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FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPHY: Courtesy of The Sheffield Star Luton Town are welcome visitors this afternoon, but please Lenny Lawrence don't let your team play in black and white stripes - With Grimsby Town as opponents three times in ten days everyone will think their vertical hold is jammed!

The Hatters have had a suprisingly poor start to the season after reaching the play-offs last year, their horrendous injury list was clearly the cause and recently as some of their main players have returned their fortunes have improved,

"Our undefeated league run extended to eight games after the draw at Northampton. We efficiently handled their tall front runners and skillfully engineered some

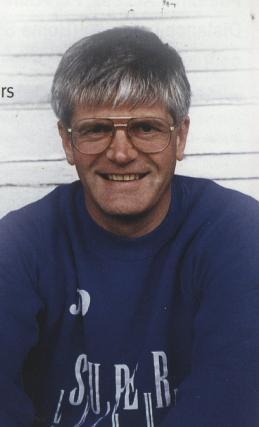
excellent chances" The preparation for this fixture for the two sides has been totally different. They haven't played for eleven days while we've had encounters that produced the ideal opportunity for the return to action for some of our longer term injuries ie. Curtis, Mercer and Carr. They will now hopefully be

vying for a regular first team slot, creating competition for places.

Our undefeated league run extended to eight games after the draw at Northampton. We efficiently handled their tall front runners and skillfully engineered some excellent chances, emerging as the game wore on, the most likely winners.

A special mention for Andy Leaning, I feel is needed, not only for his vital early save at Sixfields but for his all round displays as deputy for Billy Mercer. Andy also works hard as goalkeeper coach and has played his part in Billy's return to match fitness.

JOHN DUNCAN



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### NATIONWID news

Grimsby Town is going to be very familiar to the Spireites after last Saturday's marvellous draw at Blundell Park, last Tuesday's Autowindscreens clash and next Tuesday's F.A.Cup replay! Luton Town will help us to focus our minds on the Nationwide League promotion chase. Watford and Bristol City are certainly looking very strong at the moment and our visit to Ashton Gate next Saturday should be a cracking game. Town are very nicely placed in fourth position and judging by our excellent display against a strong Northampton side at Sixfields we are well worth the position. I'll have a halfway point of the season in depth look at the division in the article for the York City game. It is interesting to note that at the time of writing, Oldham Athletic is the only club in the Nationwide League Second Division to remain undefeated at home - the Spireites of course going down themselves at Boundary Park.

Bristol City's great run up to last Saturday's F.A.Cup defeat at Bournemouth won manager John Wood the Division Two Manager of the Month Award for November. Nine matches undefeated and six wins in six Nationwide League games brought the award, but as usual you can guarantee that the Nationwide award will bring defeat! Not even the special commissioned magnum of champagne or the monthly media

luncheon held in the manager's club area compensates for what seems like the awards iinx.

The Nationwide Newsletters statisticians produced a couple of telling comments on the Spireites last two matches. For our F.A.Cup visit to Cleethorpes they were quite positive, "Chesterfield is looking to emulate April's Semi Final appearance" - and the travelling fans shout of "We're going to do it again" echoed that! It was back to normal though for the Autowindscreens with the bland "The Spireites fell at last year's first hurdle".

Up at the Riverside Stadium our friends from Middlesbrough have been involved in an excellent scheme to give a bit of brightness to Teeside children who have to spend Christmas in hospital. The club is asking Boro fans to donate toys so that they can get a sack full which Bryan Robson and the players will take along to the local hospital. The Nationwide Building Society is supporting the initiative by using Teeside branches as a collecting point for the toys.

Sean Dyche, currently out of the Bristol City side, is also now out of the F.A.Cup, but isn't it great to see how well Kevin Davies is getting on at Southampton where his pace, strength and skill have brought him plenty of goals and recognition this season. Some of his goals have been really spectacular - well done, Key!

**OLLIE PARDO** 

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### TREATMENTROOM

In the last article, I left you in limbo concerning the development of our key squad players. Well here is a revised up date and a more positive approach to their deadlines.

#### **BILLY MERCER**

Billy played his first full game on Tuesday. If there's no reaction from his injury then I will discharge him.

#### TOM CURTIS

Tom should have played his first 45 minutes in the week and his progress will be monitored from there. The signs are that he will play a full game versus Doncaster Reserves next week, and may also be involved in some capacity today!

#### ANDY MORRIS

He will have trained all week with and without the ball. The physical preparation is reaching its maximum now and he should play against Doncaster Reserves next week.

#### DAVID REEVES

His knee has responded well to treatments. David has worked very hard to maintain his fitness and also the muscle strength needed to recover from the type of injury. He has certainly viewed the sights of Chesterfield and Derbyshire as most of his road work has been on the club mountain bikes! The final straw being the usual jaunt to Curbar Edge - he is now running very easily and his target is also Doncaster Reserves in some capacity.

As you can see, I have discharged Darren Carr but this week I have inherited Jon Howard (hamstring) and Lee Rogers (ankle) their availability for today's game will have to be decided at the last minute.

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FAV. PLAYER Mark Williams

OBBIES Football (Manor Rangers)

NAME Andrew Wardle

AGE

SCHOOL Sutton-on-the-Forest Juns.

**FAV. PLAYER** Billy Mercer

HOBBIES Football

NAME Naomi Menaby

AGE 1

SCHOOL Holymoorside Juniors

FAV. PLAYER Jamie Hewitt

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### **FOOTBALL**

### in the community



With the expansion and improvement over the past 18 months we have found that our activities are attracting boys and girls of a very high standard.

Although we do not deal specifically in excellence we feel it is our duty to encourage and hopefully help develop anyone who shows promise.

Kevin Hornsby and Steve Hampton who work for the Community project also coach the Under 12 squad at the Centre of Excellence. It is with this link that 20 of the 24 boys in that squad were recommended from activities done by Football in the Community.

I would like to further our relationship with the School of Excellence, because I see it benefiting the youth in the Chesterfield area, but for this to happen we will need financial backing. We are looking to run the Centre of Excellence separately from the Football Club, so we are calling on local Chesterfield business people, who are willing to, put something

back into the Community to help footballers achieve their ambitions of one day playing for Chesterfield F.C.

