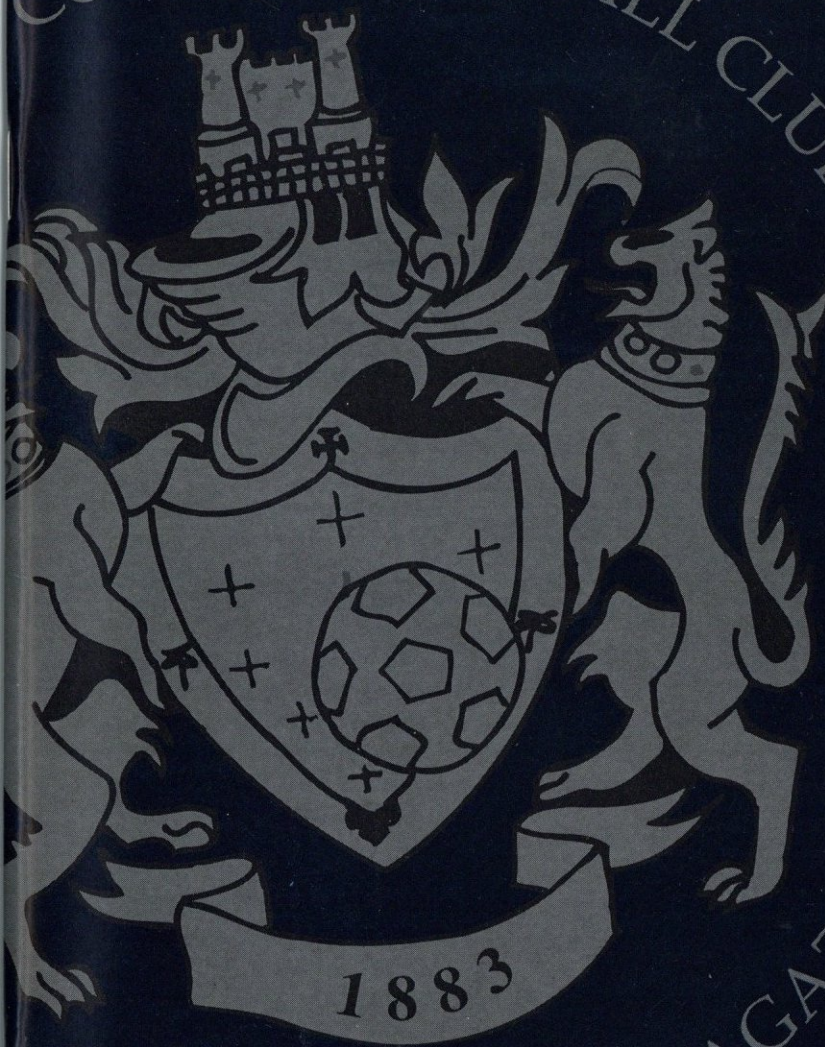
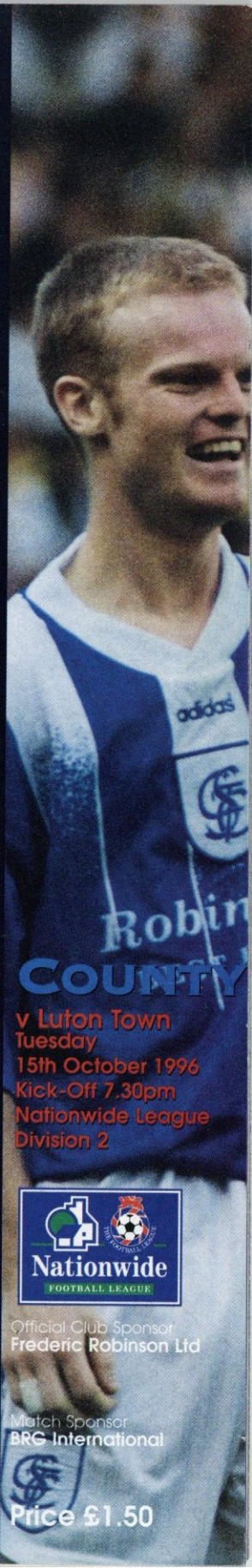


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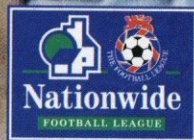


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Brett - Second month ends this week.



in the function room which has a capacity of around 200. So if you want to come along, get here early. The Independent Supporters Club are running transport from each of their



Roger Wylde - Should be here it cropped?

A directional map will appear in our next programme. **Two down, one to go** Brett Angell completes his second month on loan this week and is hoping to stay for a third month. Brett has played a key role in the club's recent run and is just as popular now as he was first time round.

Wylde Hair

Rodger Wylde has something of a dilemma at the moment - should it stay or should it go? Yes, Rodger's long locks are the topic of much conversation in the dressing room. The players

branches so contact your local Hatters branch. If you are travelling under your own steam the Kingsway is - would you believe it - situated on Kingsway at Levenshulme.

The new training wear... unavoidable delay



Late Train...ing Gear

The popular new range of Adidas training wear has still not arrived in the club shop. The latest word from Adidas is that it is close to completion and will definitely be delivered before the end of October. For the latest situation contact Paul in the Adidas at County Shop on 0161-286-8899.

And Finally

The ITN News at Ten cameras were at the ground on Monday - watch News at Ten during the next few days to find out why.

reckon he looks like a ponce and should have it chopped, but Rodger reckons the ladies love it - what do you think? Write to 'No Man's Game' at the club address.

"Every player has his price"



Alun... centre of press speculation

I am writing this article after seeing a great deal of speculation in both the local and National press about the future of Alun Armstrong. I must admit that I was as surprised as anyone to read the claims being made by some national newspapers linking Alun to a Premiership club. I can categorically deny any rumours about an imminent move by any of our players - the press have, quite simply got it wrong! No club has contacted me with regard to any of our squad although obviously I am aware of the number of scouts visiting our games. I am not surprised by the interest being shown - but it is not confined to Alun, they are watching all of our players. One thing is for certain - I am not under any pressure to sell Alun or any other player for that matter but every player has his price, obviously if a Premier League club came in for a player - and he was aware of the club's interest - he wouldn't want to stay here would he? It would not be fair on the player and as long as the club gets the market value for the

player then that's football.

But as I said earlier - at this moment in time - everything you read in the press is just speculation and Alun is an obvious target because he is the one scoring the goals. If a club or clubs do make contact then I assure you I will be the first to let you know.

One player has left the club this week - but

only on a temporary basis. Adie Mike has joined Hartlepool on a month's loan with a view to getting first team games. This is beneficial for the player and of course for ourselves.

I am pleased to hear that ticket sales for the Blackburn game are going well. I am sure we will take a good following and that Blackburn will be another big club that our fans will shout down.

Finally a warm welcome to Lennie Lawrence and everyone connected with Luton Town. They are a strong club and will be difficult to beat but with your support and 100% effort and concentration we are more than capable of achieving our aims. I hope it is enjoyable as a spectacle and that you have a safe journey home.



Emergency Evacuation

In the event of an emergency evacuation we ask all spectators to listen closely to the PA announcements which will direct you to the exits which are to be used. In the first instance you may be asked to enter the playing area via the pitch perimeter gates, where further instructions will be given. Please respond to the announcements and to the requests of the stewards and police officers to ensure safe evacuation of the stadium.

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World Cup Class

Luton boast players of real pedigree

There won't be many sides coming to Edgeley Park this season who can boast a world cup semi-finalist in their side, but Luton Town are likely to lineup this evening with Bontcho Guentchev in their team.

Guentchev, of course, is a Bulgarian international who joined Luton on a free transfer following his release from Ipswich Town, his wife's employment at the Bulgarian Embassy being enough to cut through sufficient red tape to enable him to gain a work permit. He will most probably line-up wide on the left this evening and his ability to beat his full-back and deliver crosses could prove to be an important feature of tonight's game.

IMPRESSIVE

He will attempt to provide the service for Luton's impressive looking front two Tony Thorpe and Kim Grant. Tony burst onto the scene in early 1984 when he scored on his full debut as Luton dumped high flying Newcastle out of the F.A. Cup. He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season following a spell at Leicester but was restricted to just substitute appearances during the early part of his Kenilworth Road career. However, he was particularly impressive last season and was rewarded in the summer when he signed a new contract. Kim Grant is another full international amongst Luton's ranks, having been selected for their Ghanaian national squad during the summer, making appearances against Egypt and Denmark. He signed from Charlton, where he made his debut for current boss Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000 in March 1996 and scored on his debut against Ipswich. His pace and willingness to make unselfish runs are something that County's back four will have to keep a close eye on.

SPRAYS

Luton's finesse in midfield will be provided by

experienced campaigner Gary Waddock who generally sits just about in front of the defence and sprays the ball around the pitch. He completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994 after an initial spell on loan for three months, and his

consistency last season was rewarded when he picked up the players' player of the year trophy.

One player who is no stranger to battle with Stockport County is central defender Steve Davis who joined Luton from our old friends at Turf Moor for £750,000. He skipped the Burnley side during their rise to the heady heights of Division One, and was a consistent performer for the Hatters last season but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

WELSH INTERNATIONAL

Coventry born Graham Alexander was previous manager Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed in the job. The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, and agreed on a fee in the region of £100,000 with further payments related to appearances. Graham can play in defence or midfield and has been appearing wide on the right in recent games, where he has been linking up well with Welsh international Ceri Hughes. Ceri made a promising start to his career but suffered a serious set-back in November 1994 when he was ruled out for nearly a year with knee ligament damage. He made his comeback on the opening day of the 1995/96 campaign and had a reasonable season although he was

blighted once again by injury and suspension. Ceri enjoyed a trial period at Crystal Palace in the summer but decided against the deal.

AMPLE FRAME



Kim Grant



Graham Alexander

Edgeley welcomes Luton Town

Luton Town's goal this evening will be filled by the ample frame of 6'7" keeper Ian Feuer, who signed from West Ham for a fee which could rise to as much as £580,000 depending on appearances. Ian never made an appearance for West Ham and was even kept off the bench by Les Sealey due to restrictions on foreign players. Ian is an American but was actually spotted playing in Belgium, and is another player to have played at Edgeley Park before whilst on loan at Peterborough United, and by the way, Alun Armstrong beat him in a 1-1 draw. Ian is ably assisted by promising young understudy Kelvin Davis.

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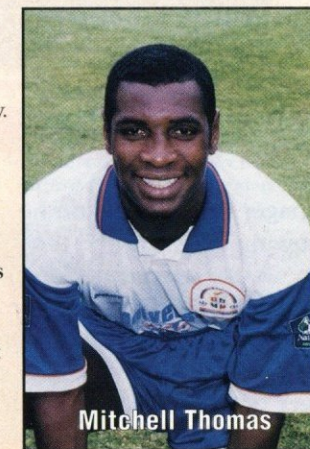
Luton are likely to play experienced full-backs Julian James and Mitchell Thomas at numbers two and three this evening. James joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup tie at Leeds in November of that year. The former England Under-21 international was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back slot his own the following season and has remained there ever since. Mitchell Thomas is now in his second spell at Luton Town having left in 1986 to join Spurs and later West Ham. The versatile defender has

enjoyed top flight success for a number of years including an appearance in the 1987 F.A. Cup final. His experience has helped to bring out the best in Marvin Johnson, who has also come through the ranks at Luton and made his debut at Wimbledon in 1988. He will play alongside Steve Davis in the number six shirt.

QUICK FEET

Summer signing Paul Showler arrived from Bradford City, where he played under current boss Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000. He had previously played the majority of his football in non-league with Barnet and Altrincham, where he gained a reputation for being a clever, tricky player with plenty of pace. In a similar vein, Dwight Marshall is a player with exceptionally quick feet and the ability to score spectacular goals. These are qualities that inspired Luton to shell out £150,000 to Plymouth for his services. He has, however been plagued by injury in recent months. The Luton squad this evening is

completed by experienced defenders Des Linton and Richard Harvey, former City midfielder Dave Oldfield and bustling centre-forward John Taylor who scored here on his last visit for Bradford City in a 2-1 win.



Mitchell Thomas

Luton Town...Recently

In town tonight are the other Hatters, who appear to be gradually coming to terms with life in Division Two. As a team playing in Division One last term, Town were expected to make a winning start to the season, but in many aspects, their form has mirrored County's, with an appalling start being tempered by Coca Cola Cup success and a return to a winning habit.

The opening day of the season saw a home defeat at the hands of Burnley (2-1) and this was followed up by a 3-2 loss at Brentford and a 5-0 thrashing at Bristol City. Their next seven league fixtures have seen 16 points gained with home victories against Rotherham (1-0), Gillingham (2-1), Blackpool

(1-0) and Walsall (3-1) and an away win at Wycombe (1-0), the other point being gained in a 0-0 draw at Gigg Lane, Bury. Their only defeat since their three match pointless start came at the hands of Chesterfield who emerged from Kenilworth Road with a 1-0 victory.

In the Coca Cola Cup, Bristol Rovers were seen off 4-2 on aggregate in the first round, to give Luton a second round clash against Premiership new boys Derby County. A 1-0 first leg home victory proved to be a large enough cushion as Luton dug deep in the second leg to earn a 2-2 draw and an excellent 3-2 aggregate win.

