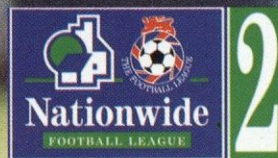


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Nicholl's Notes

A WIN TONIGHT WOULD BRING US ALL SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

After the encouragement of our performance against Brentford here, I've been very disappointed with our last two away performances in the League. At Wycombe we were shocking and last Saturday at Bournemouth after making a good start with Mark Bright's early goal the game got a wee bit scrappy and we didn't use the ball well. After Paul Hartley had come on following Damian Webber's injury we starved him of the ball and with Mark Bright in the side crying out for service from the wings we just didn't play to our strengths. Whilst we did have one or two good opportunities I'm sure Bournemouth felt that they could have won the game.

Having taken just three points out of a possible twelve we've lost our lead at the top of the table and things have got a lot tighter around us, which makes tonight's game against Luton doubly important. I'm sure everyone will be up for this game just as they were for Brentford and rightly so, but the point that I've been trying to make to the players is that it's no good just responding and working hard in the big games, we've got to keep at it no matter who we're playing. It eats away at me I must admit why we can't seem to find that consistency of approach in every game.

I was quite pleased with the contribution of Mark Bright on Saturday. By his own admission he's still a bit ring rusty, only having played a handful of reserve games this season. But when you look at his goal, it's a long time since we scored one like that, and once he settles in I'm sure we'll get a lot of benefit out of him. He worked very hard, defensively as well as up front

once Damian Webber had gone off and I'm looking forward to what he can contribute to the team in the coming month.

The injury to Damian is a cause for concern and he's looking doubtful for Luton, but with Anton Rogan and Tony Witter training on Monday morning I'm hoping that one of them will come into the side if Damian doesn't make it. Otherwise it's a question of Ricky Newman continuing at the back which he's quite capable of, but we do miss him in midfield whenever he has to do that.

Tonight's game is the start of our busy Christmas/New Year programme and

whilst nothing is decided over the next fortnight we know that we could come out the other side looking healthier still in first or second spot, or else find ourselves down in fifth or sixth having lost the initiative. These two home games against Luton and Peterborough give us the chance to have a good Christmas and put the wee dodgy spell out of our system. Maximum points from these two will certainly put us in good heart for the difficult trips to Bristol Rovers and Crewe over New Year.

At the end of this week we've got Scott Fitzgerald coming back for another couple of months on loan. The plaster comes off his ankle then and we want to have him in the hands of our own medical people from that point with a view to him being fit and ready by the middle of January. Rhino is now looking likely to be ready for a reserve game early in the New Year. He's worked really hard and although he's suffered a couple of set backs he's progressing well again and his presence and that of Fitz will provide further encouragement for us hopefully in the next few weeks.

Finally, let me welcome Lennie Lawrance and his squad to The Den for tonight's game. They had a marvellous result at the weekend and are bound to be on a high, so this promises to be a real Christmas cracker. I'd like to wish all our supporters a very Merry Christmas and I hope that we can add to your pleasure with a couple of good results over the next week.

Jimmy Nicholl



Paul Hartley finds a way through the Brentford defence

Mr Versatile Newman turns out to be...

MILLWALL'S CAPTAIN MARVEL

ASK Ricky Newman his preferred position on a football pitch and he'll probably shrug and tell you anywhere.

Such is the versatility of the new Millwall captain that he seems perfectly happy wherever he's asked to play.

Whether it's in the heart of defence, on the wing or in the middle of the park, Newman adapts brilliantly to his surroundings.

Not surprising for a man who cites England boss Glenn Hoddle as his boyhood hero.

Like Hoddle, Newman's best role is probably in the centre of midfield.

But ironically he's played there on just one occasion this season, Millwall's scoreless draw against Brentford at the Den - one of their finest displays so far.

"I suppose my favourite position is in the middle," says the 26-year-old former Crystal Palace star.

"But we've had a lot of injuries and until we get some of our first choice players back I'm happy to play anywhere."

Since moving across south London in the summer of 1995, Newman has rarely been given the chance to play his favourite role.

Under Mick McCarthy,

Now Ricky's ready to pick up points at the Cherries

by DAVID BOND

Newman spent most of last season filling in at right back or deputising for Alex Rae.

But with Bobby Bowry still struggling with injury, Newman could return to the midfield against Bournemouth at Dean Court tomorrow.

It's a crucial game for Jimmy Nicholl's men as they look to exorcise the ghosts of disappointments against Woking and Wycombe.

But it's not likely to be easy.

The Lions have not won away from home since their 3-2 win over Gillingham in October while Bournemouth have been beaten at home only once in their last five outings.

"Our next few league games are very important," insists Newman.

"We haven't been playing well for a while but we must look to string some wins together over the next few weeks."

"The Christmas period is always vital. It gives you a good idea of who's going to be involved at the top come May."

It was on this week last year that Millwall went to Sunderland as leaders of the First Division only to be handed a 6-0 drubbing.

It proved to be a taster of the disaster to come.

But Newman, who was on the bench that day, is confident there will be no repeat of that disastrous result on the chilly south coast.

"We couldn't score goals last year - that was the problem," he added.

"This year, even though we haven't been playing to our full potential, we have scored plenty of goals."

"Once a few of the more senior players return to action then I'm sure we'll be able to push for promotion back to where we belong."

"Like everyone at the club, I'm desperate to get back up at the first attempt."



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Runners-Up: 1964-65
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COLCHESTER CUP CLASH

We have been drawn at home to Colchester United in the second round of the Auto Windscreens Shield and the game will take place at The Den on TUESDAY JANUARY 7th, kick-off 7.45pm. It could be that we'll see a couple of familiar faces back here for that one with Tony McCarthy and Carl Emberson currently in the Colchester ranks. As a result of the Auto Windscreens fixture, the reserve game against Norwich scheduled for that day has been postponed. (See Peterborough programme for reduced ticket prices.)



Tony McCarthy

NOTTS COUNTY OFF

Due to Notts County's continued involvement in the FA Cup, our League clash with the Magpies scheduled for January 4th has also been postponed. There is no new date for that game as yet.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The Switchboard and office opening times at The Den over the Christmas/New Year period are as follows:-

Monday 23rd December 9am-5pm
Tuesday 24th December 9am-12 noon
Wednesday 25th December CLOSED
Thursday 26th December v Peterborough 12 noon kick-off
Friday 27th December CLOSED
Monday 30th December 9am-5pm
Tuesday 31st December 9am-12 noon
Wednesday 1st January CLOSED
Thursday 2nd January 9am-5pm

See page 29 for BOX OFFICE opening times and page 25 for CLUB SHOP opening times.

AWAYDAY TO BRISTOL ROVERS

Saturday December 28th

We make our first visit to the Memorial Ground on Saturday week looking to improve on a six game winless run against The Pirates away from The Den.

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REMEMBER THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH (see page 29).

Scott's New Year pledge



SCOTT Fitzgerald is on the mend and just itching to get back into action.

The 28-year-old defender, who is expected to complete a £150,000 move to the Den from Wimbledon once fit, is targeting a New Year return. Fitzgerald, who was on a one month loan with the Lions, fractured a bone in his ankle in last month's 1-1 draw at Bristol City.

At the time of his injury Fitzgerald was all set to sign a permanent deal.

But despite the lay-off the

deal is still on and the Dons star is desperate to pick up where he left off.

"The plaster comes off in a few days and then it will be a case of easing myself back into action," he said.

"I'm hoping to be back in the New Year and I start light training soon."

"I've kept in touch with Millwall and as far as I know the move is still on."

"I've only seen a couple of their games since I got injured but I know they've been having a difficult time."

Tonight's Visitors

Luton Town

Whilst The Hatters' fortunes like our own have taken a bit of a downturn of late, theirs is a topsy turvey tale in which spells in the doldrums have been more than balanced by life in the fast lane.

Luton's early history is closely linked to Millwall's. Founded in the same year, 1885, they became the first professional club in the south in 1891, paying their whole team including an allowance for working time lost when travelling to away games. Along with ourselves, Luton became founder members of the Southern League in 1884, and whilst we won the championship in the first two seasons they finished runners up on both occasions. In 1896 they embarked on a brief flirtation with the Football League but soon returned to the Southern League until the formation of Division Three in 1920, Millwall also joining the League at this time.

The Hatters began to make their mark in the late thirties, narrowly missing out on promotion in 1935/36, the season in which Joe Payne scored ten goals in a match, a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers. Luton won the championship in some style the next year with Payne netting 55 League goals, but again like ourselves the Second World War intervened just when they had built a particularly promising side.

However, in 1955 Luton gained promotion to the First Division and for a brief period joined the game's elite, culminating in reaching the FA Cup Final in 1959 where they lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. If the Bedfordshire Club's rise had been steady, their descent was alarming. Within six years Luton had fallen from grace to such an extent that they had slid down to Division Four.

The road to recovery began once more in 1968 with the Fourth Division championship and two years later another promotion followed inspired by the striking form of Malcolm McDonald. By 1974 they had climbed all the way back to the top flight and although their stay was short on this occasion the arrival of David Pleat as manager in 1978/79 led to another colourful period in the club's history. The Division Two championship was duly won in 1981/82 with a record points haul and only four defeats, and whilst The Hatters found life amongst the big boys tough going at first they clung onto their status and even reached an FA Cup Semi-Final before losing somewhat unfortunately to Everton. They were to have their moment of glory at Wembley however, beating Arsenal 3-2 to lift the Littlewoods Cup. They almost repeated the feat a year later but on this occasion Nottingham Forest were once again their Cup Final conquerors. By the time Luton reached Wembley again in 1993, Pleat had left and then returned and The Hatters had lost their place amongst the elite. This visit to the twin towers was for an FA Cup Semi-Final against Chelsea which was lost. That was to prove their last flirtation with success. David Pleat having departed for a second time, to be replaced initially by Terry Westley and subsequently Lennie Lawrence, Luton found themselves relegated, along with Millwall, to the newly constituted Division Two last May, the first time they had been out of the top two Divisions in more than two decades. Such is the pattern of Luton's history, however, that you wouldn't bet on them remaining there for long.

HATTERS ON THE UP

During the first fortnight of the current season, Lennie Lawrence's Luton seemed to be suffering a real relegation hangover. They lost their first three League games and the 5-0 defeat at Bristol City saw them rock bottom and out of sorts. The Hatters boss immediately found the hangover cure, however, and after a run of just three more League defeats in the next eighteen outings Luton had clawed their way into a position amongst the front runners. They have also found time to embark upon their customary Cup exploits, ousting Premiership Derby from the Coca Cola Cup before

falling narrowly to Wimbledon in the next round. In the FA Cup the boot was very nearly on the other foot in the Second Round when non-League Harrow Borough gave The Hatters a real scare at Kenilworth Road before they finally squeezed through with two late goals, but we know all about the pitfalls of ties against such opposition.

