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# NINIAN NEWS

● Welcome to another fabulous day at Ninian Park. Over the past three seasons we have shared some memorable games together: Burnley in 1992, the European Cup games, our Cup battles with Wrexham and Swansea and our end of season games when we were winning the Championship.

Normally an F.A. Cup game against Manchester City would have been classified as the highlight of the season but we have greater achievements here at Ninian Park than that.

Today's game no doubt will be a great Cup Tie and I am confident that it will not be the end of our Cup run. We have played some tremendous football and, for once, Lady Luck has been on our side when she needed to be. I am sure she will stay with us to the end of our run and together with the football that we can produce here at Ninian Park who knows where we may end.

Today is a Cup Tie and we can temporarily forget the Football League and talk about cups. Apart from the F.A. Cup we also have our "Gateway to Europe", the Welsh Cup and I hope to win it for a third time; three seasons in football and three Welsh Cups will be quite an achievement and to win it this year means we will have done it the hard way, knocking out Wrexham and Swansea on the way to the Arms Park.

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is of tremendous advantage. It is not a "secret weapon" because it is not a secret. We are the envy of the majority of Clubs in the Endsleigh League. The Endsleigh League has proved this year that there is not such a big jump between us and the Premier and apart from a dozen or so star players who feature in the Premier, there is little difference between the ability of the professionals in the Endsleigh compared to the Premier. Nathan Blake's goal against Manchester City is featured in the "Goal of the Month" and is probably favourite to win that competition and that probably says it all. There are players in the Second Division, let alone the First Division, that would grace the grass of many of the Premier's citadels.

Enjoy the game and watch for details of how to get your tickets for the next round.

Confidently yours, **R. WRIGHT**  
*Chairman*

**A warm welcome to Ninian Park this afternoon to the fans, players and officials of Luton Town**

## EDDIE MAY'S TEAM TALK



● Newcastle or Manchester United – those were the teams I'd have picked out of the F.A.'s velvet bag for us to play at Ninian Park in the Fifth Round today.

But Luton Town's tremendous performance in beating Kevin Keegan's side means that The Hatters are the very welcome visitors today, and you can bet that after that result we won't be considering them to be a softer touch in any way.

They played good, organised football to beat Newcastle, and that's no more than you expect from a side run by David Pleat. They're in the Fifth Round on merit.

*But as we've seen more than once at Ninian Park this season, that suits us. We've played our best stuff against sides who like to play good football, and clearly all the lads are looking forward to the challenge this afternoon.*

I should have been discussing the result of Tuesday night's Bournemouth match, but the weather put paid to that – and it's added to the number of League fixtures yet to be fitted in. You can count the Exeter fixture among those, too, since the draw at Ebbw Vale means we're continuing our

quest for our third consecutive Welsh Cup win next Tuesday instead of facing them.

We knew the first match at Eugene Cross Park was going to be a hard game – very physical on a difficult pitch. But then young Darren Adams popped up with the goods right at the end.

That result came in the wake of that win over Wrexham. It's always nice to win a League derby, and I am more than pleased with the clinical way the boys went about their task.

I was less delighted with our performance at Burnley on Saturday – two mistakes and a lack of penetration up front cost us the points.

But that won't be concerning us this afternoon.

There's a place in the F.A. Cup quarter finals at stake, and our performances this season mean the lads know we can take that step.

*Neither side today should need much motivating – another great Ninian Cup occasion is looming.*

A big Ninian Park crowd is intimidating for visiting teams – there's no doubt about that. You're an asset to the players, and I'm sure you'll play your part today, just as you did against Manchester City.



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Div. 2 Runners-up	– 1921 – 1952 – 1960
Div. 3 (5) Champions	– 1947
Div. 3 Champions	– 1993
Div. 3 Runners-up	– 1976 – 1983
Div. 4 Runners-up	– 1988
Welsh Cup Winners	– 1912, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1956, 1959, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1988, 1992 1993
European Cup-Winners' Cup Semi-Finalists	– 1968

**CARDIFF CITY – THE DOUBLE TEAM**



## CITY'S F.A. CUP GUESTS... Luton Town

● Despite the fact that LUTON TOWN occupy seventeenth position in Division One, twelve points off a play-off place, they are very much an improving side, and that narrow defeat at Leicester eight days ago was their first reverse since December 11th.

They only missed relegation by a couple of points last season, but in what is now their second year out of top-level football, Manager David Pleat seems to have stabilised the situation, and the current F.A. Cup run is proving a boost with the impressive victory over Newcastle United in the last round attracting nationwide attention and emphasising that there are a number of talented players at Kenilworth Road.

### FORWARDS...

● Swansea-born 18 year-old JOHN HARTSON, a current Wales Under-21 Cap who was on the substitute's bench in the recent Wales/Scotland B International, has been in the starting line-up for the past three games, and has played in most of this season's matches after making his debut in late August. A former youth and reserve team forward, he became a full professional in December 1992 and scored in the replay win over Newcastle eleven days ago. He's been taking the place recently of the injured KERRY DIXON, the former England International who's missed the last three games with ankle trouble and will again be absent this afternoon. Luton-born Dixon, top scorer this season with eight League and Cup goals, was originally a Tottenham apprentice and joined Reading from Dunstable in 1980. A prolific scorer during his career, he went to Chelsea in 1983 for £175,000 and moved to Southampton for £575,000 in July 1992. He had several months on loan with Luton last season, and after

starting the season on loan again, was signed permanently in October 1992. Leicester-born England Under-21 Cap SCOTT OAKES made a few League appearances for his hometown club before Luton signed him in October 1991, and he's played in most of this season's games either in a left-side attacking role or up front, and he scored in the Cup win over Newcastle. Also with the Club is Canadian International GEOFF AUNGER who started his career in Canadian football and once had a spell with Ipswich. He arrived in October, signing a two-year contract, and he scored on his debut in the early November defeat at Crystal Palace. But after a three-game run in the side, he hasn't since appeared.

### MIDFIELD...

● Scottish Under-21 and B International PAUL TELFER has been a regular in a right-sided position and he's an Edinburgh-born former YTS player who made his debut in 1990-91. He can also play at right-back, while returning

eight days ago after a three-match suspension was Pontypridd-born midfielder CERI HUGHES who played against Telfer in the recent B International in Wrexham. An Under-21 and Full Welsh Cap, Hughes is almost ever-present this season and is a former YTS player who made his debut in 1989-90. Former Walsall player DAVID PREECE was signed for £130,000 in 1984, and he's an England B International. He had a regular spot to mid-October before injury cost him his place, and he's been back since mid-December. One of the most influential members of the side is Liverpool-born ALAN HARPER signed on a free transfer from Everton in mid-September since when he's been a regular in the line-up. Originally with Liverpool, he moved to Everton in 1983 and later had spells with Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City before returning to Everton in 1991. Substitutes in the recent defeat at Leicester were Hitchin-born SCOTT HOUGHTON and Birmingham-born JAMIE CAMPBELL, both of whom have made a



● LUTON TOWN'S '93-'94 Squad... BACK (from left) — Tony Thorpe, Jamie Campbell, Juergen Sommer, Andy Pettersen, Des Linton, Paul Telfer. MIDDLE (from left) — John Moore (First-Team Coach), Andy McDade (Physio.), Scott Oakes, Ceri Hughes, Marvin Johnson, David Greene, John Dreyer, Julian James, Terry Westley (Youth-Team Coach), Wayne Turner (Reserve-Team Coach). FRONT (from left) — Jason Rees, Ian Benjamin (now Brentford), Trevor Peake (Capt.), David Pleat (Manager), David Preece, Martin Williams, Richard Harvey.

