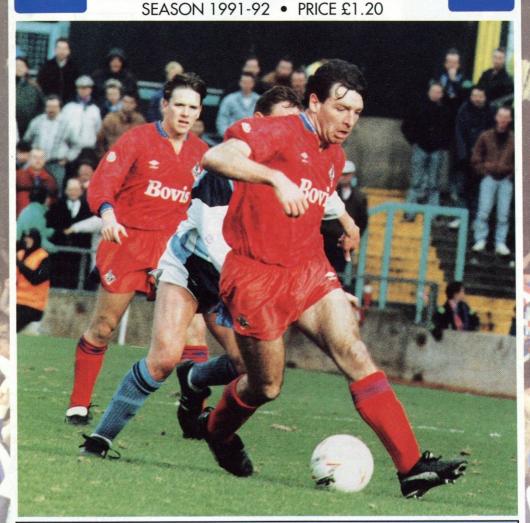
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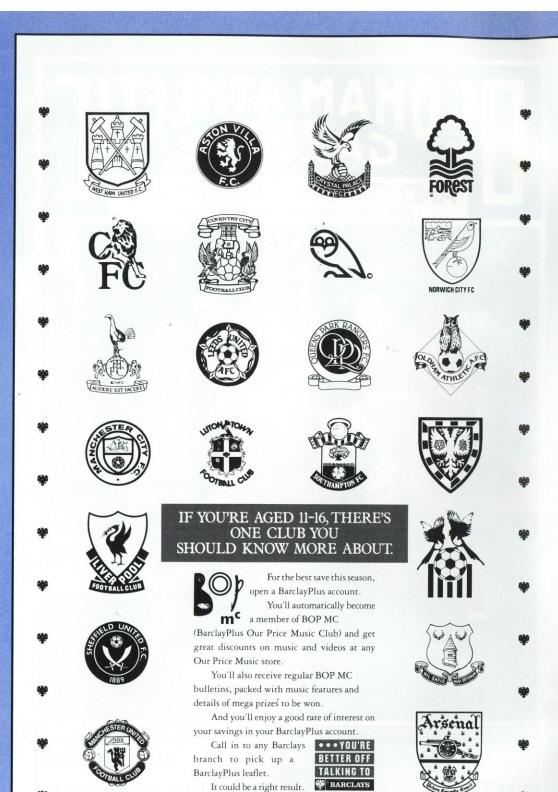
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S.O.S. as we are all aware is a cry for help. So please SAVE OUR SOCCER. At the time of writing these programme notes the P.F.A.'s ballot on strike action has just been announced with an overwhelming majority prepared to strike if necessary. Hopefully it won't come to that with common sense prevailing on both sides. Quite frankly I'm surprised its got to the stage of a confrontation and the sooner an amicable agreement can be achieved the better. Hopefully by the time the Latics are ready to go into action today, with luck the two parties concerned will have resolved their differences

I only hope that everyone will have benefitted from the unusual experience. The English game must be preserved with all its outstanding qualities at all costs.

There may be faults perhaps with technical skills and abilities, but the passion which exists can often overcome weaknesses and therefore continue to supply exciting entertainment.

I found a perfect example of all the main games were featured on the same night.

BBC, ITV and BSkyB. Having been given an As for today's game Latics will be looking Tottenham v Fevenood, Liverpool v Genoa and Sunderland v Chelsea. The Italians' application was excellent, but remember striving for squad strength" they were already two goals to the good and whilst it was interesting it wasn't compelling.

was riveting, all the ingredients of the dressing room.

with Jack Dearden



positive aspects of the brighter side of our game were on display.

I do feel we've had a habit over the years of focusing too much attention on what's wrong with our game rather than what's right with it. I hope we never lose sight of qualities in the English game just a few the fact that we produce a viable asset and weeks ago. For the first time ever three live project quality in our own style of play that cannot be found elsewhere.

ideal opportunity I decided to experiment by for three points to rubber stamp what has watching the three games in question at been a satisfactory season, with Joe Royle different times. The matches were already having declared that he will be "looking for quality players to supply an immediate impact next season rather than

Last word today goes to the university coach of an Hawaiian grid iron team and gives further example of being able to rely The Spurs game failed to set the heart on people to come up with the unexpected. fluttering with both sides not seeming able In this case it's an excuse given by losing to produce energy or enthusiasm, but the coach Bob Wagner who says his team lost a Sunderland - Chelsea FA Cup replay really game in Colorado because of a pink

Wagner revealed after the defeat that the colour scheme was more critical than you think "We put newspapers over the pink walls and tried to get out of the dressing room faster than normal"

Is there time I wonder before kick-off to repaint Luton's dressing room?

Enjoy your sport.

JACK DEARDEN

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Front cover: Rick Holden takes on the Coventry defence, watched closely by Nick



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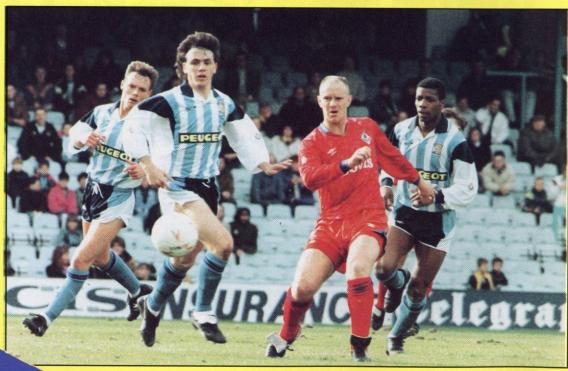
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LATICS IN ACTION

v COVENTRY CITY - 21st March 1992



Nick Henry fires in the Latics equaliser at Highfield Road.



Andy Ritchie tries his luck, but fires just wide.

(Photos: Oldham Evening Chronicle)

What constitutes the so called 'professional' foul, and its interpretation by referees, continues to be a cause for concern.

Rarely a week passes by without television pundits highlighting the inconsistencies which so often give rise to controversy.

And as these occur in the handful of televised matches there are presumably countless other incidents which never get the same glare of publicity.

What I find disturbing is that after all these months there are still grey areas and that football's governing bodies have seemingly done little to clarify them.

Referees were ordered to take swift and effective action to eliminate the professional foul.

But what in one official's eye is deemed malicious is frequently not in the opinion of another, and that is what causes the Twelve referees have sent off five or trouble.

I was fascinated by the results of a recent statistical survey in a football magazine on the punishments meted out by referees.

This provokes further discussion and proves once more that there is a marked level of inconsistency between referees.

Preston official Jim Parker has produced the red card 10 times, yet 22 of the Football League's 91 referees have not sent a single player off.

Surely over the duration of a season the level of foul play evens itself out.

the game differently to the likes of Keith first team this season, although four

of amably sever get Sport

with Tony Bugby

Hackett and Roger Milford - two of our (John Keeley, Mike Fillery, Chris Makin between them.

That is not to say Mr Parker is doing anything wrong other than going strictly by the book whereas the others probably give players the benefit of any doubt.

more players while the average appears to be three in around 18 games.

When it comes to yellow cards Mr Parker again leads the way with 68 bookings in his 18 games, yet somebody like Joe Worrall has produced the book only 14 times in 20 matches.

The feared Mr Parker is one of five referees to issue over 50 yellow cards this season.

Some clubs, admittedly, have horrendous disciplinary records. But should Mr Parker officiate here at Boundary Park he ought to have a relatively quiet afternoon.

Latics' behaviour on the park is Mr Parker evidently interprets the laws of exemplary with no player sent off in the

top refs who have not sent off a player and Paul Bernard) have been so in the reserves

> And with the season approaching its final weeks no Latics player has served a ban for the points accumulated from

> When it comes to dishing out the fair play awards Latics will surely be in the

> Latics play the game hard, but fair, and rarely get involved in retaliation and dissent - two of the scourges of the modern game.

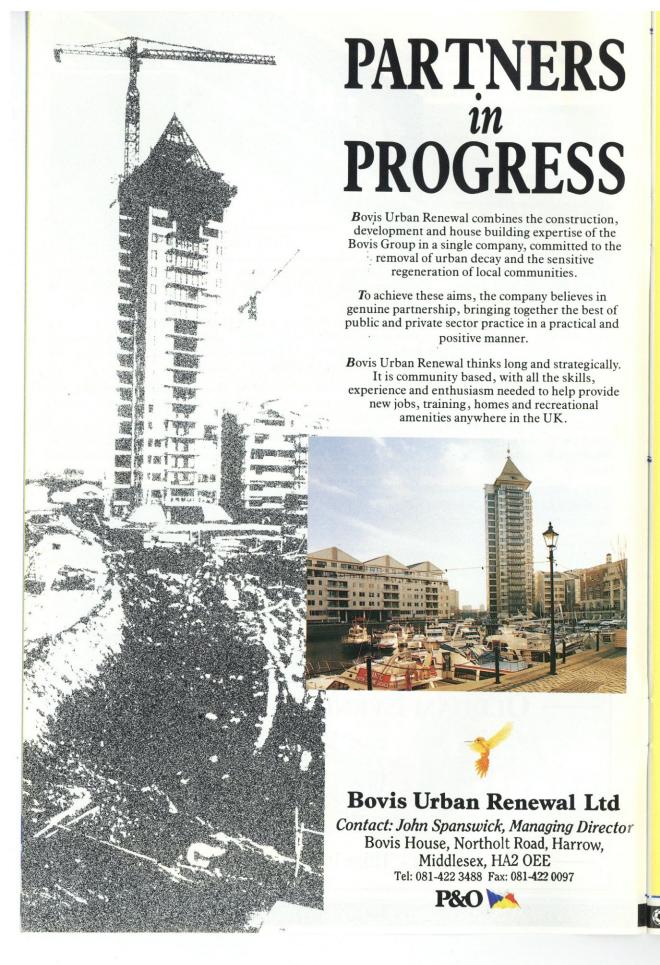
> Manager Joe Royle is a tough disciplinarian. He will not stand for any nonsense and that must be applauded.

