the time to prove it. I am delighted to welcome Colin Todd and his assistant Andy King back to Kenilworth Road - I remember them both as players here when I was just a young pup in the dressing room. But I hope that today's reunion will end in pleasure for us, not Swindon!

*Ricky Hill*

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## The Hatters appearances 2000-2001

Joe Payne

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	2	0	2	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	8	3	11	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(4)	1(1)	3(5)	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	5	1	6	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	3(2)	3	6(2)	0	0	0
Liam George	5(3)	2(1)	7(4)	0	0	0
Peter Holmes	4(3)	2(1)	6(4)	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	2	0	2	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(4)	1(1)	2(5)	1	0	1
Adam Locke	5(1)	0(1)	5(2)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	8	3	11	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	6	3	9	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	4(1)	2	6(1)	0	1	1
Matthew Spring	7	3	10	1p	0	1p
Mark Stein	8	3	11	0	1	1
Jude Stirling	1	0	1	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	8	3	11	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	1	0(1)	1(1)	0	0	0
Julian Watts	8	3	11	1	0	1

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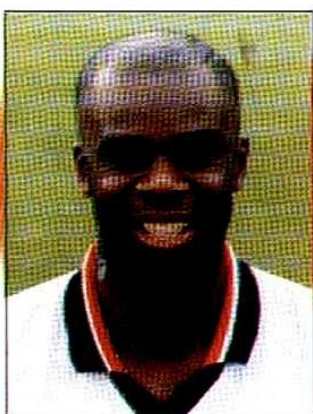


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# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson

I WILL be sitting in the stand, mentally kicking every ball

again this afternoon, wishing I could be on the pitch with the lads. We are all aware that this is a very big game for both clubs, and before the game I will be with the team, doing my best to be cheerful and optimistic.

I would love to be playing, and trying to spread confidence and optimism around the team on the field, but my recovery from injury is painfully slow, if I may use the phrase!

If I cannot play, the next best thing is watching the team, shouting for them from the stand, and trying to instil confidence in the dressing room.

I would have been at Swansea and at Sunderland, but my treatment and training sessions prevented me travelling. For such long trips the team goes the day before the game, and my priority on Friday and Monday was to maintain my schedule of training and treatment.

It is a matter of sticking to a routine, doing a little training under the supervision of Clive Goodyear, and carrying out the exercise programme he has set for me.

I have been in football long enough - and been injured often enough! - to know that hamstring problems cannot be rushed. Mine was a slight tear, but I am pleased to report that a scan has shown that it has healed up, so a cautious return to more strenuous work is possible next week.

When players are out through injury for a long time they can easily become the forgotten men of football, and you have to learn not to let it get you down. I have discovered that for myself - in a sense you are forgotten, because this business is all about league teams fighting for points.

I have been talking to Stuart Douglas, for instance, telling him not to worry too much if he feels ignored and forgotten. Once he is fit again, and competing for a place in the first team, supporters will quickly remember who he is.

I can admit that on Saturday, when the lads were suffering at Swansea, I was a very frustrated man, with half my attention on the TV sport, and the other half checking the radio for reports on the game at The Vetch.

It was tough luck on Jude Stirling to have his big day spoiled, but it has happened to plenty of others - Matthew Spring and Julian James, I recall both got sent off on their debuts - and Jude is going to be a very good player.

I was sad to miss the trip to Sunderland, because that is a wonderful stadium, in a part of the country that is passionate about football. I was fortunate to play there in the cup a couple of years ago, when we also lost 3-0, although on that occasion we were doing OK until Mitchell Thomas got sent off.


The cup-tie is not dead and buried yet, although we will need to pull out something special to overcome the first-leg deficit on Tuesday.

Much more important is to get three points this afternoon. The players need a morale-booster. There is an added pressure in home games, because of the expectation of the crowd, and if things go wrong it is all too easy to suffer a loss of confidence. Everyone wants to do well, and I will be reminding the lads that despite the poor start to the season, we put in some very good home performances last season, and they have not become bad players overnight. I know we will turn the corner, hopefully today.

*Marvin Johnson*

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# Club Secretary

## Cherry Newbery

FIRSTLY today I am pleased to pass on the grateful thanks of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for your excellent support for their bucket collection on the day of the Northampton game.

John Gilbert, of the Luton and District Branch of the RNLI, has written to say that it raised £502.39, which as he says is a really magnificent total. I would like to add the club's thanks to all who gave so generously.

Over the past year or so supporters have also given generously to FLAG, the Fans of Luton Action Group, and hopefully we are now getting close to knowing what will be done with the donations.

There are strict rules and regulations laid down by the law in such matters, and the directors of FLAG have had to bear that in mind.

Following numerous enquiries from supporters, and questions being asked at the AGM of the Luton Town Supporters Club, the football club

has now put several proposals to FLAG as to how that money given by supporters can best be used to the benefit of Luton Town FC. I will let you know more when we have further news.

Obviously it has been a busy time for everyone here in the past week, but I want to add my appreciation of the wonderful support the team had at Swansea and at Sunderland, especially in view of the difficulty with petrol supplies at the weekend, and with such a long journey for a midweek game. Our supporters did themselves and the club great credit.

We are now gearing up for two home games in four days, and I would remind supporters that there are still some tickets left for Tuesday's Worthington Cup match. As the manager says elsewhere in this magazine, the game's not all over yet, so come and shout for the team. We will, of course, be offering cash admission on the night for home supporters.

*Cherry Newbery*

FOOTBALL supporter and Home Office Minister Lord Steve Bassam of Brighton has asked us to re-iterate the Government's determination to stamp out hooliganism, and the measures now available to make the game safer and more pleasant for everyone.

The latest legislation enables football banning orders to be imposed to stop known trouble-makers attending domestic and international games for up to ten years. People banned must surrender their passports when England, or their club, play abroad.

You do not have to be arrested at a football match, or convicted of a football-related offence to get a ban, and courts

will crack down on violence, public order offences and racist chanting.

The Minister said: "The majority of fans have nothing to fear. No supporter is going to be banned because they have a tattoo, or because of how they look. Safeguards are in place to protect the genuine fan, and ensure that bans are only imposed where there is strong evidence that they will help to prevent football violence and disorder.

"But the message is clear: there is no place in football for thugs or racists. Clubs don't want them, nor do the vast majority of supporters. Now the police and courts have new powers to deal with them."



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# Hatters Away

WE MAKE the first of our two league visits to Bristol on Saturday, to take on the Rovers at the Memorial Ground, the stadium which the blue and white half of Bristol soccer shares with Bristol Rugby Football Club.

As usual two excellent coach services offer safe travel to and from the game, operated by Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club.

Town on Tour is part of the Luton Town Supporters Club, and offers its best deals to LTSC members, and you can join the supporters club for a minimum annual donation of £7.

Travel tickets are on sale through the Supporters Club kiosk before and after matches, or via the club shop during the week. The Town on Tour fare to Bristol is £12 for adult members of LTSC, £10 for pensioner and junior members, and £13.50 for others. They leave Maple Road at 11am.

To use the Bobbers Travel Club coaches you need to be a member of the BTC, but membership is a bargain, just £1 for adults and 50p for pensioners and under-16s.

The fare to Bristol is £11 for adults and £9 for concessions. To book, visit the Bobbers Travel Club kiosk before home matches, or at other times phone Paul Deason on 01234 750996. The Bobbers service includes picking up supporters in the country districts. For the Bristol trip, the Bobbers start at Cranfield at 9.30am, calling at various villages en route to Luton, leaving Kenilworth Road at 10.30. They also pick up at the Gateway Hotel, on Dunstable Road near the M1.

Passengers using either coach service can park in safety at Maple Road, for £3 if you can show a membership card of the Supporters Club or the Bobbers Travel Club. The price for others is £4.

## DIY Travellers



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IF YOU want to drive to the Bristol Rovers game, the journey is quite simple, and you can expect to do it comfortably in not much over two hours because it is motorway almost all the way.

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## John Bailey

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Intasport has earned a high reputation within sporting circles as publishers of fixture charts, year planners, and brochures for football, rugby and cricket clubs, and racecourses, and was recently appointed to the English Cricket Board.

We are delighted to welcome Intasport's representatives, and also their guests from local companies who have supported production of the fixture charts, including Sainsbury's, Silver Arrow Business Services, Hose & Tubular, Recruit plc, D. S. and A. G. Prigmore and Son, R. J. Blow and Co, Luton Insulation Services, Intercraft Design Ltd and J. J. Kelly & Sons.

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AFTER celebrating his seventh birthday yesterday, Conor Gargan has the perfect present this afternoon for any boy who supports Luton Town. He usually comes to watch with his uncle Colin and brother Liam, but today Conor plays a central role in the

entertainment, because he is commercial mascot.

He lives at Winchester Gardens, Luton, and goes to St. Joseph's Junior School, and all his hobbies are sporting - playing football and cricket, running, riding his bike and watching wrestling.

Today he meets his heroes at close quarters, joining them in the dressing room and then going onto the pitch with the players for the pre-match formalities.

We are trying to arrange a meeting with Stuart Douglas for him, because the striker, recovering from injury, is Conor's favourite player.

If you have a youngster who deserves a special treat as a VIP for a day at Kenilworth Road, contact the commercial department on Luton 411622.

*John Bailey*



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At the Northampton game the prize was £555, and John Jackson, from Chilvers Bank, Baldock, is seen collecting the dosh from Stuart Douglas, who drew out the winning ticket. The Golden Gamble has already paid out £1,800 to four winners this season, an average of £470 each.

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# Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Hatters' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in blue and Robins' to the right and scored in red

# Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

## Where



## How



## Top League Scorers



4 in 8 games Team Goals 2 in 6 games  
0.5 goals Ratio per Game 0.33 goals

1 in 7 games Player's Goals 1 in 5 games  
0.14 goals Ratio per Game 0.2 goals

1 Games Scored In  
1 Games Scored 1st Goal  
1 Games Scored 1 Goal  
0 Games Scored 2 Goals  
0 Games Scored 3 Goals

**IMPORTANCE OF GOALS**  
(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)  
1 (2pts) Games Won -> Drawn 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 0 (0pts)  
2 Number of points gained 0

**SCORING SEQUENCES**  
Consecutive Games Scored  
0 2 Games 0  
0 3 Games 0  
1 game Maximum Scoring Run 1 game

**CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING**  
1 2 Games 2  
1 3 Games 0  
0 4 Games 0  
5 games Maximum Dry Spell 2 games

### Hatters' Results

LUTON TOWN GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

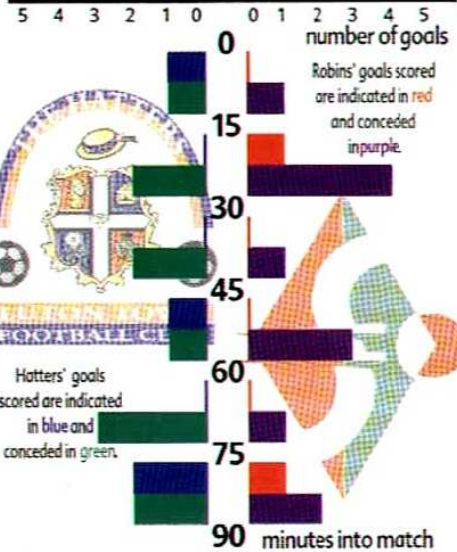
shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Luton have drawn 2 games 1-1

### Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	1	2	3	4	1	1

eg. Swindon have lost 2 games 3-0 and  
lost 1 game 1-4

## When



## Average time of Scoring / Conceding

180 mins	All Goals for	270 mins
360 mins	Home Goals For	180 mins
120 mins	Away Goals For	360 mins
65 mins	All Goals Against	45 mins
120 mins	Home Goals Against	45 mins
45 mins	Away Goals Against	45 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