#### **DEMA GLASS SATURDAY MORNING CLUB**

Nothing to do on Saturday mornings? if you are aged 6 to 14 years old why not join our coaches and play football from 10am, to 1pm (mum may also be able to go shopping) for just £3.

The club has been running for many years but Paul Stevens (Stev) with the help of Dema Glass has revamped the club giving certificates and prizes for achieving certain levels of all ball skills and, also rewarding regular attendances.

The certificates have been developed to give the children an objective each week, and 'goal' to aim for. You don't have to be a brilliant player to play, just enjoy yourself.

An awards scheme has been introduced. This involves various evaluations on skills and techniques such as passing, control, shooting, juggling etc. They start at yellow, through eight ability levels, to a gold award.

Each week the players will be coached on specific skills and techniques and then the following week they will be assessed. The starting levels are very easy but obviously some practice will be needed to reach the gold. The session will finish off with a small game but, most important, the children are encouraged to have fun. Some of them have even been recommended by us and taken on by Chesterfield's Centre of Excellence Squad.

**GEORGE FOSTER** 

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### **SPIRESTATS**

CURRENT FORM	PL	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Walsall	6	5	1	0	13	1	16
Bristol City	6	5	0	1	13	6	15
Bournemouth	6	4	2	0	12	5	14
Watford	6	4	2	0	9	5	14
Oldham	6	4	1	1	10	- 5	13
Bristol Rovers	6	4	1	1	9	6	13
Chesterfield	6	3	3	0	7	3	12
Grimsby	6 .	3	2	1	12	6	11
Fulham	6	3	2	1	9	6	11
Preston NE	6	3	1	2	15	11	10
Wrexham	6	2	4	0	7	3	10
Wigan	6	3	0	3	8	8	9
Northampton	6	2	2	2	8	5	8
Blackpool	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Southend	6	2	1	3	7	7	7
York	6	1	2	3	7	6	5
Wycombe	6	0	5	1	6	8	5
Millwall	6	1	2	3	5	7	5
Brentford	6	0	5	1	5	9	5
Burnley	6	1.	1	4	8	16	4
Luton	6	1	1	4	7	11	4
Gillingham	6	0	3	3	5	12	3
Plymouth	6	0	3	3	4	8	3
Carlisle	6	0	1	5	4	13	1
(Includes all competit	ions. Co	rrect to	Sunc	lay 7th	Decemb	er)	

		TWO FIXTURE
Brentford	V	Blackpool
Burnley	V	Wigan Athletic
Carlisle United	V	Fulham
Chesterfield	٧	Luton Town
Gillingham .	٧	Southend United
Plymouth Argyle	٧	Millwall
Preston N. E.	٧	Northampton Tow
Walsall	٧	Bournemouth
Watford	٧	Bristol City
Wycombe Wanderers	٧	Oldham Athletic
York City	٧	Wrexham
PL	AYED LAST	NIGHT
Bristol Rovers	, V	Grimsby Town
	EQUEN	CES
SINCE A DEFEAT		SINCE A WIN
12 Wrexham		11 Brentford

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 12 - Stallard (Wycombe)
 11 - Thorpe (Luton)

 TOP CROWDS
 LOW CROWDS

 13,812 Watford v. York City
 2,039 Wrexham v South

13,809 Burnley v Preston N. E.

12,530 Watford v Millwall

11 Watford

10 Chesterfield

2,039 Wrexham v Southend 2,307 Southend v Preston 2,462 Wrexham v B,mouth

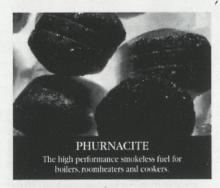
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9 Gillingham



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### **SPIREITESHOTUNE**

#### **KEVIN'S QUICK DASH**

When Lee Rogers cried off first thing Saturday morning with an ankle injury Kevin Randall had to make a quick dash into the Peak District to get hold of another player. Then had to pick up Jamie Lomas from his home in Tideswell and then rush over to the team's hotel on the outskirts of Grimsby.

### BILLY HANDS OVER CAPTAINCY

Billy Mercer has decided to hand over the captaincy to Paul Holland. He thinks that Paul has done such a good job since taking over the arm band two months ago that he should keep it permanently.

#### COLLECTION RAISES £322

A half time collection for the North East Derbyshire Riding for the Disabled Association raised £322 which will be tremendous support towards feeding their ponies during the winter. The Association



wish to thank supporters for their generous support and to those who helped with the collection.

### CHRISTMAS KICK OFF TIMES

The Boxing Day game away at Burnley and the home fixture on Sunday 28th December against York City will both kick off at 3.00p.m

### RESERVE FIXTURE RE-ARRANGED

Next weeks reserve fixture at home to Doncaster Rovers has been moved back 24 hours because of the F.A.Cup.
The Pontins League
fixture will now be played
at Saltergate on
Wednesday 17 December
kick of 7.oop.m.

### CHESTERFIELD V GRIMSBY TOWN

F.A.CUP SECOND ROUND REPLAY
The above match is not all ticket
and will be played at Saltergate
on Tuesday 16th December 1997
kick off 7.45p.m.

Tickets for all areas of the main stand are available after today's match between 5.00pm to 6.00p.m. and in normal office hours.

Season Ticket Holders in the main stand will have until 6.00pm on Saturday to purchase their tickets using voucher F.

Normal admission prices will apply.

### MEET THE REF

This afternoon we welcome Paul J,Robinson from Hull as our match referee. A Senior Agricultural Craftsman with a Poultry Company, this will be Paul's second visit to Saltergate this season. He commenced refereeing in 1984 progressing through the Northern Counties East, Central and GM Vauxhall Conference Leagues before being appointed to the National list of Assistant Referees in 1993 followed by promotion to the Referees List in 1996. He includes in his hobbies cricket, D.I.Y., gardening and running marathons including Paris, Humber and Scarborough.

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## FACING the Spire ites



### **LUTON TOWN**

**Luton Town** are today's visitors to Saltergate.

The Hatters currently languish towards the wrong end of Division Two following a poor start to the current campaign. Lennie Lawrence's side has been depleted for much of the season with a crop of injuries, at one time ruling out his entire back four and goalkeeper.

The only consolation for Luton fans is that they did have a similar start last term, but from the Christmas period on were rarely out of the top three. The Hatters eventually just missed out on an automatic promotion spot and were then beaten in the play-offs by Crewe at the semi-final stage.

