

Manager's



A manager's job is, at times, very consuming in respect of the hours worked and the decisions that have to be made, and this can lead to an insular way of life where we are cocooned in our own thoughts and actions.

Two weeks ago today, a jubilant manager, team and supporters were celebrating what was a tremendous footballing achievement, only to be shattered to learn the tragic news of the death of Matthew Fox. I am not going to pass judgement on the incident and obviously others are responsible for deciding the outcome.

However, one thing that I will do is to stand up for the good name of the majority of Gillingham supporters, whose backing of this football club, the team and myself during the past three seasons has been fantastic. Unfortunately, one incident has wrongly tarnished their good name.

The midweek game up at Walsall was a disappointing result. We had chances to get something from the game and not only did we fail to take them, but we proceeded to give Walsall the only goal of the game, which finally won them the match.

The match up at Grimsby last weekend was as good an away performance as any achieved this season. Before the game started, we knew we were playing against possibly the best footballing side in this division. After the match I was pleased with our performance. although a little disappointed with the result.

Football is, after all, a game of chance as well as skill, and

with a little bit of luck in both matches, we could have come away with four points rather than just one. Matt Bryant hit the bar at Walsall and Ade the root at Grimsby, which shows the thin line between winning, losing or drawing!

Today we welcome Lennie Lawrence and his Luton Town team to Priestfield. At the beginning of the season, Lennie was unable to play many of his first team squad because of injuries, and so things just didn't go their way.

Now a lot of these players have recovered, so I am not surprised their form has perked up recently. Indeed, today's match is likely to be a very difficult one for us, so stick in there and hopefully help us to victory. These last few weeks of the season look set to be very interesting indeed!



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MATCH REPORT

Ade Akinbiyi kept Gills in with a play-off shout with two more goals against promotion rivals Fulham. Fulham included Peter Beardsley in their side, having signed him on loan on transfer-deadline day, but neither he nor the rest of the multi-million pound Fulham side could stop the Gills taking the three points.

The game started off very slowly and it was 25 minutes before the first opportunity was created. It was Fulham's Paul Moody who shot over from outside the area when he should have done better. The next goal attempt came after 32 minutes and it resulted in Akinbiyi putting Gills in front. The hard working Paul Smith won a tackle, the ball finding Akinbiyi. Former Gills man Neil Smith loses out as he tried to stop Akinbiyi, who then fires past Maik Taylor and just inside the post.

Adrian Pennock pulled off a couple of good saves to deny Fulham as they pressed forward in search of a quick equaliser, but the nearest they came before the break was when Peschisolido had a snap shot that went wide.

Fortune-West should have scored on 52 minutes when he and Akinbiyi combined well to put him clear, but he volleyed wide from 12 yards. Moody and Trollope should have done better for Fulham after a good cross from Alan Neilson, but the effort came to nothing.

Steve Butler came on for young Jim Corbett after 57 minutes and made an immediate impact. Akinbiyi burst into the area and fired over, then Southall fed Butler who could have shot, but passed the ball back to Southall who stubbed his shot and the ball went wide. Akinbiyi laid on a shooting chance for Galloway. Fortune-West had a scoring chance before Akinbiyi had loud penalty appeals waved aside by referee Paul Taylor when he appeared to be pushed away by Coleman as he thundered into the area.

Chances were coming and going, and you could sense the frustration out on the pitch and around the ground, but it all changed on 90 minutes when Fortune-West headed the ball into space. Akinbiyi was on 0to it, this time making no mistake.

TEAM: Bartram, Patterson, Pennock, Smith, Ashby, Bryant, Southall, Galloway, Fortune West, Akinbiyi, Corbett (Butler), Subs not used: Green, Thomas.

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Chairman's

Nothing could have prepared me, less than three years ago, for what I witnessed after the final whistle blew following our fantastic win over Fulham that is, the sight of the body of a young man lying dead on the ground after an incident that involved one of our own supporters.

Neither was I prepared for the intense media speculation that followed - the first reports referred to the death being caused by a knife wound, while in some of the media on Sunday morning the stories became increasingly bizarre and horrific. When the truth emerged, that Matthew Fox had died from head injuries, the attention was focused on our own security arrangements and various commentators tried desperately to find, and exploit, a niche in our armour in an attempt to find someone to blame.

As the week progressed, all kinds of stories surfaced about the re-emergence of soccer hooliganism, about bad blood between our supporters and Fulham supporters, even about bad blood in the field as. evidenced by Mick Galloway being sent off at Fulham earlier in the season - all stories that true fans know have absolutely no credence at all.

We are all, as all decent football fans would be, deeply shocked that, however caused, a young man has watched a game of football, become involved in an incident, and not gone home. It is a tragic and senseless waste of a life, and the family and friends of Matthew Fox are no doubt in all our minds at the moment.

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As the matter is subject to a police investigation, the true facts may take some time to emerge, but I would like to finish on this matter for the moment by saying that all true Gillingham fans who come to watch the team regularly and support the club will doubtless join with me in wishing our friends from Fulham our total sympathy and support in this difficult time. Any help we can give them we most certainly will.

From the club's point of view, we have tapes of the crowds as captured on our own CCTV cameras and, when available, the police video cameras that were filming throughout the game. Should we spot any individuals who were at the game for reasons other than

football, then rest assured they face a lifelong exclusion ban from the club, as well as the possibility of being prosecuted by the police. I am sure Fulham FC Club will be taking similar action with regard to their own supporters.

Today we welcome Luton Town to a game that both sides need to win for different reasons. After a great point at Grimsby last weekend, our lads will be fired up for another important match. A warm welcome to the directors. management, players and supporters of Luton, and we hope they will enjoy the game. but not the result! Get behind the team in your customary manner and enjoy the game.

Paul Scully Chairman



Gills' chairman Paul Scully is seen congratulating Mark Beecham, winner of the recent competition run by Club Sponsors, KOOL. Also in the picture are Managing Directer of BG FOODS. Mr Brian Foulser, and Kevin Keegan, Chief Executive of Fulham.

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What do you remember about your League debut?

