Local soccer tables

Campri South Midlands League



Bristol City.....0
Luton Town.....0



Brian Swain reports

Action pictures: Josh Lev



OUCH: Paul Telfer feels the pain of getting stuck in.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV I

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

5 Tranmere (h) 3-3 (Claridge, Linton, Oakes) 6,801 23

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

APPEARANCES, (as sub in brackets); Ever-presents with

1992

22 Bristol City (h) 0-3 ..

2 Newcastle (a) 0-2.

29 Charlton (a) 0-0.

26 Notts Co (a) 0-0.

10 Barnsley (a) 0-3 ..

17 Derby (h) 1-3 (Johnson

7 Grimsby (h) 1-4 (Gray) .

21 Millwall (h) 1-1 (Gray)

5 Bristol Rov (a) 0-2.

19 Sunderland (h) 0-0.

1993

16 Notts Co (h) 0-0.

27 Newcastle (h) 0-0

30 Bristol City (a) 0-0

12 Wolves (a) 2-1 (Gray 2) .

14 Oxford (a) 0-4.

15 Leicester (a) 1-2 (Campbell)...

13 Brentford (a) 2-1 (James, Gray).

3 Portsmouth (h) 1-4(Dreyer) ..

31 Southend (h) 2-2 (James, Gray)

3 Cambridge (a) 3-3 (Oakes, Gray 2).

29 Watford (h) 2-0 (Benjamin, Oakes).

28 West Ham (a) 2-2 (Hughes, Dreyer)

9 Birmingham (a) 1-2 (Hughes).

19 Birmingham (h) 1-1 (Claridge pen)

25 Peterborough (a) 3-2 (Gray 2, Telfer) ..

THE SEASON SO FAR

Johnson 18(2), Dreyer 18, Linton 16(3), Salton 15, Petterson

14, Hughes 13, Chamberlain 12, Kamara 12, Oakes 11(14).

Telfer 11(1), Benjamin 5(4), Williams 3(4), Campbell 2(7).

GOALS: Gray 10, Oakes 3, James 2, Dreyer 2, Hughes 2,

Claridge 2(1 pen) and one each by Campbell, Linton,

ASSISTS: Gray 4, Preece 3, Claridge, Rees, Hughes and

Kamara two each. One each by James, Linton, Salton,

Round 3: Jan 19 Bristol City (h) 2-0 (Gray, Hughes)..... 6,094

APPEARANCES: Two each by Chamberlain, James,

ound 2 (1): Sep 23 Plymouth (h) 2-2 (Claridge 2)...... 3,702

Round 2(2): Oct 6 Plymouth (a) 2-3 (Claridge, Preece) 8,946

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton,

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Rees,

James, Kamara, Claridge and Gray. Preece 1(1), Campbell 1(1),

Peake, Johnson, James, Kamara, Preece, Gray and Claridge

Oakes 1(1), Rees 1(1). One each as sub by Campbell and Dreyer.

Dreyer, Peake, Johnson, Telfer, Rees, Preece, Hughes,

Gray and Benjamin. Two each as sub by Oakes and Harvey.

Round 4: Jan 23 Derby County (h) 1-5 (Telfer)

THE COCA-COLA CUP

GOALS: Claridge 3, Preece 1.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP

29 Bristol City (h) 1-1 (Claridge) ...

BEFORE TRANSFERS: Claridge 15(1); Matthew (loan) 3(2).

Number of players used: 20 (32 last season).

THE FA CUP

● RESULTS showing Town score first, goalscorers, gates and league position:

.17.428

. 7.926 22

. 6,302 21

.27.054 2

. 7.310 19

. 5,992 21

. 7.954 22

. 5,261 23

. 8,848 23

. 7,125 22

. 7,256 22

. 5.715 22

. 6,928 22

. 8,371 23

. 8,341 21

. 6,245 22

.13,932 19

.18,786 20

9,601 22

6,729 22

10.237 24

. 8,877 24

26 each: Gray and James. Preece 25, Peake 21, Rees 20, Peake 1, Johnson 1, Dreyer 1, Matthew 1, Oakes (2).

THE NAME OF

of 1993

-Match details-

BRISTOL CITY: Welch; Llewellyn, Osman

(Allison 70 mins), Bryant, Aizlewood, Scott;

Shelton (Mellon HT), Harrison,

LUTON TOWN: Chamberlain; James

Peake, Dreyer, Johnson; Telffer, Rees (Oakes

72 mins), Preece, Hughes; Gray, Williams

GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town three saved, one

wide and a Phil Gray header hit the bar; City

three saved and nine wide. Corners: 13-6 to

REFEREE: John Carter, Christchurch.