## Face2Face

Last Season  
At Kenilworth Road...n/a  
At County Ground...n/a  
This Season  
Hatters' Seasons records:  
Home Win...1-0 Bournemouth  
Away Win...None  
Home Defeat...0-2 Northampton  
Away Defeat...0-4 Swansea  
Consec. Wins...0  
Consec. Defeats...2

Robins' Seasons records:  
Home Win...None  
Away Win...1-0 Bristol City  
Home Defeat...1-4 Walsall  
Away Defeat...0-3 Port Vale  
...0-3 Bournemouth  
Consec. Wins...0  
Consec. Defeats...3

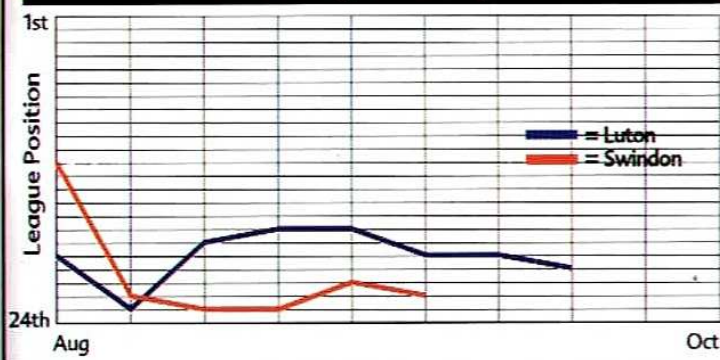
## Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : LLWSSLDL F 4 A 11 Pts 6  
Robins : DLLLWL F 2 A 12 Pts 4  
Form Guide shows results so far. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

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	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	4	3	Shearer	22	9,507
91/92	2	5	4	Shearer	22	9,871
92/93	1	3	3	Maskell	18	10,489
93/94	P	3	3	Fjortoft	12	15,011
94/95	1	4	SF	Fjortoft	16	9,408
95/96	2	5	2	Allison	17	10,602
96/97	1	3	3	Allison	11	9,265
97/98	1	3	1	Hay	14	9,505
98/99	1	3	1	Onuora	20	8,651
99/00	1	3	1	Hay	10	6,977

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## Swindon Town



### COLIN TODD - MANAGER

A distinguished playing career included a brief spell at Kenilworth Road in 1984. The defender made well over 600 league appearances for Sunderland, Derby, Everton, Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Oxford and Luton,

winning two championship medals at Derby and 27 England caps. As a manager he has been at Middlesbrough and Bolton before taking over at Swindon.

### BART GRIEMINK - GOALKEEPER

Born: Holland, 29.03.72

Previous clubs: Birmingham City, Peterborough United.

The 6 ft 4 Dutch goalkeeper played second fiddle to England Under21 international Mark Tyler at Peterborough for the past couple of seasons. After only making 44 league appearances for The Posh he decided it was time for a new challenge when his contract expired during the summer. Bart spent a two-month loan period with Town last season and impressed in difficult circumstances. His arrival plus the appointment of former Aston Villa hero Nigel Spink as goalkeeping coach should go a long way to

ease Town's goalkeeping problems after Frank Talia, Jimmy Glass and Alan Flanagan left the club.

### STEVE MILDENHALL - GOALKEEPER

Born: Swindon, 13.5.78.

Previous Clubs: From Trainee.

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his fourth year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. 'Mildy' made 6 (2 as substitute) appearances for Town last season. He spent most of the season in the reserves earning praise for his resolute performances, however, he was rarely relied upon to make the step up to the first team.



### MARK ROBINSON - DEFENDER

Born: Rochdale, 21.11.68.

Previous Clubs: WBA, Barnsley, Newcastle Utd.

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there

that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team



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through injury, Mark is now the Town's longest serving player since Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994. He has been a consistent and versatile performer ever since, however, he could face competition from new signing Juan Cobian for the right-back slot this season.

#### GARETH DAVIES - DEFENDER

Born: Hereford, 11.12.73

Previous Clubs: Hereford Utd, Crystal Palace, Cardiff City, Reading.

Was signed on a free transfer in March 1999, Gareth made the short trip down the M4 from Reading and despite being a firm favourite with the Royals' fans, he did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is an infectious character but is well known for his commitment and aggressive style. However, Town fans only caught glimpses of him in action due to several injuries, mainly a problematic knee injury, wrecking his last campaign only making 16 starts in all. He should make a return to full fitness in the coming weeks.



#### MARK ROBINSON - DEFENDER

Born: Nuneaton, 21.9.76

Previous Clubs: Coventry, Mansfield (loan)

Released by the Sky Blues after failing to make the grade in the Premiership. Adam was called into action from the

reserves towards the end of last season to cover for injuries and suspensions. Adam worked very hard in the gym after training to improve his physical presence and it paid off. His confident displays earned him a place in the starting line-up on merit and he was rewarded with a new contract under Colin Todd after being previously told that he could leave the club.

#### ALAN REEVES - DEFENDER

BORN: Birkenhead, 19.11.67

Previous Clubs: Norwich City, Gillingham (loan), Chester City, Rochdale, Wimbledon.

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale.

Excellent header of the ball, 32-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces, scoring 2 goals in 24 appearances last season. Despite being linked with several clubs in the summer, Reeves is working hard to command a first team place under new manager Colin Todd.

#### SOL DAVIS - DEFENDER

Born: Cheltenham 4.9.79

Previous Clubs: From Trainee.

Left-sided fullback back who was offered his first professional contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves.

Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Last season Sol made over 25 appearances for Town in both the fullback and wingback positions and his commitment was exemplified by some very tough tackling.

#### JAMES WILLIAMS - DEFENDER

Born: Liverpool 15.07.82

James, still only 18, burst onto the scene towards the end of the 1998/99 season. He was duly rewarded with the number 32 shirt at the start of last season and the young defender/midfielder became a very useful asset to the dwindling squad. James can be called upon to play in a variety of positions and although he made an impact on the first team his form dropped. He will be hoping for more consistent performances in the new campaign.

#### JUAN COBIAN - DEFENDER

Born: Buenos Aires, Argentina 11.9.75

Previous Clubs: Boca Juniors, Sheff Wed, Charlton, Aberdeen.

Juan Cobian joined Aberdeen from Sheffield Wednesday on a free transfer in November '99. Cobian, a rampaging right-sided defender, made a promising start to 1998-99 with the Owls having joined the club for a nominal fee during the 1998 close season. This summer he moved, again on a free transfer, to the County Ground despite offers from a number of clubs. His attacking style will be very much in demand in Colin Todd's new-look side.



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#### **KIM HEISELBERG - DEFENDER**

Born: 21.09.77, Denmark  
Previous Clubs: Esbjerg, F.C. Midjylland, Sunderland.  
An attacking left-sided fullback, Kim Heiselberg is another player to join the Swindon ranks on a free transfer in July. He returned from Denmark this summer for his second spell in English football after spending one year on Vearside with Sunderland. Signed by the Black Cats in 1998 for £125,000 he failed to hold down a regular first team place and returned to his native Denmark. A technical player that likes to pass the ball and get into dangerous forward positions.

#### **ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN - DEFENDER**

Born: 4.09.79, Holland  
Previous Clubs: Xwerfers (youth), Sparta Rotterdam.  
Central defender whose composure on the ball will make him a vital asset to Todd's team. Looks to set up attacks from the back with his sweet left foot. Agile and solid.

#### **MARKO TUOMELA - DEFENDER**

Defender Marko Tuomela has joined the Town on a three-month loan deal (10-09-00) from Tromso. Tuomela has played 16 times for Finland, regularly lining up alongside Liverpool captain Sami Hyypia. The 28-year-old centre back watched the win over Bristol City at Ashton Gate and then got his first taste

of the action in the second half of Tuesday's match at Bournemouth. Manager Colin Todd is hoping that Tuomela will add steel to his defence and wants opposing strikers to feel intimidated by his size and strength.

#### **ANDY WILLIAMS - MIDFIELDER**

Born: Bristol, 8.10.77  
Previous Clubs: Southampton  
Andy moved from Southampton in October 1999 in a £65,000 deal after an impressive loan spell at the County Ground. Andy is an extremely versatile player and has taken on a variety of defensive and midfield duties. Formerly a regular Welsh Under-21 international he became a strong candidate for Player of the Season last term which showed how well he settled into the side.

#### **FRAZER MCHUGH - MIDFIELDER**

Born: Nottingham, 14.7.81  
Previous Clubs: Signed from trainee  
Made his impression in the first team last season but failed to hold down a regular place. This season will be his second as a pro and he will want to step up his claim for a regular start under Colin Todd. A hard-working and tenacious midfielder who can hit a hard tackle as well as an accurate pass, this could well be the year that he breaks through.

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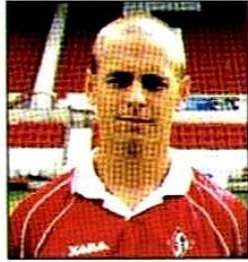
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**BOBBY HOWE - MIDFIELDER**

Born: Annisford, 6.11.73.

Previous Clubs: Nottingham Forest, Ipswich Town (loan).

Stephen, who likes to be known as Bobby, is an attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. Bobby's confidence suffered last season and fell out of favour in the first team. However, after being told he could leave the club he has worked hard to re-establish himself in the side.

**MATTHEW HEWLETT - MIDFIELDER**

Born: 25.02.76, Bristol  
Previous Clubs: Bristol City (from trainee) Burnley (loan).  
An attacking midfielder that signed for Town on a free transfer in July 2000. A hot prospect at local rivals Bristol

City in 1998/99. At the time a succession of injuries meant that he missed most of the season and failed to live up to his potential. A fresh start may be just the challenge he needs and there will be no better place to impress and improve his performances than at the County Ground this season. If he can find his form he may just be the attacking spark the Town midfield is so dearly missing.

**DAVID DUKE - MIDFIELDER**

Born: 7.11.78, Inverness.

Previous Clubs: Sunderland (From Redby - 6/97)  
Another young player with a great deal of potential. A left-sided midfielder, he was unable to command a first-team start at Premiership Sunderland after joining them in June '97 from Redby. Impressed new boss Colin Todd in several pre-season friendlies and signed on a free transfer in July.

**KEITH O'HALLORAN - MIDFIELDER**

Born: 10.11.75, Dublin

Previous Clubs: St Johnstone, Cardiff (loan), Scunthorpe (loan), Middlesbrough.

He made six starts for Middlesbrough where he came through the youth ranks before joining St Johnstone in March '97 for £50,000. Keith went on to make over 60 appearances for the Saints but relished the opportunity of proving himself in England after a very successful period at McDiarmid Park. Despite being offered a new contract north of the border, he chose to join Swindon's new era under Colin Todd.

**MARK ROBERTSON - MIDFIELDER**

Born: 06.04.77, Sydney, Australia

Previous Clubs: Wollongong, Burnley.

The young Aussie had only made one appearance for the Clarets during his time there and had been on trial with Colin Todd's side for some weeks before

putting pen to paper at the end of last month. A predominantly right-sided attacking player he will add much-needed strength in depth in the midfield.

**DANIEL INVINCIBILE - MIDFIELDER**

Born: 31/03/79. Australia

Previous Clubs: Brisbane Strikers, Marconi Stallions (both in Australia)

Todd moved swiftly to tie up a deal for Invincibile after spotting the 20-year-old

playing for West Ham in a trial match. The former Marconi Stallions star scored on his Town debut in a 1-1 draw against West Brom at the Hawthorns. Invincibile, a former Australian under-20's star, plays predominantly on the right hand side of midfield, possess blistering pace and his arrival at the County Ground will increase the number of options available to Todd.

