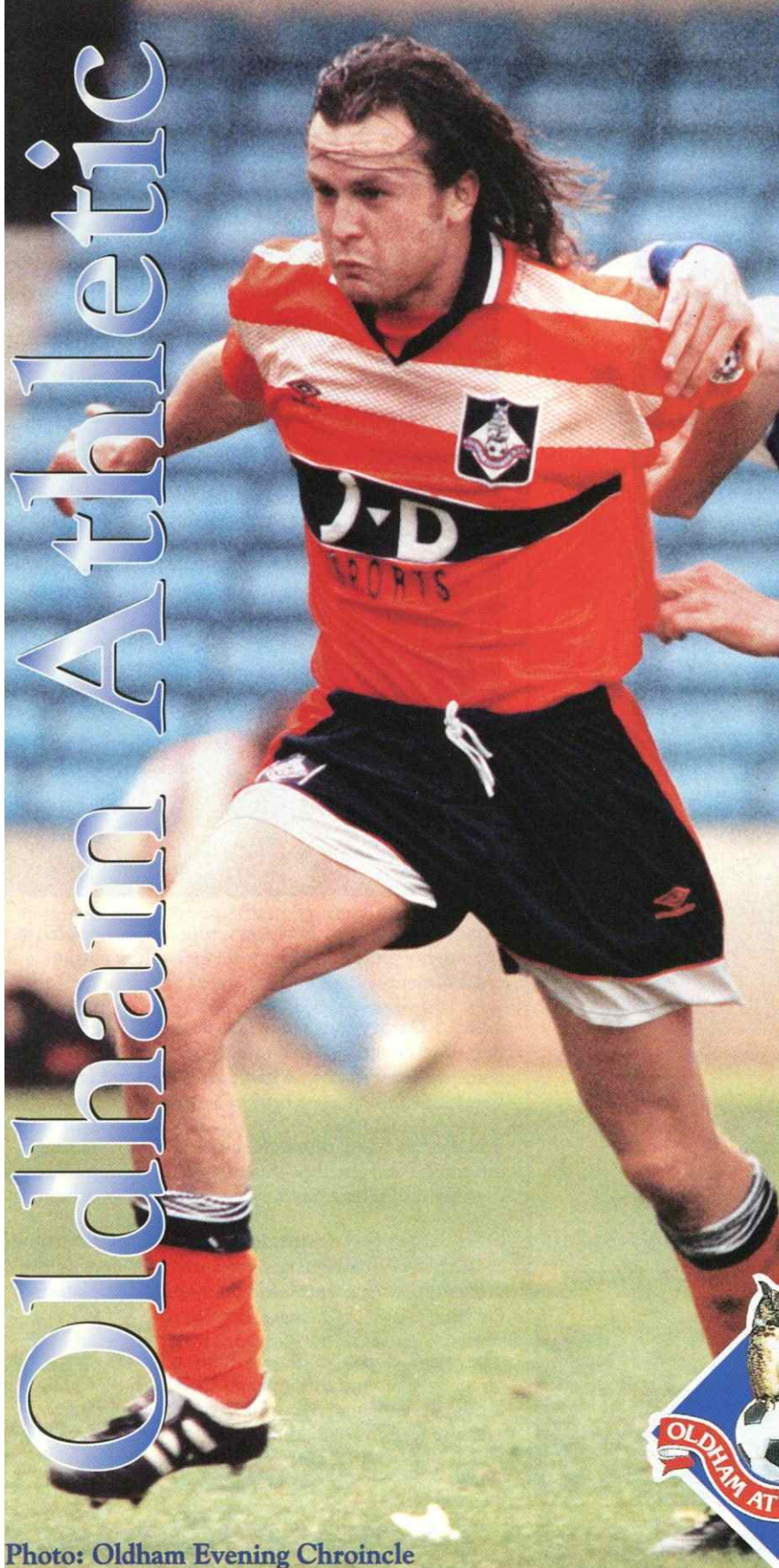


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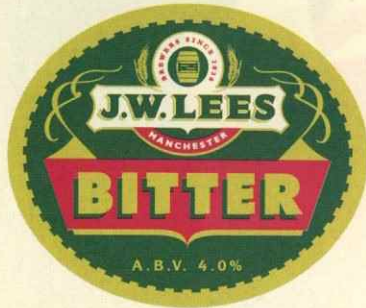
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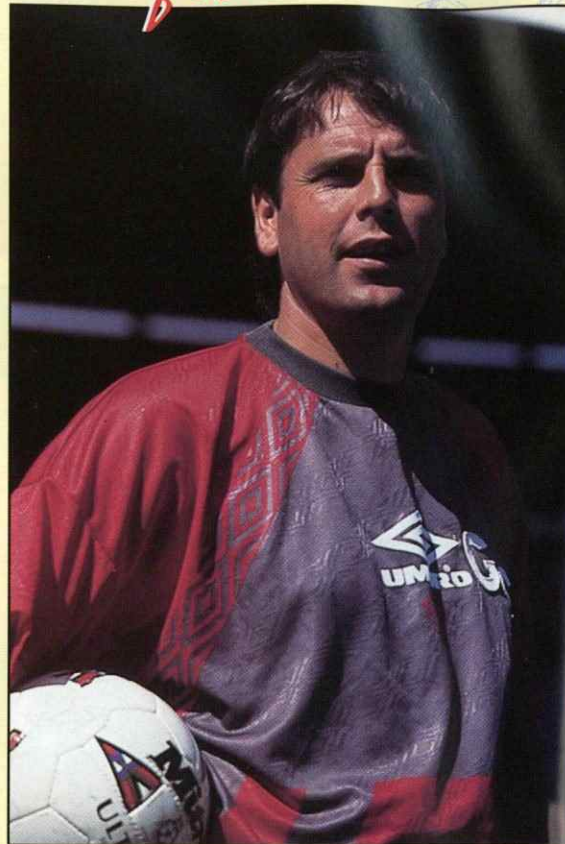
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Over the last two months the commitment and attitude of the players has been first class and they deserve the credit as their hard work has maintained our place in Division One.

They have worked extremely hard in testing circumstances and it is at times such as these you find a lot out about the players you have. There is a lot of pressure when you are down near the bottom of the league but I cannot fault them in recent weeks.

Although we had to bring a lot of youngsters into the team this season I think they will be better equipped, both mentally and physically, for the challenge ahead next season.

Looking back over the season I have been pleased with our improvement in defence where our record of 50 goals conceded compares favourably with the top five teams in the division.

However, our main failing has been in front of goal where we have not scored as freely as in past seasons. Our total of 53 in 44 games is better than only four other teams although only six less than champions Sunderland.

Given the opportunity this is the area I would like to concentrate on improving in the new season.

"Over the last two months the commitment and attitude of the players has been first class and they deserve the credit as their hard work has maintained our place in Division One."

We can now sit back and watch the scramble at the bottom between Watford, Portsmouth and Millwall, but we will not be relaxing too much as we want to end the season at Boundary Park with another victory - I think we owe it to the fans.

But I am sure that Luton will not lie down and let us walk all over them even though their fate was decided a week or so ago.

Lennie Lawrence will also be looking to end the season on a winning note so more of the same attitude and commitment we saw against Stoke will be needed today.

As you are all probably aware my contract is up in the summer and the directors will be meeting shortly to discuss the situation.

All I can say is that I have enjoyed the past eighteen months in charge, I would have preferred to be involved in battles at the top end of the league of course, but I hope that I have the chance to take us into the new campaign come August.

Thanks for your great support this past season and have a great summer.

Graeme Sharp

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Football club runners stride out in Marathon Challenge

On Sunday 21 April, for the first time ever over one hundred football club runners entered the Flora London Marathon as part of the Flora London Marathon Football Challenge. The runners, dressed in club strip, were running on behalf of many of the major league clubs in England and Scotland. Club runners had everything to run for in an attempt to beat their league rivals in the battle for league supremacy. Birmingham City came out on top as the overall winners with Andy Wilton clocking a time of 2:31:41, almost 16 minutes ahead of the next football challenge runner. "This is the first time we have issued a challenge to major football clubs to enter a runner in the Flora London Marathon Football Challenge and the race within the main race was a huge success. We are delighted with the way so many clubs have taken up the challenge with such enthusiasm and we look forward to working with the clubs again for the second Flora London Marathon Football Challenge," said Nick Bitel, Chief Executive Flora London Marathon. Prizes were also given to the winners of each of the football leagues, the full results were as follows:

Overall winner:	Birmingham City	Andy Wilton	2:31:41
FA Premier:	Bolton Wanderers	Simon Marland	2:47:26
Scottish Premier:	Motherwell FC	John Bocket	2:55:51
League Div 1:	Derby County	Pascal Arnoux	2:55:15
League Div 2:	Rotherham Utd	Stuart Clarkson	3:20:50
League Div 3:	Fulham	Chris Copus	2:54:53

An additional award was made by the Flora London Marathon to the football club runner who raised the largest sum for charity. The winner was Derek Vere of Wycombe Wanderers whose incredible fundraising efforts raised over £8,500 for the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs.

Tony Bugby represented the club in the Football Challenge and no doubt you read of his experience in our programme for last Tuesday's game.

However, Tony's efforts have helped to raise over £2,000 for the Oldham Macmillan Nurse Appeal, an achievement he deserves a great deal of praise for. **Well done Tony.**

Tony prior to the start of the race with Andrew Burgess the runner representing Southend United.



Obituary

Once again the club was saddened to learn of the death of a Latics fanatic in Anthony Fagan age 36. Anthony passed away in the Royal Oldham Hospital after a short illness. Although he was single he leaves four brothers and a sister. Anthony had many friends in the Seton Stand and the club sends condolences to both family and friends in their sad loss.



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Lee's the man



Lee Richardson collecting the £100 Lookers Player of the Month Award for March from Duncan Whittaker of Lookers prior to the recent Derby County game.

Lee produced some inspired midfield displays during the month and his three goals ensured that he picked up this Lookers accolade.

There will be a further two Lookers presentations taking place before the start of today's game.

Firstly the Lookers Player of the Month for April will be presented with a cheque for £100 and then the main award of the season.

The supporters have cast their votes for the 'Lookers Player of the Year' and the recipient will collect a cheque for £500 from Lookers.

At the time of writing these notes there was still three days to go before the voting was closed but there were three players in contention for this prestigious award.

You will have to wait until 2.55pm to find out who the overall winner is.

'Snods' goes under the knife

Ian Snodin, who has been playing with an injury for the past few weeks, will enter hospital shortly after the end of the season for an operation.

The date has now been confirmed as 20th May when the surgeon will go to work on his troublesome groin problem.

It means that Ian will only have two weeks rest between the last game and entering hospital. Obviously we all wish Ian well and hope the operation is a success.

Ian plans for the future

Striker Ian Olney, who decided to retire from the game earlier in the season after failing to recover from a medial ligament injury picked up at West Ham in November 1993, is now planning for his future.

He will be in partnership with a friend in a fitted kitchen company in the Midlands and hopes to expand the company by moving into other areas of the country.