Made some very strange decisions, including

not penalising the Town in the six-yard box

when Alec Chamberlain fielded a short back-

BOOKED: Gerry Harrison for a scything tackle' on Marvin Johnson; Jackie

Dziekanowski, John Dreyer and Alec

ATTENDANCE: 8,877, including 400 from

Luton, who did their best to raise the at-

mosphere, a difficult task in a stadium that

ENTERTAINMENT: Very poor in the first

half, with the Town improving considerably

in the second. Entertainment might have to

take second place to the need to battle for

pass by Paul Telfer in the closing minutes.

did not make for a pretty

Perhaps the sides

The Town played

league outings was not enough to lift Luton Town off the bottom of the First Division.

But the defiant refusal to be beaten at Ashton Gate drew Bristol City deeper into the danger zone at the foot of the table.

And they were much relieved when Phil Gray missed a golden chance to snatch the three points the

Town really needed. But the striker should knew too much about not be the scapegoat for each other as they met the continuing inability

to turn draws into wins. City had more at the back, to confirm chances to turn it into a

Dziekanowski; Cole, Rosenic

Chamberlain all for dissent.

Benjamin 85 mins)

Town defeat, and would their prioties. have done so but for excellent work by the Martin Williams as a back four and roving midfielder-cumgoalkeeper Alec striker, and the result Chamberlain, and some was a first half with few woeful finishing by a goalmouth incidents.

looking for its first win about watching and chance with a shot well waiting. It was strong Both teams looked enough defensively, but less than 100 per cent all about workkrate and effort. Those of us who The nervousness, have been spoiled by contest between born from fear of losing, watching David Pleat's eager, unsopher footballing sides are attack and a defia having to learn that now

Survival is now the name of the game. for the fourth time this At Ashton Gate it was City lined up with five a case of grinding out a James and Jason Rees as point through effort and

sort of football.

organisation Chamberlain was man of the match, as he had been against Newcastle. with the first of two top class saves coming on the half-hour mark.

He had made a smart of attack on the break save earlier from a strong header by Mark Aizlewood, following one of City's six firsthalf corners Lively 'Jackie' by David Preece to tum

Portsmouth...... 27 10 1 1 25 3

Peterborough 25 3 7 4 18 19

Birmingham 26 6 1 5 16 19

26 5 6 3 23 13

Bristol Rovers 28 4 2 8 20 30 3 3 8 17 29 2

Southend....... 28 4 5 4 17 12 2 3 10 12 25 26

Notts County..... 28 3 5 5 15 17 2 5 8 16 31 25 Luton Town 26 1 7 4 12 21 3 5 6 14 24 24

.... 27 5 5 4 18 18 2 2 9 12 32 2

Millwall ..

Swindon.

Charlton ..

Watford ...

Oxford Utd.

Bristol City.

Brentford

Tranmere..

The First Division

HOME

PWDL FA WDL FAP

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. 27 10 3 0 36 9 3 6 5 11 16 48

.. 25 10 4 0 35 9 3 2 6 14 24 \$

off target after the Tor failed to clear clear from a long throw-in.

Marvin Johnson, Julian

well, with Paul Telfer

doing his bit to try t

stop City's wid

On the left flank Ceri

Hughes had another of

his exasperating days

threatening much bu

achieving little in term

working hard on defen-

sive duties, there was

spasmodic support for

Gray, despite attempts

With the midfield

In the first half the It was becoming Town were unable to Cole should have already streaming away force a single save out of scored. He was in the home goalkeeper Keith middle of the penalty defence, well organi area, but took too long by Trevor Peake and But City were also to control the ball and John Dreyer. the wily Peake timed his effect. kept at range, until There was a lot Chamberlain made a tackle to perfection to defensive hard work h whisk away the danger. brilliant flying save to

the run which flew wide.

more positive after the

interval and they won

the second half on points

as surely as City had won

With 20 minutes to go flip a 25-yard piledriver by Martin Scott over the player-manager Russell Osman made a belated The only other firstdecision to change his half excitement was just side's formation before the break when

He had already been took out two City Dziekanowski skipped forced to use one sub: past James and Rees and skipper Gary Shelton had been carrying a down the right wing. set up Scott for a shot on knock and bowed out at The Town were much the interval.

The second sub, Wayne Allison, went on as an attacker, with Osman pulling himself out of defence.

Their first on-target The change would shot, in the 55th minute, have brought immediate was a thundering effort dividends but for more by James, after Dreyer's excellent work by cross had been half-Chamberlain, as the cleared. Welch did well Town were suddenly to push the ball round a faced by the old bogy, attackers with pace

That near-success Fortunately, City did seemed to lift the Town not have the touch to and depress the home match that of Derby, for side, because it was the instance. Allison had start of a bright spell. been on for a couple of Preece was prompting minutes when he raced and probing, and from down the right wing and one excellent cross Gray pulled back a perfect outwitted his markers pass. But Chamberlain and headed out of reacted quickly, and did Welch's reach, but well to bundle Cole's against the bar, the close range drive away

dourth time he had hit for a corner when it

inevitable

e woodwork in the last seemed that a goal was ree league games. lughes curled a good fort narrowly wide, before City edged their

strong defence into round Dreyer and With the game in the delivered a low cross last ten minutes, and from which Andrew City's depressed fans from the stadium, the Town at last caught the home side on the break with near-devastating

Chamberlain punted a long clearance

• HANDED OFF: Phil Gray gets very close attention from Matt Bryant.