**GIULIANO GRAZIOLI - FORWARD**

Born: 23.03.75

Previous Clubs: Stevenage Town (non-league) Peterborough Utd.

Signed in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd. Missed

most of last season through injury, but when he did play he was the shining light in a very dull season for Swindon. Following the departures of fellow strikers Chris Hay and Iffy Onuora, 'Graz' established himself as the Town's main threat. If he stays fit, he will be a handful for opposing defences this season.

**STEVE COWE - FORWARD**

Born: Gloucester, 29/9/74

Previous Clubs: Aston Villa, Hereford (loan)

Steve is a nippy, darting forward with good vision and very quick feet. Rarely called upon under former manager Jim Quinn, Steve tried to find another club after he was told he had no future with the Robins. However, Steve was another player that came in from the football wilderness to finish the season strongly and do well enough to warrant a new contract with Colin Todd.

**CHARLIE GRIFFIN - FORWARD**

Born: Bath, 25.6.79

Former Clubs: Chippenham Town (non-league).

Charlie started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. At 21 years of age he is still a prospect for the future and the coaching staff believe that, with a handful of first team games under his belt, he will be ready to challenge for a regular place in the side.

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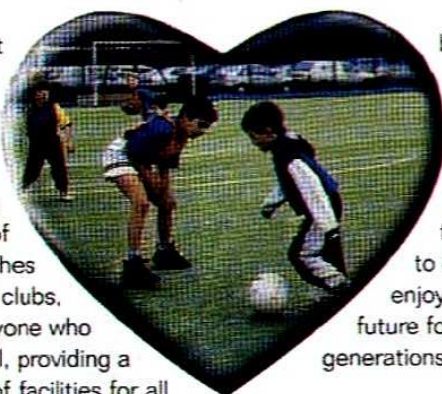
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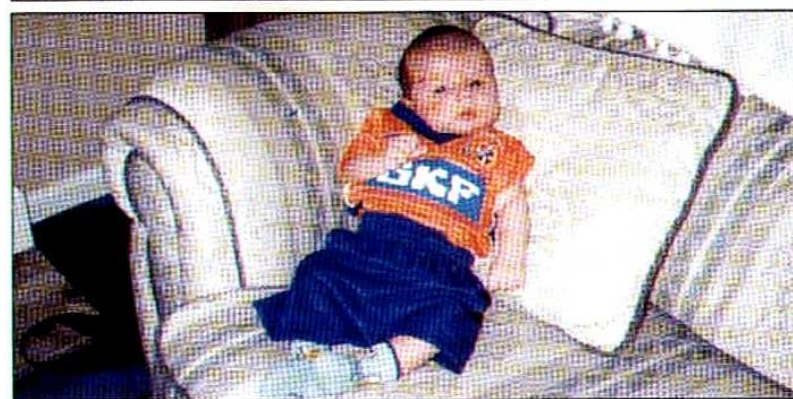
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# Hatters Abroad

WE don't normally consider using two pictures of the same people in this feature, but on this occasion the editor thought it was justified because if it was a matter of choosing just one, it would have to be the view of the backs of three supporters.

The pictures came from Karen and Paul Denman, of Lavender Way, Biggleswade. They wrote: "First let us apologise for sending you a picture of us, Karen and Paul from Biggleswade and Sam from Luton, not wearing official Hatters colours, but when we were on holiday in Tenerife we could not resist getting these tee-shirts made up so we could pass the pictures on to Luton Town FC. "We have had a few Town supporters comment on the shirts, saying how good they are, and asking us where we got them.

"Secondly we (Karen and Paul) have recently had a baby boy and we have called him Liam George James. He was five weeks old in this picture, and unfortunately the kit is still a bit big!"



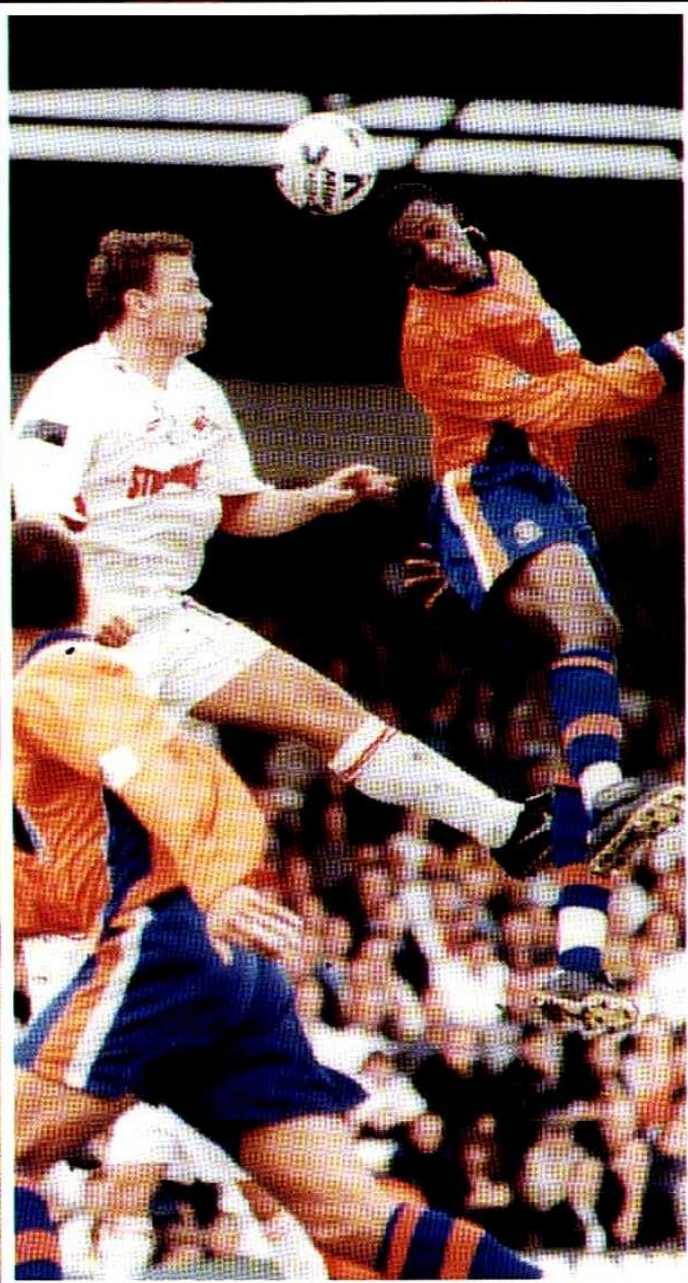
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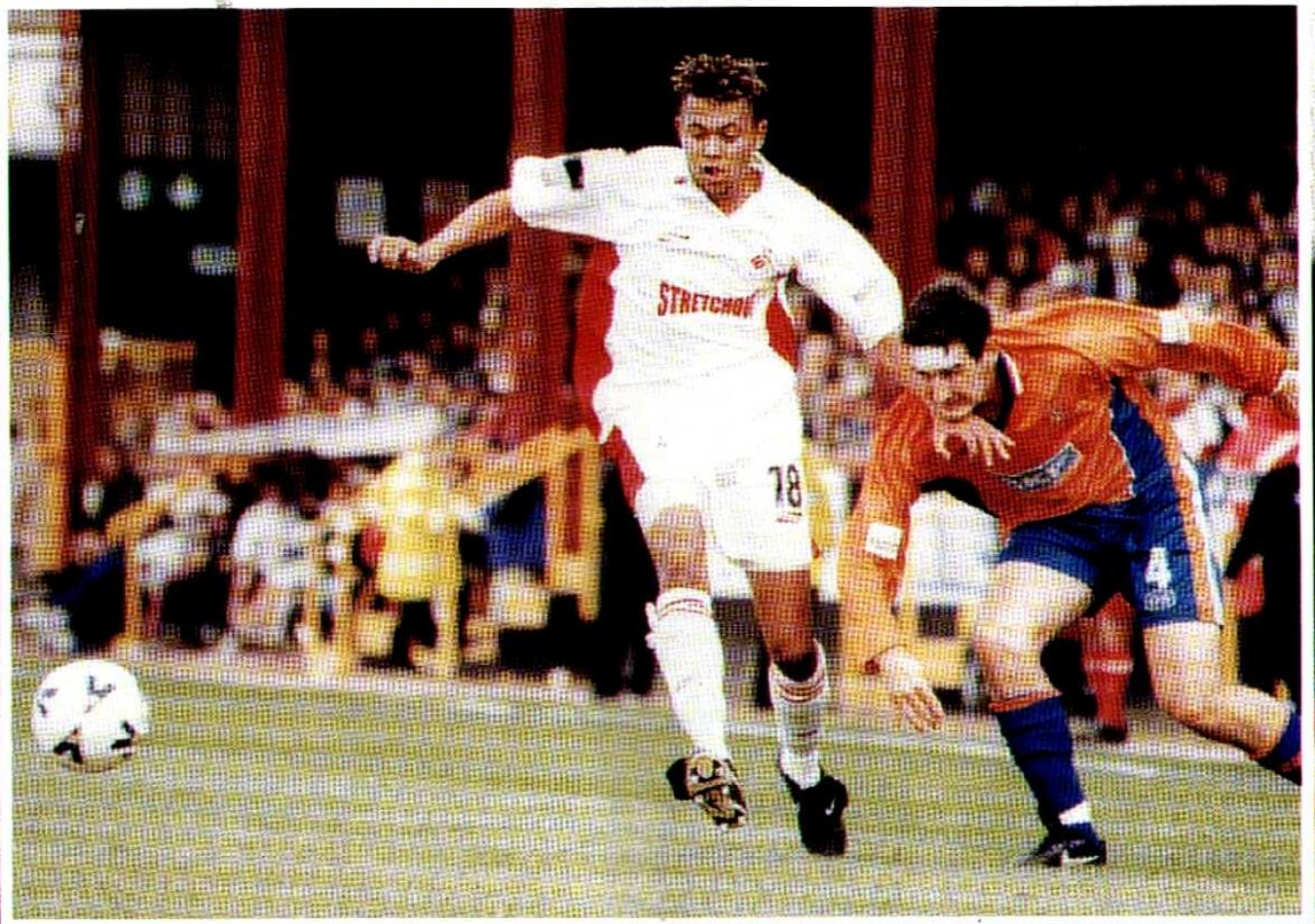
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## Swansea Highlights







**CENTRE:** Adam Locke going for goal at The Vetch.  
**LEFT:** Trevor Kandal rises high to put pressure on the Swansea defence.  
**ABOVE:** Matthew Spring breaks forward, with opposing midfielder Lee Jenkins holding him off