### THEIR MANAGER...

● Nottingham-born DAVID PLEAT is in his second spell in charge at Kenilworth Road. He was a winger with Nottingham Forest where he began his League career, and he joined Luton in 1964. Three years later he was transferred to Shrewsbury, and was then with Exeter and Peterborough. He returned to Luton as reserve-team coach in 1974 after being in charge at Nuneaton, and in 1977 became first-team coach. He succeeded Harry Haslam as Manager in 1978, taking the Club into Division One in 1982. Four years later, he moved to Tottenham, and in December 1987 joined Leicester City. He was there until January 1991, and returned to take charge at Luton again in June 1991.

number of appearances this season. Houghton was previously with Tottenham whom he joined as a YTS player, and he was signed at the start of the season. Campbell, a former YTS player with the Club, made his debut in 1991-92 and though he's generally a left-sided player, he's appeared on a few occasions in defence this season as well as up front. Midfielder JASON REES from Pontypridd, a Welsh Youth B, Under-21 and Full Cap, has made several appearances this season and he's been on loan at Mansfield since the end of December, while England B and Under-21 Cap MITCHELL THOMAS has just gone back to West Ham after a three-month loan-spell but Luton are hoping to sign him in a £50,000 deal. One of Luton's most exciting talents is attacking midfielder TONY THORPE signed from his hometown club Leicester City at the start of last season. 19 year-old Thorpe made his debut as substitute in the 6-2 home win over Stoke in late November, and his

next game was in the Fourth Round tie at Newcastle when he scored in the 1-1 draw. He followed up with another goal in the 3-0 home win over Oxford as substitute, and he also came on in the replay against Newcastle. Another midfielder is locally-born MARTIN WILLIAMS who was a regular in the squad in the first few months of this season. He's a former Leicester City YTS player who joined Luton in 1991.

### DEFENDERS...

● Skipper TREVOR PEAKE is ever-present in the middle of defence. Signed in August 1991 for £100,000 from Coventry with whom he won an F.A. Cup Winners' medal, he began his League career with Lincoln City in 1979-80 after joining them from Nuneaton. Alongside him at the back is former Oxford United player JOHN DREYER signed for £140,000 in 1988 and he's missed just three games this season because of suspension. Birmingham-born DES LINTON has been a regular at right-back since early October, and he was signed in October 1991 from Leicester City together with Scott Oakes, while JULIAN JAMES has regained the left-back position since early January. He had a regular place to early October in either full-back position, and was then out for a few months, partly through injury. A former YTS player, he's an England Under-21 Cap who made his Luton debut in 1987-88. Wembley-born full-back MARVIN JOHNSON, a former YTS player, was ever-present to early November before an ankle injury put him out. He's now fit but has yet to return to first-team action.

### GOALKEEPERS...

● New-York born JUERGEN SOMMER has played in every match this season, and he joined the Club in August 1991 after leaving Indiana University in the U.S.A. He's had loan-spells with Brighton and Torquay in the last two seasons, and he made his

### THEIR 1993-94 RECORD

August	F-A	Att.
14 Watford (Div.1) ....	H 2-1	9,149
17 Cambridge (CCC.1) A	0-1	4,065
21 Portsmouth (Div.1) A	0-1	12,248
25 Cambridge (CCC.1) H	0-1	3,861
28 Nottm. F. (Div.1) ...	H 1-2	9,788
31 Watford (Anglo-It. Cup) ...	A 1-2	2,854
<b>September</b>		
7 Southend (Anglo-It. Cup) ....	H 1-1	1,823
11 Bolton (Div.1) ..	H 0-2	7,199
14 Tranmere (Div.1) ..	A 1-4	5,871
18 Middlesbro' (Div.1) A	0-0	12,487
25 Birm'ham (Div.1) ...	A 1-1	11,081
<b>October</b>		
2 Barnsley (Div.1) ....	H 5-0	6,201
5 Bristol City (Div.1) .	H 0-2	5,956
9 Derby Co. (Div.1) A	1-2	15,885
16 Notts Co. (Div.1) ..	H 1-0	6,366
20 Sunderland (Div.1) A	0-2	13,760
23 Oxford (Div.1) .....	A 1-0	5,161
30 Leicester (Div.1) ...	H 2-2	8,813
<b>November</b>		
2 Crystal P. (Div.1) .	A 2-3	10,295
7 Charlton (Div.1) ...	H 1-0	6,237
13 Southend (Div.1) ..	A 1-2	5,567
27 Stoke C. (Div.1) .	H 6-2	7,386
<b>December</b>		
4 Charlton (Div.1) ...	A 0-1	7,121
11 Tranmere (Div.1) ...	H 0-1	7,075
19 Watford (Div.1) ...	A 2-2	7,567
27 Peterboro' (Div.1) .	A 0-0	9,522
29 Grimsby (Div.1) ....	H 2-1	7,234
<b>January</b>		
1 West Brom. (Div.1) A	1-1	16,138
15 Notts Co. (Div.1) ..	A 2-1	6,589
18 Southend (FAC.3) .	H 1-0	7,953
22 Derby Co. (Div.1) ..	H 2-1	9,371
29 Newcastle (FAC.4) A	1-1	32,216
<b>February</b>		
5 Oxford (Div.1) .....	H 3-0	7,366
9 Newcastle (FAC.4) H	2-0	12,503
12 Leicester (Div.1) ...	A 1-2	16,149
15 Millwall (Div.1) ....	H Post.	
<b>This Season's Scorers (League &amp; Cups)</b>		
Dixon 8, Oakes 6, Telfer 5, Hartson 4, Hughes 4, Preece 3, James 2, Thorpe 2, Aunger 1, Benjamin (now Brentford) 1, Dickov (returned to Arsenal) 1, Dreyer 1 pen., Harper 1, Houghton 1, Thomas 1, Williams 1.		

Luton debut on the opening day of 1993-94. He was in fact injured in that game and was replaced by Australian-born ANDY PETTERSON who's been on the bench in all but one game this season. He originally came on trial from the Australian Institute of Sport and was signed at the start of 1988-89 since when he's had loan-spells with Swindon and Ipswich.



# YOUTH WATCH

by ROGER GIBBINS and GAVIN TAIT

● The long-awaited top-of-the-table clash with Exeter Youth fell foul of the extreme weather last weekend and so it's on with the show and a home game with Plymouth.

Our youngsters sat one point behind Exeter with a game in hand last weekend. They may have gone to the top if yesterday was a winning day and results went right for us. We're unable to report on that as deadlines forbid but will update you next week.

In place of the Exeter match, the lads did themselves proud with a stunning 7-0 win in the third

round of the British Gas Wales Youth Cup over Cwmbran Town, a game that was hastily arranged for last Sunday.

Once again the strength up front shone through with Kevin Bartley, Andy Evans (2), Simon Howarth (2), Scott Young and Ben Graham finding the net. A second half five-goal blitz built on our half-time 2-0 lead.

It means that our youngsters have now hit 18 goals in three games, against Bristol Rovers, Cheltenham and Cwmbran and have rightly earned their place in the quarter-finals of this tournament, where they will meet

Cogan. No date for that yet, but at the time of going to press, we hope to have arranged something for next weekend.

The bad weather last week not only lost us the first team game with Bournemouth; it also meant our carefully prepared plans to make the most of the half-term week went astray with a series of under-14 games biting the dust – or snow, in this case.

We had hoped to have a match on Friday against Swindon to see some of the young players that we have expressed an interest in over the last few weeks in schools football.



● Decked out by the TEC – pictured above with Youth Development Officer Gavin Tait are City's proud youth players showing off the splendid new tops, wet tops and T-shirts provided for the Young Bluebirds by South Glamorgan Training and Enterprise Council. The TEC have been keen supporters of the City youngsters this season and gave a further boost to City's stars of the future when they agreed to sponsor the training kit. **BACK ROW** (from left) – Gavin Tait, Andy Evans, Chris Davis, Andrew Keepin, Daniel Street, Lee Walker, Simon Howarth, Pat Mountain, Terry Evans. **FRONT ROW** (from left) – Kevin Bartley, Ian Jones, Ben Graham, Chris Ingram, Scott Young, Anthony Quoi.

## CITY QUIZ

(Answers on page 38)

1. Rejected by Luton Town in his early career, this City striker scored 21 goals in 43 games after joining from West Midlands Club Lower Gornal Athletic in October 1965; he later moved to Southport, Shrewsbury and Walsall. Who is he?
2. This centre forward made 150 appearances for the Bluebirds, scoring 44 goals after making his first team debut against Luton Town in September 1978. He, too, moved to Shrewsbury, for £20,000 in June 1982. Name, please?
3. Another City debutant against Luton Town – this time in August, 1972 – went on to make 154 appearances, mostly at the heart of the defence between 1974-78, during which time he established a partnership with Mike England. Can you remember him?
4. Luton Town's nickname and home ground, please?
5. Name the season:
  - a. City reach FA Cup fifth round, losing 2-0 to Leeds at Ninian Park in front of 50,000 fans.
  - b. Ninian Park pitch sinks! Tons of sand are used to build up the playing surface.
  - c. Brian Clark top scorer with 27 goals.