Leading scorer is again Tony Thorpe who has this week been linked with several Premiership sides. Thorpe bagged a club record 30 goals last term and Luton will surely want to retain the services of such a prized possession.

One recent departure is that of first team coach Wayne Turner, with Trevor Peake and John Moore taking over.

While the Spireites hectic schedule continues, Luton have managed an eleven day lay-off and, with several first teamers now returning to first team duty after injury, they will be looking to climb the Division Two table in the near future and start a similar run to that of last season.

BACK ROW: Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrev Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall

WIPPER MIDDLE ROWL: Bob Bird - Financial Controller, Cherry Newbery - Club Secretary, Clive Goodyear - Physio, Paul Lowe - Youth Development Officer, Wayne Tumer - First Team Coach, Paul Showler, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davies, Marvin Johnson, Chris Wilmott, Graham Alexander, John Moore - Youth Team Coach, Tervor Peake - Reserve Team Coach, Kathy Leather - Commercial Manager, Les Shannon - Scouting Co-ordinator LOWER MIDDLE ROW: Liam George, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis, Nigel Terry - Director, David Kohler - Chairman, Lennie Lawrence - Manager, Cliff Bassett - Director, Chris Green - Director, Gary Waddock, Julian James, Terry Sweeney FRONT ROW: Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Böyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKoy.

### **MEET THE BOSS**

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995 replacing Terry Westley. Lennie's playing career was in non-league football with Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United. His managerial career began with the assistant manager's job at Plymouth. He was also caretaker manager at Lincoln for a short time before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined as reserve team coach.

Lawrence guided the Addicks to the runners up spot in 1985/86 to gain promotion to the top division after an absence of 29 years. The following season Charlton was involved in the end of season promotion/relegation play off overcoming Second Division Leeds United in a dramatic play off final replay. After another couple of



seasons of battling against the drop they were finally relegated in 1990.

He left Charlton in 1991 after nine years with the club and headed north to Middlesbrough, he took the Teesiders into the Premier League in 1992 in his first season in charge. They were relegated the following season and Lawrence was replaced with Bryan Robson. He joined Bradford in May 1994 before leaving Valley Parade in November 1995 and a month later he joined Luton Town. Unable to keep the Hatters in Division One he guided them to the Division Two play offs in his first full season in charge. After a poor start the Hatters were rarely out of the top three but lost out to Crewe in the two legged semi final.

## FACING Spireites

**GOALKEEPERS** 

#### KELVIN DAVIS

A highly rated young keeper who made his debut in 1994 in the 2-2 draw at Stoke. He has won two England Youth



Caps and has been a regular member of the England Under 21 squad. He began the season on loan at Hartlepool before he was recalled following the injury to lan Feuer.

#### IAN FEUER

lan joined the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995 for a fee of £580,000. The 6' 7" American was Luton's player of the year in the 1995/96 season. lan was a regular in the Luton side throughout last season but suffered a serious shoulder injury back in August.

**DEFENDERS** 

#### RICHARD HARVEY

A former England Youth International, Richard missed the entire 1993/94 season after suffering a cruciate knee ligament injury. Richard was given a free transfer at the end of last season but remains at the club on a month to month contract



#### **MARVIN JOHNSON**

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988. He was voted Players Player of the Year in the 1994/95 season in which he was an ever present. Marvin has made over 270 league and cup appearances for the Hatters in a career spanning twelve seasons.

### **JULIAN JAMES**

Iulian joined Luton as a trainee and made his debut in 1988 in a game

which saw him sent off against Leeds United. A former England Under 21 International he has made almost 300 appearances for the Kenilworth Road side.

#### MITCHELL THOMAS

Another former England Under 21 Youth International who has made close to 300 appearances for Luton. He rejoined the Hatters in December 1995 following a spell with West Ham and was a regular throughout last season playing at

#### DARREN PATTERSON

Darren joined from Crystal Palace in August 1995 for £150,000. The Northern Ireland International began his career with Wigan before joining Palace for £250,000 in

#### TREVOR PEAKE

Trevor began his career at Lincoln City before moving on to Coventry in 1983. He enjoyed eight seasons at Highfield Road winning an F.A. Winners Medal in 1987. He joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991. Trevor was appointed reserve team coach in 1995 and holds the record of Luton's oldest player when he came on as a substitute against Wrexham back in September.

#### **ALAN WHITE**

Alan joined the club from Middlesbrough in September for a fee which could rise to £90,000 dependant upon appearances. He was originally signed by Lennie Lawrence during his time at Avresome Park. Alan made his Luton Town debut in the Coca Cola Cup against West Brom.

#### STEVE DAVIES

Steve joined the Hatters from Burnley in July 1995 for

£750,000. He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, A commanding figure he was a regular at the centre of defence throughout last

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#### SIMON DAVIES

Simon joined from Manchester United during the close season for £200,000 after struggling to break into the first team at Old Trafford. He did make eleven appearances for United and also had a spell on loan with Exeter City.



#### PAUL McLAREN

Paul joined the Hatters from school and made his debut in 1993. He started his career as a centre half but was converted to a central midfield role during the 1994/95 season.

#### **GARY WADDOCK**

Gary joined from Bristol Rovers on free transfer in December 1994 following a three month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. He began his career with O.P.R making over 200 appearances including an F.A. Cup Final in 1982. He has also had spells with Millwall and Swindon. He is the current team captain and was voted player of the year in 1996.

#### GRAHAM ALEXANDER

Graham joined the club in July 1995 from Scunthorpe United for £100,000. A regular of the right hand side of midfield, Graham missed just one game throughout last season and was one of the Hatters most consistent performers.

**FORWARDS** 

#### DWIGHT MARSHALL

Dwight signed from Plymouth for £150,000 in the Summer of July 1994. His Luton career began well scoring two goals on his debut in a 5-1 win over Middlesbrough and finished the season as the Hatters top scorer with thirteen goals. Dwight has been dogged by injury since arriving at Kenilworth Road which has restricted his first team appearances.

Phil originally joined Luton in 1991 before moving to Roker Park for £800,000 in 1993. He had three seasons at Sunderland before moving to France to play for Nancy on a free transfer under the Bosman Ruling. From there he moved to Dutch side Fortuna Sittard returning to Luton in September 1997 for £400,000.