Lennie Lawrence has had the benefit of being able to field a relatively settled side of late. In goal 6ft 7in American IAN FEUER has made the number one jersey his own since arriving from West Ham last season for a fee which could ultimately reach £580,000. He was Luton's player of the year last season

and is certainly one of the top keepers in the lower Leagues.

JULIAN JAMES, ever present at right-back this year is now in his tenth season with the club and at 26 has been granted a testimonial this year. A former England Under 21 international, he has now made well over 250 senior appearances for the club.

MITCHELL THOMAS is in his second stint at Kenilworth Road, having had spells at Spurs and West Ham in between. He played for Tottenham in the 1987 Cup Final and now at 32 continues to add his experience on the left-side of the Hatters defence. MARVIN JOHNSON is the third member of the Luton back four with over 200 League appearances for the club to his name. Johnson made his Luton

debut back in 1988 and has now established himself alongside Steve Davis at the heart of the defence although he can also play at full-back.

STEVE DAVIS joined The Hatters from Burnley in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 appearances for The Clarets. Ironically, he suffered relegation with his former club in 1995 and followed suit with Luton last season.

Lennie Lawrence went back to his former club Bradford City to snap up PAUL SHOWLER for £50,000 in the summer. Now 30, Showler gained his first taste of League football with Barnet and can play either in midfield or up front. Until recently former Lion GARY WADDOCK has been a

regular in midfield. He joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in 1994 having appeared for the West Country side in the last ever game at the old Den. Rebuilt his career with Millwall after a serious knee injury had threatened a premature end. Now at 34 years of age Gary is still going strong.

TONY THORPE is currently The Hatters leading scorer with eleven from midfield. He announced his scoring potential with a goal on his debut in a Fourth Round FA Cup tie against Newcastle in January 1994. At 22 Thorpe is beginning to fulfil his potential after signing a new contract in the summer.

Dave was nonetheless capped by England at Under 21 level. Began his career at Kenilworth Road before moving on via Manchester City to Leicester from whom Luton re-signed him for £150,000 in July 1995. Has been out of the picture in recent weeks.

DES LINTON is also a former Leicester City man, having signed along with Scott Oakes back in 1991. Has been dogged by injury for much of his Luton career but has been back in action in the past month.

During the recent absence of Gary Waddock, 19-year-old PAUL McLAREN has given the Hatters midfield an even more youthful

The Hatters

Former Scunthorpe midfielder GRAHAM ALEXANDER is another youngster who is coming into his own this season. Has only missed one start this term to date and is looking a bargain buy at £100,000.

Another name familiar to Lions fans is that of DAVID OLDFIELD who had a lengthy loan spell at The Den towards the end of the season before last. Born in Perth, Australia,

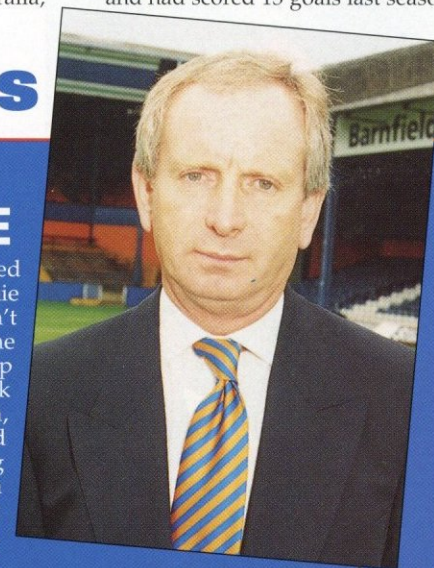
appearance. Joined Luton straight from school and has converted from centre-half.

DWIGHT MARSHALL has only made limited appearances this season, but when fully restored to form and fitness he will add a cutting edge to the Luton attack with his pace and eye for goal. Joined The Hatters from Plymouth in 1994 for £150,000 and had scored 13 goals last season

The Boss

LENNIE LAWRENCE

One of the most respected managers in the game, Lennie is living proof that you don't have to have played at the highest level to become a top coach. His playing career took in spells with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United before he gained coaching experience with Plymouth and Lincoln City. His first managerial appointment came at Charlton in 1982 and he attained near legendary status at The Valley steering the club through turbulent waters when they nearly went out of business and then guiding them to the old First Division in 1986. He earned a reputation as an expert escapist, keeing the Addicks up against the odds until 1990. He



left the club a year later for Middlesbrough whom he also guided to promotion to the Premier League in his first season. In 1994 he was appointed manager of Bradford City and became Luton's 21st boss in December 1995 succeeding Terry Westley.

One to Watch - CERI HUGHES



Welsh international midfielder who made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990. Suffered serious knee ligament damage in November 1994 and then last season was again plagued by injury and suspension. Now approaching his best form once again, he will surely re-establish himself in the Welsh squad before too long.

Still only 25, and with well over 150 senior appearances for the club to his name, Ceri will be a key figure in Luton's drive for promotion this season

until a broken leg in February ended his season, surely a major factor in Luton's ultimate demise.

KIM GRANT moved to Kenilworth Road from Charlton for £250,000 in March 1996 as a replacement for Marshall but his three goals in ten appearances weren't enough to help save the club from relegation. Has struggled to establish himself as a regular in the starting line-up this season.

32-year-old Bulgarian international striker **BONTCHO GUENTCHEV** has been on regular bench warming duty for much of the current campaign. Arrived at Luton on a free-transfer from Ipswich after featuring in the 1994 World Cup Finals.

Did you know?

- * Lennie Lawrence's backroom staff Wayne Turner, Trevor Peake, Clive Goodyear and John Moore are all former Luton players.
- * 30,069 fans packed into Kenilworth Road for a 6th Round FA Cup tie against Blackpool on March 4th 1959. The capacity is now down to 10,499.
- * Luton's most capped player is Mal Donaghy who earned 58 of his 91 Northern Ireland caps whilst at Kenilworth Road.
- * The Hatters' record transfer fee received is £2.5 million from Arsenal for John Hartson.
- * Luton were barred from the Littlewoods (League) Cup in 1986/87 as a result of their ban on away fans. They duly won the competition on re-entering the following season.

The Hatters

LUTON - FORM GUIDE

November 19th	Preston	(a)	2-3	(Davis 2)
November 23rd	Bristol Rovers	(h)	2-1	(Thorpe, Marshall)
November 30th	Bournemouth	(a)	2-3	(James, Marshall)
December 3rd	York City	(h)	2-0	(Thorpe, Marshall)
December 7th	Boreham Wood FAC2	(h)	2-1	(Marshall 2)
December 10th	Leyton Orient AWS	(h)	2-1	(Davis, Grant)
December 14th	Crewe Alexandra	(h)	6-0	(Alexander, Thorpe 3, Showler, Oldfield)

Results v Luton Town

Season	Home	Away	Div
1920-21	0-0	0-0	3
1921-22	1-1	0-1	3(S)
1922-23	0-0	2-2	3(S)
1923-24	0-1	0-2	3(S)
1924-25	2-2	1-1	3(S)
1925-26	7-0	2-2	3(S)
1926-27	7-0	0-6	3(S)
1927-28	3-2	1-1	3(S)
1934-35	1-4	1-2	3(S)
1935-36	0-0	0-0	3(S)
1936-37	0-2	0-5	3(S)
1938-39	2-1	0-0	2
1946-47	2-0	0-3	2
1947-48	3-1	2-1	2
1963-64	3-0	3-1	3
1970-71	4-0	1-1	2
1971-72	2-2	1-2	2
1972-73	3-2	2-2	2
1973-74	0-1	0-3	2
1976-77	4-1	2-1	2
1977-78	1-0	0-1	2
1979-80	0-2	2-2	2
1988-89	3-1	2-1	1
1989-90	1-1	1-2	1
1992-93	1-0	1-1	1
1993-94	2-2	1-1	1
1994-95	0-0	1-1	1
1995-96	1-0	0-1	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	28	14	9	5	53	26	40
Away	28	4	13	11	26	46	22
Total	56	18	22	16	79	72	62



Top:
Ian Feuer

Bottom:
Steve Davis



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If you could bring an old Millwall kit back, what one would you choose? Last year's kit sponsored by Captain Morgan.

Best Millwall player ever? Teddy Sheringham.

What fond memories do you have of the old Den? The game against Blackburn (we lost) but were promoted to the top Division for the first time.

Have you even taken a rattle to a Millwall match? No. Just lots of noise.

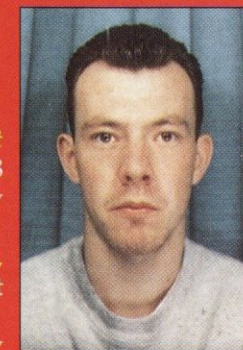
Furthest away game you have been to? Portsmouth.

Do you or have you watched the reserves play? No. I suffer enough with the first team.

Most promising Millwall players? Paul Hartley and Lucas Neill.

Why do you like Millwall so much? Its in my genes.

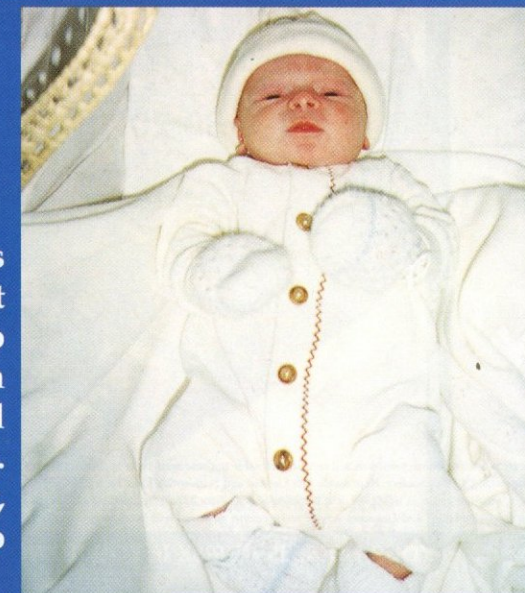
Your message to the Millwall team: Do as the manager tells you and win every game.



Phil Lee

JUNIOR JUNIOR LION OF THE WEEK - KANE CANTELL

Our Christmas Junior Junior Lion is Kane Cantell pictured here at just nine minutes old by dad Mark, who having his priorities absolutely in order was determined that he should be the youngest ever Junior Lion. Kane is much older now, however, he will reach the ripe old age of two months on Christmas Eve.



