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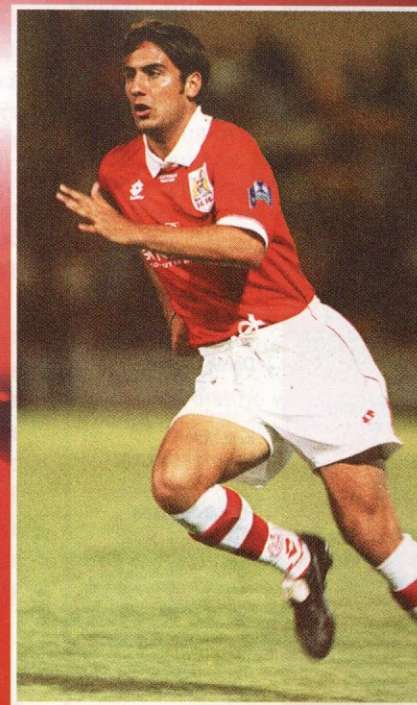
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Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to Ashton Gate for our match against Luton Town. In only our second home game of the new term we're all still getting to know new faces and new tactics.

The Hatters will obviously be keen to start the new season well, having suffered the disappointment of relegation last season and with both teams preferring the passing game we can look forward to an entertaining game tonight.

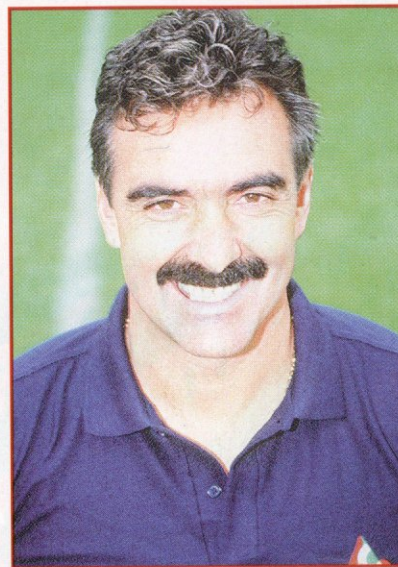
FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

When Glenn Hoddle accepted the poisoned chalice and succeeded Terry Venables as England coach, his appointment of City Assistant Manager John Gorman as his number two surprised many in the game. Not John Gorman though. "Funnily enough, I did expect it" said Gorman. "I thought that all that stuff about me being Scottish might count against me but that doesn't really matter if you're a team. Glenn and I have always got on well together, we were a good partnership and he recognises that. Is it a big jump for me? No, I don't think so; not really. Look at Roy Hodgson. He was once at Bristol City and is now in charge of Inter Milan. As Lancaster Gate replaces

Ashton Gate, I'm sure we all wish John all the best and let's hope England can qualify in style for the next World Cup to be held in France.

EARLY HONOURS

In a season that we are all hoping City will do well, it is reassuring to know that skipper Martin Kuhl has already lifted silverware twice so far. Most supporters will be aware that the Gloucester Cup was finally regained after our 1-0 pre-season victory over Bristol Rovers. The other cup won? The Herefordshire Senior Cup when we were invited to play Hereford United whom we subsequently beat 3-2 at Edgar Street. Kevin Nugent scored a couple of goals with last season's top scorer David Seal bagging the winner.



John Gorman

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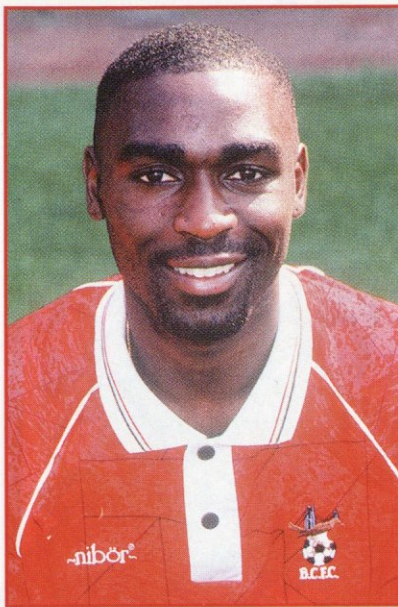
Bad news for former City striker Andy Cole who will miss the first six weeks of the new season after contracting pneumonia. Manchester United's £7m man would have been hoping to get off to a scoring start this season after notching only eleven league goals during United's triumphant "double" campaign. This has now paved the way for fellow striker Paul Scholes to cement a regular place alongside the mercurial Eric Cantona.

WEDLOCK WINS THE VOTE

It came as no surprise to many City historians when fans were asked to vote on which former player the new Database Computers Stand should be named after. Former England International Billy Wedlock, who won 26 caps for his country, won the vote convincingly and now his name joins that of record goalscorer John Atyeo as a permanent feature of Ashton Gate. Billy made 364 appearances as a half-back for his home town club scoring 17 goals during a distinguished career. Following his retirement, the player managed The Star public house in Ashton Road which was later renamed "Wedlock's", in honour of our most capped player. It's only fitting that Ashton Gate is now also paying tribute to an all time City great.

GORAN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The Scandinavian Supporters Club of Bristol City, formed in 1990 by Goran Pedersen, currently boasts 33 members dedicated to the City cause. The club regularly makes trips to Ashtor



Andy Cole

Gate, their next one is planned for Friday 11 October 1996 when City play York City.

Goran is remarkably well informed with events at Ashton Gate and keeps his members up-to-date with a regular fanzine entitled Bristol City — Info. As well as watching City, the club also hope to take-in a major Premiership game the next day. I wonder if Gunnar Heinemann will be in the visiting party who has so far managed to watch City on 34 occasions, including 26 times at Ashton Gate. The main item on their agenda this season is the appointment of a new President, following the departure of Norwegian Vegard Hansen. The only player with Scandi-

navian links at present is Mark Shail who was born in Sweden.

SHARING SUCCESS

The new share issue finally closed on Saturday 17 August 1996 after raising over 400,000 towards the new transfer fund. All of this money has now been handed over to Manager Joe Jordan to improve the squad, of which £175,000 had already been spent pre-season in purchasing Rotherham United forward Shaun Goater. As an incentive to buy shares, supporters were offered various discounts depending on the amount invested. Although the final sum rose was short of the original 500,000 target, Chairman Scott Davidson still regards the new issue as a tremendous success. "I would like to thank all those fans who have stood by us and pledged their hard earned cash to the cause."

CAPTAIN KUHL

Martin Kuhl has been handed the captain's arm-band at Ashton Gate this season and will be hoping for better luck than some of his predecessors. Being City captain proved something of a jinx last season as Mark Shail, Alan McLeary and Gary Owers were ruled out by injury. Joe Jordan believes Martin has all the qualities necessary for the job.

"He is a respected, experienced player and midfielder is the ideal position from which to captain the side," said the manager.

Martin was the only ever-present in City's side last season and picked up the Player-of-the-Year trophy, presented annually by the Supporters Club.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Vegard Hansen has left Ashton Gate to resume his career back in his home country of Norway. The popular defender returned to his club Stromsgodsett on loan at the end of last season and was expected to return to City for the current campaign. Manager Joe Jordan decided that the rapid development of Louis Carey and Gary Owers' successful move to right back meant that Vegard's opportunities would be limited.

Vegard was Joe's first signing on returning to manage the club and everyone wishes him well for the future.

BRISTOL BOX BOKOTO

City hope to have signed a star of the future in 21-year-old Mommmainais

Bokoto, who has played for several lower league clubs in France.

Bokoto, whose parents are from Africa, has recently had trials with Hearts and Cambridge United. He was offered terms by Premiership Middlesbrough, but has accepted a two-year contract at Ashton Gate.

"I strongly believe joining Bristol City, with Joe Jordan as manager, offers the best chance of boosting my career as a striker" enthused Mommmainais.

Jordan describes Bokoto as very much a player for the future, but has high hopes that he will develop during the season. No fee was involved in signing him.

GREAT SCOTT

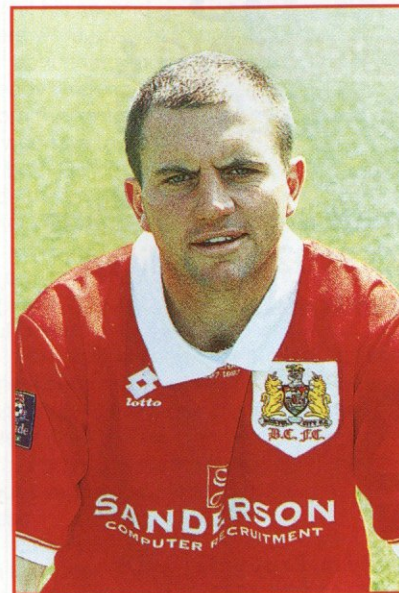
Scott Partridge had special reason to savour his equalising goal in the Coca Cola Cup tie at Plainmoor last week.

City's striker spent part of last season on loan to Torquay United who were then desperately struggling for results at the foot of the Third Division.

Torquay never won a game during Scott's time there and his abiding memory of time spent on the English Riviera is of being part of a Torquay side drubbed 8-1 by Scunthorpe.

