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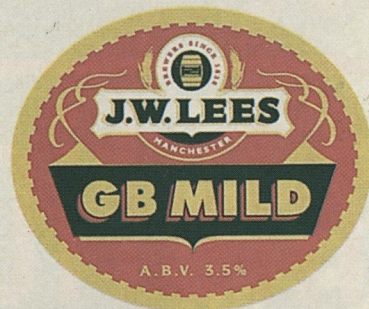
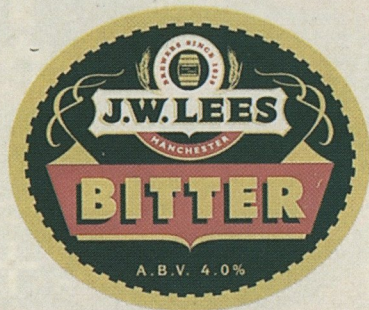


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*Warnock's World

As we welcome Lennie Lawrence's Luton Town to Boundary Park this afternoon, a lot of water has gone under the bridge since my last notes a month ago. While disappointed not to have played Burnley at home, I could understand the referee's ruling that particular day. Since then we have tried hard to eliminate the same circumstances from happening again with experts called in to examine the drainage system. It is a blow to prepare for a match and then to lose out at the last minute, but you have to overcome these things. Unfortunately it has left us with quite a few away games to play, hence no fixture here since the visit of Walsall the Friday before Christmas. I thought your support, and the way you got behind the lads at York, was tremendous and I am sure you, like me, couldn't understand why Sean McCarthy's goal was disallowed in injury time. It was one of those decisions we couldn't do anything about but it denied us what could prove two important points in our bid for a play-off place. But, if you want to look at fate I had the same referee and linesman three years ago at Huddersfield and, on the linesman's flag the referee sent off Lee Sinnott in our match against Rotherham. I asked the referee to look at the video and he realised the linesman was totally wrong and quashed the dismissal which was for denying an opponent a goalscoring chance. That season we finished sixth in the table and won promotion through the play-offs and on Saturday it was ironic to have the same referee and linesman who denied us two points. I only wish in this case the referee was able to look at the video and overturn the decision made by the linesman after he took over in the middle. All I hope for now is that we have the same conclusion as that season! If you read the papers you are no doubt aware I was very hurt at the way in which we were knocked out of the F.A. Cup at Cardiff. I felt certain players let the club down and, whether you call it punishment or not, they certainly made up for it the following week. I think the commitment at York showed they had put it behind them. I can only apologise to those of you who made the long journey to have to stand in pouring rain and watch us lose in the F.A. Cup. It must have been hard to take. We are trying to bring new players into the club, but it is difficult at this moment in time. I am hoping, if not by today, we will have somebody for next Saturday. You will have seen I tried to bring Steve Whitehall from Mansfield and Burnley's Paul Barnes, and I think we need a forward to pep up our drive for promotion. In the programme for the Burnley match, which most of you won't have seen, I looked back on the first half of the campaign. I think a fair reflection, like a school half-term report, is that we have done well, but can do even better. I don't think we have had our fair share of luck when you look at some of the things which have gone against us, and here I am talking about refereeing decisions at critical times in matches, some of the crazy goals we have conceded and also injuries which have disrupted us.

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There is a saying that luck evens itself out over the course of a season, and I sincerely hope that is true. Without wishing to tempt fate, I don't think it could be as bad in the second half of the campaign.

I think there is enough ability and confidence in the club to sustain a promotion bid, though realistically the play-offs is the best we can hope for at this stage.

Obviously we don't need many more injuries like the one suffered by Carl Serrant playing for England under 21's which is likely to keep him out for several more weeks.

We need our better players, and Carl has had a terrific season and richly deserved his England call-up and the injury was something we could have done without.

I would say the plus points have been that we have mounted a promotion challenge without spending any money - other clubs have spent massive amounts for this level - and we have looked a solid side.

We have had opportunities to have won every game home or away, apart from Fulham, and really should have collected more points than we have done so.

Paul Reid has been outstanding in midfield where Paul Rickers has also done well. Richard Graham and Doug Hodgson have struck up a tremendous partnership in defence and Gary Kelly has been in a different class since returning from injury.

We will have to be at our best this afternoon because Luton, despite their troubles, have not lost away since the end of September. This, coupled with us being unbeaten at home, should make for a cracking game.

After a difficult start to the season Luton appear to be coming good and I wish them all the best for the rest of the season - after today.

Enjoy the game and I hope we can give you plenty to cheer.

Neil



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*Nick Owen

Nick Owen doesn't believe he is as mad as a Hatter to be a lifelong Luton fan.

The former host of breakfast television's "Good Morning with Ann and Nick" feels football would benefit if supporters backed their local club instead of latching on to the glamour teams.

Berkhamstead-born Nick declared: "I feel more passion for Luton Town than any Manchester United fan does for their team. They are in my blood. "I acknowledge we need a bigger ground which offers uninterrupted views, but despite its faults Kenilworth Road is a homely and friendly place."

Nick added that he hopes the Government inquiry will sanction the go-ahead for a new ground which he believes will be the club's making. Luton have unveiled grandiose plans for the "Kohlerdome" with a permanent roof and a pitch which can be removed so other functions can be held inside the stadium.

Nick said: "The new ground will be the saving grace as it will raise much

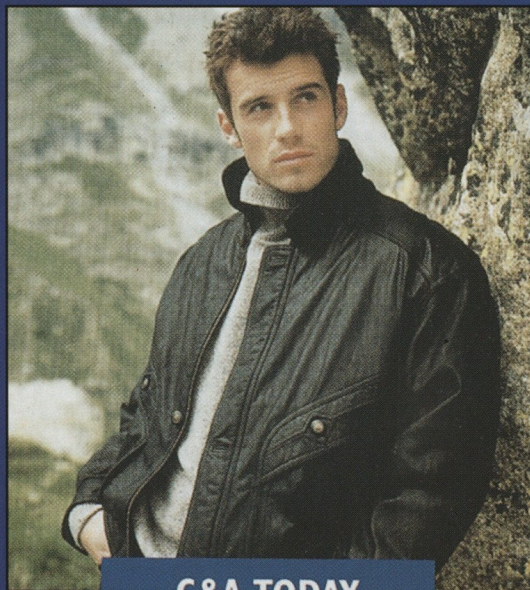
needed revenue from restaurants, squash courts and the like.

"It will be fantastic if it comes off and I am sure it will attract more support because of the facilities. They are very poor at Kenilworth Road which is really hemmed in and, for starters, parking is nigh impossible around the ground."

Nick, who in '98 celebrates 40 years watching Luton, is disappointed by Luton's dreadful League showing this season.

The 50-year old cites a crippling injury list as the main reason for the dramatic decline as they fight to hold on to their Second Division status. It is a remarkable turnaround to last season when they were denied promotion in the play-offs after finishing third.

"We were the classiest side in the Second Division and ought to have gone up. Perhaps we needed to toughen up a little," he explained. Since Nick began watching the Hatters in 1958/59 season it has been a real roller-coaster ride as he has seen them play in all four divisions.



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Indeed Nick, who now lives in Birmingham, kicked off his Luton days with the club on the crest of a wave. Luton reached the F.A. Cup Final losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley, a day he can still vividly remember.

He said: "I was at boarding school so couldn't go to the Final. I watched the game on a black and white television bedecked in Luton colours and was heartbroken at the end."

Nick's debut came the previous August when Father Bertie took him to see the 1-1 home draw against Leeds United.

Luton, who had finished eighth in the First Division in 1957/58, were relegated in 1960 and by 1965 had plummeted to the Fourth.

"It was a very depressing period and it wasn't until the late 1960's that a revival began under Allan Brown's management," he explained.

Brown, ironically, scored the goal in Nick's first-ever match, and it was he who took them up to the Third Division.

Bruce Rioch was the hero of that era and later in the heady days under Alec Stock it was Malcolm MacDonald.

MacDonald was bought as a full-back from Fulham and converted by Stock into one of the deadliest strikers of his generation and later he was to become a full England international.

Nick explained: "It is a thrill that these heroes of my youth are now friends. Soon I am hoping to do a documentary about Malcolm's eventful life.

"The MacDonald era was very exciting but, as today, it has always been a case of having to sell to survive. That will remain so long as we have such a tiny ground and small crowds.

"You could make a formidable side from the players now at other clubs - John Hartson, Mark Pembridge, Paul Telfer, Iain Dowie and Tim Breaker readily spring to mind."

Harry Haslam eventually guided Luton back to the First Division, but only for one season in 1974/75.

He remembered the emergence of the Fletcher twins, Paul and Ron, who both later went on to play for Latics.

Nick pinpoints David Pleat's first spell at the club during the glorious eighties as arguably the best era of his years as a Hatter.

There were two returns to Wembley for Littlewoods Cup Final appearances with the 1988 victory against Arsenal his proudest moment.

Nick said: "It was a fantastic match which we won with virtually the last kick of the match. We had been 2-1 down when Andy Dibble saved a penalty which, had Arsenal scored, would surely have sealed victory.

"We should have retained the cup the following season after being in the lead against Nottingham Forest."

Nick remembers Brian Horton, Jimmy Ryan and Alan West from the early eighties as being favourites and later it was Brian Stein, Ricky Hill and Mick Harford who were the stars of the side.

But, he doesn't forget unsung heroes such as David Preece, a player he says never received the acclaim he deserved, David Moss, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, Les Sealey and Ashley Groves.

Nick's move to Birmingham was brought about because that was where breakfast television was broadcast. It means a 180-mile round trip for home matches along with sons Andy and Tim.

In the past Nick has missed many matches because of his heavy work schedule. But as host of the weekday programme Midlands Tonight he is free each weekend.

Nick added that it was a great thrill when Luton created the "Nick Owen Lounge" in his honour as was being asked to become president of the supporters club.

As for treasured possessions he said a limited edition print of Kenilworth Road from his son was the best Christmas present he has ever received.

Nick who fronted ITV's coverage of the 1988 Olympic Games and 1990 World Cup also has a special paperweight which incorporates a piece of Luton's former plastic pitch.

Nick who also appears on ITV's Wish You Were Here and hosts Royal Film Premiers concluded by saying another cherished moment was interviewing the late Eric Morecambe on breakfast television.

