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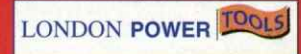
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"THERE IS NO PANIC HERE"

"WE NEED TO PUT WINNING RUN TOGETHER"

Today we welcome to The Valley, Luton Town, and their manager Lennie Lawrence who is an old favourite with Charlton supporters, for what is undoubtedly a vital game for both sides.

With our disappointing result in midweek against Leicester we need to bounce back straight away, and with Luton winning at West Bromwich Albion on the same night, points are vital for both sides. I have said all along that this season, for most clubs, the league will go to the last game, and this weeks results only confirmed what I thought.

SCRAPPY

After such a great win at Norwich on Saturday everyone was looking forward to the Leicester City game but we never really got going at all, and that could be said for the game overall, and it was a very scrappy disjointed match. Leicester had a couple of shots on target and so did we, but unfortunately ours were cleared off the line, and we could not prevent their winning goal.

The injuries on the night did not help and for the first time this season we used all three substitutes because of injuries. By the end of the 90 minutes our team shape was unrecognisable from the start of the game. I offer no excuses for Tuesday's result. We didn't deserve to win and now we have got to look forward to

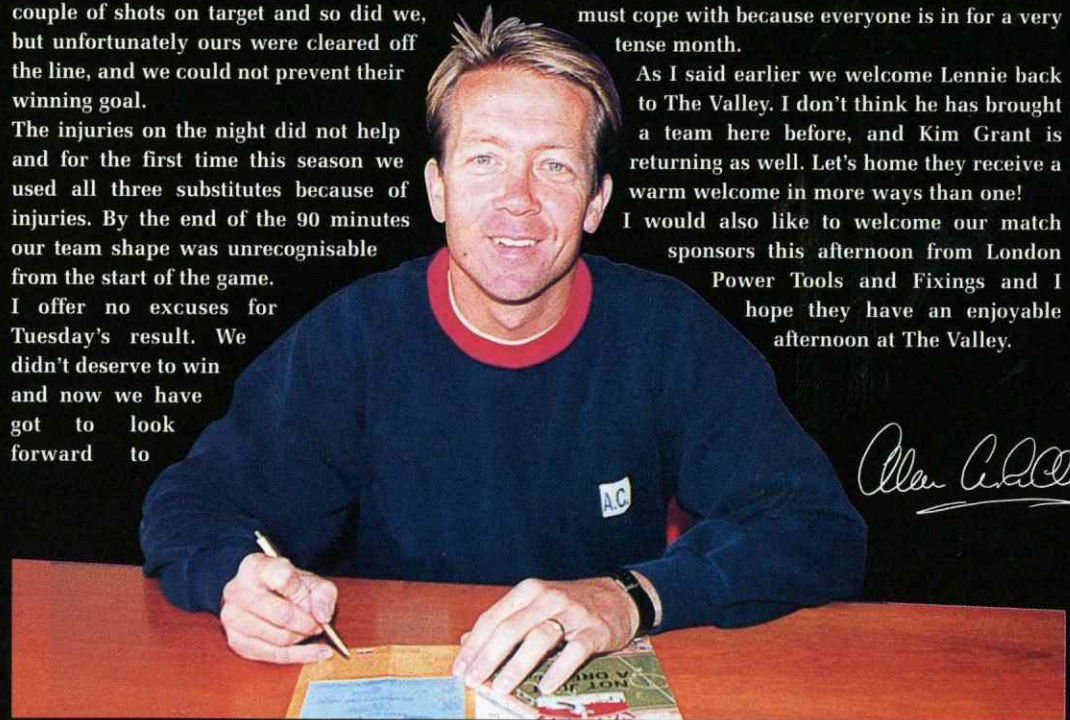
the remaining eight games. There will be no panic here. A team like ours will always give themselves a chance, but we do need to put a winning run together if we are to have any hopes of catching the top two.

TENSE

The games are coming up thick and fast. The situation will change virtually from match to match and it looks as though any ten teams at the top are in with a chance of a play off spot or promotion and any of the ten bottom sides involved in the relegation issue. This spread of points is so great that all the previous seasons points totals for the play offs, promotion, and relegation might not be what we expect.

I have said to the players that we need to take each game as it comes and I know some of them have not been in this position before. It is something all of us must cope with because everyone is in for a very tense month.

As I said earlier we welcome Lennie back to The Valley. I don't think he has brought a team here before, and Kim Grant is returning as well. Let's hope they receive a warm welcome in more ways than one! I would also like to welcome our match sponsors this afternoon from London Power Tools and Fixings and I hope they have an enjoyable afternoon at The Valley.



Alan Curbishley

ALAN CURBISHLEY DRIVES A MONDEO FROM LAIDLAW FORD



FIRST CLASS!

Both Richard Rufus and Lee Bowyer added to their growing reputations when they were named in the Professional Footballers Association First Division select team, which was named at the annual PFA awards dinner a fortnight ago.

Lee and Richard were nominated by their fellow Division One players and Charlton were one of just three clubs to have two players nominated in the First Division eleven.

The eleven players selected by the PFA were:

Alan Kelly (Sheffield United)

Dariusz Kubicki (Sunderland)

Dean Gordon (Crystal Palace)

Dean Richards (Wolves)

Richard Rufus (Charlton Athletic)

Garry Parker (Leicester City)

Lee Bowyer (Charlton Athletic)

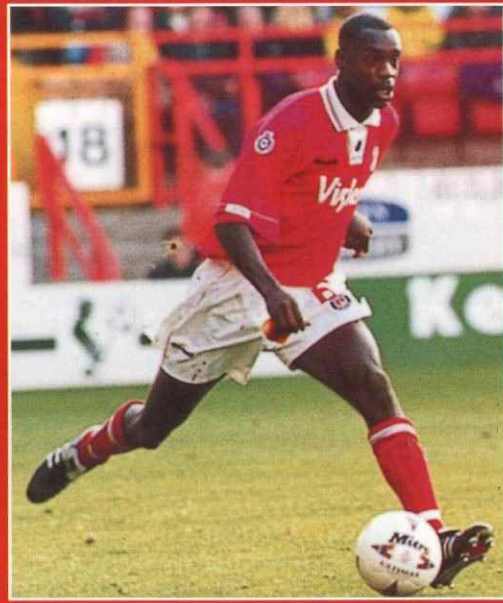
Alex Rae (Millwall)

Michael Gray (Sunderland)

Steve Claridge (Leicester City)

Dean Sturridge (Derby County)

The PFA Player of the Year was Newcastle United and England striker Les Ferdinand, with Liverpool's Robbie Fowler winning the Young Player award for the second year in succession.



ANDY'S TRAVEL ODYSSEY

Goalkeeper Andy Petterson, who came into the side for his first senior match of the season against Leicester City at The Valley on Tuesday, has played for five different clubs this season, which must be something of a record.

Andy has been on loan at Ipswich (twice), Bradford, Plymouth and Colchester United and we had to recall him from Colchester last weekend after Mike Ammann was injured at Norwich and Mike Salmon was also sidelined.

Andy whose contract is up at the end of the season was expecting to stay at Colchester on another months loan but he was happy that having been recalled he did at least get a taste of First Division football again.

He will be particularly keen to play in this afternoons match having signed for us from Luton Town at the start of last season. His chances have been limited with us and Tuesday's game was only his 12th appearance in the team.



CONSISTENCY

Although Tuesday's defeat by Leicester City at The Valley was very disappointing for all Charlton supporters the result produced an interesting statistic in terms of consistency this season.

The team has now won, drawn and lost, exactly the same number of games at home and away. There have been eight wins, seven draws and four defeats both at The Valley and on the teams travels.

The goals for an against are also almost identical. At home 26 goals have been scored with 21 against whilst away 26 have been scored with 20 against.

The goals have also been spread evenly around the team with Lee Bowyer leading the way with 14, Kim Grant playing against us for Luton this afternoon had netted 10 before he left, and Carl Leaburn and John Robinson have nine apiece.

INJURY JINX HITS TEAM

Just as the team are going into the most crucial stage of the season the injury jinx has hit the club with four players picking up injuries in the match with Leicester City on Tuesday.

Paul Sturgess limped off just after half time with damaged knee ligaments which is a big blow for our left back who has only just got back into the side in place of Jamie Stuart. Paul looks certain to miss today's game and he was already out of the Sunderland game on Monday through suspension.

Shaun Newton also had to go off with a hamstring strain, which hopefully is not too serious although he too could miss today's match.

Goalkeeper Mike Salmon who suffered a knee injury at Southend which required six stitches recovered from

that but then pulled a calf muscle in training the day before the Norwich game. He was hoping to be fit on Tuesday but after a fitness test the injury was still not right.

Mike Ammann, who had replaced Mike Salmon damaged his rib cartilage at Norwich so he too was unable to play.

Paul Mortimer kept going for the 90 minutes on Tuesday but has a knee problem which may sideline him today.

The biggest blow of all was the knee injury to on-loan defender Matt Jackson, playing only his second game for us since his move from Everton last week.

It is too early to say how long Matt will be out but he is unlikely to be fit to play this afternoon against the club where he started his professional career.