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After the disappointment of going out of the FA Cup to Woking we've got to look at the Auto Windscreens Shield as a chance to get to Wembley. We have to consider ourselves one of the favourites for that competition so we'll be treating it very seriously.

Ricky Newman

It's no good playing like we did against Brentford and then only half the team turning up for the next game at Wycombe. These are the sort of games we have to win if we're going to finish as champions of this League so we have to ensure that there's no repeat of that performance.

Davey Sinclair

I didn't necessarily agree with some of the criticisms that were levelled against us after the Woking game, but if you were to take them all and apply them to our performance at Wycombe then I'd have to go along with that. The Millwall fans made their opinions known after that game and rightly so.

Jimmy Nicholl

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features Gary Waddock

♦ Gary was born in Kingsbury, London on 17th March 1962.

♦ He started his career with Queens Park Rangers making his League debut in September 1979 as an 18-year-old, and made 203 appearances scoring eight goals for Rangers.

♦ Gary played 18 times for the Republic of Ireland side as a QPR player. He added full, under-21 and 'B' caps to his total as a Millwall player.

♦ He joined The Lions from Royal Charleroi (Belgium) in August 1989, after Irish teammate Tony Cascarino recommended him to John Docherty.

♦ Gary played 72 games, scoring two goals for Millwall before leaving The Den for QPR again.

♦ In 1991-92 he went on loan to Swindon Town for six games and eventually signed for Bristol Rovers for the 1992-93 season where he played 70 games, scoring one goal.

♦ He joined Luton Town in 1994-95 where he holds a regular midfield position.

Q: Who did you room with on away trips?

A: Ian Dawes.

Q: How did you get on with the managers at Millwall?

A: John Docherty brought me back to English football from Belgium and I was delighted when he signed me. I thought he had done very well for the club overall. Then came Bruce Rioch

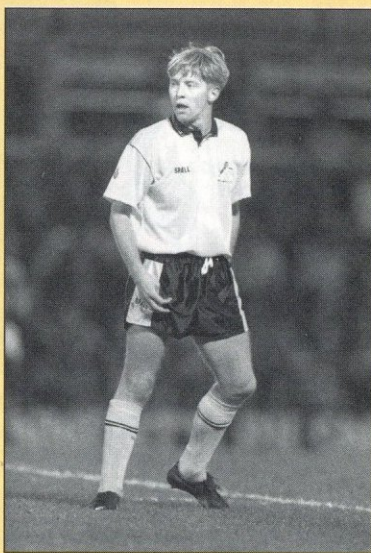
whom I thought was an excellent coach who had some good ideas on the game. I also thought Bob Pearson was a lovely fella who was Millwall through and through.

Q: What was the best goal you scored for Millwall?

A: There weren't many. My one goal was against Hull, it was a near post header. I can't believe I was in the penalty area, I don't usually get that far up.

Q: What was your most memorable game?

A: Obviously my first game back in the English League. I came on as a sub against Sheffield Wednesday and it was one of my highlights and getting so close to



Gary Waddock

Historically Speaking

promotion with the play-off games. It was a memorable couple of seasons.

Q: Do you remember any funny moments?

A: When I played in the last game at the old Den for Bristol Rovers, the crowd invaded the pitch. We were taken off and waited in the dressing room. When we went back out, the ref said "when you see me near the tunnel get ready to come off when I blow the whistle". The crowd came on to the pitch looking for keepsakes and souvenirs, and when the players got back to the dressing room they had lost their shirts, shorts and socks. It was a hell of an atmosphere.

Q: How did you leave Millwall?

A: I was offered a new contract but I couldn't agree to the new terms. I left during pre-season and trained with QPR. Gerry Francis offered me a year's contract. I played in the reserves, then I moved to Bristol Rovers because I wanted first team football.

Q: Do you keep in touch with any of the players?

A: Yes, I speak to Dawsy. I often phone or pop round. I knew Dawsy from QPR. We grew up there from kids and I see Rhino when we play against Millwall.

Q: What are you doing now?

A: As well as playing for Luton Town I'm concentrating on coaching. I've got my full FA badge and the next step is to coach after I finish playing hopefully in two or three years time. And I'd like to wish all The Millwall and Luton fans a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Chris Bethell



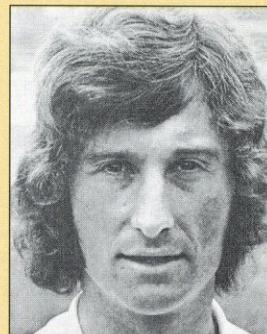
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DORNEY: ALAN
(Half-back)

Born: Bermondsey 18/7/1947



Alan was a product of Millwall's youth policy, and was playing as an amateur for the club in 1963. He then went as a part-time professional with the club before signing full-time in September 1968.

He made his Football League debut against Sheffield United at The Den on March 14th 1969.

Throughout his playing career at Millwall he never grabbed the headlines, but he always gave one hundred percent. A very defensive player who rarely crossed the half-way line, it took him 212 games before he registered his one and only League goal. After some fourteen years at The Den he bowed out of League football and joined Dartford in July 1977.

Alan's record reads

Season	F/ League		FA Cup		F/L Cup		Other Comps	
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
1968-69	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1969-70	32(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1970-71	39	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
1971-72	42	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
1972-73	42	0	3	0	3	0	0	0
1973-74	42	0	2	0	7	0	0	0
1974-75	36	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
1975-76	6(2)	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
1976-77	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	249(3)	1	16	0	15	0	1	0
Total App:	281							
Goals:	1							



A-Z OF MILLWALL

by Ted Wilding

DORSETT: JOSEPH ARTHUR
(Forward)

Born: Brownhill (Staffs) April 1888
Died: Eccles (Lancs) 14/3/1951



Dorsett first played for his local side Brownhill Albion. His first professional club was West Bromwich Albion.

He then played for Manchester City and Southend United before joining Millwall in 1921.

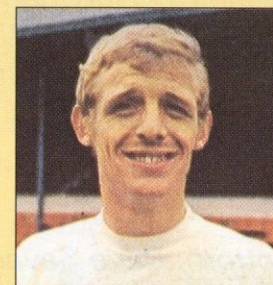
Playing at outside-left, Dorsett made his debut for The Lions in the home game against Northampton Town on August 27th 1921. A fast and clever winger who was noted for his crosses, he only stayed with the club for two seasons.

Arthur's record reads

Season	F/ League		FA Cup		Other Comps	
	A	G	A	G	A	G
1921-22	35	0	4	1	2	1
1922-23	20	0	2	0	2	0
	55	0	6	1	4	1
Total App:	65					
Goals:	2					

DUNPHY: EAMONN
(Forward)

Born: Dublin 3/8/1945.



Dunphy began his career with Manchester United in 1960 as a 'Busbie Babe', but never broke into the first team.

In 1965 he signed for York City, and in January 1966 he was transferred to Millwall for a fee of £8,000.

Slight in build, Dunphy ran the show in midfield for The Lions. He was a clever ball player who was very accurate with his passing.

A non-aggressive player who was often criticised for not 'getting stuck in', whilst with The Lions he gained 22 Republic of Ireland caps making him Millwall's most capped player.

In December 1973 he was transferred to Charlton Athletic for £20,000. Eamonn's Lions debut was against Workington (away) on January 28th 1966.

Eamonn's record reads

Season	F/ League		FA Cup		F/L Cup		Other Comps	
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
1965-66	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
1966-67	39	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
1967-68	29(1)	3	1	0	4	0	0	0
1968-69	34(3)	6	3	0	2	1	0	0
1969-70	40(1)	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
1970-71	39(1)	3	1	0	3	0	0	0
1971-72	31(1)	3	0(1)	0	1	0	0	0
1972-73	25	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
1973-74	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	267(7)	24	11(1)	0	16	1	1	0
Total App:	295							
Goals:	25							

ACTION

Replay

FINISHING TOUCH DENIES LIONS JUST DESSERTS

MILLWALL 0 BRENTFORD 0

After the disappointment of the Woking Cup defeat three days earlier the response of the players for this top of the table clash was crucial. Clearly stung by the criticism they had suffered following that Cup exit, The Lions set about their task with renewed vigour and Steve Crawford should have scored after eight minutes when a poor clearance from Bees keeper Dearden allowed him a free run in on goal but a poor touch allowed the keeper to redeem himself. Whilst chances were few in the first-half the commitment was clear, and much encouraged by the crowd's response Millwall laid siege to the Brentford goal after the break. Within five minutes of the restart Dair, Crawford and Neill had all gone close before Paul Hartley saw an effort scrambled off the line by Hurdle. Newman and Hartley also brought Dearden into action drawing fine saves and a host of teasing crosses flew across the Bees box. The visitors were virtually non-existent as an attacking force, but in a rare break eleven minutes from time McGhee produced an overhead kick which threatened to snatch all three points, but for a terrific diving stop from Tim Carter.

In spite of The Lions inability to find the finishing touch, the jeers of Tuesday had turned to cheers echoing the comments of manager Jimmy Nicholl that "we murdered them 0-0".



Top: Ricky Newman forces a save from Dearden with this diving header

Bottom: Dave Savage attacks the heart of the Brentford defence



Lucas Neill takes on Scott Canham

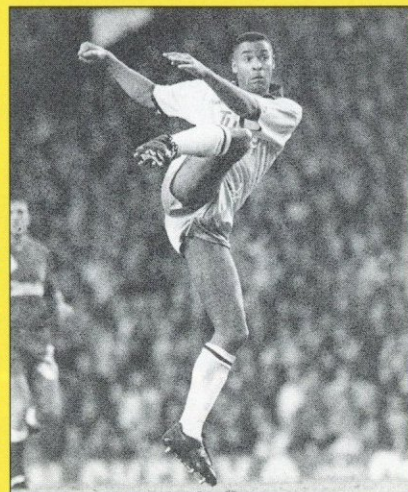
Paul Hartley and Gus Hurdle keep their eyes on the ball



JIMMY GETS HIS MAN

The search for a striker is over, for the moment at least, after Jimmy Nicholl landed Mark Bright last Thursday in time for the weekend trip to Bournemouth. Now 34, Bright has scored goals at the highest level for the past eight seasons and is just the sort of player that The Lions boss was seeking:

'Mark has agreed to come to us for a month and I'm confident that he'll go a very good job. With the young lads in the team he'll provide some experience and know how, and hopefully he'll supply that certain something we've been lacking over the past few weeks. Without being detrimental to the other forwards in the team, the goals have dried up a wee bit of late, and in that respect I'm sure that Mark can provide the spark and the extra dimension we need at the minute.'