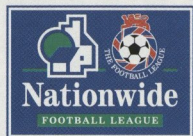
He said: "Eric was on the programme at various times over a two-hour period and it was one of the happiest interviews I have conducted.

"He stayed on for two hours after the show and we had a great time but, sadly, 40 days later he was dead.

"Eric was my hero and he was a wonderful ambassador for Luton."



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Wrexham innocently became embroiled in a refereeing controversy at the end of their FA Cup third-round tie at Premiership club Wimbledon.

Referee Steve Dunn blew the final whistle a split second before Marcus Gayle's header found the net.

It would have been the match-winning goal for Wimbledon as the game ended goalless as plucky Wrexham last season's cup quarter-finalists lived to fight another day.

The incident brought back memories of the 1978 World Cup in Argentina when Clive Thomas's whistle denied Brazil a winning goal against Sweden.

In the future that followed FIFA advised referees that full time should only be signalled before a corner is taken or after it is cleared or scored from, not during the flight of the ball as occurred with Neal Ardley's corner.

Dunn issued a statement saying "As the ball went out of play the 45 minutes, plus time added on for stoppages, were up. When the ball was returned to the field of play I blew up."

Grimsby continued their cup exploits by soundly beating First Division Norwich City 3-0, and could even afford to miss a penalty.

It has been a memorable campaign for the Mariners who defeated Sheffield Wednesday and holders Leicester in the Coca-Cola Cup before bowing out at Liverpool.

Grimsby, after a disappointing start to their League campaign, are suddenly coming good and firmly in the fray for a play-off place.

Sheffield Wednesday are clearly uncomfortable against Second Division opponents as they were held 1-1 at Watford in the third round of the cup.

There was little joy for the other Second Division sides as Wigan crashed out at neighbours Blackburn, Fulham at Tottenham, Northampton at Leicester, Preston at home by Stockport and, of course, Latics at minnows Cardiff.

Bristol Rovers drew 1-1 at home to Ipswich Town and the replay took place after these notes were written as also applied to the rescheduled ties involving Bournemouth and Huddersfield at Dean Court and Walsall who were at Peterborough.

The draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup still largely needed to be resolved, though Grimsby have a plum tie at Leeds United.

Carlisle, battling against relegation, have agreed a nursery-club partnership with Premiership club Derby County which mirrors the arrangement struck between Liverpool and Crewe.

The immediate dividend for Derby is that they have been able to steal a march on the clubs trying to sign exciting 20-year-old forward Matt Jansen. He is one of the division's hottest properties along with Latics' Carl Serrant until the latter's recent injury. Jansen and the equally talented prospect Rory Delap are to spend time training with Derby and a £3 million double transfer remains a distinct possibility.

Carlisle have also benefitted by taking Derby's Nick Wright, a reserve forward, on loan. Watford and Bristol City remain the team's to beat at the top of the Second Division as the pair continue to set a scorching pace.

Bottom-club Burnley provided a glimmer of hope that Watford can be caught as they defeated the leaders 2-0 at Turf Moor.

It will still take an almighty slip-up for these clubs not to win the two automatic promotion places.

Bristol City, who have been hit by injury troubles, splashed out a six-figure sum for Aston Villa middle player Scott Murray to beef up their challenge.

It's anybody's guess who will land play-off places with only 11 points separating them from the bottom four relegation places.

Club's certainly appear to be pushing out the boat in their efforts to ensure they finish in the top six.

Northampton, promoted last season but still in the hands of administrators, are one prime example.

They splashed out £75,000 for Middlesbrough reserve striker Chris Freestone, captured former Ipswich and Tottenham player Jason Dozell on a short-term contract with a view to a permanent deal, paid £20,000 for former Bury and Barnsley defender Charlie Bishop and have taken Birmingham's Paul Tait on loan.

Millwall have added to their collection of strikers by signing Sheffield United's Aussie Carl Veart in a £100,000 deal.

Billy Bonds earlier this season spent around £600,000 on strikers Paul Wilkinson (Barnsley), Paul Shaw (Arsenal) and Kim Grant (Luton), but so far the Lions have yet to sound an ominous roar to the rest of the division.

Chesterfield have captured Gerry Creaney on loan from Manchester City in a bid to ignite their promotion bid.

Creaney had an excellent spell at Burnley earlier in the season, though his goals could not haul them away from the drop zone.

It has been surprisingly quiet on the transfer front at Fulham who have spent over £5 million - a colossal sum - since Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins were installed as the managerial team. They too, are beginning to look good bets for a play-off place.

Southend, battling against relegation for the second successive season, pulled off a coup by signing Neville Southall on loan from Everton where he was starring in the Premiership until recently.

When you are down on your luck little goes your way as Southend have discovered with inspirational midfielder Mike Marsh, the former Liverpool player, being forced to retire through a knee problem.

There was also a managerial casualty earlier this week when Preston parted company with Gary Peters by mutual consent.

Preston have had a disappointing season. They are currently 17th and Saturday's home defeat by Gillingham signalled the parting of the ways, though Peters has been offered a youth development post at Deepdale which he is considering.

Assistant manager David Moyes takes charge until at least the end of the season.

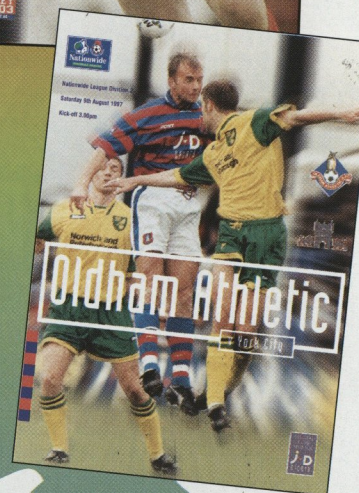
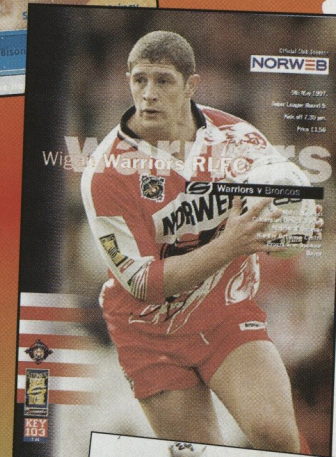
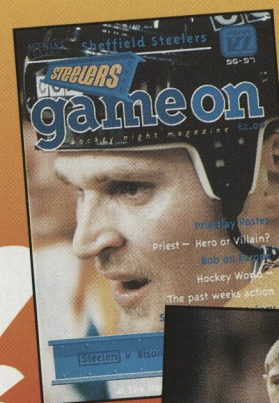
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The three lucky winners were Karla Wrigley as Maid Marian, Rachel Nolan as A Latics Match and Martin Vose as Dennis the Menace.

Most of the first team squad went along to join in the festivities and sign dozens of autographs, along with Director Peter



Chadwick, and our thanks to them all for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend.

The Grand Raffle raised a total of £250 and Barclays Bank will double the proceeds, which are being donated to The Rainbow Trust, Francis House, Didsbury. This is a charity which provides care for terminally ill children.

The mascot draw was made for the games against Luton Town, Blackpool, Fulham and Millwall, giving four lucky members an early Christmas Present.

All in all it proved one of our most successful parties for some time.

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We would like to pass on our thanks to Charles Alty, Costume Hirers, of Lees Road, Oldham for kindly providing the Father Christmas outfits and to Grandad and Elvis for fitting us into their busy Christmas schedule.

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MATCH MASCOT

Today's match mascot is 8 year old Jack Shaw of Spa Lane, Lees.

Jack attends St. Edwards Primary School, Lees where his favourite subject is Maths.

Outside of school Jack enjoys football, cricket and hockey and when he grows up he would like to become a teacher or a professional footballer.

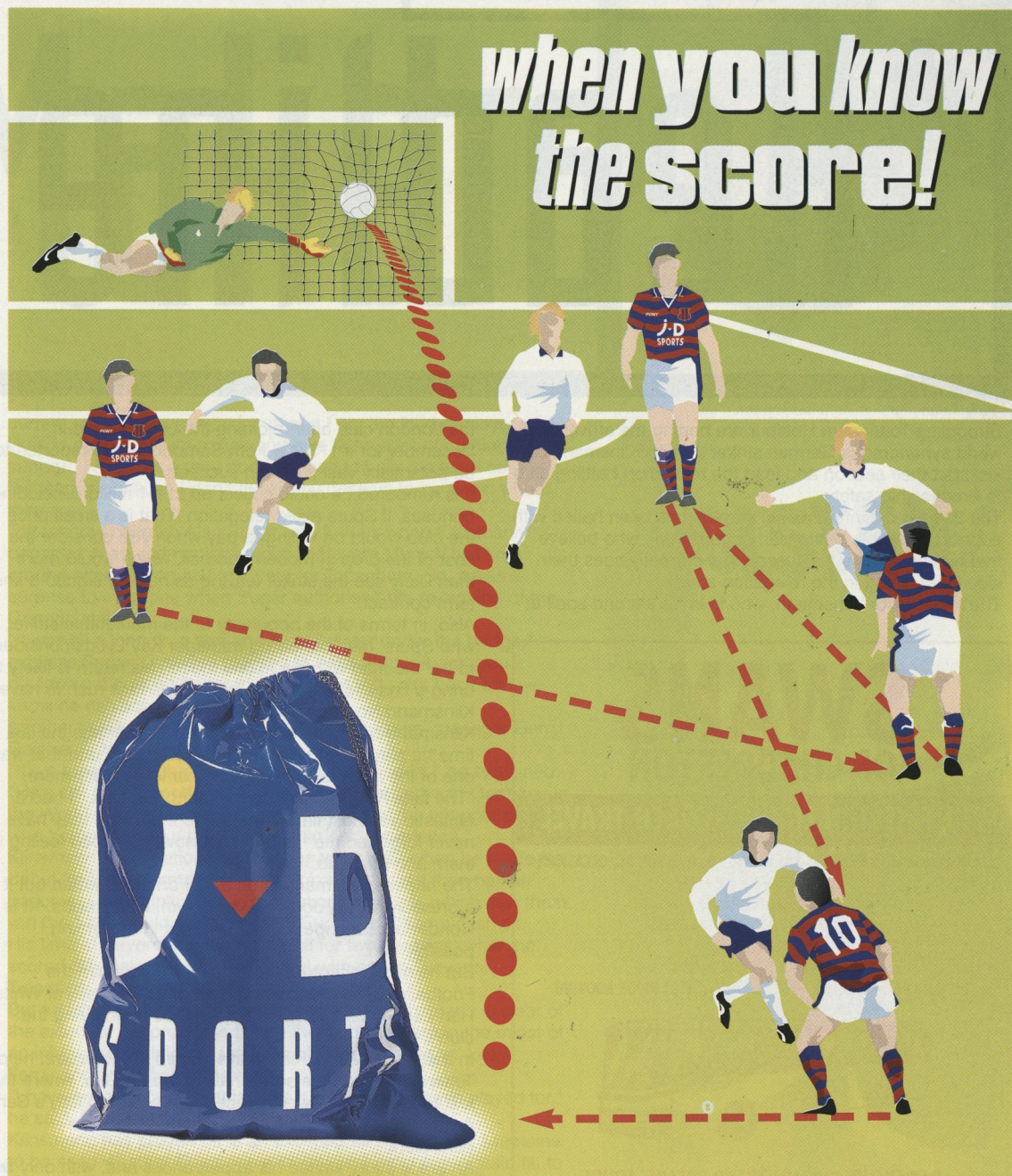
The best match Jack has ever seen was the 3-0 away win over Bradford City last season when Stuart Barlow got a hat-trick and his prediction for today's game is 2-1 to Latics.