I was 19 at the time and on loan to Walsall from Bristol City. It was the first game to be played at the new Bescot Stadium. The game was against Torquay Utd and we drew 2-2. The one thing that stands out in my mind is that I scored an own goal with one of my first touches of the ball. Apart from that, I didn't do too badly!

What was your most memorable match?

This was when I was playing for Bristol City against Liverpool in the FA Cup at Ashton Gate. We were drawing 1-1 and we'd just begun to take control of the game when floodlights suddenly failed! Unfortunately, I was suspended for the replay at Anfield so I missed out, but City carried on from where they'd left off in the first game and won the replay 1-0.

What is the best ground you've played at?

St James' Park, Newcastle. I played there for Bristol City in the Cup and although we were beaten 3-1, the atmosphere, ground and crowd made it something to remember.

What has been your biggest disappointment so far?

Not really winning anything so far in my career. I've been in professional football now for nearly 10 years and it would be nice to have something to show for it.

What is the worst injury you've suffered?

I've had a back problem since I was 16 years old, and that keeps

coming and going. I've had injections, scans and have seen a number of specialists about it but, basically, I just have to try and get on with things and keep on playing.

Who has had the biggest influence on your career so far?

My dad. Being a professional footballer, it's very easy to get carried away. But he makes sure that I keep my feet on the floor and that I always stick to my job.

What has been your most embarrassing moment?

When I was shot! I've been shooting for many years now, and I had gone out for a shoot in the woods and I got clipped by buck shot in both legs. Unfortunately, I missed the Cup Match at Ipswich through it. I found the whole thing quite embarrassing and took quite a lot of stick for it at the time.

Who is, or was, your favourite player?

From the past, Franco-Baresi, and from the present, Maldini. Both players were consistent defenders. Week in, week out they would play well. They could read the game excellently and distribute the ball well - basically everything you need to be a good defender.

Who do you room with on away trips, and what is his worst habit?

It used to be Guy Butters, but just lately it's been Nicky Southall. I think Nicky's worst habit is, well it's not really a habit, it's just that his conversations are so boring and

he makes you play silly games. As for Guy Butters, well, I read Paul Smith's piece in the Fulham programme when he spoke about Barry Ashby's problem with wind. So just let's say that Barry and Guy must be related because when we have to open the windows, the planes flying overhead get diverted from Heathrow to Gatwick!

What would you do if you won the lottery?

First of all, it would depend on how much I won. If it was millions, I would look after my family and spend the rest of my life relaxing in some nice, hot tropical place.

What has been the biggest change in the game since you started playing?

The pass-back rule. It stops time wasting and has made it more of an attacking game.

Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?

Richard Whitely of Countdown, Joe Pasquale, Nicky Southall, and Guy Butters because of his wind problem.

Who would you most like to be stuck in a lift with?

Carma Electra, a model from America, Jenny McCarthy and Catherine Zeta Jones.

Which four people would you like to have lunch with?

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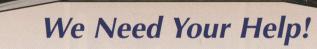


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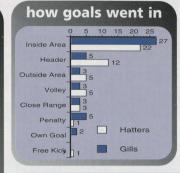
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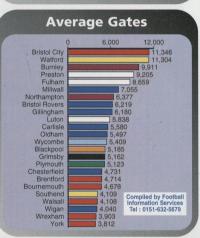
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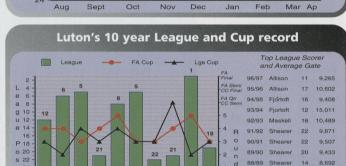
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Bristol City	27	65	33	16	19	1	Plymouth	27	49	62	10	24	1
Bristol Rovers	27	59	60	8	14	3	Preston	24	48	50	12	18	3
Burnley	33	44	51	9	24	18	Southend	33	45	72	6	24	1
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THIS WEEK 1969-70

Luton, unbeaten at Kenilworth Road for 36 matches, probably anticipated an easy win, especially after taking the lead.

But Gillingham came surging back to end the Hatters' undefeated home record through two second-half headers by Mike Green, which confirmed his successful transition from leftback to centre-forward. These two results provided hope. But only hope, as it was not until March that the team produced a mighty effort to peg the gap and overhaul the sides above them. The unlikely became possible and by the time of the crucial last home game, against fellow strugglers Bournemouth, the situation was straightforward. Whichever team won, stayed up; whichever side lost, went down. With so much riding on the result it was hardly surprising that the match ended 0-0. That left Gillingham needing both points from their final game at Orient, an awesome prospect as the O's were newly crowned champions and unbeaten at home for six months. However, the Gills did it, surviving a missed penalty and then hitting back from behind to win 2-1 via Green (70 minutes) and Brian Yeo (85). Gillingham thus escaped the clutches of the bottom four for the first time since avoiding relegation the previous season!



Mel Machin bends a free kick round Newport County's wall to register the only goal and put Gillingham through to the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time. (Kent Messenger)

They did so by extracting 21 points and losing only two of their last 16 fixtures. Promotion form! Spectator interest was maintained throughout the earlier months by a successful run in the FA Cup.

A first round replay win over Southend, a 6-0 destruction of Tamworth in which Ray Bailey netted a hat-trick, and a 1-0 victory over Newport County achieved via a free kick curled into the net by Mel Machin, put the Gills through to round four for the first time.

And in the fourth round, Ronaldson provided the inspiration as the team came charging back from behind to eclipse Peterborough United 5-1. Before the fifth round visit to Watford there was vet another battle to get key players fit.