This season's scorers (all competitions):- Thorpe 5, Oldfield 4, Grant 3, Fotiadis, Guentchev, Hughes, James, Showler, Thomas 1.



Soccer's Mr. Houdini

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley. A player with non-league Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United, Lennie's first managerial appointment was at Plymouth where he worked as assistant manager before leaving to take charge of Charlton Athletic in 1982. In 1985/86, Charlton finished runners-up in Division Two, earning them promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. In the following season they were involved in the first promotion/relegation play-offs, overcoming second division Leeds United in extra-time in a dramatic play-off final replay.

During his time at

Charlton he earned the reputation as football's Mr Houdini after continually keeping Charlton up on a shoestring budget.

However, in 1990 he found that he could work his magic no more, and Charlton were relegated. Lennie moved on to Middlesbrough who he guided into the Premiership in his first season in charge. They returned to Division One a year later and Lennie left for Bradford City, however a disappointing spell in charge at Valley Parade culminated in him becoming Luton's 21st manager in their history.



Lenny Lawrence



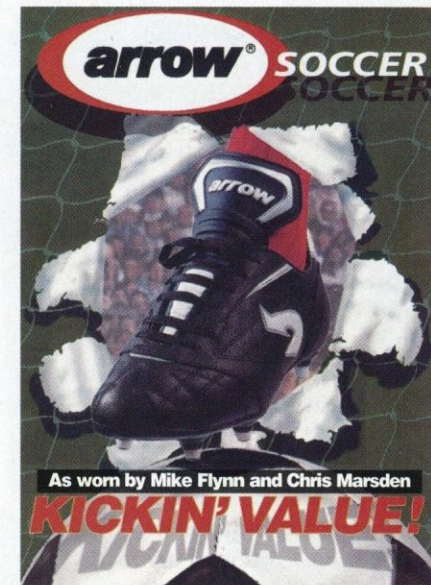
"Hopefully Luton won't fancy Stockport on a Tuesday night"

Skipper Mike Flynn looks forward to tonight's clash

Tonight will be a first for me...if selected. Luton are one of only seven teams I have not played against at any level. I have played on every ground in the four divisions with the exception of seven and Kenilworth Road is one of them. I played on a lot of the Southern grounds during my time at Norwich, and obviously it is nice to have had the pleasure of playing at some of the top stadia in the country - but I would like to have played on ALL of them so - our trip to Luton is one I'm looking forward to. Back at home there has been much talk in the press about our other clubs interest in some of our players and obviously it is a nice situation. That is what the game is all about. It is every player's intention to play at the highest level and we all go out to impress every time we take to the field. At the end of the day we'd rather have people coming to watch us than having no one interested in us at all - but it can affect some of the players - particularly some of the younger ones.

I travel in with Alun Armstrong quite regularly and I try to give him whatever advice I can. I was in the same situation when I was at Oldham. It seemed that every week I was going somewhere but you just have to keep going and keep your head on your game. Mind you, if Alun keeps playing like he is at present and maintains his scoring rate - a move could come sooner rather than later. There is no point worrying about it - these things take care of themselves.

This is the strongest squad I have played with at Edgeley Park. Every player in the reserve side is a professional so the competition is fierce here at the moment. Back to tonight and I must admit that I don't know too much about our visitors. They were one of the pre-season favourites though and are bound to be a strong side. They don't appear to have lost many of their squad from last season so they should have a good deal of quality in the team. I just hope they don't fancy Stockport on a Tuesday night!



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Tom is a real artist!

Since Tom Bennett arrived at Edgeley Park from Wolverhampton Wanderers it has been impossible to ignore his flair and style both on and off the field. Without doubt he is one of the club's most gifted players with a measure of skill that is usually found in the higher divisions but football was not Tom's first choice of career.

The articulate Scotsman is equally happy with a paintbrush and easel - and had he not been so successful in football he could now be featuring in Art Galleries rather than soccer stadia. Tom explained his love for the canvas, "I had dabbled with a paintbrush since I was at school and having achieved a pass in Art at 'O' level standard I had every intention of pursuing a career in the subject via university but football rather took over."

Whilst at Wolves Tom dug out his paintbrush again and he had good reason to as he revealed, "I did a few pictures for the house. Simply because I couldn't afford to buy them. A few of my mates came round and saw them and asked if I could do some for them - and it has really grown from there".

Attributes

Not one to shout about his own ability Tom didn't make his artistic attributes common knowledge in the County dressing room - confiding instead in just two players, namely Chris Beaumont and Neil Edwards. Both showed a great interest so Tom did a portrait of both of them - he revealed, "Chris and Taff gave me a couple of pictures to work from and I produced a portrait of each. Chris was

so impressed he framed his but I reckon Taff might have binned his."

So, does Tom intend to do any more player portraits? "I've just done one of Mutchy and to be honest I'd like to do a portrait of each player and have them framed and mounted - but the lads don't really know that I do this sort of thing. They're probably reading this thinking...what's he talking about?"

Unimpressed

The lads are aware of Tom's ability on the field though and the creative midfielder has been in fine form of late but Tom remains largely unimpressed by his own performances so far. "I've adjusted better than last season. I set my stall out before the season started to make a real impression and I've been a little bit happier so far."

Tom also admitted to being worried by our early season form, saying, "You're dead right I was worried. I don't want to be at a club that loses every week. What made it worse was the fact that we had finished so strongly last season and had done so well in pre-season. I suspect that this made it look worse than

it actually was, but I knew it would turn.

There is just too much quality at the club to let a situation like that continue."

The move from Molineux to Edgeley by the talented sportsman surprised many people in the game but Tom has no regrets. "I knew when I arrived here that this was a club with ambition, so I didn't mind stepping down a division because I know it is only a temporary situation but it does take time to adjust.

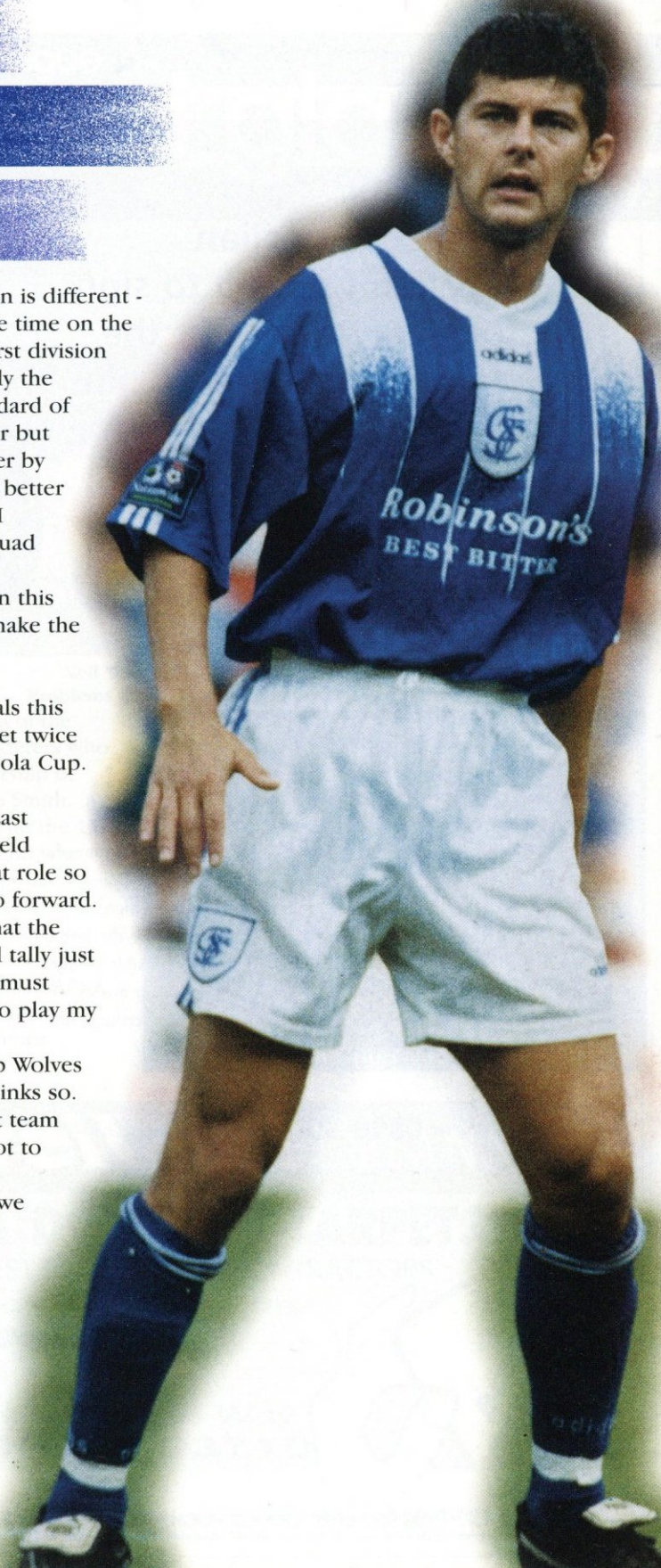


Every division is different - you get more time on the ball in the first division and obviously the general standard of play is higher but you get better by playing with better players and I think this squad has enough experience in this division to make the grade."

Target

Tom is also anxious to score more goals this season and he has already hit the target twice against Sheffield United in the Coca Cola Cup. According to Tom it is all down to his partner in midfield Chris Marsden. "Last season I played a 'sitting' role in midfield but this season Mazza likes to play that role so I have been given more freedom to go forward. It's a confidence thing and it is vital that the midfield contribute to the overall goal tally just as Jeff and Warey did last season. We must share the responsibility and I intend to play my part."

So, can County join Tom's former club Wolves in the First Division - Tom certainly thinks so. "I think we will do it! We have a great team spirit and a quality squad but we've got to believe in ourselves even more. We believe that we are going to win, but we also tend to believe that we are going to concede goals. We have to believe that we are the best team in the division - it's the only way. We must also ensure that we play as 'eleven men' - not as individuals - whatever our level of ability! If we can do all that - then nothing can stop us!"



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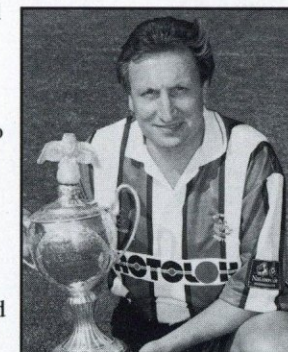
Preston Dig Deep ... Dale

Preston North End's latest addition to their big money squad had a less than successful debut last week. David Reeves joined brother Alan at Deepdale from Carlisle United two weeks ago for £300,000, in the hope his goals would boost the fortunes of North End in their quest to jump straight through two divisions in consecutive years. Sadly for Reeves, his debut a week ago in the Marsden cup final ended in misery as he was carried off injured! Other recent additions to manager Gary Peter's squad have been goalkeeper Bobby Mimms, Mark Rankine from Wolves for £100,000 and of course £350,000 for ex-Rochdale central defender Alan Reeves from Premiership club Wimbledon.

Preston are currently fourth from bottom of the division, one place above Wycombe Wanderers who are currently under the temporary leadership of Neil Smillie following the demise of Alan Smith. A poor start to the season was enough to end the 15 month reign of ex Crystal Palace boss Smith who had the difficult task of replacing the popular Martin O'Neill. Caretaker Smillie struck early success with a first league win in the 4-2 victory over Rotherham two weeks ago and this was swiftly followed by a win over Notts County at Adams Park, courtesy of a Steve McGavin goal. No doubt the caretaker will soon have ambitions of a more

permanent period in charge?

Plymouth's early season promise has faded with the summer sun, as discontent rules at Home Park. Manager Neil Warnock, once such a big buddy of



**Neil Warnock -
Problems at Plymouth**

Chairman Dan McCauley is rumoured to no longer be on speaking terms with his boss, to the extent that when Warnock wanted to improve the contract of Ronnie Mauge and the Chairman refused, the player soon found himself available for transfer. The problem of course is all about money. McCauley has pumped £2.5 million into Argyle and for now that is it. The manager wants more and he cannot have it. Expect fireworks in Devon on any date around now, not just on November 5th!!