The good news is that Gary Nelson and Keith Jones are both fit and available for selection along with Stuart Balmer who has not been in the side for the last two games because of the need to have somebody on the bench who can play in goal - namely Steve Brown!

HAPPY DEBUTS!

New boys Bradley Allen and Matt Jackson both had excellent debuts for the team against Norwich at Carrow Road on Saturday following their transfer deadline week moves from Queens Park Rangers and Everton. Bradley cost us £400,000 and Matt joined on loan for a month. Bradley scored on his debut with a goalcoachers goal after Norwich keeper Bryan Gunn had failed to hold Matt's 25 yard shot.

Both players were pleased with their first games in their new colours.

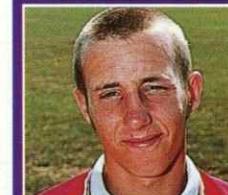
Allen said: "It was a terrific win and I was delighted to get a goal on my debut. It is nice to have come into a side that has been doing well and likes to play football and I was delighted with the reception I got from the Charlton supporters. The team is lively

and enthusiastic and I hope I can help get the club promoted. There are no easy games and we must just keep plugging away." Jackson said: "I was pleased with my performance. Charlton are my kind of team as they like to play football and keep the ball on the ground.

"It was great being involved in the goal, when I hit them they usually go over the bar or wide so it was good to get one on target".



LEE SUSPENDED



Lee Bowyer's booking against Leicester City means that he is banned again having exceeded the disciplinary penalty points total and misses the match against Stoke City at the Victoria Ground.

Suspensions are proving a big problem for us at the moment with Paul Sturgess set to miss the game at Sunderland, Jamie Stuart the Derby County match and Richard Rufus the games against Derby and Stoke.

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COVER PICTURE

Bradley Allen beats a Norwich defender in Saturday's game at Carrow Road.

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KENT SENIOR CUP

The semi final of the Kent Senior Cup between Fisher Athletic and Charlton Athletic takes place at Salter Road in Docklands on Thursday next week, kick off 7.30p.m. The bar opens at 5.30 and all are welcome. Admission is £3.50 for adults and £1 for children. OAP's £2. Children with an adult free.

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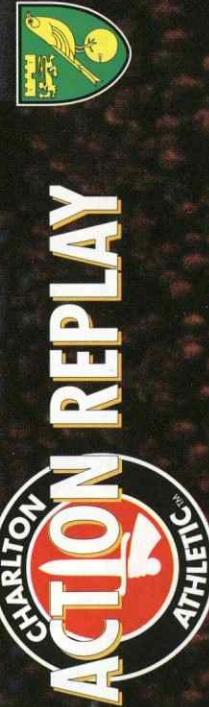
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Bradley Allen scores Charlton's winner at Norwich last Saturday.



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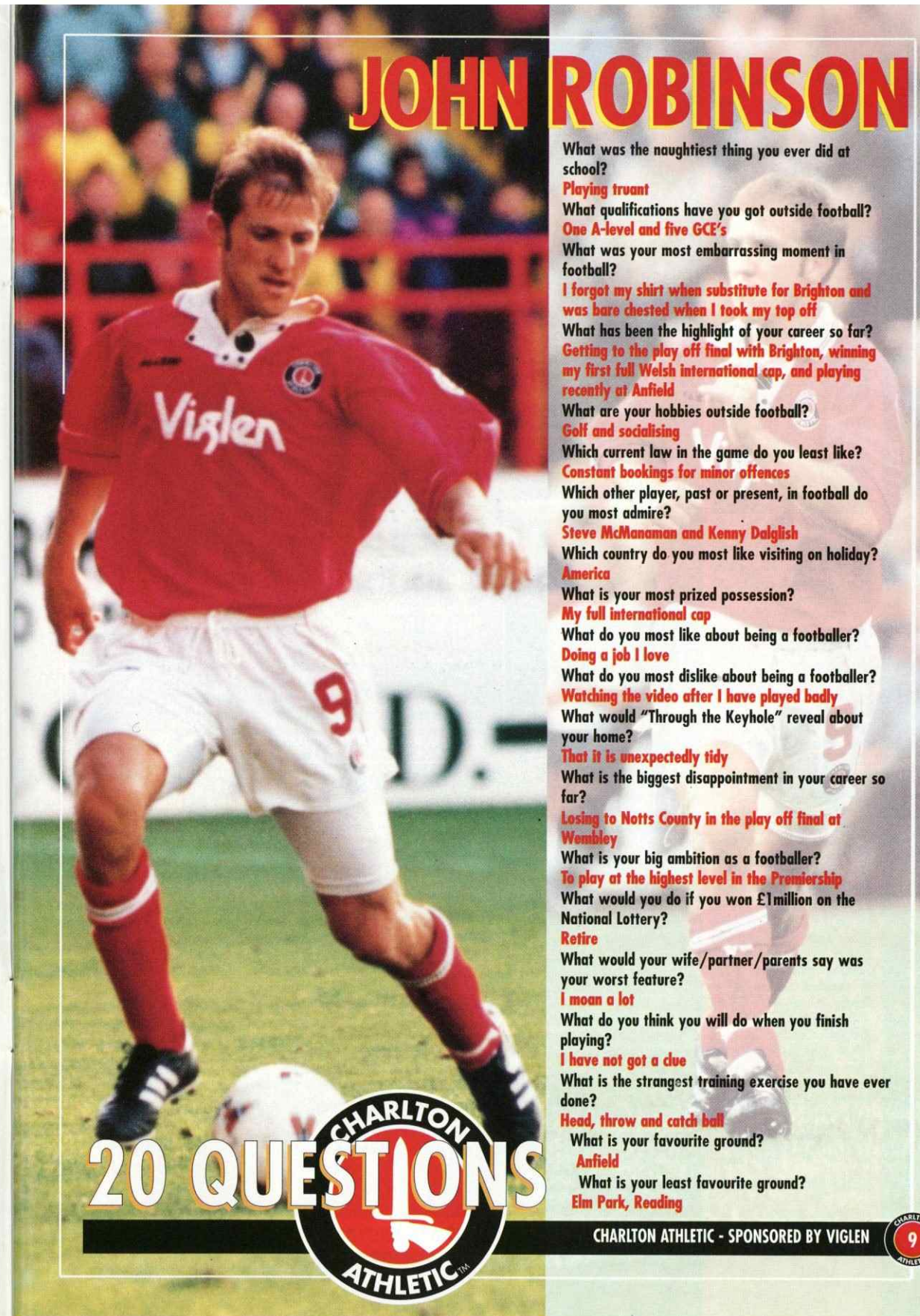
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JOHN ROBINSON



What was the naughtiest thing you ever did at school?

Playing truant

What qualifications have you got outside football?
One A-level and five GCE's

What was your most embarrassing moment in football?

I forgot my shirt when substitute for Brighton and was bare chested when I took my top off

What has been the highlight of your career so far?
Getting to the play off final with Brighton, winning my first full Welsh international cap, and playing recently at Anfield

What are your hobbies outside football?

Golf and socialising

Which current law in the game do you least like?

Constant bookings for minor offences

Which other player, past or present, in football do you most admire?

Steve McManaman and Kenny Dalglish

Which country do you most like visiting on holiday?

America

What is your most prized possession?

My full international cap

What do you most like about being a footballer?

Doing a job I love

What do you most dislike about being a footballer?

Watching the video after I have played badly

What would "Through the Keyhole" reveal about your home?

That it is unexpectedly tidy

What is the biggest disappointment in your career so far?

Losing to Notts County in the play off final at Wembley

What is your big ambition as a footballer?

To play at the highest level in the Premiership

What would you do if you won £1million on the National Lottery?

Retire

What would your wife/partner/parents say was your worst feature?

I moan a lot

What do you think you will do when you finish playing?

I have not got a clue

What is the strangest training exercise you have ever done?

Head, throw and catch ball

What is your favourite ground?

Anfield

What is your least favourite ground?

Elm Park, Reading

20 QUESTIONS



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LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

LENNIE LAWRENCE



Lennie needs no introduction to Charlton fans having been manager of the club for nine years before moving to Middlesbrough. He then managed Bradford City before becoming boss at Kenilworth Road in December. Has a mammoth task in keeping them in the First Division and four successive defeats have not helped. He is Luton's 21st manager and has vast experience, especially in this division.

When Lennie first arrived at Luton they were bottom of the table and they initially showed signs of getting out of trouble, but recently their failure to score goals has cost them dearly.

Just before the transfer deadline Lennie went back to his old club to sign striker Kim Grant from Charlton, who scored on his debut last Saturday against Ipswich, and he also took another of his former players, Paul Wilkinson on loan from Middlesbrough.

Lennie promoted reserve team coach Wayne Turner to be his assistant and they will be striving to see that Luton retain their First Division status despite the daunting task currently facing them.

TODAY'S VISITORS



TIME RUNNING OUT FOR THE HATTERS

Luton Town's hopes of avoiding relegation took a severe blow when they lost 2-1 at home to Ipswich last Saturday - their fourth successive defeat, and time now seems to be running out for The Hatters.