#### DAVID OLDFIELD

David is another player currently enjoying a second spell with Luton Town. He began his career with the Hatters progressing through the junior ranks before moving on to Manchester City for £600,000 and

then to Leicester. He rejoined Luton for £150,000 in July

#### TONY THORPE

Tony became the first Luton player since Malcolm McDonald to score thirty goals in a season during the last

campaign. The 23 year old striker joined the club in August 1992 following a brief spell with Leicester City and made his debut against Newcastle United in the Fourth Round of the F.A.Cup in January 1994.

### **ANDREW FOTIADIS** Andrew joined the Hatters on a full

time basis in the summer of 1996 aged 18 after staying on at school to complete his A-levels. He has been capped by England at Under 15 and Under 18 levels. He will be hoping to cement a first team place for himself this season despite missing the start through injury.



### LUTON KEEPER IAN FEUER LOOKS THROUGH THE FOG

Let's hope we can see a bit more of today's game! Last seasons match at Saltergate ended I-I with Kevin Davies scoring for the Blues with a header or so we were told!!



### TEAMSTATISTICS



### 1997/98

### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 97/98, TEAM LINE-UPS & GOALSCORERS

			F•	Α	ATT	GOALSCORERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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1	Sat 9	Walsall *	H	3-1	5193	Willis, Perkins Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Holland	Curtis	Williams	Carr	Willis	Gaughan	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Jules	Dunn ,	Wilkinson
	Tue 12	Wigan (C/C 1 (1)	Α	2-1	3413	Willis (2)	Mercer	Hewitt	Holland	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Willis	Beaumont	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Jules	Dunn	Carr
	Sat 16	Brentford	Α	0-0	4000		Mercer	Hewitt	Holland	Curtis	Williams	Carr	Willis	Beaumont	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Jules	Dunn	Breckin
2	Sat 23	Preston North End	Н	3-2	6288	Ebdon, Jules Hewitt	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Carr	Willis	Holland	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Wilkinson	Morris	Breckin
	Tue 26	Wigan (C/C 1 (2)	Н	1-0	4076	Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Carr	Willis	Holland	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Wilkinson	Morris	Beaumon
	Sat 30	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1	5284	Lormor (pen)	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Carr	Morris	Holland	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Breckin	Beaumont	Jackson
	SEPTE	MBER				/														
	Tue 2	York City	A	1-0	3284	Morris	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Morris	Holland	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Beaumont	Jackson	Dunn
3	Sun 7	Burnley	H	1-0	7406	Lormor	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Morris	Holland	Lormor	Beaumont	Perkins	Gaughan	Jackson	Howard
	Sat 13	Watford	A	1-2	11204	Willis	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin,	Willis	Holland	Lormor	Howard	Perkins	Wilkinson	Gaughan	Beaumo
	Tue 16	Barnsley (C/C 2 (1)	Н	1-2	6318	Lormor (pen)	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Willis	Holland	Lormor	Howard	Beaumont	Wilkinson	Dunn	Gaughan
4	Sat 20	Bristol Rovers	Н	0-0	5309		Mercer	Hewitt	Perkins	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Willis	Holland	Lormor	Howard	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	Wilkinson	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.	Ebdon
	Sat 27	Wrexham	Α	0-0	3291		Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Brecki	Willis	Ebdon	Gaughan	Howard	Perkins	Wilkinson	Beaumont	
	Tue 30	Barnsley (C/C 2 (2)	A	1-4	8417	Lormor (pen)	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Beaumont	Wilkinson	Lormor	Howard	Perkins	Gaughan	Jackson	Ebdon
	OCTO	BER																		
5	Sat 4	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Н	1-1	4482	Carr	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Willis	Wilkinson		Ebdon	Perkins	Lormor	Dunn	Carr
6	Sat 11	Wigan Athletic	Н	2-3	4673	Lormor (pen), Wilkinson	Mercer	Hewitt	Jules	Curtis		Beaumon	t Breckin	Wilkinson	Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Rogers	Dunn	Jackson
	Sat 18	Oldham Athletic	Α	0-2	5777		Leaning	Rogers	Jules	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Beaumont		Lormor	Ebdon	Perkins	Holland	Jackson	Garvey
	Tue 21	Blackpool	Α	1-2	3682	Curtis	Gayle	Rogers	Perkins	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Garvey	Holland	Beaumont	Ebdon	Jules	Lormor	Jackson	Dunn
7	Sat 25	Wycombe Wanderers	Н	1-0	4119	Holland	Gayle	Hewitt	Perkins	Curtis	Williams	Breckin	Garvey	Holland	Lormor	Wilkinson	Beaumont	Ebdon	Jules	Howard
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-	Sat 1	Fulham		1-1	7998	Holland	Gayle	Hewitt	Jules	Ebdon	Williams	Breckin	Perkins	Holland	Wilkinson	Willis	Beaumont	Howard	Garvey	Rogers
8	Tue 4	Gillingham		1-1	3420	Wilkinson	Gayle	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont	Williams	Breckin	Willis	Holland	Wilkinson	Ebdon	Perkins	Rogers	Garvey	Howard
9	Sat 8	Grimsby Town		1-0	5004	Reeves	Gayle	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont		Breckin	Willis	Holland	Reeves	Ebdon	Howard	Garvey	Perkins	Wilkinson
	Sat 15	Northwich Victoria (F.A. Cup 1	1) H	1-0	5327	Reeves	Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont		Breckin	Wilkinson		Reeves	Ebdon	Howard	Perkins	Jackson	Rogers
	Tue 18	Carlisle United	Α	2-0	3591	Ebdon, Beaumont	Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	- Beaumont		Breckin	Howard	Holland	Reeves	Ebdon	Perkins	Wilkinson	Dunn	Rogers
	Sat 22	Millwall	Α	1-1	6556	Perkins	Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont	Williams	Breckin	Wilkinson	Holland	Howard	Ebdon	Perkins	Rogers	Dunn	Willis
10	Sat 29	Southend United	H	1-0	4108	Willis	Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont	Williams	Breckin	Wilkinson	Holland	Howard	Ebdon	Perkins	Dunn	Rogers	Willis
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	Tue 2	· Northampton Town	A	0-0	4880		Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont		Breckin	Willis	Holland	Howard	Ebdon	Perkins	Carr	Rogers	Wilkinson
	Sat 6	Grimsby Town (F.A. Cup 2)	A	2-2	4782	Willis, Breckin	Leaning	Hewitt	Jules	Beaumont	Williams	Breckin	Wilkinson	Holland	Howard	Ebdon	Perkins	Dunn	Carr	Willis
	Tue 9	Grimsby Town (AW Shield 1)	Н	0-1	1128		Mercer	Perkins	Jules	Lomas	Williams	Carr	Willis	Wilkinson	Jackson	Ebdon	Dunn	Curtis	Pearce	Lenagh
11	Sat 13	Luton Town	H																	
	Tue 16	Grimshy Town FA Cup 2 R)	Н	- Personal																

