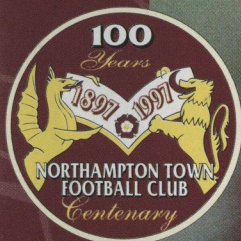


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the Gaffer

Ian Atkins



Players and fans at Walsall pay their respects with a minutes silence

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for today's match. They haven't made the start that they would have liked and no doubt will be keen to make amends today. Perhaps they are feeling the effect of not quite reaching the play offs last season but their side is full of quality and I expect them to rise towards the top by the end of the season.

This is a big local derby today. Whoever shows passion, commitment and pride and wants to be first to the ball will, 90% of the time, come out on top. We have shown all these qualities so far and in today's game we must continue to stay focussed and committed to those qualities. I think everybody has been impressed with the standard of division two football so far and we could not have hoped to have made a better start after some tough opening fixtures. We must strive to maintain and improve our standards over the rest of the season if we are to achieve what we want. I am sure today's game will test us to the full and it should be a terrific tussle.

I must thank all of you who have given tremendous support over the last three away games, it was nice to give you something to cheer about. Wasn't it nice for a change to hear a manager who was gracious in defeat? Walsall manager Jan Sorensen commented that 'Northampton were very difficult to play against. They played both the short and the long game and played to their strengths and

there is nothing wrong with that.' Long may it continue.

I would also like to offer a warm welcome to David Seal now that he has signed for us on a permanent basis. I have been trying to sign him for the last two years as he is a natural goalscorer who only needs one chance to stick it in the net. He has already built up a great relationship with John Gayle but their success is also due to the terrific back-up which is coming from midfield and the lads at the back. I am sure David would agree that we are not a team of eleven players but a squad of twenty or so. I will pick the team for individual games depending on the qualities that I think

we need. The players here all work very hard for each other and I am sure they will all get a chance to prove themselves throughout the season ahead. There are no stars, just a great desire to help the squad achieve its goals.

On a sadder note, we have obviously had to put this fixture back a few days

because of the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Football

is a serious business these days but the events of the last week put it all into perspective. It is still the greatest game in the world but it should be there to be enjoyed. On behalf of all the management, players, directors and indeed all the people of Northampton I would like to offer our condolences to her family and friends. She was a wonderful person.

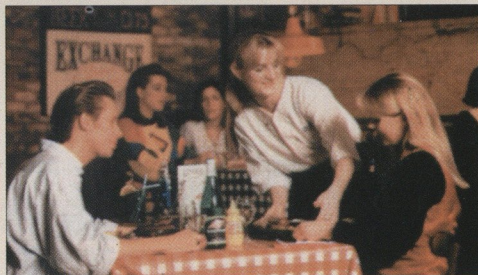
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This World was cruel and so unkind and at times she almost left it behind
The love of her boys kept her strong, even when many did her wrong
Goodbye sweet Diana take with you our love, to all of those in heaven above*

Anon.

The Chairman, Directors, Management, Players and Staff of Northampton Town Football Club would like to express their sorrow and sadness at the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales. She will be missed throughout the country and nowhere more so than in Northamptonshire. Our thoughts are with the Prince of Wales and Princes William and Harry at this difficult time.

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SECOND DIVISION NEWS

with Mandeep Sanghera

After only a clutch of games into the Division Two season there is a danger of reading too much into the early league table, but you can also discard it at your peril. It can be dangerous to make any sort of predictions so briefly into the season, but you cannot help drawing a number of conclusions about Northampton's rivals from their respective starts.

The facts never lie and the pacesetters, slow-starters and strugglers have all given a brief insight as to what to expect as the season progresses.

Watford suffered their first defeat of the season 10 days ago away at fellow pacesetters Preston when beaten 2-0, but with a 100 per cent record prior to that game gave clear indication that they will be one of the teams challenging for promotion come the end of the season in May.

Manager Graham Taylor, who returned this summer to reform his partnership with Elton John, has seen his side knock Swindon out of the Coca-Cola Cup as well as beat last season's play-off finalists Brentford, and although he was not happy with his team's defeat the former England manager seemed glad the attention, which was gaining momentum due to their unbeaten start, was curbed somewhat to ease the pressure on his players.

Their opponents last Sunday were John Gregory's Wycombe side who although knocked out of the Coca-Cola Cup by Fulham (6-5 on aggregate) have built on the promising form during the climax to last season when they lost only one game at home from November onwards. They have continued this record this season - their last victims were the seaside club of Southend beaten 4-1 last Tuesday night. Southend and Grimsby, who were both relegated last term, are in the bottom quarter of the table and managers Alvin Martin and Alan Buckley respectively are struggling with the aid of little finances and lack of squad strength to turn around the fortunes of the clubs.

However, it is another seaside club in Blackpool that stole the headlines when they knocked first division Manchester City out of the Coca-Cola Cup in a pulsating contest that finished 1-1 on aggregate after extra-time and was decided 4-2 on penalties.

Gary Megson's side were beaten 2-0 by Bournemouth, another of the early seasons

high-flyers, in the next game, but bounced back with the help of a Tony Ellis hat-trick to defeat Wrexham 4-3 last Tuesday.

Wrexham have failed to match the pre-season expectations which were borne from their reaching the FA Cup quarter-finals last season, but Brian Flynn knows they will need to rediscover that form on a weekly basis to get back on the promotion trail.

Lennie Lawrence's Luton are another side who will need to quickly get back on the winning trail to reaffirm their promotion aspirations and credentials. Lawrence's side were beaten 2-0 by rivals Millwall last week and with league goals becoming hard to come by a move into the transfer market could be beckoning. Luton have the second worst goalscoring record in the Division, but it is managerial newcomer Chris Waddle whose Burnley side are bottom in that category as well as propping up the league table.

The two Bristol sides in City and Rovers met in the Coca-Cola Cup with the former coming out on top by an aggregate score of 2-1 after extra-time and now face Leeds United in the next round.

Bristol Rovers, though, are narrowly ahead of their local rivals in the league after last Tuesday's 1-1 draw at Bournemouth and City's 2-0 defeat at home to Fulham.

Mickey Adams' Fulham have made the best start of the other three promoted sides, namely Wigan Athletic and Carlisle. Wigan have fallen away after their opening day 5-2 home win against Wycombe with a 3-0 loss at Bristol City and a 1-0 defeat to Carlisle. That was Carlisle's first win of the season, but at the time it failed to lift them out of the bottom three.

In another all Division Two encounter Oldham were hammered 5-0 by Grimsby in the second leg first round tie as Jack Lester gave the Mariners a break from their poor league start with a nine minute first-half hat-trick.

Triple strikes have been the feature of the last couple of weeks and none have been more spectacular than that of Frenchman Roger Boli. The brother of Besile, who famously head-butted Stuart Pearce, proved the division has its own continental flavour.

Boli hit three against Southend including a bicycle kick which flew into the top corner from 15 yards to give Danish coach Jan Sorensen something to smile about.

LUTON TOWN FACTS

Founded:	1885
Nickname:	The Hatters
Ground:	Kenilworth Road Stadium, Luton, Beds LU4 8AW
Record Attendance:	30,069
Colours:	Shirts - White with blue sleeves Shorts - Blue
Pitch Size:	110 x 72 yards
Ground Capacity:	9,975
Record League Victory:	12-0 v Bristol Rovers, 13 April 1936
Record Cup Victory:	9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup 1st Rd, 30 November 1927
Record Defeat:	0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12th November 1898
Most League Goals:	103, Division 3, 1936/37

LENNIE LAWRENCE - Manager

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley. A player with non-League Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United. Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth, where he was also caretaker manager, and at Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as reserve team coach.