Jack's favourite player is goalkeeper GARY KELLY.



Santa's Stuart Barlow, Steve Redmond and Shaun Garnett join in the festive spirit at the Junior Latics Christmas party, along with the fancy dress winners, Karla Wrigley (Maid Marian) Rachel Nolan (A Latics Match) and Martin Vose (Dennis the Menace)

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Jurgen Klinsmann

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Struggling Tottenham Hotspur are hoping the arrival of world synonymous German striker Jurgen Klinsmann can kickstart their season and lead the relegation battling club to Premiership safety.

The 33-year-old international's return has been hailed with euphoria from the White Hart Lane faithful, who believe that he can resurrect a season that currently sees their side languishing in the relegation zone.

The rewards for Klinsmann, who is in his second spell at

the London club after rejoining the London club in December for #175,000 from Sampdoria, are reported to be potentially vast if he can succeed.

It is rumoured he could collect up to #1 million, including bonuses, if Spurs avoid relegation. That is a small price the club would be willing to pay when you consider the cost of the drop in modern football, which would more than likely see the striker leaving as he only signed a short term contract.

Also, in terms of the popularity of the marketable striker, who Spurs' merchandising manager Kay Lyons considers to be 'the man with the midas touch', his return is likely to bring a financial windfall to the club as fans rush to have Klinsmann No.33 printed on their shirts.

Klinsmann built up a good rapport with the fans the last time he played in England, three years ago, and that was one of the main reasons why he came back for more.

"The fans helped make up my mind," he said. "I had a fantastic year last time around and it appears they have never forgotten me - and neither have I stopped feeling for them and this club."

The hopes of so many people rest on the German but it is a pressure which does not worry him. He explains: "It is a wonderful challenge for me. I will put in everything I possibly can."

But he must recapture the form which won him the Footballer of the Year award during his last spell at White Hart Lane if he is to stand any chance of ensuring the club's survival.

In that one season, Klinsmann scored 29 goals and helped Tottenham reach the semi-finals of the FA Cup, where they lost to Everton. However, recently, his form in Italy's Serie A with Sampdoria this season has been far from consistent.

An ankle injury limited his appearances and, with only two goals to his name, he found himself confined to the substitutes bench. Therefore, now the pressure is on him more so to prove that his glory days are not over.

Klinsmann disagrees: "I don't see a danger in coming back a second time. I am already captain of the German national side, so to cope with the pressure is not a problem for me. I am used to expectations being high." He is also confident that he can help the team out of their

current crisis. "I have experience and I am the kind of player who likes to push his team mates and give them a lot of mental support. I see it as a very good chance to help the team come up the league because I don't think they deserve to be down where they are."

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar was furious when Klinsmann departed in an acrimonious move to Bayern Munich last time around after serving just one year for Tottenham. So, it was a surprise to everyone when Sugar authorised the re-signing of the German striker.

"It was all a long time ago and it is all water under the bridge," explains Sugar. "I'm very pleased to have Jurgen back, you couldn't get anyone better to bring the good spirit back and we know he can score goals."

Another pleased to see his return is former Spurs' manager Gerry Francis — although for him it is too late.

"It's a great move that will give the club a great lift," he explained. "He's still a very good player who will be involved with Germany in the World Cup finals. He will also help a lot of the younger players who perhaps need a bit of leadership and experience."

Klinsmann's international career began in 1987 when he made his debut for West Germany against Brazil, and since then he has become a major influence in the nation's success which saw them win the 1990 World Cup and 1996 European Championships. His time at Bayern Munich went well for two seasons, when he scored 30 goals, but after falling out with coach Giovanni Trapattoni, he returned to Italy with Sampdoria.

But just two starts into his new Spurs career, Klinsmann is clear of the extent of the problems facing the club, who are in the midst of an injury crisis ruling out the likes of Darren Anderton, Les Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong.

"I have never known anything like it at any club I have played for," he said. "I didn't think the situation would be so bad."

Klinsmann has proven he is an exceptional finisher, but it remains to be seen whether Spurs have the players, who can remain fit, to provide Klinsmann with chances on which he can thrive.

The team has changed a lot since Klinsmann's last visit and there is no longer a Sheringham or Barmby for the blonde-haired German to feed off.

However, there are still several months to go in the season and Klinsmann certainly has the experience and talent to pull Tottenham out of the slump. And if he does, what is to say he will not extend his present six month contract with the club.

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*Quiztime!

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| 1. Who scored our goal in the 1-1 draw with Preston at the end of last year? | 11. Who went on an extended holiday to Brazil much to the annoyance of his manager? |
| 2. At which League club did Andy Ritchie start his career? | 12. Norwich were knocked out of the FA Cup by Grimsby, Charlton or Ipswich? |
| 3. Our 'keeper Gary Kelly is the brother of Republic of Ireland International David Kelly. True or False? | 13. For which country is Ole Gunner Solskjaer and international? |
| 4. In which season did Stuart Barlow join us? | 14. Hearts are nicknamed The what? |
| 5. How many League goals did Sean McCarthy score last season? | 15. For which Italian club did Paul Gascoigne play? |
| 6. Newcastle play which club in the next round of the FA Cup? | 16. Who scored a hat-trick for Luton in their 3-0 win over Blackpool last week? |
| 7. Which club did Jurgen Klinsmann leave to join Tottenham? | 17. Who did Lennie Lawrence replace as manager at the club? |
| 8. Who has been reported to have asked for a £50,000 a week salary at Anfield? | 18. What is the name of Luton's ground? |
| 9. Who is the manager of Northampton? | 19. Which 'golden' award did Tony Thorpe win last season? |
| 10. Which Second Division club play their home games at Roots Hall? | 20. Which former Luton star is now heading the goalcharts in the Premiership? |

ANSWERS 1. Doug Hodgson. 2. Man United. 3. False. 4. 1995-96. 5. 3. 6. Stevenage. 7. Sampdoria. 8. Robbie Fowler. 9. Ian Atkins. 10. Southend. 11. Emerson. 12. Grimsby. 13. Norway. 14. Jarn Tart. 15. Lazio. 16. Tony Thorpe. 17. Terry Westley. 18. Kenilworth Road. 19. Second Division Golden Boots as top scorer. 20. John Hartson.

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Our Visitors

* Luton Town



Relegated at the end of the 1995-96 season, Luton Town were marked down as one of the favourites to bounce straight back into the First Division the following year.

After a poor start when results went hay-wire, Luton found themselves in 15th position come the tailend of September (they had been lower). But gradually things started to improve and at the turn of the year - after Lennie

Lawrence had taken over as manager - the Hatters were in second place, looking good for promotion and playing confidently both at home and away.

As the season wound down, so the Hatters stuck in there, but at the death they had to settle for third place, missing automatic promotion by a mere four points.

Then, to make things worse, they succumbed

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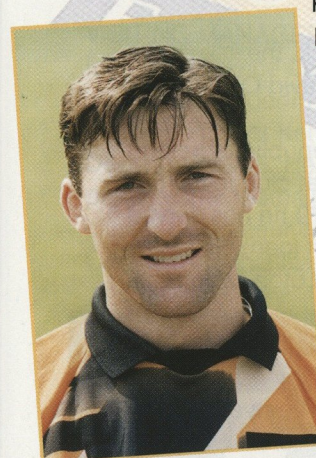
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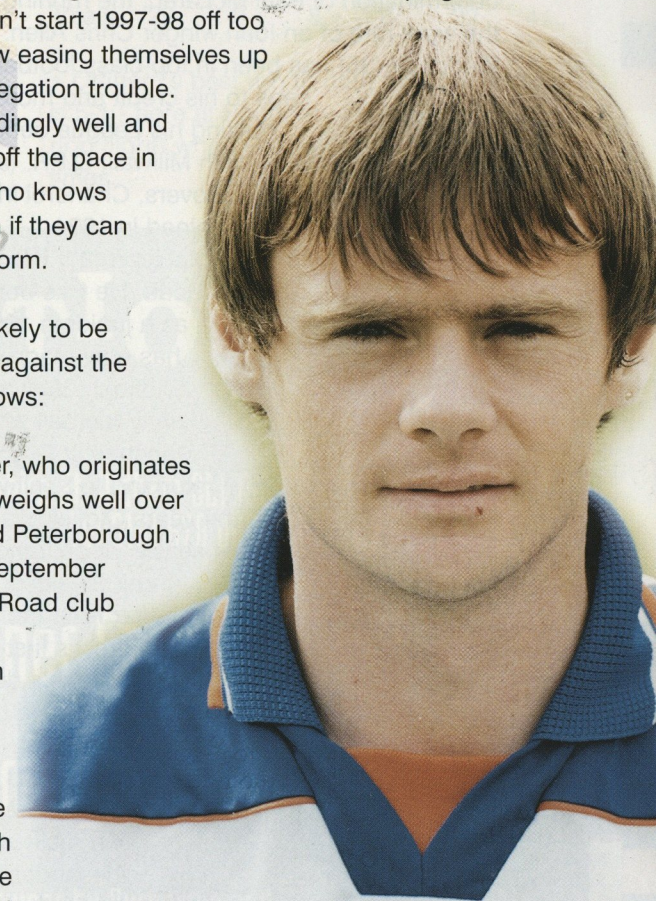
to Crewe Alexandra in the play-offs and so ended a disappointing season for all concerned at Kenilworth Road.