He did actually score a fine goal for Torquay at Plymouth in a 4-3 defeat, but it was nice to show the club's home fans that he can hit the back of the Plainmoor nets too.

Last season was one of travelling for Scott with several loan spells. Now he is hoping to find first team football closer to home, despite the fierce competition for places up front this season.



Martin Kuhl

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ames certainly come thick and fast at this early stage of the season and there has been no shortage of action in our opening fixtures.

After the disappointment of losing the first League game at Gillingham to two late goals we travelled to Torquay United in the Coca Cola Cup needing to show more resilience when under pressure.

Although they finished bottom of the League last season, a number of experienced players had been added to their squad so the task of coming away with a good result was never going to be easy.

Again we made life difficult for ourselves with some poor defensive errors which twice allowed them to build a two-goal lead.

It would have been easy for a few heads to drop at those points. But I had called for the team to show a bit more character after the Gillingham result and that's exactly what happened.

To come back from being two goals behind not one, but twice, required the resilience we lacked in the opening League game.

I made a couple of substitutions and Paul Agostino and Scott Partridge got the goals which have given us a good chance of progressing to the second round next week.

Shaun Goater had already hit his second goal in successive games and again it was an excellent strike so there were positive things to take out of the game.

It goes without saying that conceding six goals in the first two matches was not part of the plan and we are already working hard on cutting out the errors.

Good defending starts from the forwards and it is up to every member of the team to take some responsibility when we lose possession, depending on where it occurs.

We set out to attack at both Gillingham and Torquay because that is the style of football I want to play and I'm sure our supporters want to see.

But to be successful you have to defend soundly and keep mistakes to a minimum.

No one will be taking anything for granted in the second leg against Torquay, who now have some experience and useful players.

We only have to look back at last season to remember the incentive for getting through. Beating Colchester on penalties at the same stage brought a two legged tie with Newcastle United.

For the moment though, all thoughts are on improving our League position and making a better start than last year.

Luton proved their worth with a good Coca Cola Cup win last week and will be determined to bounce back to the First Division without delay.

Joe Jordan

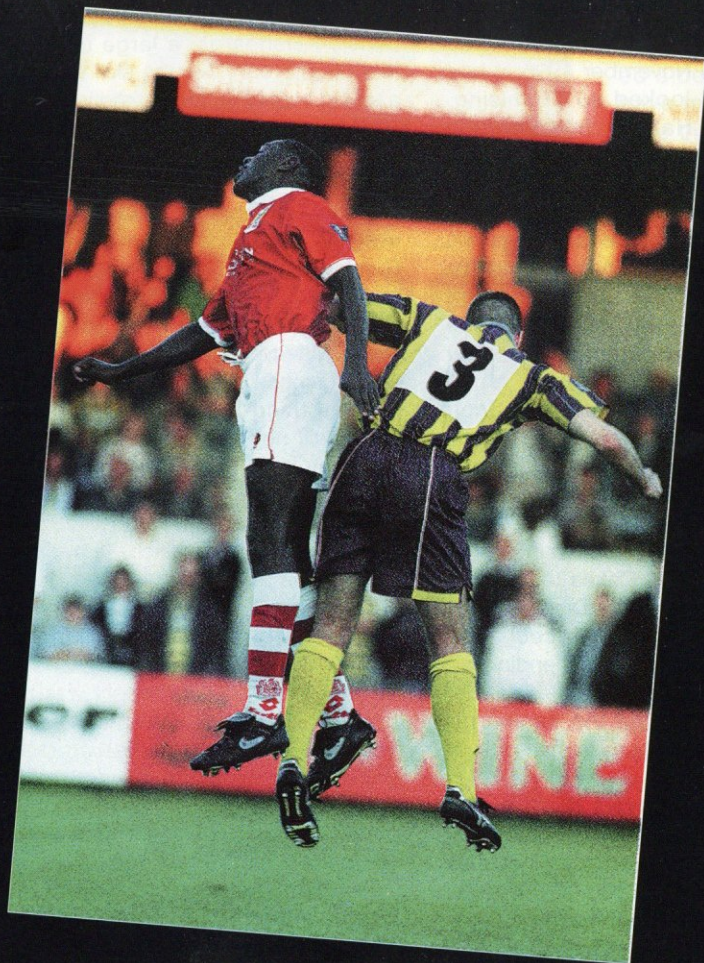
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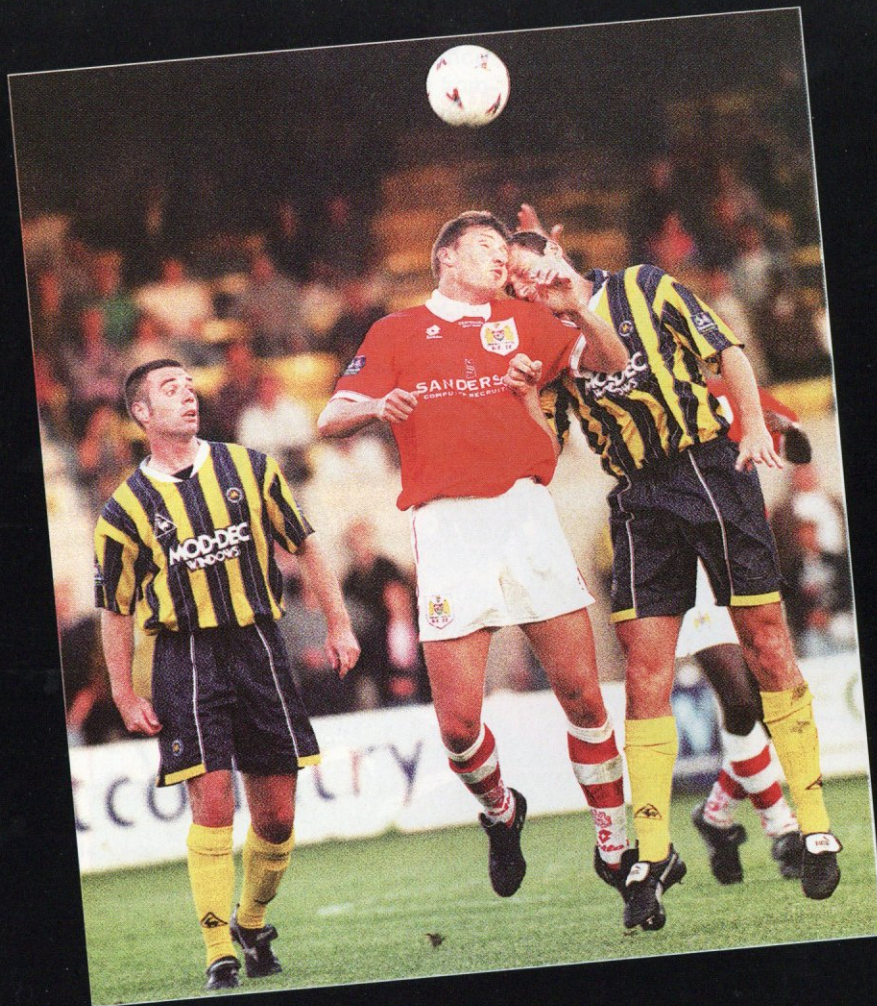
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Above: 'Air' Goater. New signing Sean improves his hang time

Left: Fan - tastic! The huge Robin's away support salute Paul Agostino's goal



Above: Keeping his eye on the ball (almost), Kevin Nugent winning an aerial challenge

Luton town

It's 26 years since Luton Town last played at this level. For more than two decades they had yo-yoed between the top flight and the Division directly below it. Last May the trap-door opened and Luton dropped into unfamiliar territory.



Marvin Johnson

When Lennie Lawrence came to Kenilworth Road in November 1995, it had all looked so promising. The Hatters immediately embarked on an eight match unbeaten run — including five wins — and thoughts turned to promotion. Then came the slump: in the last 16 games of the season, they only managed two wins — against West Brom and Port Vale; the latter in the penultimate match, when relegation had already been confirmed.

The loss of star midfielder, Scott Oakes, had long been predicted. A string of impressive performances in Luton's 1994 FA Cup run alerted the Premiership big boys and it was only a matter of when — rather than if — he went. In the event, Oakes teamed up with former Hatters boss David Pleat at Hillsborough. A deal that could see Luton net £700,000 — depending on appearances — may ease the financial pressures a little but the Kenilworth Road fans will sorely miss their crowd-pleaser.

Three other players have moved on during the summer: Danish midfielder Johnny Vilstrup has joined Aarhus for around £100,000, Norwegian striker Vidar Riseth has signed for the Austrian side Linz and Eire U-21 international David Greene has gone to Colchester.

With only Paul Showler coming in — a £50,000 buy from Bradford City — Lawrence has not exactly set the transfer market alight. He believes,

however, that his squad is, by Second Division standards, a large one and that his players have the skill to make a telling impact on the promotion race.

An encouraging pre-season — where they had good wins against West Ham and Norwich — seems to bear out Lawrence's confidence. However, the opening day home defeat by Burnley will have let the Hatters boss know that there are quality sides in the Division and that a swift return to Nationwide top-flight action will not be easily gained.