Tonight's Second Division fixtures:-

Bournemouth v Plymouth Argyle
Blackpool v Wrexham
Bristol City v Wycombe Wanderers
Crewe Alex v York City
Notts County v Chesterfield
Peterborough v Brentford
Rotherham Utd v Bristol Rovers
Shrewsbury Town v Gillingham
Walsall v Preston North End
Watford v Burnley
Millwall v Bury (Wednesday)

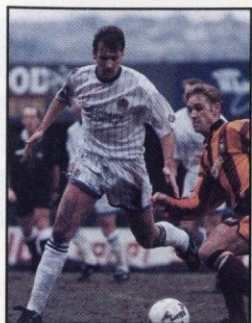
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Lethal Landon...
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Lethal Landon

Reserves & Youths

PONTINS LEAGUE 1996/1997

28 Aug Wed	Mansfield Town Reserves	A	5-4	Hallows 2, Landon 2, Cavaco
4 Sep Wed	Grimsby Town Reserves	H	1-2	Durkan
11 Sep Wed	Carlisle United Reserves	A	1-2	Mike
18 Sep Wed	Bradford City Reserves	A	1-2	Landon
25 Sep Wed	York City Reserves	A	2-3	Dinning (pen), Cavaco
2 Oct Wed	Manchester City Reserves	H		
8 Oct Tue	Rotherham United Reserves	A		
16 Oct Wed	Hull City Reserves	A		
23 Oct Wed	Burnley Reserves	A		
6 Nov Wed	Wrexham Reserves	H		
20 Nov Wed	Barnsley Reserves	H		
27 Nov Mon	Shrewsbury Town Reserves	A		
4 Dec Wed	Manchester City Reserves	H		
11 Dec Wed	Carlisle United Reserves	H		
17 Dec Tue	Grimsby Town Reserves	A		
8 Jan Wed	York City Reserves	H		
5 Feb Wed	Burnley Reserves	H		
19 Feb Wed	Wrexham Reserves	A		
22 Feb Wed	Bradford City Reserves	H		
12 Mar Wed	Barnsley Reserves	A		
19 Mar Wed	Shrewsbury Town Reserves	H		
26 Mar Wed	Hull City Reserves	H		
2 Apr Wed	Mansfield Town Reserves	H		
16 Apr Wed	Rotherham United Reserves	H		
29 Apr Tue	Manchester City Reserves	A		

PONTIN'S LEAGUE AS AT 8/10/96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
YORK CITY	6	5	1	0	16	6	16
GRIMSBY TOWN	7	5	1	1	16	8	16
WREXHAM	6	4	1	1	15	7	13
CARLISLE UNITED	7	4	0	3	14	11	12
BRADFORD CITY	6	4	0	2	12	9	12
MANCHESTER CITY	6	3	1	2	8	8	10
ROTHERHAM UNITED	6	2	2	2	5	4	8
STOCKPORT COUNTY	6	2	0	4	12	14	6
HULL CITY	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
BURNLEY	6	1	3	2	6	7	6
SHREWSBURY TOWN	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
BARNSELY	6	0	2	4	4	10	2
MANCHESTER TOWN	7	0	0	7	8	27	0

Damon Searle...
centre half role
at Rotherham

The reserve match with Hull City has been reversed and County will travel to Boothferry Park tomorrow night 16th October. Hull will now visit Edgeley Park on the 26th March 1997. Last Tuesday (8th October) County were at Rotherham and the kick off was delayed until 7.15 as County did not arrive at Mill Moor until 6.55. The journey took two and a half hours due to the motorway being blocked following an accident.

County fielded two trialists Simon Knight from Brigg Town who replaced Andy Mutch and Gaberil Nguidjol from the Cameroon replacing Adie Mike who is currently on a month's loan with Hartlepool.

Youth Development officer Joe Jakub played at fullback replacing the injured Lea Jones with Damon Searle switching to centre half.

County started with Simon Knight putting Luis Cavaco through and his shot went past the post. Knight and Cavaco combined again and this time Simon Sheppard pushed Cavaco's shot round the post for a corner.

Marcus Hallows broke down the right and his cross was

intercepted by Andy Roscoe who put the ball out for a corner. Richard Landon forced a one handed save from Simon Sheppard with a header from a Paul Ware cross. Rotherham had a chance when ex County player Martin James found Lee Glover with a cross and he shot across the face of the goal! Danny Hudson brought down Marcus Hallows forty yards out and from the free kick County took the lead. Paul Ware hit the ball to the far post and Richard Landon hit the ball into the net past Simon Sheppard after 20 minutes.

Rotherham responded with Martin James breaking down the right and his cross to Aly Dia was layed back to Lee Glover whose shot was pushed out by Neil Edwards to Steve Slawson his effort was cleared off the line by Tony Dinning.

Paul Ware and Simon Knight combined to set up Marcus Hallows and his shot was pushed round the post for a corner by Simon Sheppard. Aly Dia ran through the middle and he laid the ball off to Darren Garner who shot just over the bar. A poor back pass let in Aly Dia and his point blank shot cannoned off Neil Edwards for a

PONTINS LEAGUE APPEARANCES TO 9th OCTOBER 1996

	A	S	G
B. ANGELL	2		
G. ANSELL	1	1	
D. BAKER	0	1	
P. BARROW	2	2	
M. BOUND	1		
L. CAVACO	5		2
T. DINNING	6		1
K. DURKAN	2		1
N. EDWARDS	6		
M. HALLOWS	5	1	2
J. JAKUB	1		
L. JONES	5		
P. JONES	6		
D. KILDUFF	0	1	
S. KNIGHT	1		
R. LANDON	6		5
G. LEWIS	0	2	
A. MIKE	4	1	1
A. MUTCH	1		
D. SEARLE	3		
L. TODD	2		
F. VAUGHAN	2		
P. WARE	4		
D. YONGO	0	2	

corner.

Dean Fearon and Darren Garner combined to set up Aly Dia and his shot hit the post and bounced to safety. Richard Landon saw Simon Sheppard and his 40 yards chip just went over the bar. A Simon Knight cross went across the face of the goal which evaded both Marcus Hallows and Richard Landon and County went into the interval with a 1-0 lead.

The second half started with Simon Sheppard dropping a thirty yard shot from Marcus Hallows. Joe Jakub and Simon Knight combined to send Paul Jones down the right and Andy Roscoe headed his cross out for a corner at the near post. Joe Jakub slipped letting in Aly Dia which resulted in which resulted in Neil Edwards making a good tackle outside his area to prevent an equaliser. Rotherham equalised after fifty three minutes when a Martin Jones cross was headed into his goal by Tony Dinning over Neil Edwards head whilst under pressure from Aly Dia. Steve Slawson crossed from the left and Neil Edwards saved Aly Dia's header. Martin Jones threatened down the left and Paul Jones cleared for a corner. Paul Jones sent Paul Ware through and his thirty yard shot was saved by a diving Simon Sheppard.

Martin James ran in from the right and his shot went past the post. A low shot from Luis Cavaco was saved at the foot of the post by Simon Sheppard. After 71 minutes Rotherham brought on Paul Dillon in place of Mark Monington whilst County made a double substitution with Paul Barrow and Gary Ansell replacing Simon Knight and Gaberil Nguidjol. Paul Barrow ran in from the left and his shot was saved by Simon Sheppard.

A Tony Dinning free kick found Richard

Landon with his back to goal and he shot on the turn which saw Simon Sheppard tip over the bar. Joe Jakub took a free kick which found Marcus Hallows and his shot deflected off Michael Gonzaque for a corner. From the corner taken by Paul Ware, Damon Searle's header went just over the bar. Tony Dinning tried a forty yard shot which forced a diving save from Sheppard. Rotherham made their second substitution after 87 minutes with Robert Pell replacing Aly Dia. Two minutes later County got the winner when a cross from the right from Luis Cavaco was flicked on by Marcus Hallows whilst being challenged by Andy Roscoe to Richard Landon to shoot home from ten yards. Marcus Hallows limped off to be replaced by Gary Lewis and the game finished 2-1 in County's favour for their second win of the season.

TEAMS:

ROTHERHAM:- Sheppard, Fearon, Roscoe, Garner, Gonzaque, Monington (Sub Dillon), James, Hudson, Dia (Sub Pell), Glover, Slawson. Sub not used: McKenzie.

COUNTY:- Edwards, P. Jones, Jakub, Ware, Dinning, Searle, Cavaco, Knight (Sub Ansell), Landon, Hallows (Sub Barrow), Nguidjol (Sub Barrow).

The "A" team went to Everton B on the 5th October and lost 3-1. County took a first half lead through Franny Vaughan but second half goals secured the win for Everton.

Team: Fish, Taylor, Barrow, Vaughan, P. Jones, Ansell, Shearer (sub Foster), Carden, Wilbraham, Jakub, Lewis (sub Baker).

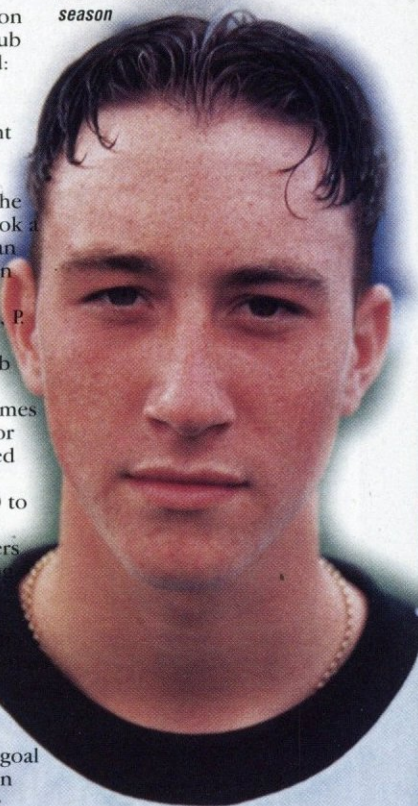
This week's YT is Gary Lewis who comes from Walkden. Gary played his junior football with Barr Hill and also played for Salford schoolboys. Gary was at

Manchester United from 10 to 14 and was on schoolboy forms with Bolton Wanderers from 14 to 16 before signing YT forms for County in the summer of 1995. Gary is a winger who plays on the right hand side. Gary broke into reserves at the end of last season making 4 full appearances with three as substitute and scoring one goal against Lincoln. This season he has made two substitute appearances against Grimsby and Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE UPTO 2/10/96

	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
	APP	SUB	GOALS	APP	SUB	GOALS	APP	SUB	GOALS
G. ANSELL	7			2			9		
A. BAKER	3	2			1		3	3	
P. BARROW	5	1		2			7	2	
S. CARDEN	7	1	3	2			9	1	3
J. CROSS	5	2	1	2			7	2	1
D. FISH	6			2			8		
J. FLOOD	1	3	1		1		1	4	1
L. FOSTER	3	2	1		1		3	4	
R. GREEN	3			0	1		3	1	
A. GRIFFIN	1						1		
M. GUNN	2						2		
M. HALLOWS	1	1					1	1	
R. HARE	4	1		2			6	1	
J. JAKUB	4	1	1				4	1	1
P. JONES	2						2		
D. KILDUFF	3			2			5		
G. LEWIS	8			2			10		
L. SHEARER	5	1		2			7	1	
G. TAYLOR	4	1		2			6	1	
F. VAUGHAN	7	1	1	2			9	1	
A. WILBRAHAM	2						2		
R. WILLIAMS	2						2		
D. YONGO	3						3		

Gary Lewis... broke
into reserves last
season



gladys all over



the bills. I enjoyed it too Chuck!

DEAR GLADYS,

Heartiest congratulations to Kieron Durkan for putting his early season bad form behind him and silencing the Edgeley Park critics with some brilliant performances. In the last half a dozen games he has been one of our best players and created chances and goals in abundance. Let's hope he can keep up the good work.

Yours Sincerely

Derek Smith, Cheadle Hulme.

GLADYS:- *Kieron's one of my favourites too, he could buy me a port and lemon anytime.*

DEAR GLADYS,

Wasn't it nice to see Joe Jakub jumping about in celebration when Brett Angell notched at Burnley last week to make it 2-1. I was a bit sceptical of having such a Turf Moor stalwart on the books at County, but it was obvious that Joe was right behind County's cause and wanted nothing more than to put one over his old club. Yours Sincerely

Ben Higginbottom

GLADYS:- *Joe is a true professional who wants County to succeed as much as anybody. He's got lovely eyes too.*

DEAR GLADYS,

I'd just like to write in and compliment the club on the excellent initiative it has shown by inviting a number of schoolchildren to the games free of charge. I'm fully aware that this practice has been in place for quite some time now although I believe that the club have extended the boundaries outside Stockport and now offer tickets to children in surrounding areas. This is a splendid move by the club and all it will take is a little success on the field for it to pay dividends. Well done to the Board of Directors for the initiative they've shown.

Yours Sincerely

Mary Waterhouse, Bredbury.

GLADYS:- *Ooh - you'll get a seat in the box writing letters like that, I'll even get you a babydam with a pint of bitter chaser if I see you in the Brinny Inn.*

DEAR GLADYS,

It's not very often that I take the trouble to write to clubs other than the one I support, but following the hiding the Blades have just suffered at your hands I feel inclined to drop you a line of congratulation. Not for a long time have I seen Sheffield United totally outplayed in a game of football. Granted we played very badly, but rather than slight my team for this I would like to offer Stockport the credit they deserve for not allowing us to play.

I must admit that I was surprised to learn that Stockport were not performing very well in terms of league status, but surely if you can keep that sort of form going we could well see you at the Lane in a league game next season.

Yours Sincerely

Arthur Rowley

Nether Green, Sheffield

GLADYS:- *Thanks Arthur - A smashing letter from over*

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non-league round-up the pyramid

Chorley Champs or chumps?

The critics were out in force a few weeks ago forecasting that Dave Sutton could be on the way out at Chorley. They had made a bad start after spending a small fortune on players. This ambitious club looked to have the perfect recipe for the parting parting of the ways.

Then suddenly it all changed. Chorley have got onto a winning streak and now the directors resistance in not doing the inevitable looks to be paying off. Managers at all levels need time and directors are to applauded when they don't hit the panic button.