## FOOTBALL COMB. FIXTURES 1993-94

Date	Opponents	K.O.	F-A
18 Aug. (Wed.)	Cheltenham Town (H)	7.30	2-2
25 Aug. (Wed.)	Birmingham City (A)	7.00	0-2
1 Sept. (Wed.)	Exeter City (H)	2.00	2-5
8 Sept. (Wed.)	Birmingham City (H)	2.00	2-1
22 Sept. (Wed.)	Cheltenham Town (H)	7.30	2-2
29 Sept. (Wed.)	Birmingham City (H)	2.00	0-3
13 Oct. (Wed.)	Swansea City (H)	2.00	0-0
20 Oct. (Wed.)	Hereford Utd. (H)	2.00	1-5
27 Oct. (Wed.)	Hereford Utd. (H)	7.30	2-1
10 Nov. (Wed.)	Yeovil Town (A)	7.45	1-3
24 Nov. (Wed.)	Cheltenham Town (H)	2.00	1-0
1 Dec. (Wed.)	Swansea City (A)	2.00	1-2
8 Dec. (Wed.)	Hereford Utd. (A)	2.00	3-2
12 Jan. (Wed.)	Cheltenham Town (A)	7.30	Post.
2 Feb. (Wed.)	Swansea City (A)	2.00	Post.
16 Feb. (Wed.)	Torquay Utd. (A)	7.30	
23 Feb. (Wed.)	Swansea City (H)	2.00	

## S.W. COUNTIES FIXTURES 1993-94

Date	Opponents	F-A
18 Sept.	Weymouth (A)	5-1
25 Sept.	Yeovil (H)	3-2
9 Oct.	Bristol City (A)	1-0
16 Oct.	Bristol Rovers (H)	3-0
2 Nov.	Whitney Town (F.A. Youth Cup) (H)	5-0
6 Nov.	Exeter City (H)	1-2
13 Nov.	Plymouth Argyle (A)	2-4
20 Nov.	Swansea City (H)	1-0
27 Nov.	Torquay (H)	3-1
4 Dec.	Torquay (A)	1-0
7 Dec.	Harefield Utd.	2-0
18 Dec.	Yeovil (A)	3-1
15 Jan.	Bristol City (H)	3-1
18 Jan.	Coventry City (F.A. Youth Cup) (H)	1-2
22 Jan.	Bristol Rovers (A)	6-3
5 Feb.	Cheltenham (H)	5-0
13 Feb.	Cwmbran (BGW Cup) (H)	7-0
19 Feb.	Plymouth Argyle (H)	
26 Feb.	Swansea C. (A) (possibly Cogan BGW Cup)	

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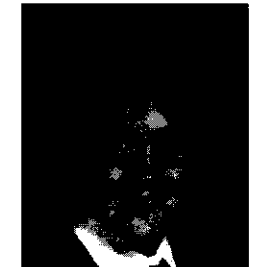
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## MATCH MASCOT



● Today's City Mascot is 8 year-old NEIL WATSON from Derwen Fawr, Swansea.

Neil attends Parklands Primary School, Swansea and his hobbies are football, football and football. His favourite players are Nathan Blake, Mark Aizlewood, Ryan Giggs, Andy Cole and Peter Beardsley.





● Cohen Griffith swiftly turns defence into another City attack in typical fashion.

## THE CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

● There's no competition like it – and there cannot be anywhere in the world where the competition is so strong.

I'm talking about Britain, of course, and the F.A. Cup. Where else could you be guaranteed – season after season – such a competition that allows teams from lower divisions to knock out the likes of Arsenal, Newcastle and Liverpool? There seems to be a world of difference, for example, between the standards in Italy's Serie A and the lower divisions there.

But here, in the F.A. Cup, teams not usually regarded as among the elite get their chance annually among the big boys – and this season, they're taking that



chance. So it's wonderful for all of us here to be part of that – to be involved in this part of Cardiff City's history. Everyone's been looking forward to today's encounter, especially after the great experience of the Fourth Round beating Manchester City before a full house here.

It's great to get the publicity for a performance like that – and the national recognition. When someone like Alan Hansen praises someone, they take notice.

So Nathan will take pride in the praise for his personal performance that day, and the team will take pride in the praise they received for the collective performance.

The pressure should be on Luton today – they're the team from the higher division with the Newcastle scalp under their belt.

Well, that suits us. I said in my column for that Man City match that the crowd can be like a 12th man for us. You've proved it on so many occasions, and you proved it again that day.

Now you've another chance. So get behind us, I think we've shown that when it comes to the big occasion, you won't find us wanting.

**JASON PERRY**

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## MARK SAYS: "I'M NO HERO"

● Mark Grew tasted F.A. Cup glory at the semi-finals stage but insists: *"I'm just as excited about today's match as any of the lads."*

He was at Highbury when West Bromwich Albion missed the chance of a Wembley appearance to QPR in the early '80s. And he's tasted fifth and sixth round action before with Ipswich and Port Vale. So the Bilston-born keeper – 36 last Tuesday – is one of City's senior hands.

*"But don't let that fool you – this is still a big occasion for me,"* says the man who saved the penalty in the Fourth Round against Manchester City.

*"No matter how many games we play, it's still as exciting for me as for everyone else."*

He agrees that he's now enjoying his best spell of form since joining City – helped, he says, by having a longer run in the first team and buoyed by the success of the back four playing in front of him.



*"I was a bit disappointed with Saturday's performance at Burnley, especially after the way we've been playing,"* he says.

*"But I've benefitted personally from having a longer run in goal which has obviously given me more confidence, and then playing behind a defence which has played so well. They've all been doing so well, and Lee Baddeley especially has come through this season."*

But whatever else he does this season, that penalty save against Man City, and the late save from Keith Curle's header which preserved our one-nil advantage, are the saves which will ensure his place in Ninian folklore.

*"Goalkeepers are either*

*praised or slaughtered – that's the way it is,"* he says.

*"But I think it would be wrong to single anyone out for what happened that day.*

*Although Nathan and I got the headlines, there were no individual heroes out there.*

*How can you single anyone out after a team performance like that?*

*The penalty save? Well. I've always been quite good on pens.*

*I have a system which seems to work for me. Obviously I don't want to give away too much, but I watch a lot of football and study the way people take penalties and try to apply my system to them. I reckon I get it right about eight times out of ten – but no system is foolproof.*

*But I'll be trying to do what I tell the others to do this afternoon – to go out and relax and enjoy it. That way you can give of your best, and no-one can ask more of themselves than that."*



# MY VIEW

by CHRIS STUART, Ninian Park Veteran and BBC Broadcaster

● Are you one of those football fans with instant statistical recall?

"That would have been November 1958," you say... "2-1 at home with a goal either side of half-time from that gangly centre forward with the Bolivian grandmother."

In the words of Desmond Lynham — how do they do that?

I'm not a memory man myself. City's exploits are more of a generalised backdrop to my twenty-plus years in South Wales, rather than a series of perfectly-etched, detailed memories. I saw plenty of Anderson and Evans and Alston and Bennett, but as for whether they played in the same team... well, don't look at me.

I think I remember my first Ninian Park game though. Middlesbrough it was. They had a centre forward called Hickton and a number ten called McMordie. Probably the start of the 1972-73 season. But don't press me on the result.

Since then I've seen



hundreds of City games, but what I recall of them seems to have little to do with the matches themselves. It's more the terrace side-shows.

A meaningless evening game against Darlington for example, enlivened by the 15-or-so away fans doing the conga across the Grange End in drenching rain.

Or that man on the Bob Bank who used to say, "Larmour — you're as much use as a chocolate teapot!"

Or that other Bob Bank stalwart who showed up one Saturday afternoon and announced he'd developed a penchant for placing bizarre bets. He'd just put £20 on that day's game against Stockport County

ending up a 3-3 draw. We laughed. City were three up in 20 minutes, and rampant. Then Stockport scored 3 in the second half, and we sang Stockport County songs all the way back to the betting shop.

Incidentally, my favourite Bob Bank song remains:

*Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to see  
Cardiff win... at 'ome.*

And Dannie Abse a City fan too!

But as I say, all these memories are hazy. I may even have made some of them up.

Much clearer are my childhood, pre-Cardiff, football memories all of which have to do with a team whose identity I needn't bother you with.