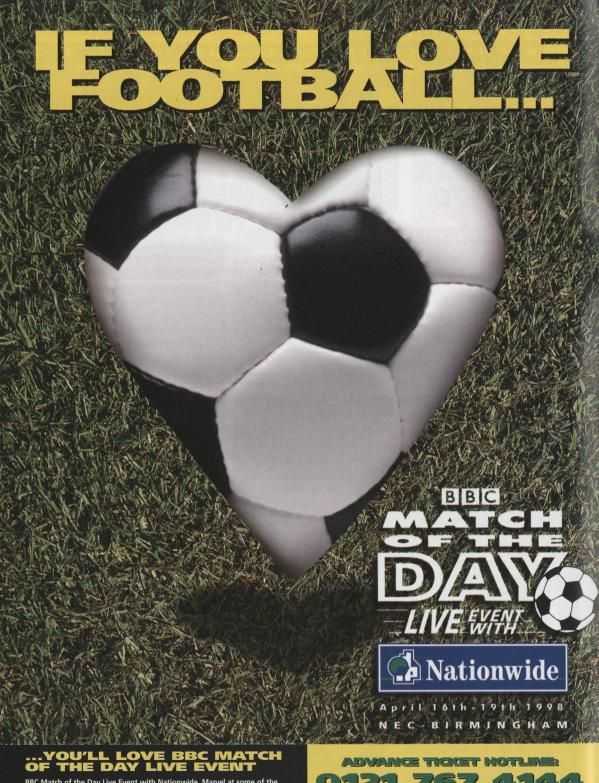
"I had to prove my fitness in a

few days before the Cup game, marked Alan Birchenall and came through without any problems." Recalled centre-half Bill Williams. "And around the same time I also remember John Bond keeping us out for hours in the freezing cold at Luton Rec until proving his point about the importance of early crosses!" An army of supporters made the short trip to Vicarage Road and helped swell the crowd to almost 26,000. They saw plenty of mud! Ray Lugg gave the Hornets a 2-0 lead and Yeo net a late consolation. Second Division Watford went on to beat Liverpool and reach the semi-finals. At the end of this eventful season John Bond departed to cut his managerial teeth with Bournemouth. He was replaced as trainer/coach at Priestfield by Terry Simpson.

Mike Green throws himself horizontally forwards to head his second goal and put Gillingham 2-1 up in the rousing FA Cup match against Peterborough. The Gills went on to win 5-1 and qualify for the fifth round.

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Division Two

Three in a row for the Spireites.

In the Friday night fixture at Roots Hall between Southend and Chesterfield, it was the Spireites who took all three points as they achieved a 2-0 success. David Reeves and Roger Willis scored the goals as the Shrimpers suffered their second successive defeat, which leaves them in trouble at the bottom of the league. Chesterfield made it three successive wins to maintain an outside chance of making the play-offs.

Preece hits the winner at **Bloomfield Road**

Striker Andy Preece notched the only goal of the game to give Blackpool maximum points in their home game with Walsall. Preece scored the winning goal just three minutes into the second half.

Late Late Show at the New Den

Bristol Rovers kept their play-off hopes alive with a 1-1 draw against Millwall at the New Den. Both goals were scored in the last two minutes with Rovers taking the lead when Lee Zabek headed home a Frank Bennett cross from six vards. A minute later the Lions were level when Paul Shaw notched his 13th goal of the season with a close range effort. Millwall defender Brian Law was sent off when he received his second booking of the match with only seconds remaining.

Cottagers Keep on Course

Fulham came from behind to take all three points in their home game with Preston. Jon Macken headed Preston into the lead after 33 minutes and they held the lead until the 68th minute when Matt Brazier equalised on his home debut. Nine minutes later the Cottagers took the lead when Wayne Collins hit a terrific shot from the edge of the box following Peter Beardsley's righthand corner. Hatters clinched their first league home win since January against a York side that finished the game with only nine men. Teenager Graeme Rennison handled on the line in the 34th minute and was sent off as Graham Alexander scored the Hatters first penalty of the season. David Oldfield made it 2-0 just before the interval and substitute Phil Gray scored the third two minutes from time. Mark Tinkler was shown the red card a minute from time as Luton continued their fine run, which has seen them defeated only once in their last ten games.

All Square at the Racecourse

Brentford continued their battle for Division Two football next season by taking a valuable point at promotion-chasing Wrexham. Kevin Rapley put the Bees ahead after nine minutes but two goals in a three-minute spell put Wrexham into a 2-1 lead. The Bees fought back to make it 2-2 thanks to a Carl Hutchings goal, and it means his side have been

beaten only once in their last twelve matches.

Goal-Less at Dean Court

Both Bournemouth and Wycombe battled out a 0-0 draw in their mid-table clash at Dean Court. The Cherries, who go to Wembley next week for their Auto Windscreen Shield final, came closest to scoring when Mark Stein hit the Wycombe bar in the 16th minute. Wycombe had striker Mark Stallard sent off for two bookable offences in the 87th minute.

Wigan maintain survival bid

Wigan upset the formbook by defeating Watford by the odd goal in five at Springfield Park. The Latics opened the scoring in the 12th minute through recent signing from Oldham, Stuart Barlow. David Lowe and Ian Kilford then scored to make it 3-0 before halftime. In the second half the Hornets hit back with goals from Dominic Foley and Micah Hyde, but the home team held out to boost their chances of avoiding the drop.

Robins in championship form

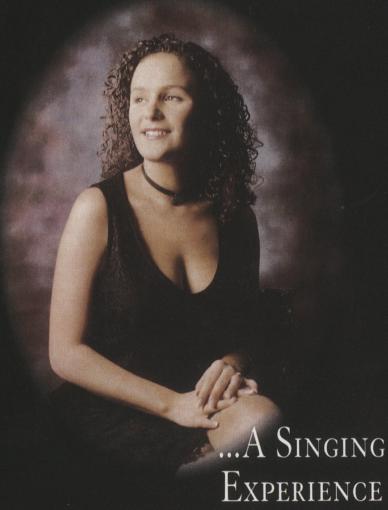
Bristol City completed their double over Carlisle as the Cumbrian side crashed to their fifth successive defeat at Ashton Gate. Greg Goodridge scored the only goal of the game in the 53rd minute. The top attendance of the day 12,578 saw the Robins chalk up their fourth win in five games to open up a four point lead at the top over their nearest rivals Watford.

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As the play-off challenge continues, don't forget you can keep in touch with all the news and views from Priestfield every day on 0891 33 22 11. Record numbers of you have been calling in recent weeks with two landmarks set in March. The month itself saw another huge surge in call volumes with a 50% increase on the previous best, while transfer deadline day, March 26th, saw over twice as many people call as ever had in a 24-hour period.