One team in the Unibond who are struggling is relegated Runcorn. They finished bottom of the Conference last season and having avoided a drop into the southern Beazer Homes League are having a really bad time at the moment. Derek Brownbill is the manager who joined the club in the close season after successful stints at Warrington Town and Curzon Ashton. Let's hope he is given time too.

Yeovil dropped out of the Conference a couple of seasons ago and currently top the ICIS League but their crowds are really remarkable. Over 2,000 per game, they deserve to be back in the Conference. They moved a few years ago from their famous sloping pitch into a brand new stadium and with ex Spurs player Graham Roberts in charge, look set

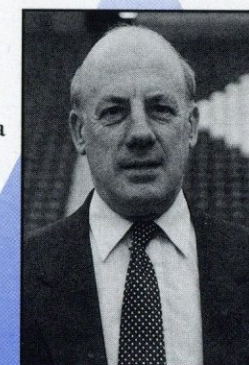
for a return to better things.

We keep bringing Bacup Boro of the North West Counties League into these notes and whilst the club have only marginally improved upon last season, chairman Bill Heywood must certainly be credited with 'quote of the week' or even season. Bill like's to remain active at the club he has graced for many a year and said last week, "I still act as one of the ball boys here," Bill, by the way is 82!

Local Conference club Altrincham appear to be on the 'up' after a few years in the doldrums. The side who usually do well in the F.A. Cup are hoping to make Football League status in the next couple of years and manager Johnny King is just the person to do it. However, it is off the field where they are currently scoring. Having built an impressive new stand which should help

them to get League approval, their commercial side is really going through the roof. As well as having a very successful weekly lottery they are now on target for selling an amazing 200 advertising boards around their ground, Chairman Gerry Berman says, "that's more than any other non-league ground in the country."

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by Chris Davies



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The World Cup is the biggest football competition in the world. As a sporting event the Finals are as big as they come. Suddenly people who normally have no interest in football, and would never think of going to a game, start talking about it. The qualifying rounds of the competition takes the best part of two years to complete and do not command the same attention.

Last week's match between Estonia and Scotland must rank as one of the strangest in the competition's history. FIFA brought forward the kick off time on the day of the match. Only the Scots turned up at the new kick off time. It looks like the Scots will be awarded the match. The Estonians turned up at the original time and of course had nobody to play. It's the kind of thing you would expect to find in Sunday football but we are actually talking about the most important sporting competition in the World here.

Until the mid 1980s the standard of European football was relatively level. There were a few sides who were always whipping boys e.g. Luxembourg, Cyprus and Malta. Then there seemed to be an influx of teams like San Marino and the Faroe Islands. With the break up of Eastern Europe, and the formation of a number of new Republics, the qualifying rounds now feature Moldova, Belarus and Armenia. I am glad that I don't follow the Tartan Army abroad as I have no idea where many of these countries are, let alone how to get there.

The increase in the number of sides in the European qualifying groups means that all the sides are playing more games now. There is too much international football being played now. Instead of groups of four teams, we now commonly have groups with six sides. This means that there will be at least ten weekends that have to be kept free

because of players being on international duty. I am all in favour of these countries having their own national teams. Why not have pre-qualifying groups for them with the winners getting into the existing groups? The teams who finished bottom of their groups would then have to go through pre-qualifying

the next time. It would avoid the meaningless international fixtures

that are cluttering up the footballing calendar. If FIFA are going to allow these new countries into the World Cup then they should ensure that the facilities are up to scratch. There is nothing wrong with not having floodlights, the Irish have only recently got them at Lansdowne Road. If games are going to be played under floodlights then all you need to do is set minimum standards for them: brightness, height, angle and distance from the pitch would seem to be the obvious ones.

Which brings me on to that match between Estonia and Scotland. The Scots were unhappy about the floodlights in the Kadrioru Stadium. The lights were generally considered to be bright enough although some areas of the pitch were dark. The main concern was that some of the lights were at a very low level which would dazzle the players. FIFA made their final decision on the morning of the match. The Estonians took the hump and did not even attempt to turn up at the rearranged kick off time.

The controversial views of Sandy McGregor

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Tuesday
October 22nd 1996
Coca Cola Cup 3rd Round
Blackburn Rovers v
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Kick off 7.45pm

Pontins League Division Three
Wednesday 6th
November 1996
Stockport County Res
v Barnsley Res
Kick off 6.45 pm

Wednesday
October 16th
Stockport County (res.) v
Hull City (res.)
Pontins League Division Three
Kick Off 6.45pm

Saturday
October 26th 1996
Nationwide League
Division Two
Walsall v Stockport County
Kick off 3.00pm

Saturday October 19th
Wycombe Wanderers v
Stockport County
Nationwide League
Division Two
Kick Off 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two
Saturday November 2nd 1996
Stockport County
v Bristol City
Kick off 3.00pm

Tuesday 29th October 1996
Nationwide League
Division Two
Stockport County v Chesterfield
Kick off 7.30pm

Tuesday
October 15th
Nationwide League
Division Two
Stockport County v
Luton Town
Kick Off 7.30pm

Wednesday October 23rd 1996
Pontins League Division Three
Burnley Reserves v
Stockport County
Reserves
Kick off 6.45pm

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FIXTURE CHANGE

Unfortunately, our reserve team fixture that was due to take place on Wednesday October 2nd 1996, with Manchester City had had to be postponed. It has been provisionally rearranged for December 4th although this is yet to be confirmed.

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WHAT A LET DOWN

no mans game

COUNTY LADIES

As I am writing these notes before Saturday's game against Preston I obviously don't know the result but hope that the problems which were evident at Burnley have been rectified and the lads are back to their winning ways. Another good win tonight against Luton, who I personally cannot remember seeing at EP before, will do us nicely thank you.

Whilst attending an independent supporters club meeting the other night and listening to the discussions it occurred to me that the supporters club had a very male bias. There is a definite lack of female representation. Many of the decisions made and projects instigated are very male oriented.

I do feel that we ladies tend to experience completely different problems, etc. in trying to support the club home and away. We also have different requirements to ensure our enjoyment of the game, especially those of us with families. These issues range from facilities at grounds, travel arrangements, problems regarding time and social expectancies re families.

Would it therefore be a good idea for us ladies to unite and form our own branch of the supporters club where we could discuss ideas and issues particularly pertaining to ourselves. Hopefully we would get the backing of the club on this and we could provide them with some input as to how the 'football experience' could be made more pleasant for us, and how more ladies/families might be attracted to support County. This need not preclude membership of other, mixed branches, but might just give us a more recognised forum for our views.

Apart from anything else I'm sure we would make a better job of running such an organisation. After all we do tend to be more organised and pragmatic. What do you think ladies? If anyone thinks the idea is worth pursuing please let me know.

Thanks to Claire for her letter this week nominating Tom Bennett as her 'fave' player. He has been in excellent form in recent games - sexy voice and all.

Dear Jacci,

I would like to nominate Tom Bennett as my favourite fella. Not only is he the best looking fella in the team, he is also the best player. He has the most sexiest Scottish accent and a cute boyish grin!

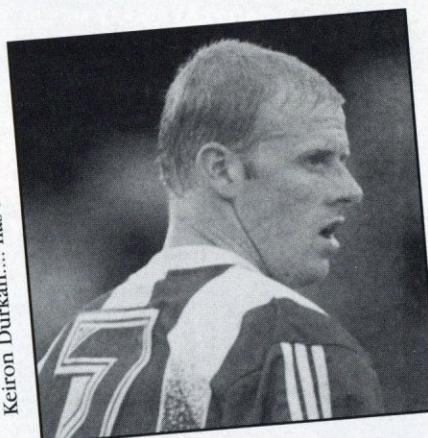
Love from
Claire

Dear Jacci,

My favourite is Keiron Durkan. His legs are unbelievable and I like the shy looks he gives. I'd like to find out how shy he really is.

Emma

Keiron Durkan... has his admirers



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I think Alun Armstrong's haircut is top. I want mine the same but my Dad won't let me bleach it.

Marcus Smith (age 11)

My Mum took me to my first match against a team called Wrexham. It wasn't very good but I went again against Gillingham and we won - it was great.

Helen Duncalf

I want to be the mascot for County because I want to play on the pitch with the team - can I please?

Dennis Phillips (age 6)

Why can't County sign Ryan Giggs - then we would win the league and play City.

Adrian Rickman (age 8)

I play for my school team but not every week because I'm not the best player but I did score a goal and I ran around like Alun Armstrong. Michael Dinneley
STAR LETTER wins a pen set. Michael Dinneley

Please, please, please, can you get me all the players autographs, especially Lee Todds because he's the best.

Stuart Mallorely (age 10)

When County came to my school they told us not to smoke or drink or take drugs. My Dad smokes but he doesn't want to really. I won a keyring in the competition. Thankyou.

Simon Gregson (age 10)

I think County can win City if we play them because they are rubbish and we've got better players. My Dad supports United and he says City are rubbish too.

Alexander Simpson (age 9)

When we go to games we sit in the Vernon Stand and shout but sometimes I go in the Cheadle Stand with my friend's Dad and he shouts as well.

Matthew Dunston (age 8)

I think Neil Edwards is gorgeous and so does my best friend Kate. Even my Mum likes him which makes my Dad laugh - but he likes him as well.

Jodie Cormach (age 11)

The new County kits are cool, I've got the blue one and I am getting the away one for my birthday - if I'm good.

Andrew Hopwood (age 8)

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Piece of joy for Joe

Football has always been known for its ups and downs and it would come as no surprise to any of the supporters that during our early season falter pleasurable moments were few and far between during that time. But one such happy moment did occur however, and I would like to share with you the heartwarming story of how a simple pleasure can brighten up the day of one beleaguered club official.

The man in question is Joe Jakub the much-loved and well-respected youth development officer, who as many of you will know originates from where all those heathens in "Braveheart" hail, Scotland. That makes him Scotch.

Those unacquainted with Joe would assume that nothing short of a six-figure lottery win or a run of league wins resulting in automatic promotion would be sufficient to bring a smile to his recent forlorn countenance. (Well either that or the offer of a game of "Twister" with the entire rank of the Dagenham Girl Pipers). But no - little Joe's happiness springs from far and away humbler origins. I will explain - Joe, possessing that in bred characteristic which endears him and his fellow country men to other inhabitants of the British Isles is incapable of passing the public phone box outside the medical room (or possibly any other public phone box for that matter) without checking the reject coin box for any stray returns. He did struggle bravely against this obsession for a while but gave up on medical advice after developing a nervous twitch and a nasty rash.

For weeks his optimism and tenacity went unrewarded until finally one morning this week a blood chilling howl echoed round the empty stands at Edgeley Park disturbing the cloistered calm. Wondering if urgent medical assistance might be required, I shot from the murky depths of the medical room to find Joe dancing merrily about the corridor what looked to be a particularly pathetic rendition of a highland fling and yelping to everyone that happiness was definitely an occupied coin return slot.

So happy was Joe with his discovery that no-one who witnessed this emotional scene had the heart to point out that the coin, with which he now intends to form a long and meaningful relationship was in fact a ten escudo piece. I know about these things because I have quite a few left over from my time playing in Portugal. (By the way, have I told you about my glory days as

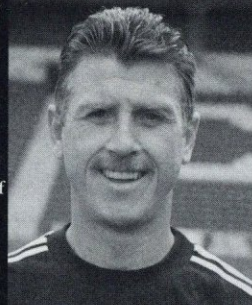
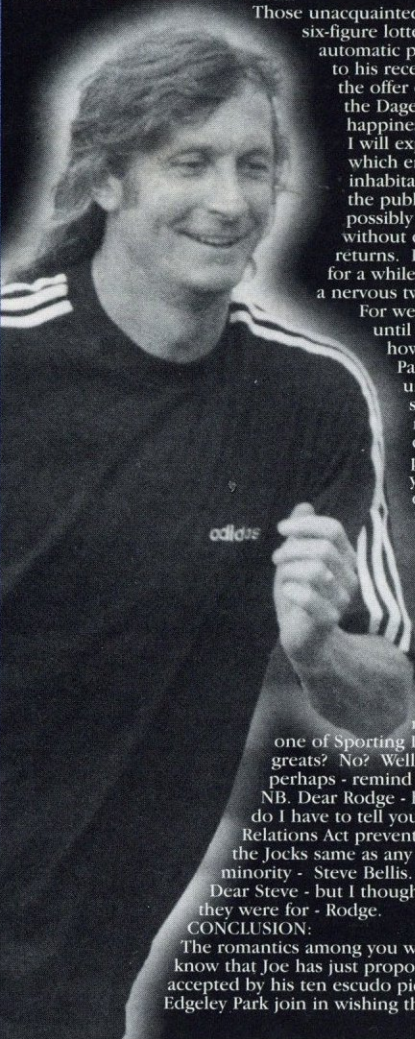
one of Sporting Lisbon's all-time greats? No? Well another time perhaps - remind me.)

NB. Dear Rodge - how many times do I have to tell you that the Race Relations Act prevents any slagging off the Jocks same as any other ethnic minority - Steve Bellis.

Dear Steve - but I thought that's what they were for - Rodge.