Many youngsters are influenced by the actions of their footballing heroes and it is therefore important for the players to set a shining example.

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE



Our Success - Take it as Read





Welcome back to Boundary
Park for our third last home game of
this very eventful first season back in
Division One. We have the chance to cement
our status today against Luton Town, who are yet
again mounting their annual crusade against the drop.

The Hatters looked at one stage as if they 'needed snookers' to survive, but last week's victory over a very awkward Wimbledon has shown yet again that they have the desire and ability to avoid the drop.

I wish David Pleat's team all the best after today, but we desperately need to avenge our defeat at Kenilworth Road, when we managed to clutch a defeat from out of the jaws of victory in a nightmare last four minutes.

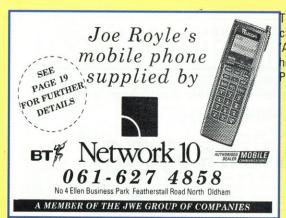
Our short unbeaten run came to an end at Bramall Lane last week, when, to put it bluntly, we played all the football, but they scored all the goals.

After our best performance of the season against Sheffield Wednesday, it was a bitter pill to swallow at Bramall Lane, but the performance was at least encouraging.

By the time you read these notes, we shall know who the nation has voted into power in the General Election. Will it be the Tories, who by concensus of opinion have not done very well of late?, or will it be Labour who are desperately keen to show that they have all the answers? Frightening! I sometimes wish that a 'Hung Parliament' was exactly what it sounds to be, as the country seems to be desperately short of generals at present.

Back to the football, and I sincerely hope that the PFA and the Premier League have solved their differences by now, as I know that any industrial action by the players will do irreparable damage to the public's attitude to soccer.

We should all be directing our energies towards bringing the public in, not disenchanting them with internal squabbles which have arisen due to a lack of negotiation.



Thank you to all our fans at Bramall Lane who cheered us on, only to come away once again with Away Day Blues', and on to the job at hand and hopefully three more points towards next season's Premier League.

See you soon

JOE

- "There's no comeback, now."
- "Time to throw in the towel."
- "We probably won't even win the toss."
- "It's not over till it's over."
- "I am the greatest."
- "We're going out there to win."

WHOSE SIDE ARE

"This will probably YOU ON?

a hole in one."

slice out of bounds."

- "Me win? On your bike."
- "Bet I'm out for a duck."
- "As long as I'm not last."
- "Oh no, look who we've drawn."
- "I'm sick as a parrot."

"I'll be the first through the tape."

- "I'll knock this one for six."
- "You won't see me for dust."
- "The cup's a great leveller."
- "I'm over the moon."

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IS THERE A LIFE AFTER ALDERSHOT?

Football is, indeed, a funny old game. In a week when Aldershot F.C. disappeared into oblivion because they could not raise £350,000, something like £3-million was spent on pre-deadline transfers. Ken Bates was reported to have invested £3-million towards the purchase of Stamford Bridge for Chelsea and the PFA was threatening its first-ever player strike over a dispute in fees from televised games.

When poor old Aldershot were suffering the most traumatic moment in their history, two of their fairly close neighbours were about to enjoy highlights of their respective careers - Southampton played Nottingham Forest before a crowd of almost 70,000 in the Zenith Data Systems Cup Final at Wembley whilst tiny Wimborne Town were preparing for their first-ever trip to Wembley for the F.A. Vase Final.

I suppose one of football's great fascinations is its very illogicality. Here we have a fairy tale world in which, one day, Fourth Division Wrexham can beat mighty Arsenal in the F.A. Cup, then we have Second Division Blackburn Rovers paying £5.2-million for new players - whilst, almost at the same time, suffering a run-in in which they won only once in nine games - whilst Aldershot's players existed for seven weeks or so without any wages.

Whilst the League's newest club Barnet faced a winding up order in the High Court, Penniless Northampton Town had to call in the PFA to pay their players' wages.

During this same crazy period. I read that the Football League had turned down a £12.5-million offer from the BBC to televise the Rumbelows League Cup over the next five years.

In yet another paragraph I saw that Carlisle are going part-time next season because the Fourth Division club can no longer afford fulltime salaries

With all this turmoil within the game. I read headlines about Aldershot being the first of many little clubs to go to the wall. This would have a domino effect. We are about to witness the collapse of the lower divisions as we have known them.

Yet, lest we get carried away by all this, I should remind you that this has all happened before!

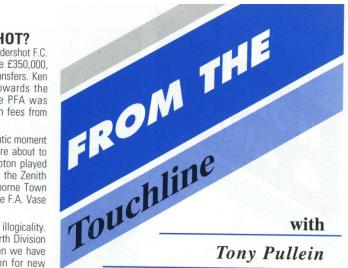
Going back through my files. I cam across ALMOST IDENTICAL headlines. "The End for Small Clubs", "The Rich Will Get Richer-Small Clubs Will Die".

The date of those commments? March 1962!

It was, ironically, almost 30 years to the day since Accrington Stanley disappeared from the Football League for precisely the same reasons as Aldershot.

Prophets of gloom foresaw absolute disaster for English football.

Yet, four years later, England won the World Cup. Later Manchester United, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa were to win the European Cup and the Football League Cup and all have continued to thrive.



At the time of Accrington's demise, Coventry, Crystal Palace, Q.P.R. and Notts County were in the Third Division. Wimbledon were a tiny non-League outfit. Today all of those clubs are in the First Division.

Within the very nature of the game, some clubs indeed get richer whilst others go into decline.

A few days after Accrington announced their resignation. First Division leaders Burnley won a place in the F.A. Cup semi-finals.

Blackpool, Bolton and Cardiff were all in the First Division. Clubs like Workington, Bradford Park Avenue, Southport, Barrow and Newport County still enjoyed League status.

It is worth remembering that the Football League has now been in existence for 104 years and that, during that time, only three clubs have been forced to resign during the course of a season. The other was Wigan Borough back in 1931.

In fact, it seems that we can expect one club to go in this way every thirty years. It happened to Wigan in 1931/32, to Accrington in 1961/62 and Aldershot in 1991/92.

Who will be next in 2021/22?

So, whilst many have been posing the question - Is there a life after Aldershot? - the answer has to be an impossible one.

For every club that goes the way of Aldershot, there will be dozens lining up to take its place.

It may be of small consolation to Aldershot now but, though their demise was tragic for their own band of followers, their passing will make absolutely no difference to the future of English League football.





Our Next Home Game: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

At this time last year Tottenham were fighting for their financial future. Having solved most of those problems. Spurs now find themselves battling against relegation to the Second Division.

Even with England skipper Gary Lineker at his superb best, Spurs have found themselves slipping dangerously towards the bottom of the table. Lineker, who scored four times against Wimbledon in September, got his second hat-trick of the season as Tottenham defeated West Ham 3-0 on April Fools' Day. Prior to this week's game at Notts County, Lineker had scored 30 times.

One of the reason's for Tottenham's demise is that they have no one else to support Lineker in the chase for goals. Scotland international Gordon Durie, signed from Chelsea just before the start of the season, started well but he went several months without a goal and, even allowing for his hat-



Peter Shreeves (Team Manager)



Gary Lineker



Gary Mabbutt

trick against Coventry last month, he has netted only 11 times.

For most of the season Tottenham have looked sound in defence with Norway international Erik Thorstvedt turning in some superb displays in goal. And centre-back Gary Mabbutt has been playing well enough to earn himself a recall to the England side.

But when Thorstvedt has injured, England youth international lan Walker was called up. He had a poor game as Spurs lost 2-5 at home to Aston Villa, but manager Peter Shreeves said he would persevere with the voungster.

Tottenham have obviously missed the talents of Paul Gascoigne in midfield and their latest move to restore some creativity here was to sign Andy Gray on Ioan from Crystal Palace. Gray won his first England cap earlier this season but later fell out with Palace.

Strangely it is poor home form that has put Tottenham in danger. They have lost 11 home League matches. Yet they have a comparatively good away record.

They have won at Southampton (3-2), Nottingham Forest (3-1), Norwich (1-0), Wimbledon (5-3), Crystal Palace (2-1) and Coventry (2-1). They drew at Aston Villa (0-0), Sheffield Wednesday (0-0), Leeds (1-1) and Luton (0-0).