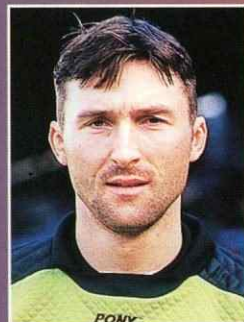
On Tuesday they travelled up to the Midlands to play West Bromwich Albion and they needed to pick up points from this game to give themselves a chance of avoiding the drop.

The Hatters have just Watford below them after a turbulent season, fuelled by the departure of long serving David Pleat to Sheffield Wednesday in the summer, and they have been in the bottom three for most of the season.

The appointment of youth coach Terry Westley as manager was not a success and although they revived a little when former Charlton boss Lennie Lawrence took over, their fortunes have

slumped again lately and their failure to score enough goals has been a contributory factor in their troubles. They have managed just seven goals in eighteen away games, and have won only nine of their 37 matches.

They lost star midfielder Paul Telfer to Coventry City and goalkeeper Jurgen Sommer to Queens Park Rangers in the summer but in return signed a number of players including Steve Davis from Burnley, Darren Patterson from Crystal Palace, strikers David Oldfield from Leicester and Bontcho Guentchev from Ipswich, as well as giant American goalkeeper Ian Feuer



from West Ham - but all it seems to no avail.

Last season saw Luton finish 16th, having at one stage been fifth and challenging for a play off spot.

Despite their lowly placing this season Luton can be a match for anyone on their day and they



have beaten Southend and Norwich this season, but were hammered 4-0 by Portsmouth.

Two years ago the club received national recognition by reaching the semi-finals of the FA Cup, beating West Ham and Chelsea on the way but this season they suffered a humiliating 7-1 defeat at the hands of Grimsby Town at the third round stage.

In midfield they have a mixture of youth and experience with Gary Waddock alongside Scott Oakes but Ceri Hughes has been out injured and striker Dwight Marshall - their main goalscorer is also absent with a broken leg.

Luton really must start winning - and quickly - if they are to retain their First Division status at the end of the season, but they could have left their effort too late with games running out.

STEVE LEWIS

Introducing Luton Town



KIM GRANT
(STRIKER)

Signed for Luton from Charlton Athletic last week just before the transfer deadline for £250,000. Scored 10 goals for Charlton this season before leaving. Holds Charlton's record for substitute appearances at 65.

DARREN PATTERSON
(DEFENDER)

Darren signed for The Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace. A Northern Ireland international he started his career at Wigan.

STEVE DAVIS
(DEFENDER)

Joined The Hatters in the summer of 1995 from Burnley, having previously played for Southampton.

SCOTT OAKES
(MIDFIELD)

Has been the subject of a lot of attention from Premiership clubs he is a talented midfielder who joined Luton in 1991 from Leicester. An England Under-21 international he scored a hat trick in an FA Cup match against West Ham. Missed the first two months of this season with a hamstring injury.

CERI HUGHES
(MIDFIELD)

His season has been wrecked by injury and he is unlikely to play again in the present campaign. A full Welsh international he played for his country against Albania - in the same match that Charlton's John Robinson made his full debut.

TONY THORPE
(MIDFIELD)

Scored on his debut in 1994 in an FA Cup match against Newcastle United. Joined the club at the start of the 1992-93 season following a spell at Leicester.

GARY WADDOCK
(MIDFIELD)

Completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994 after a three month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with Queens Park Rangers making more than 200 appearances for them. Then played in Belgium for a while and also had spells at Millwall and Swindon.

(DAVID OLDFIELD)
(MIDFIELD)

Returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer, six years after first leaving Luton. He joined Manchester City and then moved on to Leicester before his return for a second time.

DWIGHT MARSHALL
(STRIKER)

Signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000. Previously played non-league football for Grays Athletic. Has scored 13 goals this season but a broken leg in February ruled him out for the rest of the season.

JOHN TAYLOR
(STRIKER)

Joined Luton on deadline day last season from Bradford City when the current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence was his manager. Previously played for Bristol Rovers. Has been troubled most of the season with a back injury which necessitated an operation.

BONTCHO GUENTCHEV
(STRIKER)

A Bulgarian international he signed for The Hatters after being released by Ipswich. The 31-year-old striker who played in the 1994 World Cup Finals arrived on a free transfer. His wife works in the Bulgarian Embassy.

IAN FEUER
(GOALKEEPER)

Giant American goalkeeper who was signed from West Ham United in December after a loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Standing 6ft 7ins tall he never played a first team game at Upton Park, although he did play at Peterborough on loan in the 1994-95 season. He originally played football for Los Angeles Salsa.

JULIAN JAMES
(DEFENDER)

Joined Luton as a trainee and was introduced into the first team five years ago. A former England under-21 international he won the Player of the Year award in the 1994-95 season.

MARVIN JOHNSON
(DEFENDER)

A versatile defender he made his league debut back in 1988. He is one of only three Luton players to have played in every match last season. Has been out of action recently through injury.

MITCHELL THOMAS
(DEFENDER)

Made over 100 appearances for Luton before joining Tottenham Hotspur. He played in the 1987 FA Cup Final and later moved to West Ham. He returned to Luton on loan before signing on a permanent basis.

FLASH BACK

5 YEARS AGO

With a faint hope of the play-offs still lingering, Charlton took on Ipswich Town at Selhurst Park. Young strikers Kim Grant and Paul Gorman combined up front and made up for inexperience with endless running, and Gorman almost scored after the game was only three minutes old, when his ferocious shot crashed against the underside of the bar. Charlton finally made the breakthrough after 49 minutes when Robert Lee latched on to a poor back pass to score from the tightest of angles. The lead only lasted nine minutes, however, as Ipswich levelled their scores after indecisive defending from The Reds.

Luton drew 3-3 at Chelsea, Lars Elstrup, Sean Farrell and Kingsley Black scoring.

10 YEARS AGO

Shrewsbury turned form upside down as they upset Charlton's promotion push with a devastating two goal blast early on at Gay Meadow. Both goals came in the first ten minutes as The Addicks defence was torn apart, first from a long range shot which sailed past Tony Lange, and the second from even further out after the defence had unsuccessfully appealed for offside. Mike Flanagan then missed a good chance and John Pearson headed over. In the 52nd minute George Shipley latched on to a loose ball and scored with a curling shot off the post, but The Reds were unable to salvage a point.

Mick Harford scored twice as Luton won 2-0 at Birmingham.

20 YEARS AGO

Charlton stretched their unbeaten run to nine games with a valuable win over West Bromwich Albion at The Valley. It was top scorer Derek Hales who put The Reds on the road to victory with a goal in the 37th minute. Colin Powell won the ball in midfield and passed to Hales who volleyed over The Baggies keeper. Albion levelled the scores on half time, when Bob Curtis handled in the area, and Tony Brown netted from the spot. It was the excellent Powell who once again set up Charlton's second goal for Mike Flanagan, who headed home the winner in the 70th minute.

Luton drew 1-1 with Notts County, Alan West scoring.

PAUL CLAYTON

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**CLUBS ANGRY AT ALL
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Clubs in the Avon Insurance Football Combination are angry at the excessive number of cautions players are receiving in the competition this season and Charlton are one of the club's who seem to have been especially hard hit with bookings.

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Wimbledon	30	15	4	11	56	46	49
Crystal Pal	27	11	10	6	33	24	43
Southampton	28	11	9	8	39	32	42
Chelsea	29	12	6	11	40	38	42
WestHam	25	11	6	8	44	37	39
Oxford	29	8	9	12	43	49	33
Bristol City	28	9	6	13	29	36	33
Portsmouth	29	8	9	12	38	49	33
Luton	26	9	5	12	36	38	32
Ipswich	23	8	7	8	37	32	31
CHARLTON	23	8	5	10	34	44	29
Millwall	27	6	7	14	39	37	25
Brighton	24	6	5	13	24	45	23
Bristol Rov	27	7	2	18	37	62	23
Watford	25	5	4	16	27	46	19
Swindon	26	2	11	13	20	40	17

Cautions received in reserve games count against players for Endsleigh League action and have led to a number of suspensions. The aim of the Combination should be to bring young players through to the first team and get first team squad players fit after injury.

Reserve coach Keith Peacock said: "A lot of clubs are concerned about the situation and it is something that is going to have to be discussed. In two recent games against Swindon and Ipswich, when both sides were trying to play football and there was not a bad tackle in either game there were more than a dozen bookings between the two sides." There was some erratic refereeing in the game against Ipswich at Welling and the fans and players

alike were bamboozled by three penalty decisions being given and a couple being turned down. Charlton lost 3-1 to Ipswich but Keith was pleased with the performance despite the result.

"We again had a very young side playing with seven YTS lads", said Keith, "It was a close match and the team did well in the circumstances against a strong Ipswich outfit who included goalkeeper Craig Forrest, Lee Chapman and Stuart Slater.

Paul Linger scored Charlton's goal from a penalty and also missed from the spot. Keith Jones had a run out in the match, his first game since fracturing his cheekbone in the Portsmouth match.

Team: Wright; Nicholls, Stuart; Nottley, Kearley, Chandler; Foley, Linger, Lisbie, Keith Jones, McCann. Subs. Campbell for McCann, Lee for Foley, Oakey for Jones.