But I will say this. The team in question met Luton Town in a classic Wembley Cup Final in the late 'Fifties. And Luton lost. At least that's how I remember it.

I hope it's an omen.

# CITYSTAT+CITYSTAT+CITYSTAT+CITYSTAT

PLAYER	APPEARANCES		GOALS	
	League	Cup	League	Cup
Darren ADAMS .....	2+1	0+1	1	1
Mark AIZLEWOOD .....	12+0	11+0	1	0
Lee BADDELEY .....	36+10	21+0	0	0
Kevin BARTLEY .....	0+0	0+1	0	0
Anthony BIRD .....	18+13	12+4	5	6
Nathan BLAKE .....	114+11	45+1	34	5
Derek BRAZIL .....	53+1	24+1	0	0
Carl DALE .....	60+4	22+4	30	15
Terry EVANS .....	1+1	1+1	0	0
Roger GIBBINS .....	237+14	61+3	24	9
Mark GREW .....	21+0	10+0	0	0
Cohen GRIFFITH .....	161+6	18+3	34	14
Ian JONES .....	2+0	0+0	0	0
Phil KITE .....	11+1	5+0	0	0
Paul MILLAR .....	54+12	18+7	6	4
Jason PERRY .....	180+2	57+1	2	0
Nicky RICHARDSON .....	49+3	20+0	9	4
Damon SEARLE .....	142+0	41+0	2	2
Phil STANT .....	41+2	15+0	14	12
Garry THOMPSON .....	18+2	9+5	4	3
Nathan WIGG .....	2+4	1+4	0	0
Stephen WILLIAMS .....	3+0	3+0	0	0
+ Substitute Appearance				

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1. Reading .....	30	11	3	1	30	11	7	4	4	30	20	61	
2. Stockport .....	27	11	0	3	33	13	4	6	3	13	14	51	
3. Plymouth .....	27	9	4	1	31	17	5	4	4	20	18	50	
4. Burnley .....	29	12	1	2	34	13	3	4	7	15	21	50	
5. Brentford .....	30	7	5	3	20	13	6	6	3	21	13	50	
6. Bristol Rovers .....	29	6	6	3	21	18	8	2	4	19	17	50	
7. Port Vale .....	27	8	4	1	29	12	5	4	5	16	16	47	
8. York .....	30	6	5	4	19	11	6	3	6	22	18	44	
9. Hull .....	30	6	5	4	22	15	6	2	7	20	28	43	
10. Bradford .....	29	8	3	4	23	14	4	4	6	16	23	43	
11. Leyton Orient .....	30	8	5	2	24	15	3	4	8	15	27	42	
12. Cambridge Utd. ....	30	6	5	4	22	15	4	3	8	19	30	38	
13. Blackpool .....	31	9	2	5	28	24	2	2	11	16	30	37	
14. Bournemouth .....	27	5	4	5	17	18	4	6	3	15	14	37	
15. Fulham .....	30	4	4	7	11	14	6	1	8	23	27	35	
16. Wrexham .....	27	8	3	2	33	19	1	4	9	11	29	34	
17. Brighton .....	29	5	6	4	21	18	3	4	7	12	25	34	
18. Swansea City .....	27	5	6	2	19	13	3	3	8	11	23	33	
19. Huddersfield .....	28	4	5	4	14	17	4	4	7	16	20	33	
20. CARDIFF CITY .....	26	6	4	3	26	16	1	6	6	15	27	31	
21. Rotherham .....	27	5	3	5	21	20	2	5	7	14	23	29	
22. Exeter .....	26	5	4	4	26	22	1	4	8	7	26	26	
23. Hartlepool .....	30	4	2	8	14	22	1	4	11	10	26	21	
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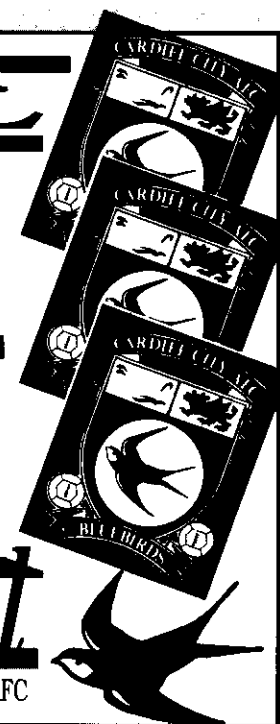
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● Garry Thompson moves up and Manchester City skipper Keith Curle is wrong footed (above).



● It's Curle again – this time trying to close down matchwinner Nathan Blake (above).



● Phil Stant fires home to keep us in the hunt in the third round against Middlesbrough.

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## CARDIFF CITY

H.T. F.T.

( ) .....

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3. Damon SEARLE .....
4. Paul MILLAR .....
5. Lee BADDELEY .....
6. Jason PERRY (Capt.) .....
7. Garry THOMPSON .....
8. Nicky RICHARDSON .....
9. Tony BIRD .....
10. Nathan BLAKE .....
11. Cohen GRIFFITH .....

Substitutes:

12. ....
14. ....
- GK. ....



● THE CITY 1993-94 Line-Up ... BACK (from left) – Garry Thompson, Paul Millar, Mark Aizlewood, Nick Richardson. MIDDLE (from left) – Anthony Bird, Lee Baddeley, Phil Kite, Mark Grew, Stephen Williams, Phil Stant, Derek Brazil. FRONT (from left) – Cohen Griffith, Damon Searle, Carl Dale, Roger Gibbins (Coach), Eddie May (Manager), Jason Perry (Captain), Nathan Wigg, Nathan Blake.

## LUTON TOWN

H.T. F.T.

( ) .....

(White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks)

13. Juergen SOMMER .....
4. Julian JAMES .....
5. Trevor PEAKE (Capt.) .....
6. John DREYER .....
7. Paul TELFER .....
8. Scott OAKES .....
10. David PREECE .....
12. Ceri HUGHES .....
14. John HARTSON .....
19. Des LINTON .....
27. Alan HARPER .....

Substitutes:

- .....
- .....
- .....

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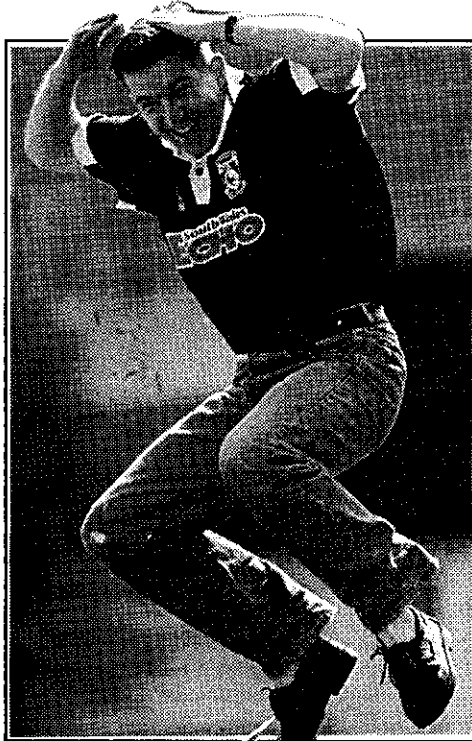
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## UP FOR THE CUP?

So it's Luton Town then, and it's hat's off to them (sorry), after their excellent victory over Newcastle. Let's hope they have less to celebrate this afternoon.

This season's F.A. Cup has to be the strangest that most of us can remember. Only Manchester United and Aston Villa left in the competition out of the so called glamour clubs, and the likes of Leeds, Arsenal and Liverpool suffering embarrassing home defeats. When Alan Hansen predicts a Cardiff v. Kidderminster Cup Final on Sportsnight, you know things

aren't quite right! What an opportunity for at least one club outside the Premier League to reach Wembley.

The majority of City players and supporters were looking forward to taking on Newcastle today, eager to see the likes of Beardsley and Cole at Ninian Park. I for one am glad to be playing Luton, as realistically it does give us a better chance of reaching the Quarter Finals. Although today's game will be far from easy, with a capacity crowd cheering the Bluebirds on, we must be in with a shout...

## OPEN ALL HOURS

Rugby League returns to Ninian Park on Friday 4th March, for the international between Wales and France. CCSC will be opening the club shop on the evening, and this may be the perfect opportunity for programme hunters to browse around and add to their collection. Don't forget that the shop is open every Thursday afternoon, as well as matchdays.