Spurs were beaten at Everton (1-3), West Ham (1-2), Arsenal (0-2), Chelsea (0-2), Manchester City (0-1) and Liverpool (1-2).



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There is no attempt to segregate the 'fans' Quite the opposite. They, their teachers and families are mixed together on the terraces for today's game: the culmination of a term's work and re-inforcement of new friendships.

Oldham youngsters have been involved in Matchmates in previous seasons. So, too, in the past have today's visitors Luton. This is the first time however, that they have had the opportunity to combine together. Nevertheless, the association of Oldham and Luton schools is a long one at school town team level: Oldham boys have entertained and visited Luton boys regularly in the past; they have attended football festivals together, and they journeyed together to Wembley to cheer on the national schoolboy side.

Matchmates has built upon these links. Since Christmas, six Oldham schools have been in touch with six Luton schools. They have followed a course of study based upon football, had visits from the local community police to learn about how and why a large event is policed, spent a whole day at the club learning about the business, watched the players train, and met the backroom staff.

They have also had a half-term of ballskill lessons from the Club's Community Programme Staff and visits by players to the school. This weekend the school's and town team boys have hosted their opposite numbers from Luton, living and playing together and

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GOLDEN GOAL

We apologise for not mentioning in our last programme one of the winners of Golden Goal from the Notts County game. The winner of £5 was David Walton of Woodend Street, Oldham. The times of the goals for the Sheffield Wednesday game were as follows:-1st Goal - 3 mins 33 secs Wins £100

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Gail Hansford of Waterhead had the time of her life at the Sheffield Wednesday game. Gail was the Latics Prizeline winner of a VIP day out at the big game and after enjoying lunch and the facilities within our hospitality suite Gail met two of her favourite players Andy Ritchie and Jon Hallworth.

Another fabulous prize is now up for grabs in the latest competition on the Latics Prizeline 0898 12 15 82 - an executive day out to our last away game of the season at Southampton. The winner along with a friend will travel in style on the Pullman Diner a really luxurious coach with leather seats and a host of other facilities and refinements.

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police motorcycle escorts for their coaches to

At five o-clock this evening the Matchmates

will say "farewell". They will go back to school

next term to continue their studies. They will

remember and continue the friendships

The lesson for us all is a simple one. The fact

that we support different football teams does

the ground and, of course today's game.

cemented this weekend.

not mean we cannot be friends.

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RESERVES WES WOUTHS

Pontins League Division 2 Tuesday 31st March 1992 Oldham Athletic 2 York City 3

The game was only two minutes old when Athletic took the lead with a marvellously worked goal, Andy Kenton driving the ball home after Paul Moulden had sold the City defence an outragous dummy

That was the last that was seen of the Latics attack as a more work man like York team took control and went in at halftime leading 1-3. After the substitution of young Neil Tolson the Athletic attack 'perked up' a little. A neat move involving Neil McDonald and Roger Palmer ended up with Kenton firing the ball into the roof of the net for his and Latics' second. The last twenty minutes was an end to end affair but ended in a deserved victory for York which leaves Athletic lying second from the bottom on goal difference above Hull City.

TEAM: KEELEY, MAKIN, HESELTINE, McDONALD, HARRIOT, HALL, PALMER, MOULDEN, TOLSON, BERNARD, KENTON, SUBS: GRAHAM, RICKERS. GOALSCORER: ANDY KENTON (2)

Lancashire League Division 1 Saturday 4th April 1992 Marine Reserves 1 Oldham Athletic "A" 1

An end to end affair resulted in a good point for Latics "A" team against middle of the table Marine. Quality football was hard to find due mainly to the poor standard of the pitch but Athletic's young side battled magnificently to obtain a result against a strong Marine XI. Richard Graham put Athletic ahead in the 63rd minute with a fine looping header from 12 yards but the youngsters couldn't hold out and in the 85th minute Marine equalised.

TEAM: GRAY, HOOLICKIN, HARRIOT, HALL, PARKINSON, WILSON, RICKERS, GRAHAM, LANE, EYRE, EVERINGHAM, SUBS: HILTON, BODEN

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 1992

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	31st	YORK CITY	H	2-3
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	13th	HULL CITY	Н	
	15th	BLACKPOOL	Н	
	21st	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	
	23rd	Huddersfield	A	
	27th	Scunthorpe	A	
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A Slice of Tradition

FINAL MEETING

Tickets are now on sale for the final Junior Latics Meeting of the season which will be held on THURSDAY 30TH APRIL. 7pm - 9pm at the QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL.

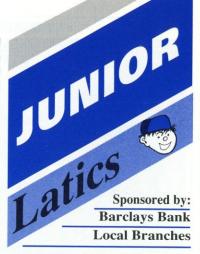
Special Guests will be OLDHAM CELTICS BASKETBALL TEAM, who will be showing us some of their basketball

JON HALLWORTH, ROGER PALMER, NICK HENRY, RICHARD JOBSON, and PAUL BERNARD will be going along to join in the fun, and we'll be doing the mascot draw for the first few games of next season.

Highlight of the evening is sure to be the presentation of the Junior Latics 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' award. Last year's winner was Richard Jobson and he is sure to be in contention once completed, leaving only the play-off again.

So make sure you complete your voting In the 8/11 league the four teams who moment.

Tickets priced at 50p members and £1 parents can be purchased in the Junior Latics lounge on matchdays, the Latique at any time or by post. So make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be a The play-off matches took place last great evening by purchasing your tickets night and we'll let you know the final NOW.



JUNIOR LATICS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Junior Latics Soccer Tournament is now nearing its conclusion.

The League fixtures have been matches to be decided.

slips as voting is very close at the have qualified for the play-offs are Gunnar Halle, Neil Adams, Jon Hallworth and Andy Barlow.

> In the 12 and over league the qualifiers are Neil McDonald, Andy Ritchie, Rick Holden and Graeme Sharp.

outcome in the Tottenham programme.



Philip Sutch, mascot for our away game at Villa Park, leads out the team.

MATCH MASCOT



ROBERT TAPLIN

AGE: Nine SCHOOL: Mills Hill Primary HOBBIES:

Football and Computer games FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMME: BBC Children's TV

> FAVOURITE SINGER: Michael Jackson

NAME OF FAVOURITE ATHLETIC PLAYER: Ian Marshall

NUMBER OF YEARS SUPPORTING CLUB: Three.

Robert plays right back for Chadderton Park Under 10's team, and moved to Oldham from Lincoln four years ago.



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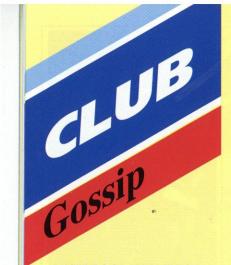
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LIVERPOOL WIN FIRST TITLE OF THE SEASON

Liverpool have secured at least one title this season with the pitch at Anfield officially declared number one in the First Division. For the second year Rumbelows are sponsoring the awards for the best pitches in the Football League and presentations will be made to the winners prior to one of their club's remaining home fixtures.

The League's Playing Surfaces Committee, in conjunction with Rumbelows, introduced the awards to recognise the tremendous amount of hard work put in by ground staff at clubs throughout the league. The winners were selected after consideration of nominations received from clubs together with pitch reports which are completed by match referees after each

The groundsmen of the year, who receive a special scroll and colour television are: DIVISION ONE: Reg Summers (Liverpool). DIVISION TWO: David Rigg (Middlesbrough). DIVISION THREE: Charlie Hasler (Leyton Orient). DIVISION FOUR: Bill Corby (Rotherham United).

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The voting procedure for the Lookers Player of the Year will be published in the match programme for the Tottenham Hotspur game on 20th April. The voting is likely to be very close again this year with quite a few players being in contention. Make sure you get a copy of the programme at the Tottenham game.



COACHING



Andy Ritchie and Paul Moulden met youngsters from the recent OAFC Soccer School which was based at Oldham Sports Centre.

Two further courses are planned for Easter, and bookings for these, and courses held throughout the summer, can be made by contacting John Platt on 061 678 8464.

LIVE IN EUROPE

Latique Travel is offering trips to live concerts in Europe to see some of the world's top attractions.

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DOWN UNDER



Seen displaying the 'Latics' stickers in the rear window of his car is Brian Barnett nothing special about that you may say, but when you realise that Brian lives in Tasmania, Australia then it is something different.

Brian (54) emigrated to Australia in 1972 on an assisted package, it cost him £10. When he left the UK he had only £50 in his pocket.

On arriving in Aussie land he obtained a job in a shipyard before moving to Tasmania as a rigger for a steel company.

Brian, formerly of Stevenson Drive, Sholver worked for George Dew as a driver and had supported Latics for 15 years singing the club's praises from the Chaddy End terraces up to his departure in February 1972.

He is proud to be displaying the club's name in the back of his car Down Under and may just be our most distant supporter.

STARLINE WINNERS

It was smiles all round last week at Park Cake Bakeries where a syndicate of four young ladies won a £1000 dream holiday on Latics Starline. The four ladies, Joan Creegan, Beryl

Lauren Devine, Hughes and Mary Chappell, have each been paying their 50p week а religiously and last week it paid off as their number '206' came up in the draw. Richard Jobson officially handed over their prize which will be shared

equally with each receiving a £250 voucher.