Charlton finished as runners-up in Division 2 in 1985/86 earning 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, but were relegated in 1990. Mr Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club which at the time made him the longest serving manager in the country behind Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough and Oldham's Joe Royle. He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993, and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park. He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November of this year. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

PAUL SHOWLER

Signed in August 1996 from Bradford City, where he played under current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference. Scored his first goal for the Hatters in the 3-1 win over Walsall in October 1996.



LENNIE LAWRENCE

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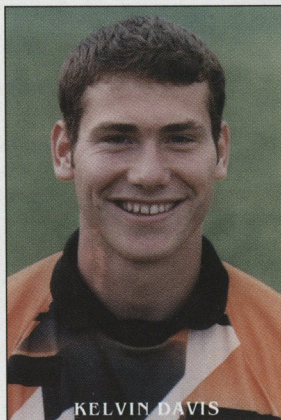
Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995 for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Milosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. His Luton debut wasn't his league debut though, as he was on loan at Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two before being spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

SIMON DAVIES

Joined the Hatters from Manchester United for £200,000 in the summer of 1997, after only rare appearances in the Old Trafford first-team. Made 11 league appearances for the Reds, and also played six matches during a loan spell at Exeter. Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0.

KELVIN DAVIS

Kelvin is a highly rated keeper who made his league debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March. With Jurgen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw. He kept his place until the end of the season, and also won two England youth caps.



KELVIN DAVIS

RICHARD HARVEY

Richard resurrected his Town career in 1994/95 after two years plagued by injury. The former England youth international missed the entire 1993/94 season after a cruciate knee ligament operation, and made his first appearance of the following campaign at Barnsley in January. His appearance at home to Watford in March 1995 was his first at Kenilworth Road for three years. A regular on the left side of defence/midfield for the first half of the 95/96 season, he lost his place to Mitchell Thomas after the arrival of Lennie Lawrence as manager. Suffered with another knee ligament injury in the 96/97 pre-season campaign. Was given free transfer at the end of last season, but remains on month-to-month contract.

JULIAN JAMES

Julian 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 win at Leeds in November of that year. A former England Under-21 International, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95 with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loyal Luton Supporters Club.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender.

Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake.

Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first team match in 94/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy.

He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson.

PAUL McLAREN

Paul made his debut in the Town first team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England Youth international. He started as a centre-half, but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in central midfield.

Made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995, and then played in the Anglo-Italian Cup game at Genoa. Was an able deputy for Gary Waddock and/or Ceri Hughes in 96/97 and is set to be a regular this term.

MITCHELL THOMAS

The former England Under-21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986. He played in the 1987 FA Cup Final, and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaign.

Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in



MARVIN JOHNSON

December 1995, and responded with an ever-present record until the end of the season. Was regular left-back during the 96/97 campaign.

DARREN PATTERSON

Darren signed for the Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international started his league career with Wigan and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992. An achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying matches. Made his first Luton appearance in the Anglo-Italian Cup defeat in Casena in November 1995. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996, and won his place back in the Northern Ireland squad at the end of 96/97.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER

Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager.

The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000, with further payments depending on appearances.

A regular on the right-hand side of midfield, he played in all but one of Luton's league and cup matches in the 96/97 season.

TREVOR PEAKE

Trevor started his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987 as the Sky Blues beat David Pleat's Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley. Trevor joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991, and signed a new one-year contract in the summer of 1994.

For the first time in his career he maintained an ever-present record throughout the season, being voted the Supporters' Club Player of the Year, and signed a further one year deal in the summer of 1995, and was appointed reserve team coach during the 1995/96 season.

DAVID OLDFIELD

David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town. He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two goal senior debut in the 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. Australian born Oldfield joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City. Re-signed from Leicester City in July 1995 for £150,000.

TONY THORPE

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994.

He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. He was restricted to just five substitute appearances during the 1994/95 campaign. Scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 - the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley. Signed a new contract in the summer of 1996 and went on to enjoy a record-breaking season, becoming the first Luton player since Malcolm MacDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals.

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GARY WADDOCK

Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road.

Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay.

That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again and Swindon before moving to Bristol.

Gary missed only one game, after joining the Hatters in 1994/95, and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

STEVE DAVIS

Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 league appearances for Burnley, scoring over 22 goals.

He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loan spells at Burnley and Notts County.

He captained Burnley during their rise up the league into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season.

Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

Regular in the centre of defence last season.

Did you know?

- When the clubs met in a friendly in October 1899 the score ended 6-5 in Luton's favour.

- Christmas 1927, the Cobblers decided to travel to Luton by road due to the poor weather, but got stuck at Wendover, and never made the game.

- In the return at Northampton, Luton took a 5-1 half time lead only for Northampton to win 6-5, Reid of Luton scored 4 times and still finished on the losing side.

- Between 1902 and 1908, the Southern League fixture at Luton was always played on Boxing Day.

- The club met twice over Christmas 1915, in friendlies, Luton won their home tie 9-2, and Northampton theirs 8-2.

- A Southern League match in 1904/05 saw five penalties awarded three to Luton, all converted, and two to Northampton, just one scored.

- It was goals galore during the 16 World War 2 games, Clobber's recorded an 8-1, two 7-1's as well as a 5-1, two 5-2's and a 5-4, while Luton had a 7-1 and a 6-2 victory.

- Terry Branston helped Northampton from

the Fourth to the First Division, then joined Luton, and helped them to the Division Four Championship.

- The 19,251 that watched Cobblers win 4-1 at the County Ground in December 1929, was a record crowd for a league match, at the time.

- During the late 30's Northampton signed Bell, Thayne, Turner, Cook and Parris from Luton, then in the 60's Luton signed Reid, Smith, Hails and Branston from Northampton.

- Strangest transfer was in 1926, when Clobber's signed Bill Jennings, a centre half from Luton, he was 35, and played just three games.

- The last Luton player to score at the County Ground was Bruce Rioch in 1968, his brother Neil had a loan spell with the club four seasons later.

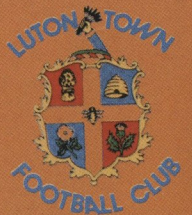
- Tony Adcock became the 42nd player to have played for both First teams, when he joined Luton in 1994.

- Biggest crowd for a Northampton v Luton clash was 26,220 for the FA Cup match at Kenilworth Road in 1961. Luton won 4-0.