One thing is for certain though, Luton will not be trying to 'long ball' their way back to the top. Lawrence's teams have always been noted for their neat, passing style and their crisp, inventive approach — and the side that he puts out tonight will be no exception.

Relegation was largely due to Luton's failure to convert chances. A big factor in the goal-drought was the absence of top-scorer Dwight Marshall through injury. The Jamaican born striker broke his leg at Sunderland in February and missed the rest of the season. Now on the road to recovery, he hopes to return in a few weeks — for the Hatters faithful, it can't come soon enough.

One player who will miss a good part of the season is defender Richard Harvey. He damaged medial knee ligaments in the friendly against West Ham, having already missed the best part of two seasons through an injury to his other knee.



Bontcho Guentchev

Defensively meaner than you might expect of a relegated side, Luton will need to have more punch up front. Here they'll be relying on the likes of Ghanaian striker, Kim Grant. Signed from Charlton, where he made his debut under Lawrence, the 23 year-old only netted three times in ten appearances last season — Lawrence will be expecting a better return this time round.

Partnering Grant up front is likely to be David Oldfield. Converted from a midfield role last season, the Australian is in his second spell at Kenilworth Road. Last years six goal haul will need to be improved on.

The pair will face competition from John Taylor. The former Bradford striker struggled with a back injury for much of last season but is fit again and keen to prove to the boss that he can still do the job.

Also knocking at the first-team door is Andrew Fotiadis. The 18 year-old England Schoolboy signed professional terms in the summer, having decided to complete his A levels first. He impressed in pre-season and came on as a substitute on the opening day.

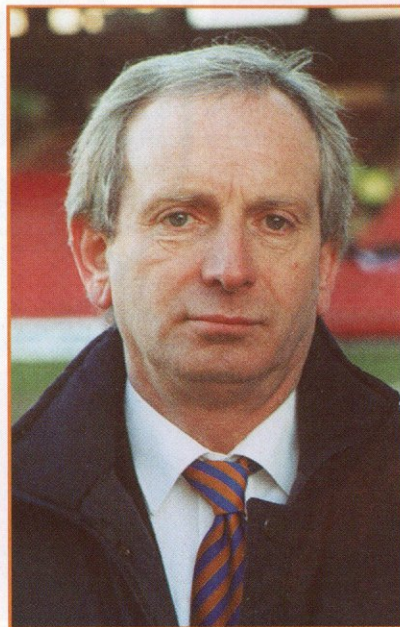
As well as having promising youngsters coming through, the Hatters have

plenty of experience to rely on. Gary Waddock has been virtually ever-present since joining the club on a free from Bristol Rovers almost two years ago. His consistently classy performances earned the midfielder the Players Player of the Year Trophy last season. In defence, the former Spurs man Mitchell Thomas, has been playing some of the best football of his career. Recalled to the side when Lawrence took over, Thomas hasn't missed a game since.

Club Captain, Steve Davis, picked up a calf strain in pre-season and missed the opening fixture — but is almost certain to play tonight. Signed last summer for £750,000 from Burnley, the 28 year-old suffered the agony of relegation with two different clubs in consecutive seasons. A classy and commanding centre-back, he'll want to make it third time lucky.

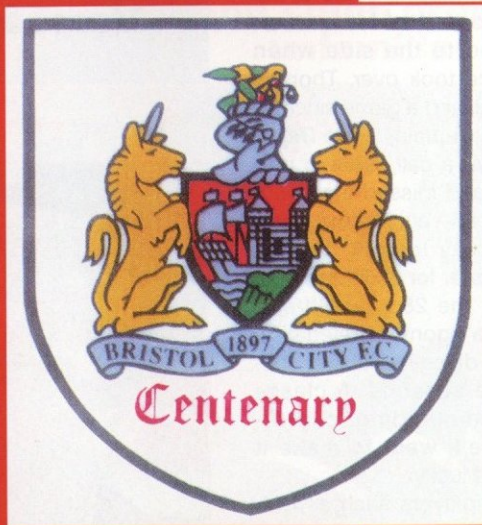
With players such as Bulgarian international, Bontcho Guentchev and exciting winger, Tony Thorpe in the side, Luton have enough class about them to be optimistic about regaining Division One status. They know already, however, that it will be a long hard road before they get there.

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Lennie Lawrence

Bristol City v Luton Town



BY DAVE WOODS

PROFESSIONALISM

This evening's opponents Luton Town were visitors to Bristol in the first season of the newly named Bristol City Football Club following the adoption of professionalism. The need to change from the parochial sounding Bristol South End and the choosing of a name more in keeping with their aspirations had been decided by the South End Committee prior to the Club being elected to the Southern League on the 8th May 1897, but getting the football authorities to agree turned out to be a lengthy and difficult process.

The request was first considered by the Gloucestershire Football Association, at a meeting held in the Full Moon Hotel, Stokes Croft, Bristol, on April 27th when they ruled that:- "it would be detrimental to the interests of the clubs in the city and neighbourhood if any one club was allowed to take the name of Bristol City." This setback however did not curtail the ambitions of the newly professional organisation and they continued to press for the right to adopt the Bristol City name despite protest from the rugby playing brethren at Bristol Football Club. The battle continued throughout most of the summer, lasting over three months, before a favourable decision was made.

It was a visit by director Walter Tozer to the Football Association Headquarters in London that had much to do with resolving the matter, though the Gloucestershire F.A had to check to see whether the older established soccer clubs, such as Eastville Rovers, had any objections.

BEGINNINGS

Approval for the change of name was eventually received on the 7th August 1897 and so it was

that the newly professional club was able to commence it's Southern League career as Bristol City on September 11th, when Wolverton were defeated 7-4 at St John's Lane. The adjacent photograph is of the City team that did duty on this day, a group of players who remained long in the affections of the City fans of such time.

This though wasn't the first match of the newly named organisation, as before the serious business began, three friendly matches were played at St John's Lane. The initial one of these saw Southampton, who had just dropped the St Mary's part of their title, coming to Bristol on September 1st. On this day some 600 fans were reported as being present, braving gale force winds and torrential rain, to witness City's 3-1 victory on a half-flooded pitch. Unfortunately though, this winning start to the career of the Bristol Babe (as the City were soon to become popularly known) was marred by the drowning of a little girl, taken to the game by her parents, in the swollen waters of the brook that ran alongside the ground.

Further victories then followed in the other two friendlies, 3-1 against Swindon Town and then a comprehensive 6-2 drubbing of Chorley (reigning Lancashire League Champions) before league action got under way. It wasn't therefore until the second Southern League fixture on the 18th September that the obstacle of facing the first away game presented itself.

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Millwall Athletic, the previous campaign's runners-up and Champions the season before that, were expected to be formidable opponent on their East Ferry Road ground, but City notched up a tremendous 6-2 success to please many in the 6,000 crowd who travelled up from Bristol on the special excursion organised by the Great Western

Railway. This magnificent performance astounded the soccer world and really proclaimed Bristol City's presence as a force to be reckoned with. Throughout the campaign City clearly demonstrated that this great start was no fluke and it was not until New Years Day that they sustained their first Southern League defeat when Southampton were able to notch four goals without eliciting any response from the Bristol Babe. Fortunately though, revenge was not long in coming as at St John's Lane two weeks later the Saints were dispatched 5-2 in front of a new record Southern League crowd of 12,170 paying receipts of £380. This brilliant win was not enough to prevent Southampton from ending the season as Champions, but City were good enough to finish as runners-up. In the Professional Section of

the Western League though the Bristol Babe was not to be denied and City's Championship winning side was described by the League Secretary (J.A Stevens) as being "the best team ever seen in the competition". This really must have been some side because in the pages of the local sports papers down through the years – the Sports Times, Sports News, Sports World, Sports Blue,



A free insert in the Bristol Magpie of the 30th September

Pink 'Un Sports Post, Green 'Un – this City team of 1897-98 is fondly recalled by many oldtimers as being the best that they had ever seen representing the club, better even than the great side of the Edwardian era.

THE MYSTERY

City first met with Luton Town mid-way through

the season, on the 20th December, but as the Hatters were members of the Football League their visit to St John's Lane was only for a friendly encounter. City won this clash by the odd goal in five in front of about 1,000 fans, but on visiting the Bedfordshire town for the return some three months later on March 28th Bristol received its comeuppance, losing heavily 5-1 after being four down at the break.

In the FA Cup the City commenced their career by hammering the Clifton Association Club at St John's Lane 9-1 in the last Qualifying Round on the 25th September and followed this with a 5-2 away win over Trowbridge Town before losing 2-0 at Southampton.

The Babe was however more successful in the Gloucestershire Cup, progressing all the way through to the Final on the Rovers

ground at Stapleton Road on April 11th. On this day a new record crowd of 11,186 (paying receipts of £348.6.3) were present to witness City's 2-1 victory against the holders Warmley, to gain some measure of revenge for the 1-0 defeat inflicted on them by the famous white shirts at St John's Lane in the second round of the Bristol Charity Cup on the 21st February.

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New club captain Martin Kuhl looks forward to the new season and reflects on meeting the legendary Muhammed Ali.