PRIMARK MAN OF THE MATCH – DAVE SAVAGE

It was, by general consensus an excellent team performance against Brentford last time out here at The Den. No-one exemplified the renewed spirit and determination more than Dave Savage who threw himself into tackles from the first minute and gave a tireless display in pursuit of victory. We are seeing another side to Dave's game these days and if he continues in this vein an international recall can't be too far away.

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FIFA TURN BLINKERS ON REGI

It was announced recently that Sheffield Wednesday's dreadlocked winger Regi Blinker was to receive a world-wide ban, after Udinese complained to FIFA that he had signed for both them and Wednesday last season. The FA asked FIFA for a reprieve, but were promptly denied. This came as a shock to the FA after recently fining Ian Crook £250 for a similar incident, when he signed for both Ipswich and Norwich in the summer. Blinker had to explain himself to FIFA officials and was heavily fined.

THE AFRO-EURO CUP?

UEFA are set to put together a first-ever European select team to play an all-star African line-up in a bid to boost soccer ties between the two continents.

UNITED GET SHIRTY

Manchester United are set to add more controversy to their current shirt row by announcing that they are going to release their third kit in six months in January.

FULHAM LEAD SONG AND DANCE

Fulham have appointed no less than Frank Boahene as their new groundsman. All you Top of the Popsters out there will already know Frank as the writer and producer of top-selling dance band Nomad. Could we soon be seeing Jimmy Hill strutting his stuff on MTV?

DIEGO ALL TALK?

In the current trend of footballers taking over TV shows, like Gary Lineker with Football Focus and Vinnie Jones on Cable TV, Diego Maradona could well be gracing the small screen. An Argentinian TV company are trying to persuade the retired World Cup hero to host a new chat show.

MOTHERWELL'S TEETHING TROUBLE

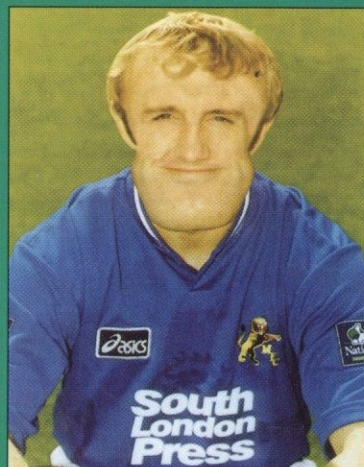
Motherwell are still holding onto a piece of lost property after their game with Hibs recently. In the away stand was left a set of false teeth, which are still ready to be collected by their owner.

ROVERS NOLAN NO WIN

Tranmere Rovers thought they'd got the angles covered having put a clause into the transfer agreement when Ian Nolan joined Sheffield Wednesday that they should receive an extra £200,000 should he gain international recognition. However, 'England' was stipulated in the agreement and Nolan has now elected to represent Northern Ireland instead.

.....As it happens.

PICTURES FROM HELL
Is it Desperate Dan or
has Sinky been given the
Charlie Demko
treatment?



TRIBUTE TO LES STANNARD

It is with deep regret that we inform supporters that Les Stannard died peacefully in Lewisham Hospital last Sunday, 8th December. He had been seriously ill for a number of weeks, but it is still a deep shock to all who knew him.

Les was a lifelong supporter of Millwall, Chairman of the Over 60s Club and a member of the Anti-Racist Committee. He never missed a home match, regardless of weather, timing or our position in the League.

He had lived in Lewisham all his life. He worked as an electrician and was a staunch trade unionist throughout his working life. On his retirement he founded Lewisham Pensioners Forum, an organisation which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. His last major appearance was to speak at their celebrations in September. His fight for pensioners rights was second to none, and he was well known nationally as well as locally.

Not only was Les a community activist, who spent so much of his time campaigning for causes close to his heart, he never failed to assist those who sought his help. He deplored racism in all its forms and had been a member of Lewisham Racial Equality Council for over 25 years. Hence his support and encouragement to the Anti-Racist Committee here at Millwall.

Les will be sorely missed by his friends at The Den as well as the people of Lewisham. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Gladys, daughter Lesley and her family at this sad time.



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QUIZ

- Who was the player Millwall signed initially on loan from Luton in February 1976?
- Who are the two current Luton players, who have had spells at Millwall?
- Who were The Lions goalscorers in the two First Division games of season 1989/90?
- In season 1988/89 Millwall met the Hatters three times, what were the scores?
- How many times have the clubs met in the FA Cup since World War Two?
- Who scored Millwall's last minute winner in the League match v Luton last season?
- What little oddity appeared for the second time in the Millwall/Luton Town game at The Den last season?
- Who were the Millwall goalscorers when the clubs last met in the League (now Coca Cola) Cup in November 1973?
- Who was the Luton midfielder signed by Millwall in close season 1977?
- Which current Lion made his debut at Kenilworth Road last season?

ANSWERS

- John Seaman
- Ian Davies (11) and Les Briley (A)
- Both teams fielded American born goalscorers (Keller/Freuer 95/96, Keller/Sommer 93/94)
- 3-1 Victory
- Boog Alder, Mick Kelly, Brian Clark in a 2-3 (FA Cup) all Millwall
- Chris Malkin
- Twice (1984/5 and 1988/9)
- Brian Chambers
- Lucas Neill
- Chris Malkin

Lionesses

Terriers left seeing double

Huddersfield Town Ladies can be forgiven for thinking they were seeing double as The Lionesses ran out convincing 5-0 winners at Emley Town FC in the FA Women's Premier League Cup. The Lionesses set a record in this match by fielding two sets of twins in 14-year-olds Katie and Sophie Chapman and Carly and Gemma Hunt. In fact this was probably the youngest side ever fielded at FA Women's Premier League level, the average age being just under 18 years.

However, it was one of the teams 'veterans', 23-year-old Pru Buckley who got the team off to a great start with an early goal. After that there was no looking back as Pru went on to claim a hat-trick and 15-year-old Nina Downham struck her first two 'senior' goals. It was certainly a day to remember for Sophie Chapman, making her full first team debut in defence alongside sister Katie, as she suffered a suspected broken nose but in true Millwall style carried on to complete the game. This trip was also a great learning experience for manager Jim Hicks who apparently spent the whole journey home 'learning' the words to every E17 hit there has ever been! Team: Knowler, S. Chapman, K. Chapman, Murphy, Lindsay, Lorton, Waller, C. Hunt, A. Wright, Buckley, Downham. Subs: G. Hunt and Beattie.

CHELSEA ARE CUP OPPONENTS

The FA Women's Premier League teams enter the UK Living Women's FA Cup at the fourth round stage and we have been drawn away to Chelsea Ladies who play in the Premier Division of the Greater London Regional League. However, the tie of the round has to be Croydon v Liverpool which is a repeat of last seasons final which was played here at The Den. The matches are to be played on 5th January, the same weekend as the men's FA Cup.

LONDON YOUTH FA CUP

This season the London Youth FA have introduced Cup Competitions for Girls teams from U11 up to U16 age levels. The Lionesses have entered at U11, U13, U14 and U16 and so far have had differing success. The U16's are through to the semi-final where they will face Arsenal having comfortably beaten local rivals Fisher 7-1 in the last round with a hat-trick from Amy Mason, a brace from Hayley Henderson and goals also from Tracey Wright and Dona Reyes.

The U14's had the misfortune to draw Arsenal in the first round going out 3-2 after extra-time with Kimberley Austen's two superb long

range strikes just not enough on the day. Arsenal will now no doubt go on to take the cup and it is a great pity this epic match could not have been the first ever LYFA Final.

We are still in with a shout at U13 level and if we can turn round a 1-0 defeat in our second leg versus Leyton Orient a place in the semi-final will be ours. The U11's have yet to play in the cup.

SAM'S FIRST STRIKE

Sam Elliott netted her first Millwall goal as the U11's hit St. Vincents Vikings for six in the Southern Girls League Cup. Lionesses other goals came from Daisy Taylor, Frankie Mardon, Kelly Newbound, Natalie Bolt and Jade Ruddell. The girls now only need a point from their two games with Redbridge to go through to the Cup Final.

FA Women's Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	9	6	3	0	23	11	21
Doncaster Belles	10	7	0	3	22	11	21
Arsenal	8	6	1	1	26	7	19
Wembley	9	4	3	2	19	10	15
Millwall Lionesses	7	4	2	1	10	4	14
Everton	10	4	2	4	21	21	14
Liverpool	9	2	3	4	9	9	9
Tranmere Rovers	9	2	2	5	17	24	8
Ilkeston Town	9	1	2	6	7	27	5
Southampton Saints	10	0	0	10	7	37	0