CONCLUSION:

The romantics among you will be pleased to know that Joe has just proposed to and been accepted by his ten escudo piece. All at Edgeley Park join in wishing them both a long and happy future together.



Happy chappy Joe Jakub

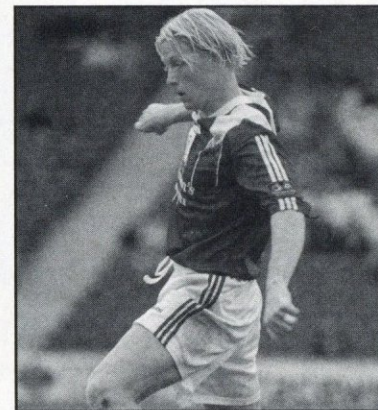
away match

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

MILLWALL 3 COUNTY 4

Rogan (2) Durkan
Hartley Armstrong (2)
Gannon

Following several unsuccessful attempts to park the car and after encountering numerous one-way systems, we eventually found a parking spot about a half mile away from the New Den. The game had just kicked off so with Darrell Shepherd in tow it was obvious we would miss a good deal of the action. With a turn of pace that Ian Helliwell would be proud of we dashed towards the ground and only missed the first ten minutes. Sheps pleas to be admitted at a reduced rate fell on deaf ears, so full price was paid for 80 minutes of excitement and in we went. We spotted a couple of mates in the crowd and were told that County were well on top and had already gone close to scoring through Marsden and Angell. This was how it went for the majority of



Alun...Last gasp winner!

the game with County pulling the strings and Millwall, previously unbeaten at home, unable to get into the game.

County took a deserved lead in the 24th minute, a Brett Angell cross to the far post took out the Millwall defence and left their 'keeper stranded. Kieron Durkan had timed his run well and he stole in unmarked to hit a half volley into the net. County appeared to have the game well under control and I had the feeling that this could be another Sheffield United. However, only five minutes later Millwall were back in the game. A harmless looking cross, only half cleared by Angell, fell to Rogan and from around 25 yards he struck the ball first time. His shot possibly took a deflection on its way to the back of the net, if it didn't, it was a tremendous effort.

Despite creating several more chances in the first half, County had to wait until the 51st minute before taking the lead again. Angell was involved once more, a quality piece of control and a fine pass found Marsden's well timed run just outside the Millwall area. Another super cross again took out the home defence and allowed Alun Armstrong to power in an unstoppable header from six yards. It was a lovely goal. Less than two minutes later County increased their lead. A County corner was partially cleared but fell to another Millwall defender who should really have completed the job.

However, Tom Bennett caught him napping, dispossessed him and got in a shot that the 'keeper could only parry. Angell missed the rebound but, just as I thought the chance had gone, in rushed

Jim Gannon to fire the ball home.

That should really have been the game over but as we all know only too well, County just insist on giving value for money. There followed a period of the game when the County defence appeared to be having a Kit-Kat and Millwall were again allowed to draw level. Rogan was again on target and substitute Hartley also found the back of the net with a free header.

In the final few minutes the game could have gone either way. A Millwall cross to the far post was almost met by Hockton, thankfully his attempt to slide the ball into the net just failed. Then County were on the attack again. Millwall attempted to clear the ball but Connelly made a great challenge and the ball fell kindly for Bennett. He beat his marker on the edge of the box and Armstrong stood unmarked at the near post. All that was required was a decent cross and a cool finish to grab the three points. The pair of them provided just this and the points were in the bag.

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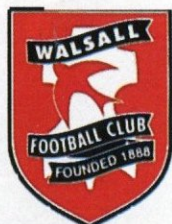
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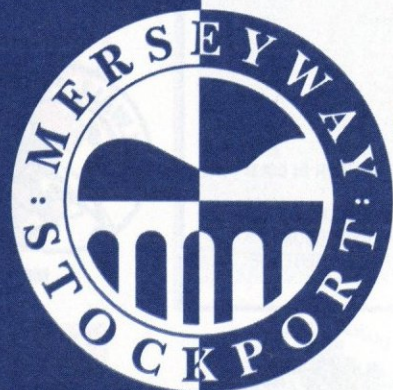


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I spent a long time at Port Vale - a club with a long history and good support. I got to know quite a lot about Stockport because I played against them many times and of course I was part of the squad that

defeated the club in the play-off final at Wembley.

To be honest, I didn't think Stockport were a footballing team then. They always had the big men up front in Francis and Preece and the style was geared to them - but the club were forced to sell the goalscoring duo, as is the nature of smaller clubs, and in a funny sort of way the team have now benefited.

I was surprised when I came here on my initial trial period at how much the style had changed. The manager is trying to educate the players and to some extent the supporters, that success can be achieved by playing football - the type of football that suits the purists. We cannot compete with the big clubs who can afford to buy the likes of Francis and Preece - but by working together we can achieve our aims.

We made a poor start this season but to be fair we didn't exactly get the rub of the green either. The Wrexham game was the final straw, we couldn't even string two passes together but we had a meeting, sorted that out and went on to win six on the trot. Even against Burnley, as daft as it sounds, we were probably the better side on the day - but they scored five from seven chances which is incredible.

Tonight we face another tough encounter against Luton Town who will be a strong side having just come down from the First Division. Mind you, we thought Millwall would cause us problems but we produced probably our best all round performances so far - playing our best football of the season. We need exactly the same sort of showing tonight."

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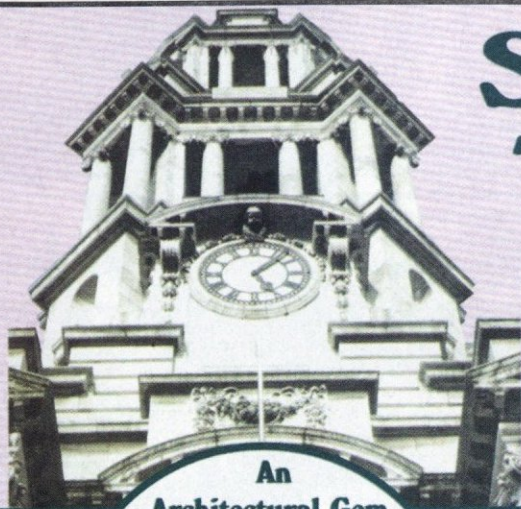
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On 7 July, 1908, the building was dedicated for public use by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The entrance hall is richly decorated with Italian marble; a double staircase of marble leads to the main floor above. Visitors are often asked if they can see the 'devil's head' - a freak arrangement of natural veins in the stone.

Within the town hall are several stained glass windows in remembrance of notable characters from the borough's history.

Directly under the clock tower is the Mayoral Suite. A 60-foot corridor leads to the Ballroom, or Large Hall. Three oak panelled rooms with decorative plasterwork ceilings face the Council Chamber. The Chamber seats are arranged in the shape of a horseshoe, facing the Mayoral dais which also has seats for the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive. Beautiful carvings, in the style of Grinling Gibbons, embellish the oak panels of the Members' benches.

The Ballroom, described as 'magnificent' by Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman, can accommodate over 700 seated for concerts or meetings, and function rooms are available for public and private hire.

During the First World War the Hall was used as a hospital; in the Second World War it accommodated refugees from the Channel Islands. The hall may be hired for a wide range of public and private events and is the venue for popular mid-week Tea Dances.

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Neighbours

Last week saw a number of games with kick-off times disrupted for various reasons. Tuesday saw the England v Poland U21 match delayed by over two hours at Molineux when a suspicious pack of sandwiches were found in a bin. Eventually the game started at 10pm and continued until almost midnight. Sadly those loyal few who hung around in the rain waiting for the start (they are called parents in this case) only saw a goalless draw for their pains.

The following day heralded the shortest game in history when Scotland overcame Estonia in all of three seconds before the game was abandoned. The Estonians were unhappy that the kick-off had been brought forward to an afternoon from that evening as the floodlights were deemed inadequate. At 3pm out trooped the Scots, who thankfully won the toss, and duly kicked off. The referee was a right spoilsport and called a halt after all of three seconds, thus denying any glory to the Scotland forward who was poised to walk the ball into an empty net. On second thoughts, the ref probably did the Scots a favour - with their scoring record, they would probably have missed anyway!

The disease almost spread to Oldham Athletic that evening, when their Pontins League game with Nottingham Forest at Boundary Park eventually began a quarter of an hour late at 7.15pm. The problem was that Forest thought the Latics were playing reserve games at Stalybridge Celtic and duly turned up at Bower Fold for a pre-match training session. Only when Telford United also turned up for their Spalding Cup game with Celtic, did Forest think anything was amiss. They quickly discovered that Oldham were not using Bower Fold until November, so it was a case of onto the bus and up to Boundary Park sharpish!

Oldham's first team had cause for celebration ten days ago when a first league victory finally arrived in the shape of a 3-0 home win over a Port Vale side fresh from victory at Loftus Road in their previous game. Goals from Ian Ormondroyd, with two, and another from Nicky Banger, all by half time secured what turned out to be an easy win. Oldham now have six points and remain at the foot of the table, but at least they have got some momentum into their league campaign.

The other Athletic, from Wigan, maintained their fine start to the season with a Graham Jones goal enough to take all three points from troubled Brighton at Springfield Park. Brighton sank to the bottom of the league with this result, on a day when an away fixture 200 miles from home took them right to the home of Chairman Bill Archer, who lives near Blackburn. So it was a case of pre-match demonstration at his home, in the presence of 200 police, then off to the match to see the team sink to an all time low. Not a nice way to spend your Saturday!

The midweek fixtures:-

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Rail Travel:

The closest railway station to Ewood Park is Blackburn station which is approximately 1.6 miles from the ground. Right outside the railway station is a bus station which offers numbers 2,3,4 and 346 to Ewood Park. Alternatively, a taxi will set you back £2.00. Please check with British Rail for train times.

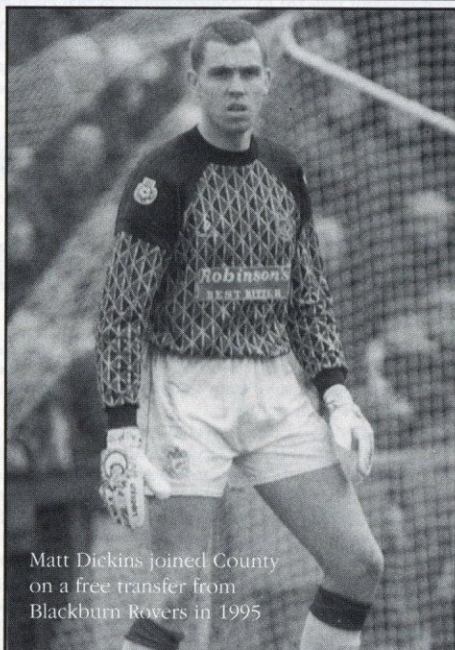
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Programme:

Blackburn's programme costs £1.50 this season and contains some excellent colour action shots and design. As is the case with most

Premiership teams, they have an in-depth article on the visiting team, but whether they'll know as much about Stockport County as they do the likes of Manchester United remains to be seen. There are sellers both inside and outside the ground.



Matt Dickinson joined County on a free transfer from Blackburn Rovers in 1995

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Follow the M63 and join the M61. Exit the M61 at junction 8 and join the A674. Follow signs to Blackburn, staying on the A674 through open countryside to a roundabout by the Houghton Arms. Carry straight on (sign-posted Blackburn A674) and after 0.7 miles, turn right at the T junction. After 0.8 miles turn right at the mini-roundabout into Livesey Branch Road. After 2.5 miles this road leads to Ewood Park.

Match Preview:

County couldn't really have wished for a better tie following their demolition of Sheffield United in the last round - a Premiership team who can provide both substantial gate receipts plus the opportunity of an upset. As we all know, when County play on top of their game, they can compete with just about any team in the land on a one off basis. They will no doubt travel to Ewood Park full of confidence after the last round and don't be surprised to see them come away with a result. Prediction:- Blackburn 2 County 2.



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It must rate as one of the best feelings in the world when your team has scored. The crowd cheers and everyone leaps up out of their seat shouting and the players jump all over one another! Not the same when you're losing. It's the pits when your team concedes a goal. It feels like an uphill struggle, just to get a draw out of it. For some people, that feeling just doesn't go away at the end of the match. It stays with them all day, all week, maybe all the time. Everyone feels down from time to time. Sometimes there is an obvious reason for this - maybe the end of a relationship, unemployment, or the death of someone close. At other times there doesn't seem to be any reason. Most people find that feelings of unhappiness fade after a while, but some people become so miserable that, to them, life doesn't seem worth living. At that point they are said to be suffering from 'depression'. It's more common than you may think! At any one time, about 5% of people in the community suffer from clinical depression. That adds up to 15,000 people in Stockport.

If your mood has been low recently and you have lost interest in things, are more tired than usual and find it difficult to sleep or to concentrate, you may just be in need of a good rest or cheering up. But if it is getting worse, not better, and you have lost confidence in yourself or feeling guilty about things or have lost your appetite, then perhaps the time has come to take action and get some help.