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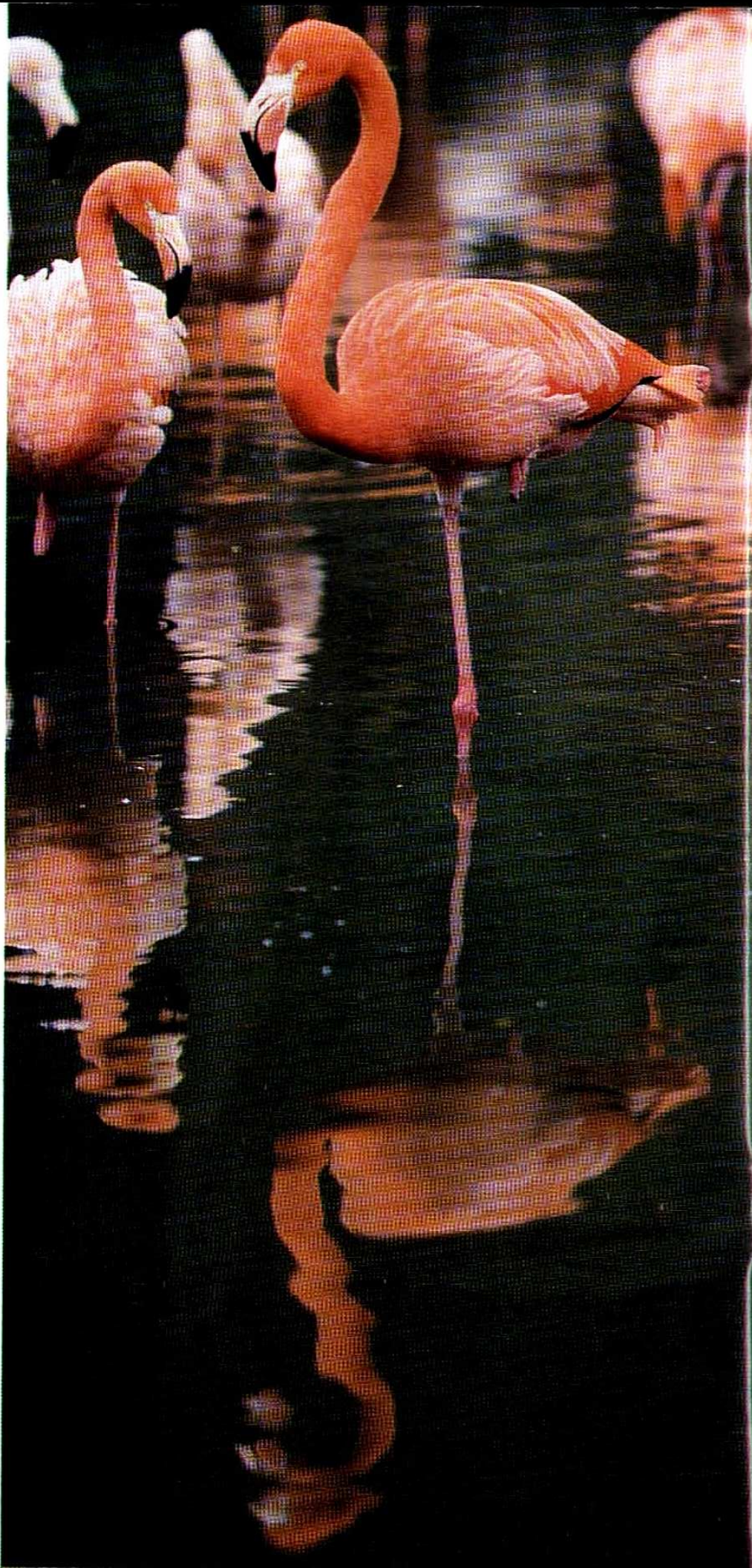
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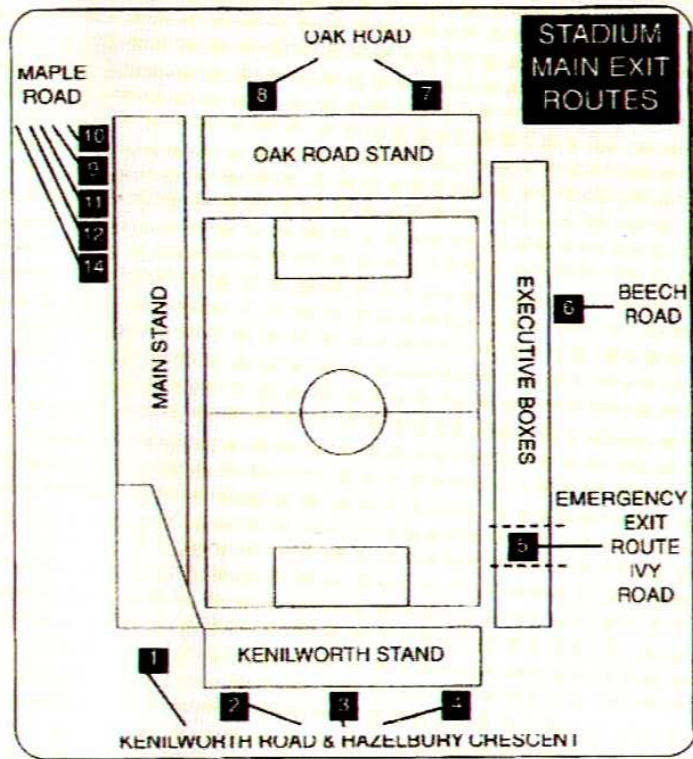


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# Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

## Hatters shoot down the Robins

Luton manager, Harry Haslam, had high hopes for the 1973/74 campaign, his second in charge of the Hatters, as he felt that he had managed to blend a unit of youth and experience good enough to have a more than even chance of winning promotion from the old Division Two.

By 4.40 on the opening day, however, those dreams were in tatters as a dreadful 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest meant that a quick return to the drawing board was in order as all the pre-season plans had to be re-written.

What was said to the players over the following seven days has always remained within the confines of Kenilworth Road but whatever it was certainly worked as the Hatters tore into poor visitors Carlisle and were 6-0 up at half-time. Although the foot was taken off the pedal in the second period, leaving a final scoreline of 6-1, the supporters had seen enough to tell them that the season was well and truly underway.

In that glorious autumn the Town went through an unbeaten run which included notable victories at Bristol City 3-1, F.A.Cup holders Sunderland 1-0 and Crystal Palace 2-1 which pushed them up the table to a top three spot. The visit of Swindon to Kenilworth Road on 13th October was only the fourth home game played from nine starts and an interested crowd of 10,732 turned up to see if the team was as good as the league table suggested.

In those days pre-match entertainment extended to the occasional display by a police dog handling team where the same 'villain' always seemed to have his unprotected arm chewed by a particularly vicious alsation the size of a pony. On this day though, we were treated to the shape of things to come.

For the first time at Kenilworth Road the match was sponsored, with Vauxhall Motors laying on a variety of entertainment before kick-off as well as providing free programmes and marketing material but unfortunately no cars. As if this was not enough old friend of the club, Gigi Peronace, the General Secretary of the Anglo-Italian tournament presented Hatters skipper, Bobby Thomson with a trophy for 'Fairest players and supporters' in the previous season's competition!

After all this activity it was suddenly remembered that there was a football match to play with opponents, Swindon, out to end a run of seven games without a victory. The Town welcomed back winger Jim Ryan to the side at the expense of the unlucky Gordon Hindson while Peter Cruse was given a rare outing in the forward line replacing an out-of-sorts Tom Finney whose brilliant early season form had started to wane. The Robins included a 21 year old winger, who Luton supporters would get to know over the coming few years, by the name of David Moss.

The Hatters opened like a whirlwind and forced four corners in the opening two minutes with the ball dropping twice to the over anxious Cruse who shot at an open goal on each occasion only to see his efforts blocked by John Trollope's body and Rod Thomas's head. The pressure continued to build with the Town spraying the ball around with arrogant ease before the dam finally burst, albeit rather luckily.

Swindon midfielder, Kenny Stroud, was spotted handling an awkwardly bouncing ball in the area following a long throw from Alan Garner although in truth it seemed more like ball to hand. John Aston made no mistake from the

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spot and as the Luton supporters settled down expecting a goal feast Swindon netted a surprise equaliser after Tom Jenkins took advantage of a clever through ball to score from close range.

The goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of the Town for a while but the one goal lead was eventually restored right on the stroke of half-time. Luton full-back Don Shanks seemed to have fouled Swindon defender Richard Legg on the edge of the area but the referee awarded an indirect free kick to the Town which was floated over by Jim

Ryan for Peter Anderson to head home.

The second period was much more evenly contested with Swindon going close through Moss and only a last ditch tackle from Anderson robbing Mick McGovern who was clean through on goal. At the final whistle Harry Haslam breathed a sigh of relief and was grateful that his team could win and move up to second place in the table whilst playing indifferent football.

By the time of the return on February 26th the country was in the grip of the miners strike which in turn left power stations paralysed leading to severe electricity shortages. This meant that football matches scheduled to be played in midweek evenings having to be brought forward to the afternoon.

The game at Swindon was one such casualty and a crowd of only 2,791 turned up to see the Town, who were still in second spot, take on a Robins side that was rock bottom. Swindon had won only three times since their defeat at Kenilworth Road, while the Town were unbeaten since the turn of the year and this was reflected in the respective line-ups with the Robins showing seven changes from the game four months before with the Hatters only two. Swindon goalkeeper Alan Spratley had one of



*A happy John Aston is congratulated by Peter Cruse after firing the Town into the lead from the spot against Swindon at Kenilworth Road in 1973.*

those games to forget, regularly spilling the ball and failing to hold on to anything above shoulder height. Although Joe Butler rattled the Luton crossbar early on, the Town soon controlled midfield and two headers from Barry Butlin, converting a Jim Ryan corner and an Anderson cross, gave the Hatters a comfortable half-time lead.

Butlin was denied his hat-trick when knocking the ball over the bar from two yards in the second period and Jim Husband missed a sitter after Spratley dropped a soft shot from Alan West although Swindon enjoyed a late rally with Ray Clarke bringing out a brilliant save from Hatters goalkeeper Graham Horn.

The Town managed to cling on to second position for the remainder of the campaign to win promotion back to a Division One that they left in 1960. No such happy ending for Swindon, unfortunately, as they failed to move off the bottom although their young winger was beginning to attract the scouts to the County Ground!

*Roger Wash*



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Today we are pleased to announce a new 'Fair Play Award' sponsored by WINDOWCRAFT for all youth teams playing in Bedfordshire. The award marks another partnership between Luton Town and The Beds FA with the aim of rewarding youth players throughout the County for their fair play.

Each month a team will be nominated for the award and receive 25 complimentary tickets for a Hatters home league game where they will be presented with their 'Fair Play Award' on the pitch at half time.

Both The Beds FA and Luton Town are grateful to Ray Harvey at WINDOWCRAFT for their support of this joint initiative which we hope will remind both players and parents that more than just the result is the importance we place on playing the game in the spirit of fair play. Look out for the first presentation at our League game with Brentford on October 21st.

Pictured are last seasons Mid Beds league winners, Kingsmoore Lower and Greenfields Lower Schools.



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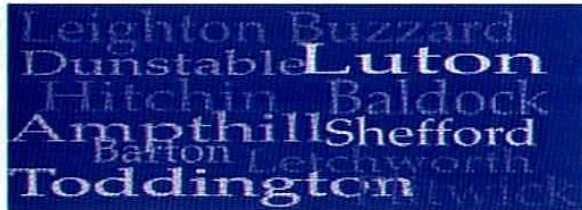
With everyone now back at school our NTL School Visit Project is back in full swing with our coaches visiting schools throughout Herts and Beds. In fact visits are already planned for schools in Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard, Hitchin, Luton and Dunstable.

The project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to youngsters of all abilities. We're well on our way to reaching a total of some 20,000

youngsters who will have benefited from the scheme over the last couple of years and our aim is to reach more and more youngsters each term. Although we have visited over 150 schools in our area there are still schools we've not yet reached - if you're reading this and think you might be one of them why not give us a ring at the Club and we would be pleased to answer any questions you may have or arrange for our coaches to visit.