We have quite a few syndicates operating in factories and offices and if you would like to organise one at your premises then give us a ring on 061 627 1802 and ask for Lisa.

EASTER MONDAY

The Easter Monday clash with London glamour club Tottenham Hotspur is not now an all ticket game.

Entry to the terraces is by payment at the turnstiles. The game kicks off at 3pm. Tottenham's 2-0 win at Notts County on Tuesday night lifted them above ourselves in the league table leaving us just nine points clear of today's visitors Luton Town.

That basically outlines the situation in relation to the fight to avoid relegation and highlights the importance of winning todays encounter with Luton.

LOOKERS AWARD

The Lookers Player of the Month for March will receive his award before today's game from Stuart Gordon, Personnel Manager of Lookers plc.

IN THE HOT SEAT



Mike Milligan found himself in the hot seat recently when he visited St. Stephens CE Infant School on Shaw Street.

Mike went to the school so that the children could try out interviewing techniques as part of their National Curriculum Assesment. Some of the older children devised and delivered questions about Mike's career.

As a prominant member of the local community Mike was also asked to reward the children by presenting signed certificates, these were awarded for endeavour, hard work and fair play - characteristics associated with Oldham Athletic.

Club captain Mike is a hero to many of the children for all the right reasons.

£1M GRANT FOR **NEW STAND**

The Football Trust have confirmed that the new stand to be built at the Rochdale Road end during the close season will attract a grant of £1M. This represents 60% of the total cost of

The stand will accommodate 4600 seats and require the construction of new turnstiles and boundary fences. The electronic scoreboard will be repositioned on the facia of the new

WEDNESDAY ON VIDEO

Our spectacular 3-0 home win over Sheffield Wednesday is available on a special video price £11.99 available from Latique.

STILL TIME

There are just 12 vacancies left for the Royal Mail/Oldham Athletic Golf Classic taking place on 28th May at Crompton and Royton Golf Club.

If you are considering entering a team and have not yet returned your form then do so immediately to avoid being disappointed.

Details can be obtained by ringing 061 627 1802.

FOR THE RECORD

Div One: Highest Gate: 47,185 Man Utd v West Ham, Lowest Gate: 3.121 Wimbledon v Sheff Wed. Best Average: 44,809 Man Utd. Lowest Average: 6,926 Wimbledon. Goal Power: Leeds U 65 (1.86 goals/game). Top Stoppers: Man Utd (24 goals in 33 games). Best home record: Leeds Utd, Liverpool (17 games 37 points). Best away record: Man Utd (16 games 30 points).

HATTERS CUT COSTS

Today's visitors Luton Town on Tuesday parted company with general Manager Bill Tomlin and Chief Scout Ron Howard The club ran up losses of £1.6m last



OP FOR ANDY

Striker Andy Ritchie faces a major operation on his back during the close season, specialists have decided that his recurring injuries are a result of a problem with the discs in his back and therefore an operation is the only answer to clearing up the problem.

Recovery time for the operation is expected to be five months which will mean that it will be September before Andy is in contention for a return to action.

We hope everything goes well for Andy and that he makes a speedy recovery.

ANOTHER MOVE

Clive Allen's recent move from Chelsea to West Ham means that he has, at some stage, signed for all the London clubs currently in the First Division except one - Wimbledon

Notice that we say signed because there was one club he did not kick a ball for.

In June 1980 he signed for Arsenal for £1.25M from QPR but two months later, before the start of the season, Arsenal recovered their money from Crystal Palace

SOON OVER

Our first season back in Division One seems to have gone so quickly with only four games left to play after today. Two of those games are away from home,

the first at Selhurst Park against Crystal Palace on Easter Saturday and the final one at Southampton the following week. Our final home game against Manchester City brings the season to a close in front of what is expected to be a full house.

PREMIER LEAGUE

At the time of going to press it looked as if the threatened players strike was to be averted.

A new offer from the 22 First Division chairmen was met with optimism by PFA Chief Executive Gordon Taylor at a meeting with his counterpart from the Premier League, Rick Parry.

It was anticipated that agreement would be reached on Wednesday when, as Taylor put it "We want to dot the I's and cross the T's on a range of issues.

PRIZE MONEY ON OFFER

With the season approaching its closing stages, a significant incentive for all teams chasing success is provided by the Barclays League prize fund, which this year totals £300,000.

The Barclays League Champions will pick up a cheque for £100,000 with divisional winners in the Second collecting £50,000 and those in the Third and Fourth £25,000 each. Full details of the prize money on offer are shown below.

DIVISION	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP	3RD PLACE
ONE	£100,000	£50,000	
TW0	£50,000	£25,000	
THREE	£25,000	£10,000	
FOUR	£25,000	£10,000	£5,000

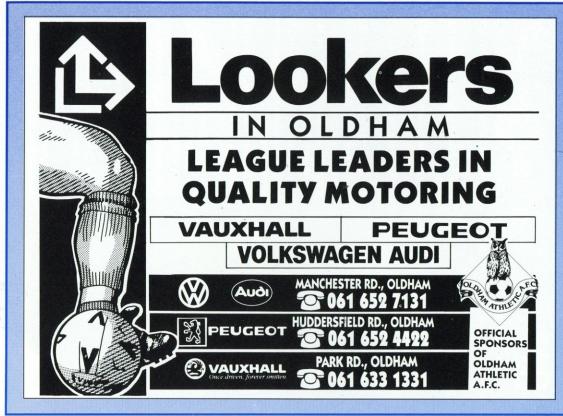
The Football Trust is helping the game at all levels. It assists clubs implement the Taylor Report. Grants are made for seating, new stadia, ground improvements, safety, community schemes, policing and stewarding and closed circuit television.

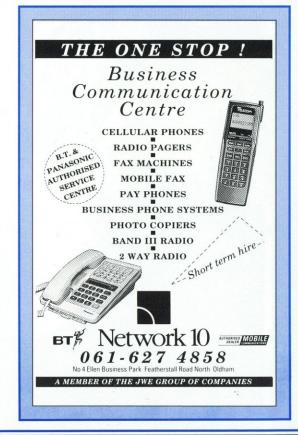
MEET FOOTBALL'S £32MILLION SUPPORTER

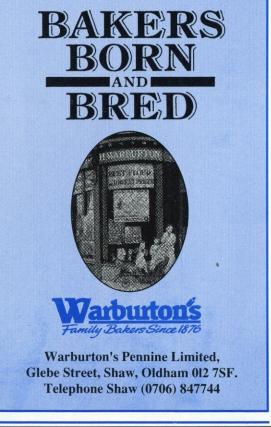
This £32M a year boost for football comes from the reduction in pool betting duty and the Spotting-the-Ball competition organised by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters.



THE FOOTBALL TRUST Helping the game







PERSONAL With Tony Bugby Tony Bugby

NEIL TOLSON

Neil Tolson's signing came as a bolt from the blue as manager Joe Royle splashed out £150,000 for the unknown teenage striker.

When Latics' scouts had been spotted at Walsall, it was assumed they were interested in Rod McDonald, the Fourth Division club's sought-after leading goalscorer.

Never for one moment were they linked with Neil (18), a player who had made only four full first-team appearances and a further 11 as substitute before his signing.

The glowing scouting reports were confirmed when Joe and chief scout Jim Cassell travelled to Cardiff City to watch Neil in action.

The pair immediately spotted the rich potential of the 6ft $1^{1/2}$ " striker which is why they made an immediate swoop for the voundster who only turned professional in January.

youngster who only turned professional in January. ARES Looker

Joe said: "We decided there and then that Neil was one for the future. It is a lot of money to pay, but we feel in view of the state of the transfer market, he is worth taking the chance on."

Latics will not be complaining if Neil matches the footballing achievements of his late grandfather.

He was Ray Westwood, the former Bolton Wanderers and England inside forward, who won six caps for his country.

Midlands journalist Paul Marston, a longtime Walsall follower, certainly believes Latics have unearthed a gem.

Paul descirbes Neil as the best player he has seen at Walsall since Allan Clarke who went on to carve out a career with Leicester City, Leeds United and England.

And he cannot believe the clubs from the Black Country have allowed Neil to slip through their net. It could prove a black day for them.

Paul rates Neil higher than Wrexham teenager Lee Jones who Liverpool recently spent £300,000 in signing.

"I reckon Neil is a far better player than Lee Jones and that Oldham have got him for chicken feed. Well done to them, but I cannot believe clubs on Walsall's doorstep have missed out."

Neil has a phenomenal goalscoring record in junior football. Seven of his 30 goals this season for Walsall came in one week as he hit four for the youth team and three for the reserves.

He has scored twice for the first team - in an FA cup tie at Yeovil and in a Fourth Division game against York.

Neil recently had a trial for England Under 18's and admits: "I would love to play for England one day like my grandfather because it was he who started me off in football."

Neil's footballing idol is lan Rush with Liverpool the team he has supported since childhood.

"I think lan is brilliant and I also admired Kenny Dalglish when he played at Anfield."