Not dismayed, manager Lawrence kept faith with most the players who had served him honestly during the second half of that campaign and although the Hatters didn't start 1997-98 off too confidently, they are now easing themselves up the table, away from relegation trouble. They are playing exceedingly well and although they are well off the pace in the Second Division, who knows where they might finish if they can maintain their current form.

The players who are likely to be available for selection against the Latics today are as follows:

In goal will be giant American Tony (Ian) Feuer, who originates from Las Vegas and stands 6ft. 5ins. tall and weighs well over 15 stone. He played for West Ham United and Peterborough United before joining the Hatters on loan in September 1995, signing permanently for the Kenilworth Road club three months later.

Across the back manager Lawrence has been satisfied of late with Darren Patterson, Steve Davis, Alan White and Mitchell Thomas. Patterson (28) started his career with West Bromwich Albion. He failed to make the grade at The Hawthorns and after a decent spell with Wigan Athletic and another with Crystal Palace he signed for Luton in 1995. Since then he's also played on loan with Preston and has 10 Northern Ireland caps to his name.



Graham Alexander

Davis (29) was with Southampton as a teenager. After loan spells with Burnley and Notts County he was transferred to Turf Moor on a permanent basis in 1991 and played over 200 games for the Clarets before making the move to Luton for £750,000 in 1995.

White (21) a native of Darlington, arrived from Middlesbrough in the close season of 1997 where he had been reserve to so many talented defenders. He is slowly emerging as a fine player.

Left full-back Thomas (33) has an England 'B' cap in his locker (gained with Spurs). Born in Luton, he started his career at Kenilworth Road in 1982 and then served with Tottenham and West Ham United before returning to the Hatters in 1993. A strong footballer, he can also play in the centre of defence.

In midfield Luton are now relying on the experience of Gary Waddock, the determination of Paul McLaren, the running and marksmanship of David Oldfield and the work-rate of on-loan winger Chris Allen.

Waddock (35) has been in top-class football 18 years. He has 21 Republic of Ireland caps to his credit and more than 600 appearances at club level. Since making his League debut with Q.P.R. back in 1979 he has served with Millwall, Q.P.R. (again), Swindon Town (on loan), Bristol Rovers, Charleroi in Belgium and of course Luton, whom he joined in 1994.

McLaren (21) has graduated through the ranks at Kenilworth Road. He was born in High Wycombe and joined the Hatters as a junior in 1992, turning professional three years ago. He has now made over 50 senior appearances.

Oldfield (29) was born in Perth, Australia and played his early football with Luton (1986-89). he then assisted Manchester City, Leicester City and Millwall (on loan) before returning to Kenilworth Road for a second spell in 1995. Down the years Oldfield has scored over 70 goals in more than 400 senior appearances - and he's played once for England's under 21 side.

After failing to hold down a regular place in Nottingham Forest's first XI, Allen opted for a loan spell with Luton - and he's doing a fine job. Born in 1972, he played for his home town club Oxford United before joining Forest for £300,000 in 1996, after a short period on loan. He is fast, tricky and packs a fine shot. In-form Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe are Luton's two main strikers.

Alexander, 26 from Coventry, played for Scunthorpe United before joining the Hatters in a £100,000 deal in 1995. He is tough, keen and exciting and has played



Steve Davies

more than 100 games for Luton. Thorpe (23) comes from Leicester. He was a junior at Filbert Street before turning professional with Luton Town in 1992. An excellent goalscorer, he has now netted almost 50 goals in less than 150 games for the Hatters.

In reserve and likely to be on the subs' bench today are former Manchester United starlet Simon Davies, who joined Luton last summer and teenagers Andrew Fotiades and Matthew Spring, both whom are highly thought of at Kenilworth Road.

VISITING MANAGER

Lennie Lawrence became Luton Town's seventh manager in the last 20 years when he took office at Kenilworth Road in December 1995. He never played professional football, choosing to serve a cluster of amateur clubs, namely Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United. He

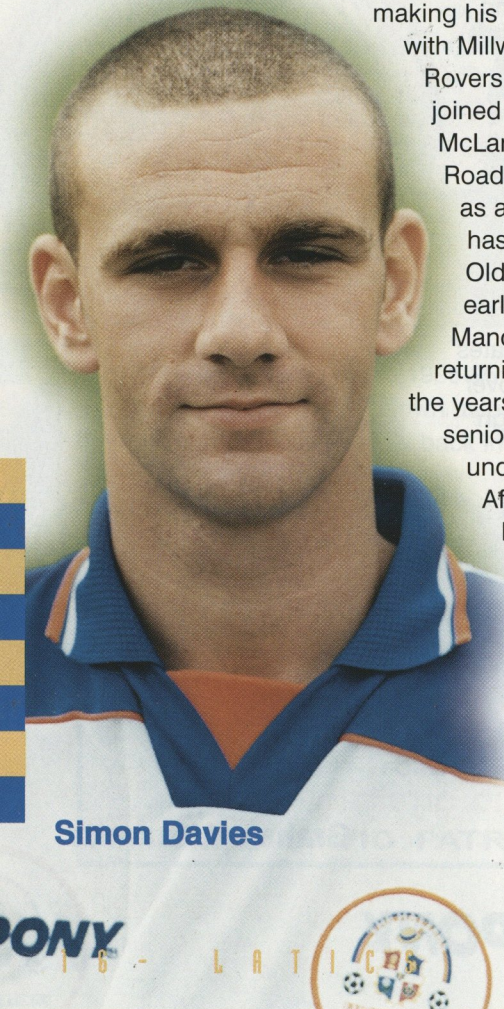
was assistant-manager/coach at both Plymouth Argyle and Lincoln City and to date, besides the Hatters, he has taken charge of Plymouth (in a caretaker capacity in 1978, Charlton Athletic (1982-91), Middlesbrough and Bradford City. During his time at The Valley he guided Charlton to the runners-up spot in Division Two in 1986 having earlier led the Pilgrims to promotion from Division Three (1981).

LATICS v. LUTON

This is our League record against the Hatters

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	14	5	4	5	15	12
Away	15	4	4	7	17	29
Totals	29	9	8	12	32	41

• Oldham's best win to date over the Hatters is 5-1 - here at Boundary Park in April 1992 (top flight) when Graeme Sharp scored four times.



Simon Davies

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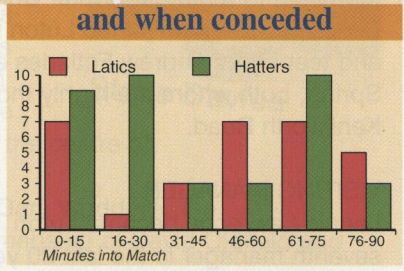
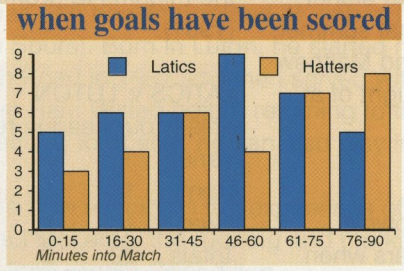
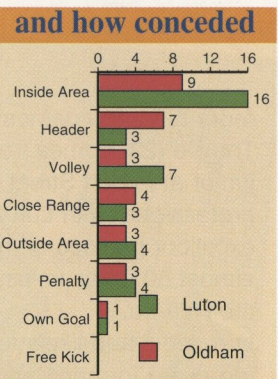
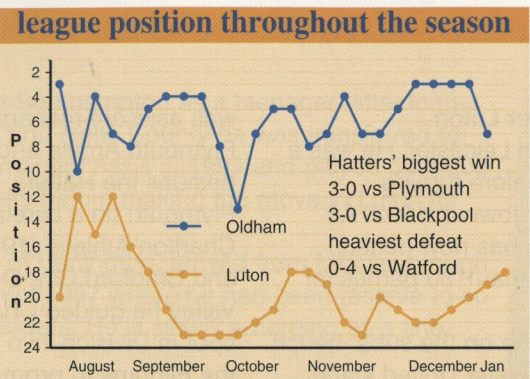
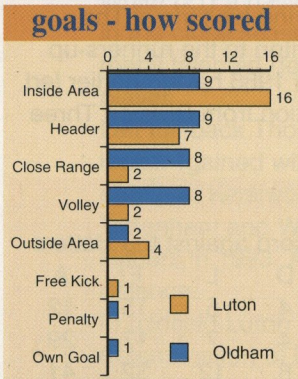
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Division 2 Stats

Current Form Table

Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games. ie the higher the position, the higher the index.