Of course, there was plenty of anticipation of a new signing or two. However, as we now know, nothing transpired, perhaps because supporters thought the various lists of transfers across the country were incomplete and were checking if a late deal had slipped in unnoticed.

A quick reminder that later this evening and throughout Sunday we'll be bringing you all this afternoon's action. Hopefully we'll be celebrating

another crucial home victory. The popular opinion seems to be that if we can carry on the excellent home record, and sneak three or four points from the remaining away games it should be enough to keep the Wembley dream alive, so three further points at Roots Hall on Monday would certainly put us in an extremely strong challenging position. If you can't join us, we'll have our usual comprehensive coverage from Southend on ClubCall.

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It has been a struggle for Luton Town this season after missing out on promotion last term. They have had a horrendous injury list, but Manager Lennie Lawrence is slowly turning things around and Saturday's 3-0 home win over York City lifted them out of the bottom four. The Hatters were in 19th position going into their away match with Grimsby

Town on Tuesday, with 47

Away from home they have

won six, drawn seven and

lost six, scoring 20 and

conceding 20.

points from 40 games.

PAUL SHOWLER (Midfield/Forward)

Signed in August 1996 from Bradford City where he played under current Luton boss, Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altringham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference. He has been injured for most of the season.

KELVIN DAVIS (Goalkeeper)

Kelvin is a highly rated keeper who made his league debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March. On two England youth

caps, Kelvin was selected for the England Under-21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in June 1995. Signed new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 1995/96 season.

SIMON DAVIES (Midfield)

Joined the Hatters from Manchester United in the summer of 1997, after only rare appearances in the Old Trafford first team. Made 11 league appearances for the Reds, and also played six matches during a loan spell at Exeter. Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0, and also played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.



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JULIAN JAMES (Defender)

Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year.

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

Was in and out of the side at the start of the 1995/96 campaign, before an extended run at right back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

Marvin made his
Football League debut
against Wimbledon in
1988, and quickly
established himself
as a versatile
defender.
Started the 1994/95
season at left-back,

but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake.

Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first team match in 1994/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy. Has been out

PAUL McLAREN (Midfield)

recently with injury.

Paul made his debut in the Town first team on the final day of the 1994/95 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England youth international.

Started as a centre-half, but spent

much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre midfield. Made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995, and then played in the Anglo-Italian cup game in Genoa.

DWIGHT MARSHALL (Forward) Dwight signed in the summer of

1994 from Plymouth for £150,000, after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic. Started well for Luton with

two goals in the 5-1 win over Middlesborough in October, and despite being troubled by a shin injury late in the season, he finished as the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in league and cup. Scored 13 goals in 1995/96, but suffered a broken leg in

KELVIN DAVIS

February 1996, which ruled him out for the rest of the season.

DAVID OLDFIELD

(Midfield/Forward)
David returned to
Kenilworth Road in
the summer of 1995,
six years after leaving
Luton Town.

He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two goal senior debut in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1998. He also scored on his full league debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 league appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals. Australian-born Oldfield, who played for England Under-21's joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.



Lennie Lawrence

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley.

A player with non-league Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United, Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth (where he was also caretaker manager) and Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as reserve team coach

Charlton finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1985/86, earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. In the following season, they were involved in the first promotion/relegation playoffs, overcoming Second Division Leeds United in extra-time in a dramatic play-off final reply, but were relegated in 1990.

Mr Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club, which at the time made him the third longest serving manager in the country behind Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough and Oldham's Joe Royle.

He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993 and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park.

He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November 1995. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

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The Wembley Dream is over! On Grand National Day, the Wembley hopes of Dover Athletic fell at the final fence.

1-2 down from the away leg of their Semi Final against *Cheltenham Town*, the Crabble faithful saw the visitor's race into a 4-1 aggregate lead by half time of the second leg. Bill Williams' side had 45 minutes to score three - and by heck did they get close to achieving what appeared to be mission impossible! Goals from Neil Le Bihan and John Budden levelled the scores on the day, but the crucial third just wouldn't come.

This weekend sees them on

their longest league trip of the season to Gateshead, while on Monday they travel again, this time to Cup Giantkillers Stevenage. Ashford are still a Dr Marten's Premier Division club, but only just! On Saturday they needed to win at fellow strugglers Rothwell to stay up and they did just that. Goals from Paul Wilson and Stuart Harrison gave Nigel Donn's side only their second away win of the season, so they survive a little longer. On Tuesday night, Ashford had to win again or else they would have been relegated by another struggling side, Cambridge. This weekend sees them hosting Hasting on Saturday before a trip to Crawley on Monday. Ashford's

victory at Rothwell meanwhile,

was good news for **Sittingbourne**, as Alan Walker's side continues their own fight to avoid the drop.
A goal-less draw against

A goal-less draw against Halesowen at Central Park appears a good result on paper. However, it could have been so much better had the Bourne not missed TWO penalties in a mad fifteen-minute spell. With just five games left,

Sittingbourne have a realistic chance of beating the drop, especially as three of their final four games are against sides directly above them.



Heartbreak for Dover.... just 90 minutes away from the twin towers of Wembley Stadium

This weekend, though, the Bourne travel to top-six side, King's Lynn, before crucially facing bottom-of-the-table St Leonard's on Easter Monday at Central Park. The game starts at 3pm. In the Southern Division, only Margate played on Saturday and they won again, to continue their assault on a high final placing. Their victims this time were Waterlooville. who went down 2-1 at Hartsdown Park, with Tony Dixon scoring and a Mark Munday penalty. At the weekend they travel to

Fisher on Saturday, while they entertain *Tonbridge* in a Kent derby on Monday (kick off at 3pm). *Dartford*, meanwhile, played *Fleet* on Sunday and were stunned as the Hampshire side won 3-0. Things will have to improve for Gary Juliens' side as they entertain leaders *Chelmsford* on Saturday before 'travelling' to *Erith* on Monday. *Tonbridge*, meanwhile, host *Havant*, after their game at Whitney last weekend was called off.