Neil understands it will be some time before he is ready for First Division football.

"I accept I must start at the bottom and work my way up. All I can do is to try and keep scoring and not to think too much of the transfer

"It is good that the manager was a good centre forward and somebody of Graeme Sharp's pedigree is also here. They should be able to guide me along."

Neil has already learned from a former Latics player now plying goals at Walsall.

He said: "Mike Cecere was one of my best mates at Walsall. he has worked hard with me and told me a lot about the club."

Walsall will receive an extra £100,000 if Neil makes a specified number of first-team appearances, but at £250,000 that could still turn out to be a bargain investment.

CLUB GOSSIP

PICCADILLY

YOU CAN REPRESENT LATICS AT WEMBLEY

The Nationwide Football Against MS is organising a celebratory walk into Wembley during half-time at this year's FA Cup Final on 9th May.

All 92 Football League clubs will be represented along with the Football Association, The Football League, The Women's FA, The Referees' Association, The Football Supporters' Association and the PFA.

Oldham Athletic are looking for a person to represent the club on this historic occasion. The person selected will have the once in a lifetime chance to walk around Wembley in front of 80,000 soccer fans and in front of millions of TV viewers wearing the Oldham Athletic kit. In addition Oldham Athletic will provide two tickets for

the Final to be used by the person selected and his/her companion, together with return rail fare, overnight accommodation in a twin room at the Hilton Hotel, with English Breakfast and Dinner, and £25 spending money and of course the kit.

How do you become the person selected?

We need to know if you are a true Latics fan so you will have to answer four questions and tell us why you think you deserve to represent your club on the walk into Wembley. The questions are on our usual telephone number 0898 12 15 82.

Ring this number now to have a chance of being selected to represent your club in front of millions of

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 5th May.

TESTIMONIAL FOR WAYNE

Wayne Harrison was only 17 years old when he moved from Boundary Park to Anfield for a staggering £250,000

During his seven years at Liverpool he suffered many injuries, the latest one a serious knee ligament problem, has prematurely ended his playing career at the age of

Wayne was almost on the verge of first team action at Anfield when fit, and he proved to be a consistent goalscorer for the reserves. However with the likes of

Rush, Beardsley and Barnes to contend with it was a frustrating time for him.

Both clubs have decided that a testimonial game for Wayne would be some consolation for the loss of a promising football future and on the 28th April at 7.30pm Latics will take on the mighty Liverpool at Boundary

GROUND SHARING

There has been a certain amount of speculation in the local press about the possibility of Oldham Rugby Club sharing Boundary Park with ourselves.

The idea has not been totally dismissed but with the existing problems of the new playing surface and other factors the ground sharing plan could not be seriously considered for the next two years.

DERBY GAME

The last day of the season clash with Manchester City here at Boundary Park is of course and ALL TICKET

The only tickets available are terrace tickets and these will go on sale to members at the following times.

From MONDAY 13TH APRIL to members producing their Membership Book and Voucher No 21.

Opening Times.

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm - Saturday 9am - 12 Noon The Ticket Office will also be open until 7pm on the following nights when there is a reserve game taking

Monday 13th April, Wednesday 15th April, and Tuesday 21st April.

We would appeal to supporters not to sell tickets in any circumstances to away fans because the police will eject ANY supporter found in the wrong enclosure.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE

THANK YOU

The Cradlewatch Trust, which organised a collection at the Sheffield Wednesday game, would like to thank all those supporters who contributed to their collection which raised £332.98.

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MATCH SPORSORS

Today's sponsor is unusual. It is not a large household name or a local business. Today's sponsorship is part of the Matchmates exercise, promoting friendship in sport, which has been operating in Oldham and Luton schools for the last three months of the Spring term. Today's sponsorship is not the usual corporate hospitality. It is hospitality of a different kind. The many agencies who support and believe in the value of Matchmates are today's guests. These include: The civic parties of the Mayors of Oldham and Luton; representatives of the community police; the schools themselves; and the Oldham and Luton schoolboy town teams.

Sponsorship of today's fixture recognises the many benefits local schools have derived each season from a partnership with Oldham Athletic. The Oldham Athletic Community Team provides a full and valued programme of half term block visits to schools, providing games skill teaching for young pupils in primary, secondary and special education. Many schools visit the ground on conducted tours; others receive players into schools on visits; other parties have been the guests of the Chairman in the boardroom. At schoolboy town team level, the club has generously made its facilities available and provided thousands of free tickets in the past for league fixtures. Schoolboy cup finals have been played here at Boundary Park. In the days of the artificial pitch, 100 schoolboys and their teachers trained here once a week. In-service courses for teachers have been run here, often taken by Oldham Athletic staff. The conference facilities have been used without charge. The list goes on and on and on.

Sponsorship of this game acknowledges the worth of the co-operation between club and schools to the children and teachers. It says "thank you". It acknowledges that their co-operation will continue to the benefit of pupils yet to come.



TODAY'S VISITORS VISITORS Luton Town

It is going to be another nail-biting end of season for Luton Town, their players, management and supporters - and if you glance at the First Division table as it stands right now, you will see that David Pleat's men have an awful lot to do if they are to retain their Premier League status for next season. The bottom three teams go down and at the minute the Hatters are right in the relegation sector - and the matches are running out fast.

Last season two went down into the Second Division -Luton finished third from bottom, one win better off than Sunderland. In 1989-90 they took 17th place, again missing the dreaded drop by one place on goal-difference and in 1988-89 they scrambled clear of the trap door two points ahead of relegated Middlesbrough.

Luton's last respectable season in the top flight was back in 1987-88 when they finished 9th - but over these past four seasons nothing whatsoever has gone right for the Hatters, who have had to battle against relegation on each

occasion....and they're fighting it out again this time round.

Hard up for cash, Luton have had to sell several quality players over the past four years or so to help balance the books, including goalkeepers Les Sealey and Andy Dibble, Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy (Manchester United), South African striker Roy Wegerle (now with Blackburn), full-back Tim Breacker (West Ham), ex-England defender Steve Foster, tricky winger Kingsley Black (Forest), David Oldfield (Leicester), Ashley Grimes, Mick Kennedy and Mark Stein (all of whom are now with Stoke City), Iain Dowie (Southampton), midfielder Danny Wilson, star defender Darron McDonough (Newcastle) and the Danish striker Lars Elstrup. In fact, a full team has left the club - and poor old Luton have practically nothing to show for their efforts - apart from a Littlewoods League Cup win in 1988 and a runners-up prize in the League Cup

However, manager David Pleat and his players are born fighters and they will battle every inch of the way until the last ball is kicked in early May.

Checking on Luton's form-rate away from home, there is no doubt that they don't travel at all well. They haven't won on opponents' soil since March 1991 (at Villa Park) and the record books show that from their last 60 away trips they have managed just five wins and 13 draws. This is where the trouble lies.....let's see how they perform in Lancashire today.



Back row - Julian James, Darren Salton, Graham Rodger (now with Grimsby Town), Andy Petterson (on loan to Ipswich), Alec Chamberlain, Sean Farrell (now with Fulham), Des Linton, John Dreyer. Middle row - Mick Harford, Trevor Peake (capt.), Darron McDonough (now with Newcastle United), Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nogan, Richard Harvey, Chris Kamara. Front row - Colin Murphy (asst. manager), Brian Stein, Scott Oakes, Ceri Hughes, Paul Telfer, Jason Rees, Mark Pembridge, David Preece, David Pleat (manager).

MEET OUR VISITOR'S MANAGER



David Pleat

It was at Luton where David Pleat made his name, both as a player and manager. He started his playing career with Nottingham Forest, moving to Kenilworth Road in 1964. Three years later he switched to Shrewsbury Town and later played

for Exeter City and Peterborough before retiring in 1971 with 184 League games to his credit.

In 1974 he returned to Luton as reserve team coach and was promoted to first team duties as coach in 1977, taking over as manager twelve months later. He guided Luton into the First Division but in 1986 he took over as manager of Tottenham, guiding them to the 1987 FA Cup Final.

In December 1987 he took charge of Leicester City and returned for a third spell with The Hatters in the summer of 1991. David is used to pressure. He's seen Luton scrape clear of relegation before, and now he's as keen as ever to see them hold onto their Premier League status yet again.

ANGER Man

MICK HARFORD One of the country's

leading strikers, Luton's big striker is well on his way to topping 200 goals as a professional. He has already passed the 160 mark in the League and is also Luton's-top marksman so far this term.