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Bristol City	4	1	1	13	5	13	74%	WLWWDW
Wigan	4	1	1	13	5	13	28%	WLDWWW
Fulham	4	1	1	10	4	13	30%	WWWWLD
Bristol Rovers	4	0	2	12	13	12	30%	WWWWLL
Luton	3	2	1	11	7	11	62%	WWWDL
Grimsby	3	2	1	9	5	11	52%	LWDWWD
Carlisle	3	1	2	11	5	10	54%	WDDLWL
Gillingham	3	1	2	9	8	10	29%	WWWLDL
Walsall	3	1	2	8	7	10	79%	WLLDWW
Oldham	2	3	1	7	4	9	40%	DDDLWW
Brentford	2	2	2	7	10	8	46%	WDDLWL
Northampton	2	2	2	7	9	8	43%	LWDWLD
York	1	5	0	6	5	8	64%	DDDDWD
Wycombe	2	2	2	5	5	8	62%	LWDLWD
Bournemouth	2	1	3	11	8	7	66%	WLWLLD
Watford	1	4	1	4	5	7	43%	LDDWDD
Wrexham	1	3	2	5	8	6	63%	LWDDLD
Southend	1	2	3	9	15	5	31%	LLLLDDW
Plymouth	1	2	3	7	9	5	78%	LDLLWD
Blackpool	1	2	3	5	10	5	28%	LDDWLD
Preston	1	1	4	7	12	4	61%	LLDLWL
Burnley	1	1	4	3	8	4	62%	WLDLLL
Chesterfield	0	4	2	3	5	4	39%	LDDDL
Millwall	1	0	5	3	12	3	33%	LLLWLL

Campaign Records

- Highest/Lowest Gates**
16,128 Bristol City v Millwall 26-Dec
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- Highest Aggregate Scores**
Oldham 4-4 Bristol Rovers 27-Sep
Southend 4-4 York 19-Dec
Bristol Rovers 5-3 Bournemouth 28-Dec
- Biggest Home Win**
Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan
- Biggest Away Win**
Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct
Bristol Rovers 0-4 Grimsby 12-Dec
- Consecutive Wins**
Bristol City 8
- Games Unbeaten**
Bristol City 15
- Consecutive Defeats**
Carlisle 5
- Games without a Win**
Burnley, Gillingham 10

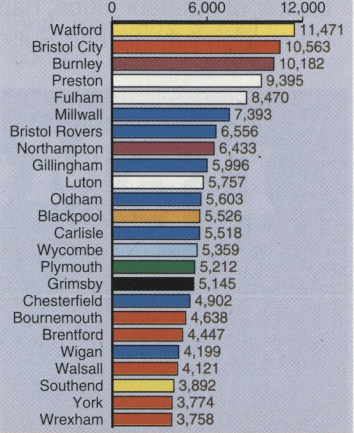
Current Sequences

- Consecutive Wins**
Bristol Rovers, Fulham 4
- Games Unbeaten**
York 6
- Consecutive Defeats**
Millwall, Southend 3
- Games without a Win**
Chesterfield 7

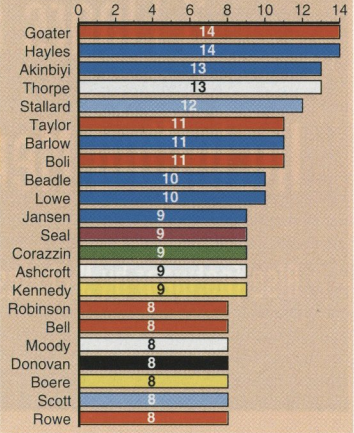
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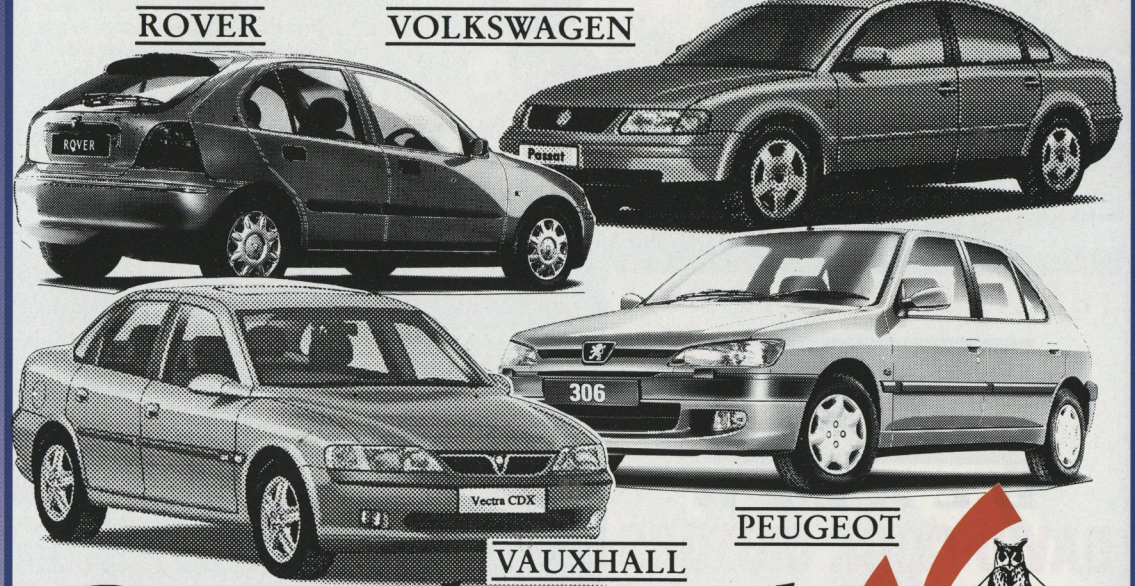
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Team	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	low and high position is taken after 4 games played	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.
Bournemouth	22	34	29	9	14	4		28	30	32	6	13	3
Blackpool	27	34	42	5	17	7		27	30	24	9	7	2
Brentford	31	28	44	6	24	11		27	38	30	7	13	3
Bristol City	24	48	21	9	19	1		23	31	38	5	24	17
Bristol Rovers	24	39	39	6	14	3		21	32	30	7	17	3
Burnley	28	25	36	6	24	18		28	30	53	4	24	13
Carlisle	29	34	43	5	24	16		22	29	31	9	22	12
Chesterfield	25	25	22	13	14	2		24	39	18	11	2	1
Fulham	30	33	26	9	18	4		27	38	38	4	21	6
Gillingham	27	35	38	6	17	3		23	31	30	7	20	7
Grimsby	22	32	23	11	23	4		21	33	38	7	19	3
Luton	31	32	38	8	23	16		24	32	29	8	17	3

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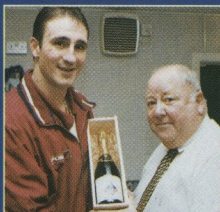
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Wednesday 4th February is a date for all businessmen and women to enter into their diaries as that is the date of the first of Latics new monthly Business Lunches.

The venue for the lunch is the Avant Hotel, Manchester Street, Oldham. The guest speaker for the first lunch is ERIC JONES Ex Head of Manchester CID.

The cost of the lunch is £17.50 + Vat and it starts at 12noon with a three course meal.

Latics have organised a further two lunches on 4th March when Patrick Tansey is the speaker and 29th April when the speaker is Brian Voyle Morgan.

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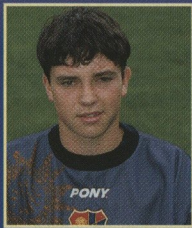
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Steve Redmond steps in to break up this Walsall attack.



*In the wings...



David Miskelly

MISKELLY ON THE MEND

David Miskelly, Latics' young Irish goalkeeper, is recovering well from the nasty injury incurred in the Youth Cup tie at Leeds United's Elland Road ground.

David, who was hobbling around on crutches for a week following the incident, is now moving freely and fears that he had broken an ankle or done more serious damage to ligaments have now been dispelled. David asked us to thank everyone who had sent him good wishes especially the Leeds United club who have been in constant touch with us here at Boundary Park asking about his progress.



Matthew Tipton

TIPPY NEXT FOR FIRST TEAM CALL?

Matthew Tipton, Latics' exciting young centre forward is looking forward to the new year with relish.

Matthew told us "1998 could be a very important year in my footballing life, I know a lot

of people are looking at me progressing into the first team. "My coaches Bill Urmson and David Cross are constantly reminding me that now is the time to put in that extra bit of pace or that extra spring in my jumping. "I know my game has improved a lot over the last six months and the goals have been going in left, right and centre, that's all down to the great coaching you get at Latics, I just hope that I don't let anyone down at the club". Well, Matthew hasn't let anyone down so far that's for sure, and 1998 could be the year when they stop talking about Owens at Liverpool and the name Tipton at Oldham Athletic is the one everyone's lips.

RESERVE REPORT

Latics reserves are at home to Grimsby Town reserves this coming Tuesday with the kick off being 7pm here at Boundary Park. This match was re-arranged from the 17th December. Admission prices for reserve team matches at Boundary Park are £2 adults and £1 concessions. Please note there are no 'A' team or 'B' team fixtures over the holiday period, their season re-commences on 10th January 1998.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SUNDERLAND	13	8	1	4	25	19	25
GRIMSBY TOWN	12	7	2	3	21	12	23
COVENTRY CITY	13	7	1	5	23	16	22
MIDDLESBROUGH	12	6	2	4	24	17	20
PORT VALE	12	5	4	3	24	19	19
LEICESTER CITY	12	6	1	5	19	15	19
BOLTON WANDERERS	12	5	3	4	23	18	18
WOLVERHAMPTON WAND	10	5	3	2	14	10	18
MANCHESTER CITY	13	4	5	4	23	23	17
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	13	4	4	5	14	21	16
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	13	4	3	6	18	19	15
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	12	1	3	8	17	30	6
NOTTS COUNTY	13	1	2	10	15	41	5

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
MANCHESTER UNITED A	15	12	2	1	44	12	36
EVERTON A	14	9	5	0	36	14	32
BLACKBURN ROVERS A	15	8	3	4	31	18	27
CREWE ALEXANDRA RES	14	6	0	6	39	23	24
MANCHESTER CITY A	15	7	3	5	29	21	24
WREXHAM A	17	7	3	7	43	40	24
LIVERPOOL A	14	7	2	5	22	20	23
BURNLEY A	11	6	2	3	19	17	20
BURY A	14	5	5	4	18	24	20
BOLTON WANDERERS A	13	4	4	5	17	21	16
MORECAMBE RESERVES	15	3	6	6	25	33	15
TRANMERE ROVERS A	14	4	2	8	22	38	14
STOKE CITY A	13	3	4	6	17	20	13
OLDHAM ATHLETIC A	14	3	2	9	24	30	11
PRESTON NORTH END A	14	1	5	8	11	26	8
MARINE RESERVES	14	1	2	11	8	48	5