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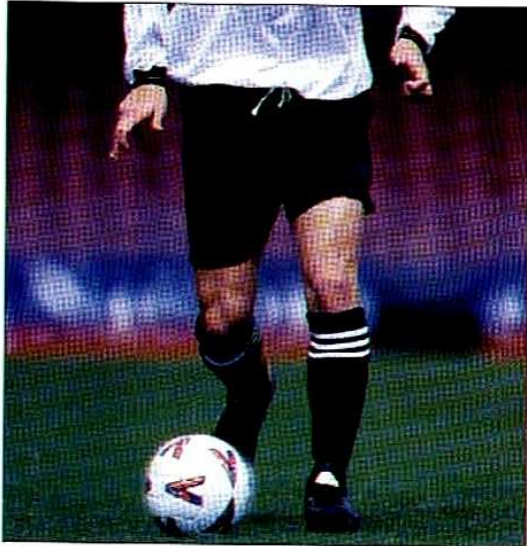


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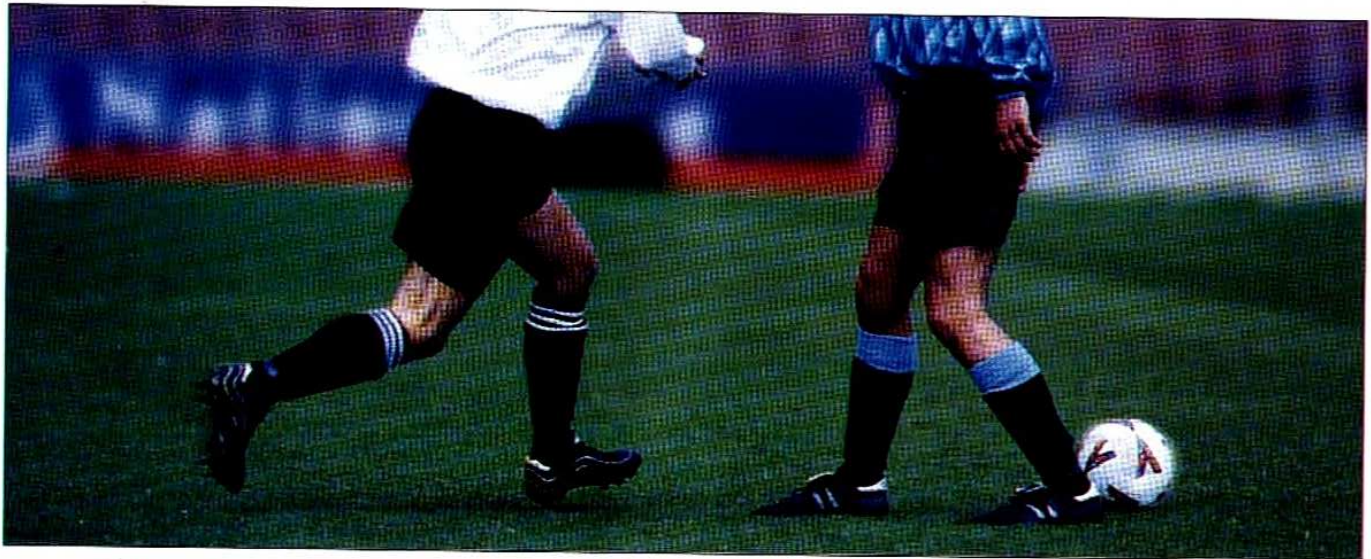
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THE Junior Hatters are back in full swing today, with our Saturday Club meeting for the first time this season, following the end of the summer school holidays.

We meet at Dallow School at 12 noon, and if the weather is kind we use the Dallow pitch for football matches. If the weather is bad we have a foam ball for indoor soccer, and that is always popular. All sorts of other entertainment is on offer, and naturally the Saturday Club is fully supervised.

If you want to get everything possible out of coming to football at Luton Town, why not join us? The price is £5 for Junior Hatters who have season tickets, or £9 with a match ticket included. Very often we have visits by Town players, and we provide a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink. We have a quiz in our family room, then watch the game from the Kenilworth lower tier and meet up with parents and friends after the game.

For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the Town shop. We also organise trips to a lot of away games, often to meet up with the juniors of other clubs, and sometimes we have mascots at away games.

We know we will have a great day out next Saturday at Bristol Rovers, where we always

get a lovely welcome.

The fare is £10 for Junior Hatters, £13 for adults and guests, including match tickets, good bargains thanks to financial aid from our sponsors, London Luton Airport.

Today we welcome the junior fans of Swindon Town. The Young Robins will join us before the game, and will take on a Junior Hatters squad in a penalty shoot-out during the interval.



**A DAY TO REMEMBER:** Two brothers were mascots for the Northampton match. Allen Bridgeman, 12, from Murswell Lane, Silverstone, is the Junior Hatters mascot in the orange strip, and 14-year-old Matthew Bridgeman was the commercial mascot.

## Today's Mascot



**JORDAN** Bowden, from Great North Road, Stanborough, will enjoy his day as a Junior Hatter even more than usual this afternoon - he has been chosen as mascot, which means he is very much part of the proceedings. It

is an early birthday present for him, because he will be ten in a few weeks. He goes to Homerswood Junior Mixed Infants School, and as well as watching and playing football - he is in the Birchwood FC team - he likes golf and cricket.

Today he meets our players face to face, joining them in the dressing room before the game, and then going out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities. Perhaps best of all he will enjoy the chance to meet Matthew Taylor, who is Jordan's favourite player.

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# Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

EARLIER this year, as the football world mourned the loss of Sir Stanley Matthews, older follows of Luton Town were also saddened to hear of the death of former full-back Tom Aherne, better known as Bud.

Exactly 50 years ago today Bud was a member of a struggling Hatters Second Division side that managed to bring back a precious point from Maine Road, Manchester. Ironically, it was not until his last season as a first-team player, 1956/57, that he featured on card No. 40 of this set of football cards which were given away with Cadet's sweet cigarettes.

Bud was born in Linfield in January 1919, and not until he was 26 did he break into the first team of Belfast Celtic, who were then one of the strongest clubs in Ireland. In March 1949 Luton splashed out £8,000 for his services, which was considered a large fee for a player on the wrong side of 30. However, the Town never had any cause to regret one penny of the money, as he was to prove one of their most consistent performers over the next eight years.

Aherne went straight into the first team at Tottenham and made an impressive debut in a 2-1 defeat, but suffered an ankle injury a couple of weeks later which caused him to miss the rest of that season.

He returned to be the regular left back for the 1949/50 campaign, and also added to the two Eire caps he had won at Belfast Celtic.

Bud went on to become a dual international, as he also won four Northern Ireland caps as well as a total of 16 for the Republic. In those days players born south of the Border could represent the province.

Despite playing in a struggling team for his first two or three years at Luton, Bud soon gained a reputation for being one of the best defenders in

the old-style Second Division. He was fast, strong in the tackle, and able to kick with either foot. Gradually, under the astute leadership of Dally Duncan off the pitch, and Syd Owen on it, Luton's fortunes improved, and in 1953 they narrowly missed promotion, finishing third in the days when only two went up. Once again, though, Bud's season finished prematurely following another nasty injury.

There was better luck for club and player two years later, however, when the Town finally

gained promotion in a season in which Bud played every game.

So, at the age of 36, he saw top-flight football for the first time, and he made the transition effortlessly. Although, naturally, he was a little slower, he made up for this with clever positional play, which enabled him to take care of the best wingers in the game, even Stan Matthews. Off the field, Bud was always the typical, jovial Irishman, and was a good singer of his country's ballads.

His 267th and final League game came on February 23, 1957, at West Bromwich, where he sustained a broken ankle in a 4-0 defeat. He stayed on the playing staff for another couple of years before taking up a part-time coaching position. After this he worked as a welder in the town, where he was firmly settled with his family.

Right up until his death he remained very much involved with local soccer, particularly with the St. Joseph's club, which he helped to establish as one of the top teams in the area.

These Cadet cards, which mainly took their illustrations from those used in the famous Charlie Buchan's "Football Monthly" are still quite easy to obtain from card fairs and dealers, generally at under 50p each.

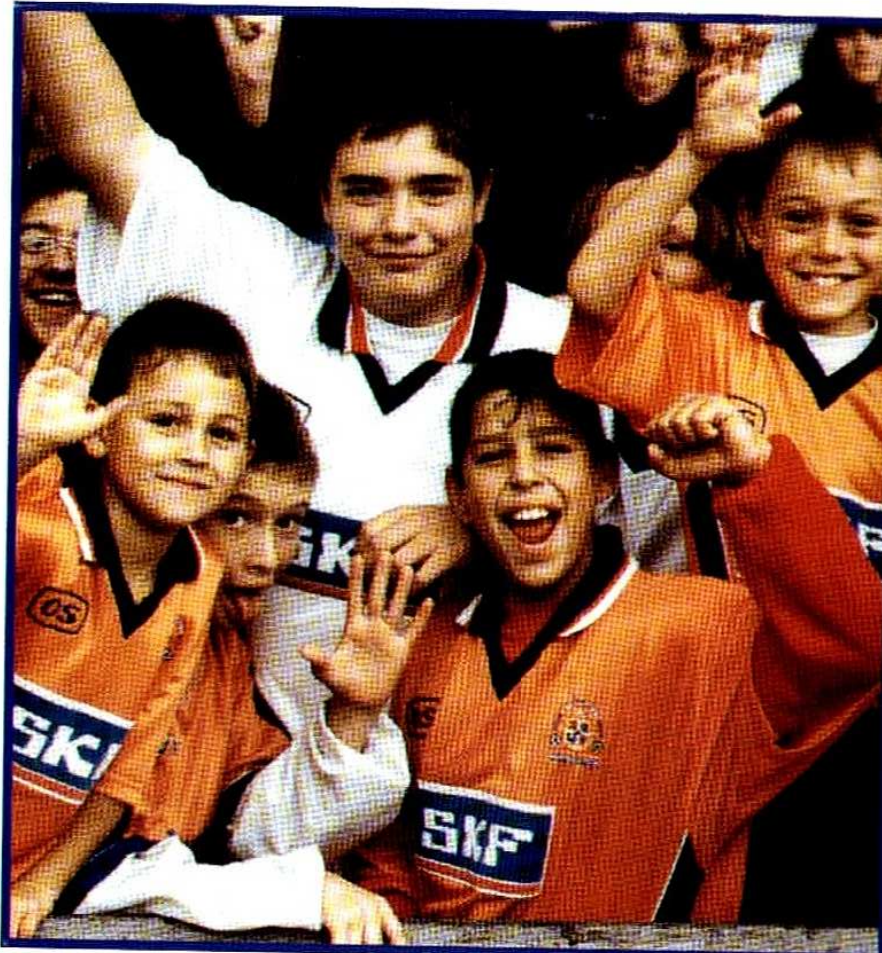


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# Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Northampton 2 (HT 0-1)

RICKY Hill summed up the frustration he felt as keenly as the supporters when Northampton were allowed to help themselves to their first-ever league win at Kenilworth Road. "Too many players too far below par," he said.

Nathan Abbey was one of the very few exceptions, after a surprise call-up for his first game of the season after Mark Ovendale suffered a neck injury on the day of the game. Abbey produced a memorable display, his best-ever, and as a result retained his place for the visit of Walsall even though Ovendale had recovered by then.

There was precious little else for the home fans to cheer as Northampton's Steve Howard and Jamie Forrester showed the attacking sharpness we lacked, each making a goal for the other. Both managers agreed that but for Abbey's excellence the Cobblers would have gone home with four or five goals.

Northampton's Kevin Wilson added that it was their best away performance for a long time. He made no comment when one of his local reporters suggested Luton were so poor that Northampton should not get carried away with one result. But perhaps our disappointment was put into context three days alter when the Cobblers went to the New Den and beat Millwall 1-0.



*JUMPING TO IT: Dean Brennan in the thick of the action, with Matthew Taylor in close support.*

## Match Details

**Town:** Abbey, Boyce, Watts, McLaren, Fraser, Taylor, Spring (Holmes 55 mins), Brennan (Kandol 60 mins), George, Stein, Scarlett. Unused subs: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.