However, the club has agreed to stage a benefit match for Ian hopefully against his former club and current Coca-Cola cup winners Aston Villa. The game is likely to take place prior to the start of next season.

New boys in town



Pictured from left to right back row: Jamie Rampling, Neil Zaroc, Graeme Sharp, Oliver Self, David Miskelly. Front row: Matthew Tipton, Danny Walsh, Scott Fairhurst and Paul Jeffries.

The smiles will soon be wiped off their faces when they have spent a week with youth coach Billy Urmsen!

Latics' new crop of youngsters were signed up for the next two seasons recently and duly posed for the first of what could be many team photographs.

Chairman's end of season message

Thanks to a highly committed display on Tuesday night we are clear of any threat of relegation.

I think it has been a question of keeping one's nerve and having faith in the squad to pull us away from the nightmare of slipping into a lower division, a position we have not occupied for 23 years.

I must express the team's acclaim for the support given to them on Tuesday by all sections of the crowd. I am sure this was a great help in bringing the best out of the players. This has been a difficult season both for the club and the spectators. It has been one of transition which has given problems of selection and sometimes resulted in far from entertaining displays at home as well as away. For this I apologise. I hope, however, that the vital experience gained by the younger players will reflect in more relaxed and exciting performances next year.

They have certainly acquitted themselves commendably under very trying circumstances and our thanks are due to them and a number of the older players who have shown them such a professional example.

I hope the less tense atmosphere will allow for an open and entertaining game this afternoon and that the weather will also be kinder to us; particularly those of you in the Lookers paddock seats!

We do, of course, have two reserve matches here this week to complete the season's programme and then we can let the grass continue to grow (hasn't it done well this last fortnight!).

I look forward to seeing you at Boundary Park in August in our exciting new strip.

Have a pleasant summer.
Ian H. Stott

Birthday boy Bob



Bob Grice is not a name that will readily spring to mind for many Latics fans, but Bob played for Latics back in 1933, some 63 years ago!

Bob joined Latics from New Brighton on 10th January 1933 making his debut against Lincoln City on the 4th March the same year. Having stayed at Latics for two seasons Bob was then transferred to Southport in 1935.

Bob's family settled in the Oldham area, in fact his grandson Steven works at J W Lees Brewery in Greengate, Middleton, Bob

still occasionally comes to Latics matches with Steven and other members of the family.

It was whilst Bob was celebrating his 89th birthday that his family sprang the surprise of presenting him with a portrait of himself painted by his son John.

Nicky Banger presented the painting to Bob in the George Hill stand prior to the Wolves match at Boundary Park a couple of weeks ago ... We bet Boundary Park has changed a bit since Bob's playing days!

Newsdesk

Who's staying - who's going?

Manager Graeme Sharp will now be busy finalising his retained list for the end of season which will be discussed by the board of directors in a couple of weeks time.

The club have until 20th May to submit the retained list to the Football League but the list is likely to be announced well before that date.

To make sure that you hear the news on the retained list first be sure to keep in touch with Latics Clubcall on 0891 12 11 42.

In fact throughout the close season any happenings at Boundary Park will be heard first on Latics Clubcall so remember to keep in touch.

Keep off

We remind supporters that it is a criminal offence to trespass onto the pitch either before, during or after the game.

The players would like to show their appreciation to the fans after today's game for their support throughout the season. So we ask you to remain in your seats so that the players can visit each side of the ground.

It's a grey day

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Latics ladies lose out

The Latics Ladies football season came to an end last Sunday when they needed to win their final game and hope the league leaders, Manchester United Ladies, lost against Blackburn.

The Latics girls failed to beat third placed Belle Vue, drawing the game 3-3.

However United won their game against Blackburn 2-1 and therefore go into the play-off in an attempt to make the step up into the National League.

The Latics girls should be complimented on their efforts this season. To push United all the way to the last game is no mean achievement. No doubt they will be hoping to go one better next season and take the first division title.

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You will see the big reductions that have been made on both season ticket and matchday admission prices and season ticket purchasers can save a further 5% if they pay for their ticket before 31st May.

In addition we will again be offering an early payment plan so supporters can spread their payments over six months.

You can obtain a season ticket application form and an easy payment plan from the ticket office.

Today's the day for others

The relegation battle has come down to the last games of the season and three clubs are still involved in the scramble for points, thankfully we are not one of them after Tuesday night's victory.

Watford, who only a few weeks ago looked doomed to the drop, have made a terrific fight of it and could still retain their first division status, although a win against Leicester today will still not be enough if other teams around them win.

The other two clubs still involved are Millwall and Portsmouth.

These are the games in the first division we need to keep an eye on this afternoon.

Huddersfield Town v Portsmouth

Ipswich Town v Millwall

Watford v Leicester City

It is also interesting to see who will be making the drop down from the Premiership today. Southampton, Coventry, Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City are all involved and Sheffield Wednesday have the more difficult task being the only club of those four playing away from home.

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We give a warm welcome this afternoon to a party of family supporters from Luton Town. Although sadly Luton have already been relegated their loyal fans have still made the long journey north to cheer on their team.

At half-time four junior members of the party will be taking part in a half-time penalty competition against Junior Latics and we hope you will give them a rousing reception.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Although the football season finishes today Junior Latics will still be active during the summer months.

In July two Junior Latics teams will be taking part in a Soccer Tournament at Keele University organised by Stoke City's Junior Potters. There will be seven other league teams involved and we hope to improve on our performance last year when we were eliminated at the quarter-final stage.

Following on from last years successful summer trip we will once again be going to **DRAYTON MANOR PARK & ZOO**, in Tamworth, Staffordshire.

The date has not yet been decided but full details will be sent to all members at a later date

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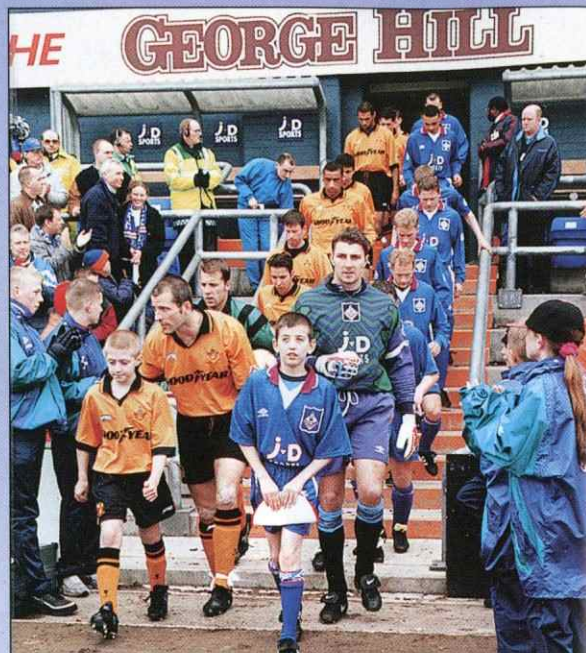
A big thank you to all Junior Latics Members for your support during this difficult season. It has been very much appreciated.

We hope you enjoy your summer break and look forward to seeing you again for the start of the new season in August.

Matthew Robinson, mascot for our game against Grimsby Town, meets his favourite player Gunnar Halle before the kick off.



Corinne Cochrane, mascot for our game against Derby County, meets her favourite player Richard Graham before the kick off.



David Maddison proudly leads out the team against Wolves.

LUTON MASCOT

The Luton Town mascot is 13 year old Bryan Kelso, who attends Icknield High School in Luton. Bryan enjoys all sport and computers and his favourite player is goalkeeper Ian Feuer.

We hope you enjoy your day at Boundary Park Bryan.

Today's Mascot

Name: Andrew Oakes
 Address: Larchwood, Firwood Park, Chadderton
 Age: 10
 School: Mills Hill Junior, Chadderton
 Favourite Lesson: Art
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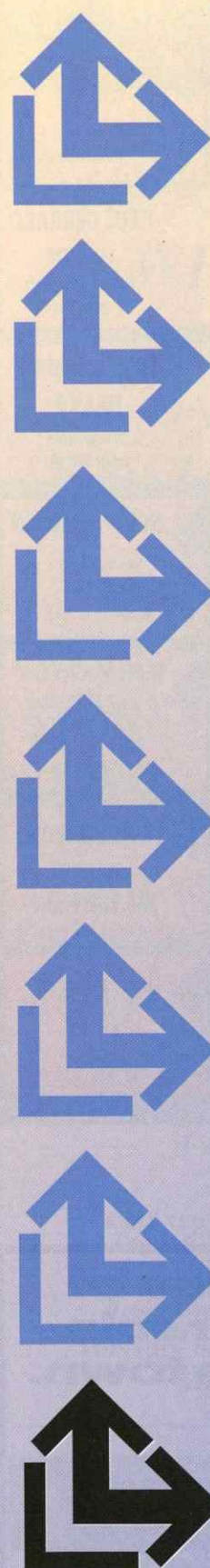
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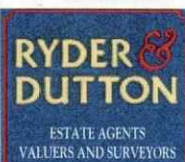
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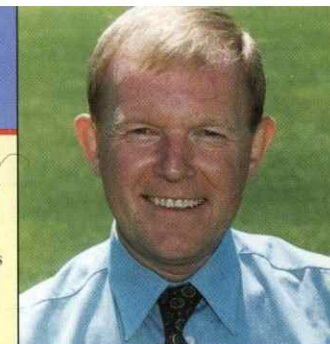
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Thanks

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To all those who have helped this season many, many thanks, we hope we can count on your support again next season. To those who have been thinking about supporting the club, then next season is your opportunity. Please ring Alan Hardy or Betty Pascall on 0161 627 1802 so that we can place you on our mailing list for advertising and sponsorship opportunities.

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Endsleigh League

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The Football League are delighted to announce the four divisional winners, together with the overall national winner, of the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Groundsman of the Year Awards.

In the Endsleigh Insurance League, Wolverhampton Wanderers groundsman David Saltman's Molineux surface is declared the best in the First Division, whilst, quite appropriately, Jim Gardner of Wycombe Wanderers picks up the award in Division Two for the Adams Park pitch. In the Third Division, David Pinch at Wigan Athletic is the top groundsman and Arsenal's Dave Braddock has not only secured the Premiership award but also the overall title to become the Wilkinson Sword Groundsman of the Year. All four winners will receive one of the specially hand-made Wilkinson ceremonial poniard swords to mark their achievement at a presentation prior to one of their clubs' forthcoming home games.

Nominations were once again sought from both clubs and referees regarding the best playing surface encountered during the course of the season, but, in a new departure, the judges also considered fully the resources available to the groundsmen at the 92 professional clubs and actual construction of pitches, before making their final decisions. Eight other clubs received 'Highly Commended' recognition of their surfaces from the panel of judges and these are as follows: Queens Park Rangers, Liverpool, Charlton Athletic, Norwich City, Burnley, Stockport County, Leyton Orient and Preston North End.