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
TRANMERE ROVERS B	21	12	5	4	51	32	41
BLACKBURN ROVERS B	18	12	4	2	52	16	40
MANCHESTER UNITED B	19	13	1	5	68	35	40
EVERTON B	17	12	3	2	49	19	39
BLACKPOOL A	17	11	1	5	34	17	34
WIGAN ATHLETIC A	19	9	3	7	28	31	30
WREXHAM B	17	9	2	6	29	26	29
STOCKPORT COUNTY A	18	8	4	6	55	46	28
MANCHESTER CITY B	19	9	1	9	37	28	28
OLDHAM ATHLETIC B	18	8	3	7	25	24	27
LIVERPOOL B	18	7	4	7	41	34	25
BURNLEY B	17	7	3	7	32	39	24
CHESTER CITY A	19	7	1	11	46	52	22
CREWE ALEXANDRA B	15	6	2	7	31	30	20
ROCHDALE A	17	5	3	9	27	40	18
CARLISLE UNITED A	18	3	6	9	25	43	15
BURY B	18	3	4	11	23	50	13
MARINE YOUTH	18	0	4	14	21	51	4
MORECAMBE A	17	0	4	13	15	76	4

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RESULTS

DATE	VERSUS	H/A	RES
Wed Aug 13	Grimsby Town	A	L 0-1
Wed Aug 20	LEICESTER CITY	H	W 2-1
Wed Aug 27	Port Vale	A	D 2-2
Wed Sept 3	Middlesbrough	A	D 2-2
Wed Sept 10	MANCHESTER C.	H	L 0-2
Wed Sept 16	Bradford City (PL CUP)	A	L 5-0
Wed Sept 24	West Bromwich Albion	A	D 0-0
Wed Oct 1	NOTTS COUNTY	H	W 6-0
Wed Oct 8	BOLTON WDRS	H	W 3-2
Wed Oct 15	Huddersfield T.	A	W 1-0
Wed Nov 5	BURNLEY	H	W 2-1
Tues Nov 11	Wolverhampton W.	A	L 0-3
Wed Nov 19	SUNDERLAND	H	L 1-3
Tues Nov 25	Coventry City	A	L 2-1
Mon Dec 8	Leicester City	A	L 1-0
Wed Dec 17	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	PP
Wed Jan 7	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	D 1-1
Wed Jan 14	Wrexham	A	PP
Tues Jan 20	Manchester City	A	
Wed Feb 11	PORT VALE	H	
Tues Feb 17	Notts County	A	
Wed Mar 4	WEST BROM	H	
Wed Mar 11	WOLVES	H	
Mon Mar 30	Sunderland	A	
Wed Apr 8	COVENTRY CITY	H	
Wed Apr 22	Bolton Wanderers	A	
Wed Apr 29	HUDDERSFIELD T.	H	

OLDHAM ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1997/8

	'A' TEAM	FA
16th August	Bolton 'A'	A 1-2
23rd "	Open Date	
30th "	Crewe Alex Res	H 2-0
W/C 1st Sept		
13th "	Bury 'A'	H 0-2
20th "	Liverpool 'A'	A 1-2
27th "	Manchester City 'A'	H 2-4
W/C 29th"		
4th October	Burnley 'A'	H 2-3
11th "	Everton 'A'	A
18th "	Bolton 'A'	H 3-0
25th "	Carlisle Utd 'A'	A 3-2
1st November	Burnley 'A'	A 1-2
8th "	Tranmere Rov 'A'	H PP
15th "	Preston N.E. 'A'	A PP
22nd "	Morecambe Res	H 2-2
29th "	Wrexham 'A'	H 5-3
6th December	Crewe Alex Res	A 3-0
13th "	Blackburn Rov 'A'	A 3-2
20th "	Liverpool 'A'	H 1-0
10th January	Preston N.E. 'A'	H 1-0
14 "	Bury 'A'	A 2-3
17th "	Everton 'A'	H
24th "	Tranmere Rov 'A'	A
31st "	Marine Res	H
7th February	Stoke City 'A'	H
14th "	Manchester Utd 'A'	A
21st "	Manchester Utd 'A'	H
28th "	Wrexham 'A'	H
7th March	Wrexham 'A'	A
14th "	Blackburn Rov 'A'	H
21st "	Manchester City 'A'	A
Friday 27th"	Morecambe 'A'	H
28th "		
4th April	Stoke City 'A'	A
2nd May	Marine Res	A

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	'B' TEAM	FA
16th "	Tranmere Rov 'B'	H 1-2
23rd "	Wigan Ath 'A'	A 5-1
30th "	Carlisle Utd 'B'	A 1-0
W/C 1st Sept	Manchester Utd 'B'	A 4-3
6th "	Manchester City 'B'	A 0-3
13th "	Marine Youth	A 3-0
20th "	Chester City 'A'	A 3-2
27th "	Blackburn Rov 'B'	H 0-4
W/C 29th"	Blackpool 'A'	A 0-1
4th October	Rochdale 'A'	H 3-2
18th "	Blackburn Rov 'B'	A 1-1
25th "	Chester City 'A'	H 1-0
1st November	Bury 'B'	H 0-0
8th "	Stockport City 'A'	H 0-1
15th "	Morecambe 'A'	A 0-0
22nd "	Burnley 'B'	A 1-2
29th "	Manchester Utd 'B'	H 0-2
6th December	Marine Youth	H 2-0
13th "	Crewe Alex 'A'	A PP
20th "	Tranmere Rov 'B'	H 3-1
10th January	Morecambe 'A'	H PP
17th "	Liverpool 'B'	A
24th "	Everton 'B'	H
31st "	Wrexham 'B'	A
7th February	Wrexham 'A'	H
14th "	Rochdale 'A'	A
21st "	Blackpool 'A'	H
28th "	Open Date	
7th March	Liverpool 'B'	H
14th "	Bury 'B'	A
21st "	Crewe Alex 'A'	H
Friday 27th"		
28th "	Manchester City 'B'	H
4th April	Carlisle Utd 'B'	H
11th "	Burnley 'B'	H
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2nd May	Wigan Ath 'A'	H

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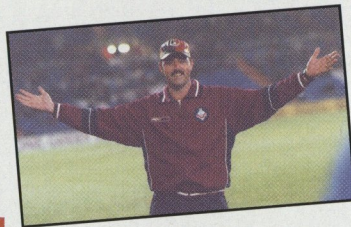
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BRUCE'S CONTRACT ENDS



The ever-youthful Bruce Grobbelaar, who joined Latics as cover for Gary Kelly, will be on duty for the last time today as his one month contract ends at 5pm.

Bruce was only called upon twice once in the reserve

team against Middlesbrough but since the Zimbabweans arrival the commoradrie in the changing room has reached new heights. A decision on whether to keep Bruce until David Miskelly is fully fit will be made over the weekend.

and one of the female stars of the mixed team, Lorna Burgess.



NEW YEAR PICTURE COMPETITION



Now this is an easy one ... there are five pairs of tickets to be won for any Nationwide League fixture here at Boundary Park and to win a pair all you have to do is name the mystery man in this picture. Easy ain't it? If you're struggling, here's a clue, he's made 326 League appearances and scored 38 stunning goals, (according to him), the only other clue we're going to give is that he was voted Hartlepool United's player of the year, a dubious accolade if ever there was one!

Send your answer on a postcard or sealed down envelope to: Latics' New Year Quiz, c/o Gordon Lawton, O.A.F.C., Boundary Park, Oldham OL1 2PA.

The first five correct cards pulled from the postbag on Monday 26th January will win a pair of tickets each, so get studying the picture now!

LATICS IN MEMPHIS

Latics shirts have appeared virtually on all four corners of the earth ... but a photo arrived on the picture desk the other week that was a new one on us all! Mrs Manley, a dedicated Latics fan from Bury, sent this one in taken outside the gates of Elvis Presley's home Gracelands. The picture was taken on the 20th anniversary of Elvis' death and we are indebted to Mrs Manley for sending us the photo ... Do you have a 'pic' of a Latics shirt taken at an unusual location? If you do, send us a copy and you too could be looking at yourself in Latics' matchday programme. Send your photos to Gordon Lawton, O.A.F.C., Boundary Park, Oldham OL1 2PA and we will do the rest.



COMMUNITY NOTES



Forthcoming activities organised by the Community Department include the Panini Nationally sponsored Football U11's six-a-side competition.

The Community Department will stage the Oldham area competition during weeks commencing Monday 23rd February and Monday 2nd March.

The venue will be Chapel Road all weather surface and I am hopeful that last years total of thirty schools taking part will be substantially increased.

We have also recently commenced penalty competitions at local schools. The idea here is that youngsters taking part (five penalties on a set day at school) obtains a small amount of sponsorship. The money raised is divided equally for the school to obtain extra equipment for all children and the Community Department to assist in the self financing of the Community Department.

The youngsters enjoy the penalty taking and receive a certificate each whilst the school also receive an autographed ball and shirt, again to be used in a forthcoming fund raising capacity.

I am hopeful lots of schools will take part with High Barn school having already taken part and Woodhouses, Roundthorn, Knowsley and East Crompton St George all having agreed a date for the penalty competition to take place.

Our national sponsors, Wagon Wheels, will also be contacting us soon with information on the Mothers Day competition first held for junior school children last year.

All the children have to do is design a Mothers Day card and the school nominates one from each school. The overall winner of all the schools taking part will present a bouquet of flowers to their mother on the pitch prior to a Latics home game.

Finally, at half term, week commencing Monday 16th February, we will be staging a four day soccer school at Our Lady's school Royton. Further details to follow.

If you require any information on Community matters please contact myself John Platt on 0161 678 8464.

NEW KIT FOR NEW SCHOOL

On the 1st January the new St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Royton comes into existence with the amalgamation of the Infant and Junior schools.

To mark the end of the Junior School the Parent Teacher Association presented the new school with a football kit in the new colours of red and black. Latics' Player Coach Andy Ritchie was on hand to make the presentation to Spencer Stevenson, the football team's captain,



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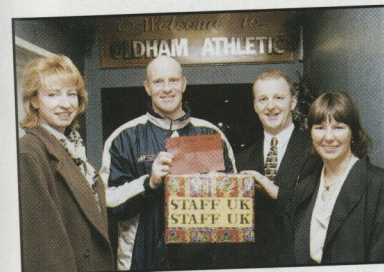
£517 winged its way over to Rochdale, well Norden to be precise, when Joanne Boden won Latics' half time draw, Strike it Lucky. Andy Barlow returned to Boundary Park to watch his two former clubs in the F.A. Cup second round tie and duly did the honours during the break. Joanne's winning ticket was number 11957. Make sure you buy your ticket today and who knows, you could be next to win big with Latics' Strike it Lucky.