Over in Rymans League, Gravesend's miserable away record continued as they went down 1-2 at Basingstoke. The Fleet have only won four games away from Stonebridge Road this season, but looked likely to bring home a point from Hampshire when Steve Portway equalised 13 minutes before time. They weren't able to hold out, however, and returned home pointless. In the Kent League, leaders Herne Bay gained revenge for their only league defeat of the season, as they won 1-0 at Greenwich in a rehearsal for the Kent League Cup final. Folkestone recovered from the disappointment of losing two home games in four days, as they beat third-placed **Sheppey** 4-0, with two goals from Jeff Ross. After the dreams of Wembley, our focus this weekend turns to dreams of survival, as Sittingbourne fight for their lives and Ashford hang on by the tips of their finger nails in the Dr Martin's Premier Division.

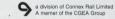


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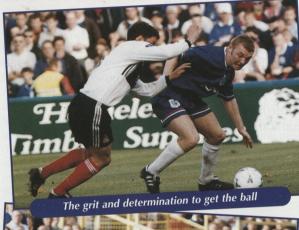
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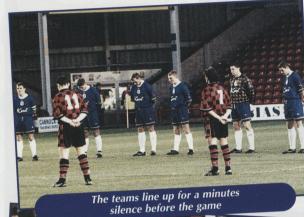


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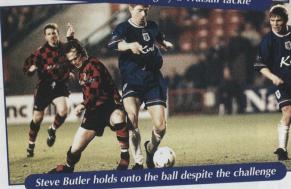
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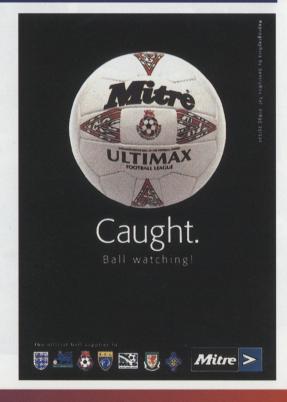
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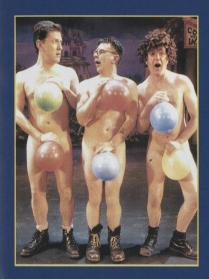
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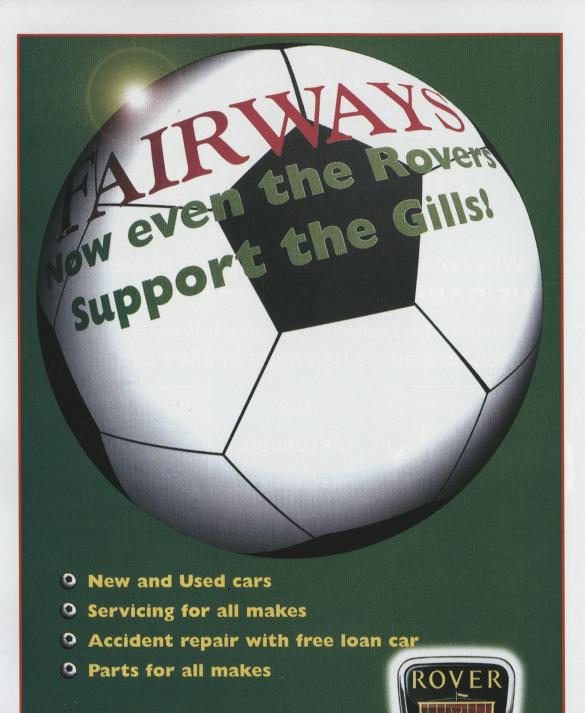
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After being a permanent fixture in Arsenal's reserve side for a couple of seasons, and then finding himself without a game altogether, goalkeeper Vince Bartram is just delighted to be playing first team football again.

Vince joined Gillingham at the end of the season, a week before the transfer deadline, making his debut in the 2-1 defeat at Blackpool, and is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

experience. "It is a good set-up at Gillingham and, defensively, they are one of the strongest sides in the division, so that suits me. The standard of play in the division is good and, from what I have seen so far, Gillingham are certainly one of the better teams and still have a great chance of reaching the play-offs." Vince didn't need any. introduction to Gill's manager, Tony Pulis, before signing, as he played for the boss when he was manager of Bournemouth. "I know Tony has been trying to sign me for a while, but something always cropped up to stop it", said Vince. "Tony knows me well and I know the way he works and how he likes to play the game,

so I was happy to come down

here for the final run in to

the season."

Under the Bosman ruling, Vince will become a free agent in the summer when he will sit down and decide his future. "I want to keep all my options open and don't want to commit myself yet" he said. "If the circumstances are right, I could stay at Gillingham, but we will have to wait and see". Earlier this season, Vince had a loan spell with First Division Huddersfield Down and looked as if he might sign for them on a permanent basis, but the deal fell through. Vince started his career with Wolverhampton Wanderers and made his debut for them when he was 18 and they were in the Fourth Division. He then went to Bournemouth and enjoyed a successful spell with the South Coast club. His performances attracted the attentions of many of the top clubs and he joined Arsenal, mainly as David Seaman's understudy. After two years, Vince wanted first team football on a regular basis and went on a week-to-week contract at Highbury. He did make 11 league appearances for The Gunners, but was frustrated by the lack of progress in his career. At the start of last season, Vince suffered a goalkeeper's nightmare, dislocating his collarbone, and this put him out of action for three months. "While I was not playing, John

being number two keeper, I often found it difficult to get a game at all", said Vince. He went to his former club, Wolves, for a while last season, but was recalled from his loan spell after just three weeks.

Now Vince sees his move to Gillingham as a chance to

Gillingham as a chance to establish himself again as a first team goalkeeper. "As I said earlier, the team are well organised and if we can keep a clean sheet we will always have the chance of scoring with the likes of Ade up front. The team gave a battling display up at Grimsby last week against one of the better sides in the division".

Vince took a keen interest in last week's FA Cup Semi Finals, with two of his former clubs, Arsenal and Wolves, playing against each other. He was delighted for some of his former Arsenal team mates to see them win, but doesn't know whether he will watch the final. "I shall have to get a ticket first," he said. Although he may have missed out on The Gunner's Wembley visit, Vince is hoping he can still make it a couple of weeks later - with Gillingham in the

Second Division play-off final. "That would be a great experience", he says, "and a real turn around in fortunes for me. The opportunity to get into the play-offs is certainly there and I hope I can play my part in achieving future success".