On Wednesday the reserves played Chelsea at Welling and they have two matches next week. On Tuesday they are at home to Millwall at Welling - with a 2p.m. kick off, not the usual 7p.m. and on Thursday next week play Fisher Athletic at Salter Road in the semi final of the Kent Senior Cup.



Paul Linger, who scored from a penalty and then missed one.



Keith Jones, back in action for the reserves after a facial injury.

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WED 27 SEPT	BRIGHTON & H A	A	1-0
WED 4 OCT	WIMBLEDON	A	3-2
WED 18 OCT	LUTON TOWN	A	2-6
THUR 26 OCT	NORWICH CITY	H	3-0
WED 1 NOV	OXFORD UNITED	A	4-3
SAT 11 NOV	ARSENAL	A	1-1
WED 22 NOV	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-0
MON 27 NOV	CHELSEA	A	1-2
WED 13 DEC	TOTTENHAM H	H	1-2
WED 20 DEC	TOTTENHAM H	A	1-6
TUES 9 JAN	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	2-2
WED 17 JAN	WEST HAM UNITED	H	2-0
MON 29 JAN	SITTINGBOURNE (KSC)	3-1	
WED 21 FEB	LUTON TOWN	H	2-0
FRI 1 MAR	NORWICH CITY	A	1-2
WED 6 MAR	OXFORD UNITED	H	2-1
MON 11 MAR	WIMBLEDON*	H	1-5
WED 13 MAR	SOUTHAMPTON	A	0-2
MON 18 MAR	SWINDON TOWN	A	0-2
WED 20 MAR	ARSENAL	H	0-3
WED 27 MAR	IPSWICH	H	1-3
WED 3 APR	CHELSEA	H	7.00
THUR 18 APR	SWINDON TOWN	H	7.00
WED 24 APR	MILLWALL	A	7.00
MON 29 APR	SOUTHAMPTON	A	7.00
WED 1 MAY	PORTSMOUTH	H	7.00
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YOUNGSTERS PERFORM WELL IN DEFEAT

Despite losing 1-0 to local rivals Millwall in a South East Counties League match last Saturday, the young side did extremely well against their more experienced opponents and there was no disgrace in this narrow defeat.

Millwall fielded a team of second year apprentices and three professionals, whilst Charlton had first years and five schoolboys in their side. The home sides goal came in the first few minutes of the match when Charlton were caught out at a free kick when a Millwall attacker got behind the defence to knock the ball into the net. Charlton's best chance fell to new boy Marvin Neville who saw his effort well saved by the Lions goalkeeper. Bobby Jones at the back and Paul Terry in

midfield were outstanding for Charlton and schoolboy Fraser Toms did very well playing wide on the left and these performances auger well for the future. Following the resignation of youth coach Neil Banfield for family reasons, youth development officer Steve Watts and reserve team coach Keith Peacock looked after the youngsters. Team: Hawkins; Cellar, Oakey, Jones, Campbell, Montpelier; Terry, Gowler, Toms, Neville, Minors. Subs: Osborne, Carnegie and Fortune. Tomorrow (Saturday) the colts are away to Arsenal and their remaining matches are away to Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, April 13, and they end with two home games against Southend on April 20 and Watford on April 27.

Pictured, Bobby Jones (left) and Paul Terry (below) who both played well against Millwall.



SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
WEST HAM	27	20	3	4	72	34	43			
ARSENAL	28	18	5	5	60	24	41			
TOTTENHAM	24	18	2	4	75	26	38			
WATFORD	23	13	5	5	47	28	31			
NORWICH	25	12	5	8	42	30	29			
MILLWALL	27	13	2	12	43	43	28			
CHARLTON	26	10	7	9	47	39	27			
GILLINGHAM	25	10	7	8	45	47	27			
CHELSEA	24	9	5	10	48	38	23			
IPSWICH	27	9	5	13	47	51	23			
LEYTON O.	26	9	4	13	33	45	22			
SOUTHEND	25	6	7	12	32	46	19			
PORTSMOUTH	27	5	8	14	24	49	18			
QPR	26	6	5	15	38	52	17			
FULHAM	27	5	5	17	25	74	15			
CAMBRIDGE	27	4	5	10	36	88	13			



SCOTT MISSES OUT THROUGH INJURY

Schoolboy Scott Parker missed out on the final international of the season with a knee ligament injury when England drew 1-1 with Scotland at Kilmarnock, to give England the Victory Shield. Charlton's other schoolboy international Antony Allman was substitute and played in the second half.

It has been a very successful international season for the two youngsters who are pupils at the National School of Excellence at Lilleshall. They are both completing their first year at the School and have two more years to go before becoming apprentices at Charlton.

YOUNGSTERS LEARN THEIR FATE

The time is shortly arriving when the apprentices who will not be signed as professionals will know their fate.

It is always a difficult time for the youngsters whose dreams of becoming a professional footballer are shattered, but obviously these decisions have to be made.

It is likely the club will be taking on 11 apprentices into the YTS Scheme next season and three of them have already played in the South East Counties League this season they are Marvin Neville from Chelsea and Lorenzo Dorsett and Shakar Ali from Arsenal.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

FIXTURES 1995/6

SAT 12 AUG	QPR	H	3-1
SAT 19 AUG	WATFORD	A	1-1
SAT 26 AUG	TOTTENHAM	H	4-1
SAT 9 SEPT	ARSENAL	H	0-1
SAT 16 SEPT	SOUTHEND	A	2-0
THU 21 SEPT	BRIGHTON (SJFC)	H	3-0
SAT 23 SEPT	WEST HAM	A	1-2
SAT 30 SEPT	CHELSEA	A	2-3
SAT 7 OCT	FULHAM	H	3-0
SAT 14 OCT	GILLINGHAM	A	3-1
SAT 21 OCT	WIMBLEDON (LC)	H	0-0
SAT 28 OCT	WIMBLEDON (LCR)	H	0-2
MON 30 OCT	BRENTFORD (SJFC)	H	1-1
SAT 4 NOV	IPSWICH	H	1-1
THUR 9 NOV	PLYMOUTH (FAYC)	A	4-1
SAT 11 NOV	NORWICH	H	0-4
MON 13 NOV	BRENTFORD (SJFC)	A	2-3
SAT 18 NOV	LEYTON ORIENT	A	4-0
SAT 25 NOV	CAMBRIDGE	A	0-0
SAT 2 DEC	MILLWALL	H	2-2
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Steve Watts
Youth Development Officer

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Man of the Match Paul Sturgess receives his glass decanter from Terry and Diane Fletcher of TDF Contractors after the Stoke game.

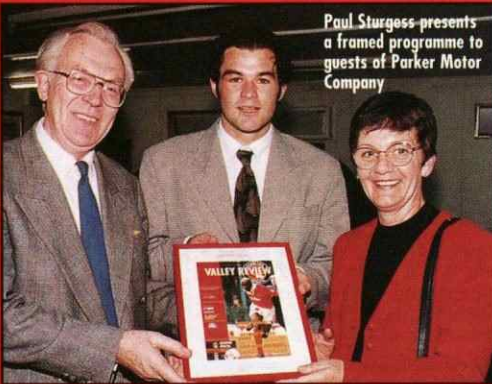
I reckon our match sponsors at the Stoke game were from TDF Contractors got it just about right when they chose their Man of the Match.

Paul Sturgess turned in another excellent performance and thoroughly deserved his first MOM of the season.

Our matchball sponsors that game were from Barrier Smith, and I think that they had a memorable day, as our picture shows.

Our programme sponsors from Parker Motor Company also enjoyed themselves, but then you didn't after that finale!

Guests of Barrier Smith receive a signed Charlton ball from Mark Robson



Paul Sturgess presents a framed programme to guests of Parker Motor Company

BERT'S BONUS!

It was another bumper payday on our Addicks Instant Jackpot draw at the Stoke City game, with top prizewinner Hubert Whitlock pocketing the £1,070 first prize. Once again, the winners cheque was over £1,000 and it brought the total paid out on the Jackpot this season to just over £20,000, and with four games still to go, it look as if the Jackpot will eventually pay out

around £25,000 in it's first season, which is a fantastic total. It also means that the same figure of £25,000 has been pumped into the club, so I reckon the Jackpot has been a winner all round! Thanks to all our sellers, and thanks to you for buying the tickets - make sure you get yours today, and listen out at half time for the winning numbers.



Former Charlton star Brian Kinsey presents Hubert Whitlock with his cheque for £1,070

PHONE HOME!

Spare a thought for the Charlton players as you're tucking into your Easter Sunday lunch this weekend, as they will already have set off on our longest journey of the season, to the vital clash at Sunderland. Once again, the fixture computer has contrived to give us a trip to Roker Park and work the following day, but we obviously hope that as many Charlton fans as possible can make the trip to Roker Park and work the following day, but we obviously hope that as many Charlton fans as possible can make the trip, and cheer our lads on in what is a real six-pointer.

If you can't get to the game, remember to keep in touch with all the action from Roker on Charlton Athletic Clubcall.