Mental health is as important as physical health and just as you can become fitter physically, so you can become healthier mentally and emotionally. You don't have to wait until you're depressed to start in training! Mental health affects everyone and we can all take positive steps to improve our own mental well-being and that of others. This was the message of World Mental Health Day on October 10th, something you can do all year round. Activities which many people find helpful to make them feel better include

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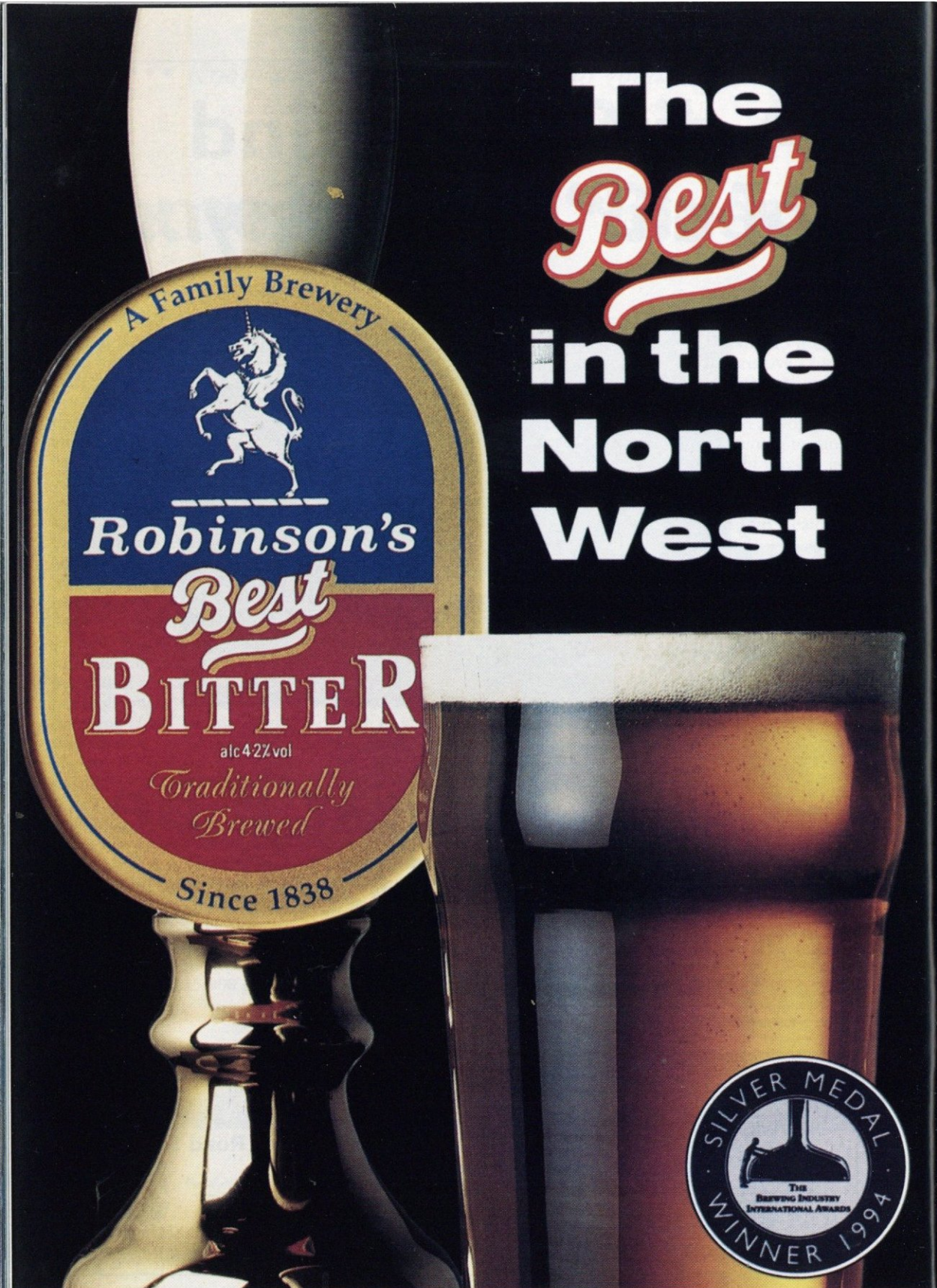


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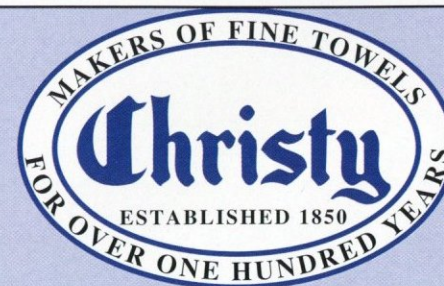


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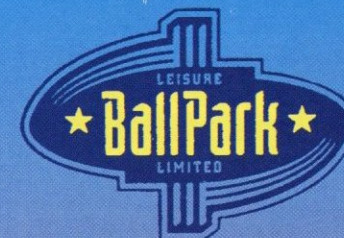
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Prior to last week's football internationals, Italy were poised to field their very first black footballer, but Foggia defender Dayo Joseph Oshadogan, who has a Nigerian father and an Italian mother, believes that his country is not yet a truly multi-racial society. When he was called up for the U-21 team by coach Cesare Maldini, he made front page headlines which also highlighted the precedent set by Miguel Montuori, a mixed race Argentinian who played for Italy A in the mid 1950's.

Last month, Denny Mendez, a black, 18 year-old, born in the Dominican Republic was voted Miss Italy, amid complaints from contest officials that she was "unrepresentative of Italian beauty".

Oshadogan was moved to say "Even though Italy wants to be perceived as a modern nation, our people are not yet used to being in a multi-racial country, like the United States, for example. In other sports Carlton Myers (basketball), Fiona May (athletics) and Patrizio Kalambay (boxing) have all represented Italy. But the average Italian, without

him being a racist, is not used to seeing a coloured person in a national team, and especially not the football team."

Italy presently appear to be where England were about 25 years ago - back in the dark ages - but they'll pull through and be better for the experience.

The long arm of the law in Laos: when a football team from Thailand played in neighbouring Laos, the hosts fielded a number of policemen, who were driven to exercise their powers when their team fell behind. Just before their humiliation on the pitch was complete, they apprehended six of the visiting Thais and arrested them for being illegal immigrants, they were held in custody until they paid a fine of £40.

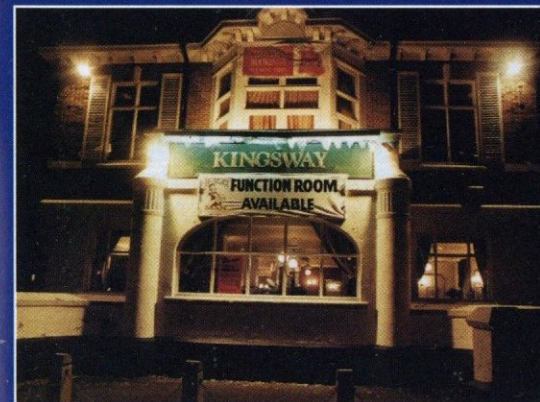
Winning the Australian rules football championship was even sweeter for Corey McKernan than it was for his North Melbourne team-mates. The tall and talented ruckman raised himself after a mediocre first half to inspire the Kangaroos in leaps and bounds as the match progressed.

It might have been a double

celebration for McKernan, however. Earlier in the week the count was held for the Brownlow Medal (Arthur?), the highest individual honour in the game, awarded to the season's "best and fairest" player in the AFL with votes cast by the umpires.

The prize was shared by James Hird and Michael Voss and a third medal might well have been cast for McKernan. He received the same number of votes as the winners but due to a minor charge laid by one umpire during the season, of which he was found guilty, he was ineligible. Fair's fair you could say.

Tongan Olympic boxing finalist Paea Wolfgramm, 26, says he has turned professional and his first flight is scheduled for Dec 3 in Los Angeles. "I'm just raring to go," said Wolfgramm. His managers want to keep marketing him the way he came across at the Atlanta Olympics: as a clean living Christian from a tiny South Sea island. "I'm happy with that," Wolfgramm said. "It's different from the Tysons and Bowes, the mean sort of guys who are KO artists."



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the Steve Bellis column

My week in Turkey recently did reveal one thing of interest. The Turks are relishing their forthcoming clash with Manchester United. Top Turkish side Fenerbache take on the Reds in Istanbul tomorrow night - fully confident of turning over Fergies men. Ironically it was Fener who ended the other Manchester clubs dreams in the seventies. Malcolm Allison, then the Blues manager - declared in the national press that City were going to take Europe by Storm. Instead they were knocked out in round one by the then lowly Turks.

So - don't expect an easy game for the Reds tomorrow - I even purchased a couple of Fenerbache shirts to annoy some friends of mine in the pub. The Turks take their football very seriously. Sometimes too seriously. One football mad Turk couldn't take it when his team were knocked out of the cup by a lowly side. He threw himself off a hotel roof in Trabzon - only to have his fall broken by a flag pole protruding from the hotel. Ironically, the flag that was flying was that of his team - Trabzonspor.

I must admit to feeling a little lost when I am away during the season - there is no worse feeling than discovering your team has won away and you're 2000 miles away - so it was nice to be back amongst it last week.

The current schools programme is taking us well beyond the Stockport Boundary - even as far as Winsford. Just last week we were in Manchester working with the children and their enthusiasm is infectious. On Saturday we had hundreds of primary school age

children visiting Edgeley Park for their first ever live game. Some were from Macclesfield, some Altrincham and we even had children here from Collyhurst and Bollington. These children represent our support of the future and if we continue to invest in the community as we have done for the last six years then the future looks very bright indeed.

We are continually helped in our community activities by the private sector. NYNEX, McDONALD'S, and the LOCAL AUTHORITY are all playing major roles in helping us to develop and helping us to educate the children of the town - and beyond - long may it continue.



Alun...

Dreaming of a move maybe?

You may have read on page two of tonight's magazine about a fans forum which is to be held at the Kingsway Restaurant on Friday November 1st (8.00pm). It promises to be a very special evening and hopefully will be very well attended. The Kingsway is a fabulous venue and as an added bonus the beer is ridiculously cheap. The local press and indeed National press have been full of stories about Alun Armstrong recently - linking the fans favourite with a move to the Premiership. Like everyone else I would be distraught to see Alun go - he's a great player and a real asset to the club off the field too.

However if a Premier League club were to show real interest and make the necessary seven figure offer, no-one could stand in the lad's way. If he gets a move - he will have deserved it!

Anyway that's your lot - one final thought - aren't those new orange flavoured Toffee Crisps just the business! I love 'em.

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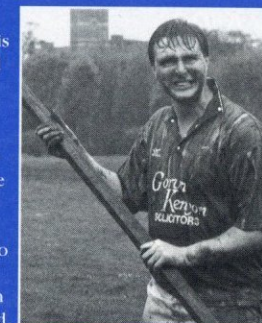
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Staying Put

Ex-County midfielder Mark Payne has pledged his immediate future to the supporters club football club amidst rumours that he may defect to local Offerton based rivals Offerton Green. Payne - who has been outstanding for the supporters as one might expect - has just taken over the White House public house in Offerton which is also the home of Premiership side Offerton Green. Rumours were immediately abound that the talented midfield maestro would be persuaded to join the newly promoted Premiership side but Payne has laughed off the suggestions saying "I'm only playing on Sundays to help me to get fit and for pure enjoyment - and I'm thoroughly enjoying playing for the supporters club because it maintains my link with County."

The news will disappoint Green who have made an exceptional start to life in the top lane. Payne does intend to increase the rivalry between the two though by setting up Pool, Darts and Quiz Evenings for the two teams. The arrival of Payne at the White House has also created speculation about a possible change of HQ for the supporters club who are currently based



Second Team boss Simon Dawson in battling mood.

less than a football pitch length up the road in the Fingerpost - but the club chairman Steve Bellis has dismissed the claims saying "we are more than happy in the Fingerpost and we have no intention of moving anywhere, but we don't mind taking part in some inter-team social events."

Payne will be a key figure this Sunday when the supporters face Stockport and Cheadle Premiership side Norris Albion in the Stockport Sunday Cup. Mickey Nelsons men will be looking to recapture their recent cup form to create a cup upset.

The second team meanwhile are looking to improve their league form after a disappointing run of results. Simon Dawson will be boosted by the return to playing action of Paul Jones. The ex-County man is 43 but still a fine player.

Paul Kelly is available again, but is being touted for a possible first team call up and Mike Pickford is also an option. The big question will be where to play Chris Jolley. The in form six foot two player from Sheffield has shone up front, in midfield and at centre half. Dawson is now scratching his head - wondering where to play him, but he will demand a battling display from all his men.

Morale Booster

The County ladies senior side were boosted at the weekend by an impressive away win at league rivals Leek. The ladies managed to put their F.A. Cup defeat at Bangor behind them to record an impressive 5-2 win at the Staffordshire club giving them a much needed boost to morale. The reserve side could emulate the feat of the firsts - losing 4-0 at Radbrook Ladies. Despite the result the reserves produced some excellent football and the scoreline clearly did not reflect the balance of play.