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Girl's Under-12's Team reach Cup Final.

The Gillingham Ladies/Girls Football Club are riding high at the moment, with the Under-15 team finishing runners-up to Redbridge Raiders in the Southern Girls League and the Under-12 side reaching the League Cup final. In their recent semi-final, the Under 12's beat St Vincent's Vikings from Dartford 4-1, with Rebecca Merritt scoring a hat trick and Fay Jones netting the other goal in the victory.



Gillingham Ladies Under-11's have a group photograph taken on the Priestfield Stadium pitch.

It was sweet revenge for Gill's Girls, who were previously pipped for second place in the

League by St Vincent's. In the Cup Final, which takes place at Leyton Pennant's ground at Walthamstow on May 17 (kick-off time to be notified), Gill's Girls take on the allconquering Millwall Lionesses. Millwall won all their league games, but Gillingham had the satisfaction of being the only team to score against them for the single goal they conceded all season. The final will obviously be a tremendous challenge for Gill's Girls, but one they are looking forward to. Last Sunday, the team beat Crystal Palace 5-0, with Rebecca Merritt scoring another hat trick and Zoe Talbot and Kirsty Goodall scoring one each. The Under 12's play their matches at Warren Wood School. Rochester. The Garrison Ground is the venue for the seniors and the reserves, and the club are looking for players for the next season in all positions from nine years old and upwards. Any girls interested should contact Jacquie Laws on

01634 407599. Training takes place on Wednesday nights from 6.30 to 7.30pm at the Black Lion Sports Complex. Gillingham.

The Under 15's are looking to form a new reserve side next season as a number of this season's first team have left to go to college and the reserves moved up. They recently pitched themselves against Tonbridge Ladies Team, winning 6-3. Gina Payne scored two goals, Sarah Murray and Sarah Hiller scored one each and there were two own goals. Good practice for next season!



The Gillingham Ladies Premier League side have a group photograph taken before a home game at the Garrison Ground.



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Fortunately there were no new injuries from last weekend's match and, with two games in three days over this Easter period, we will be hoping to steer clear of any major knocks.

Simon Ratcliffe is still having problems following his hernia operation and may have to have another one. At the moment he is concentrating on strengthening the muscles around the area. Lennie Piper has the plaster off his broken leg next week and will be looking to get back to

fitness. Guy Butters is, of course, also out with a broken leg and is not likely to be fit before next season.

Glen Thomas is now fit following his hamstring injury and made his comeback in the first team away at Grimsby Town.

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Editor Peter Burrowes_ MENVEON

David Mellor's Football Task Force is determined not to be just a talking shop and they recently issued a strong directive about racism in the game.

Players and managers face the possibility of being sacked for racial offences and the chanting of racist abuse at grounds could become a criminal offence.

Referees are to be given guidance on the issue, and could be urged to give red cars to players making racist comments on the field of play.

The Task Force, which is government backed, has produced a report that recommends that anti-racist pledges should be inserted in player's contracts - and possibly manager's as well and that any breaches should be punished by fines or even the sack.

There have been a number of alleged accusations of racism this season that have not really been settled satisfactorily. Ironically, much of the racism starts with players at grass-roots level, where it will be most difficult to nip in the bud. Black players are often the victims of racial abuse and football clubs themselves have failed to answer why there are no Asian players in the

Premiership or the Football League, and very few Asian fans actually watching the game, despite there being many successful Asian Football Leagues, especially in the Midlands and Yorkshire.

A lot of clubs are now making a genuine effort to combat racism, with the 'Kick Racism out of Football' campaign being particularly successful. However, everyone in the game knows that there is still a long way to go and much work to be done before the problem is finally solved.



So the underdogs couldn't quite make it in Sunday's FA Cup Semi Finals. The two First Division sides, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield United, both bowed out to their Premiership opponents Arsenal and Newcastle United respectively.

We are always told that there is a tremendous gap between the Premiership and the Nationwide First Division, and this is highlighted by the fact that the three teams promoted last season are currently the three teams at the bottom of the Premiership. For Wolves

and Sheffield United to both only lose 1-0 proves that in a one-off game the gap is not that great.

With the row over the distribution of TV money still simmering and Division Two and Three clubs digging in their heels over the issue of a breakaway First Division, it is certainly not out of the question. If this happens, it could mean the death knell for many of the smaller clubs, a lot of whom are already struggling financially.

But they too will take some hope from the exploits this season of Little Macclesfield, who are challenging for promotion just one season after promotion from the GM Vauxhall Conference, while former Football League members, Halifax Town, look like returning as Conference Champions this season.

Name: Robert Slater From: Gillingham Favourite player: Ade Ambition: Gills to go up Name: Nina Keohane From: Luton originally Favourite player: lan Feyer (Luton's goalkeeper) Ambition: Luton to stay up! Gillingham fan, Robert, would like to ask Luton fan, Nina, a very important question...

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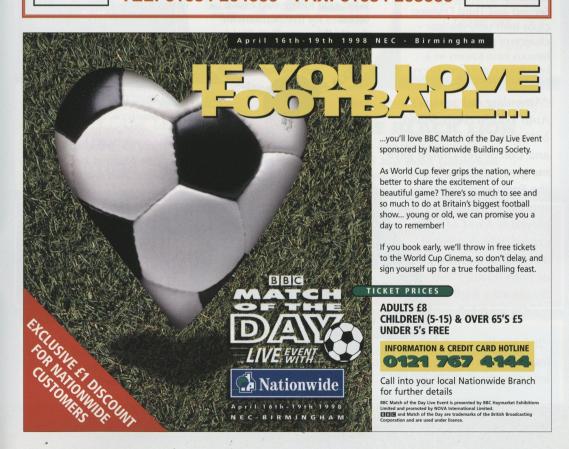
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While AFC Bournemouth and Grimsby Town were securing their first ever appearances at Wembley Stadium for the Auto Windscreens Shield Final on Sunday 19th April 1998, **England boss Glenn Hoddle** was giving the competition a ringing endorsement.