**Booked:** No-one.

**Northampton:** Welch, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Dryden, Hunt, Howard, Hodge (Savage 75 mins), Hargreaves, Forrester (Gabbadini 75 mins), Green.

**Booked:** Chris Hargreaves, 9 mins, dissent when he thought Matthew Taylor had brought down John Hodge for a penalty.

**The goals:** : 0-1 38 mins - Jamie Forrester, deliberate low drive into the bottom corner after collecting a flicked headed pass by Steve Howard; 0-2 59 mins - Steve Howard, thumping drive when left unmarked to meet a short square pass by Forrester.

**Referee:** Roger Furnandiz

**Attendance:** 6,712, including 1,240 happy Cobblers, the biggest away following of the season so far

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# Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Walsall 0

GRATEFUL for a point, but unhappy with the standard of play, Ricky Hill immediately began planning a shake-up in the team after the Town's home record was dented again.

There was a very little professional satisfaction from being only the second side this season to prevent the league leaders winning, and only the second to keep a clean sheet against an attack which had netted 15 times in the previous six games.

But Walsall boss Ray Graydon knew his side had thrown away two points. "We would have won it easily but for their goalkeeper," he said, becoming the second visiting manager in four days to pay tribute to the revitalised Nathan Abbey.

Graydon added that though he was disappointed to get only a draw, he was also a touch relieved at the end because the Town could have snatched an unlikely victory with their only shot on target, a volley by Matthew Spring in the 87th minute which was beaten away by the keeper.

Otherwise, the most threatening action came at the other end. We escaped when Darren Wrack hit a post, and several times Abbey did the business when Walsall expected to score. The best of several good saves was a perfectly judged advance and spread after Darren Byfield beat the offside trap for a one-on-one with the young goalkeeper.

In speaking of his admiration for that save, Hill

made the point that in all our games so far, we had never managed to create a similar scoring chance, and that was of great concern. He gave a debut to new striker Peter Thomson, but he found the pace of the game, and, perhaps the indifferent service, too difficult to cope with. He was keen to impress, but it was no occasion for a memorable debut because most of the rest of the team was well below its capabilities.

There was precious little to excite the fans, and there were signs that players are feeling the pressure as things fail to gel at home. Against Walsall, agreed the manager, there were times when fear came into the Town game, with players short of confidence and self-belief. "We didn't do the basic things well," he said. "Our control and passing was not good enough.

"And we were not positive enough. You know how I like to see football played. When you are looking for options to pass, look first if you can get it forward. If you cannot, then think about a square pass. If that is also not on, then you might have to pass it backwards. I think we are getting into a state of mind when we think of the back pass first..."

When the Town did try to get forward, possession was lost all too cheaply, leaving gaps for Walsall to exploit. On another day, said Graydon, he would expect his team to score two or three at least from the amount of possession Walsall had.

## Match Details

**Town:** Abbey, Boyce, Watts, Locke, Spring, Taylor, McLaren, Brennan (George 52 mins), Scarlett (Holmes 82 mins), Thomson (Kandol 72 mins), Stein. Unused subs: Fraser, Ovendale.

**Booked:** No-one.

**Walsall:** Walker, Brightwell, Bennett, Tillson, Byfield, Keates, Wrack (Hall 72 mins), Leitao (Angell 72 mins), Matias, Aranalde, Barras (Roper 82 mins). Unused subs Bukran, Emberson

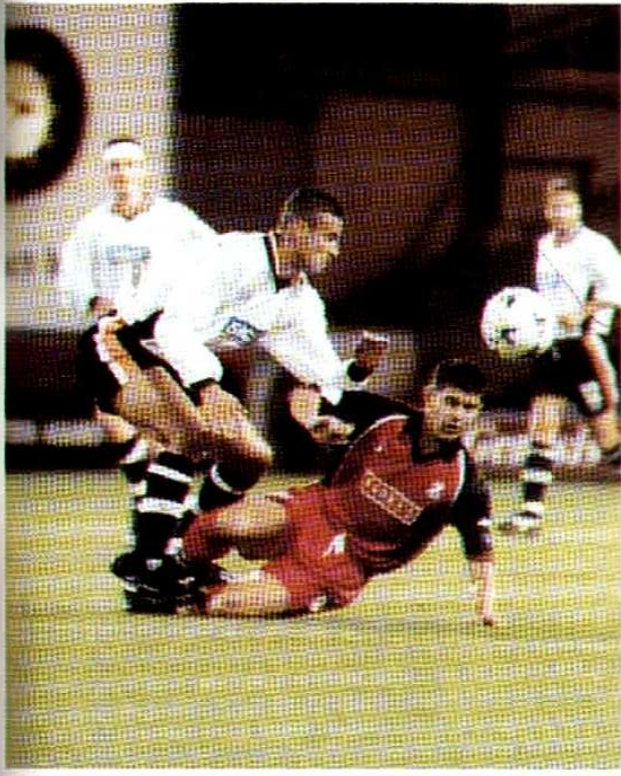
**Booked:** No-one.

**Referee:** David Elleray.

**Attendance:** 4,362, including 313 away supporters

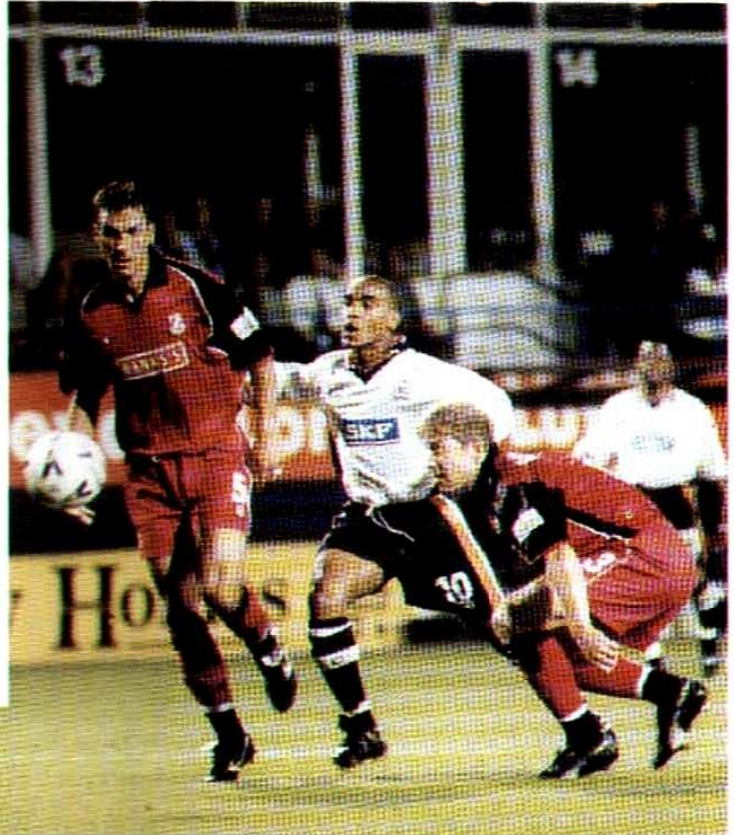
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*DEBUT DAY: Peter Thomson gets stuck in during his first-ever league game.*

*SHOOTING STAR: Mark Stein bursts clear of two defenders to fire in a shot*



*HANDY TACKLING: Tresor Kandol is subject to very firm "covering" by Walsall's Zigor Aranalde*

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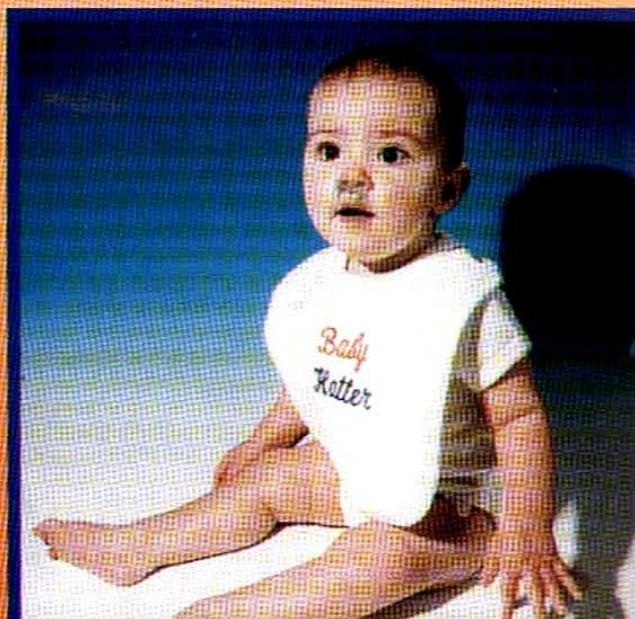
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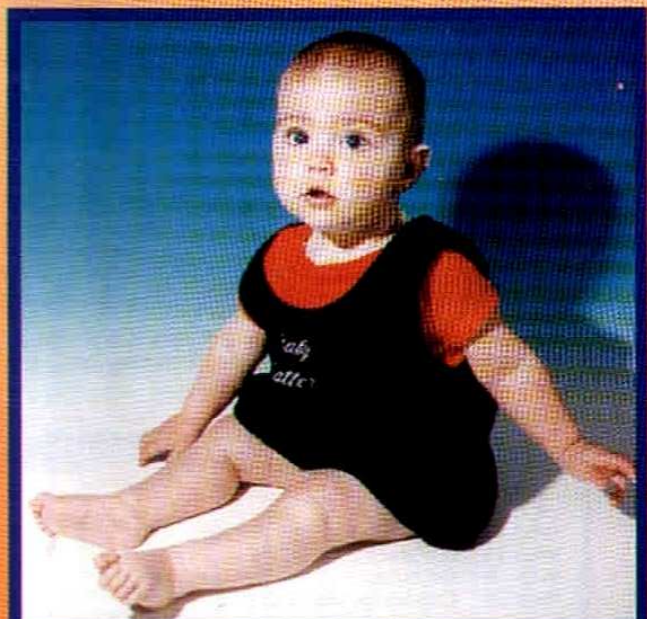
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# The Reserves

## John Moore



### Luton Town 1 Gillingham 1

THE RESULT was a fair reflection of the way the game went in our first outing in the Avon Insurance Combination League Cup. The disappointment was that while we certainly did not deserve to lose, nor did we have enough about us to win.

We had five trialists in the squad, with a sixth pencilled in but unable to play because his international clearance did not arrive in time. Another four players had been on the first team trip to Sunderland, which meant that they did not arrive home until 3am, less than 12 hours before our kick-off.

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Fulham	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
Swindon	4	3	0	1	9	2	9
QPR	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Cambridge	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Cheltenham	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Norwich	3	1	2	0	8	5	5
Brentford	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Wycombe	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Reading	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Millwall	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Northampton	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bristol Rovers	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Luton Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Gillingham	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Crystal Palace	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Southend	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Bournemouth	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Portsmouth	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
Brighton	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Oxford	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Barnet	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Leyton Orient	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Colchester	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Peterborough	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

The performance of Nathan Abbey was to be admired. Not only did he play well, but he showed the right attitude, and all credit to him for showing great maturity after the disappointment of being left out of the first team after playing well as Mark Ovendale's deputy.

It was a game of limited chances for both sides, but trialist full-back Matthew Joynson, who has been released by Norwich, was muscled out of the way when Gillingham took the lead after 12 minutes. The equaliser came from a penalty when Stokey Mason, another trialist, was pulled down. James Ayres netted from the spot.

That was in the 40th minute, but the rest of the game was a bit of a non-event, which was a great disappointment. We didn't show the drive and will to win that I expect from all players, particularly those who are trying to earn contracts. Both goalkeepers had it too easy, with neither side looking good enough to score a decider, but there was one major bonus from the match, with Gavin McGowan coming through for 90 minutes at left back, his first game since being injured before the season began.