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON 1996/7

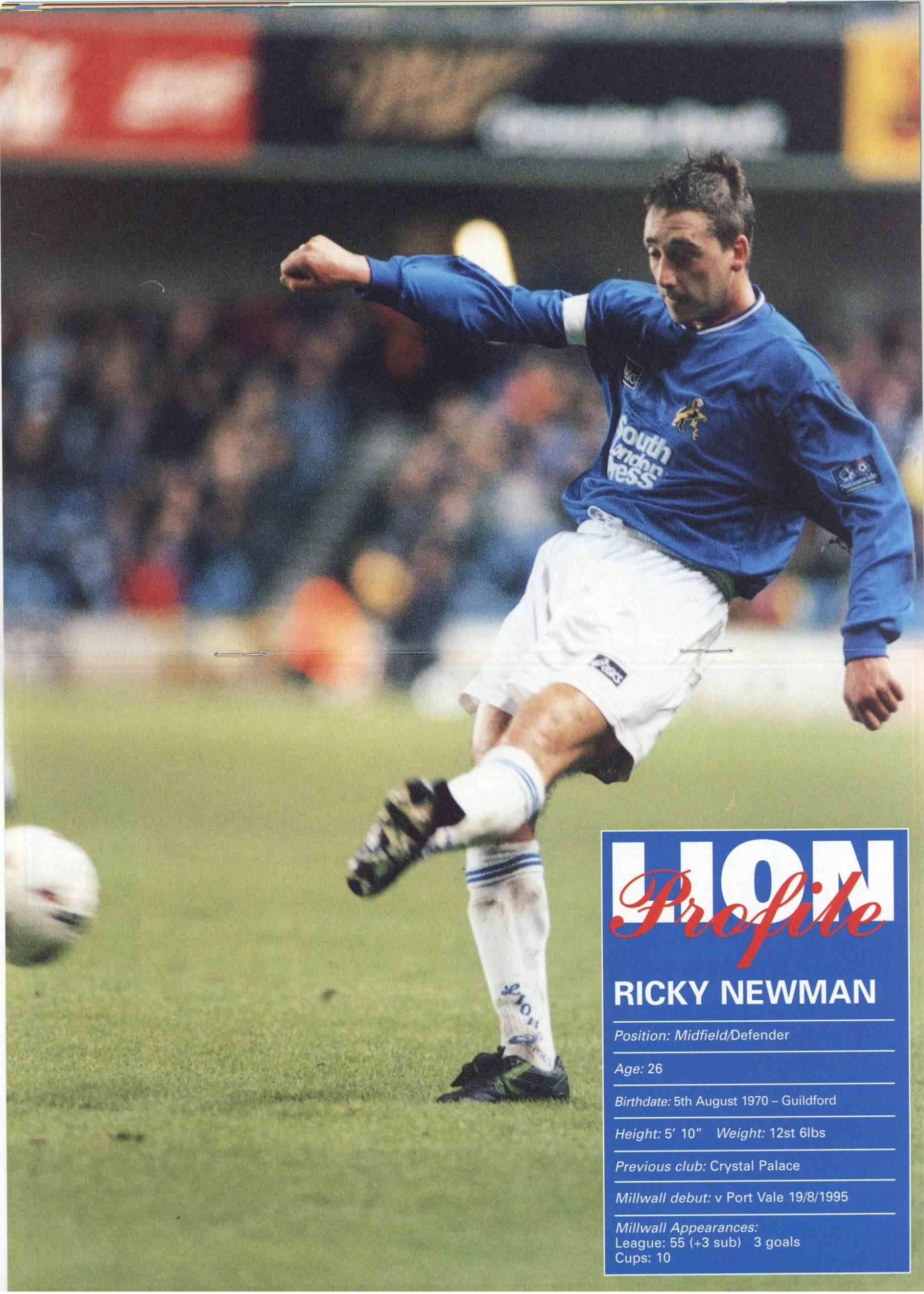
Sept 1	Southampton Saints	(A)	2-0
15	WEMBLEY	(H)	1-1
22	Doncaster Belles	(A)	1-0
Oct 6	Liverpool	(A)	0-0
13	EVERTON	(H)	3-0
20	Ilkeston Town	(A)	2-1
Nov 3	Croydon	(A)	1-2
10	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (LC)(H)		3-2
Dec 1	Wembley		Post
8	Huddersfield Town (LC)	*(A)	5-0
15	STOURPORT SWIFTS (LC)	(H)	4-0
Jan 5	(FA Cup)		
12	Everton	(A)	
19	TRANMERE ROVERS	(H)	
26	CROYDON	(H)	
Feb 2	(FA Cup)		
9	LIVERPOOL	(H)	
16	Arsenal	(A)	



MILLWALL LIONESSES RESERVES

Back row left to right: Lindsay Canham, Hayley Henderson, Debbie Cole, Amy Mason, Kelly Barton, Carla McFadden. Front row left to right: Lorraine Grinyer, Michelle Davis, Claire De'Hara, Kerry Flew, Debbie Hallett, Helen Nkwocha.

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Profile

RICKY NEWMAN

Position: Midfield/Defender

Age: 26

Birthdate: 5th August 1970 – Guildford

Height: 5' 10" *Weight:* 12st 6lbs

Previous club: Crystal Palace

Millwall debut: v Port Vale 19/8/1995

Millwall Appearances:
League: 55 (+3 sub) 3 goals
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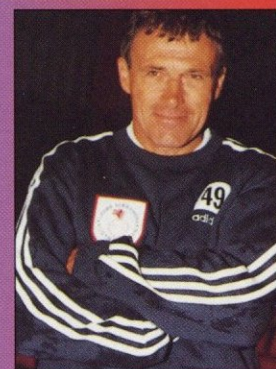
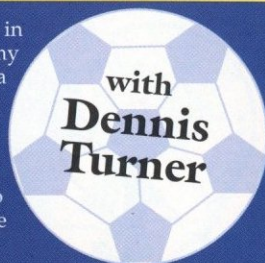
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An old Millwall name featured in the news recently. George Petchey, who was manager here in the late 1970s was appointed temporary manager of Brighton following the sacking of Jimmy Case. This must be the most poisoned of all poisoned chalices. The Seagulls, in the grip of a bitter battle between the board and supporters, are without a ground after this season, were dumped out of the FA Cup by non-League Sudbury Town and are stranded at the foot of the Third Division. They recently lost 2-3 at home to Darlington, the club just one place above them, after twice being ahead and then had two points deducted by the authorities for a pitch invasion in a match in October. This left Brighton 11 points adrift and staring into oblivion. No wonder Petchey, who was coach under Case, did not want the manager's job permanently. He held the fort until former Charlton manager Steve Gritt was appointed last week.



Dario Gradi

The Third Round FA Cup draw produced some interesting ties. For Swindon's Steve McMahon and Crewe's Dario Gradi there is the prospect of returns to their former clubs, Everton and Wimbledon respectively. Leeds manager George Graham and goalkeeper Nigel Martyn go back to Selhurst Park to face Crystal Palace, where both spent several years as players, whilst Robert Lee is likely to make this first appearance against Charlton since he left the Valiants for Newcastle. Football historians will have noted, moreover, that the ties between Liverpool and Burnley and between Wolves and Portsmouth are re-runs of previous Cup Finals (of 1914 and 1939)

There has been some movement in the table over the last couple of months of course, but no club has put together a run which has propelled them up to the top or left them stranded at the foot. Luton and Bury are perhaps the two sides which have done most in the autumn to improve their promotion prospects. Relegated last May, Lennie Lawrence's team took time to adjust, and after nine games, had only 13 points and were stuck in mid-table. Since then, they have lost just two of 12 matches and climbed to fourth. The Hatters could well have been level with us at the top had they not squandered a lead at Bournemouth, conceding two goals in the last ten minutes. In Tony Thorpe, Luton have one of the Division's top scorers, who is now being supported by a fit-again Dwight Marshall, the scorer of four goals in the last three matches. Two of these came against Boreham Wood in the Cup, which earned The Hatters an attractive home tie in the Third Round against Bolton. Another team to keep an eye on is Bury, who like Luton, have lost only twice in their last 12 League outings and are now in third place. The Shakers most recent defeat came in a seven goal thriller at Bristol Rovers, in which five goals were scored in a seven minute spell around half-time. Bury are spared the distraction of FA Cup commitments, having been eliminated at the first hurdle by Chesterfield.

- N.B. These notes were written prior to last weekend -



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Some of our Second Division colleagues have financially attractive ties and the chance to pull off an upset. Brentford must fancy their chances at home to Manchester City, a club they knocked out of the League Cup a couple of years ago. Watford may start as favourites against First Division Oxford at Vicarage Road whilst Luton can test their promotion credentials against First Division pacesetters Bolton at Kenilworth Road. There are four Second Division teams who take on Premiership sides at home, Crewe (against Wimbledon), Gillingham (against Derby), Notts County (against Aston Villa) and Wrexham (against West Ham), with the visitors in each case feeling they have more to lose than the hosts.

We are now at the halfway stage of the season, and supporters and managers probably take the League tables a little more seriously than they did a couple of months ago. Today, Millwall and Brentford are the top two clubs in Division Two, with Rotherham and Wycombe occupying the bottom positions. At the end of September, with just nine games played Division Two was headed by Millwall and Brentford, whilst propping up the rest were Rotherham and Wycombe. At the end of October, a third of the way into the League programme, the same four clubs were at the top and bottom of Division Two.

For Crewe, the season seemed to be going in the other direction. After reaching the play-offs last May, and starting this campaign in promising style, their form dipped in October and November. Long serving manager Dario Gradi recently signed a new ten year contract, which, if he completes it, will mean he will be in charge of the Railwaymen for a quarter of a century. With this news, Crewe seemed to rediscover their early form. After thrashing Shrewsbury 5-1 in the League, they went to Hull in the Cup and won by the same score; the ten goals were shared between seven different players. They now welcome high-flying Wimbledon to Gresty Road in Round Three.

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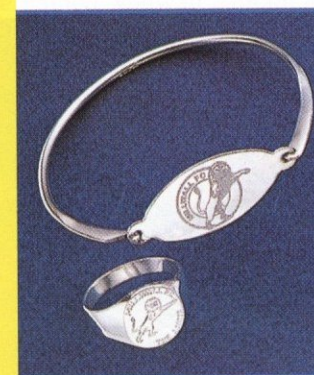


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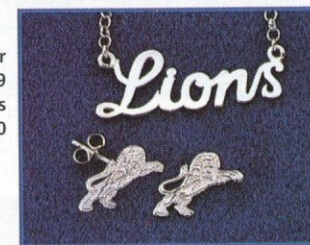
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Lions Team Talk

JASON BACKS VENNERS

Lucas Neill flies out to Tahiti on December 28th to link up with the Australian Under 20 squad for their forthcoming Junior World Cup qualifying games in January. Thanks to the co-operation of the Australian Soccer Federation who could have required Lucas for a longer period he only misses two League games for Millwall and should be back in time for our trip to Stockport on January 18th.

Meanwhile Jason Van Blerk's priorities remain to re-establish himself as a first team regular at The Den following his lengthy injury lay-off, but he's well aware that a good second-half to the season from him will attract attention from new Aussie coach Terry Venables who will be piecing together his squad ready for the senior World Cup qualifiers next summer. "I've not met Mr Venables yet", confessed Jason, "but hopefully he'll be able to get along to The Den in the near future and have a look

at myself and Lucas in action. At first I was quite surprised when Terry took on the job, but my immediate reaction was that it's a great boost for Australian soccer. His experience of the European football scene is second to none and with at least three-quarters of the Australian side now playing in Europe he'll be well placed to keep up with how we're all doing and to look at the European teams we would meet in the World Cup Finals if we qualify. I think the controversy which broke out in Australia over Terry's appointment had quite a bit to do with jealousy amongst one or two coaches over there, but when you compare their experience to his there really is no contest."

One man who has been in contact with Venables already is Dave Mitchell who was at The Den a couple of times recently to watch The Lions in action. Mitch has now returned to Oz to play again, but has made no secret of his ambitions on the coaching side and has offered his services in that capacity for when Terry puts together his back-room team.

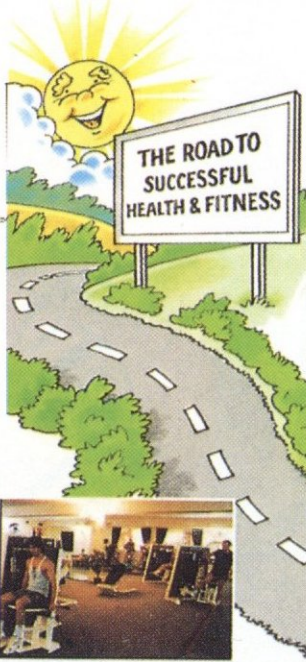


Jason Van Blerk in action in his first full game of the season at Hereford



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FORGOTTEN MAN LEE IS BACK IN THE PICTURE

"Lee McRobert?, I'd forgotten he was still here." That's the sort of reaction that mention of his name has elicited from Lions fans in recent weeks. It is one the quietly spoken 24-year-old understands and is desperate to change.