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	PL	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Watford	21	15	4	2	36	14	49	
Bristol City	21	14	3	4	38	17	45	
Oldham	21	9	7	5	36	27	34	
Chesterfield	21	8	9	4	22	17	33	
Millwall	20	9	5	6	27	21	32	
Northampton	21	8	8	5	23	15	32	
York	21	8	6	7	26	24	30	
Bournemouth	21	7	9	5	23	21	30	
Blackpool	21	8	5	8	29	32	29	
Wrexham	20	7	8	5	27	23	29	
Preston NE	21	8	4	9	27	21	28	
Bristol Rovers	21	7	7	7	27	29	28	
Fulham	21	7	7	7	24	23	28	
Grimsby	20	7	7	6	23	18	28	
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Walsall	20	7	5	8	22	24	26	
Wycombe	21	5	8	8	28	33	23	
Wigan	20	6	4	10	28	33	22	
Southend	21	6	4	11	, 21	38	22	
Plymouth	21	4	9	8	24	29	21	
Luton	20	.5	6	9	21	31	21	
Burnley	21	4	8	9	23	31	30	
Brentford	21	4	7	10	21	34	19	
Carlisle	21	4	4	13	24	41	16	
(Correct to Mo	onda	y 8th D	ecem	ber)				

### ROLL CALL

	G	A	W E	S	G	0 /	A L	S
	LGE	CUP	TOT	CFC	LGE	CUP	TOT	CFC
BEAUMONT, Chris	14(3)	5(1)	19(4)	54(10)	1	0	1	3
BRECKIN, Ian	17(2)	5	22(2)	22(2)	0	1	1	1
CARR, Darren	4(1)	1	5(1)	103(3)	1	0	1	4
CURTIS, Tom	14	4	18	212(2)	1	0	1	12
DUNN, Iain	0(4)	0(1)	0(5)	23(7)	0	0	0	1
EBDON, Marcus	17(2)	4	21(2)	32(3)	2	0	2	3
GARVEY, Steve	2(1)	0	2(1)	2(1)	0	0	0	0
GAYLE, Mark	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
GAUGHAN, Steve	2	0(1)	2(1)	18(6)	0	0	0	1
HEWITT, Jamie	19	6	25	446(19)	1	0	1	26
HOLLAND, Paul	17	5	22	71(2)	2	0	2	7
HOWARD, Jonathan	9(4)	4	13(4)	72(41)	0	0	0	16
JACKSON, Kirk	0(3)	0(2)	0(5)	0(5)	0	0	0	0
JULES, Mark	17(2)	5	22(2)	153(29)	1	0	1	6
LEANING, Andy	5	2	7	17	0	0	0	0
LOMAS, James	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0	0
MERCER, Billy	11	4	15	98	0	0	0	0
MORRIS, Andy	3(1)	0	3(1)	274(47)	1	0	1	67
PERKINS, Chris	20	4	24	104(13)	2	0	2	3
REEVES, David	2	1	3	3	1	1	2	2
ROGERS, Lee	2	0	2	366(25)	0	0	0	1
WILKINSON, Steve	8(5)	3	11(5)	11(5)	2	0	2	2
WILLIAMS, Mark	21	6	27	128	0	0	0	7
WILLIS, Roger	11(2)	3(1)	14(3)	14(3)	3	3	6	6
(Co	rrect to M	Aonda	y 8th Dec	ember 1997	)			

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Sat 20 Bristol City Fri 26 Burnley

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21 Sat 11

22 Sat 18

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17 Tue 24 Oldham Athletic

18 Sat 7 Fulham (F.A/C 6)

19 Sat 21 Carlisle United

Sat 17 Plymouth Argyle

Sat 24 Preston North End (F.A. Cup 4) A

Northampton Town

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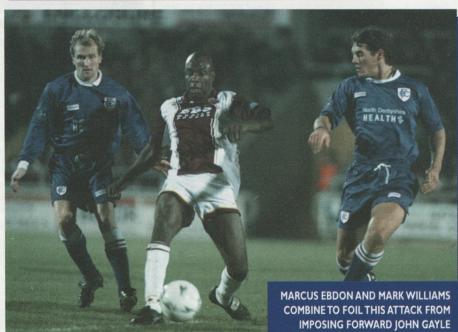
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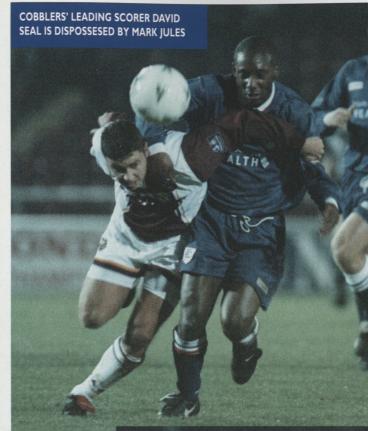
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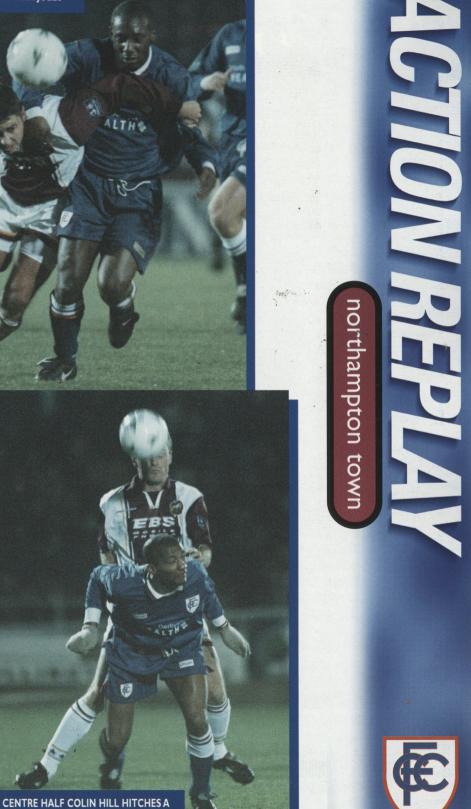




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Having now been at Saltergate for just over a year Andy Leaning's supportive role as cover for keeper Billy Mercer has been second to none. Brought in to provide experienced cover for first choice Billy, Andy acknowledges that the situation is somewhat different from that within most other league clubs.