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Joynson, Stirling (Newell 80 mins), Ayres, McGowan, Glasgow, Breitenfelder, Mason, Brennan (Standen 68 mins), Showunmi, Carter.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Ayres 4, Abbey 3, Breitenfelder 3, Carter 3, Stirling 3, Standen 2(2), Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), Kandol 2, Brennan 2, Scarlett 1, McGowan 1, Ward 1, Mortara 1, Fraser 1, Muffin 1, Carroll 1, Codner 1, Dogbe 1, Tait 1, Onachie 1, Locke 1, Dickie 1, Walker 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Mansell (1), Newell (1).

**Goals:** Brennan 2, Kandol 2, Carter 1, Ayres 1 pen

OUR game at Leyton Orient last week was postponed because of the fuel crisis, and a new date has yet to be arranged. We were due to be away to QPR on Tuesday, but that game has also been put off, to help us with our preparations for the Worthington Cup game with Sunderland.

Our next scheduled fixture is a home match with Fulham, to be played on Wednesday October 4, at Baldock Town's ground, with a 2pm kick-off.

### Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

<b>AUG</b>			
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1 Brennan 2, Kandol
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1 Kandol, Carter
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2
<b>SEPT</b>			
Wed 13	L. Orient	A	postponed
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1 Ayres pen
Tues 26	QPR	A	postponed
<b>OCT</b>			
Wed 4	Fulham	H*	2pm
Wed 11	C. Palace	H	2pm
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	2pm
Wed 25	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H*	2pm
<b>NOV</b>			
Wed 1	Reading	A	2pm
Mon 6	Brentford	H*	7pm
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	2pm
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2pm
<b>DEC</b>			
Mon 4	Portsmouth	H*	7pm

Wed 13	Colchester (LC)	A	2pm
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	7pm

<b>JAN</b>			
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	7.30pm
Wed 10	Wycombe	A	2pm
Mon 15	Brighton	H*	7pm
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2pm
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	7pm

<b>FEB</b>			
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	7pm
Mon 26	Colchester	A	2pm

<b>MAR</b>			
Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm

<b>APRIL</b>			
Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm

\*To be played at Baldock Town.

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# Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

Luton Town 2  
Wycombe Wdrs 0

AFTER failing to win in our first three games, good work on the training field paid off with an encouraging performance against last season's champions in our section of the Football League Youth Alliance. As well as our first victory, it was Wycombe's first defeat.

We included two trialists, Robert Gillman and Joe Bruce, in the centre of defence, but were able to work with them in training before the day of the game, and we got the kind of team effort we wanted.

The defence was solid and deserved the first clean sheet of the season, and stood up well to Wycombe's direct style of football. The back four coped with pressure comfortably, which was very pleasing.

It was also good to see much better forward movement, particularly from Chris Dillon and Duane Clarke, and Dillon's two second-half goals were a fair reflection of the way he and the team played.

We had to reorganise late in the first half when Jerome Meike went off with an injury, but schoolboy Stephen O'Leary, another trialist, did well as his replacement, and the experience will do him good. We always looked more likely to score, although we had to wait until the 65th minute to break the deadlock. But it was an excellent goal, started by Rene James-Barriteau. He got control of the ball in midfield, and broke quickly before sliding a good

pass into the path of Dillon, who very calmly shot into the net.

Ten minutes later we clinched it with a near-identical goal, involving the same two players. It finished off Wycombe, whose only threat at the other end had come just before that, when they put us under a bit of pressure, mainly from set-pieces, including long throws.

Scott Ward had one save to make, and made it comfortably, and the fact that he otherwise had an easy game speaks volumes for the way the defence played, with full-backs John Carroll and Steven Dogbe in good form.

For the last 15 minutes Michael Leary replaced Carroll, which meant we had three trialists in the back four, but the organisation and concentration never wavered, and Wycombe were not allowed a single scoring opportunity.

Gillman's reward followed within a few days - he has been taken on as a first-year scholarship boy.

**Luton Town:** Ward, Dogbe, Bruce, Carroll (Leary 75 mins), Gillman, Meike (O'Leary 35 mins), James-Barriteau, Mansell, Clarke, Dillon Osborn.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets) up to and including Wycombe:** Ward 4, Gillman 4, Deeney 3, Carroll 4, Dogbe 4, Mansell 4, Mortara 3, James-Barriteau 4, Dillon 3, O'Leary 1(3), Jeffrey 1(1), Clarke 2(1), Leary 1(1), Bruce 2, Nurse 1, Minton 1, Osborn 1(1), Ramirez (1), Meike 1(1)  
**Goals:** Dillon 3, Carroll 1, James-Barriteau.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

### South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG				
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau
26	L. Orient	A	0-4	
SEPT				
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 2
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon
23	Cambridge	H		
OCT				
7	Barnet	A		
14	Brighton	H		
21	Brentford	A		
28	Colchester	H		
NOV				
4	Gillingham	A		
11	Southend	A		
18	L. Orient	H		
25	Portsmouth	A		
DEC				
2	Northampton	H		

ANOTHER goal by Chris Dillon gave us a 1-1 draw at Northampton, and a report will be in Tuesday's matchday magazine. This morning we entertained Cambridge, but we have no game next Saturday, and our next home match is not until October 14, against Cambridge. We play at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, and kick-off is at 11 am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

### South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	5	5	0	0	14	5	15
Brighton	5	4	0	1	9	3	12
Brentford	5	3	0	2	12	7	9
Wycombe Wdrs	5	2	2	1	9	4	8
Colchester	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Southend	5	2	1	2	11	15	7
Luton Town	5	1	3	1	6	8	6
Portsmouth	5	1	2	2	7	9	5
Leyton Orient	5	1	1	3	8	7	4
Gillingham	4	1	1	2	4	10	4
Barnet	5	0	2	3	5	10	2
Northampton	5	0	1	4	2	11	1

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# Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

Club	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth	4,134						
Brentford	5,166						
Bristol City	10,327						
Bristol Rovers	8,078						
Bury	3,532						
Cambridge	3,739						
Colchester	3,666						
Luton	5,839						
Millwall	9,449						
Northampton	5,937						
Notts County	4,993						
Oldham	4,781						
Oxford	4,695						
Peterborough	6,120						
Port Vale	5,347						
Reading	10,698						
Rotherham	4,136						
Stoke	12,546						
Swansea	6,883						
Swindon	6,394						
Walsall	5,960						
Wigan	5,699						
Wrexham	4,194						
Wycombe	5,339						

# Statson2

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

## League Scorers: the difference their goals made

Club	Player	Gls	Gms	Gl/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Walsall	Angell	4	8	0.5	1	1	1	6	1	3
Notts County	Stallard	4	8	0.5	0	2	1	5	3	2
Millwall	Harris	3	6	0.5	0	2	0	4	3	2
Bury	Bullock	2	7	0.29	0	1	1	3	2	3
Northampton	Forrester	4	6	0.67	0	1	1	3	1	1
Reading	Cureton	5	6	0.83	0	1	1	3	3	2
Rotherham	Robins	5	8	0.63	0	1	1	3	2	2
Wigan	Haworth	4	7	0.57	1	0	0	3	1	2
Wrexham	Sam	6	6	1	0	1	1	3	5	1
Wycombe	Brown	3	8	0.38	0	1	1	3	1	2
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	4	7	0.57	0	0	2	2	2	2
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	3	6	0.5	0	0	2	2	3	2
Luton	Spring	1	7	0.14	0	1	0	2	1	5
Peterborough	Green	3	8	0.38	0	0	2	2	2	3
Brentford	Scott	2	7	0.29	0	0	1	1	1	3
Cambridge	Youngs	4	7	0.57	0	0	1	1	3	4
Colchester	Duguid	2	8	0.25	0	0	1	1	1	3
Port Vale	Bridge-Wilkinson	3	6	0.5	0	0	1	1	1	3
Stoke	Thordarson	3	7	0.43	0	0	1	1	3	3
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	6	0.17	0	0	0	0	1	5
Oldham	Corazzin	2	7	0.29	0	0	0	0	1	3
Oxford	Beauchamp	2	7	0.29	0	0	0	0	1	4
Swansea	Bound	2	7	0.29	0	0	0	0	1	3
Swindon	Invincible	1	5	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	2

Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (Gl/Gm). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals how many games change from Win to Loss (W>L), Win to Draw (W>D), Draw to Loss (D>L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games.

## Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS	PU	CS	FS	
Bournemouth	20	1	1	Oxford	22	1	4
Brentford	20	3	3	Peterborough	18	2	3
Bristol City	22	2	4	Port Vale	20	2	2
Bristol Rovers	19	2	1	Reading	22	4	3
Bury	20	4	2	Rotherham	18	3	0
Cambridge	18	3	1	Stoke	18	3	2
Colchester	17	3	3	Swansea	19	5	4
Luton	19	2	4	Swindon	20	2	4
Millwall	22	2	1	Walsall	16	2	2
Northampton	18	4	2	Wigan	22	3	3
Notts County	19	3	3	Wrexham	19	0	1
Oldham	20	1	3	Wycombe	16	3	4

PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets NS = Games Team Failed to Score

## Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	14,532	Stoke v Wycombe
Lowest Gate	2,126	Wrexham v Rotherham
Highest Aggregate Score	2-6	Bristol Rovers
Biggest Home Win	6-1	Rotherham
	Reading 5-0	Oldham
Biggest Away Win	2-6	Bristol Rovers
Wins	5	Walsall
Games Unbeaten	6	Bristol Rov, Cambridge, Wycombe
Defeats	4	Bristol City, Oxford
Winless Run	6	Oldham, Oxford
Games	87	
Home Wins	33 (38%)	
Away Wins	29 (33%)	
Draws	25 (29%)	
1-1 Draws	14 (16%)	
0-0 Draws	9 (10%)	
Average goals per game	2.37	
Yellow cards	260	
Red cards	16	

## Division 2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AWAY GOALS	0	9	10	5	4	4	1			
	1	14	14	1	4	1	1			
	2	4	3	1	2					
	3	2	1	1						
	4	3	1							
	5									
	6		1							
	7									
	8									

Grid shows the number of games ending with each results, e.g. 14 matches have resulted in a 1-0 away win

## Referee's Report

Referee	Gam	Red	Yell	Av. Yell
Prosser	4	3	21	5.25
Foy	4	2	21	5.25
Fletcher	4	0	20	5.00
Jordan	4	2	19	4.75
Hall	5	5	23	4.60
Olivier	5	3	23	4.60
Alcock	4	3	18	4.50
Mathieson	4	0	18	4.50
Hill	4	0	17	4.25
Dowd	5	5	20	4.00
Parkes	4	1	16	4.00
Kaye	4	3	15	3.75
Barry	3	0	11	3.67
Cooper	3	1	11	3.67
Wilkes	4	1	14	3.50
Curson	4	1	14	3.50

## Division 2 Hotshots - Each club's most prolific marksmen

Club	Player	GS	1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gl	3 Gl	GS	1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gl	3 Gl		
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	3	1	2	1	0	Oxford	Beauchamp	1	1	0	1	0
Brentford	Scott	2	1	2	0	0	Peterborough	Green	3	2	3	0	0
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	1	1	0	0	Port Vale	Bridge-Wilkinson	2	1	1	1	0
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	3	1	3	0	0	Reading	Cureton	3	2	2	0	1
Bury	Bullock	2	1	2	0	0	Rotherham	Robins	4	3	3	1	0
Cambridge	Youngs	3	0	2	1	0	Stoke	Thordarson	3	1	3	0	0
Colchester	Duguid	2	1	2	0	0	Swansea	Bound	2	2	2	0	0
Luton	Spring	1	1	1	0	0	Swindon	Invincible	1	0	1	0	0
Millwall	Harris	3	2	3	0	0	Walsall	Angell	3	1	2	1	0
Northampton	Forrester	3	3	2	1	0	Wigan	Haworth	2	1	1	0	1
Notts County	Stallard	4	2	4	0	0	Wrexham	Sam	5	2	4	1	0
Oldham	Corazzin	2	0	2	0	0	Wycombe	Brown	3	2	3	0	0

GS=Number of Games Scored In; 1st Gl=Games Scored 1st Goal; 1 Gl=Games Scored 1 Goal; 2 Gl=Games Scored 2 Goals; 3 Gl=Games Scored 3 Goals

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# 2nd Division

## Brian Swain

ONE KIND result and a postponement conspired to prevent us dropping

into the bottom four of the Second Division after the defeat at Swansea.