I **magine how any boxing fan would feel if Muhammad Ali suddenly walked into the room unannounced.**

If you can't imagine it, ask Martin Kuhl, because City's new skipper went through just that experience during his time as a Birmingham City player.

Martin has always been a keen fight fan and used to make a habit of visiting Boys Clubs in the Midlands to hand out trophies at boxing nights.

Let him take up the story. "Muhammad Ali had been visiting this country to open various centres named after him and we had all seen pictures of him being in the Midlands on the local news," said Martin.

"I was getting changed before a match when suddenly this little guy bursts in and says: 'the big man wants to use the toilet', a remark which was about to get him thrown out by our manager Ron Saunders.

"Next thing we know this huge guy strides in who no one would argue with. He turned out to be the minder and was followed by the great man himself.

"We didn't even know he was at the game. I'm not usually an autograph hunter, but I was the first to shake Muhammad's hand and ask him to sign my programme."

That match programme is now proudly being cared for by Martin's dad. But what were his abiding memories of meeting the world's best known sportsman?

"First, I remember he wasn't as big as I expected. This was just before his

illness struck, but he seemed to me about 6ft 1ins and in no way a giant like his minder.

"But he had enormous feet. no wonder he was rarely on the canvas!"

Parties at Elton John's house during his brief spell as a Watford player are also among Martin's favourite memories.

"The thing about Elton was that, although he was chairman and a big star, he would love to come and have a quiet beer with the players after a game," he said.

Memories are one thing, but it's the future which now concerns Martin most in his new responsibility as City captain.

It's a role he is used to. "I was made skipper the day I joined Sheffield United at 21 and was also captain at Portsmouth and Derby," he said.

"I think the best way to approach it is to try and lead by example. You can go around shouting your head off – and that is necessary at times – but you need the respect of the other players and that means doing your bit towards good performances."

Martin shared the pre-season optimism at Ashton Gate and admits the opening day defeat at Gillingham, after being ahead so near the end, was hard to take.

"It hit us very hard at the time, but we never really played in the first half and know we can do a lot better," he said.

"The support we received was fantastic and we know that will be the case if we can string a run of results together.

"We're stronger than last year when we made a poor start and I'm still very hopeful that we can do well."

Family:

Wife Sharon, children Emily (6), Georgia (3), Aaron (6 months).

Favourite Film:

Mary Poppins – it has to be as it's on all the time in our house!

Favourite TV Programme:

Only Fools and Horses.

First football match you ever watched:

Manchester United v Arsenal when I was aged about seven.

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Birmingham City (lost
2-0)



My dad took me and Bobby Charlton was playing.

Sporting event you would most like to visit:

A World Cup final staged in Brazil.

Person you would most like to share a meal with:

Muhammad Ali – Having met him briefly, I would love time to talk.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Become a beach bum in Jamaica with jet skis and all the gear, having first ensured security for all my family.

Changes you would like to see in football:

Less rule changes, less yellow cards and more genuine 50-50 tackles left unpunished by referees.

Describe yourself as a person:

Jekyll and Hyde. Happy-go-lucky most of the time, but liable to a mad 60 seconds which I've now reduced to about five.

Other sports played:

Tennis, Golf, Snooker. I'll try most things.

Player you would sign as a manager with limitless cash:

It would have been Alan Shearer, but a Man Utd fan I know thinks he's rubbish!





**MARTIN
KUHL**

STATESIDE SOCCER

Back in 1988, the unwritten agreement of awarding the 1994 World Cup Finals to the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) was that the USA would launch a new national pro outdoor league. Talk of starting the league before the Finals was totally unrealistic — preparations for the tournament were taking up all of everyone's time and attention. The league, to be called Major League Soccer (MLS), was planned for introduction in April 1995 but various problems — not least a disappointing public response to the prospect and the lack of financial backing — resulted in the start date being put back to 1996. Andrew Jefferson takes a look at "Soccer" Stateside.



John Harkes

The MLS comprises of ten teams split into two divisions — The East and West Conference — similar to the system used in American Football. One thing we have learnt from the Atlanta Olympics is that the Americans like winners so you will not be surprised to learn that there are no drawn games in the MLS. Tied matches progress to a shoot-out situation, a system also used with great success by the Japanese J-League. Teams are awarded three points for a win and one point for a shoot-out victory. Two matches are played every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

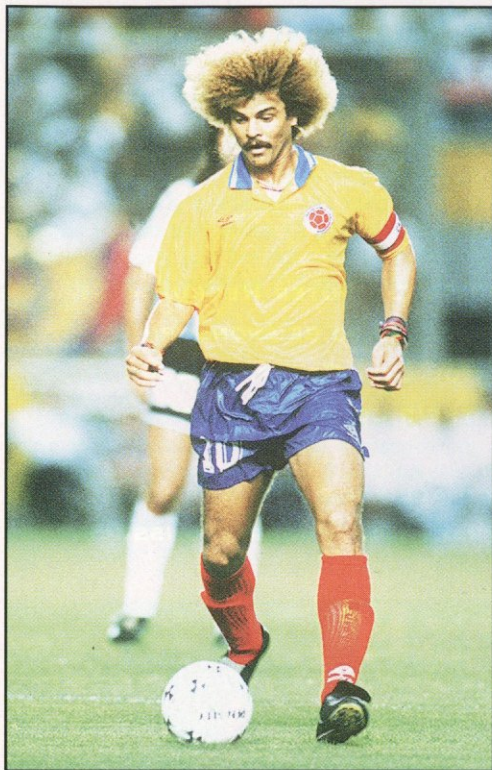
The East Conference comprises of Columbus Crew, New England Revolution, New York/New Jersey Metrostars, Tampa Bay Mutiny and Washington DC United while the West Conference consists of Colorado Rapids, Dallas Burn, Kansas City Wiz, Los Angeles Galaxy and San Jose Clash.

One of the unusual structure's of the new league was that the MLS would sign and own the contracts of all the players, would appoint the coaches and general managers of all the clubs, and organise all the marketing and sponsorship deals. The main idea behind the scheme was to stop clubs from bankrupting each other by getting involved in bidding wars over players. One of the main reasons why the old NASL went down the tubes in 1984 was because the New York Cosmos

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Throughout the second half of 1995, the MLS announced a slow, steady stream of signings. A few foreign stars, including Bolivia's Marco Etcheverry, flamboyant Mexican's Jorge Campos and Hugo Sanchez, Colombian Carlos Valderrama and Italian Roberto Donadoni - but mostly Americans. Some were well known: John Harkes, Tony Meola, Alexi Lalas, Eric Wynalda, Roy Wegerle, Mike Sorber and Tab Ramos. But the bulk of the Americans signed were young and mostly untried. According to MLS Deputy Commissioner Sunil Gulati, most of the players signed were Latin because they exemplify a



Carlos Valderrama

commitment to attacking, entertaining soccer. No English players, then? "No, we haven't really looked there. Also, if we applied the same standards to English players coming here as the English apply to our players going there, we'd have a tough time bringing in English players anyway"

The stadiums had presented a huge problem. Alan Rothenberg, President of the USSF, had called them the biggest obstacle to success. What was needed was ten, first-class,

mid-size (say 20,000 capacity), soccer stadiums. And there was none to be found. There were stadiums that were the right size, but they usually belonged to high schools or colleges, and were certainly not of major league calibre. The stadiums that were of the required calibre were invariably way too big. The answer was to open up only certain areas, to "downsize" the stadiums as Rothenberg put it, by "attractively draping off" whole tiers or sections.

How can stars like Donadoni arriving from AC Milan be fitted into a \$1.3m salary cap ? Answer: with a little help from our sponsors. Donadoni is rumoured to be getting around \$1m; but most of it will come from sponsorship deals.

By the end of last year, the soccer part of the picture was much clearer. The MLS had signed over 200 players. The trick now was to get them distributed to the clubs. This was to be done in the traditional American way of a player draft. From the pool of players, each club makes a choice in turn with a limit of four foreign players per team. Part of the single-entity arrangement was that each club would stick to a salary cap of \$1.3m. That works out at an average of \$72,000 per player.