Andy says, "Most clubs have at least two experienced goalkeepers who are vying with each other for the first team jersey. That is not the case here at Chesterfield and it was explained to me at the start that I would be joining the Spireites to provide assistance and give support to the recognised first team choice Billy Mercer. I am happy to be involved in football, assisting Billy in his training and pre-match warm ups, and watching from the sidelines hoping that he does well through my involvement. When I have been called upon to don the

Having started the season so well, Billy was unfortunate to suffer a serious knee injury against Wigan

jersey in emergency situations John

who will not be overawed by being

plunged into first team action.

Duncan is pleased to have someone with experience who back in October and my recent spell in the side as his replacement has been basically just doing the job I was required to do in an emergency.

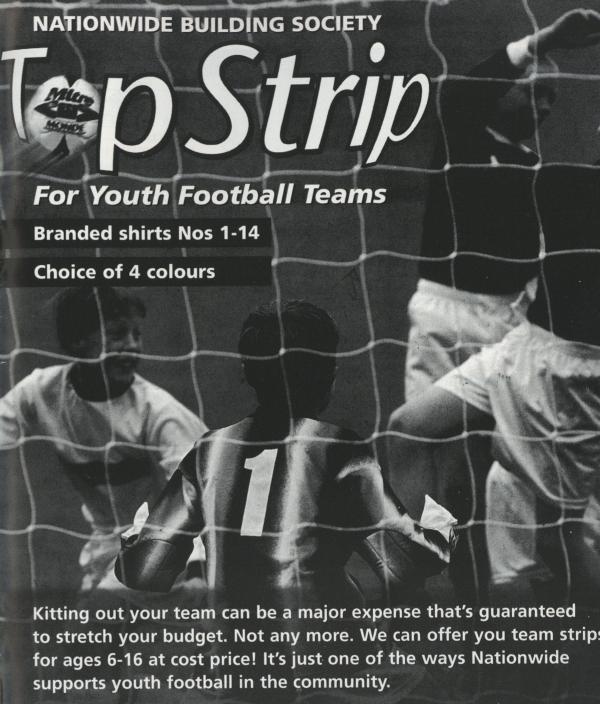
I come in to Saltergate for training on Mondays and Thursdays and on the other days I do my own training, weights etc, in a local gym. While living in Lincoln I found myself being asked to do a bit of journalism by producing occasional football articles for the Lincolnshire Echo, but I have recently moved back to my home city of York where I am busy house hunting.

> After the F.A.Cup Semi-final match at Old Trafford last April I got permission from the groundsman, after the crowds had gone home, to take my young four year old son Jack on to the pitch for a bit of shooting in. I'm sure it will be something for him to recall in years to come.

Although I'm now 34 I take inspiration from the likes of Steve Ogrizovic who's still performing at the highest level at the age of 40. I would like to remain involved in football as long as possible, possibly in a coaching capacity."

> Many thanks for your time Andy and may your enthusiasm for the game continue for many years to come.

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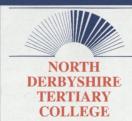


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### TALKING POIN

### Two new grounds

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Last season I missed our First Round victory over Bury. In order to similarly help our Cup progress this season I ensured my annual Belgian weekend coincided with the same milestone - if we get to Wembley, who says superstitions are crazy?

Friends in Belgium managed to obtain tickets for the crucial World Cup decider between Belgium and Ireland - so off we went to the Stade Roi Baudouin (formerly Heysel), totally rebuilt they told me - they should have added 'not quite!' Of all the grounds in the World that have undertaken revamping - you would expect Heysel to be exemplary in its commitment to safety - not so! Almost total darkness made it difficult to establish but - no turnstiles at the ground so entrance is effected by showing your match ticket to a steward at the gate. Inevitably as kick off approaches the, by now, drenched, crowd pushes ... the stewards on the inside were also pushing ... result: people falling over, being pushed into scaffolding, crash barriers collapsing ...somehow a major catastrophe didn't happen ... more thanks to luck than planning.

Inside a pleasant enough all seater stadium, minus any frills, played host to a titanic struggle. One thing that did surprise was the luck of commercialism - no programmes on sale, virtually no goods for sale outside and no food or drink available in our section of the ground.

Three nights later saw me visit Derby's new ground for the first time; the fixture against Newcastle appealing enough. None of the safety issues here - although the craziest car parking experience ever. We arrived at the wrong entrance and had to

return to the A52 for a mile journey to connect with our car park which is 100 yards away (but not accessible on match days).

The good view and initial impressiveness of the scene wore off as the tedium of the game sank in - the ground is really quite small; all seats were taken for home fans, the only gaps being where the Toon Army had decided they couldn't face Dalglish's sterility. If Derby had thought a little better their takings on that night alone would have been significantly greater.

Commercialism was well managed - goods readily available,
Derby's own match day TV station is intended to keep fans
happy before and after the game I can understand the rationale;
we waited almost an hour to escape the car park - my tip, travel
by train when you go!

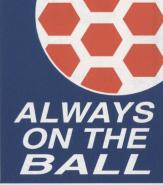
On this evidence Britain has learnt so much more than our foreign counterparts when it comes to giving fans the safety and facilities they need and deserve - it's just such a shame that all these new grounds lack any soul; visiting the toilet at half time resembles a trip to any breeze block "DIY" warehouse - and I'm no fan of "DIY".

Let's hope that benchmarking is high on the "must do" list when we get round to planning the new Saltergate replacement - I've become accustomed to the moving idea but we must learn from the many mistakes of others that we are to meet the basic needs of the paying customers; Derby didn't even have a clock!