Oldham and Bristol City met at Boundary Park, and the winners would have overtaken us, but the result was perfect - a 0-0 draw which enabled us to stay ahead of both, a point clear of the relegation places. Today's visitors would also have gone above us if they had managed to beat Cambridge at home, but the match was called off because of the fuel crisis. The pools panel's judgement was that it would have been 0-0 at half time, and a Cambridge victory at 90 minutes. The rest might have done Swindon good, because on Tuesday in the Worthington Cup they gained a very creditable 1-1 draw at First Division Tranmere Rovers. Paul Rideout, once a Swindon star, missed a penalty to make it 2-0 to Tranmere, and the Robins equalised when Reuben Hazell deflected a cross by Matt Hewlett into his own net.

Today's game is a bit of a six-pointer, and Colin Todd's return will be a happy one if his side wins, because that would put the Robins above us. Their only win in six league attempts so far was away from home, 1-0 at Bristol City a fortnight ago.

City, Swindon and Oxford are joint bottom with four points, with goal difference leaving Oxford cursing

their luck after their first win of the season, 1-0 against Bury. Substitute Jamie Cook snatched the late winner two minutes after going on, and Oxford then needed one more goal to inch ahead of Swindon, but Joey Beauchamp missed a penalty.

At the other end of the table Walsall are still top, but their draw at Kenilworth Road was followed by another, 1-1 at home to Bournemouth, and manager Ray Graydon, so complimentary about his team at Luton, was much more critical after sub Wayne Elliott rescued a point for the Cherries in the last minute. With second-placed Cambridge having a day off, Wigan missed a chance to overtake them when they were held to a goal-less draw at Bristol Rovers. It was the first time in eight league and cup games so far that the Rovers had failed to score, despite selling Jason Roberts and Jamie Cureton for combined fees of £2.5million.

Cureton is enjoying a new lease of life at Reading, and is the Division's joint leading scorer, having hit six for his new club to add to one penalty for Rovers. Mark Sallard has hit seven for Notts County. Mark Robins, of Rotherham, has six goals to his credit, and three strikers are on five goals so far: Lomana Tresor Lua Lua of Colchester, Simon Haworth of Wigan and Hector Sam of Wrexham. Lua Lua, 19, missed Colchester's 1-1 home draw with Wrexham because he was on his way to Newcastle Utd for £2.25million. Among the week's other results, Brentford 1 Millwall 1 sounds run of the mill, except that it was disastrous for Millwall joint managers Alan McCleary and Keith Stevens. Lions fans let rip at the pair as they left the pitch at Griffin Park, and a few hours later they were sacked on the grounds that they did not seem likely to attain the club's ambitions. Ray Harford became caretaker manager, which means he might just bring an opposing team to Kenilworth Road next month, for the first time since he was here with West Brom for a Coca Cola Cup-tie three years ago.

*Brian Swain*

### Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Walsall	8	3	1	0	9	5	2	1	1	7	5	17	
Cambridge	7	3	0	1	11	2	1	2	0	3	2	14	
Wigan	7	3	0	0	6	2	1	2	1	3	3	14	
Bury	8	2	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	4	3	14	
Reading	8	3	1	0	14	3	1	0	3	1	5	13	
Northampton	7	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	3	2	13	
Rotherham	8	1	1	2	5	6	3	0	1	6	7	13	
Stoke	7	2	1	1	7	1	1	2	0	6	5	12	
Wycombe	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	2	2	12	
Swansea	7	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	11	
Peterborough	8	1	2	1	4	5	2	0	2	5	5	11	
Bristol Rov	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	10	5	10	
Millwall	6	2	0	2	4	3	1	1	0	4	2	10	
Colchester	8	1	2	1	5	5	1	2	1	3	3	10	
Notts County	8	0	1	3	4	7	3	0	1	3	1	10	
Port Vale	7	2	1	1	7	2	0	1	2	2	9	8	
Bournemouth	7	1	2	0	5	2	0	2	2	3	6	7	
Wrexham	6	1	0	3	5	9	1	1	0	5	2	7	
Brentford	7	0	3	1	3	7	1	1	1	2	5	7	
Luton Town	8	1	1	2	1	3	0	2	2	3	8	6	
Oldham	8	1	1	2	5	6	0	1	3	4	12	5	
Bristol City	6	0	0	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	4	
Swindon	6	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	3	1	8	4	
Oxford Utd	8	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	4	3	13	4	

### Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

Bournemouth v Oldham  
 Bristol City v Colchester  
 Bury v Port Vale  
 Cambridge v Bristol Rovers  
 Millwall v Oxford  
 Notts County v Brentford  
 Reading v Swansea  
 Stoke v Rotherham  
 Wigan v Northampton  
 Wrexham v Walsall  
 Wycombe v Peterborough

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# Statistics Fixtures

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attnd.	Team					
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H 3pm	0-1	-	7,059	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson	
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A 3pm	1-2	-	6,518	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson	
AUGUST	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H 7.45pm	0-0	-	3,175	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
AUGUST	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H 3pm	1-0	18	5,221	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm	1-1	17	6,001	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm	1-1	17	4,061	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke	
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm	2-2	17	4,286	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Town	H 3pm	0-2	19	6,712	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H 7.45pm	0-0	19	4,362	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke	
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A 3pm	0-4	20	6,011	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke	
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A 7.45pm	0-3	20		Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser	
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H 3pm									
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm									
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm									
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H 12pm									
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm									
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A 7.45pm									
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H 3pm									
OCTOBER	Tue 24	Oldham	A 7.45pm									
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm									
OCTOBER	Tue 31	WC3	7.45pm									
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm									
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm									
NOVEMBER	Sat 18	FAC1	3pm									
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm									
NOVEMBER	Tue 28	WC4	7.45pm									
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm									
DECEMBER	Sat 9	FAC2	3pm									
DECEMBER	Tue 12	WC5	7.45pm									
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H 3pm									
DECEMBER	Sat 23	Reading	A 3pm									
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H 1pm									
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Wigan	H 3pm									
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A 3pm									
JANUARY	Sat 6	Notts County OR FA Cup 3	A 3pm									
JANUARY	Wed 10	WC Semi(1)	7.45pm									
JANUARY	Sat 13	Wycombe	H 3pm									
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A 3pm									
JANUARY	Wed 24	WC Semi(2)	7.45pm									
JANUARY	Sat 27	Reading OR FA Cup 4	H 3pm									
FEBRUARY	Sat 3	Rotherham Utd	H 3pm									
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Tn	A 3pm									
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City OR FA Cup 5	H 3pm									
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm									
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm									
FEBRUARY	Sun 25	Worthington Cup Final										
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H 3pm									
MARCH	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm									
MARCH	Sat 10	Millwall OR FA Cup 6	A 3pm									
MARCH	Sat 17	Oxford Utd -	H 3pm									
MARCH	Sat 24	Brentford	A 3pm									
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A 3pm									
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City OR FA Cup 5-F	H 3pm									
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H 3pm									
APRIL	Mon 16	Wrexham	A 3pm									
APRIL	Sat 21	Bury	H 3pm									
APRIL	Sat 28	Bristol City	A 3pm									
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H 3pm									

The FA Cup final is on May 12

## FANS ON THE MOVE

THE fuel crisis had an effect on our following to Swansea, with the longest trip of the league season falling at the worst possible time. But 285 die-hard Town fans made it to The Vetch and for the even longer trip to Sunderland on Tuesday evening 332 fans from Luton were there.

### Visitors to Luton

Notts Co	.....606
Peterborough (WC)	.....360
Bournemouth	.....539
Northampton	.....1,240
Walsall	.....313
<b>Total:</b>	<b>.....3,058</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>.....612</b>

### Away-day Hatters

Wigan	.....640
Wycombe	.....1,266
Rotherham	.....603
Peterborough (WC)	.....908
Swansea	.....285
Sunderland (WC)	.....332
<b>Total:</b>	<b>.....4,034</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>.....672</b>

## Next Home Match



**Worthington Cup Second Round Second Leg**

**Luton Town V Sunderland**

**Tuesday 26th September Kick Off: 7.45pm**

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## Substitutes

Taylor	Spring	Locke,	George,	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes for Locke 57, Fraser for Watts 78. Unused: Stirling, Brennan, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for Johnson HT, Scarlett for Locke 73, Brennan for Holmes 83. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for Fotiadis 81. Unused: Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 57, Locke for Holmes 86. Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81. Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandoll for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72; Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.

## Town Teaser

OUR "Town Trivia" quiz offers a little prize to one lucky supporter at every match. The question at the last home game was about the Walsall David Pleat signed from the Saddlers, and who played in our Littlewoods Cup triumph. It was, of course, David Preece. This afternoon the PA announcer will ask another Town Teaser, and if you know the answer listen for your chance to step up and have a go. And if you don't know the answer, it is to be found elsewhere in this magazine.

## Today's Question

**TWO former Luton Town players are now involved in management with today's visitors. Who are they?**

WE WERE very sad to hear of the death of Aubrey Compton, at the age of 85. He followed Luton Town for 70 years as an avid supporter until ill health forced him to give up.

He lived at Welwyn Garden City, and it was through him that we signed Paul Price, also of Welwyn, through a family friendship. Mr Compton heard about the schoolboy star and tipped off Eric Morecambe. Price came on trial, was immediately signed, and became our captain and an established Welsh international before a transfer to Spurs.

We offer our condolences to Mr Compton's family, who maintain the tradition of supporting the Hatters - by co-incidence his great grandson, Jordan Bowden, is the Junior Hatters mascot this afternoon.

Coming Soon!  
Luton Town's very own official website.

[www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

# Today's Teams

## Luton Town

## Swindon Town



Manager : Ricky Hill

MARK OVENDALE 1

EMMERSON BOYCE 17

JULIAN WATTS 5

PAUL McLAREN 8

STUART FRASER 13

MATTHEW TAYLOR 15

MATTHEW SPRING 4

PETER HOLMES 20

TRESOR KANDOL 18

MARK STEIN 10

ANDRE SCARLETT 21

Substitutes

LIAM GEORGE 11

DEAN BRENNAN 22

JUDE STIRLING 23

PETER THOMSON 7

NATHAN ABBEY (GK) 16

Changes

### Today's Officials

Referee:

P. Rejer

Assistants:

R. E. Brayne (red flag)

K. K. Wright (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

S. Chittenden



Manager: Colin Todd

1 BART GRIEMINK

23 STEVE MILDENHALL

12 JUAN COBIAN

2 MARK ROBINSON

3 SOL DAVIS

22 ALAN REEVES

25 MARKO TUOMELA

6 ANTOINE van der LINDEN

7 KEITH O'HALLORAN

4 MATTHEW HEWLETT

19 MARK ROBERTSON

Substitutes

11 DAVID DUKE

15 ANDY WILLIAMS

10 GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

24 MARTIN WILLIAMS

18 GARY ALEXANDER

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