VALE'S VALIANT OFFER

Following on from the success of their free admission initiative for all juniors under the age of twelve, launches at the start of this season, First Division form side Port Vale have announced another splendid offer which involves the secondary school children in the local area. For their final four Endsleigh Insurance League fixtures at Vale Park this season all youngsters can get in for just £1.

Port Vale Secretary, Tony Allan, commented: "Due to our excellent cup runs and also the Wembley trip for the Anglo-Italian Cup Final, we realise that the number of games we have had this season has been a bit of a drain on the pocket."

"Therefore, as a way of showing our appreciation for their continued support through such a long season, we wanted to take a little of that financial burden from the children and families who support the club and make it easier for them to attend our final few matches".

AVOIDING THE FIRST

It's not only the clubs at the top and bottom of the First Division of the Endsleigh Insurance League who will be keeping an eye on the results today.

Because of the structure of The Football League, a finish in the top 16 of the Division One table at the end of the season will guarantee that a club does not have to play in the First Round of next season's Coca-Cola Cup.

The Football League can also confirm that all three clubs promoted into the First Division at the end of this campaign will be exempt until the Third Round stage of next year's Football Association Challenge Cup.

TONIGHT'S OTHER GAMES IN THE ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE
BIRMINGHAM CITY v READING
CHARLTON ATHLETIC v WOLVES
CRYSTAL PALACE v NORWICH CITY
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v PORTSMOUTH
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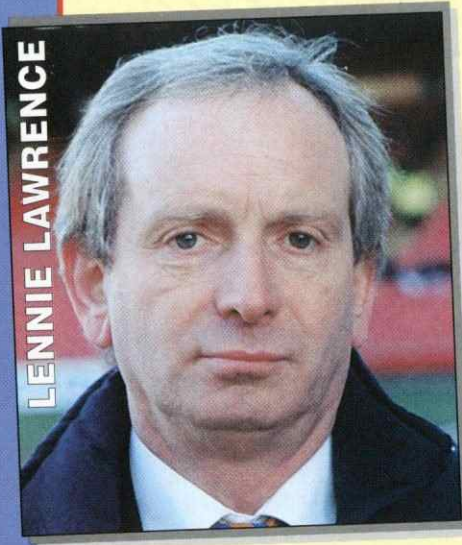
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Welcome to ... Luton Town



LENNIE LAWRENCE

Manager

Lennie Lawrence was appointed into the Luton 'hot seat' shortly before Christmas. A very experienced manager who in the past has been in charge of Plymouth Argyle (caretaker), Charlton Athletic, Middlesbrough and Bradford City, he left the latter club after eighteen months in office and is now contemplating a new career with the Hatters, his main objective being to gain promotion to Division One at the first attempt. A non-League player with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United, he has also coached at both Plymouth and Lincoln City and as a manager guided Charlton Athletic into the 'old' First Division in 1986.

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to Boundary Park for the last League game of the 1995-96 campaign.

The 'Hatters' will be playing Second Division football next season, but they will want to go down fighting and therefore will certainly come and make it difficult for the Latics today.

Now under the guidance and control of their manager, Lennie Lawrence, who was formerly in charge of Charlton Athletic, Middlesbrough and Bradford City, the Hatters' away form has let them down badly this season while in front of their own supporters they have struggled continuously.



MARVIN JOHNSON

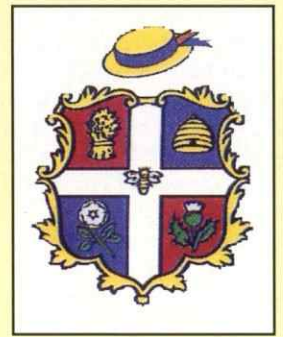
Scoring goals has been a big problem - less than one per game this term - and Luton join Watford with the least number of victories under their belt in the Division (10).

There is no doubt that during the summer Lawrence will have a good clear out at Kenilworth Road. Obviously there are players who have battled hard and long for the club and will continue to do so, but as always happens, new faces are brought in when a team suffers relegation, and although money is tight at the club, Luton will be endeavouring to build up their squad for a serious challenge at winning promotion at the first attempt next season.

THE PLAYERS

There are a number of quality players (some of international status) likely to be in contention for a place in the Luton Town side today against the Latics.

Giant goalkeeper, Ian (Tony) Feuer, stands 6ft. 7ins tall, and was recruited from West Ham United after a month's loan. Born in Las Vegas in 1970, he joined the Hammers for £70,000 in March 1994 (from American football) and last year played on loan with Peterborough United, signing for the Hatters earlier this season



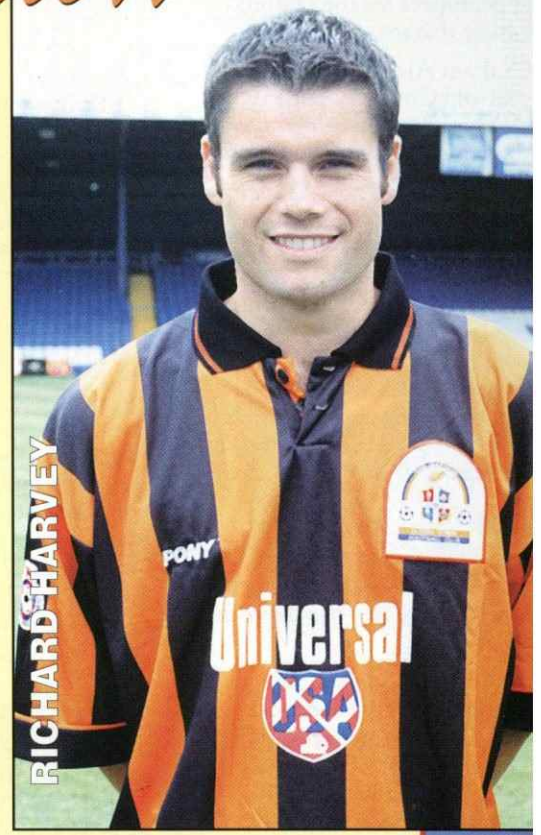
Irish international defender Darren Patterson, ex-West Bromwich Albion, Wigan Athletic and Preston North End, arrived from Crystal Palace last year. Born in Belfast, he failed to make the breakthrough at The Hawthorns but appeared in over 100 games for Wigan and more than 30 for Palace who signed him for £225,000.

Utility defender Mitchell Thomas, the ex-Tottenham Hotspur and

West Ham United defender, is in his second spell at Luton and has been in the professional game since 1982 when he was signed as a full-time player at Kenilworth Road. An England youth, U/21 and 'B' international, he has now amassed well over 400 senior appearances since making his debut for Luton 14 years ago.

Centre half and captain Steve Davis was recruited from Burnley for £750,000 last year. Born in Hexham in 1968, he started his career with Southampton and then had loan spells with Burnley and Notts County before joining the Turf Moor club on a permanent basis in 1991. He has accumulated in excess of 260 senior appearances as a professional.

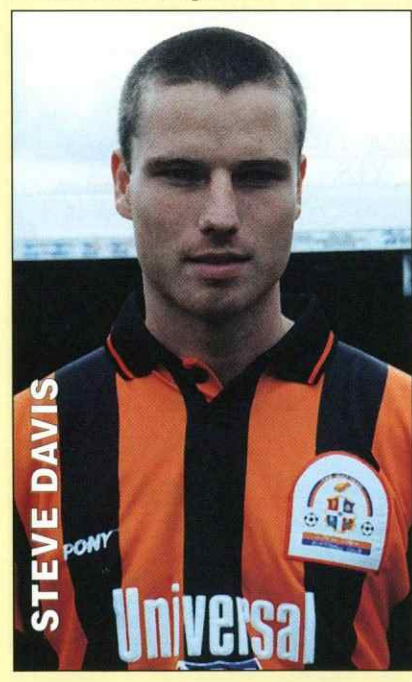
Marvin Johnson has been at the club 10 years. A dedicated professional who can occupy a number of defensive positions,



RICHARD HARVEY

FACT
The biggest fee received by the Hatters has been that of £2.5m from Arsenal for Welsh international striker John Hartson in 1994.

FACT
Luton's most capped player has been defender Mal Donaghy, who appeared in 58 internationals for Northern Ireland



STEVE DAVIS

In Opposition

In Opposition

he will be 28 in October and comes from Wembley. He passed the milestone of 200 appearances for the Hatters earlier this season.

Graham Alexander is a 24 year-old Coventry-born right-sided midfielder player who was signed from Scunthorpe United last year after making 200 appearances for the 'Iron.' He likes taking on opponents and packs an explosive right-foot shot.

Bontcho Guentchev, a Bulgarian international midfielder or forward, joined Luton last year from Ipswich Town. Aged 31, he did well in Portugal with Sporting Lisbon before moving to Portman Road for £250,000 in 1992. Strong in the air, he loves to try a shot from long distances and can also be a danger with free-kicks.

Experienced 34 year-old midfielder Gary Waddock, has been in the game since 1979 and in the last 17 years has served in turn with Q.P.R., Charleroi (Belgium), Millwall, Q.P.R. (again), Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers, joining Luton on a free transfer in 1994. Capped by The Republic of Ireland 21 times, he has also played for the country's 'B', U/21 and U/23 sides and has now totted up more than 500 League and Cup appearances as a 'pro.'

Richard Harvey can play at left-back, in central defence, as a midfielder and even in attack. Aged 27 from Letchworth, he signed 'pro' for Luton in 1987 and has been at Kenilworth Road ever since, except for a brief spell on loan with Blackpool in 1992.

Tony Thorpe is a central midfielder who loves to attack. He was recruited from Leicester City's junior side in 1992, he is 22 and prior to this season had appeared 16 times as a substitute for the Hatters.

Star Hatter

John Taylor

Striker John Taylor, a £200,000 acquisition from Bradford City in March 1995, is 6ft. 2in. tall and started his career with Colchester United in 1980, turning professional at Layer Road two years later at the age of 18. He then dropped out of the League for a while and played for Sudbury Town before returning to the bigtime with Cambridge United in 1988. He scored 60 goals while at The Abbey Stadium and in 1992 switched to Bristol Rovers, moving north to Bradford City for £300,000 in 1994. To date Taylor has now netted more than 130 goals in less than 400 senior appearances for his League clubs.

Kim Grant joined Luton on this season's transfer deadline from Charlton Athletic. A strong, forceful striker, he was born in Ghana in 1972 and joined Charlton in 1991. Predominantly right-footed, he scored almost 20 goals in 130 games for the London club.

Scott Oakes, the son of the Showaddywaddy rock star Trevor, can play in midfield or attack. He joined Luton from Leicester City in 1990 after just four senior games for the Filbert Street club, and since then has done very well at Luton, having netted over 35 goals in more than 200 appearances for the Hatters.

Utility player David Oldfield was born in Perth, Australia in 1968 and is in his second spell at Luton, having rejoined the club from

Leicester City in 1995. He has been in the game ten years and in between his stints at Kenilworth Road, he also played for Manchester City. He won England U/21 caps earlier in his career.