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### PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Wed	Aug	20	Doncaster R.	A6-1
Wed	Aug	27	Scunthorpe U.	H1-3
Wed	Sep	10	Walsall	A0-1
Tue	Sep	23	Bury	H5-1
Wed	0ct	1	Chester C.	A1-3
Mon	0ct	13	Newcastle U.	A1-2
Wed	0ct	22	Bury*	A0-2
Tue	Oct	28	Hull C.	H0-1
Wed	Nov	19	Wigan A.	H0-3
Wed	Nov	26	Wigan A.*	H1-1
Wed	Dec	3	Scarborough	A .postponed
Wed	Dec	17	Doncaster R.	H
Tue	Dec	23	Stockport C.*	A
Wed	Jan	7	Scunthorpe U.	A
Mon	Jan	12	Stoke C.*	H
Tue	Jan	20	Walsall	H
Tue	Feb	10	Chester C.	H
Wed	Feb	18	Bury	A
Wed	Mar	4	Newcastle U.	H
Wed	Mar	25	Hull C.	A
Wed	Apr	8	Wigan	A
Tue	Apr :	21	Scarborough	H
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With Carr and Willis returning to action after injury and goalkeeper Adam Sollitt on trial from Nottingham Forest our reserves had a stronger look than the previous week when a 3-o defeat had been suffered against the same opposition.

In poor conditions which made for a tricky surface we managed to control the early period of play and it came as no surprise when Willis celebrated his return to action by seizing on a defensive mistake to hammer home, with a strong left footed shot.

In the second half, with Carr and Willis starting to tire Wigan became more threatening and the inexperienced midfield quarter of Pearce, Clarke, Lomas and Robinson did well to contain their stronger opponents.

However, with Carr being substituted in the 70th minute we were further weakened and the game continued to edge away from us.

Rogers was, as usual, reliable at the back and was also organising the rest of the defence to such an extent that we were rarely threatened.

However with ten minutes to go Wigan foreign recruit Jorg Smeets hit a wonder shot which gave Wigan a deserved equaliser. The good news was that Willis and Carl both came through unscathed and the youngsters once again showed maturity at this level.

Chesterfield: Sollitt, Pearce, Rogers, Lenagh, Carr, Robinson, Lomas, Clarke, Dunn, Jackson, Willis. subs: Newton. Henshaw and Barratt.

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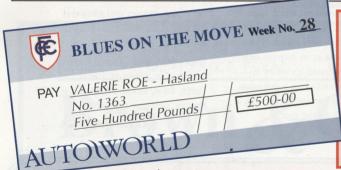
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### FINALWHISTLE

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Club	Games	Yellow	Red
Wimbledon	38	40	1
Liverpool	38	45	1
Leicester	38	53	1
Sheff Wed.	38	49	3
Man Utd	38	59	1
Aston Villa	38	57	2
Newcastle	38	59	2
Coventry	38	55	2
Sunderland	38	53	5
Tottenham	38	63	1
Everton	38	61	2
Notts Forest	38	66	0
Blackburn	38	65	1
Derby	38	64	2
West Ham	38	69	2
Southampton	38	69	4
Chelsea	38	76	2
Leeds	38	84	1
Middlesbrough	38	- 81	3
Arsenal	38	84	5

It's a pity Wimbledon's good behaviour didn't get them into Europe! Perhaps that might be something for the Premier League to consider seeing as how all the top clubs no longer like the Coca Cola Cup - because it does not provide a European place - perhaps good behaviour could become a passport to Europe.

Incredibly there were 1249 yellow cards issued and just forty four red ones - perhaps with all that arm waving it's a wonder referees can't fly. As a rule of thumb generally the team that loses a lot tend to lose its tempers the most and this leads to frustrations which according to experts leads to a card being waved. This shows to be true for relegated and cup finalists Middlesbrough - but not in the case of Notts Forest which was the only Premier League club not to be shown a red card - also Sunderland had a reasonable bookings count - but let themselves down with five red cards.

it will be interesting to see how Liverpool's statistics alter now that Paul Ince is terrorising everyone from their midfield - also Man Utd who last season had only one red card - Seeing as Roy Keane is out for most of this season their luck may change, although if they rely on video evidence they may well finish with all yellow cards being scrubbed out, never mind the red ones!!

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### YOUTHTEAM NEWS

**Good afternoon** everyone and welcome to today's game against Luton Town.

Last week saw us taking the next positive steps towards what I see to be the natural link between the Community side of the Football Club and the Youth Development Side.

At Chesterfield Football Club we now have in place a youth structure that will enable boys from as young as eight to attend Football in the Community Saturday Morning Clubs and Soccer Schools, progress at 12 to the Centre of Excellence teams and then hopefully to YTS and first team status.

This connection has been made possible with the support and hard work of the Football in the Community Officer, George Foster and his staff, Kev Hornsby and Steve Hampton. Kev and Steve are also coaches with the Centre of Excellence taking the 12 and unders. They are able to see talented youngsters in their day to day work and keep a constant check on their gradual improvement, if the youngster maintains the high standard that we set at Chesterfield FC he will be recommended for the Centre of Excellence programme.

George Foster will hopefully be handling the 'PR' side of things. This will include speaking to local businesses to obtain vital sponsorship to enable the continued success and improvement of the youth



development programme. I am sure George will be as successful as he has been in raising finance for the Community Scheme.