You have to hand it to the under twelves. The inexperienced youngsters who are beaten

regularly by vastly experienced opposition produced another brilliant battling display at the weekend in a game that was an absolute delight to watch. The final score was 11-4 in favour of the opposition but the County youngsters are developing rapidly and clearly have a number of very talented if inexperienced players. This weekend the first team are at home to Chester. The game kicks off at 2pm at Stockport Georgians. The Reserves are also at home to Havesham - their game takes place at Offerton High School at 2pm also. The under 14's have a noon kick off at home to Oldham and supporters are welcome at all three games.

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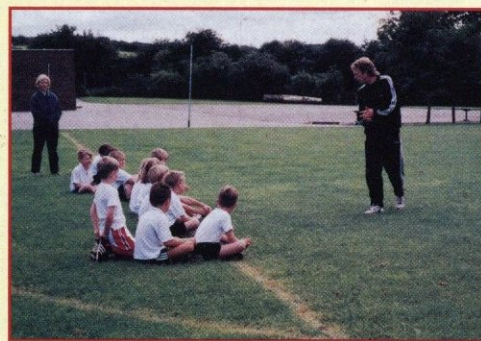
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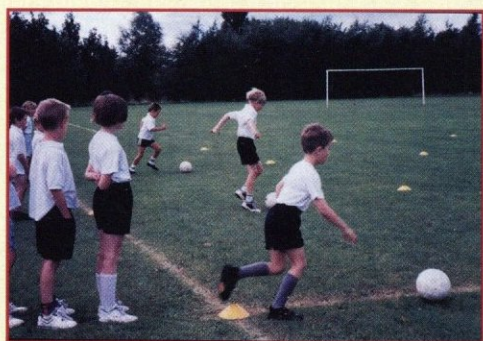
Good evening, bit cold isn't it? Well where do we start tonight? We'll go for the Soccer School first. The bookings are coming in left, right and centre for this course, so if you haven't already booked get cracking on with that application form, as it promises to be a great week of football!! As I mentioned in Saturday's notes we have been fortunate to acquire the sponsorship of MG Domestic sales and service, 44-46 Market Street, Hyde. Tel: 0161-368-3913, so if you are dropping your budding young footballers off at the Soccer School and are in need of, a new or a repair on an old Zanussi, Lec, Whirlpool, Candy, Hotpoint - the list is endless, just ask Mrs.

Gibbons of MG Domestic for a quote! As she will be there dropping off her two eager sons Chris and Steven and will only be to pleased to help. Onto coaching matters now, this week sees the end of our current in-school coaching sessions, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following schools:- Bredbury Green, St. Christopher's, Mellor, Ludworth, Norris Bank, Cheadle Heath, Etchells, Doodfield, Larkhill (Great toasted teacakes) and last but not least St. Matthews, all schools showed great enthusiasm and the attitude and performance from the children was of a high standard. A special thank you

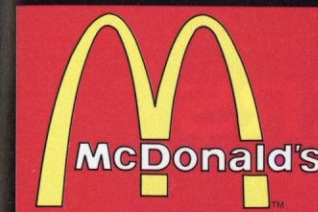
about the community coaches taking their F.A. Certificate, myself and Gary Williamson have been handed our two topics for our final assessments on the 4th/5th November at Blackburn Rovers (Hope we can go back with a smile on our faces if the result is a good one!!!). So if you are in mine or Gary's group on the Soccer School you could end up doing topi's like improving defending in a small sided game, creating space as a team and an individual - now there's something to look forward to. Anyhow that's it for now, we'll have all the Soccer School news in our next notes. Enjoy the game and get right behind the lads tonight.



The children of Doodfield, Marple participating in a dribbling session, part of our in-term coaching



The children of Doodfield, Marple participating in a dribbling session, part of our in-term coaching



County's top drawer



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Paul Jones - Ye Olde Woolpack

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Paul Jones

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Sep 10	Wrexham			Bonut Engineering
Sep 14	Plymouth		Cowie Ford Stockport	Tang. Engineering
Sep 28	Gillingham		Spicers	Cheshire Wholesale
Oct 12	Preston		John Semple and Family	Express Engraving
Oct 15	Luton		B.R.G. International	Kingsway Restaurant
Oct 29	Chesterfield		Hillgate Group PLC	D.C. Satellites
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Dec 28	Watford		Adversports	MG Domestic
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Jan 18	Millwall		Royal Mail	James Brearley & sons
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Feb 15	Shrewsbury		Colourplan Design & Print	White Hart Hotel
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Apr 5	Bristol		John Semple and Family	Cornerflag Press
Apr 12	Burnley		Hillgate Group PLC	Fingerpost Hotel
Apr 26	Wycombe		Hillford Developments LTD	Motor Sport Wheels

jakub's ladder

'ongoing development'

I would like to take this opportunity to bring all our supporters and parents up to date with the current progress within the Stockport County Junior Football Academy. The introduction of the Under 14's and the Under 15's this season has already paid dividends with both teams remaining unbeaten. The Under 16s continue to develop and are working hard to obtain YTS places for next season.

Developments are well in advance to expand the youth system to incorporate boys aged 9 years to 13 years. I will keep you informed

regarding further developments.

I am sure most fans realise how important a vibrant and well organised junior section is to Stockport County and with your support I feel we can do well.



BY JOE JAKUB

Matt the Hat...ter

Matt Horn of the Express Advertiser

Well, whatever happens tonight the Hatters are going to go home happy - but whether it is those from Luton or County remains to be seen. The clubs who share the same nickname have only met ten times in the league and it really is a tale of home and away.

County have lost four and won one down there while Luton have only one draw to show from their five visits to Edgeley Park and that was the last time they were here, almost 27 years ago. Since that day they have had some memorable moments. Promotion, League Cup glory and an FA Cup semi-final as recently as 1994. But all that counts for nought as they come to Edgeley Park looking for three points to help them secure an immediate return to Division One.

It is strange how some clubs become associated with one particular match. For example Blackpool have the "Matthews Final" and Sunderland will always be remembered for Jim Montgomery and Ian Porterfield in 1973.

But whenever I think of Luton Town I always think of the May day at Maine Road when the manager David Pleat stole the show with his antics after Raddy Antic had won the game that kept Luton up and sent City down.

I remember Grandstand cutting across for live coverage of the post match celebrations as the boss performed the "Pleat Polka" across the turf. There is unlikely to be a similar display of emotion tonight but both sides will be desperate for a victory after making slow starts. It says something about

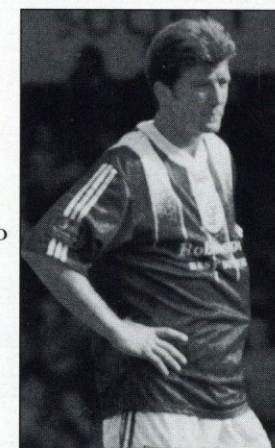
Luton's opening when you consider they were even below County in the first couple of weeks.

But both sides have hit top form of late and both enjoyed giantkilling success, Luton knocking Derby out of the Coca Cola Cup the day after County's triumph at Bramall Lane.

In Lennie Lawrence they certainly have a manager that knows how to make the best of what he has got and it will be no surprise if they are there or thereabouts at the end of the season. This is County's last home game before the trip to Ewood Park and it is important that they win to keep the impressive momentum of recent weeks going.

I am a betting man and have already backed County to win at Ewood Park. For the record Mystic Matt the Hat thinks it will be 2-1 to County, the winner being scored by Jim Gannon!

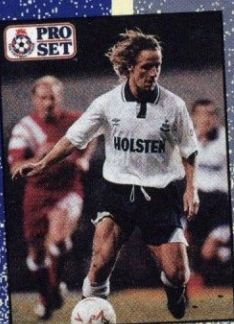
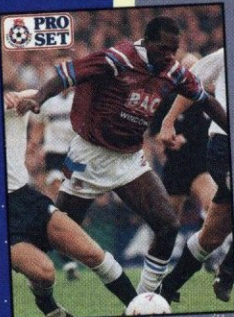
But before I pick up my winnings, let's hope for three points tonight.



Jim Gannon ... Will get the winner tonight?



PAUL FUTCHER



he's a card

Richard Harnwell looks at LUTON TOWN'S connections with the world of collectable trade cards

A former England Youth International, MIKE SMALL signed pro forms at Kenilworth Road in October 1979, but had to wait 2 years for his 1st team debut, when coming on as a substitute in his side's 2-1 win at Bolton. Luton went on to win the old Second Division Championship, but Small was restricted to just three substitute appearances. After a brief loan spell with Peterborough United, Small tried his luck abroad, having spells with Go Ahead Eagles in Holland and PAOK Salonika in Greece. Small returned to England in 1988 with Brighton. In his first full season he finished top scorer on the South Coast which led to a £400,000 move to West Ham United. Another England Youth International VINCE HILAIRE spent eight years with his first club Crystal Palace, making over 250 league appearances, but was still only 25 when he signed for Luton Town in July 1984. He made his Hatters debut in a 2-4 defeat at Spurs and after just six games left Luton and the top flight for Second Division Portsmouth. This was the start of a love affair with Alan Ball, Vince following Ball to Stoke City and Exeter City. He finished his career on 499 League games scoring 67 times. PAUL FUTCHER was an England U-21 International who began his career with Chester. After just 20 games he moved to Luton Town in June 1974, still only 18. Made his debut in a 0-2 defeat at Chelsea. Never a prolific scorer he scored one of his two career goals for Luton in a 2-0 win over Hereford United in October 1976. After 131

League games moved to the North West for spells with Manchester City and Oldham Athletic. A year at Derby County followed before the longest stay of his career came with his stay at Barnsley. 230 League games later he moved to Halifax Town before ending his career at 37 years of age with Grimsby Town. GARRY PARKER was an England Youth and U-21 International. Made his Football League debut as a 17 year old as The Hatters went down 0-3 at Old Trafford at the end of the 82-83 season. His first goal came in February '84 in a 2-1 win at Wolves. In 1986 the stylish midfielder joined Hull City for £72,000. Brian Clough made it a £250,000 move to Notts Forest, two years later. Over 100 games followed at the City Ground before joining Ron Atkinson at Villa, the fee this time was £650,000. Helped Leicester City return to the top flight last season. PAUL WALSH had the full bag of International honours, Youth, U-21 and full. Joined Luton Town, his second club in July 1982 after a three year spell with Charlton Athletic. In his third game for Luton, scored a hat-trick in a 5-3 win over Notts County. Further hat-tricks against West Ham and Swansea followed and he finished joint top scorer with Brian Stein. His form led to a £700,000 move to Liverpool. Spurs bought Walsh for £500,000 and then moves to Portsmouth and Manchester City followed. A return to Pompey after Maine Road saw a serious injury last season which has still stopped his return this term.

Thank-you!

The Players would like to thank the fans for your support so far this season. Lets hear more of the same today.



County Juniors

Hello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park for our 2nd match in 4 days against Luton Town. I am writing these notes after our trip to Burnley enough said the better. All I would like to say is at least our juniors were better behaved than the so called Burnley Y.T.S. lads! We held our monthly meeting last Sunday news of that in our next programme notes but for those of you who attended I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Don't forget to have a go at this month's Mindboggler there's a great prize awaiting the winner. That's all for now.

Enjoy the match.

Ian Butterworth

County Juniors

AWAY TRAVEL

Our next trip to watch County away will be on Saturday 26th October to Walsall.

Further coaches to:-

Saturday 23rd Nov - Shrewsbury Town

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Thursday 26th Dec - Wrexham

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MINDBOGGLER ANSWERS

Answers to last month's mindboggler are as follows:

1. Andy Kilner
2. Adidas
3. Frederic Robinsons Ltd.
4. Vernon Building Society
5. Joe Jakub
6. 3-2 to County.

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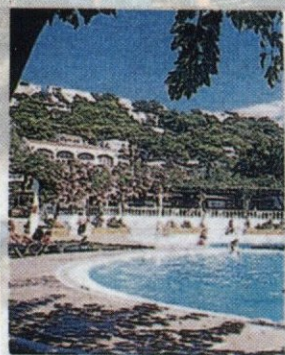
We have a new mindboggler for you. This month tell us



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the names of the 10 County players in the graph. Send your entries to:- Stockport County Juniors, Stockport County, Edgeley Park, Stockport, SK3 9DD. Don't forget to add your name, membership number and phone number.

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Dave Johnson's world of football

Channel 4's Cutting Edge production of 'Gazza's Coming Home' last Monday cast the madcap geordie in a different light for most viewers and many of his critics. To see Gazza at home in Gateshead with family and friends and at his wedding where the guest list read like a who's who of football's elite, was indeed well presented, if slightly angled at an attempt to set the record straight on behalf of the star.

It was refreshing to see footage of Gascoigne at his very best both on and off the football field rather than portraying him as the perennial bad boy. In fact, the quality of the majority of his goals for Rangers shown was of the highest order, guaranteed to catch the imagination of even his most ardent detractor. And when he joked with a reporter over an alleged court appearance in Italy following an altercation with a Latin cameraman in June 1994, it was great stuff, with the geordie boy at his best. So, to learn that Glenn Hoddle had sat down with him for a heart to heart to tell him that if he looks after his body he can play a major part in England's challenge for the next two World Cup competitions, is a measure of the impact the likeable Gazza, 29, has had on the England coach, who admitted he has only recently got to know him as a person after long being an admirer of his enormous talent.