"Until a couple of weeks or so ago the last game I played since Jimmy Nicholl arrived was against Tottenham reserves back in February. The problem has been with my left knee which has been bruised and the medical people are not sure how the bruising has been getting there and why it keeps swelling up every time I play. I had a biopsy operation where they took a bit of the bone out to see if it was growing irregularly, but that showed everything was OK and yet the problem still hasn't quite gone away. Now I've just got to play and hope that it clears up of its own accord. I don't really have a problem whilst I play, but it just aches a bit and swells up afterwards so I put plenty of ice on it and hope its OK for the next training session.

Having started playing regularly again and forced my way into the first team squad for the Hereford game I'm determined to try and show the manager that I'm worth a place on a regular basis. I realise that with other players coming back to fitness, competition for places will be fierce, but it's up to me to prove that I've got something to offer."



Lee McRobert

RICKY IS SKIPPER NUMBER THREE

It could be the poisoned chalice at the moment, to be named Millwall captain and be a defender to boot. Ricky Newman is the only player who has featured regularly in the back four this season not to have suffered a lengthy absence through injury, but no sooner had he been named as successor to injury victims Keith Stevens and Bobby Bowry as skipper than he was ruled out of the Wycombe game with an ankle knock.

"It was obviously pleasing to be named as captain initially for the Brentford game and I'm not really worried about any injury hoodoo. Having the armband won't make a great deal of difference to the way I approach things. We're all aware of how important the games over the Christmas period are going to be for us and my hope is that we've had our little sticky patch now and that we

can get back on a winning streak. It's a question of reproducing the passion and commitment we showed in the Brentford game. The crowd showed their response that night so we know what we've got to do to get them on our side, and for their part perhaps they just have to be a little bit patient with us if things don't go right straight away."



Physio Gerry Docherty examines the ankle injury which was to rule Ricky Newman out of the Wycombe game

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Thursday 26th December - 1.45pm to 2pm

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Millwall allocation: 740

Nationwide League Division Two
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Wednesday 1st January 1997 - Kick-off 3.00pm

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Football in the COMMUNITY



Junior Lions

with Elaine Gleaves and Jayne Whelan

Good evening Junior Lions and welcome to tonight's game against Luton. We also welcome the Luton Juniors who have made the trip down to The Den.

Our opening night of the Junior Lions room was a great success and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Please remember the Junior Lions room in the Lions Centre is open at every home game, so come over and see us, I would like to thank Rhino and Barry Kitchener for coming over to see us in the Junior Lions room before the Brentford game.

Christmas is almost here and I bet that all you kids are excited and can't wait for Christmas Day. By now you should have your letters about the Junior Lions Christmas karaoke party on Sunday 22nd December. Tickets will be on sale at the Commercial Office after tonight's game.

On behalf of all the Junior Lions and parents, I would like to say thank you to Dave Coates, Chris Bethell and Les Withers for all their hard work for the Junior Lions. I wish everyone a magical Christmas, have a great time wherever you are and hope to see you all back here at The Den on Boxing day.

Due to illness, Jayne Whelan was unable to help me with the Junior Lions page, but she will be back in time to help with the next one, so get well soon.

Junior Lions Profile

Name: Sam Whalebone. Age: 11 years old.

School: Crofton.

Hobbies: Horse riding.

Favourite player: Ricky Newman.

Why is he your favourite player: Because he is a defender and I would like to be one.

Best thing at Millwall: The penalties and relays.

Tonight's ball boys and girls

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by Zampa the Lion

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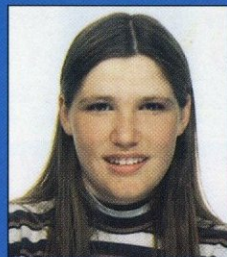
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For Davey Sinclair it was the worst possible start to his Millwall career, injured in his first competitive game and then out of action for the next three months. The good news now, however, is that he's back in action and doubly determined to show Lions fans what they have been missing.

"It's been very frustrating for me. To get injured in the first game was a nightmare and then for the injury to take so long to heal has just made matters worse. It was a bad tackle that did it. The boy came in two footed, his first foot caught me on the knee but it was his second that did the damage on my ankle bone.

"After a wee while I thought the problem had cleared up, but when I got back into training I was pinging balls and still feeling discomfort. So the doctor sent me for a few scans and nothing showed up, so the only solution was to try to play through it in the hope that it clears up of its own accord. I still get a bit of pain when I strike the ball in a certain way but it's something I'm learning to live with.

"We have had our fair share of injuries so far, particularly to defenders. In fact I don't think anyone has escaped injury at one time or another. Certainly when everyone is fit competition for places is going to be pretty fierce so I'm staking my claim now in the hope that I can hold onto the shirt until the end of the season.

"At the start of the season I think the manager was looking to play with three at the back and two wing backs, which is the way we played up at Raith. Unfortunately, we've rarely had three centre-backs fit at the same time to enable him to do that, but I have the feeling that this is the way we're going to go from now on and it is a more attacking approach and one I think the fans will enjoy watching. It certainly benefits the strikers because with five in midfield there is always the opportunity for one or two midfielders to get up in support more often.

"The Christmas period is going to be vitally important to us. We've had a sticky patch recently, and instead of being six points clear at the top we've been sucked back into the pack. We need to go out in these next three games and reproduce the level of commitment we showed against Brentford, and if we do that I believe we'll go into the New Year in pole position and with every belief that we can stay there until the end of the season. What we don't need is a repeat of what happened immediately after Brentford. It's no good performing magnificently one week and then only half of you effectively turning up for the next game which was the case at Wycombe. We've got to win games like that if we're going to win this League, and all the players know that they let themselves and the fans down that night. But it's no good just talking about it, we've got to do our talking out on the park by not allowing that to happen again."



Gerard Lavin takes on Wycombe's Steve Brown
Dave Savage is thwarted by Wanderers' keeper Cheesewright



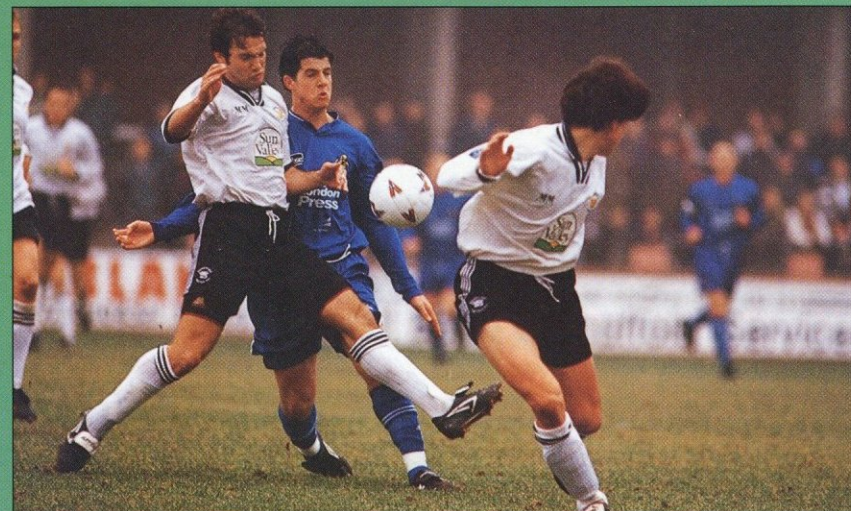
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BELOW PAR PERFORMANCE PUNISHED BY WYCOMBE

No way through the Hereford defence this time for Steve Crawford

After taking great encouragement from the display against Brentford, it was a real set-back to go down to bottom club Wycombe on our first ever visit to Adams Park.

In the opening twenty minutes The Lions looked a pale shadow of the side that left The Den to a standing ovation the previous Friday, and only three smart saves from Tim Carter kept Wanderers at bay early on. Having ridden our luck however, we should have taken the lead on 28 minutes when Dave Savage raced clear but as he attempted to round



Cheesewright he showed too much of the ball to the keeper who grabbed it off his toe.

After the break and with the breeze at their backs Millwall still struggled to make much headway and again Carter was forced to save brilliantly twice from Brown before Jason Dair was presented with a gift of a chance to put the visitors in front but he hastily wafted Cheesewright's miskicked clearance over the bar with the keeper stranded. Crawford then fired just wide on the turn and Savage tested the Wycombe keeper with a low drive, but just as the game appeared to be heading for a draw Wanderers left-back Mickey Bell smacked a 25-yarder past Tim Carter with the aid of a slight deflection and The Lions could find no response.

The trip to Hereford on December 7th consequently took on greater significance as an exercise in confidence and pride restoration. This was duly accomplished as was a comfortable passage into the second round of the AUTOWINDSCREENS SHIELD thanks to a goal in each half from both Jason Dair and Steve Crawford. With injury and illness ruling out Savage, Bowry and Hartley, Steve Aris, Lee McRobert and Graham Robertson were all called into the squad and got a run out in the second-half.



Jason Dair wraps up the scoring with Millwall's fourth at Edgar Street

In Reserve... and the Cubs



RARE RUN OUT FOR RESERVES

The reorganisation of the Avon Insurance Combination this season doesn't appear to be quite having the desired effect as far as Millwall are concerned. With the postponement of the Bournemouth game on November 27th, The Lions Reserves played just twice in November and the same will be the case this month. Then with the Norwich game on January 7th falling victim to the first team fixture against Colchester in the Auto Windscreens Shield four weeks will have elapsed between last Monday's trip to Watford and the visit to Chelsea on January 13th.

"This situation is far from ideal" commented coach Ian McDonald. "Players just aren't getting enough games at the moment. Between now and the Chelsea game I'm going to have to try to arrange a couple of friendlies to keep us ticking over."

Indeed Ian took his side to Uxbridge a fortnight ago for just this reason and to look at a couple of trialists a Kenyan, Obonyo Aggrey and Frenchman, Pierosara. Millwall ran out comfortable 4-1 winners with Tony Dolby scoring a hat-trick and Lee McRobert netting the other. Neither trialist impressed sufficiently to be invited to stay with the club.

Last Tuesday the Reserves were back in Combination action and eased their way to a comfortable 2-0 victory over an inexperienced Southampton side. Lee McRobert opened the scoring on 12 minutes

Next Avon Insurance Combination action at The Den

WEST HAM UNITED

Tuesday 28th January

Kick-off 2.00pm

with a powerful low left-foot drive and after Steve Forbes had crashed an effort against the bar from close range, Graham Robertson netted the second following a strong run from Dave Savage.