## VALIANT PERFORMANCE

A couple of days before our recent Welsh Cup tie at Ebbw Vale, a colleague at work remarked that if we can beat Manchester City then we wouldn't have any trouble against a Konica League of Wales team. They obviously haven't watched City as much as some of us.

Upon arriving at Eugene Cross Park, anybody with red tickets (most of the Cardiff City fans) were refused entry at the main gate, and were sent to the rear end of the ground. I can tell you, this was worse than Alder-shot, as we were forced to walk along a dark, narrow mud path, carefully avoiding slipping

down the bank into the stream below. A walk through a field followed, best described as a quagmire, and we could see the terrace ahead.

Once I had negotiated my way into the ground, I was foolishly persuaded to part with £1 for a programme, which closely resembled one of those free ads papers that nobody reads. I then proceeded to turn into a block of ice, watching City seemingly head into oblivion for the next ninety minutes or so. When Darren Adams got that late late equaliser to earn a replay, the relief amongst the many Cardiff fans dispersed around the ground was immense. We had got out of jail just as the hangman was preparing the noose, we are not normally that lucky.

To any Ebbw Vale fans out there, I know I've moaned about the ground, which once inside was quite impressive, and the programme (I can't blame you for the weather), but it really isn't sour grapes just because you nearly knocked us out of the Welsh Cup. You should have beaten us, you should be looking forward to a semi-final clash with Swansea. However, as the saying goes, football's a funny old game, and for the moment, someone seems to be smiling on us. Meanwhile there's still the little matter of the replay on Tuesday at Ninian.

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Kathy Shea would like to pass on her eternal thanks to two of our members who went to the trouble of buying her a rather unusual birthday present. **Richard Griffiths** and **Ivor Rees**, both from Rhiwbina, spent their hard earned money on a pennant for the club shop.

## with Mark Watkins and Kathy Shea

Not just any pennant, a **Swansea City** one. So if you happen to see an object of this type (hanging on the floor!), when you call into the shop, don't blame us — you know who they are!

## RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

The resumption of fixtures in the Cardiff AstroTurf League brings us news at last of the CCSC first team, with a fine win over Inter Lfor at Mountain Ash recently.

A good performance by the lads, coming back from going a goal behind after twelve minutes. Goals from Craig Baldwin, and two from Simon Magee made it a comfortable 3-1 scoreline at the interval. A fourth from Dean Searle, midway through the second half, gave the firsts a useful 4-1 win, and three points upon their return to action. A solid display all round was capped by fine finishing from each of the goalscorers, and even manager Clive Francis managed a full ninety minutes without being sent off or collapsing in a heap!

## THE GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME

Grimsby Town are currently in the dock (excuse the pun), after the antics of their supporters during the F.A. Cup tie at home to Aston Villa. The reason — fans invaded the pitch, and now the club may face a fine as they have to explain the behaviour of their supporters to the F.A.

Opinion is still divided on this subject, despite the fact that a law was introduced a few years back, making it a criminal offence to encroach onto the playing surface at football grounds. Many City fans, includ-

ing myself, were celebrating on the pitch last May at Scunthorpe, as we celebrated our fine win which clinched the Third Division Championship. Indeed, running towards the players tunnel, to celebrate a promotion or fine cup victory with the team, has been a way of life for supporters up and down the country for many years. Recent games at Ninian Park have seen similar instances of fans wishing to join in with the players jubilation.

Anybody who has had the opportunity to see the Cardiff City Official History video should have spotted footage of young supporters congratulating their heroes during famous matches from the 50's and 60's, the commentator seeing the intrusion as no more than harmless fun. Unfortunately, motives these days for entering the field of play are not always so innocent, with most onlookers fearing the worst as soon as fans spill onto the pitch. It's sad to think that we can no longer trust each other to behave, and usually when we should be celebrating a success.

I don't want to be a party pooper, but please, whatever the result today, don't invade the pitch. With the club in a precarious position because of recent incidents, the last thing I want to happen is for the many genuine supporters to suffer the ultimate sacrifice, with City being ordered to play matches behind closed doors. **Keep off the grass!!!**

## GUTEN TAG

Welcome to Stewart "Taff" Miller, who has flown over from Germany especially for today's game. "Taff" is a member of CCSC's Berlin branch, so if you happen to notice a German flag in the ground, don't be too

surprised.

## ON TOUR

Wasn't the draw for the European Championship qualifiers a strange affair, with all these countries taking part which no one has even discovered, let alone heard of! Personally, I think England have entered about a dozen times under assumed names, just to increase their miniscule chances of winning the competition on home soil.

Back to our group, and it's welcome to Wacky Wales Tours to Eastern Europe. You too can now go deep sea diving in the Black Sea, play escape from Albania, and dodge the bullets in Georgia. Mike Lambert is already rubbing his hands at the thought of trapesing around Tirana in the early hours, suitably swelled with the local brew. Alternatively, you can just go to see us get beat again in Germany!

No doubt the Peter Lovells and Nick Grants of this world are already checking their route maps, and the gravity of the available ales. CCSC will be doing their best to organise small trips to each of the games, and will be working hard to obtain the cheapest quotes possible. Watch this space for further developments...

## GRUESOME TWOSOME

Shock! Horror!

The Sweater Shop no longer stock jumpers emblazoned with the logo "Cardiff — Caerdydd". Bad enough you might think, but their new line now carry the words "Cardiff — Swansea". Quick, warn your granny, you don't want one for Christmas!

Going to Middlesboro?

Wear the fox hat — It's cold up there.



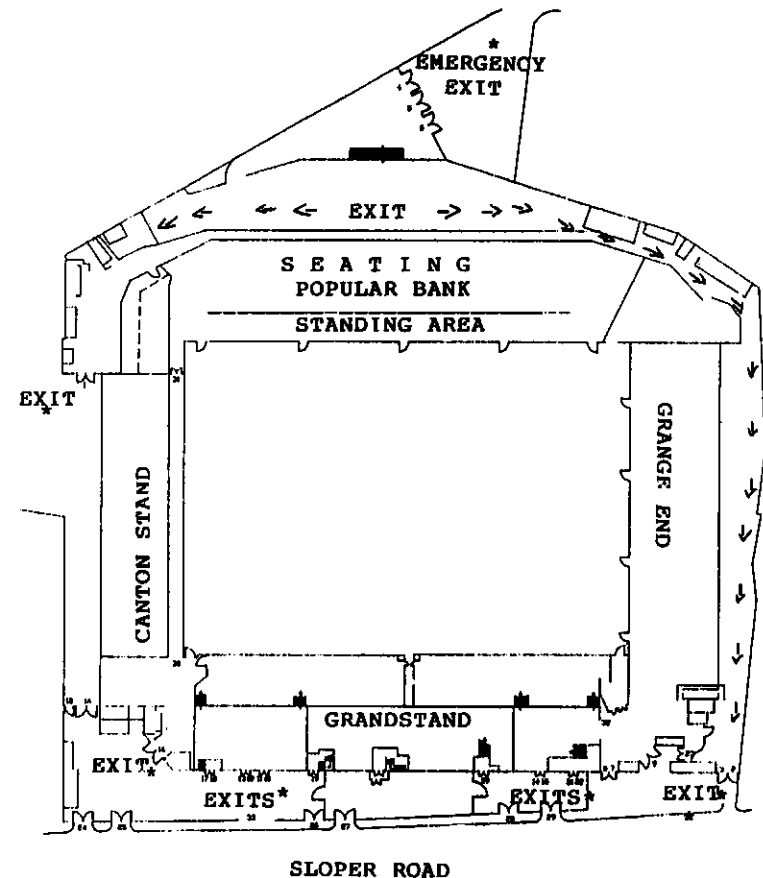
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# CITY RIVALS

● A look at today's other F.A. Cup matches...