Aged 33, born in

Sunderland, Mick has played, in turn, for Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham, Luton Town and Derby County, and is now in his second spell at Kenilworth Road, having returned there for £325,000 last September. His first game back in Luton colours was against Athletic and he scored both their goals in

Capped by England at full and 'B' team levels, he helped Luton win the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley in 1988 and reach the Final of the Simod Cup that same

VISITORS FACT FILE

LUTON TOWN

- * Club formed 1885, turned professional 1890
- * Joined Football League (Div.2) for 1897-98
- * Won Third Division (S) title in 1936-37
- * Played in Division One for first time in 1955-56
- * Beaten 2-1 by Nott. Forest in 1959 FA Cup Final
- * Division Four Champions in season 1967-68
- * Second Division Champions, season 1981-82
- * League Cup winners (v. Arsenal) in 1987-88
- * Record scorer Gordon Turner 265 (1951-64)
- * Most League appearances Bob Morton (495)
- * Record League win 12-0 v. Bristol R. Div.3 (S) 1936
- * Top FA Cup score 15-0 v. Great Yarmouth 1914
- * Joe Payne hit 10 goals in that 12-0 win in 1936.
- * Oldest player Dally Duncan: 39 yrs.11 mths. 1948
- * Youngest player Mike O'Hara: 16 yrs. 32 days, 1960 * Top gate at home - 30,069 v. Blackpool, FA Cup 1959
- * Most capped player Mal Donaghy (N.I.) 56 caps.
- * Managers since World War 2 twelve including Pleat

Luton's 1991-92 Playing Squad

Player	Age	Position	Joined from
Alec CHAMBERLAIN	27	Goalkeeper	Everton
Mervyn DAY	36	Goalkeeper	Leeds United
John DREYER	28	Defender	Oxford United
Julian JAMES	22	Right back	Y.T.S.
Trevor PEAKE	35	Defender	Coventry City
Richard HARVEY	22	Defender	Y.T.S.
Des LINTON	20	Defender	Leicester City
Darren SALTON	19	Defender	Y.T.S.
Marvin JOHNSON	23	Full back	Apprentice
Mark PEMBRIDGE	21	Midfield	Y.T.S.
Paul TELFER	20	Midfield	Y.T.S.
David PREECE	28	Midfield	Walsall
Ceri HUGHES	21	Midfield	Y.T.S.
Chris KAMARA	34	Utility	Leeds United
Brian STEIN	34	Striker	Annecy
			(France)
Mick HARFORD	33	Striker	Derby County
Philip GRAY	23	Forward	Tottenham
			Hotspur
Kurt NOGAN	21	Forward	Y.T.S.
Scott OAKES	19	Forward	Leicester City
Jason REES	20	Forward	Y.T.S.
Imre VARADI	32	Striker	Leeds U.
			(on loan)

VISITORS T Player

Chris Kamara

KAMARA, who can occupy the left-back berth, a central defensive position or man midfield, made his professional debut for Portsmouth in 1975. Since then he's appeared in more than 550 League matches for a variety of clubs and has scored around 70 goals.

Born in the North East at Middlesbrough he surprisingly broke out 400 miles south with Pompey for whom he had 63 League games before transferring to Swindon Town in the summer of 1977. He spent exactly four years with the Robins, adding a further 147 League outings to his tally. He then tried his luck back with Portsmouth, staying at Fratton Park for only two months (to October 1981) when he moved up to London to sign for Brentford.

At Griffin Park he became a big favourite with the fans and helped the Bees reach the Freight Rover Trophy Final at Wembley in 1985 when they were beaten by Wigan Athletic.

Three months after that Wembley appearance and with another 152 League games under his belt, Chris switched back to Swindon Town where he stayed until the summer of 1988. Then he tried his luck with Stoke City, having 60 League calls for the Potters prior to a transfer deadline move to Leeds United in March 1990. Unfortunately he never really settled in at Elland Road, injuries, loss of form and suspension restricting his outings to less than 20 in two seasons. Consequently he jumped at the chance of joining Luton Town in October of last year and now he is determined to help steer the Hatters away from the relegation



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BOB MORTON

Over a period of 16 years from 1948 to 1964, wing-half Bob Morton accumulated a club record 550 League and Cup appearances for Luton Town, beating the previous best of 406 set by his colleague Gordon Turner who spent two years less at Kenilworth Road than Morton.

Born in the picturesque village of Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, on 25th September 1927, Bob attended Edlesborough School and was spotted by Luton playing non-League football for Eaton Bray. He had trials at Kenilworth Road in 1943 and turned out occasionally for Hitchin Town before becoming a full-time professional with the Hatters in 1945. He made his Football League debut in the Second Division for the Hatters in 1948-49 and established himself in the first team in 1950-51.

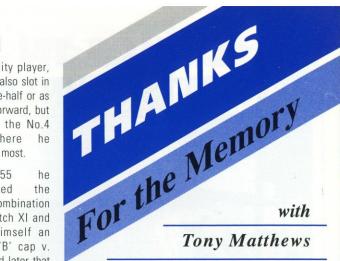
An ever-present in the ranks in 1952-53 he was instrumental in midfield as Luton climbed into Division One for the first time in their history in 1955 and four years later he was in the side which lost to Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup Final.

A real utility player, Bob could also slot in as a centre-half or as a centre-forward, but it was in the No.4 shirt where he blossomed most.

1955 represented the London Combination v. the Dutch XI and earned himself an England 'B' cap v. Switzerland later that same year. He went

on tour with the F.A. to South Africa in the summer of 1956 and played in the last two Test Matches. He was also named as reserve to the full England team in 1957.

There is no doubt that if Bob Morton had been with a more fashionable club then he would surely have gained a full cap. He was a dedicated club man who gave Luton Town supporters a great deal to cheer about, especially during the 1950's when he was certainly at his





It's a Fact

- * 100 years ago the first team players of Luton Town were paid half-acrown a week with sixpence extra for away games.
- * In their earliest days the Luton players wore blue and pink caps. Unfortunately this didn't help when heading the ball for it never went in the right direction!
- * Luton Town are proud of their nickname The Hatters. In fact, ash trays designed as miniature straw hats were made for use in the club's boardroom.
- * The late, great, Eric Morecambe was once a director of Luton Town F.C.
- * The 1959 FA Cup Final was unique in that both teams Luton and Nottingham Forest fielded the same 11 players in every game they played during that season's competition.



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LATICS Statsfile



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Up to and	including	5th	April	1992			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke City	29	21	5	3	80	25	68
Wolverhampton W.	29	16	7	6	57	31	55
Huddersfield Town	28	15	7	6	55	31	52
Leicester City	28	13	8	7	42	26	47
Notts County	28	13	7	8	37	32	46
Middlesbrough	26	12	3	11	31	35	39
Burnley	27	11	4	12	37	40	37
Wigan Athletic	27	11	4	12	37	45	37
Blackpool	28	10	5	13	45	44	35
Derby County	26	9	8	9	38	39	35
Port Vale	29	9	8	12	49	49	33*
York City	29	9	4	16	31	44	31
Preston North End	28	8	7	13	34	58	31
Grimsby Town	27	8	6	13	30	38	30
Scunthorpe United	27	7	9	11	38	57	30
Mansfield Town	28	8	5	15	38	47	29
Oldham Athletic	27	8	5	14	40	55	29
Hull City	29	7	8	14	26	49	29
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Man United	36	10	7	1	29	10	9	7	2	28	16	71	762.154	44.833	McClair 16, Hughes 9.					
Leeds United	37	10	8	0	32	13	8	7	4	33	22	69	528,731	29,374	Chapman 15, Rod Wallace 8.					
Sheff Wed	36	11	4	3	35	24	7	5	6	21	24	63	526,779	29,266	Hirst 16, Williams 8.					
Arsenal	36	9	7	2	38	20	6	6	6	25	21	58	557,680	30,982	Wright 17, Smith 11.					
Liverpool	35	12	4	2	30	14	3	9	5	12	17	58	631,780	35,099	Saunders 10, Houghton 8.					
Man City	37	11	4	4	28	14	5	6	7	22	28	58	532,424	28,022	White 15, Quinn 9.					
Crystal Palace	37	7	6	6	23	24	6	7	5	26	31	52	335,408	17,653	Bright 16, Thomas 6.					
Aston Villa	37	10	3	5	25	15	4	6	9	17	24	51	465,491	24,500	Regis 10, Yorke 10.					
Chelsea	37	6	7	6	28	28	6	6	6	17	22	49	349,321	18,385	Wise 8, Allen 7.					
Notts Forest	35	9	5	4	32	25	4	4	9	20	25	48	429,323	23,851	Sheringham 11, Keane 8.					
QPR	37	4	10	4	21	18	6	7	6	21	23	47	239,453	13,303	Bailey 9, Ferdinand 8.					
Sheff Utd	36	8	5	5	24	19	5	3	10	31	36	47	382,908	21,273	Deane 11, Bryson 8.					
Everton	37	7	8	3	25	14	4	5	10	20	29	46	426,395	23,689	Beardsley 12, Cottee 8.					
Wimbledon Tottenham H	37	9	5	5	29	19	2	8	8	15	27	46	135,388	7,126	Fashanu 16, Earle 11.					
Oldham Ath.	36 37	6	2 5	11	27 38	30	7	4	6	22	21	45	524,414	27,601	Lineker 23, Durie 6.					
Norwich City	36	8	5	5	27	30 23	3	3	13	17	30	44	269,585	14,977	Marshall 10, Sharp 8.					
Southampton	35	6	5	7	16	26	5	6 5	9	18	28 21	44	237,780	13,210	Fleck 10, Beckford 7, Newman 7.					
Coventry	36	5	6	7	17	14	5	4	9	19 17	24	43 40	272,284 248,478	15,127 13,804	Shearer 12, Dowie 9. Gallacher 8.					
Luton Town	36	8	6	4	20	15	0	5	13	10	45	35	169,210	9,401	Harford 9.					
Notts Cty	37	5	5	8	20	25	2	5	12	15	31	31	191,983	11,293	Johnson 9, Bartlett 6.					
West Ham U.	35	3	6	7	14	21	3	5	11	15	32	29	349,305	21,832	Small 13.					