Our reporter Mark Mansfield will be at the game to provide full 90 minute commentary on the match, and it really is the quickest way to find out what's happening if you can't be there. Clubcall was first with the Bradley Allen signing, and it will be the first with the action on Monday!

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THE GOLDEN GAME!

As usual at Easter, there will be a bonus for the lucky Valley Gold member who comes out of the drum first today. We always double the first prize to £1,000 for the first two winners at

Easter and Christmas, and today is no exception. So, remember to listen out at half time today, and you could be the lucky winner of £1,000!



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No 1568 - Christine Owen

No 344 - Mr. Luff

No 1546 - Boris Sackville

No 1568 - Christine Owen

No 707 - Alan Kavanagh



Eve, Alison and Colin Walsh select the winning number at the Leicester match.

GET STRIPPED

At the start of the season we promised all complete kit sponsors an evening at The Valley, where they could meet their players, and it looks as if that date will be Thursday, May 2, depending on playing commitments.

We'll be writing to confirm this date to all our kit sponsors, but keep May 2 free, as we hope that we will be inviting you down to the VIP lounge at The Valley to meet your chosen player.

HARP
LAGER

AWARDS TABLE

John Robinson	5
Shaun Newton	4
Richard Rufus	3
Lee Bowyer	3
Carl Leaburn	2
Peter Garland	1
Kim Grant	1
Keith Jones	1
Paul Mortimer	1
Mark Robson	1

POWER PLAY!

LONDON POWER TOOLS & FIXINGS

Our match sponsors today are from London Power Tools & Fixings, and to celebrate their sponsorship of today's crucial game, they are offering a Bosch cordless drill as a competition prize.

All you have to do to win this terrific prize, is answer the following question:

- Who won Charlton's Player of the Year vote last season?

Send your answers to Bosch competition, c/o Charlton marketing, The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, London SE7 8BL, no later than 15th April, and the first correct answer out of the hat will win the Bosch cordless drill, plus a selection of other Bosch items.

There will also be some Bosch sports bags for the next two correct entries, so get your answers in a bit sharpish!

WELCOME...

Welcome to our first Friday game at The Valley for many years. If you're of a certain age, like myself (I), you'll probably remember some of the thrilling Friday night matches that took place here during the mid seventies and early eighties. One that springs to mind was a 4-3 win over today's visitors, thanks in part to a Derek Hales hat trick. A similar result this afternoon would give us the points we need and entertain the tv viewers into the bargain!

All our sponsors this afternoon are hoping for an entertaining game, especially our match sponsors, from London Power Tools & Fixings. I'd like to welcome Dominic Crowe to the game, both as a sponsor, and as someone I've known for many years. London Power Tools are a Rotherhithe based supplier of a wide range of tools, from drills to screwdrivers to sanders, and the company, which has recently been awarded the ISO 9002 Quality Assurance Certificate, plans expansion next year.

Dominic is entertaining a number of important guests today, including Bosch regional sales manager Roger Varney. Look out for Bosch footballs being kicked into the crowd before the game, and more Bosch prizes to be won at half time!

I'm sure our matchball sponsors from Belvedere Travel and the Bash Street Builders will enjoy their day - Steve Vass and his guests are all VIP lounge regulars, and can often be found deep in conversation with chairman Martin Simons long after the final whistle at home games.

Another regular in our sportsmans restaurant is Netto Foodstuffs Philip Moore, and I would like to offer him and his guests a warm welcome. There's a new Netto at Crook Log in Welling, right in the middle of Charlton country, but I'm sure you knew that already!

Finally, I'd like to welcome all our diners and boxholders, and remember, there is still one box available for a couple of our remaining games

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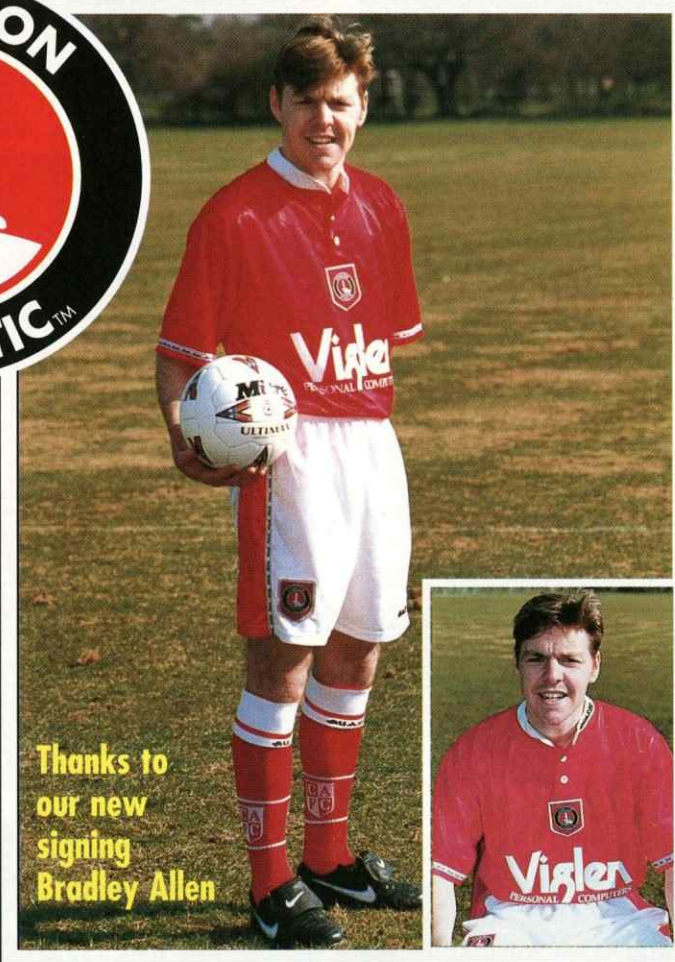
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HINSDALE TOUR



The two teams are seen with the trophy

As mentioned in the Stoke City programme, Hinsdale from the USA, played Valley Valiants at the training ground prior to that match. In a keenly contested game Valley ran out 6-0 winners. Scorers were Wesley Jenden (2), Russell Piper (2) and a goal apiece for Kris Brown and Iain Perriss.

During the half time interval at The Valley the two teams were involved in the Transatlantic Trophy penalty shoot out, sponsored by the South London Press, with Bob Bolder keeping goal. The result was a draw 5-5. The players competing in this competition representing Hinsdale were Chris Bock, Colt Dunteman, Jack Sisson, Craig Atella, Jason Cockfield and Aaron Ryne.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings go to John Webber who will be eight years old on April 9 from mum, dad, Sarah Fergus and all the family. Alex Hepworth is wished a happy 12th birthday on April 8 from all his team mates at The Robins. To have a birthday message printed on this page for a Junior Red, please ring Chris Tugwell on 0181-305-1289.

AWAY TRIPS

The next two away games, which the Junior Reds will be arranging travel for are the matches against Reading on Saturday, April 20 and Port Vale on April 27. Any Junior Red wishing to book for either, or both of these trips please ring Ian Marsh on 0181-461-4025, Monday to Friday between 4p.m. and 6p.m.



VEHICLE SPONSORSHIP

Keith Slater of KS Auto Services has sponsored the Junior Reds Community Bus. Keith, a mobile technician, can be contacted for all servicing and maintenance on 0181-306-0040 and 0850-862265.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Bob Giles and his party from Kingsdown Racers FC who joined us at the Waterfront this morning for swimming and lunch prior to travelling to The Valley and their seats in the Family Area.

HANDS

Large foam hands were in evidence at the Stoke match, which made quite an impressive sight in the East Stand with all the visiting schools sitting in this area wearing them. These hands are now on sale in the Club Shop.

TODAY'S MASCOTS

CHARLOTTE BALDWIN, GEORGE SCOTT, ANDREW REED

Charlotte is 10 at lives at Sudbury in Suffolk. She attends Great Cornard Middle School and enjoys watching Charlton play, swimming, dancing, reading and singing. Her favourite Charlton players are David Whyte and Lee Bowyer.

She is named after Charlton and is the third generation of her family to support the club.

George is seven years old and lives at Catford. He attends Holbeach Primary School. He likes watching Charlton and playing football on his computer, and swimming. His favourite players are John Robinson, Paul Mortimer and Mike Salmon and he has a football signed by all the players.

Andrew is just four and lives at Wanstead. He attends Wanstead House Nursery. He likes Nintendo, football and swimming, and his favourite player is Carl Leaburn.

Andrew is the son of our first team coach Les Reed.



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SPOTLIGHT ON A JUNIOR RED



Name: Paul Creed
Date-place of birth:
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Technical

Do you represent your school at any sports? No
What started your interest in Charlton? My father and my uncle
Favourite Charlton player: Colin Walsh
Favourite other ground: St James Park, Newcastle
Favourite other team: Newcastle

Which club's playing strip do you most admire? Arsenal's home
Which player would you most like to sign for Charlton? Andy Cole
Favourite TV and radio programmes: The Bill, Steve Wright's Breakfast Show

Sports that you enjoy playing: football, rugby, swimming
Other sports that you enjoy watching live (or on TV): football, swimming, rugby, golf, snooker, bowls.
Ambition on leaving school: To play for Charlton and England.