## BOLTON ON THE MARCH...

● The President of Bolton Wanderers, who play Aston Villa at Burden Park in the Fifth Round this afternoon (3.05), has a special affinity with the F.A. Cup. The legendary Nat Lofthouse, the former England International who spent his whole career with Bolton as player, manager, fundraiser etc., played in two F.A. Cup Finals for them – against Blackpool in 1953 when they lost 4-3 in one of the most memorable Wembley Finals, and against Manchester United in 1958 when he scored both goals in Wanderers' 2-0 victory. Bolton reached the Fifth Round last season as a lower division side coming from Round One, and along the way they beat Liverpool 2-0 at Anfield after a 2-2 draw at Burden Park. This time it was Everton's turn after a 3rd round replay, and following Wanderers' 3-2 victory at Goodison Park, they again did their usual, beating Premiership opposition in a replay, Arsenal going down 3-1 at Highbury eleven days ago. Scottish forward John McGinlay, a former Shrewsbury and Bury player signed from Millwall early last

## THE F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND...

**Yesterday's games...**  
 Bristol City v. Charlton  
 Kidderminster v. West Ham  
 Oldham v. Barnsley  
 Oxford Utd. v. Chelsea  
 Wolves v. Ipswich

**and today...**  
 Bolton v. Aston Villa (3.05)  
**CARDIFF CITY v. LUTON TOWN**  
 Wimbledon v. Manchester United (5.00)

season, is one of the men Villa will have to watch this afternoon. He makes a habit of scoring in these type of matches, and he's netted 21 times in League and Cup this season. And it's not that long since Bolton were last at Wembley – they won the Sherpa Van Trophy in 1989, though it's 1958 since they were last there for an F.A. Cup Final. As for Aston Villa, they've really picked up since New Year's Day after a difficult spell in the Premiership. Their 5-0 home win over Swindon Town last Saturday was their seventh League and Cup game without defeat (six wins and a draw) and they've scored fifteen goals in that time. They're aiming for Wembley on two fronts, having played Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park on Wednesday in the first leg of their Coca Cola Cup Semi-final. Welsh International Dean Saunders' hat-trick last Saturday (two of them penalties) gave him 12 League and Cup goals this season, and they're looking for a Wembley F.A. Cup Final place for the first time since 1957, although they've been there since then in the League Cup.

## DON'S UPSET?...

● Wimbledon v. Manchester United at 5.00 p.m. is the other Cup match today, and there should be a full house at Selhurst Park which they share with Crystal Palace. The last time that the Premiership leaders and current champions visited Selhurst, was in the final match of last season when a crowd of 30,115 packed the ground. Wimbledon only had 13,358 for last Saturday's 4-2 home win over Newcastle United, and most of those were Northern fans. But while most of today's crowd will be Manchester United supporters, that won't worry Wimbledon who are quite capable of upsetting anyone, especially with Vinnie Jones back in the side after his brief absence recently. If they do beat Manchester United, it will follow this season's pattern of the major clubs collapsing in the competition, though on current form, United must be favourites this afternoon. They've won their last six League and Cup games, and they've only lost twice all season! Chelsea beat them 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on September 11th, Stoke City beat them 2-1 eleven days later at the Victoria Ground in the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup Second Round. Since then, it's 31 games unbeaten (22 wins, 9 draws).

# COHEN GRIFFITH: CUP FEELINGS

● Cohen Griffith – so long one of Cardiff City's unsung heroes – has a simple philosophy about games like today's.

"I'm trying to make it a day to remember," he says.

"I think the best way to give yourself a chance of having a good game is to aim to go out and enjoy it. That's what I'm aiming to do – if selected."

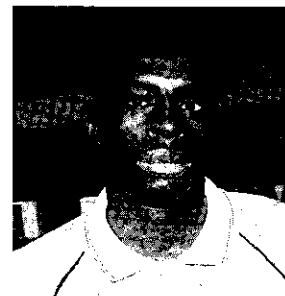
The 31 year-old Guyana-born forward moved to Ninian Park for £70,000 from non-league Kettering Town – having tasted F.A. Cup Fourth Round adventure with them.

"We lost 2-1 to Charlton, and I didn't enjoy that game. Well, we're already past that hurdle, and I'm looking forward to the new challenge."

Now just over four years into his stint at Ninian, the striker/wide-man has something of veteran status about him.

"Yes, that's right." he says. "I think that of the current team only Jason Perry has played more games than me."

People ask whether it was a big jump coming from non-league foot-



ball. But the Conference was a high-standard competition, with a lot of ex-League players competing. So the move wasn't that big."

He was first seen as an out-and-out striker, but has since played many of his 200-plus games on the flanks.

"I enjoy that when I get the ball – you rely on service from others in that position. I prefer playing down the middle, but it's nice to be involved in any position. There's a lot of very good players sitting on the subs' bench so if I'm asked to play, I play."

He found himself in a front-running role towards the end of last season, of course, and capped a memorable season with a couple of goals when we sealed the Championship on that memorable day at Scunthorpe.

You can look back at

any season and see matches or incidents which turn events. And in cup competitions, an element of luck is often seen as an essential ingredient.

"We've had that on occasions in the cup this season – against Enfield when we won right at the end and could so easily have been out of the F.A. Cup, or against Middlesbrough when Paul Wilkinson's effort appeared to have gone over the line, but the officials thought otherwise," Cohen says.

"You do get a feeling about certain runs, and there's certainly a feeling in the club about this one in this competition. There was a great buzz after we beat Manchester City by playing the better football."

I think today the fans may be expecting us to win, because they see that Luton are a First Division side and we've already beaten a Premiership team. But this is the side that beat Newcastle. They have to start as favourites, but if we play as well as we know we can, then we know we can get into the last eight."

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## HOLD THE BACK PAGE, AND TUNE THAT DIAL...

● **NINIAN PARK's** press and media facilities will be fully stretched this afternoon with major television, radio and newspaper interest in today's tie after the exploits of City in beating Middlesbrough and Manchester City, and Luton's tremendous achievement in overcoming Newcastle United after a replay.

In addition to the South Wales press regulars, the national press will be here in force as the date "1927" begins to feature regularly these days in articles about Cardiff City. And if anyone needs reminding, that was the year Fred Keenor and his side brought the Cup to Wales for the only time (so far!)

Luton have never won the F.A. Cup, but they were at Wembley in 1959, losing to Nottingham Forest. Like us, they will feel that they have a good chance of reaching this year's quarter-finals, and of course they've been to Wembley several times in the late 1980s in the

League Cup (twice) and Simod Cup.

### COINCIDENCE...

If, however, it's City who make the Sixth Round, then it will be for the first time since that 1927 triumph. And if you're looking to stretch coincidence any further, our Cup run that year began on January 8th, in the Third Round (January 8th was this year's Third Round), and there was a major collapse of the country's leading clubs in that 1927 competition as there has been this year!

So, in the circumstances, it's not surprising that there have been numerous press applications. And if City fans feel the scribes and broadcasters are jumping onto the Bluebirds bandwagon, well that's a fact of football life when it comes to covering major games. And if you want to read all about it from the "qualities" to the "tabloids", or hear and see it on radio or television, then they've all got to be accommodated.

### TELEVISION "FIRST"...

BBC Wales television are taking this afternoon's match "live", opting out of BBC1's coverage of Bolton v. Aston Villa. And BBC Wales came up with a "first" on the day of our victory over Manchester City. It was the first time ever that a Saturday afternoon FA Cup tie had been televised "live" on a full day of League and Cup action throughout the country.

Radio will also be represented in strength... BBC Radio Wales will have a full commentary team here today including our former player Ian Walsh who is as eloquent on the air as he was on the pitch, and Radio Wales have covered all our first-team games this season live with the exception of the odd Autoglass Trophy and Welsh Cup match, with either commentary or regular scoreflashes, reports and interviews. Radio Cymru will also be presenting their Welsh language sports programme from the ground.



## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

### EBBW VALE 1 CARDIFF CITY 1

*Cardiff City newcomer Darren Adams knows how to make an impression. Dubbed "Pele" after one training session, he capped Saturday's full League debut with one of the most spectacular goals seen at Ninian Park for years. And last night he maintained City's grip on the Allbright Bitter Welsh Cup with a last-gasp equaliser in a nailbiting quarter-final at Eugene Cross Park.*

Robert Phillips, SOUTH WALES ECHO

### BURNLEY 2 CARDIFF CITY 0

*(City's) resolute defensive work seemed set to give them some reward, despite a punchless attacking display against dominant Burnley at Turf Moor... but all their good work went to waste in a disastrous second half spell... City looked to be on course for at least a point as they showed organisation at the back before the interval, with skipper Jason Perry and fellow centre back Lee Baddeley in good form...*

James King, WALES ON SUNDAY

*Defender Damon Searle knows Cardiff City must improve their poor away record to ease their relegation worries. But the left back, in his most consistent spell of the campaign, is confident Cardiff City can beat their away day blues.*

Robert Phillips, SOUTH WALES ECHO

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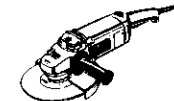
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# OUR F.A. CUP HERITAGE



● Captain Fred Keenor introduces the City team to King George V before kick-off at Wembley for the 1927 Cup final (above) and then shows off the trophy after that historic 1-0 win over Arsenal.