The Cobblers v The Hatters



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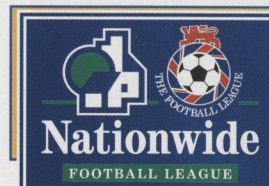
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Bournemouth		2-0	1.11	7.2	1-1	25.4	22.11	14.2	18.10	26.12	27.9	13.9	21.10	10.1	24.1	3.3	28.2	18.11	14.4	20.12	1-0	14.3	4.4	2.12
Blackpool	17.1		13.4	3.1	25.4	8.11	6.9	21.10	28.2	21.3	18.10	1-0	14.2	4.11	20.9	2.12	20.12	27.9	4.4	7.3	31.1	28.12	2.4	22.11
Brentford	7.3	13.12		8.11	21.10	27.9	4.11	0-0	11.4	2-0	3-1	25.4	10.1	21.3	28.3	31.1	14.2	26.12	18.10	24.1	18.4	29.11	19.9	28.2
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Carlisle	28.3	26.12	14.3	29.11	24.1	28.2		18.11	13.12	27.9	18.4	21.10	3.3	0-2	11.4	20.9	17.10	10.1	14.2	0-2	1-0	1.11	31.1	25.4
Chesterfield	4.10	2.5	3.1	18.4	20.9	6.9	21.3		7.3	4.11	8.11	13.12	28.3	11.4	24.2	17.1	3-2	29.11	3-1	31.1	11.10	21.2	25.10	28.12
Fulham	24.2	11.10	2.12	28.12	3.3	20.12	13.4	1.11		21.11	13.9	0-0	14.3	25.10	4.10	6.9	4.4	7.2	3.1	2.5	21.2	1-0	17.1	18.11
Gillingham	6.9	18.11	28.12	4.10	31.1	3.1	21.2	14.3	28.3		29.11	11.4	1.11	24.2	3.3	25.10	0-0	13.12	2-1	20.9	2.5	18.4	11.10	17.1
Grimsby	21.2	24.2	17.1	1-1	13.4	22.11	20.12	3.3	31.1	4.4		18.11	20.9	11.10	2.5	3.1	28.12	1.11	14.3	25.10	4.10	0-0	2.12	6.9
Luton	31.1	10.1	25.10	21.2	20.12	4.11	2.5	14.4	24.1	21.2	21.3		0-2	26.12	1-1	11.10	8.11	1-0	21.2	4.10	24.2	20.9	7.3	4.4
Millwall	2.5	4.10	3-0	6.9	4.4	21.3	8.11	22.11	5.11	7.3	7.2	28.12		21.2	11.10	13.4	3.1	13.9	3.12	25.2	25.10	17.1	20.12	2-3
Northampton	0-2	14.3	18.11	2-1	1.11	4.4	17.1	2.12	25.4	18.10	28.2	6.9	27.9		31.1	20.12	13.4	14.2	28.12	22.11	20.9	3.3	3.1	21.10
Oldham	2-1	7.2	22.11	7.3	27.9	28.12	2.12	18.10	14.2	8.11	21.10	17.1	28.2	13.9		4.4	6.9	25.4	19.12	21.3	4.11	3.1	13.4	3-1
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Preston	11.10	18.4	4.10	2.5	18.11	7.2	24.2	24.1	29.11	10.1	2-0	3.3	2-1	13.12	26.12	1.11		11.4	13.9	2-0	28.3	25.10	21.2	14.3
Southend	21.3	21.2	6.9	11.10	22.11	1-0	1-1	3.4	20.9	13.4	7.3	3.1	31.1	4.10	25.10	24.2	2.12		17.1	4.11	8.11	2.5	28.12	19.12
Walsall	13.12	29.11	24.2	25.10	26.12	7.3	4.10	10.1	1-1	24.1	4.11	28.3	11.4	0-2	18.4	21.2	31.1	3-1		8.11	21.3	11.10	2.5	20.9
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York	11.4	28.3	11.10	24.2	0-1	13.9	25.10	0-1	21.3	2-1	26.12	29.11	24.1	2.5	10.1	4.10	4.11	18.4	7.2	21.2	7.3	13.12	8.11	

attendances

	0	6,000	12,000
Burnley			10,962
Preston			10,672
Watford			10,640
Bristol City			9,530
Fulham			8,466
Millwall			7,767
Bristol Rovers			6,715
Carlisle			6,351
Northampton			6,301
Gillingham			5,823
Chesterfield			5,741
Oldham			5,730
Blackpool			5,640
Plymouth			5,476
Luton			5,442
Grimsby			5,312
Wycombe			5,312
Bournemouth			4,515
Southend			4,363
Brentford			4,259
Wigan			4,234
Wrexham			4,096
Walsall			4,052
York			3,148

average goals per match

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.4	1.33	1.5	0.6	0.33	1
Blackpool	1.4	1.5	1.33	2.2	2	2.33
Brentford	1.2	1.67	0.5	1.4	0.33	3
Bristol City	1.4	1.67	1	1	0.67	1.5
Bristol Rovers	1.2	2	0.67	0.6	1	0.33
Burnley				0.4		1
Carlisle	0.6	0.33	1	1.6	1.33	2
Chesterfield	1.67	3	0.67	0.8	1.5	0.33
Fulham	0.8	0.5	1	0.6		1
Gillingham	0.6	1	0.33	1	0.5	1.33
Grimsby	0.8	0.5	1	1.6	0.5	2.33
Luton	0.4	0.67		0.8	1	0.5
Millwall	2	2.5	1.5	1.25	1.5	1
Northampton	1.2	1	1.33	0.6	1.5	
Oldham	1.4	2.5	0.67	1.2	1	1.33
Plymouth	1	1	1	1.2	1.33	1
Preston	1.6	2	1	0.8	0.33	1.5
Southend	0.8	1	0.67	1.8	0.5	2.67
Walsall	1.2	1.33	1	1.8	1.33	2.5
Watford	1.4	2	1	0.6	0.5	0.67
Wigan	1.2	3		1.6	1.5	1.67
Wrexham	1.5	3		1.5	2.5	0.5
Wycombe	2.4	2	3	1.6	0.33	3.5
York	1.2	0.67	2	1.6	1	2.5

leading scorers

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Taylor			4				2
Boli			4				2
Stallard			5				
Seal			4				1
Goater			4				
Grant		3					1
Gayle		2			2		
Scott		2			2		
Jansen		1			3		
Newhouse			3				
Reeves			3				
Robinson		3					
Hayles		3					
McCarthy		3					
Boere		3					
O'Connell		3					
Ellis		3					
Lormor		2			1		
Logan		2			1		
Rapley		1		2			
Willis		1		2			
Conroy		1		2			
Thorpe		1		2			
Macken		1		2			
Williams		1		2			
Lester				3			

League goals in club colour, Coca Cola in magenta

Div 2 results analysis

	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
H O M E			1		2	7	1
				1	6	5	1
					1	7	8
					0	8	3
							6
A W A Y							

shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg in 7 games the home side won 3-1

number of games resulting in home & away wins and draws in Div 2 & Nationwide.

Home Wins	30	Home Wins	83
Away Wins	12	Away Wins	43
Draws	17	Draws	43
1-1 Draws	8	1-1 Draws	22
0-0 Draws	8	0-0 Draws	16

stats include mid-week matches

Nationwide results analysis

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
H O M E				1				
					1	3	1	1
						4	11	3
							4	3
							15	22
								11
A W A Y								

this shows the results for Divisions 1, 2 & 3, eg 16 games have finished 0-0



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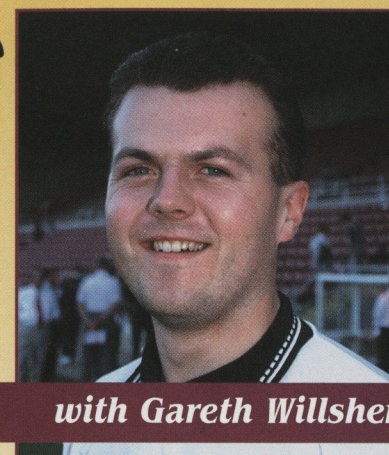
The Trust Travel Club are once again running transport to all of this season's away fixtures, including next Saturday's trip to Oldham Athletic. The coach departs Sixfields Stadium at 10am and to reserve your place please ring Dave Linnell on 01604 791417. Should the Cobblers progress in any cup competition this season, it is possible that away transport will have to be arranged at short notice. Please watch the local press for details.

As I am sure you are all aware, Trust members along with Season Ticket holders and Junior Cobblers members are entitled to a discount at the Club Shop. In order to claim your discount, be it Trust, Season Ticket or Junior Cobblers, PLEASE bring your membership cards with you. We regret that in order to be fair to everyone, we cannot allow a discount on any transaction without production of the membership card.

The next Trust Open Forum will take place here at Sixfields, in the Sporting Club to be exact, on Thursday September 25 at 7.30pm. Whilst on the subject of Open Forums, a big thank you to Ian Atkins for attending the last Trust meeting and entertaining a record audience in a lively question and answer session.

The Trust has recently obtained 2 new members from, of all places, Japan! This spreads the Trust membership, already covering Canada, USA, Australia, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Singapore to name a few, even further. It shows the strength and variety of support that the Cobblers have.