Sponsored by



Carl Leaburn

Striker Carl Leaburn has always been something of a cult figure to Charlton supporters and there is no doubt that the big man is one of the most popular players at the club. The fans love to chant his name - a far cry from his early days in the team when he was derided for not scoring enough goals.

Carl has had a successful season, although he is still waiting for the goal that will take him into double figures and is currently on nine, three of which came in the match against Ipswich Town at Portman Road in September - the first and only hat trick of his career.

It was a landmark day for Carl at Carrow Road on Saturday when he made his 300th league and cup appearance for the club and he has hit 52 goals in those games.

He has also recently been captain of the side, a deserved honour for one of our longest serving players. Carl has been at Charlton all his career, progressing through the youth team and he had a short spell on loan at Northampton Town before returning to Charlton to establish himself in the team as a genuine striker. He scored his first goal in the 3-0 win over Newcastle at St James Park in May 1987 and they were hard to come by in those days. Carl finally knew he had won over the Charlton fans when he won the Player of the Year award in 1994, an honour he is very proud of. "It took a long while to convince the fans but I got there in the end".

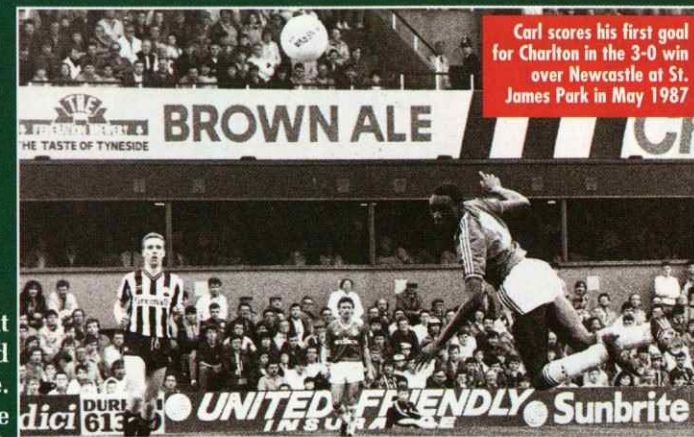
But there is much more to Carl's all round game than just trying to

score goals and he uses his height and strength to shield the ball and bring other players into the game. Whilst a number of players have signed new contracts at the club in recent months Carl has still not pledged himself to Charlton when his contract ends in the summer.

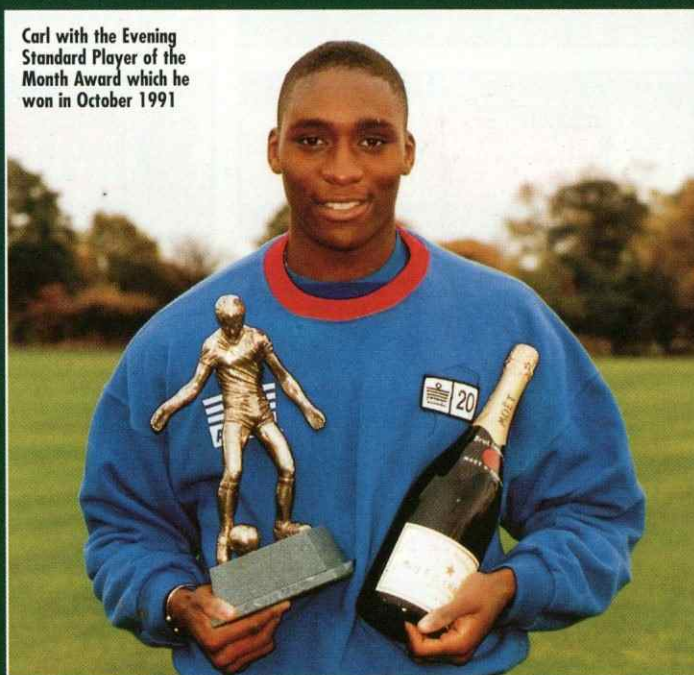
"I am just keeping my options open at the moment and do not see it as a priority", he said "what is far more important is getting Charlton into the Premier Division, then I can think about the future. We obviously want to go straight up as nobody wants to get involved in the play offs although if that is the way it has to be achieved then it will have to be".

Carl is pleased with the fact that Charlton are still in a challenging position for success, despite Tuesday's disappointing defeat against Leicester at The Valley and says the season has been a "bit and up and down". One of the highlights has been the emergence of the young players. "The fact that so many of them have come through at once is a very positive sign", said Carl; "We are still in a very good position and must not get scared at the prospect of going up. We must not be sucked into playing the way our opponents want us to and must keep playing our football along the ground".

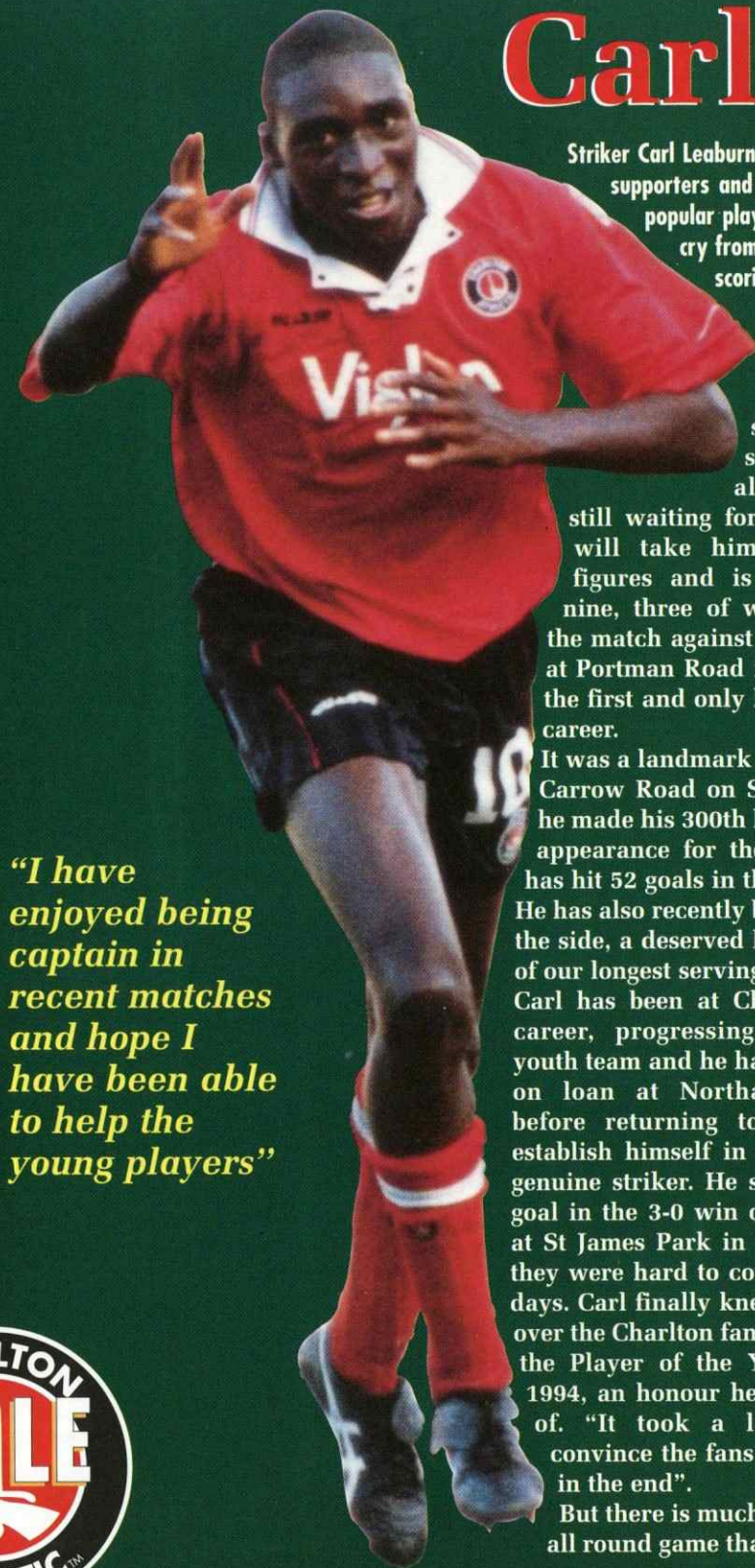
That style of play may not necessarily suit Carl who thrives on good crossing from the wing players but the important thing is finding the



Carl scores his first goal for Charlton in the 3-0 win over Newcastle at St. James Park in May 1987

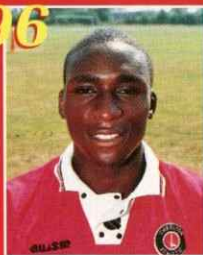


Carl with the Evening Standard Player of the Month Award which he won in October 1991



"I have enjoyed being captain in recent matches and hope I have been able to help the young players"

1985
1996



CAREER STATISTICS

- 1985 Joined Charlton as a junior
- 1986 Named as Charlton's Young Player of the Year
- 1987 Signed as a professional and made his debut against Oxford United. Also scored his first League goal against Newcastle United at St James Park, and was a member of our side that reached the final of the FA Youth Cup
- 1988 Toured Brazil with the England under 20 squad
- 1990 Played nine games on loan at Northampton
- 1992 Hit 14 goals as we missed out on the play-offs by three points
- 1994 Named Charlton Player of the Year after another 14 goal haul
- 1995 Scored his 50th goal for the club in the 1-1 draw at Leicester
- 1996 Made his 300th appearance for Charlton, and also captained the club for the first time



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WELCOME BACK LENNIE!