So, any idea of the MLS as a big-spending league goes right out the window. Most of the players in the draft had been signed at the MLS rock-bottom figure of \$25,000. Which leaves the big question unanswered. How can stars like Donadoni arriving from AC Milan be fitted into a \$1.3m salary cap ? Answer : with a little help from our sponsors. Donadoni is rumoured to be

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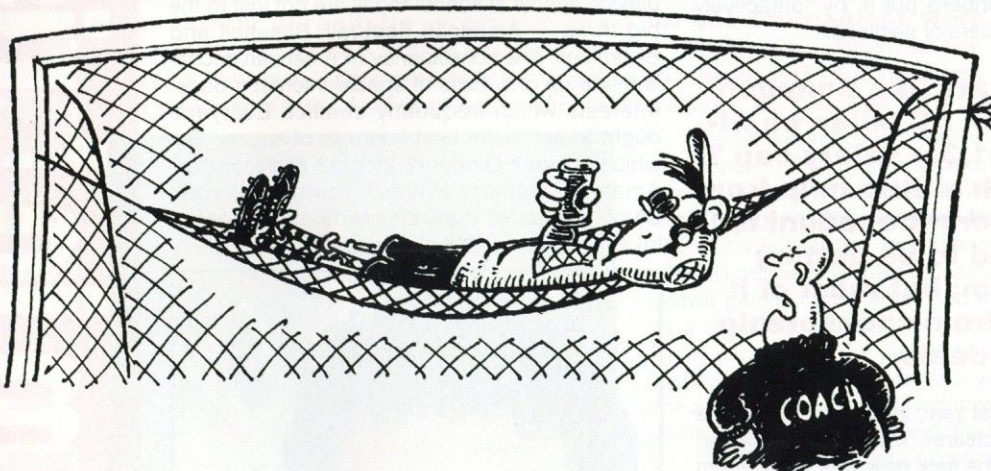
Will soccer finally take off in the land of the free? Only time will tell. Attendances so far have been good which has surprised many pundits who forecast that the Americans World Cup enthusiasm would have worn off by now. The MLS needs to make sure that the youngsters playing soccer at school today are not lost to the big three — American Football, Baseball and Basketball. The constituency of American soccer is made up of a mass of special-interest groups. Interests which frequently conflict. Everyone ought to act in the best interests of soccer. But which soccer? Outdoor? Indoor? Professional? Amateur? Senior? Ethnic? Youth? College? Club? Women's? If the Stateside game doesn't take off this time, then surely it never will.



Hugo Sanchez

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Be A Mascot – Why Not

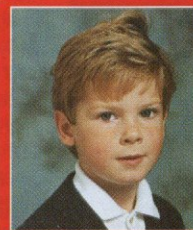
Many of you have ticked the box on your membership form to say you wished to be a mascot but some of you may have forgotten to do so. If you are one of the second Group your chance has not gone – all you need do is to come into the clubroom and add your name (with membership number) to the list.

Football, Football

Do you want to play football against young supporters from other parts of the country? well if you are a member of the Young Reds we can give you the chance. During the season we have visits from Junior supporters groups on numerous home Saturdays. We need to hear from Young Reds of all ages who would like to take part; these are not just games for youngsters who are really good players, but are friendly games for our members of all ages and abilities. Please come into the clubroom and put your name down. The Young Reds supply the kit and there are no subs to pay so what have you got to lose. For further details phone John on (01454) 8833440.

Waiting for you

Did you take part in the Young Reds Membership draw on the open day? if so there may well be a prize waiting for you to collect in the young reds clubroom. Also waiting are some of the mascot photos submitted for the programme last season which we would like to return to their owners. Shortly we will have your membership gifts available for collection so watch this page and we will keep you informed



Mascot duty

Tonight's Young Reds mascot is Richard Jacobson who is seven years old and attends Perry Court infants school. His hobbies are football, riding his bike and playing with his friends. His favourite player is Junior Bent.

Happy Birthday!

The following young reds are celebrating their birthdays.

August 7th — Benjamin Plummer (11) Tom Lambert (14).

9th — Claire Lyodon Samuel McQuaid (11). **10th** — Matthew Gudge (12)

Michael Hughes (16). **Aug 13th** — Robin Engley (10) Richard Sims (11)

Daniel Thomas (11). **14th** — Lee Bygrave (12) Carl Duffin (10).

16th — Andreas Duhn (12) Charlotte Beckett (9) Rebekah Mitchell (8).

17th — Ross Silcocks (6). **19th** — Joe Giltrow (4) Gary House (12).

20th — Ryan Baldock (11). **22nd** — Lee Kimmins. **23rd** — Leah Clark (13)

Jason Hendy (10). 25th — Liam Dimond (6) Darren Hoare (1) Sam Morris (8)

Samantha Curnock (3) Sarah O'Brien (15) Alexander Walters (13) Daniel

Brice (16) Rosie Spraggon (10) Edmund Hayes (16). **26th** — James Willmott (13) Scott

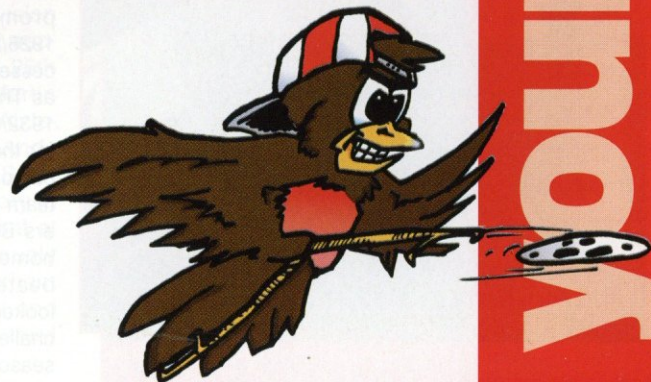
George (5) Ashley Flavell (14) Kevin Hunt (2). **27th** — Millard (10) Sophy Frapwell (12) Michael

Day (12) Marcus McConnell (10) Richard Sedgley (14) Mitchell Cole (5) Ryan McNeil (12) Andrew

Morris (13). **28th** — Tony Laity Roberts (15). **29th** — Matthew Flook (15) Paul Phillips (10) Martin

Reed (10) Steven Harris (11). **30th** — Daniel Locke (12). **31st** — Richard Stone (13) Dan

Hudson (2) Jamie Chappell (16).

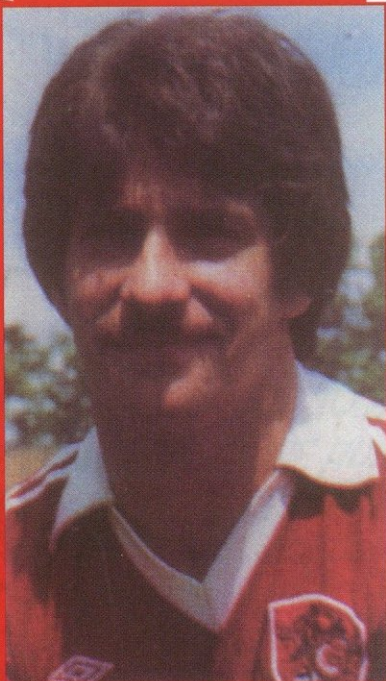


Young reds

Centenary Calendar

August

**Football historian
Leigh Edwards
spotlights August
headlines
from the past
100 years of
Bristol City**



Tony Fitzpatrick

1919 – Palmer Takes Charge

Former Army sergeant Joe Palmer succeeded Jack Hamilton as Bristol City's manager in August 1919. Previously City's trainer under George Hedley before the Great War, Palmer was a strong disciplinarian and demanded that his players be utterly dedicated and very fit. His first game in charge was the 1-0 win over Bury at Ashton Gate that kicked off City's 1919/20 Second Division campaign. Goalscorer Tommy Howarth was one of six players — together with Laurie Banfield, Billy Wedlock, Jock Nicholson, Bert Neesam and Joe Harris — who had played in the League for City prior to the war. Tragically Tommy Ware and Edwin Burton had been killed in action. Newcomers included local goalkeeper Frank Vallis and ex-Millwall half-back John Wren.

1932 – Hughes moves to Exeter

Following relegation, Bristol City's long-serving right-back Dick Hughes moved to Exeter City in August 1932. The former England Schoolboy captain had arrived at Ashton Gate from Sunderland in September 1920 and made 268 League appearances, featuring prominently in City's 1922/23 and 1926/27 Third Division (South) title successes. He helped his new club to finish as Third Division (South) runners-up in 1932/33. Bristol City travelled to Exeter for their opening match of the 1932/33 campaign and Bob Hewison's new-look team lost 2-0. Four days later, newcomers Bowen and Loftus scored on their home debuts as Torquay United were beaten 2-0 at Ashton Gate and City looked set to mount a strong promotion challenge during the early weeks of the season.

1947 – Townsend's Debut Hat-Trick

Experienced inside-right Len Townsend scored a hat-trick on his Bristol City debut as the following side began their 1947/48 Third Division (South) campaign with an emphatic 6-0 win at home to Southend United in front of 23,874 on 23rd August 1947: Frank Clack, Ivor Guy, Jack Bailey, Cliff Morgan, Dennis Roberts, Syd Kearney, Dai Hopkins, Len Townsend, Don Clark, Cyril Williams, Sid Williams. The other goalscorers in City's biggest-ever opening League victory were Don Clark (2) and Cyril Williams. Initially with Hayes, Townsend had joined First Division Brentford in May 1937 and was their top scorer in 1946/47. Moving to Ashton Gate with ex-Welsh international Dai Hopkins, he was destined to finish as City's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons.

1964 – High Fives at City

Brian Clark netted a hat-trick as the following Bristol City side recovered from an opening 5-2 defeat at Scunthorpe United to beat Barnsley 5-1 in front of 10,491 at Ashton Gate on 25th August 1964: Mike Gibson, Tony Ford, Mike Thresher, Gordon Parr, Gordon Low, Chuck Drury, Ray Savino, Brian Clark, John Atyeo, Bobby Williams, Lou Peters. Tough-tackling ex-England Youth star Chuck Drury was making his debut after a £7,500 move from West Brom. Four days later, with Terry Bush displacing Drury at left-half, John Atyeo scored a hat-trick as Fred Ford's team beat Walsall 5-1 watched by 9,478 at Ashton Gate.