The Trust membership for 1997 is now rapidly



with Gareth Willsher

approaching 700. This is an all time record, an increase of around 150 on the previous all time best. We would like to thank all who have joined and when you consider this with the number of season ticket holders the club has and the 32,000 who went to Wembley the level of support for Northampton Town appears to be reaching new levels. If you are not yet a Trust member, please pick up a Membership form from the Club offices here at Sixfields.

A mailing for the Trust's Annual General Meeting in November will be circulated shortly. I can confirm that membership fees for 1998 will remain unchanged, the sixth consecutive year since the Trust's formation that this has been the case. We hope that this will encourage yet more people to join us and help us support the Club in the most positive manner possible.

Trust us to help the game

The Football Trust has been providing support for the game at every level throughout the UK for over 22 years. Its present priority task is to help League clubs to complete the implementation of the Taylor Report recommendations.

Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, and will enable the Trust to complete its Taylor task, carry on its essential safety work and continue to grant aid football at every level. The Government's commitment to the Trust has the support of everyone who cares about our national game.



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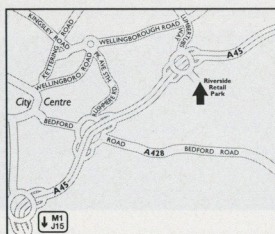


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Player Profile

DAVID SEAL

David has made an immediate impact since his arrival at Sixfields, scoring five goals in his first seven matches and, along with John Gayle, he has hogged the limelight at the start of the season. Typically he puts a lot of his success down to the help he is getting from the other players. "The defence and midfield are the real heroes" he says.

"Their work rate has made it difficult for the opposition to score easing the pressure on us up front." John Gayle has also played his part "We talk to each other. Teams are scared of John and he creates a lot of space for me, hopefully we can keep knocking in the goals." he added

Born in Australia, David's career began in Sydney where he played for Marconi, who are probably the biggest club down under. He represented his home country in the World Youth Cup and then the Olympic Games in 1992 in Barcelona.

These were both tremendous experiences giving him a chance to play against other styles of player and the experience has proved invaluable. The Australian League he rates as similar to the Second Division. "All the good players go abroad because the game is only semi-professional over there" he says, "which makes it difficult for teams to grow stronger." David was spotted by a scout from Belgium and played for Aalst in the Belgian first division. His prolific goalscoring continued as he amassed 42 goals in 38 appearances. A trial at West Ham United followed and he was about to be signed by 'The Hammers' when manager Billy Bonds left the club, leaving David to find

something else. He eventually went to Bristol City but had big problems with manager Joe Jordan, who would not play him or even let him go on loan to another club. Scoring against his old team in the recent match at Sixfields was particularly sweet, although he says that he didn't get any stick from his former colleagues.

His transfer to the Cobblers was, of course, in doubt after a specialist diagnosed a slight tear in a knee ligament. A second opinion contradicted this, putting it down to normal wear and tear and the transfer has now, thankfully, gone through. David is really enjoying his football at Northampton since his arrival. "The atmosphere here is totally different, it's not like coming in to work every day, it's more like being back at school with your mates."

Obviously, at 25 he is still ambitious to play at the highest level but at the moment he just wants to do his best for the Cobblers and keep scoring the goals.

Away from the game David says his main interest is his wife Teresa and six month old baby daughter, Ellie. He has also got an eye for a golf ball though, boasting a handicap of six, which now puts him ahead of Ian Sampson in the Cobblers golf rankings!

After a difficult time at Bristol City, things are certainly looking up for David and he has quickly established himself as a crowd favourite. He is determined to repay the faith in him that manager Ian Atkins has shown and I am sure that all Cobblers fans hope that at the end of the season he will have proven to be a shrewd buy.

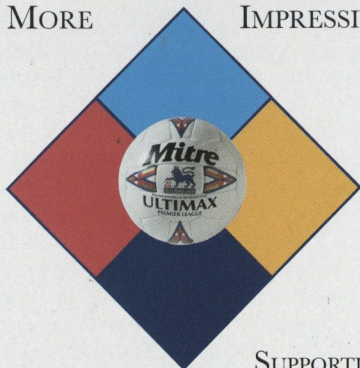


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Football in the Community



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthdays to Brad James, Matthew Ferguson, Oliver Thorne and Alex Nickel who are having their Birthday Parties with the Community Programme. The picture shows Ray Warburton with some other



children enjoying their Birthday at Sixfields.

Birthday Parties with the Community Programme are when the Cobblers play at home. The party must be accompanied by an adult and a minimum of eight children is required. The Birthday Party starts at 11.00am at Sixfields, after a coaching session there is lunch, a tour of the stadium and a complimentary ticket. The



Birthday person will receive a football. The cost is £8 per child and £12 per adult. More information please ring the Community Officer on 588676.

TASTER SESSIONS AT YOUR SCHOOL

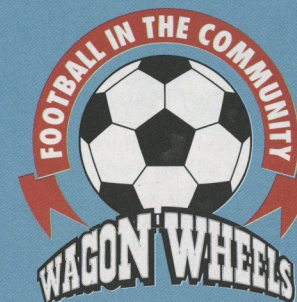
Northampton Town Community Programme are about to start their Taster Sessions at Schools for the new academic year. If any teachers out there would like the Community Programme to visit their school, please drop a line to the Community Office. The photograph below shows Community Officer Russell Lewis at Millway Middle School where he carried out a teacher Training Afternoon with Lower, Primary and Middle School teachers from all areas of Northampton. Children from Millway took part in the coaching and they can be seen proudly wearing the colours of Northampton.



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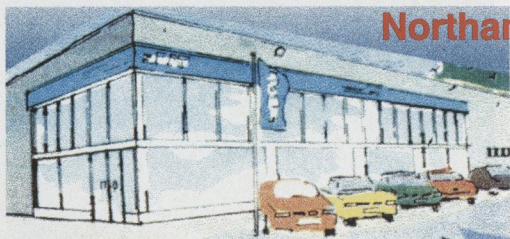


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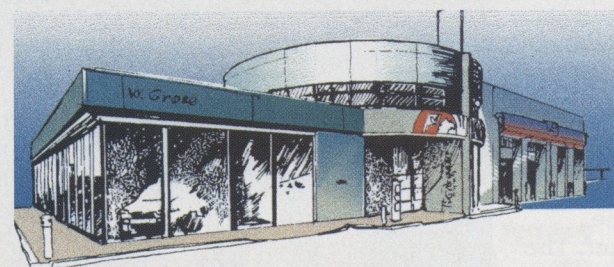
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Continental Appeal

The Italian league's kick-off 10 days ago had been eagerly awaited by fans around the world who were desperate to see how Ronaldo, the World Footballer of the Year, would fair in his league debut for Internazionale - but after all the fuss surrounding his move from Barcelona it all turned out to be an anti-climax. Ronaldo may have hit the bar against Brescia in the San Siro Stadium but it was his Uruguayan team-mate Alvaro Recoba who stole the headlines with two stunning goals in the 2-1 win after coming on as a second-half substitute. Champions Juventus also made a shaky start against newly promoted Lecce and had to wait until seven minutes from time for last season's Serie A top scorer Filippo Inzaghi to open the scoring. Antonio Conte added a second in the last minute for an unconvincing 2-0 victory for Marcello Lippi's team.

Argentinian international Gabriel Batistuta twice levelled the score for Fiorentina against Udinese before completing his hat-trick with an overhead kick in the dying seconds to earn a 3-2 victory. In the Italian Cup Parma, who have lost in the early stages in the last two years, went down 3-2 to Serie B side Venezia in the first leg of the second round match last Wednesday. Another top side to lose to a Serie B side were Sampdoria who lost 2-1 away at Graeme Souness's Torino. In the first weekend of the Spanish League the South American contingent were also out in force. Former Middlesbrough playmaker Juninho scored his first goal for Atletico Madrid as they drew 1-1 with fierce rivals Real Madrid. Barcelona's Portuguese international keeper Victor Bais could be out for three months after knee surgery and Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal has brought in Ruud Hesp as cover. The only promoted side to pick up any points on the opening weekend were Real Mallorca who beat Valencia 2-1.