Hoddle, who was The Football League's Guest of Honour at last season's Auto Windscreens Shield Final, has paid tribute to the competition that gives Second and Third Division clubs their only realistic chance of playing beneath the famous twin towers in a knockout cup competition.

"Attending last season's **Auto Windscreens Shield** between Carlisle United and Colchester United gave me great pleasure", said the England national side supremo. "The game was played in front of a big crowd, which created a terrific atmosphere as both teams produced a high quality match."

"It is vitally important to the infrastructure of the game in this country that clubs from the Second and Third Divisions of the Nationwide Football League can compete in a competition that provides them with a definite opportunity of reaching Wembley."

George Burley is the Nationwide Football League Manager of the Month for March, following an impeccable set of results in the Suffolk club's push upwards.

George guided the Portman Road side to five successive victories for five Nationwide Football League First Division encounters during the month. During March, Burley's boys scored nine goals and conceded just one in a sequence of successes that included victories over Sheffield United and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

In Division Two, the monthly managerial accolade is awarded to Brentford boss, Micky Adams, following the Bees' splendid form, which has seen then pull themselves up into a current position of safety. The Griffin Park side have secured three victories and two draws from five Nationwide Football League encounters, leaving them with the only unbeaten record in the division during March.

The **Division Three** award goes to Notts County's supremo, Sam Allardyce, after another magnificent and historical month for the Meadow Lane club. The Magpies have won four and drawn one of their five Nationwide Football League Third Division fixtures during March, which has seen Allardyce's Players pick up 13 of the maximum 15 points available. County's 1-0 victory at Meadow Lane over Leyton Orient last weekend also created a little piece of footballing history - they became the first club in post-war professional football to gain promotion as early as March.





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SOUTHEND O GILLINGHAM O SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 1998

The young Gills travelled to Southend with a very young side indeed.

There are eight 16-yearolds or younger in the team, of which some coped very well with the step up although a few needed a bit more time. Kessle in goal was never really called upon in the first 45 minutes, and only had one serious save to make in the second half. Neither side created much in the first 45 minutes but the young Gills started to take command in the

second half. Barry Sinclair creating the best opportunities down the left flank. Paul Jones should have given the young Gills all three points after being put clear by Sinclair, but with only the goalkeeper to beat, he shot wide of the goalkeeper's left-hand post. So we returned to Gillingham with a fair share of the points.

TEAM: Kessle, McDonald, Hudson, Osborne, Ampofo, Sinclair, Spiller, Noseworthy, Mahoney, Jones, Carter SUBS: Neal, Trialist

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES & RESULTS 1997/98

Aug	09	Crystal Palace	A	1-1
Aug	16	Leyton Orient	A	0-1
Aug	18	Wimbledon (SJFCP)	A	1-5
Aug	23	Q.P.R.	A	1-3
Aug	30	Millwall	A	3-2
Sept	13	IPSWICH T. (LC1)	Н	3-5
Sept	20	Cambridge Utd	A	5-6
Sept	27	TOTTENHAM	Н	0-3
Oct	04	Fulham	A	2-0
Oct	11	WEST HAM UTD	Н	2-5
Oct	18	SOUTHEND UTD	Н	6-2
Oct	25	Norwich City	A	0-3
Nov	01	ARSENAL	Н	0-1
Nov	05	Bournemouth (FAYC1)	A	3-0
Nov	08	Watford	A	2-0
Nov	15	PORTSMOUTH	H ;	1-2
Nov	22	LEYTON ORIENT	Н	1-2
Dec	06	CHARLTON ATH.	Н	0-0
Dec	13	Charlton Ath.	A	2-1
Dec	15	Woking (FAYC2)	A	2-1
Jan	10	Q.P.R.	Н	2-0
Jan	13	Portsmouth (FAYC3)	A	0-2
Jan	17	MILLWALL	Н	0-2
Jan	24	IPSWICH T.	Н	0-4
Jan	31	CAMBRIDGE UTD.	Н	2-2
Feb	07	Tottenham	A	1-2
Feb	14	FULHAM	Н	1-2
Feb	21	West Ham Utd	A	0-3
Feb	28	NORWICH CITY	н	1-1
Mar	07	Arsenal	A	3-1
Mar	14	WATFORD	Н	0-0
Mar	21	Portsmouth	A	0-4
Mar	28	Southend Utd	A	0-0
April	04	CRYSTAL PALACE	Н	3-3
April	11	Ipswich T.	A	

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH 1998

In an exciting final home **South East Counties** League Match of the Season, the Gillingham Colts shared 6 goals with their counterparts from South London, Crystal Palace.

The visitors took control, taking a 3-1 lead before Gills hit back to earn a share of the spoils.

TEAM: Hopper; McDonald, Hudson; Osborn, Ampofo, Knight; White, Sinclair, Mahoney, Jones, Carter. SUBS: Austin for Hudson, Campbell for Mahoney, Collis for McDonald.

This morning the Colts played their final South East Counties League game of the season, away to Ipswich Town.

Reserve UPDA



Gillingham failed to reach the final of the Kent Senior Cup when they were beaten 1-0 at Margate.

The Margate side had a few ex Gills in the line up with Elliot Martin, Lee Spillen,

Paul Sykes and Carl Emmerick. The Gills 1st team were away at Walsall on the same night so the team that faced Margate

was slightly on the young side, with 10 out of the 13 who appeared under 19.

Jim Stannard, Brian Statham and Kevin Bremner (the wrong side of 40) added the experience. Gills started off

brightly and Barry Sinclair

showed some silky skills to excite the small crowd but there was no end product ie: a cross or a shot on goal. Margate eventually took control of the game and went in front when Paul Sykes beat lim Stannard with a low leftfoot shot to lim's left-hand side. They could have gone 2-0 up minutes later when Burglione crashed a left-footed volley off the bar. Dave Stevens should have pulled the score level

> after some fine work by James Pinnock, but hesitated and allowed the defender to block his shot at an empty goal. The Gills had the

better of the second half and, had Dave Stevens and Kevin Bremner netted from free headers, the Gills

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might have returned with something from their Margate trip. However, it's Margate who now meet Gravesend in the Final of the

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GILLINGHAM TEAM:

TEAM: Stannard, Statham, Radbourne, Osborne, Ampofo, Tydeman, Bremner, Noseworthy, Pinnock, Stevens, Sinclair SUBS: Carter, Iones.