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NEIL ADAMS	17 (5 sub)	4	2 (1 sub)	1	RICHARD JOBSON	32	2	6	1
NDY BARLOW	23	2	4	-	PAUL KANE	1 (3 sub)	-	3	
ARL BARRETT	29	2	7	-	JOHN KEELEY	-	-	1	
AUL BERNARD .	11 (4 sub)	5	3 (2 sub)	-	BRIAN KILCLINE	8	-	2	
AVID CURRIE	1 (3 sub)	1	-	-	IAN MARSHALL	36	10	5 (1 sub)	
RAIG FLEMING	23 (4 sub)	1	5 (1 sub)	-	NEIL McDONALD	15	1	2	
UNNAR HALLE	10	-	1	-	MIKE MILLIGAN	31	2	5	
ON HALLWORTH	37	-	6	-	PAUL MOULDEN	- (1 sub)	-		
ICK HENRY	37	4	6	1	ROGER PALMER	13 (6 sub	0) 3	3 (1 sub)	
ICK HOLDEN	33 (4 sub)	5	6 (1 sub)	2	ANDY RITCHIE	6 (7 sub)	3	2	
					GRAEME SHARP	37	8	7	
					GLYN SNODIN	8	1	1	

NEIGHBOURS Neighbours and First Division rivals Manchester City put a very large dent in Leeds' championship hopes by thrashing them 4-0, although the scoreline could have been different but for some magnificent goalkeeping from Tony Coton. Hill, Sheran. Quinn and Brennen were the goalscorers.

> Meanwhile Everton's recent slump continued, losing 1-0 at Crystal Palace and Manager Howard Kendall comes under pressure to change things round.

> In the Second Division Blackburn Rovers didn't play and slipped to third place in the table and it seems that Ipswich could be taking the championship to Portman Road after another win on Tuesday night.

> In the Third Division our neighbours had a better week with the exception of Stockport County who went down at lowly Torquay.

> Better news from Bury who notched a 3-2 home win over fellow strugglers Hull City - on loan striker Darren Lyons hit two of the goals and a permanent move from Ashton United looks on the cards.

> Bolton Wanderers 'play off' hopes seem to have all but disappeared, their 2-2 draw at WBA leaves them 12 points adrift of the top seven, but they seem to have unearthed a real goalscorer in ex-Celtic man Andy Walker who bagged another goal at the Hawthorns.

In Division Four, three of our neighbours are in the top six, Burnley still lead the table even though they lost 1-0 at Crewe, second placed Blackpool won 2-1 at home to Mansfield, giant striker Dave Bamber scored both goals once again and our next door neighbours, Rochdale, look certainties for a play off place after beating Cardiff 2-0 at Spotland, Reeves and Milner scored the goals which mean the Dale could be appearing at Wembley come next May!!



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Fred Ogden had the distinction of serving Latics for 30 years.

Goalkeeper Fred, who made 156 first-team appearances (plus five war-time games), continued his association long after he hung up his boots and returned to work in industry.

He took charge of the juniors for many years, served as reserve-team trainer and did many other backroom tasks before retiring 10 years ago this month.

"I have mixed concrete for terracing and forked the ground. In fact I don't think there are many jobs I have not done," he said, "They are all memories now, but they were happy days."

Fred (67), who is Oldham born and bred, now lives in retirement in Chadderton with wife Kathleen. Their son Chris followed in Fred's footsteps in keeping goal for Latics.

It was back in 1941-42 season that Fred joined Latics part-time

after playing for Edge Lane Methodists. He combined playing with an apprenticeship at Buckley and Taylor engineers.

Fred recalled "In those days you played and wrote asking for a trial at the local club. That is what happened to me."

The young Fred made five war-time appearances before receiving his call-up papers for the Army. It was not until towards the end of the 1947-48 season that Fred was able to resume his Latics career.

His League debut came in a 3-0 home victory against Bradford City on April 10th, 1948 in the Third Division North.

Fred said: "I was still in the army at the time, but when I was demobbed manager Billy Wooton offered me professional

He remained with Latics until June 1955, but was not a regular in the later years after George Burnett's signing. Indeed, Fred played only four times in the third Division title-winning team of 1952-53.

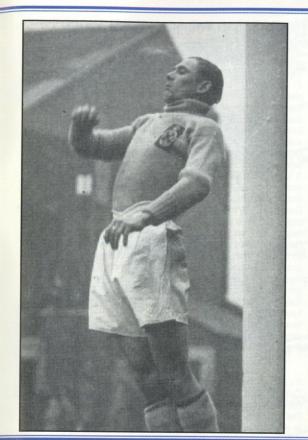
George Hardwick succeeded Wootton and Fred played in the former England captain's first and last games for Latics.

In those days Fred was a sporting all-rounder playing cricket for Oldham in the CLL. He was a batsman and occasional

After leaving Latics, Fred had a brief spell at Chesterfield where he lost his place in the reserves through injury to a young lad called Gordon Banks.

When he was unable to reclaim his place he decided to retire from playing and return to industry. He rejoined the workforce at Buckley and Taylor and remained with them until his retirement last July.

He was signed on by Latics as goalkeeping cover and was surprised to win a first-team recall and play three times towards the end of 1955-56 season.



Of his playing days, Fred said: "I enjoyed some good as well as bad times at Oldham. I played in the side which won promotion to the Second Division and also in the one which was relegated."

Fred was in charge of the juniors at the time when the likes of Keith Hicks, Graham Bell, John Platt and his own son graduated. He recalls Ian Wood making his 'A' team debut as a centre forward. Wood went on to play a club record 524 league games as a right back.

Son Chris' signing for Latics was an enormous thrill as Fred said: "It was like a second coming, although for my wife it was a second headache as she dislikes football.

"Chris' arrival at Latics also brought about my departure. Steve Hoolickin, pulled me aside one day and told me I was being too hard on Chris.

"So after thinking it over I decided it would be best if I called it a day. It is hard when your son is at the same club and you don't want to be seen to be favouring him."

Fred and Chris managed to buy season tickets for Latics' first season back in the First Division.

But Fred admitted "I have only been once for the visit of Sheffield United. I am afraid I am not a good watcher. I do not feel there is as much skill in the game today. "That does not mean to say I do not support the Latics. They have done remarkably well and their result is always the first I listen to." Fred's sporting interest today revolves mainly around tennis.

He is president of Fernlea Tennis Club and was Chairman of the Oldham Tennis League for many



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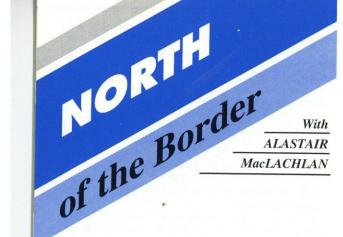
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LIGHT BLUES GO SINGING IN THE RAIN

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A parody of the current well publicised movie might well reflect Celtic's misfortunes in their Scottish Cup semi-final with Rangers last week.

On a night of teeming sleet and rain - an evening you wouldn't want to send either your dog or your mother-in-law out for a walk - the Parkhead side lost out to a single Ally McCoist goal in the 44th minute.

Having beaten Rangers in the cup in each of the last three seasons, Celtic, the current form team, were expected to make it four in a row. The Hampden euphoria surrounding the Ibrox triumph not only centred round the McCoist strike - his thirtieth of the season for which he receives a cheque for £1,000 and a crate of bubbly courtesy of The Daily Record - but more controversially, on the seventh minute sending off of Rangers' David Robertson for a body check on winger Joe Miller.

It's to Rangers' credit that they overcame the elements and the stress of playing with ten men for 83 minutes to give them the possibility of their first cup final win since 1981

The paying customers regularly fork out hard earned cash to see a game contested by 22 players. To have a participant red carded, in this game by match official Andrew Waddell, clearly short changes the spectators who were unanimous that a yellow card would have

Andrew Waddell, an Edinburgh pathologist and FIFA official, will want to undertake a post mortem on his handling of a number of his recent refereeing appointments. In last season's quarter final clash between the same teams, Waddell sent off Hurlock, Walters and Hateley of Rangers together with Peter Grant of Celtic. In the league match between Rangers and St. Johnstone immediately preceding the afore mentioned semi-final, TEN players were booked.

Mr Waddell is certainly a strict disciplinarian with a penchant for distributing coloured cards at pace. His pathology department are reputed to be currently conducting an in depth study of writer's cramp!



BABES IN THE SEMI-FINAL WOODS

The high fives were flying! Aurora Borealis (or Northern Lights to the uninitiated) was at it's sparkling best! The granite city of Aberdeen was in party mood

The catalyst for this outflow of caledonian exuberance was the Under 21 success achieved by the Scottish babes in the Eurpoean championship tie against Germany at Aberdeen's Pittodrie Stadium. Squeezing a one-all draw in the first quarter final leg at the Rhur

Stadium in Bochum, the bookmaking fraternity still had their odds balanced in favour of the lads from the Bundesliga in this return

Pittodrie had been a questionable location for the game. Would the canny Aberdonians turn out and support the tartan cause?