Swedish international Tomas Brodin's hopes of a move to Real Zaragoza to end his troubled time at Leeds United have disappeared after the Spanish side pulled out of the deal last week. The English Premiership games may be called off when there is an international but, despite 51 of Spain's foreign legion being on World Cup duty, the (September 6 and 7) programme still went ahead with Tenerife the worse hit with seven players missing. Benfica are only mid table after they lost 1-0 to newly promoted Setubal. Sporting Lisbon lie third after their 1-0 home victory against bottom club Chaves.

Dutch side Ajax thrashed Utrecht 7-1 to take their goal tally to 17 in three games which leaves them top of the first division on goal difference over Feyenoord and Heerenveen -

the only other side who are unbeaten after three games, Vitesse Arnhem are below mid-table after they drew 1-1 with Voledam last Tuesday. Newly-promoted Kaiserslautern are still top of the German Bundesliga after beating third-from-bottom Bochum 3-1, although Bayern Munich also won 3-1 away at Hansa Ronstock to move into second place. Rostock meanwhile have taken South Africa international Wilfried Mugeyi, who won the South Africa Player of the Year award last season, on trial from Bush Bucks Amata.

Borussia Moenchengladbach, 12th after only one victory from their first five games, have been assured by captain Stefan Effenberg that he will stay until his contract runs out in the year 2000, while Champions Cup holders Borussia Dortmund have German international Matthias Sammer back in training after knee surgery a month ago. Hertha Berlin, promoted to the Bunesliga this season, have not enjoyed such a profitable time as leaders Kaiserslautern in their first season back in the top flight. Berlin are still looking for their first league victory after they lost 2-0 at home to Hamburg.

In Turkey there are no real surprises at the top of the league with Trabzonspor leading Fenerbahce by one point with champions Galatasaray a further point back. Galatasaray thrashed bottom side Vanspor 6-2 in the latest round of matches, while Fenerbahce won 2-0.

Rosenborg Trodheim have opened up an 11 point lead in the Norwegian first division after they beat second-placed Stabæk 5-0. Stronsgodset moved into their place ahead of Molde after their 6-1 victory over bottom club Lyn Oslo, while Brann Bergen remain fifth after they overcame Tromsø in a seven goal thriller.

The leaders in the Danish super league are still FC Copenhagen, despite their 1-1 draw with neighbouring AB Copenhagen, although Silkeborg climb over Brøndby into second after beating them 2-1 away. OB Odense are bottom and still looking for their first victory after six matches. Meanwhile on a world scale we now know that, after the previous round of World Cup qualifiers, Romania have become the first European country to qualify for the finals in France next summer.

They join the holders Brazil, the hosts France and the five qualifiers from the African nations - South Africa, who qualify for the first time in their history, Cameroon, Tunisia, Morocco and the Olympic champions Nigeria for France 1998.

FIFA, the sports ruling body, confirmed last week that the draw for the European play-offs, involving eight of the nine runners-up from the qualification groups, will be held in Zurich on October 13.

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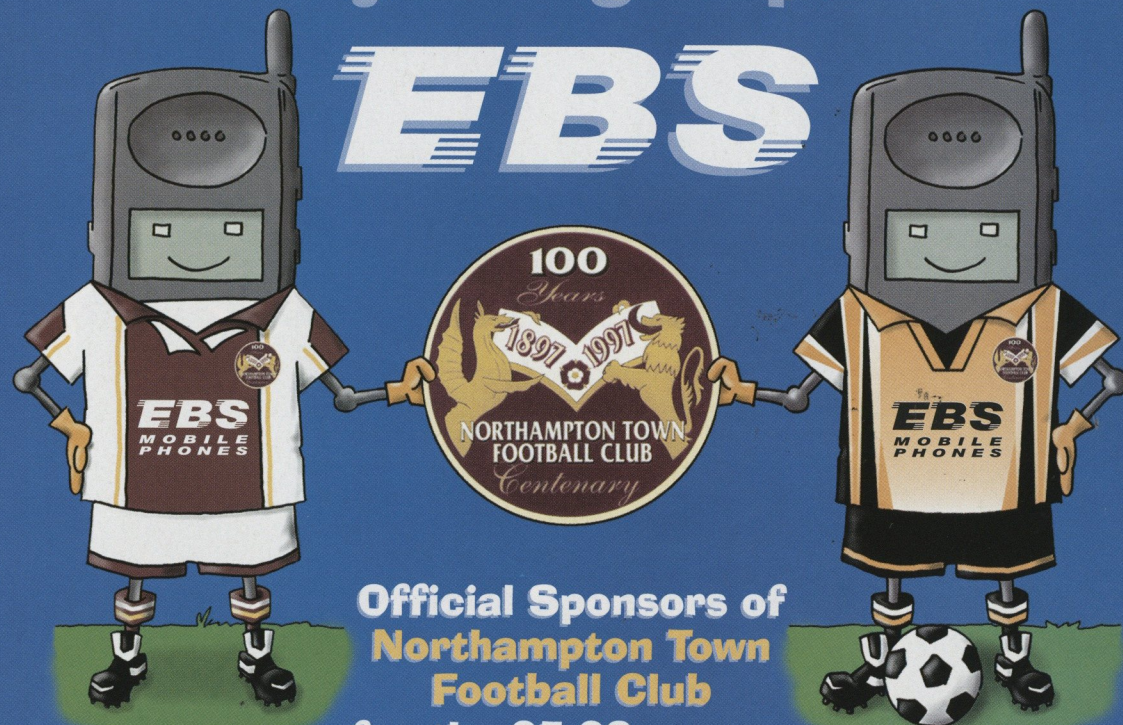
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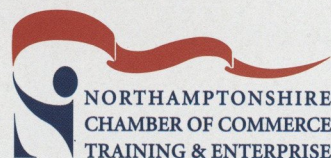
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1924 - LOCKETT SCORES FOUR

Inside-forward Bill Lockett scored four goals as the following Northampton Town team gained an emphatic 5-0 Third Division (South) win at home to Aberdare Athletic on 4th September 1924: Charlie Smith, Billy Watson, Frank Brett, George Needham, Edmund Wood, Billy Williams, Billy Pease, Jack Cook, Bill Poyntz, Bill Lockett, Louis Page. It was only the second time that a Northampton player had netted four goals in a League game. Lockett had been the Cobblers' leading marksman for the previous seasons and scored 68 times in 185 League outings overall.



RON
FLOWERS

1932 - COBBLERS HAMMER COUNTY

Four goals by Bert Dawes plus others by Tommy Boyle (2), Fred Dawes and Bob Mortimer gave the following Northampton Town side a thrilling 8-0 Third Division (South) win over struggling Newport County in front of 8,920 at the County Ground on 3rd September 1932: Len Hammond, Jim Oakley, Fred Dawes, John Dowsey, Ossie Park, Frank Davies, Bob Mortimer, Tommy Boyle, Bert Dawes, Fred Forbes, Tommy Wells. Having netted seven goals in the opening three games of the 1932/33 campaign, Bert Dawes scored another four in Northampton's 6-0 home win over Swindon Town two weeks later.

1958 - BARON'S DEBUT GOAL

Experienced inside-forward Kevin Baron scored on his Northampton Town debut to give the following team a 1-1 Fourth Division draw at home to Workington on 25th September 1958: Tony Brewer, Jim Bannister, Ron Patterson, Ray Yeoman, Colin Gale, Joe O'Neil, Barry Hawkins, Kevin Baron, Ollie Norris, Alan Woan, Tommy Fowler. Signed from Southend United, Baron

had played for Liverpool in the 1950 FA Cup final and was destined to score four times in 25 League games overall. Centre-forward Ollie Norris was also making his debut after moving from Bournemouth where he had starred in their 1956/57 FA Cup run.