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# REPLAY-CITY

● The 1974 World Cup Finals in Germany produced some memorable performances, and one member of the Australian team who did well in that tournament was so highly rated by the West German Manager that the great Helmut Schoen commented "He could play for any side in the Bundesliga."

In fact Hertha Berlin, Eintracht Frankfurt and SV Hamburg all tried to sign him but Preston-born **ADRIAN ALSTON** chose today's opponents Luton Town, a move which resulted in him joining Cardiff City after a fourteen-month stay at Kenilworth Road, and helping The Bluebirds to regain a place in the old Division Two at the first attempt following relegation.

## ATTENTION...

Alston had left his native Preston as an 18 year-old in May 1968 to emigrate to Australia, and he was playing for Safeways of Sydney when Australia reached the '74 Finals. They didn't get beyond the first phase, but Alston's ability attracted a great deal of attention, and it was First Division Luton who signed him in August 1974 shortly after the Tournament.

He made 23 League and Cup appearances for them, scoring nine goals, and was in fact top scorer in a Luton side that made a gallant



● City's former Luton forward Adrian Alston (right) in action at Ninian Park against Brighton in January 1976.

attempt to avoid relegation. But they went down by a point despite three wins and a draw from their final four games in which Alston scored three goals.

But the big forward did not have a good start to the 1975-76 season — one goal in his opening eight games cost him his place. Meanwhile, Cardiff City manager Jimmy Andrews needed a proven goalscorer to boost a side which was in the lower half of Division Three after being relegated from the Second while Luton were going down from the First. By late October 1975, The Bluebirds had scored just 15 goals in 13 League games and showed little sign of a major revival.

## CAREFUL BUILDING...

In retrospect, it was a City that was being carefully built-up. Former Wales and

Tottenham skipper Mike England had signed in mid-August to boost the defence, a few days later the midfielder Doug Livermore had come from Norwich for £25,000. Free transfer signing Tony Evans from Blackpool was starting to score regularly, few wingers got past full-back Phil Dwyer, while Albert Larmour was forming a solid central-defensive partnership with England.

It was on Wednesday, October 29th, 1975 that City signed Alston for £25,000. Two days later he arrived at Ninian Park for his debut that Friday night against Chesterfield. The game was played that night because of the Rugby International between Wales and Australia at the Arms Park the next day. And because Alston had been such a big name Down

Under, those members of the Australian rugby squad who weren't involved in the following day's game were at Ninian Park to see their fellow-countryman, who held dual British/Australian citizenship, make a tremendous opening appearance for City.

## GREAT GOAL...

It took Alston just six minutes and twenty-five seconds to set the crowd alight with a great goal, and he later added a second in a match which City won 4-3, having to hang on at the end as Chesterfield made desperate efforts to save the game.

From that point on, City hardly looked back. Alston scored 20 goals in 41 League and Cup appearances, forming a great partnership with Tony Evans (29 League and Cup goals). Attendances were regularly above the five-figure mark, and when

City played the eventual champions Hereford United at Ninian Park on April 14th 1976, there was a 35,549 crowd! Four days before that, Alston had scored the winner in a 1-0 victory at fellow promotion-challengers Crystal Palace whose manager Malcolm Allison had said afterwards — "They (Cardiff) aren't in the same League as us for support. They won't get 25,000 there to see them play Hereford."

## CHAMPAGNE...

Much was made of Allison's comments, and after City beat Hereford 2-0 in front of that 35,000 crowd, they sent him six bottles of his favourite drink — champagne. And as City headed towards promotion, Palace missed out! Alston's most vital goal was in the last League game at Bury on May 4th. City won 1-0 to go up in

## City's 1975-76 Promotion-Clinching Line-up...

May 4th 1976 —  
Division Three  
Bury (0) 0  
Cardiff City (1) 1 —  
Attendance 7,135  
CITY: Ron Healey, Phil Dwyer, Freddie Pethard, Alan Campbell, Mike England, Albert Larmour, Peter Sayer, Doug Livermore, Tony Evans, Adrian Alston (1), Willie Anderson.

second place, and went on to complete a League and Cup double.

But Alston's stay at Ninian Park was to be comparatively brief. In mid-December 1976, he was transferred to American club Tampa Bay Rowdies for £18,000. His star had shone briefly at Ninian Park, but it was great while it lasted, and the Alston/Evans combination is still fondly remembered by Bluebirds fans of the mid-1970s.



● CARDIFF CITY's squad in May 1976... BACK (from left) — Freddie Pethard, Doug Livermore, Ron Healey, Brian Clark, Keith Pontin, Derek Showers, John Buchanan, Tony Villars, Willie Anderson, Albert Larmour, Phil Dwyer. FRONT (from left) — David Giles, Peter Sayer, Richie Morgan, Tony Evans, Adrian Alston, Clive Charles, Alan Campbell, Brian Attley. Absent are Gil Reece, Mike England, Bill Irwin.





# JUNIOR BLUEBIRDS



● **HAPPY** FA Cup Birthday to **FRANCESCA ADELE CULLEN** of Witla Court Road, Rumney, Cardiff, who is seven today. Francesca goes to Greenway Road Juniors and her fave player is Nathan Blake.



● **FLYING** the flag for the Bluebirds today... that's Echo Junior Blues Bethan Skelton, aged 11, and her brother, Owen, eight, of Glyn Eiddew, Pentwyn, Cardiff. The flags are on sale from the Echo offices at Thomson House, priced £2.50.

## SIMPLY the BEST



● **GIVE** your Junior Bluebird a mention with a request on the City-mad **STEVE JOHNSON** Wednesday show on Red Dragon Radio. Write to: Simply the Best, Steve Johnson, Red Dragon Radio, Cardiff.

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## SHOUT!

*HAVE City ever played Luton in the Cup?*

*Alex Jones, 11, Merthyr.*

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Write: Shout! Junior Bluebirds, South Wales Echo, Cardiff.