When Luton Town manager Lennie Lawrence walks to the visitors dug out at The Valley this afternoon he is certain to get a warm reception from the Charlton supporters who remember with thanks his nine years as the club's manager through the very difficult times when the club were travelling nomads using other clubs grounds.

This is Lennie's first return to The Valley as a manager since that infamous day when the club moved to Selhurst Park, although he did attend a supporters club meeting here earlier this season.

ADMIRATION

Lennie will see a very different ground to the one his team left and he has nothing but admiration for the way Charlton, led by the vociferous protest of its supporters finally completed the journey home.

Once Lennie has been afforded his welcome



the fans will then be urging current boss Alan Curbishley and the team to, hopefully another victory, even though it may mean sending Lennie's new club towards the Second Division.

Lennie was Charlton's second longest serving manager in the club's history behind Jimmy Seed and he was a surprise choice when he was appointed by the then chairman Mark Hulyer in December 1982 after Ken Craggs departure. He had only been at Charlton six months having joined the club as reserve team manager.

He never played professional football and was a former PE teacher but he had managerial experience at Plymouth Argyle and coaching at Lincoln before his appointment at Charlton, which in the end proved an inspired decision.

Charlton were promoted to the old First Division in 1985-86

making Lennie, the only manager apart from Jimmy Seed to achieve this, and the club also reached the Wembley Full Members Cup Final in 1987, losing 1-0 to Blackburn Rovers. He also saw the club save itself from relegation through the play offs with the victory over Leeds United.

Whilst in charge of Charlton, Lennie won four Manager of the Month awards - a club record - and his dealings in the transfer market were excellent.

DRAMATICALLY

It was whilst Lennie was negotiating to buy Middlesbrough defender Alan Kernaghan that the north east club became interested in him as their manager and he dramatically quit Charlton in May 1994, having done, in his view, as much as he could for the club.

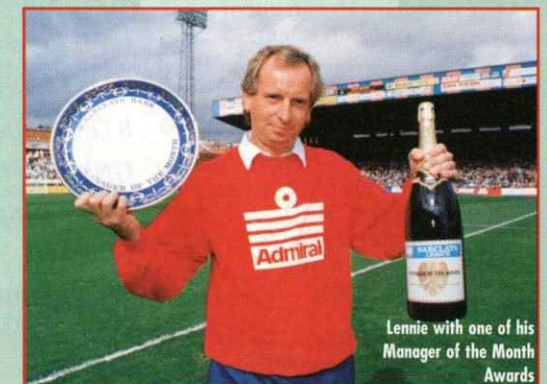
Lennie took Middlesbrough into the Premiership but they were relegated and he was sacked and later



joined Bradford City as manager but did not enjoy any success there. He left the Yorkshire club and after a short spell out of the game was appointed as Luton's manager in December.

In his period at Charlton the team played 411 matches, won 128, drew 109 and lost 174 scoring 496 goals and conceding 579.

"I remember my period at Charlton with pride and affection", said Lennie "There were many difficult periods but the supporters were always great to me and I am looking forward to going back to The Valley".



Lennie with one of his Manager of the Month Awards

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MANY FOR LENNIE

Today we welcome back a man who is no stranger to The Valley, although he certainly won't remember it as full as it will hopefully be for this match.

Lennie Lawrence looks to have a tough task on his hands to keep Luton in the First Division, although of all people Charlton fans know it would be foolish to write him off yet. We wish him and his recent signing Kim Grant all the best - after this afternoon, of course!

This is Lennie's second visit to The Valley this season, as he was here for the supporters' club AGM in September and proved a fascinating guest.

Our ex-manager likes statistics, so no doubt he will be interested to know that we are currently on course for our highest average crowd since the 11,307 of the 1977/78 season.

Before Leicester's visit on Tuesday, we had averaged 10,834 from 18 home games, just a fraction ahead of the 10,748 of our top-flight relegation season at Selhurst Park.

That meant we needed to pull in just under 11,600 for each of our remaining five home games for an 11,000 average, which with the current ceiling on attendances set by the restricted capacity of the ground will be a reasonable achievement.

We would need to average over 13,000 from the five games to beat the 1978 figure, which would take us back to the 1976 high of 11,629. Before that, the best was 12,693 in 1970 and 17,973 in 1969. That will have to wait for the new west stand.

Although it's fair to say that we have boosted our crowds by offering cheaper tickets at some matches and schools promotions at others, there has been less of these this season. And, in any case, I would set against that the increase in admission prices in real terms over the period being considered.

If you want a reminder of how far this club has come in recent years, don't forget that the average in Lennie's last full season here - in this division - was a paltry 5,104.

GUESTS FROM THE WEST

We also welcome as our guests today the players and parents of Priorswood JFC from Taunton in Somerset. The U12 side are county champions, having won their local junior league for the last two seasons and have reached the final of the Somerset Junior Cup this term.

Their Charlton connection comes about through West Country CASC's Lester Trask, who has organised their visit to The Valley and also a match this morning at the training ground against the Bexley and District Junior League's U12 representative side.

Both teams are here this afternoon and we hope you all enjoy the match. I'd also like to thank the Bexley League officials and Peter Cordwell, editor of The Footballer, for their help in arranging the game.

COMING UP

Tonbridge get together again at the Constitution Club in Barden Road, next to the railway station, next Thursday, April 11th (8pm). Their special guest will be Garry Nelson.

Lewisham welcome chairman Martin Simons for their AGM, which will take place at the Black Horse and Harrow pub in Catford on Thursday, April 18th (8pm). Details from Paul Harley, who has taken over as acting chair of the branch, on 0181-695 0136.

Bromley meet again at the Bickley and Widmore WMC, Tylney Road, on Tuesday, April 23rd, when they hope to welcome Jason Morgan and Bob Bolder.

Finally, don't forget the player of the year is at the Trafalgar Tavern in Greenwich on Sunday, May 5th. The Monday, you will recall, is a Bank Holiday.

Tickets are priced £6 and sold, in the first instance, to CASC members only, who will be allowed to purchase up to two each. These should be available from the CASC cabin and on non-matchdays the club shop. Voting will take place at the Wolves game.

TRAVEL NEWS

Coaches for Sunderland leave Charlton at 7am, Well Hall 7.15 and Bexleyheath 7.30, fare 16. Please book today if possible, because we cannot guarantee to put extra coaches on over Easter. But if there are any seats remaining, you can still book on 01322 408322. Leave your requirements on the answerphone and your call will be returned. Don't forget that this is an all-ticket match and you will need to purchase your match ticket from Charlton in advance.

Train travellers leave Kings Cross at 8.00, changing at Newcastle to arrive Seaburn at 11.35. The return leaves Seaburn is at 17.18, again changing at Newcastle to arrive in London at 21.45. Unfortunately, the fare is £38. Book today or call 01233 645193.

For the visit to Stoke on Wednesday week, coaches will leave Charlton at 1.30pm, Well Hall 1.45 and Bexleyheath 2pm, fare £11. Book as above. There will be no organised train travel to this match.

Rick Everitt (Secretary)

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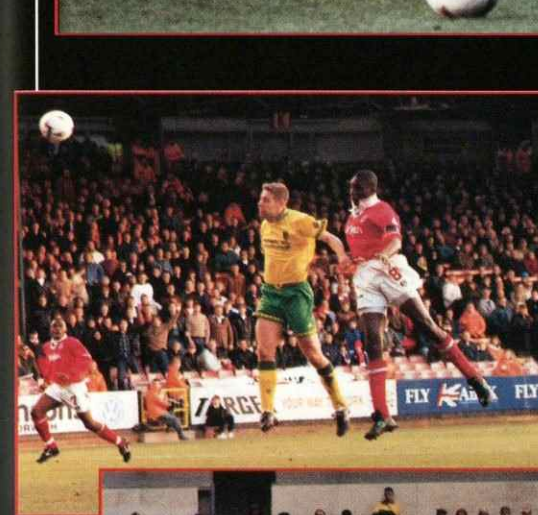


Bradley Allen gets the better of Norwich defender Rob Newman (left).

Carl Leaburn beats the Norwich defence with a header which went over the bar (below left).

Bradley Allen celebrates with Carl Leaburn after scoring at Norwich on his Charlton debut (below right).

John Robinson's header against Norwich crashes against the post (bottom).