1967 - ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL SIGNED

Former England international left-half Ron Flowers joined Northampton Town as player-coach in September 1967. Capped 49 times by his country, he had starred in three League Championship successes and the 1960 FA Cup final triumph during 16 years at Wolves. His arrival at the County Ground coincided with the appointment of former Spurs defender Tony Marchi as team-manager when Dave Bowen became general-manager after two consecutive relegation campaigns. Subsequently appointed player-manager for a year in May 1968, Flowers scored four goals in 61 League outings for Northampton.

1982 - COBBLERS' SEVENTH HEAVEN

Dave Syrett's four goals and others by Steve Massey (2) and Peter Benyer gave the following Northampton Town team an exciting 7-1 Fourth Division win over Bristol City in front of 2,967 at the County Ground on 19th September 1982: Neil Freeman, Paul Brady, Ian Phillips, Wakeley Gage, Adrian Burrows, Mark Heeley (Peter Benyer), Paul Saunders, Gary Saxby, Dave Syrett, Steve Massey, John Buchanan. It was the first time for 22 years that a Northampton player had scored four goals in a League game. Bristol City had plummeted from the First Division to Fourth in successive seasons, beating Northampton's unwanted record.

1993 - BARNWELL TAKES CHARGE

John Barnwell succeeded Phil Chard as Northampton Town's manager in September 1993. Chard had been dismissed as player-boss with Northampton bottom of the Third Division after failing to win any of their opening six games of the 1993/94 campaign and losing to Reading in the Coca Cola Cup. A former Arsenal team-mate of Dave Bowen's, Barnwell had previously managed Peterborough United, Wolves (1980 League Cup win), Notts County and Walsall and had been Northampton's managerial consultant for six months. Initially appointed on a caretaker basis, he remained in charge until dismissed in January 1995.

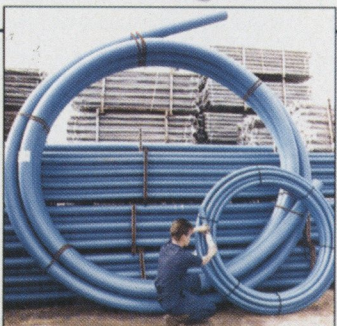


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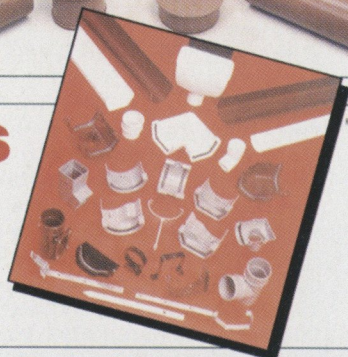
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1. Who scored the first ever Premier League goal in August 1992?
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3. Which is the largest city in England never to have staged top division football?
4. Can you name the American international who won a League Cup medal in 1991?
5. Which is the older club - Liverpool or Everton?
6. Which Irishman netted the only goal of the 1991 Rumbelows Cup Final?
7. To whom is the "Pichichi" trophy awarded each year?
8. Which club has been managed by Alan Ball, Gerry Francis and Terry Cooper?
9. In which year were the World Cup Final's first shown on British television?
10. In september 1995, William Hill were giving odds of 125-1 for Luton to win the Coca-Cola Cup. Why did they represent poor value?

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1. Brian Deane, 2. Stockport County, 3. Hull, 4. John Harkes, 5. Everton, 6. John Sheridan, 7. The Spanish First Division's leading goalscorer, 8. Exeter City, 9. 1954, 10. They had already been knocked out.



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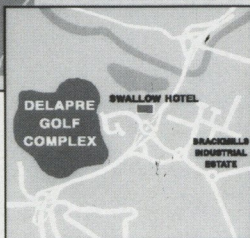
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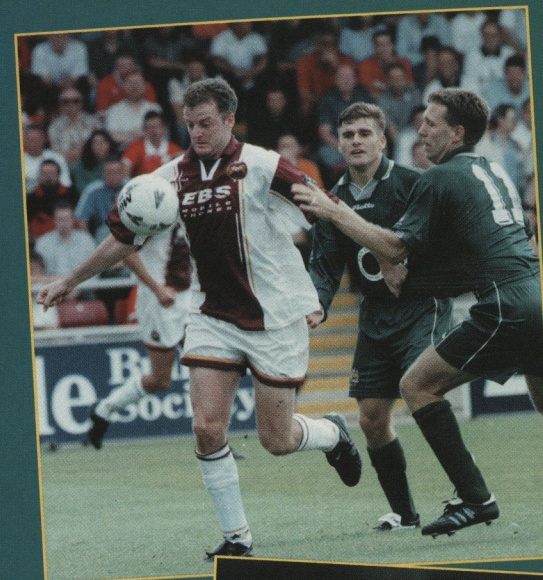
MATCH FACTS

Cobblers 2-1 Bristol

Nationwide League Division 2
Saturday August 23 1997

	Cobblers	Bristol
Shots on	6	9
Shots off	3	8
Corners	1	7
Caught offside	1	1
Fouls conceded	17	9
Bookings	1	2
Sendings off	0	0
Attendance	6,217	
Bristol fans	1,000	

Cobblers Goals	Bristol Goals
Seal - 23 min	Cramb - 5 min
Gayle - 45 min	



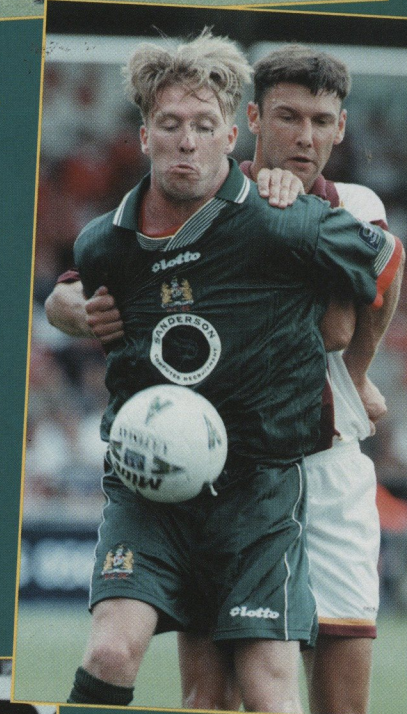
Above: Paul Conway breaks away from the attentions of Brian Tinnion



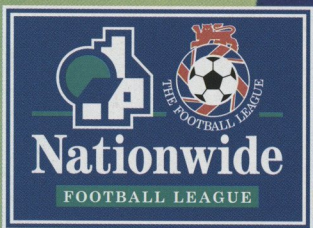
Left: Roy Hunter challenges Bristol's Matthew Hewlett

Below: Bristol keeper Keith Welch shields himself from Sean Parrish's challenge

Right: Goalscorer Cramb is closely watched by Ian Sampson



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MATCH FACTS

Carlisle **0-2** Cobblers

Nationwide League Division 2
Saturday August 30 1997

	Carlisle	Cobblers
Shots on	5	3
Shots off	9	5
Corners	9	2
Caught offside	0	3
Fouls conceded	13	17
Bookings	2	3
Sendings off	0	0
Attendance	6,307	
Cobblers fans	550	