Bobby Kellard

It was the first time since October 1947 that two different players had managed hat-tricks in consecutive League games for City.

1970 – Kellard Sold To Leicester

Bristol City skipper Bobby Kellard was sold to Second Division rivals Leicester City for a record £50,000 in August 1970. Previously with Southend United, Crystal Palace, Ipswich Town and Portsmouth, he had been reunited with Alan Dicks at Ashton Gate for a record £30,000 in July 1968 and scored six goals in 77 Second Division outings. Bristol City's midfield replacement was Scottish youth graduate Gerry Gow who made his home debut in the opening Second Division match of 1970/71 as Sunderland were beaten 4-3 in front of 17,554 at Ashton Gate. Kellard scored against City as Leicester won 4-0 at Filbert Street a month later and was an influential figure in their 1970/71 Second Division championship success.

1979 – Fitzpatrick's Record Signing

Noted for his natural leadership qualities, fiery Scottish U-21 midfielder Tony Fitzpatrick joined Bristol City for a record £225,000 in August 1979. he had skippered St Mirren while still a teenager and starred in the 1976/77 Scottish First Division title success, impressing Alan Dicks in the Anglo-Scottish Cup ties. Moving to Ashton Gate after protracted transfer negotiations, Fitzpatrick said at the time: 'There was no secret that I longed to sample soccer in England – that is where I wanted to make my name and now I have got that opportunity. The size of the fee doesn't worry me unduly. 'Forming a very competitive midfield partnership with Gerry Gow, He made his Bristol City debut at home to Leeds United as Dicks' team kicked off their 1979/80 First Division campaign with a 2-2 draw.

1984 – Walsh's Tribunal Transfer

Terry Cooper signed skilful striker Alan Walsh for newly-promoted Bristol City in August 1984. Walsh had joined Middlesbrough from Horden Colliery in December 1976 and gained top-flight experience before moving to Darlington in October 1978 where he scored a club record 90 League goals. Cooper

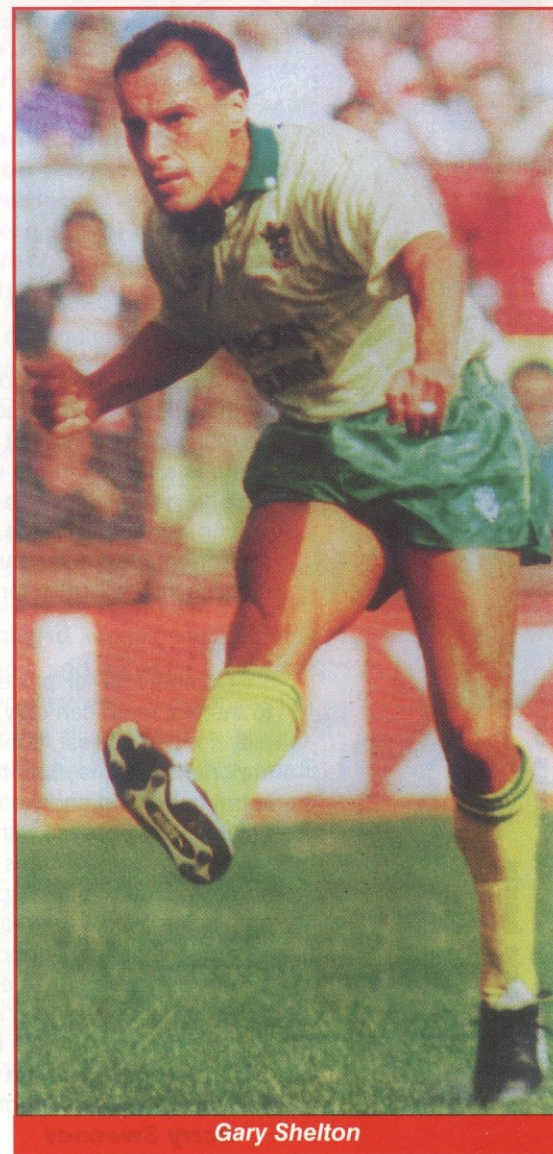
had been tracking him since he scored twice against City in January 1983 and his bargain £18,000 transfer followed a Football League tribunal hearing at Maine Road. Darlington chairman Ken Warne dismissed Cooper's £10,000 bid as 'derisory' and demanded an £85,000 fee. Walsh recalls: 'I had to tell the five man tribunal my reasons for wanting to leave Darlington, then anxiously outside while representatives of both clubs went in to put their cases.'

1989 – McClaren Swapped For Shelton

Joe Jordan swapped Steve McClaren for Oxford United's tough-tackling ex-England U-21 midfielder Gary Shelton in August 1989. A former Walsall apprentice, Shelton had joined Aston villa for £60,000 in January 1978, then Sheffield Wednesday for £50,000 in March 1982 where he starred in their 1983/84 promotion success and moved to Oxford for £150,000 in July 1987. He added much-needed steel and determination to Jordan's team and was an inspirational figure in City's 1989/90 promotion triumph. Other newcomers included winger Dave Smith from Gillingham for £75,000 fixed by tribunal, midfielder Paul Wimbleton from Cardiff City and David Rennie from Leeds United. All four made their home League debuts at Birmingham City were beaten 1-0 at Ashton Gate.

1992 – Record League Cup Win

Andy Cole's hat-trick and further goals by Wayne Allison and Leroy Rosenior gave the following Bristol City team a 5-1 win over Third Division Cardiff City in the Coca-Cola Cup first round second-leg watched by 9,801 at Ashton gate on 25th August 1992: Keith Welch, Brian Mitchell, Martin Scott, David Thompson, Matt Bryant, Mark Aizlewood, Micky Mellon, Jackie Dziekanowski, Andy Cole, Leroy Rosenior (Wayne Allison), Gary Shelton (Gerry Harrison). Bristol City's record victory in the competition, it followed a 1-0 first-leg defeat at Ninian park a week earlier. City had previously managed 4-0 League Cup wins against Rotherham United in the 1970/71 second round replay and against Peterborough United in the 1979/80 third round replay.



Gary Shelton

After the encouraging signs shown in the friendlies against Westbury and Manor Farm and especially against Birmingham where we were making chances and defending well it is time to put our preparation to the test as we take on Oxford Utd tomorrow in the League Cup and Tottenham in the new League format next Monday. Two tough games that we are all looking forward to with great anticipation.

No Hesitation

The squad have a good attitude and if we can put all we have learnt into an actual match environment there is no reason we cannot get a good result against either side. There is a feeling in the camp that if any of the first team were to get injured then we would have no hesitation in putting a member of the reserve team into the first team. And of course if they can put in good, consistent performances they will push for a place in the first team squad.

Competition

Competition for places from Youth level right through to the first team can only be good for the club and for the players themselves. At this level of course, results are very important but it is essential that they take what they have learnt in training and we nurture the combined natural talent that they possess with the coaching they have had.

With the team fixtures reduced it would be great to see some of City's loyal supporters at some of the reserve games this year. Last year we were always pleased to see a hardcore of fans supporting the players, but more supporters can produce an excellent atmosphere. Most of our home games are played at Clevedon Town but keep reading the programme for any changes. Our first game is tomorrow against Oxford with a 7.30pm kick-off. We hope you can offer your support.

Gerry Sweeney



Dominic Barclay — One of the squad waiting in the wings



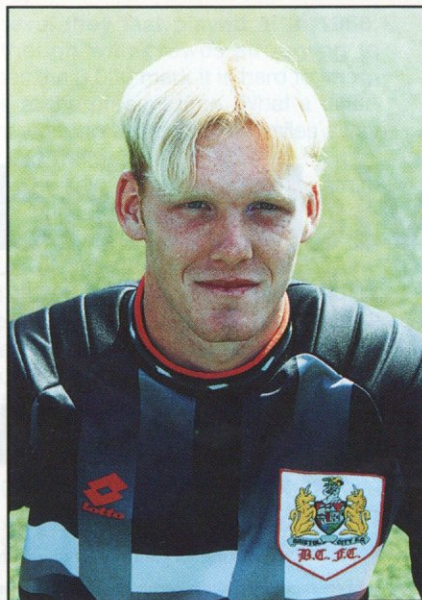
Gerry Sweeney — Competition for places



Date	Opponents	Venue
Wed 28th Aug	Oxford Utd	H 7.30pm
Mon 2nd Sept	Tottenham	A 7.30pm
Wed 11th Sept	Bristol Rovers	H 7.30pm
Wed 18th Sept	Charlton Athletic	H 7.30pm
Wed 25th Sept	Luton Town	A 2.00pm
Wed 2nd Oct	Cardiff City	H 7.30pm
Wed 9th Oct	Oxford United	H 7.30pm
Wed 16th Oct	Swansea	A 2.00pm
Thur 31st Oct	Swindon	H 7.30pm
Tue 5th Nov	Crystal Palace	A 2.00pm
Wed 13th Nov	Swansea	H 7.30pm
Wed 27th Nov	Bristol Rovers	A 7.30pm
Wed 11th Dec	Cardiff City	A 2.00pm
Wed 18th Dec	Ipswich Town	A 7.30pm
Wed 8th Jan	Brighton	H 7.30pm
Wed 22nd Jan	Bournemouth	H 7.30pm
Thur 30th Jan	Arsenal	A 2.00pm
Wed 5th Feb	Southampton	A 7.30pm
Wed 12th Feb	Watford	H 7.30pm
Mon 17th Feb	Swindon	A 2.00pm
Wed 26th Feb	Norwich	A 7.30pm
Wed 12th Mar	Chelsea	H 7.30pm
Wed 18th Mar	Millwall	A 2.00pm
Wed 26th Mar	West Ham Utd	H 7.30pm
Mon 7th Apr	QPR	A 2.00pm
Wed 16th Apr	Wimbledon	H 7.30pm
Wed 23rd Apr	Portsmouth	A 7.00pm