A full house of 22,500 took up the challenge for further international honours although the initial stages of the game produced some heavy Scottish hearts as the efficient German side stormed into a 3-1 lead. Dundee United's Ray McKinnon had knocked in the first Scottish strike, but three goals in the last 25 minutes seemed a footballing fancy, of the Brigadoon variety.

National coach, Craig Brown, pulled one out of the hat when he sent on Millwall midfielder Alex Rae. His strength and non-stop aggression almost single handedly hauled the Scots into semi-final contention.

Gerry Creaney scored.....2-3. After hitting a post, skipper Paul Lambert got the equaliser and with only two minutes left the irrepressible Alex Rae volleyed home the winner to send the crowd into orbit and a furore of tartan ecstasy.

Now Sweden face Paul Bernard and the rest of the young scots in the semi-final later this month, the Scottish leg again being scheduled for

CELTIC FAR FROM PARADISE.

It's a complete anachronism!

Celtic, playing their best of the season, have now strung together a run of fourteen games without defeat.

The Celtic Board, in abject comparison, continue to shoot themselves in the foot and score more own goals than the leakiest Parkhead

Having had an AGM, an EGM was subsequently called for March 30th. Media considerations suggested they would be through the entire alphabet of general meetings before the warring directorate factions finally dispensed with the vitriolic jibes and made peace.

The latest attempt by the ruling Kelly-White dynasty to sack "rebel" directors Tom Grant and James Farrell ended with both men still enjoying membership of the seven man Parkhead Board with both the rival camps claiming the only real winner being the club.

The bottom line now with the mystified outsiders is to see the 104 year old club move into an up market financial state and go public, bury their boardroom differences and set the seal of approval for either the remodernisdation of Celtic Park, affectionately know as 'Paradise', or initiate the construction of a brand new stadium in the Cambuslang area of eastern Glasgow.

This latter option has been conservatively priced at £40 million, an outlay that 70 year old James Farrell had publicly condemned as being the financial road to receivership and had precipitated his possible premature retirement from the green and white boardroom.





FLASIBACION With Tony Marth
This Day in History

Almost 16,000 fans made their way to Boundary Park to see the Latics take on and beat Hartlepool United 5-2 in a Third Division (N) match. On target for the victors were Bobby McIlvenny, Jimmy Munro (2), Eric Gemmell and Willie Ormond.

Luton Town, meanwhile, played Rotherham United at Millmoor 24 hours later and won 1-0 to keep in touch with the leading pack in Division Two.

11th April 1953

A bumper 19,000 plus crowd at Boundary Park cheered the Latics on to a 2-1 victory over struggling Chester in a vital Third Division (N) game. But it took an own-goal by visiting defender Ray Gill to bring the two points. Big-hearted centre-forward Joe Harris from Belfast netted Athletic's other goal.

Luton, still in with a chance of gaining promotion from Division Two, beat Nottingham Forest 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in front of a 20,000 crowd.

11th April 1955

The Latics suffered their heaviest League defeat since losing 8-0 at Hull in December 1953 when they crashed 6-1 at Scunthorpe in a Third Division (N) match. A crowd of 8,471 witnessed this humiliation when Welshman Frank Scrine netted Athletic's consolation goal.

Luton, going for promotion to the top flight, suddenly lost form in front of a 29,500 crowd and nosedived to a 4-0 defeat in the top-of-the-table battle at Leeds for whom Welsh international John Charles scored two penalties. Luton, in fact, went up this season; Leeds finished fourth!

11th April 1959

A crowd of just over 5,000 saw a lone strike from winger John Bazley give the Latics a 1-0 home win over Torquay United as the team faced up to the fact that it would have to apply for re-election to the Fourth

Luton were getting geared up for a Wembley appearance in the F.A. Cup Final v. Nottingham Forest, and they were put through their paces in a First

Division home game with Manchester United. who forced a 0-0 draw in front of a 27,000 plus crowd at Kenilworth Road.

11th April 1964

No joy for the Latics 28 years ago as they lost 2-0 at Brentford in a Third Division match which attracted 8,925 fans.

Luton Town were also playing in Division Three and they beat Wrexham 3-1 at home to ease clear of the

11th April 1966

Almost 12,800 fans at The County Ground saw the Latics take both points with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Swindon Town. The match-winner was lan Towers. Luton were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Colchester United in a Fourth Division promotion match.

11th April 1981

Chelsea came to Boundary Park for a Second Division match and returned to London with a point after forcing a 0-0 draw in front of just 6,740 fans.

Also in Division Two Luton Town, watched by over 12,000 fans, beat Q.P.R. 3-0 at home with goals from Brian Stein, Raddy Antic and Godfrey Ingram.

11th April 1987

The Latics, chasing a play-off spot in Division Two, and unbeaten in eight games, went down south and crashed to a 3-0 defeat at Portsmouth where the turnout topped 19,700.

Meanwhile Luton were having one of their best-ever seasons in Division One and after drawing 2-2 at Q.P.R. they moved up into 4th place in the table. There were 11,184 spectators present at Loftus Road and on target for the Hatters were Mark Stein and Ricky Hill.

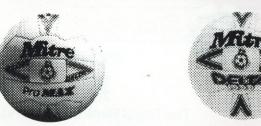


FRANK SCRINE Latics scorer against Scunthorpe in 1955

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

	Arsenal	Aston Villa	Chelsea	Coventry	C. Palace	Everton	Leeds	Liverpool	Luton	Man City	Man Utd	Norwich	Nottm Forest	Notts Co	Oldham Ath.	QPR	Sheff Utd	Sheff Wed	Southampton	Tottenham H	West Ham	Wimbledon		
Arsenal		0-0	3-2	1-2	2.11	4-2	1-1		2-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	2-0	2-1	1-1	5-2	7-1		2-0	0-1	1-1		+
Aston Villa	3-1		4		0-1	0-0	1-4		4-0	3-1	0-1	1-0	3-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-1	2-1		+
Chelsea		2-0		0-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-2	4-1	1-1	1-3	0-3	1-0	2-2	4-2		1-2	0-3	1-1	2-0	2-1	2-2		t
Coventry	0-1	1-0	0-1		1-2		0-0	0-0	5-0	0-1	0-0		0-2	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-1		2-0	1-2		0-1		+
C. Palace	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1		2-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	3-4		1-0	183	2-2	2-1		1-0	1-2	2-3	3-2		t
Everton	3-1	0-2		3-0	1-1		1-1	1-1	1-1		0-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0		0-1	0-1	3-1	4-0	2-0		T
Leeds	2-2				1-1	1-0		1-0	2-0	3-0	1-1		1-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	4-3	1-1	3-3	1-1	0-0	5-1		T
Liverpool	2-0	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-2	3-1			2-1	2-2		2-1	2-0	4-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	2-1	1-0			
Luton	1-0		2-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-0		2-2		2-0		1-1	2-1	0-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-1	2-1		
Man City	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	3-2	0-1	4-0	2-1	4-0		0-0	2-1	2-1		1-2	2-2	3-2	0-1	0-1	1-0		0-0		
Man Utd	1-1	1-0	1-1	4-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	5-0	1-1		3-0	216	2-0	1-0	1-4	2-0	1-1			2-1	0-0		
Norwich		2-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	4-3	2-2	3-0	1-0	0-0	1-3		0-0	1	1-2	0-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-1	2-1			\vdash
Nottm Forest	3-2		1-1	1-0	5-1	2-1	0-0		1-1	2-0	1-0	2-0		1-1	3-1		2-5	0-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	4-2		Г
Notts Co	0-1	0-0	2-0		2-3	0-0	2-4	1-2		1-3	1-1	2-2	0-4		2-0	0-1		2-1	1-0	0-2	3-0	1-1		Г
Oldham Ath.	1-1	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-3	2-2	2-0	2-3			3-6	2-2	2-1	4-3		2-1	2-1	3-0	1-1		2-2	0-1		
QPR	0-0	0-1	2-2	1-1		3-1	4-1	0-0		4-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-3		1-0	1-1	2-2		0-0	1-1		
Sheff Utd		2-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-1		2-0	1-1	4-2	1-2	1-0	2-0	4-2	2-0				0-2		1-1	0-0		
Sheff Wed	1-1	2-3	3-0	1-1	4-1	2-1	1-6		3-2		3-2		2-1	1-0	1-1	4-1	1-3		2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0		
Southampton	0-4	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-4	1-1	2-1	0-3	0-1	0-0				2-1	2-4	1-1		2-3		1-0		
Tottenham H	1-1	2-5	1-3	4-3	0-1		1-3	1-2	4-1	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-2		3-0			
West Ham	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-1		0-2	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-2				0-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	1-2		2-1		1-1		
Wimbledon	1-4	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	3-1	3-0	2-0	2-1	0-1		2-1		3-5	2-0			
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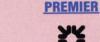
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