Forward Dwight Marshall cost £150,000 from Plymouth. He was born in Jamaica in 1965 and was initially a striker with Grays Athletic, joined Argyle for £35,000 in 1991. After a loan spell with Middlesbough (1993) he moved to Luton Town in 1994 and has now scored over 20 goals for the Hatters.

Young Stuart Douglas is a promising teenager who has broken into the first XI this season after two years at the club as a YTS.

LUTON TOWN'S FIVE YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Post.
1990-91	1	38	10	7	21	42	61	37	18th
1991-92	1	42	10	12	20	38	71	42	20th
1992-93	1	46	10	21	15	48	62	51	20th
1993-94	1	46	14	11	21	56	60	53	20th
1994-95	1	46	15	13	18	61	64	58	16th

FACT

Between 1950 and 1964, inside-forward Gordon Turner scored a record 243 goals for the Hatters.

FACTS

Joe Payne scored 58 goals for Luton Town in 1936-37 including 10 in a 12-0 home League win over Bristol Rovers 60 years ago.

Luton's record gate of 30,069 was set v. Blackpool in an Cup-tie in 1959. The capacity of Kenilworth Road today is just 13,410.

FACT

The record fee paid by Luton for a player has been £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup in 1989

Luton Town Records

League Division 2 champions: 1981-82
Division 3 (South) champions: 1936-37
Division 4 champions: 1967-68

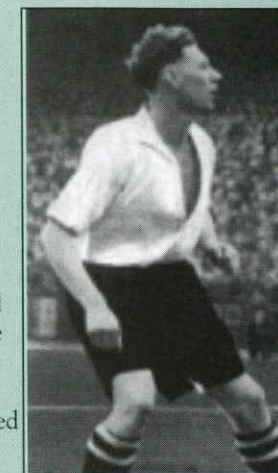
Football League Cup winners: 1987-88

F.A. Cup runners-up: 1959 (to Nottm. Forest)

Managers at Kenilworth Road since the 1939-45 war include Sid Owen, who won England international recognition as a Luton player and also skippered the Hatters in the 1959 FA Cup Final v. Nottingham Forest, former Charlton

goalkeeper Sam Bartram, Harry Haslam and Ray Harford who is now manager of Premiership side Blackburn Rovers.

David Pleat, now in charge of Sheffield Wednesday, had two spells as manager of Luton Town: 1978-86 & '91-95.



Sid Owen

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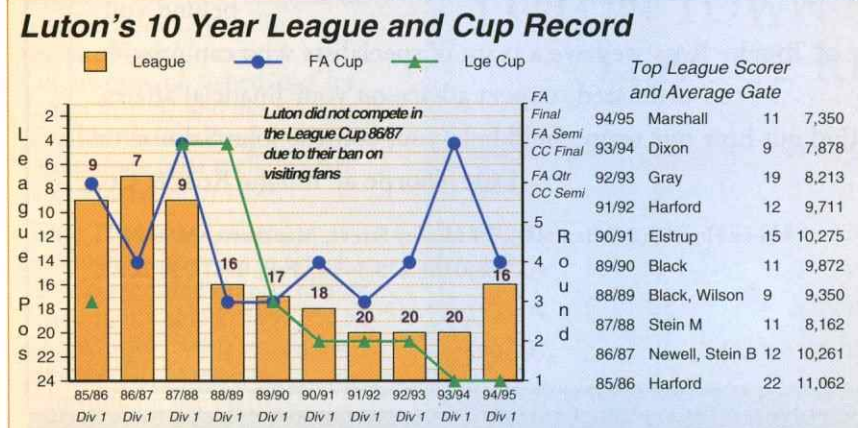
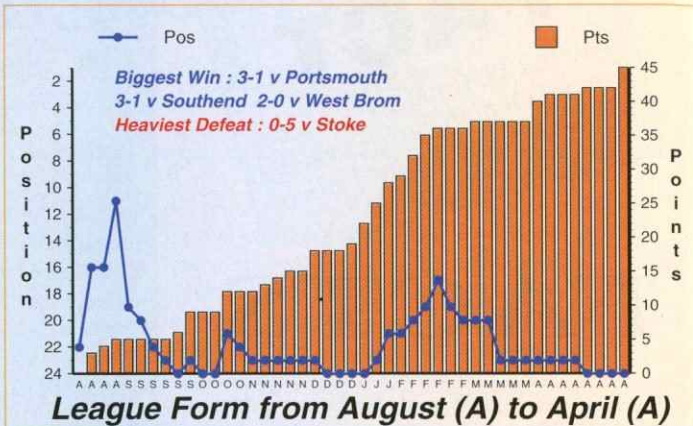
Hatters - The Season so Far

A=Appearances (Sub)
C=Cautions (Sent Off)
G=Goals
cup details in italics

Appearance Details

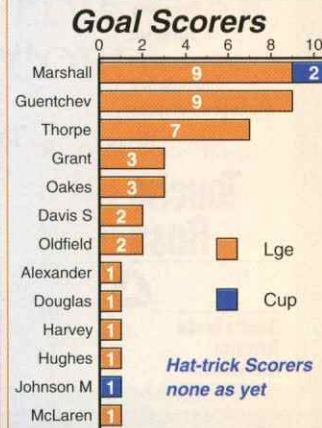
A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Feuer	37	1	West Ham Peterborough
20/5/71	1		(L) Los Angeles Salsa
Davis S	36	2	7(1) Burnley Southampton
26/7/65	2	7	Notts County (L)
Alexander	35(2)	1	5(1) Scunthorpe
10/10/71	2(1)	1	
Johnson M	33(2)	3	
29/10/68	3	1	
Waddock	31(4)	5	Bristol Rovers Swindon
17/3/62	Eire	2	(L) QPR Millwall Charleroi Blackpool (L)
Harvey	28(8)	1	1
17/4/69	Eng Yth	2	
Oakes	25(3)	3	3
5/8/72	Eng U21	1	
Guentchev	24(10)	9	4
7/7/64	Bulgaria	3	
Thomas	24(2)	6	6
2/10/64	Eng B	2(1)	
Oldfield	23(11)	2	1
30/5/68	Eng U21	3	
James	23(3)	6	6
22/3/70	Eng U21	2	2
Marshall	23(3)	9	
3/10/65		3	2
Thorpe	22(10)	7	
10/4/74		(3)	
Hughes	21(2)	1	8(2)
26/2/71	Wales	1	
Patterson	20(2)	5	
15/10/69	N Ire	1	
Taylor	17(10)	5	
24/10/64		2	
Peake	15(3)	2	
10/2/57	Eng SP	1	
McLaren	9(3)	1	2
17/11/76		1	
Grant	9	3	
25/9/72			
Riseth	6(5)		
21/4/72			
Linton	6(4)		
5/9/71			
Vilstrup	6(1)	1	
27/2/69			
Davis K	6	1	
29/9/76	Eng U21		
Johnson G	4(1)	2	
10/10/70			
Douglas	3(4)	1	2
9/4/78			
Wilkinson	3		
30/10/69	Eng U21		
Sommer	2		
27/2/69	USA	2	
Tomlinson	1(6)		
10/12/75			
Woodsford	1(2)		
9/11/76	Eng Yth		
Chenery	1		
28/1/77			
Matthews			
14/10/70			

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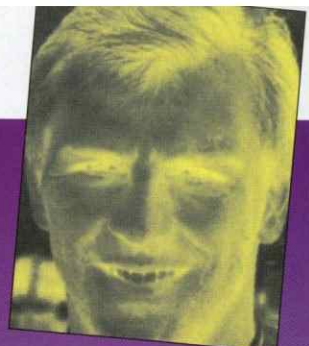
Top League Scorer and Average Gate

Year	Scorer	Goals	Avg Gate
FA Final	94/95 Marshall	11	7,350
FA Semi	93/94 Dixon	9	7,878
CC Final	92/93 Gray	19	8,213
FA Qtr	91/92 Harford	12	9,711
CC Semi	90/91 Elstrup	15	10,275
5	89/90 Black	11	9,872
4	88/89 Black, Wilson	9	9,350
3	87/88 Stein M	11	8,162
2	86/87 Newell, Stein B	12	10,261
1	85/86 Harford	22	11,062



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In 1974-75 Bobby Charlton scored ten goals for Preston as player manager.

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In 1963 Stanley Matthews was voted Footballer of the Year, at the age of 48!

WHO AM I ?

1. Born 3rd July 1959.
2. Joined Spurs in 1980.
3. F.A.Cup winner in 1981 and 1982.
4. Won UEFA Cup medal in 1984.
5. Also played for Rangers, Chelsea and WBA before retirement.
6. Now managing in non-league scene.

?? QUIZ ??

1. In which country was the 1938 World Cup held?
2. Which Brazilian star's real name is Artur Antunes Coimbra?
3. Which club's ground did Sheffield Wednesday use for their Intertoto Cup home matches?
4. Which club plays at the Priestfield Stadium?
5. From which club did Sheffield Wednesday sign Marc Degryse?
6. For which Italian club does former Ajax European Cup winner, Clarence Seedorf play?
7. Where did former West Ham forward Trevor Morley begin his league career?
8. Which club's nickname is 'The Bantams'?
9. Who scored a hat-trick in the 1953 Cup Final?
10. Which Premier League stadium would you find in Fulham Road ?

Who's Crest ?



Answers: 1. France; 2. Lazio; 3. Rotherham Utd's Millmoor; 4. Gillingham; 5. Anderlecht; 6. Lazio; 7. Northampton Town; 8. Bradford City; 9. Stan Mortenson; 10. Stan Mortenson.

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IT'S REALLY COLD OUT THERE TODAY...

THE REF'S JUST GIVEN HIM A BLUE CARD!

This afternoon's referee is **MIKE RILEY** who, two seasons ago at the age of 23, became the youngest official on the Football League list. The finance manager for White Rose Environmental, the leading clinical waste disposal firm in the UK, took charge of the Reading game earlier in the season.

Tell us about your recent visit to America to officiate in a tournament?

The Football League were invited to send two referees to Dallas which hosts the largest youth tournament in the world. Graham Barber and myself were selected and it was a nice accolade. We were there two weeks and it was a fantastic experience. One hundred and twenty teams took part including ones from China, Latin America and Leeds United. I was reserve official for Sao Paulo from Brazil, against Mexico's Unam Pumas and then refereed a game involving a Peruvian side I cannot hazard a guess as to the spelling or pronunciation. The event was held at a school stadium but even that had a 30,000 capacity.

Back at home has your second season as a League referee been easier than your first campaign. I feel a lot more experienced with around 40 more games under my belt. It is a case of knowing what to expect and feeling more confident.

Have you managed to escape any controversial moments which can so easily envelop referees? No game is without incident but luckily there doesn't appear to have been anything untoward. The only dramas have been a few games which have been settled by dramatic winners.

Which first division teams have caught your eye this season? I have been impressed with Sunderland who are a very good side and worthy champions. Port Vale are an attractive footballing side, although they have not done well when I have refereed them. Stoke and Charlton, who I took charge of recently, both put on a tremendous show.