After the break both Steve Johnson and Darren Keown hit the woodwork again whilst at the other end Andrew Iga made fine stops from Watkinson and Hughes. The result, however, was never in doubt.

Millwall v Uxbridge: Nurse, Bircham, Aris, Robertson, Van Blerk, McRobert, Doyle, Obonyo Aggrey, Pierosara, Keown, Dolby. Subs all used: Iga, Berry, Cadette, Johnson.

Millwall v Southampton: Iga, Aris, Berry, Savage (Edwards), Forbes



Steve Aris - debut at Hereford

(Cadette), Harle, Bircham, Johnson (Pittwood), Keown, Robertson, McRobert.

FIRST TEAM DEBUT FOR STEVE

It's been a funny old season for Steve Aris. Ruled out of action for a lengthy period following a hernia operation he suddenly found himself called into the first team squad for the Auto Windscreens fixture at Hereford and made his senior debut as a second-half substitute for Gerard Lavin. With Lee McRobert also getting a run out in that game they became the 24th and 25th players used in first team fixtures so far this season.

THE AVON INSURANCE FOOTBALL COMBINATION SEASON 1996/97

Wed 28 Aug	Tottenham (LC)	(H)	1-2
Wed 4 Sep	Swansea City	(A)	3-2
Mon 9	QPR (LC)	(A)	0-0
Tue 17	Bristol Rovers	(H)	7-0
Wed 25	Cardiff City	(A)	1-2
Mon 30	Charlton (LC)	(A)	0-8
Tue 8 Oct	Ipswich Town	(H)	0-4
Wed 23	Oxford United	(A)	2-3
Wed 6 Nov	Brighton & HA	(A)	0-3
Tue 12	Arsenal	(H)	1-1
Wed 27	Bournemouth	(A)	Post
Wed 11 Dec	Southampton	(H)	2-0
Mon 16	Watford	(A)	7.30pm
Tue 7 Jan	Norwich City	(H)	Post
Mon 13	Chelsea	(A)	7.00pm
Tue 28	West Ham	(H)	2.00pm
Mon 10 Feb	QPR	(A)	2.00pm
Tue 18	Watford (LC)	(H)	2.00pm
Tue 25	Wimbledon	(H)	2.00pm
Wed 12 Mar	Portsmouth	(A)	7.00pm
Tue 18	Bristol City	(H)	2.00pm
Mon 24	Swindon Town	(A)	2.00pm
Tue 8 Apr	Tottenham	(H)	2.00pm
Wed 16	Charlton	(A)	2.00pm
Tue 22	Luton Town	(H)	2.00pm
Tue 29	Crystal Palace	(H)	2.00pm

YOUTH CUP SUCCESS BRINGS RELIEF AT LAST

It has been a long time coming, ten games in fact, but the young Lions finally got back to winning ways on Monday December 9th with a FA Youth Cup success against Gillingham at The Den. With Danny Hockton and Richard Sadlier restored up front the side had a more balanced look to it, and whilst the overall performance was by no means flawless, there was certainly enough to give cause for encouragement and there was no doubt that it was a deserved win.

Gillingham went into the game full of confidence borne of their second spot in the South East Counties League and a 2-1 League victory over The Lions in November. However, they were second best for much of this game and with better finishing from the home side the result would have been more comprehensive. As it was Ian McDonald's youngsters had to wait until the 65th minute before the deadlock was broken by a superb individual goal from Stephen Roche. The Irishman picked the ball up in the inside-left channel, cut inside onto his less favoured right foot and smacked an excellent drive into the top corner from the edge of the box, a goal worthy of winning any game. Ten minutes later Shaun Stevens came within a whisker of adding a second when he broke free and hit a post, but in the end

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Millwall held on relatively comfortably to their one goal advantage with Phil Smith only called upon to make one serious save all night when Corbett broke clear for The Gills after 58 minutes. The Lions now travel to either Peterborough or Plymouth in the Third Round early in the new year.

This success was just the confidence booster the Millwall juniors needed after a depressing run in which injuries and illness to key players clearly played a part. They could also be forgiven for believing luck wasn't on their side either, particularly in the game against Leyton Orient on November 30th. In the 66th minute with the game poised at 0-0 Stephen Roche had a goalbound effort brilliantly tipped over the bar by Ellerton. Ellerton, however, was not the O's keeper but a defender covering on the line, and how both referee and linesman failed to notice and award a penalty which might have settled the game in Millwall's favour remains a mystery. A 2-0 defeat against

YOUTH PROFILE ROSS VENABLES

Born 22/3/1979. Ross joined the Millwall junior ranks whilst still a pupil at the Erith School in Kent and over the years has made steady progress to his present second year youth team status.

His initial League appearance for the youth side was when he came on as substitute in the home game against Gillingham on the 19th August 1995. His first time in the starting line-up was at Fulham on 13th April 1996.

Prior to joining The Lions he had spells with Charlton Athletic and Arsenal. He favours a midfield/strikers role in the team and his skills have been duly recognised, making representative appearances for both North Kent District and Kent County. Ross recalls with particular pride and satisfaction his performance for Kent when he scored both goals against Middlesex in a 2-1 win in a County Cup Final.

He mentions his father as a great source of encouragement towards his footballing ambitions, citing also the Club's coaching staff with a special mention for Kit Man Ken Barry.

When asked about his own 'football heroes' Ross immediately names old boy Ben Thatcher. He explains "watching his progress through the Millwall ranks to a First Team place has been inspirational and Ben's career is something I would love to emulate".

Ross also thinks that the goalscoring abilities of Liverpool's Robbie Fowler are to be much admired.

Aware of the pitfalls on the road to attaining a career in the professional game Ross is furthering his academic education by attending college and taking a course in Leisure and Tourism.

With regard to interests away from the football pitch, he enjoys watching tennis as well as taking an active part in the sport. Also listening to his CD collection and spending time on the Personal Computer are amongst his hobbies.

Brian Reynolds



Cambridge followed a week later, again a make do and mend side with schoolboys Joe Little and Stephen Reid gaining further experience couldn't break the winless sequence. However, the priority was to get things right two days later in the Youth Cup which they duly did.

Millwall v Leyton Orient: Smith, Venables, Jenkins, Nightingale, White, Roberts, Pittwood (Williams), Poulter, Stevens (Reid), Roche, Edwards. Sub not used: Keevill.

Millwall v Cambridge: Smith, Little, Jenkins, Thompson, White, Roche (Nightingale), Stevens, Poulter, Reid, Pittwood (Venables, Thomson), Edwards.

Millwall v Gillingham: Smith, Thompson, Roche, Nightingale, White, Jenkins, Venables (Edwards), Poulter, Sadlier (Pittwood), Hockton, Stevens. Sub not used: Reid.

Brian Reynolds

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

SEASON 1996/97

Sat 17 Aug	Fulham	(H)	4-2
Sat 24	Watford	(H)	3-2
Sat 31	Portsmouth	(H)	1-3
Sat 7 Sep	QPR	(A)	5-1
Sat 14	Colchester (LC1)	(A)	1-2
Mon 16	Aston Villa (SJFC1)	(A)	4-2
Sat 21	Tottenham	(H)	1-3
Sat 28	Charlton	(H)	2-0
Sat 5 Oct	Arsenal	(A)	0-4
Sat 12	Southend	(H)	4-3
Sat 19	Charlton	(A)	3-2
Sat 26	Ipswich Town	(H)	1-1
Wed 30	Charlton (SJFC)	(A)	2-2
Sat 2 Nov	Gillingham	(H)	1-2
Mon 4	Charlton (SJFCR)	(H)	1-4
Sat 9	West Ham	(A)	0-3
Sat 16	Norwich City	(H)	1-2
Sat 23	Southend	(A)	1-1
Sat 30	Leyton Orient	(A)	0-0
Sat 7 Dec	Cambridge	(H)	0-2
Mon 9	Gillingham (FAYC2)	(H)	1-0
Sat 14	Chelsea	(A)	Post
Sat 21	Fulham	(A)	11.00am
Sat 4 Jan	Chelsea	(H)	11.00am
Sat 11	Portsmouth	(A)	11.00am
Sat 18	QPR	(H)	11.00am
Sat 25	Tottenham	(A)	11.00am
Sat 1 Feb	Watford	(A)	11.00am
Sat 15	Arsenal	(H)	11.00am
Sat 1 Mar	Ipswich Town	(A)	11.00am
Sat 8	Gillingham	(A)	11.00am
Sat 15	Norwich City	(A)	11.00am
Sat 22	West Ham	(H)	11.00am
Sat 5 Apr	Leyton Orient	(H)	11.00am
Sat 12	Cambridge	(A)	11.00am

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Roll Call

NAME D.O.B.	SIGNED FROM DATE	F/LGE 96-97 APP	F/LGE 96-97 GOALS	CC CUP FA CUP AWS APP	CC CUP FA CUP AWS GOALS	MILLWALL LEAGUE CAREER APP	MILLWALL LEAGUE GOALS	OTHER COMPS APP	OTHER COMPS GOALS
Steve Aris 27.7.78	Youth 8/95	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
Bobby Bowry 19.5.71	C Palace 7/95	21	0	4	0	54(5)	2	9	0
Mark Bright 6.2.62	Sheffield Wed (loan) 12/96	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Tim Carter 5.10.67	Oxford 12/95	23	0	5	0	31	0	6	0
Steve Crawford 9.1.74	Raith 7/96	19(2)	8	4	3	19(2)	8	4	3
Jason Dair 15.6.74	Raith 7/96	17(3)	1	5	2	17(3)	1	5	2
Tony Dolby 16.6.74	Youth 5/92	7(2)	0	2(2)	0	30(24)	1	7(3)	0
Maurice Doyle 17.10.69	OPR 5/95	7(6)	0	1	0	22(9)	0	3	0
Scott Fitzgerald 13.8.69	Wimbledon (loan) 10/96	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Michael Harle 31.10.72	Sittingbourne 11/93	4(5)	1	2(1)	0	4(5)	1	2(1)	0
Paul Hartley 19.10.76	Hamilton 7/96	13(8)	2	3(1)	0	13(8)	2	3(1)	0
Danny Hockton 7.2.79	Youth 7/95	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0	0	0
Darren Huckerby 23.4.76	Newcastle (loan) 9/96	6	3	0	0	6	3	0	0
Gerard Lavin 5/2/74	Watford 11/95	5(2)	0	2(1)	0	23(4)	0	3(1)	0
Chris Malkin 4.6.67	Tranmere 7/95	7(2)	2	2	1	46(6)	13	7	3
Lee McRobert 4.10.72	Sittingbourne 2/95	0	0	(1)	0	5(9)	1	2(1)	0
Lucas Neill 9.3.78	Youth 11/95	19(3)	4	4(1)	0	24(11)	4	4(1)	0
Ricky Newman 5.8.70	C Palace 7/95	21(1)	2	5	0	55(3)	3	10	0
Graham Robertson 12.11.76	Raith 8/96	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
Anton Rogan 25.3.66	Oxford 8/95	17	7	3	0	21(4)	7	3	0
Dave Savage 30.7.73	Longford T 5/94	17(1)	1	3	1	65(17)	3	13	3
Dave Sinclair 6.10.69	Raith 7/96	4(1)	0	1	0	4(1)	0	1	0
Keith Stevens 21.6.64	Youth 6/81	5	0	2	0	447(7)	9	91	1
Jason van Blerk 16/3/68	Go Ahead Eagles 9/94	1(1)	0	1(1)	0	67(4)	2	12(1)	0
Damian Webber 8.10.68	Bognor Regis 11/94	15	0	3	0	42(11)	1	6(4)	0
Tony Witter 12.8.65	OPR 10/94	17	0	3	0	73(2)	2	14	0

COMING NEXT TO THE DEN

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Thursday December 26th, 1996, kick-off 12 noon

Boxing Day will be our fourth meeting with Barry Fry's boys this season following our Coca Cola Cup tie over two legs which we lost in extra-time, and that epic 3-3 draw in the League game at London Road. Peterborough have struggled a little since then but will again provide a stern physical challenge.