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# THE CITY RECORD 1993-94

Date	Opponents (Comp.)	F A	Scorers	Lge. pts.	Lge. pos.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
Aug. 14 (Sat.)	LEYTON ORIENT (Div.2)	2-0	Blake, Griffith	3	—	9,920	Grew	James	Searle	Brazil	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Bird	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley	Millar	Kite (1)
Aug. 17 (Tue.)	AFC Bournemouth (CCC1)	1-3	Bird	—	—	3,054	Kite	James	Brazil	Millar	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Bird	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (4)	Wigg	Williams
Aug. 21 (Sat.)	Fulham (Div.2)	3-1	Blake (2), Thompson	6	2	5,696	Kite	James	Searle	Brazil	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Bird	Baddeley (2)	Wigg	Williams
Aug. 24 (Tue.)	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (CCC1)	1-1	Morris (o.g.)	7	3	4,549	Kite	James (C)	Searle	Brazil	Perry	Millar	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Bird	Baddeley (4)	Wigg (6)	Williams
Aug. 28 (Sat.)	BRIGHTON (Div.2)	2-2	Blake, Cornwell	8	4	7,687	Kite	James (C)	Searle	Brazil	Perry	Millar	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (4)	Wigg	Williams
Aug. 31 (Tue.)	Exeter City (Div.2)	2-2	Griffith, Cornwell	9	6	3,044	Kite	James (C)	Searle	Brazil	Perry	Millar	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (4)	Wigg	Williams
Sept. 4 (Sat.)	Port Vale (Div.2)	2-2	Blake, Griffith	8	4	8,140	Kite	James	Searle	Millar	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (4)	Wigg	Williams
Sept. 11 (Sat.)	HULL CITY (Div.2)	3-4	Thompson, Richardson (2)	9	11	7,421	Kite	James	Searle	Cornwell	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Cornwell	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (4)	Wigg	Williams
Sept. 15 (Wed.)	Standard Liege (ECWC)	2-5	Bird (2)	—	—	10,700	Kite	James	Searle	Baddeley	Perry	Ratcliffe	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Thompson	Millar	Baddeley	Williams
Sept. 18 (Sat.)	Blackpool (Div.2)	0-1	—	9	17	4,767	Kite	James	Searle	Jones	Perry	Ratcliffe (C)	Millar	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Wigg	Evans (9)	Williams
Sept. 25 (Sat.)	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Div.2)	2-3	Stant, Millar	9	19	6,632	Kite	James	Searle	James	Knill	Ratcliffe (C)	Bird	Brazil	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley	Wigg	Williams
Sept. 28 (Tue.)	STANDARD LIEGE (ECWC)	1-2	James	9	20	6,006	Williams	James	Searle	James	Baddeley	Ratcliffe (C)	Bird	Millar	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Wigg (7)	Bartley (8)	Kite
Oct. 2 (Sat.)	York City (Div.2)	0-0	—	10	22	3,762	Williams	James	Searle	James	Knill	Brazil	Wigg	Bird	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Wigg (7)	Young (9)	Williams
Oct. 10 (Sun.)	Barnet (Div.2)	0-0	—	10	22	2,084	Kite	Perry	Searle	Brazil	Knill	Baddeley	Bird	Thompson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Wigg (7)	Millar	Williams
Oct. 16 (Sat.)	BRISTOL ROVERS (Div.2)	1-0	Richardson (pen.)	10	22	5,563	Kite	Perry	Searle	Brazil	Knill	Aizlewood	Millar	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Stant (4)	Baddeley (5)	Williams
Oct. 20 (Wed.)	Bristol Rovers (A.T.)	0-3	—	10	22	2,035	Kite	Perry	Searle	Brazil	Baddeley	Aizlewood	Millar	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Bird (3)	Wigg	Grew
Oct. 23 (Sat.)	Wrexham (Div.2)	1-3	Bird	10	22	4,245	Kite	Perry (C)	Searle	Brazil	Baddeley	Aizlewood	Millar	Richardson	Thompson	Blake	Griffith	Bird (3)	Stant (9)	Grew
Oct. 26 (Tue.)	AFAN LIDO (W.C.1)	2-0	Bird, Thompson	11	—	1,451	Kite	Evans	Searle	Brazil	Millar	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Williams
Oct. 30 (Sat.)	HARTLEPOOL UNITED (Div.2)	2-2	Bird, Blake (pen.)	11	21	3,710	Kite	Perry (C)	Searle	Millar	Baddeley	Aizlewood	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Wigg (2)	Williams
Nov. 2 (Tue.)	Brentford (Div.2)	1-1	Blake	12	21	4,756	Williams	Williams	Searle	Millar	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Wigg (2)	Grew
Nov. 6 (Sat.)	STOCKPORT COUNTY (Div.2)	3-1	Blake 3 (1 pen.)	15	21	4,738	Williams	Williams	Brazil	Millar	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Young (9)	Wigg (5)	Grew
Nov. 9 (Tue.)	TORQUAY UTD (A.T.)	2-0	Thompson, Stant	—	—	1,642	Williams	Williams	Brazil	Millar	Perry (C)	Aizlewood	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (7)	Wigg (4)	Grew
Nov. 13 (Sat.)	Enfield (F.A.C.1)	0-0	—	—	—	2,374	Williams	Williams	Brazil	Millar	Perry (C)	Aizlewood	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Bird (7)	Wigg	Grew
Nov. 19 (Fri.)	Cambridge United (Div.2)	1-1	Bird	16	20	3,076	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Millar	Williams
Nov. 27 (Sat.)	BRADFORD CITY (Div.2)	1-1	Stant	17	19	4,213	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Millar (8)	Kite
Nov. 30 (Tue.)	ENFIELD (F.A.C.1R)	1-0	Blake	—	—	3,232	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Millar	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (7)	Kite
Dec. 4 (Sat.)	Brentford (F.A.C.2)	3-1	Westley (o.g.), Stant, Bird	—	—	4,845	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Millar	Kite
Dec. 7 (Tue.)	Wrexham (W.C.4)	2-0	Bird, Stant	—	—	2,142	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (9)	Millar	Kite
Dec. 11 (Sat.)	FULHAM (Div.2)	1-0	Blake	20	18	5,120	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Millar (2)	Kite
Dec. 14 (Tue.)	Wycombe Wanderers (A.T.2)	2-3	Griffith, Stant	—	—	2,703	Grew	Evans	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (7)	Millar (2)	Kite
Dec. 18 (Sat.)	Leyton Orient (Div.2)	2-2	Stant, Thompson	21	18	3,691	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (4)	Millar	Kite
Dec. 22 (Wed.)	SWANSEA CITY (Div.2)	1-0	Thompson	24	17	9,815	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (4)	Millar (4)	Kite
Dec. 28 (Tue.)	Huddersfield Town (Div.2)	Post.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan. 1 (Sat.)	READING (Div.2)	3-0	Griffith, Aizlewood, Richardson	27	15	10,257	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Millar	Griffith	Bird	Wigg	Kite
Jan. 3 (Mon.)	Rotherham United (Div.2)	2-5	Millar (2 pens.)	27	16	3,395	Williams	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Millar	Griffith	Bird (7)	Wigg	Kite
Jan. 8 (Sat.)	MIDDLESBROUGH (F.A.C.3)	2-2	Stant, Thompson	—	—	13,750	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Perry	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Millar	Wigg (8)	Kite
Jan. 15 (Sat.)	Bristol Rovers (Div.2)	1-2	Blake	27	17	5,683	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Evans	Perry	Millar	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Bird (11)	Wigg (7)	Kite
Jan. 19 (Wed.)	Middlesbrough (F.A.C.3r)	2-1	Stant, Blake	—	—	10,769	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Perry (C)	Millar	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Bird	Wigg (9)	Kite
Jan. 22 (Sat.)	BARNET (Div.2)	0-0	—	28	17	5,698	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Perry (C)	Millar	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Baddeley (6)	Wigg	Kite
Jan. 29 (Sat.)	MANCHESTER CITY (F.A.C.4)	1-0	Blake	—	—	20,486	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Perry (C)	Millar	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Bird	Wigg (6)	Kite
Feb. 5 (Sat.)	WREXHAM (Div.2)	5-1	Adams, Richardson, Bird, Blake (2)	31	18	10,847	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Wigg	Bird	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson (6)	Dale (9)	Kite
Feb. 9 (Wed.)	Ebbw Vale (W.C.5)	1-1	Adams	31	18	3,750	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Aizlewood	Baddeley	Wigg	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Dale (9)	Kite
Feb. 12 (Sat.)	Burnley (Div.2)	0-2	—	31	20	11,276	Grew	Brazil	Searle	Millar	Baddeley	Perry (C)	Thompson	Richardson	Stant	Blake	Griffith	Thompson	Dale (9)	Kite
Feb. 15 (Tue.)	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb. 19 (Sat.)	Brighton (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb. 22 (Tue.)	EBBW VALE (W.C.5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb. 26 (Sat.)	PORT VALE (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 1 (Tue.)	BURNLEY (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 5 (Sat.)	Hull City (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 12 (Sat.)	BLACKPOOL (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 15 (Tue.)	AFC Bournemouth (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 19 (Sat.)	Plymouth Argyle (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 26 (Sat.)	YORK CITY (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 29 (Tue.)	ROTHERHAM UNITED (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 2 (Sat.)	Swansea City (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 4 (Tue.)	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 9 (Sat.)	Reading (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 16 (Sat.)	BRENTFORD (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 23 (Sat.)	Stockport County (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. 30 (Sat.)	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 7 (Sat.)	Bradford City (Div.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**QUIZ ANSWERS**

- George Andrews.
- Gary Stevens.
- Albert Larmour.
- The Hatters; Kenilworth Road.
- 1971-72.

**Home Matches in CAPITALS**

†Player Sent Off

C.C.C. = Coca-Cola Cup

A.T. = Autoglass Tr.

W.C. = Welsh Cup

F.A. = F.A. Cup

C = Capt.

ECWC = Cup Winners' Cup

**1993-94 CITY RECORDS**

	GAMES		GOALS	
	Lge. Cup	Cup	Lge. Cup	Cup
Darren ADAMS	2+1	0+1	1	1
Mark AIZLEWOOD	12+0	11+0	1	0
Lee BADDELEY	16+4	11+0	0	0
Kevin BARTLEY	0	0+1	0	0
Tony BIRD	15+5	12+3	4	6
Derek BRAZIL	23+0	13+0	0	0



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SWITCHED ON TO WALES