Has there been any amusing and unusual incidents this season?

I was refereeing Sunderland early February on a rainy day and I slipped and fell headlong into the mud which brought the biggest cheer of the afternoon.

Looking further back how did your refereeing career begin?

I began when I was only 14 after being hurt while playing in goal for my school. I used to go along and watch the games and was asked to run the line.

What reaction was there to a 14-year-old refereeing senior football?

There were some tough mining sides in the Rotherham area when I began refereeing. They didn't know what to expect when they saw a young kid in black. Luckily I was accepted and when you referee about 100 games a season it is surprising how quickly you learn.

What is the best stadium in which you have officiated? Real Madrid's Bernabau Stadium was spectacular. I was a linesman there for a UEFA cup tie in 1992 and it was a wonderful three-day stay.



Down Memory Lane ...

Latics' 5-1 victory against Luton Town at Boundary Park four years ago was a personal triumph for Graeme Sharp.

The Latics manager scored four times as his side made absolutely certain of securing a place in the new Premier League which was set to replace the First Division.

Graeme will not be leading from the front today having not played a senior game for almost 16 months as he concentrates on management.

The 35 year old would be delighted with a repeat performance though, as Latics strive to end the season on a winning note. Surprisingly only three of that side remain - Jon Hallworth, Craig Fleming and Nick Henry.

Graeme inspired Latics to their most emphatic, and arguably most significant, victory of their first season in the top flight for 58 years.

Latics clinched their Premier League place with still a month of the season remaining - they eventually finished the season in 17th place.

The day firmly belonged to Graeme who gave a terrific display and, with better finishing, could have easily netted another three.

Graeme's lack of goals - two in the previous 17 games - had made him a target for criticism.

The former Scotland international showed he was still a class act as he took his season's tally to 15 after a £400,000 move from Everton the previous summer. Graeme had led the line superbly without getting the tangible reward of goals. Much of his unselfish work

had, according to Tony Bugby, gone unnoticed and unappreciated.

The win was not as comprehensive as it appeared with three of their goals coming in the final 10 minutes as the floodgates opened. Until then it had been another nerve-jangling afternoon.

There was an overwhelming sense of relief when Graeme netted the decisive third goal with 10 minutes remaining.

Latics had gone ahead after 11 minutes with a goal of dubious origins with Graeme appearing to head the ball out of Alec Chamberlain's hands as he challenged to meet Andy Ritchie's cross.

Mick Harford equalised midway through the half only for Latics to immediately regain the lead through Graeme's rising drive which followed a neat build up involving Ritchie and Neil Adams.

The match meandered along until the final 10 minutes when it exploded into life.

Graeme had Ritchie to thank again as he set up his hat-trick goal with a well-timed run to elude the Luton offside trap.

The Latics manager then turned provider as Mike Milligan hit the fourth goal.

Graeme, fittingly, had the last word as he completed the scoring three minutes from time with a powerful downward header from substitute Paul Bernard's cross.

Team: Hallworth, Fleming, Barlow, Henry, Jobson, Marshall, Adams (Bernard 77), Ritchie (Palmer 83), Sharp, Milligan, Holden. **Attendance:** 13,210.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Describe your full debut for Latics against Wolves which came after almost two seasons at the club?

I was told on the Friday that I was coming in for Ian Snodin and that I had to go home, put my feet up and relax. It was nice to run out in front of a crowd as opposed to a few hundred spectators for the reserves at Stalybridge.

I was nervous, but tried my best to relax. The main thing was to concentrate and avoid making any costly mistakes.

What was it like having to mark Steve Bull and Don Goodman?

I remember Steve Bull playing for England and watching him on television. I never dreamed that one day I would be playing against him.

Has promotion to Pontins League Division One helped by making it a smaller jump to first-team football?

It has definitely been a help as I have had to mark international and Premiership strikers on a regular basis which has been good experience.

The Newcastle side recently included Paul Kitson and Keith Gillespie, while Leeds had Phil Masinga and Rod Wallace up front. Earlier in the season the Leeds front two were Noel Whelan and David White.

Last season, while not so impressive, still saw us come up against the likes of Swedish World Cup star Klas Ingesson who was at Sheffield Wednesday.

Tell us about the surprise visitor you had at the Wolves match?

My father John hurriedly arranged a flight over from Ireland on the Saturday morning. I think he was probably more excited than I was.

Which team did you follow as a youngster and did you have a favourite player?

I supported Liverpool and as a 12-year-old my father took me to the F.A. Cup final against Everton. The gaffer was

playing for Everton and little did I realise that one day he would be my manager. Mark Lawrenson was the player I idolised.

Weren't Liverpool showing an interest in you at one stage?

I actually spent three months at Liverpool before coming to Oldham. Ronnie Yeats brought me over for the final month of the season and two months at the start of the next. I remember my first game was against Manchester United reserves at Anfield and I was up against the likes of Dion Dublin, Clayton Blackmore, Darren Ferguson and Lee Martin.

How did you come to join Latics?

Pat Willett, who is Latics scout in Ireland, came to watch my team Waterford playing Monaghan. He was looking at two other players but was impressed with me. He tried to get me to Oldham straightaway but I was going to Liverpool the following morning.

Was it a dream to play English football?

I watched in on television back at home and it was an ambition I thought I would never realise. The most realistic option would have been signed by one of the big Dublin clubs, although a Dutch club was apparently also showing interest.

I believe you were a pupil at the Irish equivalent of the F.A. National School at Lilleshall?

The Irish F.A. run a camp for one year in County Kildare to give promising young players full-time training and get used to living away from home.

My manager at Waterford, Alfie Hale, put my name forward. He was a former professional at Aston Villa and had also managed Roy Keane before his move to Nottingham Forest. John Devine, the former Arsenal player, coached me.

Tony Bugby talks to Darren Lonergan

What level of success has the Irish training scheme had?

There have been a number who have gone on to make the grade with Millwall's Dave Savage one player who readily springs to mind.

Is it true that you were not a central defender earlier in your career?

I was a right back but shortly before coming over to Liverpool tore a hamstring. That prompted the switch as it was felt if I went into the centre of defence there would be more cover and that I would not be too exposed. I had been due to come over to Oldham three or four times, only for the injury to prevent me doing so. I was also set to have a trial at Manchester City, but the injury stopped me again. I believe Oldham were about to give up on me and it was probably my last chance when I finally arrived.

Apart from your debut at Wolves what other memories do you have of your time at Boundary Park?

The first time I was included in the first-team squad was for the Anglo-Italian cup tie in Genoa. That was where Eire beat Rumania following a penalty shoot-out to qualify for the 1990 World Cup quarter finals. I stood in the goal were Packie Bonner pulled off the match-winning save. It was great to set foot in such a stadium which I normally only saw on Channel 4's Italian soccer. I was also on the bench at Sunderland where the noise was deafening. You couldn't here someone talking feet away and it must be superb to play in games like that.

Had it not been for soccer, I believe you could have made the grade at Gaelic football?

I played for Waterford as a schoolboy in three All-Ireland finals, and unfortunately lost them all. I was in a couple of senior squads at the time I came over here, but never took it that seriously as soccer was my game. Gaelic football is huge and Croke Park, the sport's Wembley, attracts an 80,000 crowd for the major matches.

What goals have you for the future?

My contract expires this summer and I would like to stay as I am happy here. And having had a small taste of first-team football I would like another bash next season.

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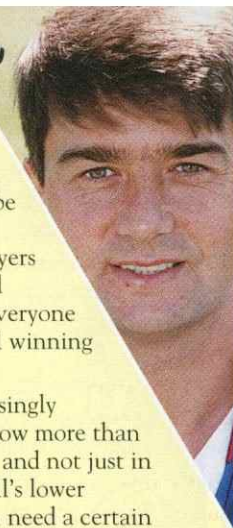


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Captain's Corner



At the end of a long, in fact very long, hard season, it's time to reflect.

Firstly it's great to have reached, what has to be everybody's initial priority which is to remain in the Division.

It's no use trying to write the season off as just one of those things- the reality is that at the end we're happy to escape the dreaded drop.

However the way we've played in the last few games I'm as mystified as everyone else as to why we haven't been able to reach more of a level of consistency.

It's something the players were discussing after the 1-1 draw at Southend, and frankly no-one could come up with a suitable explanation, but without doubt it has been the most difficult factor, in what has overall, been a disappointing season.

On a personal note it's great that we are now safe as it means that I can concentrate on regaining fitness in time for the start of next season. I'm due to have an operation around the 20th of May which will, with luck, finally cure what has been a troublesome injury.

"It's no use trying to write the season off as just one of those things- the reality is that at the end we're happy to escape the dreaded drop."

It seems likely that for today's game against Luton it may present an opportunity for maybe a couple more of the young players to taste first team experience, but make no mistake we still want to end the season on a winning note.

The players, like supporters, will already have one eye towards next season as the close season appears to get ever shorter.

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Here at Boundary Park, like at a lot of clubs, there will probably be changes in player personnel, and expect a massive turnover of players throughout the whole of football during the summer months, as everyone searches once more for that vital winning formula.

This formula is becoming increasingly difficult to find, and finance is now more than ever a main factor in the game - and not just in the Premiership. Even in football's lower divisions, it seems as though you need a certain amount of money if you are going to be successful.

And finally, after a long, hard season I must pay thanks to the terrific support we've received over the whole campaign, with special credit to the loyal backing of travelling support. It can't be easy sometimes, and particularly in the last few weeks of the season when things were looking a bit bleak, it was great to see fans still travelling up and down the country to watch us. Thanks a lot we couldn't have done it without you.

Ian Snodin talking to Jack Dearden after Tuesday night's game against Stoke City.



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On the Park

Tony Bugby looks at the investment made in youth

Latics may be strapped for cash, but they continue to invest in the future.

While the Boundary Park club is looking to cut its cloth as revenue continues to fall, Latics will avoid penny-pinching so far as youth development is concerned.

They are acutely aware that the only way clubs like Latics can survive is to nurture their own players as they are unable to splash out for costly signings.

That is one area, however, where the Boundary Park club outscores more affluent rivals.

If you look at the players who have appeared in the Latics first-team this season they could almost field a full side aged 22 or under.

Take a close look at the following Latics line-up: Gerrard, Makin, Serrant, Lonergan, Graham, Beresford, Rickers, McNiven, Hughes, Pemberton, Allott.

Allott is the only player not to have appeared in the first team although he, too, has appeared in a couple of squads without getting a final call.

Surely there are few clubs who can match Latics in being able to field such a youthful side.

There is considerable quality in that line-up which would probably give a good account of itself in the First Division.



Scott McNiven

Paul Gerrard, Chris Makin, Carl Serrant, Richard Graham and David Beresford have all represented England at junior level which indicates they are among the elite in their age group. While the future of goalkeeper Gerrard and defender Makin looks uncertain as contracts

expire this summer, the other players have pledged their futures to the club.

Most are tied up on long term contracts which have tied them to the club for between two and three years more.