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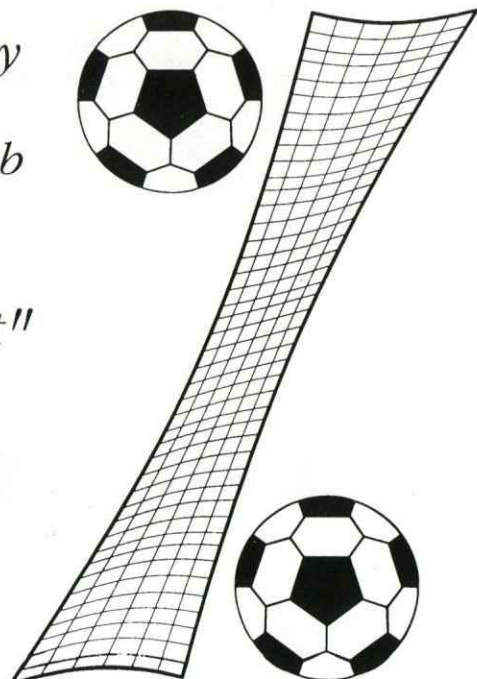


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One Day Fun Days
Tuesday, April 9 -
Mayplace Sports Field,
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Thursday, April 11 -
Marlborough Park,
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Friday, April 12 - Hall
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April 15-17 - Erith
Sports Centre, Avenue
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Venue 7
April 15-19 - Hollybush
Artificial Pitch,
Hollybush, Sevenoaks.
Venue 8

April 15-19 - Furness
School, Rowhill Road,
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Venue 9
April 15-19 -
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THANK YOU

Jason and Phil would like to thank the following people for their hard work and help at the Stoke game. Lara, Ally, Serena, Stacey, Alex, Smudge, Mark, Ossie and Bob. A big thanks for the day.

TREBLE CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to take this opportunity in congratulating St Michael's Primary School, Welling, for winning the Refuge six-a-side area finals. This enabled them to go and represent Charlton Athletic in the South East regional finals being held at Millwall. Our commiserations go to St Stephens School.

Welling, who were beaten in the area finals by St Michael's. A second congratulations to St Michael's who reached the South East regional Final but were then knocked out by Millwall. And a final congratulation to St Michael's who concluded their season by winning the Bexley Primary Schools League.

The teams are pictured back row (left to right): Phil Albury (Charlton Community Officer, Richard Varney (headmaster), John Slater and Des Leigh (Refuge representatives, Jason Morgan (Charlton Community Officer), Tony Potts (Community coach). Front row: St Stephens and St Michael's (purple tops)



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DIVISION ONE Round-Up

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After being involved in the latter stages of two cup competitions, Port Vale got hopelessly behind with their league fixtures and looked at one stage as if they would be embroiled in a relegation battle. But John Rudge's team won six successive matches to haul themselves into a midtable position, incredibly just three points from a play off position, such is the closeness of the division. Vale did the First Division proud in the FA Cup and also reached the final of the Anglo Italian Cup, but Division One survival was their main aim.

John Rudge is one of the longest serving and most respected managers in the game so all football supporters will be delighted at Vale's recent run of success.

One player who has played a big part in their revival is winger Steve Guppy, who joined them from Newcastle United having previously played for Wycombe Wanderers when they were a non-league club.



Influential Port Vale winger Steve Guppy.

OLDHAM IN SURVIVAL BATTLE

After all the years that Joe Royle battled away with limited resources to keep Oldham Athletic afloat in Division One, the faithful at Boundary Park, must be fearing the worst as their team dropped into the bottom three at the weekend four points adrift of the team above them Reading, who beat them at Elm Park on Saturday.

Oldham had a vital home game with Grimsby on Tuesday, and are at home again to promotion chasing Derby County to-morrow (Saturday) and only maximum points from these games are likely to be enough.

Like his predecessor, present Latics boss Graeme Sharp has had no money to spend and was only able to recruit former Sheffield United midfielder John Gannon before the deadline on a free transfer.

A POINT WON – AND LOST!

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A point won or a point lost? A very difficult question to answer after a game full of surprises, both on and off the field. In more than dubious circumstances a game took place with Charlton going all out for a win.

Emma Moore, Kelly Honzek and Ally Rawle all had a good chance to open the scoring in the first ten minutes, but it was left to Tracey Barrow with her first of the season to give Charlton the lead.

A moment's hesitation led to Palace's equaliser giving Chris Green in the Charlton goal no chance.

Despite the pre-match protests, Charlton's worst fears came true when Palace took the

lead with a freak shot. Throwing caution to the wind Charlton piled forward and Lesley White clipped the cross bar from a direct free kick. Charlton went agonisingly close on several occasions before "supersub" Naomi Connor, who came on for the injured Tracey Barrow, scored a last gasp equaliser.

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The Referees for the reserve matches are generally linesmen in Endsleigh League matches and are therefore learning the trade and some of the performances we have seen by these officials have been awful.

The advantages of playing competitive matches in a reserve league are fast being outweighed by the selection problems that the suspensions are causing. As a result we are seriously considering whether to continue in the Football Combination next season.

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This match is strictly all ticket for Addicks supporters. Tickets for the uncovered North Stand are available now priced at £11 Adults and £6 Juniors. There are no concessions for Seniors.

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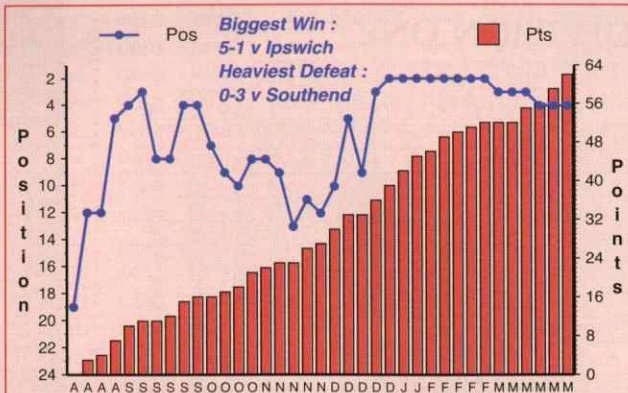


Addicks - The Season so Far

A=Appearances
C=Bookings
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League and Cup Roll Call

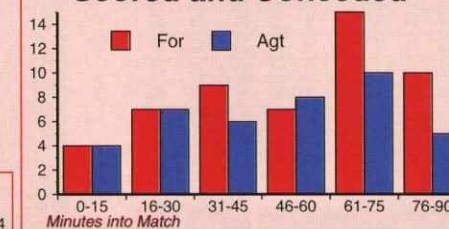
	Lg A	Lg C	Cp A	Cp C
Robinson	35(1)	3(1)	8(1)	1
Bowyer	34	9(1)	9	
Rufus	33(1)	8(1)	7	2
Newton	33(1)	3	5(1)	1
Leaburn	29(2)	4(1)	7	1
Humphrey	28	2	8	1(1)
Salmon	27		8	
Stuart	25	3	8	1
Balmer	23(2)	2	7	2
Grant	20(10)	2	3(5)	
Jones	19(1)	4	3(1)	1
Chapple	13(3)	2	3	1
Mortimer	12(6)	3	2	1
Sturgess	12	3	1	
Nelson	11(15)	1	7(2)	
Whyte D	11(7)		2(1)	
Brown	10(1)		3	
Ammann	10(1)		1	
Robson	5(14)		3(2)	1
Walsh	5(1)	3	2(1)	
Whyte C	4	1		
Garland	3		2	1
Williams	2(7)	1		
Linger	1(3)	1	(1)	
Jackson	1			
Allen	1			
Chandler	(1)			



League Results at The Valley

Stoke	2-1	12,770
Millwall	2-0	12,204
Southend	0-3	11,927
SheffUtd	1-1	11,239
Palace	0-0	13,560
WestBrom	4-1	11,864
Portsmouth	2-1	11,686
Ipswich	0-2	10,316
PortVale	2-2	10,174
Reading	2-1	7,840
Sunderland	1-1	11,626
Norwich	1-1	13,369
Grimsby	0-1	8,994
Barnsley	1-1	11,219
Oldham	1-1	8,926
Huddersfield	2-1	9,570
Watford	2-1	8,442
Birmingham	3-1	9,692

When Charlton have Scored and Conceded



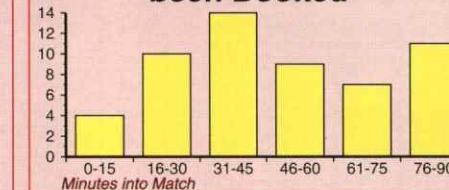
Gates at The Valley



Goal Scorers



When Players have been Booked

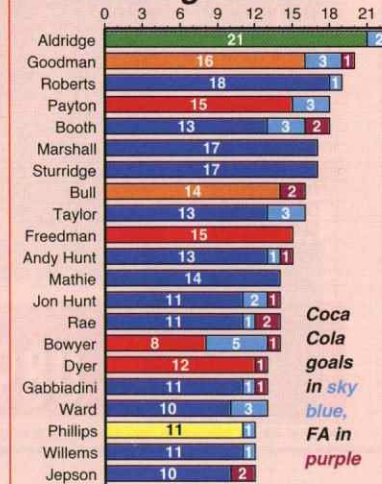


Division 1 Statistics

Average Attendances



Leading Scorers



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13 STEVE BROWN
14 DAVID WHYTE



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Manager: Lennie Lawrence
Colours: White shirts & blue shorts

12 GRAHAM ALEXANDER
13 BONTCHO GUENTCHEV
14 GRAEME TOMLINSON



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