CHAMPAGNE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Paul Reid picked up the accolade of Champagne Player of the Month and was duly presented with his magnum of champagne by Tony Aspinall from Tony Aspinall Fine Wines of Bury. Paul became the third different player to win the award for his sterling performances during November. The December Champagne Player of the Month will be presented at the home match with Luton Town today's contenders for the December award are Paul Reid, Doug Hodgson and Gary Kelly.

ANDY'S HANDY MAKING DRAW



Staff UK (Oldham) held a staff Christmas Prize Draw but could not think of a suitable personality to perform the ritual of drawing the prize winning tickets ... so they asked Andy Ritchie instead ... always ready to help,

Andy agreed immediately (well you never know when you might need a job do you?). Pictured left to right is Trish Travis, Director of Staff UK, Andy, Stuart Cole, Oldham Branch Manager, and Christine Green, Director, with the winning ticket that won a fantastic colour T.V.

BURNLEY OFF, INVESTIGATION BEGINS

Following the postponement of the Christmas home game against Burnley, the club set about discovering the cause of the problem which left the Boundary Park pitch waterlogged.

A number of test holes were dug on the pitch especially down the centre of the playing area and along the touchline in front of the George Hill stand.

The main object of the exercise was to discover whether the main drains to the pitch were operating.

Whilst the main drains did seem to be in full working condition, a question arose over whether the water was finding its way through to the actual drainage system itself.

To resolve the problem once and for all, football pitch experts, Mallinsons, were brought in from whom a full report was expected yesterday (Friday).

Just like the supporters, the club was very disappointed with the postponement of the game at noon on matchday but whilst we fully understand the frustration of fans who had travelled long distances



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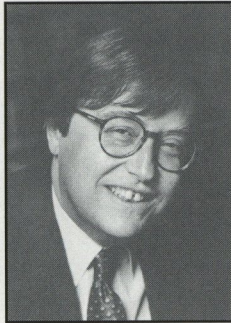
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to be at the match, the decision was completely out of the clubs hands and lay solely with the match referee on the day. A further report on the pitch will appear in the next match programme.



PUT YOUR POINT TO DAVID MELLOR'S TASK FORCE

Dear Supporter,
The Football Task Force is coming to your region. We want to hear what you have to say about the burning issues in football today. Do supporters deserve a bigger say in the running of clubs? What about the price of tickets and replica shirts? Disabled fans - are they getting a fair deal? And what more must be done to kick out racism from football for good?

These are the challenging questions facing English football as it enters the new Millennium. Sports Minister Tony Banks has asked the Task Force to find practical answers that strike a fair balance between the needs of fans and clubs.

What do you think we should put in our report? Over the next few weeks, we will be travelling the country to seek advice from supporters of all ages, from clubs big and small.

We arrive in Manchester on Thursday 5 February. Join me and other Task Force members from 7pm in the Great Hall at Manchester Town Hall. We start at 7.30pm sharp and have two hours to put the football world to rights.

The meeting is open to all on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early as demand will be high and number of places limited. Football is changing fast. It's our job to help it change for the better. Don't miss this chance to tell the Task Force what you think it should do.

I look forward to seeing you in Manchester on the 5th.
Best wishes,
David Mellor.

DISABLED SUPPORTER SURVEY

The Football trust, in conjunction with McDonald's Restaurant Ltd, has published the results of a national survey of facilities for supporters with disabilities at FA Premier League, Football League and Scottish Premier Division grounds.

The research scheme was launched in February of this year with the aim of highlighting those clubs who have provided the highest standards of facilities for their disabled supporters. The aims were to look at how facilities have improved since the last survey of this nature was carried out in 1992 and what improvements are still required.

The report assesses the nature and extent of facilities for supporters with disabilities and highlights examples of good practice at professional clubs.

In conjunction with the survey the Football Trust launched their "National Guide to Disabled Football Supporters Facilities", a pocket size club-by-club guide to facilities.

The research and the guide provides an invaluable and enlightening source of information on the facilities currently on offer at grounds throughout the country.

Copies of the survey and the national guide are available free of charge by writing to:

Philip French
Press and Public Affairs Manager
The Football Trust
Walkden House
10 Melton Street
LONDON NW1 2EB
Tel: 0171 388 4504.

YOUR RIGHT TO CRITICISE

A message to all supporters from Latics' Safety Officer Frank Carlisle.

One of the most difficult but less obvious aspects of crowd management to resolve is when a spectator or group of spectators criticises either a particular player, the team in general, the manager or the Board of the Club.

What's wrong with criticism? you may ask and not unreasonably so. What is wrong with criticism is when it goes too far and reaches a point when it starts to interfere with other spectators who may feel more inclined to offer support through a difficult period for whoever is concerned.

'Going too far' in my view is when the criticism becomes constant and perhaps abusive to the point when other spectators become unsettled by the behavior.

Every spectator has a right to an opinion and the right to express that view. Balanced against this is the right of every spectator to be allowed to watch the football and not be disturbed or unsettled by the 'constant critic'.

In the event of receiving such a complaint the stewards are instructed to ask the person at the source of the complaint to moderate his/her behavior. Failure to respond to this request will probably result in that person being asked to leave the ground. This is because the next stage of the conflicting views is likely to be a disturbance which could threaten the safety of spectators in that area.

No-one, from the Chairman downwards, wishes to stop supporters expressing their opinions but over-riding this is the need to ensure the safety of ALL spectators, and this is the major responsibility of any football club in the country. So, criticise if you must, but please be mindful of the views of other fans near you and respect their right to support rather than criticise.

Every complaint of such behavior will be dealt with on merit but in the end safety has to be the deciding factor. Enjoy your football.
Frank Carlisle.

Welcome Ronnie

Ronnie Jepson signed for the club last Thursday and as long as the medical men give him the all clear he could make his debut this afternoon.

Ronnie's career has taken him to six other clubs besides Latics those being:-

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Peterborough Utd	18apps	5 goals
Preston North End	38 apps	8 goals
Exeter City	54 apps	21 goals
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I know you will all give Ronnie a big Boundary Park welcome this afternoon

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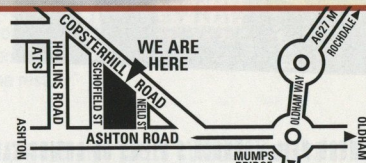

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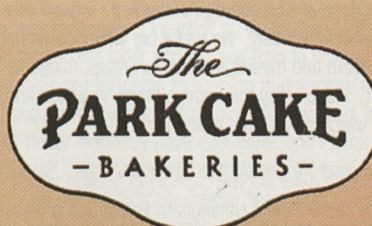
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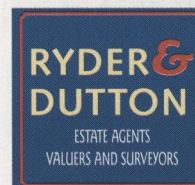
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by Tony Bugby

What were the circumstances behind your loan from Premiership club Barnsley?

I had recovered from a niggling calf strain which had kept me out for five weeks. Barnsley reserves had no game for some time so when Neil Warnock inquired about a replacement for the injured Carl Serrant, Danny Wilson told him he was prepared to let me go, primarily to get fit.

Is there any likelihood of the transfer becoming permanent?

I am here for one month, and after that who knows what might happen. I suppose much depends on how quickly Carl recovers so I can only take one game at a time. My contract at Barnsley

expires at the end of the season and it remains to be seen whether I am offered a new deal. I am open minded and coming to Oldham will do me no harm whatever happens.

Do you have a lot of competition at Barnsley for the left back/wing back spot?

Danny Wilson has strengthened the squad so he has cover for all positions. He spent £750,000 for Bristol City's Darren Barnard who started the season in the side. I had to wait for my chance but, when it came, I did well until getting injured and losing it again.

How did you find your debut at Preston on Boxing Day?

It was my first match of any description for around six weeks so obviously I tired. I found the pace quick and the ball rarely seemed dead with players from both sides chucking long throws into the penalty areas. I found the standard good and judging from what I have seen so far it will take a good team to get out of this division. I simply hope I can help push Oldham up the table during my time here.

Didn't you know Neil Warnock from earlier in your career?

Neil was managing Scarborough and I was in the side which won promotion from the Conference to the Football League which were heady days. Barnet were the favourites to go up but we pipped them and it was a great achievement because we hadn't been fancied.

What are the qualities of the manager having twice served him?

Neil's great strength is that he creates a good spirit within the club. That was the case at Scarborough and when I arrived here that also struck me immediately. He had a big influence on my career because the team and myself went on to greater things at Scarborough. I also enjoy the training which is varied and not dull and a chore which it has been elsewhere.

In the non-League days did you have a job outside the game?

I had been an apprentice at Nottingham Forest and professional at Hull before drifting out of League football. While playing for Scarborough I also worked as a sales rep for brewers Whitbreads and also a disposable nappy company.

Was it a rude awakening having to do normal work?

Strangely I really enjoyed the jobs but when Scarborough won promotion to the League the opportunity arose to go back full time which I didn't need asking twice to do.

You must be one of a select band who have played at the highest level as well as part-time?

I was fortunate to play in the Premiership for Ipswich and we managed to stay there for three seasons which was a great experience. Amazingly the game against Preston was the first I have played in the Second Division. I have now appeared in all four divisions as well as the Conference.

I believe you have an impressive record of helping teams win promotion?

I have been fortunate to be involved in four promotion campaigns and there is no greater feeling than helping a team go up. Hull were promoted from the Fourth Division, Scarborough into the League, Ipswich from the First to the Premiership in its first year and finally Barnsley last season.

What was it like playing for Barnsley whose rise to the Premiership was something of a footballing fairytale?

Barnsley has had a tough time with the closure of the mines and unemployment rife, so the football club's success has given the whole town a lift as nobody ever expected them to reach the top division for the first time in the club's history. There are 16,000 season-ticket holders so the ground is packed for every match and there is always a fantastic atmosphere. I just hope we can survive which would be an incredible achievement. We have clawed our way back to the pack, though we remain bottom, I don't think we have played that badly but at that level you get punished for making mistakes. We have given away some bad goals and found opponents are lethal in the last third of the field.

Describe the highlights of your career?

I won four caps for England's semi-professional side the season Scarborough went into the League, and I was proud to represent my country. I was named in the PFA all-star team for the Fourth Division while still at Scarborough, while Ipswich reached the quarter-finals of both the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup in the same season.