This is the start of a very exciting period for everyone involved in Youth Development at Chesterfield FC. Enjoy the game,

#### **ADIE SHAW**

	Sat Sat	Aug 9 Aug 16	York City Barnsley	A1-1 A2-3	noon		
•	Sat	Aug 23	Sunderland	A2-0			
	Sat	Aug 30	Doncaster R.	A1-2			
	Wed	Sep 3	Sheffield W.*	H1-2			
	Sat	Sep 13	Huddersfield	H2-2			
	Mon	Sep 15	Stockport C.*	A1-0			
	Sat	Sep 20	Leeds Utd	A0-4			
	Sat	Sep 27	Newcastle U.	H1-3	noon		
	Sat	Oct 4	Scarborough	A2-2			
	Tue	Oct 7	Mansfield T.*	A1-2			
	Sat	Oct 18	Sheffield U.	H0-4			
	Sat	Oct 25	Bradford City	A0-0			
	Wed	Nov 6	Darlington	A4-2			
	Sat	Nov 8	Hartlepool U.	A0-1			
	Sat	Nov 15	Hull City	H1-0			
	Sat	Nov 22	Middlesborough	Apostponed	11.30am		
	Sat	Nov 29	Rotherham U.	Hpostponed			
	Sat	Dec 6	Scunthorpe U.	A0-4			
	Sat	Dec 13	Sheffield W.	H			
	Sat	Dec 20	Sheffield W.	Α			
	Sat	Jan 3	York City	H			
	Sat	Jan 10	Barnsley	H			
	Sat	Jan 17	Sunderland	H	noon		
	Sat	Jan 24	Doncaster R.	H			
	Sat	Jan 31	Huddersfield T.	Α			
	Sat	Feb 7	Leeds U.	H			
	Sat	Feb 14	Newcastle U.	Α	noon		
	Sat	Feb 21	Scarborough	H			
	Sat	Feb 28	Sheffield U.	Α			
	Sat	Mar 7	Bradford C.	H			
	Sat	Mar 14	Darlington	H			
	Sat	Mar 21	Hartlepool U.	H			
	Sat	Mar 28	Hull C.	Α			
	Sat	Apr 4	Middlesborough	H	11.30am		
	Sat	Apr 11	Rotherham U.	Α			
	Sat	Apr 18	Scunthorpe U.	H			
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## SUPPORTERSCLUB

Despite summer feeling a long way away at the moment, there has certainly been a lot of interest in the recent World Cup Draw. As we all know England has been drawn with Romania, Colombia and Tunisia in Group G. While the media seems to feel that this is generally an easy group, Glenn Hoddle is more cautious. All the fuss over whether or not England should have been seeded has not done the prospects any harm. However it is a bit ironic that Italy was seeded yet was a team England finished ahead of in qualification. It would be a major disappointment if England were to fail to qualify for the next stage, but the task before them certainly isn't an easy one. Tunisia will, more than likely, be the whipping boys of the group and should be beaten fairly easily. Romania will be a difficult task as they have qualified impressively and have a good recent World Cup record. Wins against these two would take the pressure off getting a result against Colombia who are unorthodox to say the least, and could spring a few surprises

Speaking of surprises, the possibility of our own Andy Morris playing in the World Cup for Jamaica is the biggest of them all! Using the parentage rule that the Irish have benefited from for so long, Bruno can obviously see some World Cup glory at the end of his testimonial year! I think some first team games with the Blues before the end of the season might be the best place

A big thank you to everyone who attended the recent karaoke

night at the Saltergate Club. An enjoyable night was had by everyone who attended, and some very unlikely singers as the beer started to flow! Thanks to Jamie and Dutch for their support and also to the late arrivals Rush, Billy and Adie who didn't quite seem to be on the same planet!

I trust everyone who showed up had a good time at the Junior Spireites Christmas Party at the Chesterfield Miners Welfare on Wednesday night. The event is always popular for the kids, with a disco and buffet also provided. Thanks to Linda Frisby for organising this event.

Today should see the presentation of the Supporters Club Player of the Month for November. The trophy is sponsored by the Autoworld Group and you will find out the winner around 2.45p.m. in front of the main stand.

Next Saturday we travel to Ashton Gate to play Bristol City now the home of the ginger one, of course! Coaches leave Cross Street at 10.00am and the fare is £11.50. Then on Boxing Day we travel to Burnley for the game at Turf Moor. Lets hope we can beat Chris Waddle's men for the second time this season! Coaches leave at 11.45 and the fare is £6.50.

Keep the blue flag flying high!

STEVE YORKE

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### LOOKINGBACK

1987-88

Saturday 12th December 1987 Division Three

Chesterfield 1 Blackpool 1

An equalising goal from Kevin Eley seventeen minutes from time was the highlight of a game that was otherwise a dour encounter between Chesterfield and Blackpool at Saltergate.

The Seasiders had taken the lead following a mistake by Paddy McGeeney which let in Mark Taylor, Les Hunter making his home debut in his third spell for the Blues played up front to give the attack extra height. It was Hunter who missed the Spireites best chance to claim the points when clean through but his lack of pace enabled Bradshaw to clear the danger, CHESTERFIELD: Muggleton, Rogers, Perry, McGeeney, Wood, Travis, Coyle, Hunter, Waller, Arnott, Eley. (Subs: Grayson & Walker).

BLACKPOOL: Siddall, Davis, Morgan, Bradshaw, Jones, Walsh, Coughlin, Cunningham, Walwyn, McAteer,

Taylor. (Subs: Butler, Madden). Attendance: 2279

### **1977-78**

Saturday 10th December 1977 Division Three

Chesterfield 1 Tranmere Rovers 1

Chesterfield eventually breached the Tranmere rearguard after 54 minutes only to see the promotion seeking Merseysiders equalise within a minute with their only attack of the second half.

The visitors looked lively early on but Chesterfield gradually took control and ended the half camped in the Rovers half. Cammack was a constant threat delivering a string of fine crosses one of which resulted in the Spireites goal through Stuart Parker. The Tranmere equaliser coming from Peplow following good work from Tommy Tynan. CHESTERFIELD: Letheran, Badger, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Simpson, Tartt, Heppolette. (Sub: Parker). TRANMERE: Johnson, Matthias, Flood, Perry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen. (Sub: James). Attendance: 3820

1967-68

Saturday 16th December 1967 Division Four

Chesterfield 4 Crewe Alexandra 1

The final score somewhat flattered the Blues although there was no doubting their overall superiority. Kevin Randall hit a hat-trick, his first goal coming after good work from Kettleborough and Wilson. The Alex were soon on level terms through Tarbuck following a goal mouth scramble before Kevin Randall restored the Blues lead. Further goals from Hollett and Randall gave the Spireites a comfortable cushion although both Archer and Dearden missed good chances for the visitors. CHESTERFIELD: Roberts, Holmes, Sears, Clarke, Phelan, Hughes, Moore, Randall, Hollett, Kettleborough, Wilson. (Sub Pugh). CREWE: Mailey, Lowry, Leigh, Bradshaw, Stott, Gannon, Dearden, Archer, Regan, Wallace, Tarbuck, (Sub Curly).

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