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1996/97

Sat 17th Aug	H	0-1	Tottenham
Sat 24th Aug	A	11.00am	Oxford United
Sat 31st Aug	H	11.00am	Swindon Town
Sat 7th Sept	A	11.00am	Wimbledon
Sat 14th Sept	A	11.00am	League Cup, First Round - Reading
Sat 21st Sept	H	11.00am	Wycombe W
Sat 28th Sept	A	11.00am	Barnet
Sat 5th Oct	H	11.00am	AFC Bournemouth
Sat 12th Oct	A	11.00am	Brighton & HA
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Sat 5th Apr	H	Noon	Colchester United
Sat 12th Apr	A	11.00am	Southampton
Southern Junior Floodlit Cup First Round			
Cardiff City v Bristol City			



Alex Rutkowski — Brave Performance

Following our hectic pre-season schedule we took on Tottenham at home in our first League match of the season. Spurs of course were always going to field a very strong team but our players were well prepared and confidence was high.

It turned out to be an extraordinary game, despite losing 1-0 I have never witnessed such a one sided contest. We completely dominated proceedings and but for a questionable penalty decision and a stroke of luck would have come out with a victory in the first game of this campaign.

Injury

Our luck ran out as early as the fifth minute when Goalkeeper Rutkowski jumped for a high ball, landed awkwardly and injured his knee. He battled bravely on for a short period but had to come off. He was later diagnosed as having damaged knee ligaments. Andy Jordan took charge in goal and between the two of

them they must have been involved in the action four times —and they were all back passes. After 40 minutes Spurs took the lead with a penalty. Andy Jordan was alleged to have brought down a Tottenham striker, the linesman waved play on but the referee who stood thirty yards away gave the kick. A very disappointing decision and indeed outcome, as we had worked so hard.

Positive

However despite our initial feelings, we can take a lot of positive aspects from the game. It was an excellent performance as our passing and tackling put the opposition constantly under pressure. We made numerous chances that hopefully we can still keep producing and capitalise on in future games. The team have made great strides and with the second year YT's showing maturity and the first year players improving all the time I will be very disappointed if we don't produce a winning side sooner rather than later. With Wimbledon and Swindon fast approaching we know that we will have to work very hard for those victories.

Dave Bell

Youth

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Nationwide Building Society is delighted to be sponsoring The Football League and is proud to be associated with the national game. Millions of people around the country enjoy League games, with an increasing number of families attending matches.

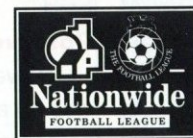
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Nationwide's philosophy is to be "in tune with people", and we believe that the help we can give in investing in football's future will further demonstrate this and underline our general commitment to meeting customers' needs.

We would like to take
this opportunity to wish your
club a successful season.



This evening we look towards our next two games, against one side who came up from the Third Division and one that nearly went down from it.

We visit Bury on Saturday and on the third of September receive Torquay United in the Coca-Cola Cup. It was sweet revenge for Bury as they ascended to the Second Division on the final day of the regular season, as in 1995 they were defeated by Chesterfield in the Play-Off Final at Wembley. Quite a triumph for Stan Ternant, who had stepped up from Assistant-Manager to replace Micky Walsh in September. Now the task will be to try to take The Shakers back to

a level they last played at in 1968, although with crowds struggling to pass the 3,000 mark it is hard to imagine at the present time. What a different world to the one a few miles away at Old Trafford.

The sale of Brabin, who only broke into the team last season, to Blackpool, raised a tidy £200,000 and the bulk of this has already been spent. £100,000 brought striker Ronnie Jepson from Huddersfield, while £40,000 was required to capture defender Paul Butler from neighbours Rochdale. Other arrivals at Gigg Lane (a very pleasing ground these days we must say) include Gordon Armstrong, leaving Sunderland after 11 years.

Players leaving on free transfers included Dave Lancaster to Rochdale

and Mark Sertori, who joins Scunthorpe.

The following Tuesday we face Torquay here in the Second Leg of our League Cup tie. As has been well documented, United had something of a lucky escape last season when they finished bottom of the league, but were reprieved because of Stevenage's ground problems. Recently they have survived a legal challenge by The Conference club against this situation.

You would imagine that optimism would be in short supply down in South Devon, but Chairman Mike Bateson has put £7000 on the Gulls winning the championship this time around! He clearly has supreme faith in new Player-Coach Kevin Hodges and in a clutch of new signings. Followers of the local non-league scene will recognise the name Adcock as the former Bath City man, while Mitchell joins from Bournemouth, Gittens from Portsmouth and Nelson (as in Garry, the former Charlton striker who wrote a successful book last year) moves from the Capital to the Coast. In fact Jon Gittens has already made the headlines for the wrong reasons due to his display in the shock 2-0 friendly win against West Ham, so he will have to be on his best behaviour.

We should be confident of progressing to the next round, but given that Torquay seem to have a fairy god-mother somewhere up there, we must exercise caution. See you in seven days time.

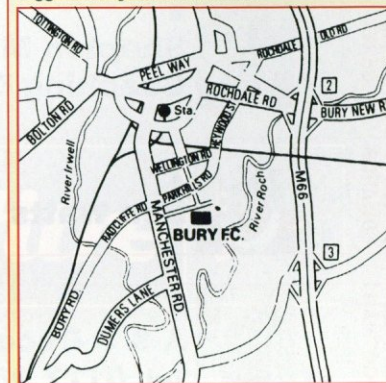
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HOW TO GET THERE

By Car: All main routes: Exit M62 at junction 17. At roundabout follow signs to Whitefield A56, Radcliffe A665. After 0.2 miles go straight over double set of lights (s/p Bury A56, Radcliffe A665). After 0.8 miles, just after Bull's Head pub, bear right where road divides (s/p Bury A56). This road becomes the Manchester Road. Straight on lights after 0.9 miles (s/p Town Centre). After 0.6 miles there's a sign for Newbank Garden Centre to the left. Don't follow it! Turn right instead — this is Gigg Lane. Ground is on RHS after 0.1 miles.

From North and East (via M66): Exit M66 at junction 2 and follow s/p Bury A58 onto the A58 Rochdale Road. After 0.6 miles turn left at lights (s/p Manchester, Salford B6219). After 0.7 miles turn left at mini-roundabout into Market Street. Straight over mini-roundabout after 0.1 miles, and right at T-junction after 0.2 miles into Gigg Lane.

From Metrolink Station (Bury): Trams run from Manchester Victoria and Manchester Piccadilly. By taxi: £1.20 By Bus: Nos 134, 135, 136 and 137 run every ten minutes down Manchester Road past the end of Gigg Lane. By foot: This route takes in a couple of the pubs listed below. Turn left out of station along covered passageway and past various bus-stops. At T-junction with Haymarket Street (ie with bingo hall ahead of you) turn left. Straight across crossroads, down Knowsley Street. This comes out by a clock tower and a white monument. The road opposite leads to The Tap and Spile. For the ground, turn left along the Manchester Road, passing the Staff of Life on LHS. Turn left after about 0.5 miles into Gigg Lane. **By Bus:** As above.



CATS City Away Travel Service

Bookings can now be made for our trip to Bury on 31st August. Coaches will depart Ashton Gate at 9.00 a.m. The fare is £10 for Travel Club members (£9 for OAPs) and £12 for non members (£10.80 for OAPs).

Admission to the ground (pay at the turnstiles). Terracing - £10 Adults and £5 for OAP/Juvenile. Seating - £12 Adults and £6 for OAP/Juvenile. Additionally, an adult accompanied by a juvenile can view the game from the family enclosure, combined price £11.

Programme cost: £1.50.

Ground Members, Season Tickets Holders and City Society Members have free membership of The Travel Club, but must complete the required application form and comply with the rules of the club.

Travel bookings can now be made by phone, payment by credit card. Supporters are reminded that to enable the club to provide coaches, bookings should be made at least two days prior to the match.