Which managers have influenced your career most?

Neil Warnock at Scarborough because that is where it took off. John Lyall, the former West Ham manager, was a wily character during my time at Ipswich, while Danny Wilson for his achievements at Barnsley and the way he plays the game.

As you are 34 years of age how long do you think you can continue playing?

I don't see any reason why I cannot go on for two or three more years. I am still fit, though the older you get you tend to pick up more niggly injuries. I have been fortunate to have no major injury and I don't feel ready to hang up my boots. I think players nowadays look after themselves better than they have ever done, and I think that is why they play a lot longer. John Wark was still playing for Ipswich at the age of 37 and, though not fantastically mobile, there was nobody better at reading the game. You need a mix of youth and experience which has been the case in all the promotion-winning sides, and we also have that mix here which I hope bodes well for the remainder of the season.

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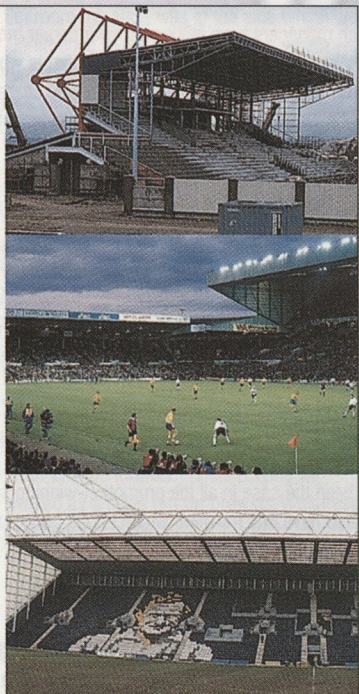
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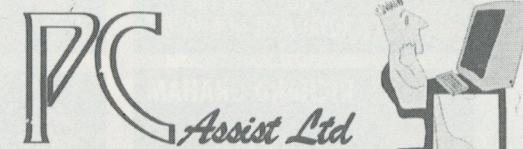


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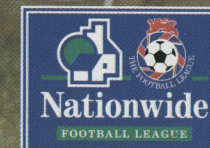
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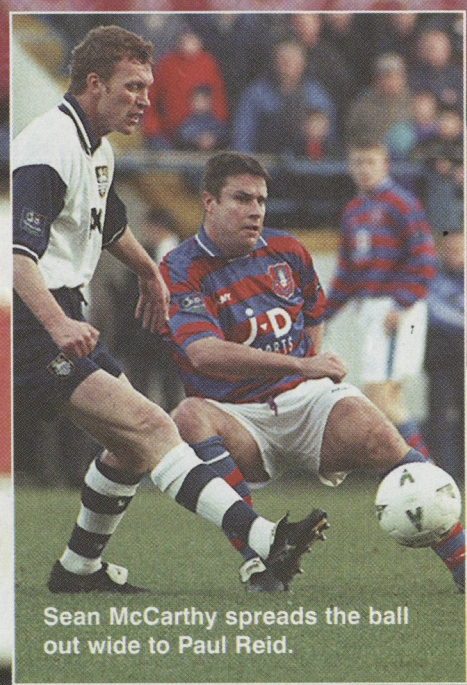


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P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	L	F	A	P	PTS
Bristol City	26	12	1	1	31	10	5	3	4	17	11	48 55
Watford	26	8	3	1	21	10	8	4	2	18	8	39 55
Bristol R	26	5	1	6	19	22	6	6	2	20	17	39 40
Fulham	26	7	5	1	16	7	4	2	7	17	19	33 40
Northampton	26	8	3	2	19	10	2	6	5	11	14	30 39
Grimsby	25	6	4	2	17	7	4	4	5	15	16	32 38
Oldham	25	8	4	0	26	12	1	6	6	12	18	38 37
Gillingham	27	7	3	3	19	14	3	4	7	16	24	35 37
York	26	8	2	3	18	10	1	8	4	14	19	32 37
Chesterfield	27	6	6	1	15	9	2	7	5	10	13	25 37
Bournemouth	27	7	5	2	19	8	2	4	6	15	21	34 36
Millwall	25	5	4	4	17	15	5	1	6	13	17	30 35
Wrexham	25	5	6	2	18	15	3	4	5	13	15	31 34
Blackpool	26	7	4	2	21	15	2	2	9	13	27	34 33
Walsall	25	7	4	2	19	10	2	2	8	10	21	29 33
Wigan	25	6	3	3	25	18	3	2	8	13	20	38 32
Preston	26	6	2	5	15	12	3	3	7	17	18	32 32
Luton	26	4	3	7	21	27	4	5	3	11	11	32 32
Wycombe	26	5	6	2	18	13	2	3	8	15	25	33 30
Southern	27	5	5	4	18	19	2	1	10	12	34	30 27
Brentford	27	6	4	3	21	15	0	5	9	7	29	28 27
Carlisle	26	4	4	6	15	18	3	2	8	19	25	34 26
Plymouth	26	4	3	5	21	20	1	6	6	10	18	31 25
Burnley	26	4	7	2	15	12	1	2	10	10	24	25 24

LATICS ROLL CALL FIRST XI SEASON 97-98 AS AT 16.1.98				
NAME	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
MARK ALLOTT	09	00	14	01
STUART BARLOW	06	00	06	00
DANNY BOXALL	06	01	11	01
LEE DUXBURY	07	02	01	03
SHAUN GARNETT	09	02	07	00
RICHARD GRAHAM	05	04	09	05
DOUG HODGSON	05	00	03	03
ANDY HOLT	00	00	01	00
ANDREW HUGHES	09	00	01	00
MARK INNIS	01	00	01	00
IAN IRONSIDE	00	00	00	00
GARY KELLY	09	00	51	00
ALEX KIRATZOGLOU	06	00	10	00
SEAN MCCARTHY	18	07	133	44
DAVID McNIVEN	05	00	11	03
SCOTT McNIVEN	15	00	01	01
TODDY ORLYGSSON	07	00	12	00
IAN ORMONDROYD	02	00	09	00
MIKE POLLITT	16	00	16	00
STEVE REDMOND	02	00	189	04
PAUL REID	24	00	33	04
LEE RICHARDSON	00	00	06	00
LLOYD RICHARDSON	01	00	01	00
PAUL RICKERS	18	02	90	07
ANDY RITCHIE	05	00	13	00
MATTHEW RUSH	03	01	33	23
PHIL SALT	01	00	01	00
CARL SERRANT	22	00	81	01
LEE SINNOTT	11	00	12	01
NEIL THOMPSON	02	00	02	00

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Att	Pts	Pos	Goalkeeper
Sat Aug 9	York City	H	3-1	6474	3	-	Kelly
Tues Aug 12	Grimsby Town C.C.C. IR 1L	H	1-0	5656	-	-	Kelly
Sat Aug 16	Wrexham	A	1-3	4429	3	10	Kelly
Sat Aug 23	Bournemouth	H	2-1	4986	6	4	Kelly
Tues Aug 26	Grimsby Town C.C.C. IR 2L	A	0-5	5078	-	-	Ironside
Sat Aug 30	Luton Town	A	1-1	5404	7	7	Pollitt
Tues Sept 2	Burnley	A	0-0	11,189	8	8	Pollitt
Tues Sept 9	Preston North End	H	1-0	8732	11	5	Pollitt
Sat Sept 13	Northampton Town	H	2-2	5829	12	4	Pollitt
Sat Sept 20	Blackpool	A	2-2	7174	13	4	Pollitt
Sat Sept 27	Bristol Rovers	A	4-4	5990	14	4	Pollitt
Sat Oct 4	Fulham	A	1-3	8805	14	4	Pollitt
Sat Oct 11	Millwall	A	1-2	7906	14	13	Pollitt
Sat Oct 18	Chesterfield	H	2-0	5777	17	7	Pollitt
Tues Oct 21	Grimsby Town	H	2-0	4492	20	5	Pollitt
Sat Oct 25	Southern United	A	1-1	3595	21	5	Pollitt B
Sat Nov 1	Bristol City	A	0-1	10221	21	8	Pollitt
Tues Nov 4	Wigan Athletic	H	3-1	5446	24	7	Pollitt
Fri Nov 7	Gillingham	H	3-1	5338	27	6	Pollitt
Sat Nov 15	Mansfield Town F.A.C.	H	1-1	5253	-	-	Kelly
Tues Nov 18	Watford	H	1-2	8397	27	7	Pollitt
Sat Nov 22	Brentford	H	1-1	5012	28	7	Pollitt
Tue 22 Nov	Mansfield T. F.A.C. Replay	A	1-0	4097	-	-	Kelly
Sat Nov 29	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-0	5452	31	5	Kelly
Tues Dec 2	Carlisle United	H	3-1	4449	34	3	Kelly
Tuesday Dec 9	Carlisle Utd AWS	A	0-1	1518	-	-	Kelly
Sat Dec 6	Blackpool	H	2-1	6590	-	-	Kelly
Sat Dec 13	Wycombe Wanderers	A	2-1	5327	34	3	Kelly
Fri Dec 19	Walsall	H	0-0	4677	35	3	Kelly
Fri Dec 26	Preston North End	A	1-1	13441	36	3	Kelly
Sun Dec 28	Burnley 1pm K.O.	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Jan 3	Cardiff City FA Cup Rnd 3	A	0-1	6635	-	-	Kelly
Sat Jan 10	York City	A	0-0	4454	37	7	Kelly
Sat Jan 17	Luton Town	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Jan 24	Bournemouth	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Jan 31	Northampton Town	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Feb 7	Blackpool	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Feb 14	Fulham	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Feb 21	Bristol Rovers	A	-	-	-	-	-
Tues Feb 24	Chesterfield	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Feb 28	Millwall	H	-	-	-	-	-
Tues Mar 3	Gillingham	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Mar 7	Bristol City	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Mar 14	Wigan Athletic	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Mar 21	Watford	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Mar 28	Brentford	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Apr 4	Plymouth Argyle	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Apr 11	Carlisle United	A	-	-	-	-	-
Mon Apr 13	Wycombe Wanderers	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Apr 18	Walsall	A	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Apr 25	Southern United	H	-	-	-	-	-
Sat May 2	Grimsby Town	A	-	-	-	-	-

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