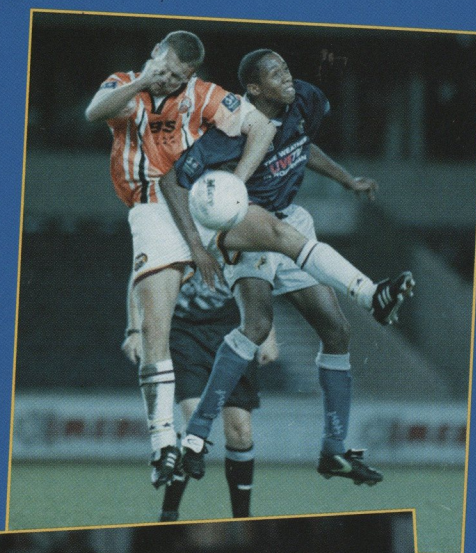
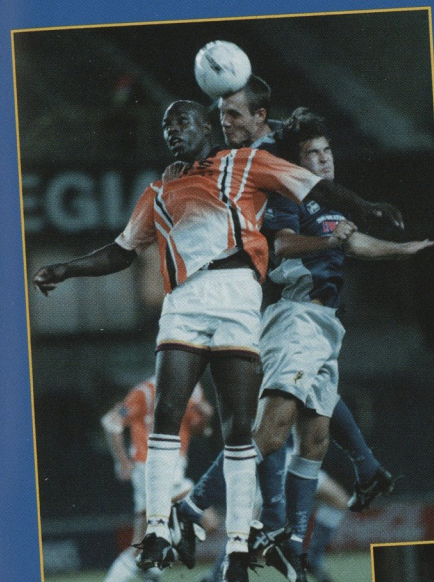
Carlisle Goals	Cobblers Goals
	Seal - 16 min
	Seal - 34 min

Above: David Seal's spectacular overhead strike against Carlisle

Below Left: John Gayle gave the Cobblers a chance with a 90th minute equaliser at Millwall, but unfortunately it was not enough

Below Right: Sean Parrish tussles with Bobby Bowry

Bottom: Millwall's Dave Savage lives up to his name as he flies in on Roy Hunter



MATCH FACTS

Millwall **2-1** Cobblers

Coca-Cola Cup 1st rd 2nd leg
Wednesday August 27 1997

	Millwall	Cobblers
Shots on	11	5
Shots off	11	7
Corners	5	6
Caught offside	3	6
Fouls conceded	23	15
Bookings	2	2
Sendings off	0	0
Attendance	4,364	
Cobblers fans	500	

Millwall Goals	Cobblers Goals
Hockton - 51 min	Gayle - 90 min
Hockton - 61 min	



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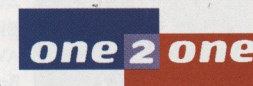
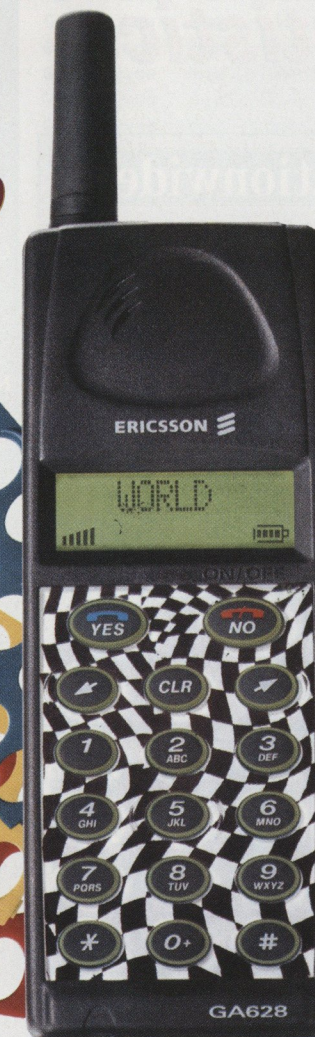
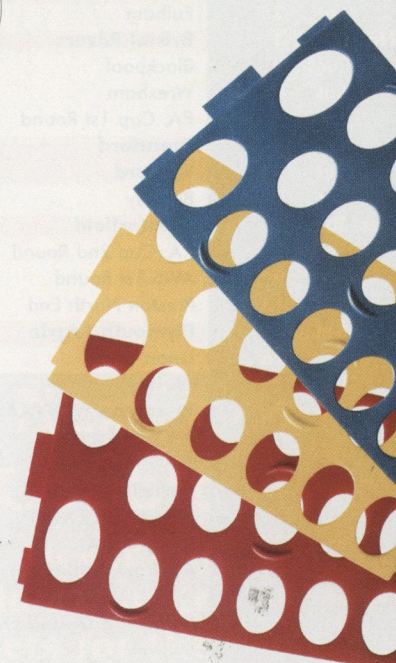
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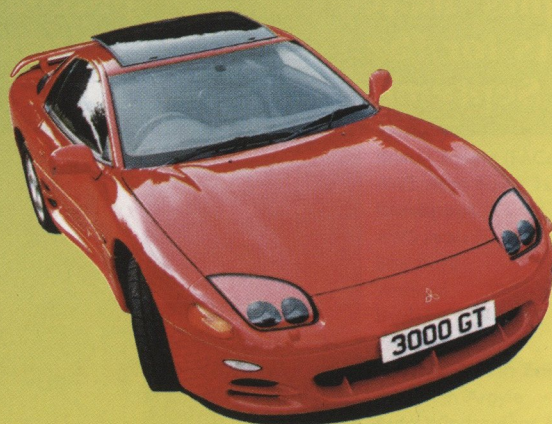
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Northampton Town Football Club is looking for someone to assist with the packing and maintenance of the first and reserve team kit throughout the playing season. Hours would vary but would be approximately 6hrs (two mornings) per week. If you are interested, please write to Rebecca Kerr at the club

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Tonight's Mascots



**Kerry Ann
Davis**

Kerry Ann is 9 years old and attends Weedon School. Her hobbies are Football, Brownies, Taekwondo and reading & writing. Her favourite players are Woody, Sean Parrish and Ray Warburton.



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Giles is (almost) 10 years old and attends Our Ladies Junior School in Wellingborough. He plays for Finedon Vics and favourite Cobblers player is John Frain.

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Coventry City 2

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Our first competitive match of the 1997/98 season saw us play at Sky Blue Lodge Coventry. After a very competitive opening 30 minutes where we had the better chances, the game started to drift away from us 15 minutes before half time when we started to look a bit weary. After the break we again more than matched Coventry only to see us go 1-0 down after a Kevin McCleary own goal on 65 minutes. We pulled ourselves together and during the last 10 minutes had three or four good chances to equalise but failed to convert any of them. Coventry broke away and scored with two minutes of the match remaining, to give them a flattering scoreline. Although the score was disappointing this was a very good all round team performance which deserved at least a draw.

Northampton Town 1

Peterborough United 1

Our first home fixture at British Timken saw us entertain Peterborough United. After a good start to the half we lost our way with some poor distribution, giving the ball away too easily and were lucky to go in at half time 0-0. We started the second half with a more positive attitude and were unlucky to go 1-0 down from a Peterborough free kick. Our goal also came from a free kick, just outside the penalty area, where the ball fell to Ian Jackson who shot first time into the back of the net.

Shrewsbury Town 2

Northampton Town 2

A strange match from start to finish with one goal from each side being scored in the first minute, and with two further goals in the first half completing the scoreline. This was our most disappointing performance of the season, especially during the first half with our passing littered with basic errors from all of the players. The rather vociferous half time team talk failed to have the desired effect on our ability to keep the ball but had an impact on our defending which was a lot better, resulting in no further goals being conceded in the second half.

Port Vale 3

Northampton Town 3

Our most recent League match took us North to play Port Vale. With perfect playing conditions both sides tried to play good football. Again we suffered from the inability to keep the ball and

poor technique saw us give the ball away too easily, by half time Port Vale had taken a 3-1 lead. After a positive half time team talk the lads went out with more confidence and conviction leaving Port Vale wondering if they were playing a different team. We defended well and this led to well taken goals from Michael Hibbert and Garry Hughes, for the record our first goal was an own goal.