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PAUL AGOSTINO
 App: 1, League: +1, Cup: 1

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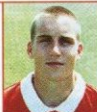
 ● **Miss Millies**

DARREN BARNARD
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **Daniel Braddick**

DOMINIC BARCLAY
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **Bristol City Supporters Club London Branch FC**

JIM BRENNAN
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Sams Burger Bar**
 Tel: 0831 117 193

LOUIS CAREY
 App: 1, League: +1, Cup: 1

 ● **Shepton Mallet Coaching Centre**

ROB EDWARDS
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **Ben Watts**

BUSTER FOOTMAN
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **A & S Decor**
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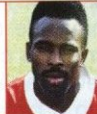
● = Full Kit ▲ = Part Kit

STUART NAYLOR
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 ● **Joe, Jean & Paul Reeves**

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 Tel: 01278 793170

GREGORY GOODRIDGE
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Bristol Box Co**
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 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Unity Tyres**
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JOE JORDAN

 ● **Redwood Lodge Country Club**

MARTIN KUHL
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Young Reds**

ALAN MCLEARY
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Mark Tunbridge**

KEVIN NUGENT
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Tyre & Exhaust World, Exeter**

GARY OWERS
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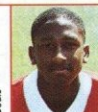
 ● **D. R. L. Transport**
 0831 497 385

SCOTT PARTRIDGE
 App: 1, League: +1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **Suzanne Purchase**

SCOTT PATERSON
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **Sign Market**
 Tel: 0117 9660800

DWAYNE PLUMMER
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ▲ **London Branch Supporters Club**

MARK SHAIL
 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **The Rising Sun Public House**
 Tel: 0117 9664900

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 App: 1, League: 1, Cup: 1

 ● **Good Morning Disposables**
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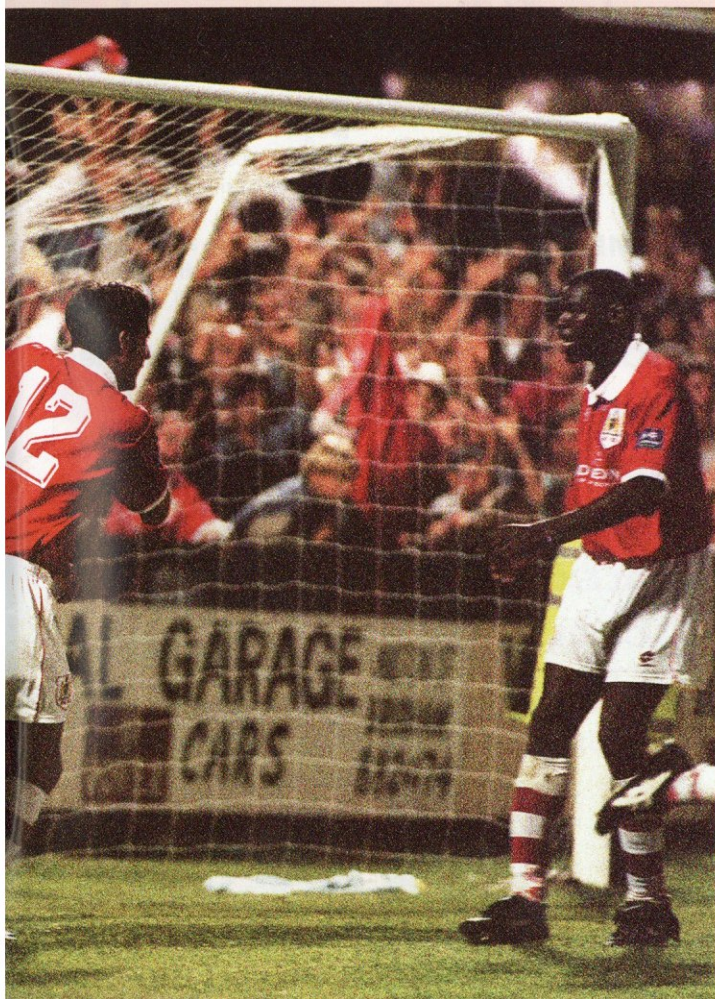
Statistics

			Opponents	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
August	Sat	17	Gillingham	2-3	7,217	-	Naylor	Owers	Barnard	McLeary	Edwards	Kuhl	Bent 1
	Tue	20	Torquay CCC1 1/2	3-3	2,824	-	Naylor	Owers	Barnard	McLeary	Edwards	Kuhl	Bent
	Sat	24	Blackpool										
	Tue	27	Luton town										
September	Sat	31	Bury										
	Tues	3	Torquay CCC1 2/2										
	Sat	7	Preston North End										
	Tue	10	Shrewsbury Town										
	Sat	14	Rotherham United										
	Wed	18	CCC 2 1/2										
	Sat	21	Walsall										
October	Wed	25	CCC 2 2/2										
	Sat	28	Burnley										
	Tue	1	Brentford										
	Sat	5	Chesterfield										
	Fri	11	York City										
	Tue	15	Wycombe Wanderers										
	Sat	19	Plymouth Argyle										
November	Wed	23	CCC 3										
	Sat	26	Notts. County										
	Tue	29	A.F.C. Bournemouth										
	Sat	2	Stockport County										
	Sat	9	Millwall										
	Sat	16	FAC 1										
	Tue	19	Crewe Alexandra										
December	Sat	23	Peterborough Utd										
	Wed	27	CCC 4										
	Sat	30	Notts. County										
	Tue	3	Watford										
	Sat	7	FAC 2										
	Sun	15	Bristol Rovers										
	Sat	21	Wrexham										
January	Thur	26	Shrewsbury Town										
	Sat	28	Preston North End										
	Wed	1	Walsall										
	Sat	4	Rotherham Untd/FA Cup 3										
	Wed	8	CCC 5										
	Sat	11	Burnley										
	Sat	18	Brentford										
February	Sat	25	A.F.C. Bournemouth/FA Cup 4										
	Sat	1	Millwall										
	Sat	8	Stockport County										
	Sat	15	Peterborough Utd/FA. Cup 5										
	Wed	1	CCC S/F 1										
	Sat	22	Crewe Alexandra										
	Sat	1	Watford										
March	Sat	8	Wrexham/FA. Cup 6										
	Wed	12	CCC S/F 2										
	Sat	15	Bristol Rovers										
	Sat	29	Gillingham										
	Tues	1	Luton Town										
	Sat	5	Bury										
	Sun	6	CCC Final										
April	Sat	12	Chesterfield/FAC S/F										
	Sat	19	York City										
	Sat	26	Plymouth Argyle										
	Sat	3	Wycombe Wanderers										
	Sat	17	FAC Final										
May													



Away matches in red. Goal scorers shown with a ● with number of goals scored. CCC = Coca Cola Cup. FAC = FA Cup.

8 Hewlett
9 Nugent
10 Goater ❶
11 Tinnion
12 Agostino (9)
13 Partridge (7)
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 Hewlett
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(Final Table)

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	46	12	10	1	37	16	13	7	3	34	18	92
Oxford United	46	17	4	2	52	14	7	7	9	24	25	83
Blackpool	46	14	5	4	41	20	9	8	6	26	20	82
Notts County	46	14	6	3	42	21	7	9	7	21	18	78
Crewe Alexandra	46	13	3	7	40	24	9	4	10	37	36	73
Bradford City	46	15	4	4	41	25	7	3	13	30	44	73
Chesterfield	46	14	6	3	39	21	6	6	11	17	30	72
Wrexham	46	12	6	5	51	27	6	10	7	25	28	70
Stockport County	46	8	9	6	30	20	11	4	8	31	27	70
Bristol Rovers	46	12	4	7	29	28	8	6	9	28	32	70
Walsall	46	12	7	4	38	20	7	5	11	22	25	69
Wycombe Wdrs	46	9	8	6	36	26	6	7	10	27	33	60
Bristol City	46	10	6	7	28	22	5	9	9	27	38	60
Bournemouth	46	12	5	6	33	25	4	5	14	18	45	58
Brentford	46	12	6	5	24	15	3	7	13	19	34	58
Rotherham U	46	11	7	5	31	20	3	7	13	23	42	56
Burnley	46	9	8	6	35	28	5	5	13	21	40	55
Shrewsbury Town	46	7	8	8	32	29	6	6	11	26	41	53
Peterborough U	46	9	6	8	40	27	4	7	12	19	39	52
York City	46	8	6	9	28	29	5	7	11	30	44	52
Carlisle United	46	11	6	6	35	20	1	7	15	22	52	49
Swansea City	46	8	8	7	27	29	3	6	14	16	50	47
Brighton & HA	46	6	7	10	25	31	4	3	16	21	38	40
Hull City	46	4	8	11	26	37	1	8	14	10	41	31

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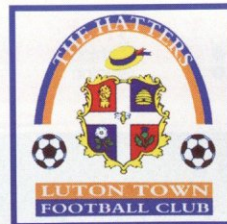
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BONTCHO GUENTCHEV
PAUL SHOWLER

Referee

Mr. S.G. Bennett

Steve Bennett is a 35 year old teacher from Dartford. Steve became a Football League referee last year having progressed through the Isthmian League and the GM Vauxhall Conference. Steve — a linesman at the 1995 F.A Cup Final — is a keen sports fan, enjoying golf and cricket as well as football.



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