England and the world of football needs a few more characters like Paul Gascoigne and what he needs most as an individual is for the press to get off his back and to treat him with the respect his precociousness and sublime talent surely deserve.

Francis Lee's desperation was beginning to show. His patience was wearing thin at an increasingly long list of candidates for the vacant manager's post at Manchester City having rejected his overtures. Talk of moving into the hot seat himself did him no favours in terms of credibility although such a move had emerged, seemingly as a distinct possibility for the race horse trainer and toilet roll magnate. After heading a consortium who hounded out former chairman, Peter Swales, who sadly passed away last year, Lee had obviously expected one of his mates from way back when - Alan Ball - to revive City's flagging fortunes and

to put them back where he thought they deserved to be - back in the top ten teams in the Premiership. To choose a man with possibly the worst CV of any manager still in the game, was a puzzle for those observing proceedings outside the Maine Road enclave and it came as no real surprise when Manchester City were added to the list of Ball's failures in being relegated to the Nationwide first division and Bally retired with his pride dented once again.

Last week's appointment of Steve Coppell, once revered in South London as a capable and likeable gunner at Crystal Palace, is worthy of praise, not only because of the former Manchester United and England star's credentials, but because, I believe, both Lee and Manchester City will have regained a great deal of credibility despite recent humblings. It is of no consequence to Coppell that he did not make the top three candidates on the Manchester City managerial shortlist, as he was keen to return to football management and arrives at Maine Road with the blessing of his former chairman, the enigmatic Ron Noades, who even allowed him to travel to Manchester to sign his three year contract in a Crystal Palace club car. Coppell himself was quoted as saying "I think it's only a matter of time before Manchester City are back in the Premiership among the big names. They have wonderful fans and we might just need a little patience." Everyone in football will hope he is correct in his first assertion and trust that the patience required does not wear too thin, too quickly.



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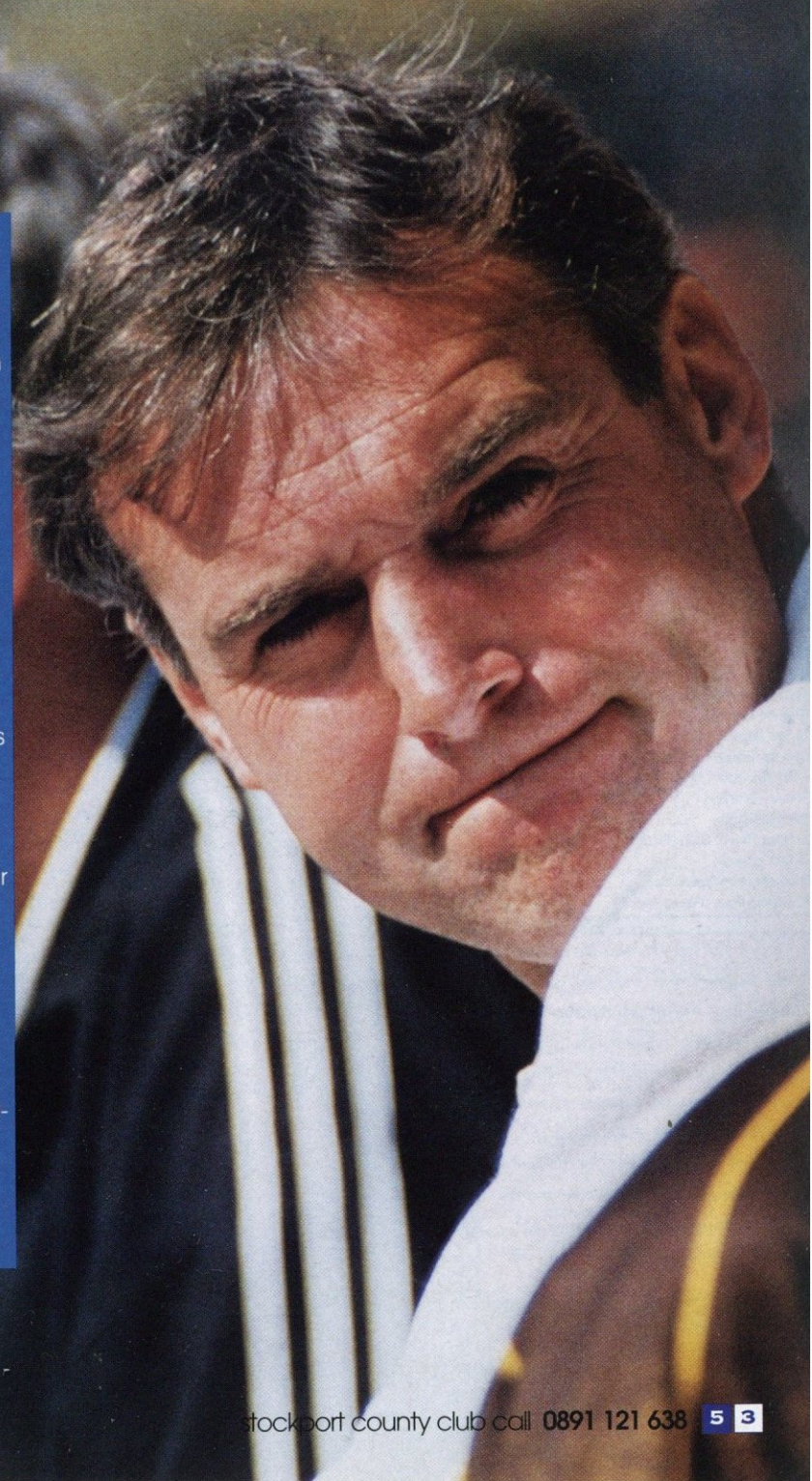
Team manager Dave Jones will be on a panel of officials from the club at a fan's forum to be held Friday November 1st. The forum is open to all fans and takes place at the Kingsway Restaurant in Levenshulme.

The Independent Supporters clubs are arranging transport from their branches and a bus may run from the club.

Further details will appear in the press next week and in our next programme.

Also on the panel will be director Dave Jolley and captain Mike Flynn.

Get your questions answered - join us on November 1st.



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EDGELEY PARK GOAL SUMMARY (League & Cup) 1996/97

	Cheadle End	Railway End
For	6	3
Against	4	3

SECOND DIVISION HOTSHOTS 1996-1997 SEASON

	League	Cup	Total
Asaba (Brentford)	11	0	11
Nogan (Burnley)	6	2	8
Tolson (York)	5	3	8
Goater (Bristol City)	6	1	7
Pepper (York)	6	1	7
Wilkinson (Preston)	3	4	7
Armstrong (County)	4	2	6
4 other players			6

1996/97 SEASON DIVISION TWO DATABASE

Largest Win:
HOME 5-0 Bristol v Luton Town (27/8)
AWAY 3-0 Brentford at Shrewsbury Town (31/8)

Highest Crowd:
13,599 Burnley v Blackpool (10/9)

Lowest Crowd:
2,401 Wrexham v Bristol Rovers (17/9)

Penalty Scorers:
3 Pepper, (York)
2 Carter (Bury), Quin (Blackpool)
1 eight players

Total successful penalties:
15 (Home Team 9, Away Team 6)

STATISTICAL SHORTS

- The last time County conceded five goals in a league match was on 24th February 1990 in the 5-0 defeat away at Scunthorpe Utd.
- With only one clean sheet kept in the league (prior to Saturday - hopefully not now!) County's record of shut outs is the worst in the division - Bristol City, Rotherham and Peterborough have also failed to stop the opposition score on only one occasion. This time last season County had kept four clean sheets.

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1995/96

	LEAGUE		CUP		COUNTY LEAGUE	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Brett Angell	7(3)	3	2(1)	1	67(13)	31
Alun Armstrong	10(1)	4	4	2	94(8)	31
Tom Bennett	11	-	4	2	35	1
Matthew Bound	4	-	1	-	44	5
Luis Cavaco	2	-	1	-	2	-
Sean Connelly	10	-	4	-	126(5)	-
Tony Dinning	0(2)	-	-	-	39(13)	2
Keiron Durkan	8(1)	-	3	-	19(6)	1
Neil Edwards	-	-	-	-	163(1)	-
Mike Flynn	11	-	4	1	155(1)	9
Jim Gannon	8(1)	3	3(1)	1	241(8)	50
John Jeffers	10(1)	1	4	-	31(3)	4
Paul Jones	11	-	4	-	11	-
Richard Landon	-	-	-	-	7(4)	4
Marc Lloyd Williams	-	-	-	-	12(6)	1
Chris Marsden	8	-	3	-	27(1)	1
Adie Mike	-	-	-	-	4(4)	-
Andy Mutch	5(3)	1	2	3	16(3)	5
Damon Searle	6	-	2	-	6	-
Lee Todd	6(2)	-	2(1)	-	181(11)	2
Paul Ware	4(2)	-	1	1	43(10)	4
Owain Goals	-	1	-	-	-	-

SECOND DIVISION ATTENDANCES AND LEADING GOALSCORERS 1996/97 SEASON

	TOTAL	HIGHEST	AVERAGE	1995/96	LEADING LEAGUE
	ATT	ATT	ATT	AVERAGE	GOALSCORER
Blackpool	20498	6014	5125	5829	Quinn 3
Bournemouth	21626	7672	4325	4213	Fletcher 4
Brentford	33453	6137	5576	4780	Asaba 11
Bristol City	41365	9520	8273	7034	Goater 6
Bristol Rovers	34277	6380	5713	5285	Cureton 4
Burnley	62291	13599	10382	9036	Nogan 6
Bury	27518	7557	4586	3261	Carter 5
Chesterfield	24233	5529	4039	4884	Howard 3
Crewe Alexandra	24172	4469	4029	3973	Adebola 4
Gillingham	35831	7217	5972	7203	Onuora 6
Luton Town	30703	6484	5117	7223	Thorpe 3
Millwall	43390	9371	8678	9538	3 players with 3
Notts County	23828	6879	4766	5132	Jones, Martindale 2
Peterborough Utd	21992	6357	5498	4656	3 players with 3
Plymouth Argyle	47668	9209	7945	7132	Evans, Littlejohn 3
Preston North End	53400	9752	8900	9991	Ashcroft, Wilkinson 3
Rotherham Utd	14085	3037	2817	3423	Druce 3
Shrewsbury Town	16365	3655	3273	3317	Stevens 6
STOCKPORT COUNTY 24097		6049	4819	5902	ARMSTRONG 4
Walsall	16204	4040	3241	3983	Lighthbourne 3
Watford	42493	12007	8499	9456	Mooney 4
Wrexham	14842	5299	3711	3701	Connolly, Phillips 3
Wycombe Wanderers	27890	6471	4648	4580	McGavin 3
York City	20830	5232	3472	3538	Pepper 6

COUNTY GOAL TIMINGS (League) 1996/97

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	3	1	0	5	4	1	14
Goals Conceded	1	4	2	3	4	3	17

TONIGHT'S VISITORS (League) 1996/97...LUTON TOWN

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	1	1	3	4	2	0	11
Goals Conceded	1	2	2	2	3	3	13

Tonight's Match Sponsors B.R.G. International

It is our great pleasure this evening to welcome some very good friends of the club to Edgeley Park as our main match sponsors.

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We welcome Vince Snell and all at B.R.G. International - we hope they have a thoroughly enjoyable evening with us and we thank them for their support.

Tonight's Matchball Sponsors The Kingsway Restaurant

Our matchball sponsors this evening are the Kingsway Restaurant - a popular haunt of many of the first team squad at Edgeley Park. During the last six years Bob Whittaker and his staff have become very much a part of the family here at County and it is our great pleasure to be able to offer him some hospitality this evening.

The Kingsway, which is based on Moseley Road in Levenshulme has recently undergone a complete refurbishment to the tune of around £500,000 - the result is a superb

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luxurious pub and restaurant where the level of comfort is outstanding, the food exceptional, and the beer is both well kept and inexpensive. A pint of hand-pulled Holts will cost you a pound and the lager is an unbelievable £1.20.

The players are regulars at the Kingsway and ex-players such as Kevin Francis and Peter Ward still visit the hostelry. The Kingsway also has an exceptional function room and is the venue for the fans' forum to be staged on Friday November 1st. Be there and sample the finest hospitality outside Edgeley Park for table bookings or function enquiries phone Bob on 0161-224-0350.

Tonight's Man in the Middle Mr Graham Laws

This evening we welcome Mr Graham Laws to Edgeley Park to take charge of our fixture with Luton Town. Graham commenced refereeing in 1987 and has made a particularly rapid progression through the pyramid system to become a full League referee. By 1990 he was a Northern Premier League linesman and three years later he was appointed as a full referee. By 1994 he was officiating in Football League games as a linesman, and during the summer he made the full step up to become a League referee.

The majority of his most important fixtures so far, have come whilst he was a linesman and involve a number of Non-League Cup Finals. Graham is employed as a police officer and is married to Joanne with one child, a son called Kevin who is 2 years old. He likes to unwind with a game of golf or cricket and enjoys watching most sports.

We hope that Graham enjoys his afternoon with us and wish him all the very best for the future.

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