Gerrard looks like moving on with Everton reportedly leading the chase for his signature. Makin, meanwhile, has so far attracted no offers after being listed earlier in the season.

While Latics have struggled to stave off the threat of relegation in a miserable campaign, the saving grace has been the displays of the youngsters who have shown a maturity beyond their years and done the club proud.

Most of the players have been given ample playing time and the experience gained should be of benefit in the future. They have certainly had to grow up quickly in the current unsettled climate.

Much has been said about Latics unloading players to slash a Premiership wage bill. It has left the playing staff



Andrew Hughes



Carl Serrant

light, but provided the opportunity the young players would not normally have been afforded so early in their fledging careers.

Scott McNiven and Andrew Hughes were so young that they were also eligible to compete in this season's F.A. Youth Cup when Latics won through to the quarter finals, equalling the furthest they had ever gone in the competition.

McNiven was given his senior debut at the age of 16 years 340 days while Hughes was only 17 when he broke into the first team.

Latics have had a tremendous record of producing players over the past quarter of a century, but the class of '96 is regarded as possibly the best crop of young players the club has ever produced.

Ten members of the current youth side have been rewarded with professional contracts which is an indication of the talent and promise which they show.

That is unprecedented by any standards and a contrast to the previous campaign when only Richard Evans and Simon Kay were kept on.

Latics manager Graeme Sharp points out, though, that this is only the beginning and much work is required before the final product is reached.

Look out for the McNiven twins - striker David is also faring well - Hughes, Allott, Lloyd Richardson, Lee Darnborough, Barry Hart, Andy Holt, Lee Randall and Gavin Ramsden.

Two others not to be discounted are Alan Clark and Mark Innis, both of whom are Scotland Under 17 internationals. The pair were only 15 when they arrived at Boundary Park and are still technically trainees, even though next season will be their third year at the club.

Looking further down the ladder Lee Clitheroe is the pick of this season's first-year trainees.

The speedy winger has shown great potential and that he has the temperament to succeed.

Another player to keep tabs on is central defender Iain Swan who is already turning out for the reserves at the age of 16 against the likes of Leeds' Phil Masinga and Rod Wallace.

Swan, who played for Scotland under-17's earlier this season, only left school at Christmas.

He has already made a big impact South of the Border although it is still early days and there is a long road ahead before he will be ready for the first-team.

Swan, along with others, have shown they have got what it takes and with hard work and the right breaks they have the chance of carving out a career in this precarious profession.

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MATCH SPONSORS		EXECUTIVE Ball Sponsor	PREMIER Ball Sponsor	Date	Opponents	Score	Att.	Pts	Pos	G.K.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
Fibresand	W G & R Communications	Sybron Chemicals	Richard Steven	Sat Aug 12	Huddersfield Town	H 3-0	10,259	3	-	Gerrard	Snodin ■	Makin	Henry B	Jobson B	Fleming	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy	RICHARDSON 1	Brennan 2 B	Pointon ●	Hallworth	Beckford			
		Trouvan Cauvin		Tues 15	Man Utd. Centenary Game	H 0-2	8,766	-	-	Gerrard ■	Makin ■	Pointon	Bernard	Redmond	Fleming ■	Halle ■	Banger	Beckford	Rickers	Holden ■	Jobson ●	Hallworth ●	Richardson ●			
				Sat 19	Barnsley	A 1-2	8,795	3	8	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon	Henry B	Jobson	Fleming B S	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy 1	Richardson	Brennan ■	Beckford ●	Beckford ●	Hallworth	Redmond		
Madge & Hoyle	Venda-Valet	Columbia-Tri-Star	Park Cake Bakeries	Sat 26	Periquito Hotel	Kenyon Paints				Gerrard	Redmond	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Bernard B	McCarthy 1	Richardson	Brennan	BANGER 1 ●	Hallworth	McNiven			
				Wed 30	Norwich City	A 1-2	14,816	6	10	Gerrard	Redmond	Makin	Henry ■	Jobson	Fleming	HALLE 1 B	Rickers ■	McCarthy B	Pointon	Brennan B	McNiven	Brennan	McNiven	Hallworth	Banger ●	
				Sat Sept 2	Stoke City	A 1-0▲	8,663	9	8	Hallworth	Makin	Pointon B	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy	Banger ■ B	Brennan	Brennan	Richardson	Rickers ●	Pemberton ●	McNiven	Pointon
				Tues 5	Ancona (AIC)	A 0-1	311	-	-	Hallworth	McNiven	Makin	Henry ■	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy	Richardson	Brennan	Rickers ●	Brennan	Rickers ●	Gerrard	Pointon	Banger ●
		Sat 9	West Bromwich Albion	H 1-2	8,397	9	9	Hallworth	Redmond	Makin	Henry B	Jobson	Fleming B	Halle	BERNARD 1	McCarthy B	Richardson	Banger ■	Graham	McNiven	Graham	Gerrard	Banger ●	Beckford ●		
		Tue 12	Ipswich Town	H 1-1	5,622	10	11	Hallworth	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy 1	Banger ■	Brennan	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Graham	Gerrard ●		
		Sat 16	Charlton Athletic	A 1-1	8,926	11	12	Gerrard B	McNiven B	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Bernard B	McCarthy 1	Banger ■	Brennan	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Graham	Gerrard ●		
		Tue 19	Tranmere Rovers (CCC2R1)	A 0-1	5,223	-	-	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Bernard	McCarthy	Graham B	Brennan	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Banger	Rickers		
		Sat 23	Crystal Palace	H 3-1	6,586	14	9	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	Graham	McCarthy 1	BANGER 1	BRENNAN 1 B	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Rickers	Snodin		
		Sat 30	Birmingham City	A 0-0	17,269	15	8	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Halle	Graham	McCarthy	Banger ■	Brennan	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Snodin	Olney ●		
		Target Finishing Invincible DG	Carpet Showcase/T.J. Distributors Prescotts Transport	Latique Travel		Wed Oct 4	Tranmere Rovers (CCC2R2)	H 1-3	5,335	-	-	Gerrard	McNiven B	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	HALLE 1	Graham ■	McCarthy B	Beresford	Brennan	Snodin	Hallworth	Olney ●	
Sat 7	Portsmouth	H 1-1				5,937	16	9	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Halle	Olney ■	McCarthy 1	Beresford ●	Brennan	Snodin ●	Hallworth	Beckford ●	Rickers	Brennan		
Wed 11	Cesena (AIC)	H 0-0				4,755	-	-	Gerrard	McNiven	Serrant	Snodin	Jobson	Graham B	Halle	Richardson	Beckford	Olney	Beresford	Richardson	Makin ●	Hallworth	Beckford ●	Rickers		
Boddingtons	Dannimac		Junior Laties Club	Sat 14	Grimsby Town	A 1-1	5,509	17	10	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Snodin	Halle B	Graham	McCarthy ■	RICHARDSON 1	Brennan	Beckford ●	Hallworth	Beresford ●			
				Sat 21	Reading	H 2-1	5,709	20	7	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry	Graham	Snodin B	Halle	Beckford ■	McCarthy B	RICHARDSON 1	Brennan	Redmond ●	Hallworth	Beresford ●	Beckford ●		
Thermo King	D.G. Insulation	Avant Hotel	Jenkinson & Co.	Sat 28	Derby County	A 1-2	11,545	20	9	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Henry B	Graham	Snodin	Halle	Wilkinson	McCarthy 1 B	Richardson ■	Brennan B ■	Redmond ●	Hallworth	Beresford ●			
				Sun Nov 5	Port Vale	H 2-2	5,138	21	9	Gerrard	Snodin B	Makin	Graham	Fleming	Redmond	Halle	WILKINSON 1	McCarthy ■	RICHARDSON 1 P	Brennan	Beresford ●	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Rickers	Graham	
				Wed 8	Perugia (AIC)	H 2-0	3,760	-	-	Hallworth	McNiven	Serrant	Rickers	Redmond	Fleming	Halle	WILKINSON 1	McCarthy 1	Richardson	Beresford	Beresford	Hallworth	Beckford ●	Gerrard	Hughes ●	
				Sat 11	Luton Town	A 1-1	6,047	22	11	Gerrard	Snodin	Makin	Rickers	Fleming	Redmond	HALLE 1	Wilkinson ■	McCarthy B	Richardson	Brennan	Serrant	Hallworth	Beresford ●	Beckford ●	Hughes ●	
				Sat 18	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A 3-1	23,128	25	8	Hallworth	Snodin B	MAKIN 1	Redmond	Vonk	Fleming	Halle	Rickers	McCarthy 1 ■	Brennan	Beresford 1	Serrant	Darnborough	Hughes ●	Hughes ●	Pemberton ●	
				Tue 21	Millwall	H 2-2	6,161	26	9	Hallworth	Snodin	Makin	Redmond	Vonk	Fleming B	Halle	Rickers	McCarthy 1 ■	BARLOW 1	Beresford	Wilkinson	Gerrard	Brennan ●	Hallworth	Beckford ●	Redmond ●
				Sat Dec 2	Portsmouth	A 1-2	6,002	26	14	Gerrard	Snodin	Makin	Redmond	Vonk	Fleming B	Halle ■	Rickers	BECKFORD 1	Brennan	Beresford	McNiven	Hallworth	Pemberton ●	Hughes ●	Hughes ●	Pemberton ●
Sat 9	Crystal Palace	A 2-2	12,709	27	15	Gerrard	Snodin	Makin	REDMOND 1	Vonk ■ 1	Fleming ■	Halle	Rickers	Beckford ■	Barlow B	Brennan	Hughes ●	Hallworth ●	Hughes ●	Rickers ●	Hughes ●	Pemberton ●				
W & G Welding Supplies	Malcolm Clarke	Touche Ross	Garforth Glass	Wed 13	Genoa (AIC)	A 0-0	1,200	-	-	Gerrard	McNiven	Serrant	Richardson	Graham	Fleming	Halle ■	Brennan	McCarthy	Barlow ■	Beresford	Lonergan	Hallworth	Beckford ●			
				Sat 16	Birmingham City	H 4-0▲	6,602	30	12	Gerrard	Snodin	Makin	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	HALLE 1	Rickers	McCarthy	BARLOW 1	Brennan	Beckford	Hallworth	Beresford	Beckford ●		
				Sat 23	Watford	H 0-0	5,878	31	12	Gerrard	Snodin ■	Makin B	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Rickers	McCarthy	Barlow	Brennan ■	Orlygsson ●	Hallworth	Beresford ●	Beckford ●		
Wistech	Periquito Hotel	Columbia Tri-Star	Broadway Building Co.	Tue 26	Tranmere Rovers	A 0-2	9,787	31	14	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson ■	McCarthy	Barlow	Rickers	Brennan	Hallworth	Beckford ●			
				Sat Jan 6	Barnsley FA Cup 3	A 0-0	9,751	-	-	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson	McCarthy	Barlow	Rickers	Brennan	Hallworth	Beckford ●			
Moorside Metal	Wimpole Garage	Columbia Tri-Star	Broadway Building Co.	Sat 13	Barnsley	H 0-1	6,029	31	17	Gerrard	McNiven	Makin	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson ■	McCarthy ■	Barlow	Rickers	Brennan ●	Hallworth	Beckford ●			
				Sat 20	Huddersfield Town	A 0-0	13,013	32	17	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle B	Orlygsson B	McCarthy B	Barlow	Brennan	Rickers	Hallworth	Beckford ●			
Daily Star	Daily Star	Rutland Advisory Serv.	Roy Gledhill, Butchers	Tue 23	Barnsley (FA Cup 3R)	H 2-1	6,670	-	-	Gerrard B	Makin	Serrant	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson ■	BECKFORD 2 (1 Pen)	Barlow	Brennan	Rickers ●	Hallworth	McCarthy			
				Sat Feb 3	Sheffield United	A 1-2	10,956	32	17	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	HUGHES 1	Graham	Redmond	Halle B	Orlygsson	Beckford	Barlow ■	Brennan	McCarthy B ●	Hallworth	Rickers	Hughes ●		
Bardsley Building	Looksers	Dave Taylor	Kenyon Paints	Sat 10	Norwich City	H 2-0	5,604	35	16	Gerrard	MAKIN 1	Serrant	Hughes	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson B	Beckford ■	BARLOW 1	Brennan	McCarthy ●	Hallworth	Rickers			
				Mon 12	Swindon Town (FAC 4)	A 0-1	9,508	-	-	Gerrard	Snodin B	Serrant	Hughes	Graham B	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson	McCarthy ■ B	Barlow	Brennan B	Rickers	Hallworth	Banger ●			
Saunier Duval	Daily Star	Rutland Advisory Serv.	Roy Gledhill, Butchers	Tue 24	Charlton Athletic	H 1-1	6,570	36	18	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	Richardson B	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson B	McCarthy	Barlow ■	Rickers	Hughes	Beresford ●	Banger ●			
				Tue 27	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-1	10,959	36	19	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	Richardson	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Orlygsson	Beckford	Hughes ■	Beresford	Barlow ●	Hallworth	Banger ●			
Matchmates	Matchmates	Oldham Nissan	Lees Newsome	Sun Mar 3	Tranmere Rovers	H 1-2	4,225	36	21	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant ■	Richardson	GRAHAM 1 B	Redmond	Halle ■	Orlygsson	Beckford B	Banger	Beresford	Barlow ●	Hallworth	Hughes ●			
				Sat 9	Watford	A 1-2	10,961	36	21	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant ■	Richardson	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Fleming B	McCarthy 1	Banger ■	Gannon	Barlow ●	Hallworth	Hughes ●			
Matchmates	Matchmates	Oldham Nissan	Lees Newsome	Tues 12	Sunderland	H 1-2	7,172	36	23	Gerrard	Snodin	Makin	Hughes	Fleming	Redmond	Halle B	RICHARDSON 1	McCarthy	Barlow ■	Gannon	Graham	Hallworth	Beresford ●			
				Sat 16	Leicester City	H 3-1	5,582	39	19	Gerrard	Snodin B	SERRANT 1 B	Hughes ■	Fleming	Redmond	Halle	RICHARDSON 1 P	McCarthy	BARLOW 1	Graham	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Pemberton			
Thermo King	Thumbs Up	Columbia Tri-Star	Park Cake Bakeries	Tues 19	Ipswich Town	A 1-2	9,674	39	20	Gerrard	Snodin	Serrant	Rickers ■	Graham B	Redmond	Halle B	RICHARDSON 1 P	McCarthy	Barlow	Gannon	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Hughes			
				Sat 23	Sunderland	A 0-1	20,631	39	22	Gerrard	Snodin	Serrant	Rickers	Graham	Redmond	Halle	Richardson B	McCarthy	Barlow	Gannon ■ B	Beresford ●	Hallworth	Lonergan			
Bensons Bed Centres	Ethan Adams Assoc.	News of the World	Newman Tipper Tubes	Sat 20	Reading	A 0-2	7,025	39	22	Gerrard	McNiven ■	Serrant	Snodin B	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	Richardson S	Banger ■	Barlow	Creaney B	McCarthy ●	Lonergan	Beresford ●			
				Tue Apr 2	Grimsby Town	H 1-0	5,037	42	22	Gerrard	McNiven	Serrant	Snodin	Graham	Redmond B	Beresford	Richardson	Gannon	BARLOW 1	Creaney	McCarthy	Hallworth	Banger			
Nat West Bank Mr C. McCall	Nat West Bank	Park Cake Bakeries	Daily Express	Sat 6	Derby County	H 0-1	8,119	42	22	Gerrard	McNiven ■	Serrant	Snodin ■	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	Richardson	Orlygsson B	Barlow	Creaney ■	McCarthy ●	Beresford ●	Beckford ●			
				Mon 8	Port Vale	A 3-1	7,796	45	22	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	Snodin	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	RICHARDSON 1 B P	Orlygsson ■	BARLOW 1	BECKFORD 1 B	McCarthy	Lonergan	Beresford ●			
				Sat 13	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H 0-0	7,592	46	22	Gerrard	Makin	Serrant	Lonergan ■ B	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	McNiven	Orlygsson	Barlow ■	Beckford	Creaney ●	Beresford ●	Fleming ● B			
				Wed 17	Leicester City	A 0-2	12,790	46	22	Hallworth	Makin	Serrant	Snodin B	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	Richardson	Orlygsson	Barlow	Creaney	Fleming	Beckford ●	Beresford ●			
		Swan Inn - Dobcross	Charterplan	Sat 20	Millwall	A 1-0	9,574	49	22	Hallworth	Makin S	Serrant	Snodin ■	Fleming	Redmond B	Rickers	Richardson B	Graham ■ B	McCarthy ■ B	Creaney	Barlow ●	Beckford	Hughes ●			
				Sat 27	Southend United	A 1-1	5,397	50	20	Hallworth	Makin	Serrant	Snodin	Graham	Redmond B	Rickers	Richardson	Beckford	Orlygsson B	CREANEY 1	McCarthy	Barlow	McNiven			
		John Battye & Family	Marwood's Babywear	Tues 30	Stoke City	H 2-0	10,271	53	19	Hallworth	Makin	Serrant	Fleming	Graham	Redmond	Rickers	RICHARDSON 1 P	Beckford	Orlygsson	CREANEY 1	McCarthy	Barlow	Halle			
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Reserves & Youths