Telfer flicked it on with a header which players, and sub Scott Oakes was off on a run

The control on the run, and accuracy of his cross, was splendid, with the pass delivered to the feet of Gray. He was near the penalty spot, with only the keeper between him and his

12th goal of the season. But Welch earned his draw bonus with a vital save, from what turned out to be the last clear opening of the game.

There might have been one more, six minutes from time. In a crowded penalty area the ball whipped off Telfer's leg into the arms of Chamberlain

Referee John Carter, who had a rather poor afternoon all through, angered City by what looked like another mistake, failing to give them a free kick on the six-yard line. Óddly, both sides at

Chamberlain then the end thought the ref timed his advance just had proved the old right to save bravely at adage that nothing goes way back into the game. The feet of Leroy your way when you're

Managers' viewpoints

WHILE NEITHER had any complaint about the result, David Pleat was much happier with the draw than his opposite number, Russell Osman.

The veteran defender, once a player under Mo Pleat at Leicester, is City's caretaker manager, trying to make the job his own after Denis Smith was sacked following the FA Cup defeat at Kenilworth Road.

His tactics, five at the back for a home game, die not look too positive, but he said he had to be sure City were right defensively before he changed things for the last 20 minutes to chase a win.

The formation he started with, he said, had prove effective at holding the Town down, and he was mor than happy with his side's commitment. "I don' think there was a lot more we could have done unless the luck had been with us," he said.

out of trouble had a touch of nervous desperation about it, and was pleased that his men had battled to prevent the Town playing their normal passing game. And he exonerated Phil Gray from blame when he

He felt the game between two sides fighting to get

might have scored with nine minutes to go. "At halftime I had spoken to Keith Welch, our goalkeeper about the need to keep his concentraion after having nothing to do in the first half," said Osman.

"You might say Gray should have scored, but it was down to good goalkeeping that he didn't. It was a good save, not a bad miss."

Mr Pleat was happier about the Town's second-half showing, and with the fourth clean sheet in six league

"We are defending as a team capably," he said. "But we need to take our chances when they come

"This result can give us continued confidence. At half-time I knew we were not going to win if we kept playing like we had done in the first half. We stepped up a gear, but we must pass the ball better."

And while Gray was disappointed wih himself for not converting the chance of a winner, the boss pointed out that Andrew Cole would feel just the same about the earlier close-range shot which Alec

RESERVE DIVISION ONE **DIVISION PREMIER** +Langford .. **Luton Old Boys** 61FC Luton **DIVISION ONE RESERVE DIVISION TWO** 29 25 3 1 108 27 78 Potters Bar Cru **Bedford United** Tring Ath. rough Rangers..

Shefford Town

Limbury Black Swan ...

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DIVISION ONE

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Stony Stratford

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PREMIER DIVISION **DIVISION FOUR** Black Swan.. Markyate .. Silsoe Rangers Magnum Britannia Airways ... AFC Heron...... Brache Green Man.. St. Joseph's

DIVISION FIVE

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eph's Res	8	5	3	0	22	11	13	Flint United	9	7	1	1	40	9
y Harriers	9	4	3	2	41	15	11	Roman Legion	7	7	0	0	41	3
y WMC	12	4	3	5	17	18	11	AFC Oakley	8	6	2	0	32	13
grave	7	4	2	1	18	13	10	Barbarians 1	13	6	2	5	28	25
hoe Saints	8	4	2	2	13	9	10	Lea Sports Res 1	11	3	5	3	20	20
les	9	3	2	4	20	22	8	Casa Bianca (61) 1	12	3	4	5	23	23
y Sports Res	9	3	2	4	16	23	8	Streatley Chequers 1	12	4	2	6	20	34
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DIVISION TWO **DIVISION SIX**

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	10	6	0	4	18	15	12	Toddington	10	6	0	4	28	22	1
hoe Res	7	5	1	1	21	10	11	Lewsey Park Soc	8	5	0	3	28	22	1
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DIVISION THREE