Statistics



DATE	OPPONENTS	VEN	RES	POS	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat 17 Aug	Wrexham	(H)	1-1	-	9,371	Carter	Doyle	Newman	Sinclair	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Savage	Malkin	Crawford ¹	Dair	Dolby	Hartley	Neill
Wed 21 Aug	Peterborough (CCC1-1)	(H)	1-0	-	5,145	Carter	Newman	Harle	Bowry	Witter	Stevens	Hartley	Savage	Malkin ¹	Crawford	Dair	Doyle	Dolby	Neill
Sat 24 Aug	Watford	(A)	2-0	5	9,495	Carter	Newman	Harle ¹	Webber	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Savage	Malkin	Crawford ¹	Dair	Doyle	Hartley	Neill
Tue 27 Aug	York City	(A)	2-3	9	3,108	Carter	Newman	Harle	Webber	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Savage ¹	Malkin ¹	Crawford	Dair	Doyle	Neill	Hartley
Sat 31 Aug	Burnley	(H)	2-1	5	9,281	Carter	Newman ¹	Neil ¹	Webber	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Savage	Malkin	Crawford	Dair	Harle	Dolby	Doyle
Tue 3 Sept	Peterborough (CCC1-2)	(A)	0-2 (aet)	-	4,610	Carter	Neill	Rogan	Webber	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Newman	Malkin	Dolby	Dair	Doyle	Harle	Hartley
Sat 7 Sept	Bristol Rovers	(H)	2-0	5	7,881	Carter	Newman	Rogan ¹	Webber	Witter	Stevens	Bowry	Neill	Huckerby ¹	Dair	Hartley	Malkin	Harle	Doyle
Tue 10 Sept	Peterborough United	(A)	3-3	5	4,442	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Webber	Witter	Doyle	Bowry	Neill ¹	Malkin ¹	Huckerby ¹	Dair	Harle	Hartley	Crawford
Sat 14 Sept	Notts. County	(A)	*2-1	4	4,473	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Doyle	Witter	Webber	Bowry	Neill ¹	Malkin	Huckerby	Dair	Harle	Hartley	Crawford
Sat 21 Sept	Crewe Alexandra	(H)	2-0	2	9,320	Carter	Doyle	Rogan	Newman	Witter	Webber	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Huckerby ¹	Dair ¹	Malkin	Harle	Hartley
Sat 28 Sep	Preston North End	(A)	1-2	2	9,400	Carter	Doyle	Rogan	Newman ¹	Witter	Webber	Bowry	Crawford	Malkin	Huckerby	Dair	Sinclair	Hartley	Savage
Wed 2 Oct	Stockport County	(H)	3-4	6	7,537	Carter	Doyle	Rogan ²	Newman	Witter	Webber	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Huckerby	Savage	Harle	Hartley ¹	Hockton
Sat 5 Oct	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	0-0	6	7,507	Carter	Doyle	Rogan	Webber	Harle	Savage	Bowry	Neill	Hartley	Dolby	Dair	Newman	Robertson	Hockton
Sat 12 Oct	Chesterfield	(H)	2-1	5	7,765	Carter	Newman	Rogan ¹	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill ¹	Crawford	Dolby	Hartley	Doyle	Dair	Harle
Wed 16 Oct	Bury	(H)	1-0	2	6,447	Carter	Newman	Rogan ¹	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Hartley	Dolby	Doyle	Dair	Harle
Sat 19 Oct	Gillingham	(A)	3-2	2	9,305	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford ²	Hartley ¹	Dolby	Doyle	Dair	Harle
Sat 26 Oct	Brentford	(A)	0-0	2	7,691	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Hartley	Dolby	Doyle	Dair	Harle
Wed 30 Oct	Blackpool	(H)	2-1	2	7,179	Carter	Newman	Rogan ²	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Hartley	Dolby	Doyle	Dair	Harle
Sat 2 Nov	Walsall	(H)	1-0	1	9,176	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Dair	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford ¹	Dolby	Hartley	Harle	Lavin	Hockton
Sat 9 Nov	Bristol City	(A)	1-1	1	12,326	Carter	Newman	Harle	Savage	Witter	Fitzgerald	Bowry	Neill	Crawford ¹	Dair	Hartley	Lavin	Van Blerk	Webber
Fri 15 Nov	Woking (FA Cup 1)	(A)	2-2	-	5,448	Carter	Newman	Rogan	Savage ¹	Witter	Harle	Bowry	Neill	Crawford ¹	Dair	Hartley	Webber	Lavin	Van Blerk
Wed 20 Nov	Shrewsbury Town	(H)	2-1	1	5,770	Carter	Lavin	Rogan	Savage	Webber	Newman	Bowry	Neill	Crawford ²	Dair	Hartley	Doyle	Sinclair	Dolby
Sat 23 Nov	Rotherham United	(A)	0-0	1	3,286	Carter	Lavin	Rogan	Savage	Webber	Newman	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Dair	Hartley	Doyle	Sinclair	Dolby
Tue 26 Nov	Woking (FACI R)	(H)	0-1	-	6,084	Carter	Lavin	Rogan	Savage	Webber	Newman	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Dair	Hartley	Doyle	Sinclair	Dolby
Fri 29 Nov	Brentford	(H)	0-0	1	7,845	Carter	Lavin	Rogan	Newman	Webber	Sinclair	Savage	Neill	Crawford	Dair	Hartley	Dolby	Doyle	Van Blerk
Tue 3 Dec	Wycombe Wanderers	(A)	0-1	2	4,550	Carter	Lavin	Rogan	Savage	Webber	Sinclair	Bowry	Neill	Crawford	Dair	Hartley	Doyle	Dolby	Van Blerk
Sat 7 Dec	Hereford United AWS	(A)	4-0	-	1,710	Carter	Lavin	Van Blerk	Newman	Webber	Sinclair	Doyle	Neill	Crawford ²	Dair ²	Dolby	McRobert	Robertson	Aris
Sat 14 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	(A)	1-1	2	4,494	Carter	Lavin	Van Blerk	Savage	Webber	Sinclair	Newman	Neill	Crawford	Bright ¹	Dair	Dolby	Hartley	Doyle
Wed 18 Dec	Luton Town	(H)																	
Thu 26 Dec	Peterborough United (12 noon)	(H)																	
Sat 28 Dec	Bristol Rovers	(A)																	
Wed 1 Jan	Crewe Alexandra	(A)																	
Tue 7 Jan	Colchester United AWS	(H)																	
Sat 11 Jan	Preston North End	(H)																	
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	(A)																	
Sat 25 Jan	Blackpool	(A)																	
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Sat 8 Feb	Walsall	(A)																	
Sat 15 Feb	Rotherham United	(H)																	
Sat 22 Feb	Shrewsbury Town	(A)																	
Sat 1 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	(H)																	
Sat 8 Mar	Luton Town	(A)																	
Sat 15 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	(H)																	
Sat 22 Mar	Watford	(H)																	
Fri 28 Mar	Wrexham (12 noon)	(A)																	
Wed 2 Apr	York City	(H)																	
Sat 5 Apr	Burnley	(A)																	
Sat 12 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	(H)																	
Sat 19 Apr	Chesterfield	(A)																	
Sat 26 Apr	Gillingham	(H)																	
Sat 3 May	Bury	(A)																	
Sat 17 May	FA Cup Final																		
TBA	Notts. County	(H)																	



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including 15th December, 1996)

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	23	6	5	0	23	13	6	2	4	14	11	43
Millwall	23	8	2	1	18	9	3	6	3	15	14	41
Luton Town	22	10	0	2	25	6	2	4	4	15	19	40
Bury	22	8	3	0	21	5	3	4	4	14	17	40
Burnley	22	9	0	3	23	13	2	4	5	8	11	37
Stockport County	23	6	4	2	12	7	4	3	4	17	18	37
Watford	22	4	5	2	11	10	5	5	1	14	9	37
Chesterfield	22	6	2	2	12	8	5	2	5	10	9	37
Wrexham	21	6	3	0	16	9	3	5	4	11	14	35
Bristol City	22	7	3	2	26	8	2	4	4	11	16	34
Crewe Alexandra	22	9	0	2	23	7	2	1	8	6	20	34
York City	22	5	3	3	14	11	3	2	6	10	18	29
Bristol Rovers	23	6	3	2	16	10	1	5	6	7	14	29
Shrewsbury Town	23	4	3	4	11	14	3	4	5	17	21	28
Preston North End	23	7	3	2	18	11	1	1	9	6	16	28
Gillingham	22	5	3	4	17	15	2	2	7	6	14	26
Walsall	22	6	4	2	16	18	1	1	8	6	18	26
Bournemouth	23	4	2	6	12	15	3	3	5	9	13	26
Blackpool	23	3	6	1	13	10	2	4	7	9	17	25
Plymouth Argyle	23	3	7	2	12	12	2	2	7	14	21	24
Peterborough United	23	2	5	4	23	21	2	4	6	9	20	21
Notts County	22	3	4	4	11	10	2	2	7	4	13	21
Wycombe Wanderers	23	5	2	5	10	10	0	3	8	8	23	20
Rotherham United	22	3	4	4	8	8	0	3	8	10	25	16

Luton Town



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