PONTINS LEAGUE DIV. 1 LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1995/96

			F-A
17th AUG	STOKE CITY	A	3-0
23rd AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	1-3
28th AUG	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	2-0
6th SEPT	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	3-0
20th SEPT	DERBY COUNTY	A	2-2
27th SEPT	MANCHESTER UNITED	H	0-2
2nd OCT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	3-3
12th OCT	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	2-2
19th OCT	LIVERPOOL	A	1-0
26th OCT	LEEDS UNITED	H	1-1
30th OCT	EVERTON	H	1-0
13th NOV	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	A	1-3
22nd NOV	NOTTS COUNTY	A	3-2
30th NOV	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	0-2
6th DEC	DERBY COUNTY	H	0-1
14th DEC	MANCHESTER UNITED	A	2-2
20th DEC	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	3-2
2nd JAN	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	1-5
10th JAN	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	3-2
17th JAN	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	1-2
24th JAN	STOKE CITY	H	0-0
1st FEB	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A	0-1
28th FEB	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	H	2-1
5th MAR	EVERTON	A	2-2
11th MAR	NEWCASTLE UTD	A	1-2
18th MAR	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	1-0
27th MAR	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	1-1
3rd APR	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1
10th APR	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	2-0
18th APR	LEEDS UNITED	A	1-2
24th APR	LIVERPOOL	H	1-1
1st MAY	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A	2-4
6th MAY	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
8th MAY	NOTTS COUNTY	H	

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'A' TEAM FIXTURES SEASON 1995/96 LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIV. 1

			F-A
19th AUG	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES	A	2-7
26th AUG	WREXHAM 'A'	H	0-2
1st SEPT	PRESTON NORTH END 'A'	A	0-2
9th SEPT	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES	H	2-2
16th SEPT	EVERTON 'A'	A	0-5
30th SEPT	BURY 'A'	H	0-1
7th OCT	BURNLEY 'A'	H	0-1
14th OCT	MANCHESTER CITY 'A'	A	2-1
21st OCT	WREXHAM 'A'	A	1-5
28th OCT	MANCHESTER CITY 'A'	H	2-1
31st OCT	LIVERPOOL 'A'	A	1-1
4th NOV	BLACKPOOL 'A'	A	1-1
18th NOV	MORECAMBE RES	H	2-3
25th NOV	BLACKBURN ROVERS 'A'	H	1-3
2nd DEC	EVERTON 'A'	H	1-3
16th DEC	STOKE CITY 'A'	H	0-4
6th JAN	BLACKPOOL 'A'	H	3-0
13th JAN	TRANMERE ROVERS 'A'	H	0-5
20th JAN	STOKE CITY 'A'	A	1-1
17th FEB	MANCHESTER UNITED 'A'	A	0-3
24th FEB	BLACKBURN ROVERS 'A'	A	1-0
15th MAR	MORECAMBE RESERVES	A	1-2
23rd MAR	MARINE RES	A	6-0
8th APR	MARINE RES	H	3-1
13th AP	TRANMERE ROVERS 'A'	A	1-3
20th APR	MAN UTD	H	1-2
27th APR	MAN CITY	A	0-1
1st MAY	LIVERPOOL	H	1-1

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'B' TEAM FIXTURES SEASON 1995/96 - LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIV 2

			F-A
19th AUG	CREWE ALEX 'A'	H	2-6
26th AUG	BOLTON WDRS 'A'	A	0-1
30th AUG	CREWE ALEX 'A'	A	3-2
2nd SEPT	CARLISLE UTD 'A'	H	2-2
9th SEPT	BLACKPOOL 'B'	H	0-4
16th SEPT	MANCHESTER UTD 'B'	A	0-2
20th SEPT	BLACKBURN 'B'	A	0-2
23rd SEPT	MARINE YOUTH	A	1-1
30th SEPT	STOCKPORT CTY. 'A'	H	5-3
7th OCT	ROCHDALE 'A'	A	1-2
14th OCT	STOCKPORT CTY. 'A'	A	1-1
21st OCT	EVERTON 'B'	A	1-1
28th OCT	TRANMERE ROVERS 'B'	H	1-1
4th NOV	CARLISLE UTD 'A'	A	0-2
18th NOV	LIVERPOOL 'B'	A	0-3
22nd NOV	BURY 'B'	H	1-0
25th NOV	MANCHESTER UTD 'B'	H	0-2
2nd DEC	BLACKBURN ROVERS 'B'	H	0-1
9th DEC	WIGAN ATHLETIC 'A'	A	1-1
16th DEC	EVERTON 'B'	H	0-0
6th JAN	MANCHESTER CITY 'A'	H	1-4
17th FEB	CHESTER CITY 'A'	H	4-0
24th FEB	BURNLEY 'B'	A	1-2
2nd MAR	LIVERPOOL 'B'	H	0-1
9th MAR	PRESTON N.E. 'B'	A	3-3
20th MAR	BURNLEY 'B'	H	0-0
23rd MAR	ROCHDALE 'A'	H	1-0
30th MAR	CHESTER CITY 'A'	A	4-5
4th APR	MARINE YOUTH	H	2-0
6th APR	PRESTON N.E. 'B'	H	2-0
10th APR	BURY 'B'	A	2-1
13th APR	BLACKPOOL 'B'	A	1-4
20th APR	WIGAN ATHLETIC 'A'	H	2-2
24th APR	BOLTON WDRS	H	2-1