Stopsley Harriers R	13	10	1	2	47	27	21	
FC Houghton	13	9	2	2	43	17	20	Old Moat House Res
Renault Dodge	14	9	1	4	50	22	19	Manor Rangers
Coulter	13	6	3	4	32	28	15	Magnum Res
NT Sugar Loaf	8	7	0	1	26	10	14	Limbury United
Red Star	11	5	3	3	24	21	13	Royal Mail Luton
GIS Leagrave Res	15	4	4	7	22	41	12	Kenilworth Rgrs Res
Dog and Duck	12	5	1	6	33	31	11	Markyate Res
FC Coral Res	12	5	1	6	25	23	11	Red Lion
Old Moat House	13	4	3	6	33	43	11	Postels
Parkside	11	4	0	7	24	31	8	Luton Rover
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DIVISION SEVEN

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Renault Dodge	14	9	1	4	50	22	19	Manor Rangers	15	8	3	4	49	28	19
Coulter	13	6	3	4	32	28	15	Magnum Res	13	8	1	4	41	24	17
NT Sugar Loaf	8	7	0	1	26	10	14	Limbury United	10	7	2	1	45	24	16
Red Star	11	5	3	3	24	21	13	Royal Mail Luton	7	6	0	1	42	7	12
GIS Leagrave Res	15	4	4	7	22	41	12	Kenilworth Rgrs Res	15	5	1	9	33	54	11
Dog and Duck	12	5	1	6	33	31	11	Markyate Res	12	4	2	6	29	34	10
FC Coral Res	12	5	1	6	25	23	11	Red Lion	10	3	1	6	27	30	7
Old Moat House	13	4	3	6	33	43	11	Postels	11	2	3	6	21	34	7
Parkside	11	4	0	7	24	31	8	Luton Rover	10	3	0	7	18	41	6
Stopsley WMC Res					17	52	5	The Harrow	10	2	1	7	23	49	5
Strawplaiters	14	0	2	12	20	50	2	Luton Thameslink	11	2	0	9	20	58	4

A & B Sports SB Sunday League

PREMIER DIVISION **DIVISION TWO** PWDLFAP

The Engine ...

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Coach and Horses	11	8	3	0	45	15	19	
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Moor Park	7	4	3	0	28	9	11	
RB Legion	7	4	1	2	12	9	9	
Green Man Clophill	10	4	1	5	14	26	9	
Wheatsheaf			0	1	17	4	8	
Chalton Strollers	4	3	1	0	12	2	7	
Emeralds	13	1	4	8	26	47	6	
Farley Eagles	9	1	0	8	5	21	2	
Brickmakers		0	1	9	10	46	1	

DIVISION ONE

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bin Hood ... Athletic ... omley Ath.. xhall Griffin... . 10 3 2 5 19 20 8 . 8 3 1 4 11 22 7 . 7 2 0 5 14 36 4 Express.

Leaders glad to draw

lanagers were happy with the result as the biggest crowd of the season enjoyed a game full of good entertainment, if not goals, at Kenilworth Road.

Champions elect of the First Division, lear at the top as the Town became only the second home team this season to keep a can sheet against them.

Chamberlain in the closing minutes, when Own legs were tiring on the sticky pitch. He Inger-tipped a 25-yarder by David Kelly er the bar, and then made an even better live to flip a close-range drive by Stephen lowey round the post.

league account in the second half, having headed just wide in the first. equalling Chamberlain in quantity quality as both sides put together slick t was a cracking game, with the Town

Sponding magnificently to the challenge

NEWCASTLE UTD...0 different roles, starting as a central attacker

Later he made a vital save to deny sub Scott

Oakes, while he was lucky when Phil Gray

headed on to the top of the bar. Ceri Hughes

hit the same piece of woodwork with a

For Town fans, the pleasure of the night

different roles, stating as di John Dreyer produced the Town's best scoring effort, with a first-half drive which the Czech goalkeeper saved instintinctively.

or that they had to thank Alec

Pavel Srnicek was the other man of the

Perhaps they need the encouragement Martin Williams came in for his home but, and injected pace and enthusiasm in

days later, against one of the poorer sides in

Match details

LUTON TOWN: Chamberlain; James, Peake Dreyer, Johnson; Telfer, Rees (Oakes 73 mins), Preece, Hughes; Williams, (Benjamin 80 mins)

NEWCASTLE: Srnicek; Venison, Scott Howey, Beresford; Bracewell, O'Brien, Clark, Peacock; Kelly, Lee. Subs: Kilcline and Sheedy, GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town four saved, fou

wide and two hit the top of the bar; Newcastle nine Barry Venison made a vital deflection wide and two fit the top of the bar; Newcastle nin saved and three wide. Corners: 7-6 to Newcastle.

REFEREE: Alf Rukeh, London, III. REFEREE: Alf Buksh, London. Had a very BOOKED: Barryy Venison for dissent.

ATTENDANCE: 10,237, highest of the seasor at Kenilworth Road, and with Newcastle filling their 2,000-seat section it made for a tremendou

was that they proved that on their day they can be as good as the very best in the First ENTERTAINMENT: A smashing game, wit the Town lifting themselves for the o

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