Melville Midland

Youth League

Fixtures 1997/98

Date	Venue	Score	Time
Sat Aug 9	Coventry City	A 0-2	
Sat Aug 16	Peterborough United	H 1-1	
Tue Aug 19	Reading	A 1-0	
	(SJFC Preliminary Round)		
Sat Aug 23	Shrewsbury Town	A 2-2	
Sat Aug 30	Port Vale	A 3-3	
Sat Sep 6	Leicester City	H	10.45 am
Sat Sep 13	Aston Villa	H	10.45am
Sat Sep 20	Grimsby Town	A	
Sat Sep 27	Notts County		
	(MMYC 1st Round)	H	10.45am
Sat Oct 4	West Bromwich Albion	A	
Sat Oct 11	Mansfield Town	H	10.45am
Sat Oct 18	Birmingham City	A	
Sat Oct 25	Lincoln City	H	10.45am
Sat Nov 1	Walsall	A	
Sat Nov 8	Nottingham Forest	H	10.45am
Sat Nov 15	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
Sat Nov 22	League Cup Round 2		
Sat Nov 29	Coventry City	H	10.45am
Sat Dec 6	Peterborough United	A	
Sat Dec 13	Shrewsbury Town	H	10.45am
Sat Dec 20	Port Vale	H	10.45am
Sat Jan 3	Leicester City	A	
Sat Jan 10	Aston Villa	A	
Sat Jan 17	League Cup Round 3		
Sat Jan 24	Grimsby Town	H	10.45am
Sat Jan 31	Notts County	A	
Sat Feb 7	West Bromwich Albion	H	10.45am
Sat Feb 14	Mansfield Town	A	
Sat Feb 21	Birmingham City	H	10.45am
Sat Feb 28	Lincoln City	A	
Sat Mar 7	Walsall	H	10.45am
Sat Mar 14	Nottingham Forest	A	
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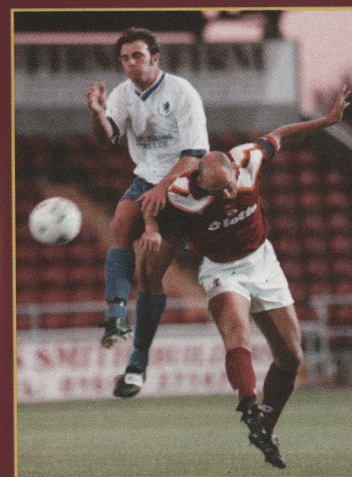
With the Reserves

We have played several games recently fielding some quite different sides. We had a superb performance against Coventry winning 4-1 with two goals from Mickey Warner and one apiece from Ray Van Dulleman and a cheeky chip over the advancing keeper from Claudio DeVito. This match was a good workout for the lads as we played a strong team with Liam Daish making an appearance for the Sky Blues.

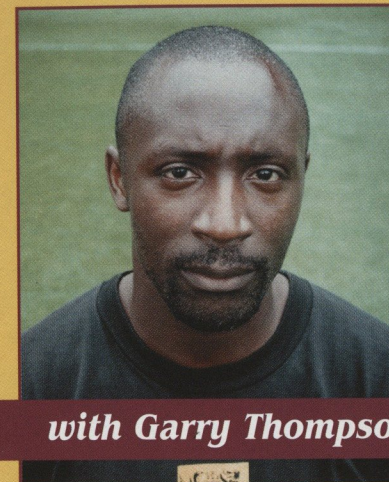
We then had a couple of friendlies against Ford Sports where we lost 2-0 and Woodford where we won 8-0. Several trialists and some of the youth team had the opportunity to play in these games which is always useful to progress their game. After picking up an injury in pre-season against Moor Green, Kevin Wilson made an appearance in the match against Woodford and followed it by playing against Welling and then joined the first team for the Walsall game. David Rennie also had his first 90 minutes of the season against Welling and came through without any problems, so I am sure he will be pushing for a first team spot soon.

We beat Welling Utd 3-2 with goals from Ray Van Dulleman, Carl Heggs and Ali Gibb but I was a little disappointed that we didn't win by a greater margin as we created a lot of chances that were not converted. Ali Gibb had a particularly good second half, putting over numerous crosses which we should have finished. One of the youth team, Gary Hughes deserves a mention as he played well at centre-back and has shown some ability in his recent performances for the reserves. We can only get stronger as a club if youth team players are given the opportunity to play at this level.

Next week we play Leyton Orient here at Sixfields in the Cup. I hope you can come along and see us. See you soon.



David Rennie (left) in action on his comeback game against Welling



with Garry Thompson

Optimum Interiors Capital League Fixtures 1997/98

Date	Venue			Time
Wed Aug 13	Fulham	A	2-0	2.00pm
Mon Aug 18	Gillingham	H	0-1	2.00pm
Mon Sep 1	Welling United	H	3-2	7.30pm
Mon Sep 8	Leyton Orient (DPC 1st Round)	H		2.00pm
Wed Sep 17	Rushden & Diamonds	A		7.45pm
Wed Sep 24	Gillingham	A		2.00pm
Mon Sep 29	Stevenage Borough	H		2.00pm
Mon Oct 6	Fulham	H		2.00pm
Mon Oct 13	Leyton Orient	H		2.00pm
Wed Oct 22	Peterborough United	A		2.00pm
Mon Oct 27	Doxhill PC (2nd Round)			
Wed Nov 5	Brentford	H		7.30pm
Wed Nov 12	Cambridge United	A		2.00pm
Mon Nov 24	Wycombe Wanderers	H		2.00pm
Wed Dec 17	Brentford	A		2.00pm
Wed Jan 14	Barnet	A		2.00pm
Mon Jan 19	Cambridge United	H		2.00pm
Mon Jan 26	Welling United	A		7.45pm
Mon Feb 9	Reading	H		10.45am
Wed Feb 18	Leyton Orient	A		2.00pm
Mon Mar 2	Doxhill Presidents Cup (Final)			
Wed Mar 11	Colchester	A		2.00pm
Mon Mar 16	Barnet	H		2.00pm
Mon Mar 23	Peterborough United	H		2.00pm
Mon Mar 30	Rushden & Diamonds	H		7.30pm
Mon Apr 6	Stevenage Borough	A		7.30pm
Mon Apr 20	Colchester United	H		2.00pm
Wed Apr 29	Wycombe Wanderers	A		2.00pm

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1997/98 Capital League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Peterborough United	3	2	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	2	1	9	9
Brentford	3	2	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	3	3	4	7
Gillingham	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	6
Northampton Town	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	6
Colchester United	3	0	1	1	5	6	1	0	0	3	2	0	4
Rushden & Diamonds	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Cambridge United	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	3
Fulham	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	-1	3
Wycombe Wanderers	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	1	6	-3	3
Welling United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stevenage Borough	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
Barnet	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	-3	0
Reading	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
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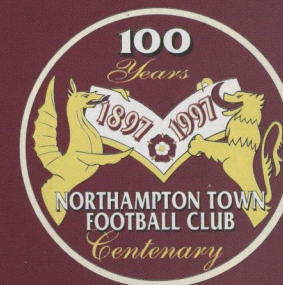
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*A number of events are planned to mark the first one hundred
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Centenary Dinner

This prestigious event takes place at the Northampton Moat House on Friday 19th September from 7.30pm. After-dinner cabaret will be provided by Roger de Courcey and Nookie Bear who are well worth seeing and the evening will be compared by Neil Midgley. Mick Murphy's disco finishes off the evening, which promises to be one to remember. Tickets for this gala event cost £30 and are available from Jenny Ball at the Club. Tables can be booked for up to ten people so why not get some friends together and make a full table. Bookings can be taken for any number of people - please let us know your requirements.

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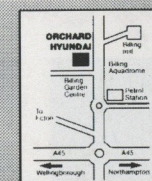


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