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE AS AT 3.5.96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	45	13	8	2	32	10	9	9	4	27	21	83
Derby County	45	14	8	1	48	22	7	8	7	21	26	79
Crystal Palace	45	9	9	4	34	21	11	6	6	33	26	75
Stoke City	45	12	6	4	31	15	7	7	9	28	34	70
Charlton Athletic	45	8	10	4	27	22	9	9	5	29	22	70
Ipswich Town	45	13	4	5	45	30	6	7	10	34	39	68
Leicester City	45	9	7	7	32	29	9	7	6	33	31	68
Huddersfield Town	45	14	4	4	42	22	3	8	12	19	35	63
Sheffield United	45	9	6	7	28	24	7	7	9	28	29	61
Port Vale	45	10	5	8	30	29	5	9	8	28	36	59
Southend United	45	11	8	4	30	22	4	6	12	22	38	59
Barnsley	45	9	9	4	33	27	5	8	10	26	38	59
Birmingham City	45	11	7	4	36	21	4	6	13	24	41	58
West Bromwich	45	10	5	7	31	27	5	7	11	26	39	57
Tranmere Rovers	45	8	9	5	40	29	5	8	10	22	31	56
Grimsby Town	45	8	10	5	27	25	6	3	13	27	43	55
Norwich City	45	7	9	7	26	24	6	6	10	32	31	54
Wolverhampton	45	8	9	6	34	28	5	6	11	21	33	54
Oldham Athletic	45	9	7	6	32	20	4	7	12	21	30	53
Reading	45	8	7	8	28	30	4	10	8	24	32	53
Millwall	45	7	6	10	23	28	6	6	10	20	35	51
Portsmouth	45	8	6	9	34	32	4	7	11	26	37	49
Watford	45	7	8	7	40	32	3	10	10	22	37	48
Luton Town	45	7	6	10	30	34	4	6	12	10	29	45

UP AND DOWN WEEKEND

Latics 'A' and 'B' teams had varying fortunes over the weekend with the 'A' team losing to Manchester City 1-0 and 'B' team having a 2-1 victory over Bolton Wanderers.

Bolton opened the scoring with their first attack of the game when The Trotters scored from a corner kick on the left, a scrambled affair after surviving immense Latics pressure.

Latics equalised when a cross from the right was brilliantly chested down by Yorke-Robinson who then turned and volleyed an unstoppable shot past the helpless Wanderers goalkeeper.

Athletic's winner came via another Ian Swan pass which found Philip Salt in space to chip the ball over the goalkeeper to claim the three points.

A long hard season is drawing to a close for Billy Urmson's youngsters but one from which they have benefited greatly, the experience of this year will surely show a profit next season when both the 'A' and 'B' teams will push once again for honours.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE AS AT 1.5.96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
MANCHESTER UNITED A	28	20	3	5	64	20	68
STOKE CITY A	29	18	6	5	64	27	60
CREWE ALEXANDRA RES	28	18	3	7	68	41	57
EVERTON A	30	16	6	8	70	51	54
TRANMERE ROVERS A	26	16	1	9	51	38	49
BURNLEY A	29	14	6	9	48	33	48
BLACKBURN ROVERS A	27	13	6	8	53	36	45
PRESTON NORTH END A	30	11	8	11	45	48	41
WREXHAM A	28	11	6	11	66	55	39
BLACKPOOL A	28	11	6	11	40	47	39
BURY A	28	10	7	11	38	47	37
LIVERPOOL A	28	8	8	12	47	51	32
MANCHESTER CITY A	31	6	6	19	31	58	24
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	30	6	6	18	34	64	24
MORECAMBE RES	29	4	5	20	37	81	17
MARINE RESERVES	27	4	1	22	19	78	13

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BOUNDARY PARK FOR ANDY'S BOYS

Latics reserve team return home to Boundary Park tomorrow when Sheffield United are the visitors (kick off 7pm) and then on Wednesday the season draws to a close for the club with the very last match of the season when Notts County are the visitors (7pm kick off).

After playing virtually all our reserve games over at Stalybridge Celtics' Bower Fold stadium it will be home from home for the lads, so why not come on down and give Andy Holden's boys a cheer, £2 adults, £1 senior citizens and juniors is all it will cost for a great night's soccer action.

RE-ORGANISATION SHOCKER

The officials at the Pontins League made a shock announcement to member clubs at the beginning of April, when they made a late rule change which effectively means that the bottom five clubs in the Pontins League First Division will be relegated, with only the top four being promoted from the second division.

This means that the First Division will have two games less next season and this decision sent shock waves through the bottom half of the division (see table).

Thankfully, due to an excellent season, this will not affect the Latics.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE AS AT 24.4.96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
MANCHESTER UNITED	31	21	5	5	66	29	68
LEEDS UNITED	31	16	7	8	38	28	55
DERBY COUNTY	31	15	9	7	53	41	54
STOKE CITY	30	15	8	7	55	39	53
LIVERPOOL	32	15	7	10	54	41	52
TRANMERE ROVERS	31	16	4	11	67	55	52
EVERTON	32	13	9	10	45	39	48
NEWCASTLE UNITED	33	13	5	15	54	58	44
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	31	11	10	10	45	45	43
BIRMINGHAM CITY	32	13	4	15	56	61	43
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	33	11	8	14	43	55	41
BOLTON WANDERERS	31	10	9	12	47	50	39
SHEFFIELD WED	31	10	8	13	61	58	38
BLACKBURN ROVERS	31	8	12	11	45	43	36
SHEFFIELD UNITED	32	8	12	12	36	54	36
WOLVES	32	9	5	18	38	44	32
NOTTS COUNTY	32	8	7	17	44	58	31
WEST BROM	32	5	5	22	32	81	20

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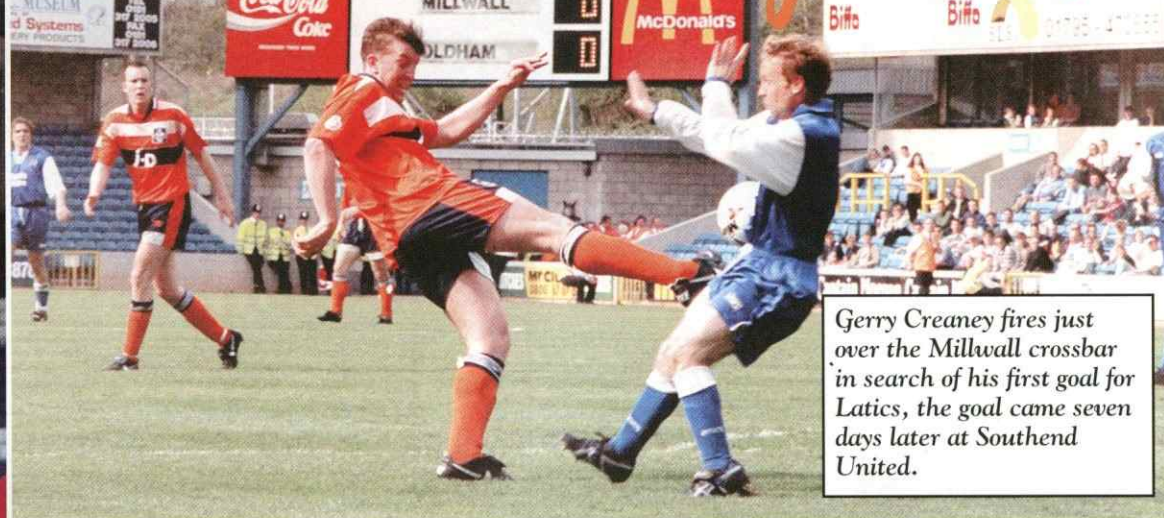
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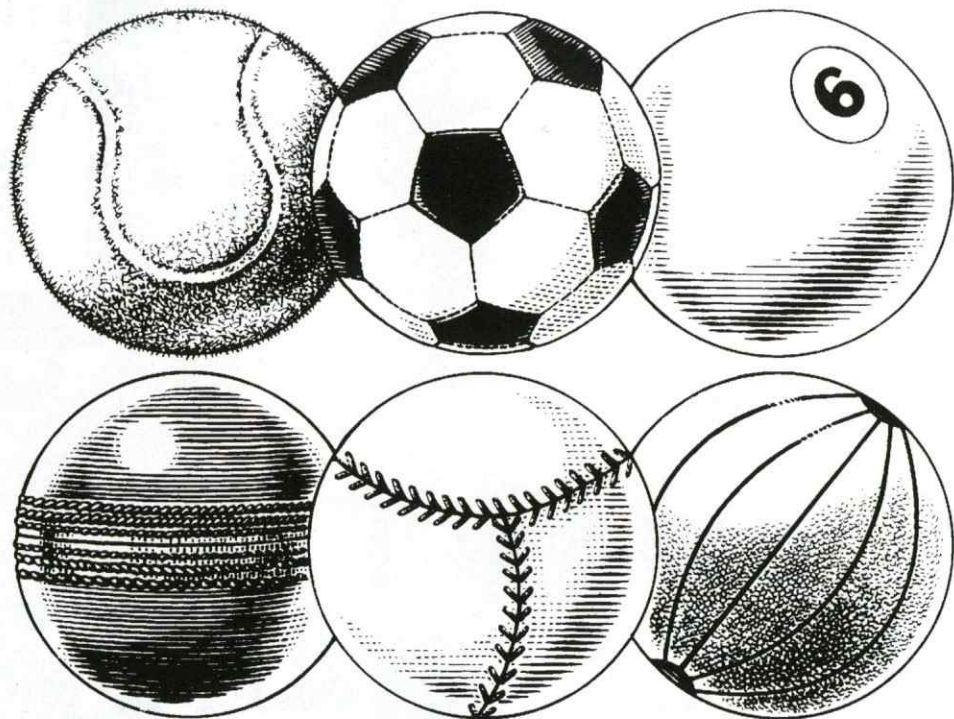
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- 5 Richard GRAHAM
- 6 Steve REDMOND
- 7 Paul RICKERS
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- 12 Gunnar HALLE
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Luton Town

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MANAGER: Lenny Lawrence.

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- 2 Darren PATTERSON
- 3 Mitchell THOMAS
- 4 Gary WADDOCK
- 5 Steve DAVIS
- 6 Marvin JOHNSON
- 7 Bontcho GUENTCHEV
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