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Fulham	21	13				18	43
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Brentford	21	10			38	29	35
Colchester Utd.	20					26	34
Rushden & Diamonds	20				31	22	34
Reading	19				36	23	30
Cambridge Utd	22	8			31	32	30
GILLINGHAM	19	9	2		32	23	29
Wycombe Wnds.	23			12		42	25
Barnet	22			12	22	42	20
Leyton Orient	19			11	24	41	
Stevenage B.	21			15	21	44	
Welling Utd	19			13	24	54	

OPTIMUM INTERIORS CAPITAL LEAGUE FIXTURES & RESULTS 1997/98

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national football magazine (readers were asked complete questionnaires and return them to the magazine), an estimated 200,000 English and Scottish fans said that they will be heading across the Channel this summer. The problem is that there are just 20,000 'official' tickets on sale for the two countries! Quite clearly, the FA and SFA have recognised the potential disaster waiting to happen, and each have participated in the making of adverts warning ticket-less fans not to travel. Just how many it will actually stop is open to question, but before we keep going on about how unfair the ticketing scheme appears to be, just remember one point. The organising committees are following exactly the same scheme ran by the last major football tournament held in Europe - that, of course, was here in England!

You may remember that earlier in the season on the FC, we told you that the head of FIFA Joao Havelange was threatening Brazil's place in the Finals if the new law that Sports Minister Pele had proposed became law. This law, which only needs the President's signature, says that players must be 20 years old before signing pro contracts and this has to be with the clubs that trained them. After two years they become free

agents. At the moment, they only become free agents at age 32. Clubs will no longer be exempt from taxes, will have to share 20% of TV/advertising revenue between players and coaching staff, and that clubs will be able to form and join leagues as they like, undermining the Brazilian FA. Havelange has said that this could exclude the Brazilians from France.

Colombian coach Hernan Gomez is worried about lack of match practice for two of his most influential stars. Faustino Asprilla has spent most of his time on the bench at Parma since his return from Newcastle, while Carlos Valderrama hasn't played since returning to his club Miami Fusion in December. Let's hope from England's position that neither of them plays before June 26th!

Home sweet home... in Bulgaria! In a bid to make their countries final 22 for France, four 'old hands' have returned home to play their club football. Three stars of USA '94, Trifon Ivanhoe, Hristo Stoichkov, and Emil Kostadinov, have all joined CSKA Sofia, albeit on loan in the first two cases, while Radostin Kishishev has joined Liteks Lovech.

t was recently reported that Glenn Hoddle has 12 or 13 certainties to go to France. Over in Austria, the position is apparently even clearer cut than that. Coach Herbert Prohaska (veteran of World Cups in Argentina and Spain himself) said that 90% of his final squad attended a recent training session. Now is that forward planning

April 22nd sees the next round of friendlies for the Finalists, as their preparations head towards the climax. Apart from England's game against Portugal at Wembley, and Scotland's Edinburgh clash with Finland, other intriguing games on the night include Argentina's visit to Lansdowne Road to face the Irish, and the Nigerian's trip to Cologne to face the wounded Germans.

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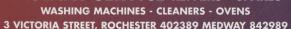


















NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 08.04.98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BRISTOL CITY	41	24	9	8	65	33	81
WATFORD	41	21	14	6	61	38	77
GRIMSBY TOWN	41	18	13	10	52	32	67
WREXHAM	41	17	14	10	50	46	65
FULHAM	41	18	10	13	51	38	64
NORTHAMTON TOWN	41	16	15	10	45	32	63
GILLINGHAM	41	17	10	14	48	45	61
BRISTOL ROVERS	41	16	10	15	59	60	58
BLACKPOOL	41	16	9	16	52	58	57
CHESTERFIELD	41	14	15	12	41	38	57
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	41	14	12	15	50	48	54
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	40	13	14	13	54	47	53
MILLWALL	41	14	10	17	41	49	. 52
WIGAN ATHLETIC	40	14	9	17	55	60	51
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	41	12	15	14	47	51	51
YORK CITY	41	12	15	14	47	54	51
LUTON TOWN	41	12	14	15	50	56	50
PRESTON NORTH END	41	13	11	17	48	50	50
WALSALL	40	13	11	16	40	46	50
BRENTFORD	41	10	16	15	45	62	46
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	41	11	12	18	49	62	45
BURNLEY	40	10	12	18	45	53	42
CARLISLE UNITED	41	11	8	22	51	61	41
SOUTHEND UNITED	41	11	8	22	45	72	41

First Team Player Appearances 97/98 Appearances 97/98







Div 2 C.C.C. FAC. AWS. KSC. Player Name: Apps. A
ADE AKINBIYI 39 2 2 (1) 0 19 RUSSELL AMPOFO 0 0 0 0 0 2 BARRY AHSBY 39 1 2 1 1 0 DENNIS BAILEY 7(6) 0 0 0 0 0 1 VINCE BARTRAM 4 0 0 0 0 0 KEVIN BREMNER 0 0 0 0 2 MATT BRYANT 20(10) 2 1 1 0 STEVE BUTLER 28(10) 2 2 1 0 7 GUY BUTTERS 31 2 2 0 0 11 JIMMY CARTER 0 0 0 0 0 1 JIMMY CARTER 0 0 0 0 0 1 JAMES CORBETT 5(6) (1) 0 (1) (1) 3
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LEO FORTUNE-WEST 4(12) (1) (1) 0 0 4
MICK GALLOWAY 27(7) 2 1(1) 0 0 1
RICHARD GREEN 15(8) .1(1) 0 (1) 0
ANDY HESSENTHALER 37 2 2 1 0
GAVIN HOPPER 0 0 0 1
PAUL JONES 0 0 0 .0 1(1)
NEIL MASTERS 10 0 0 1 0
NEIL MOSS 10 2 0 0 0
GEORGE NDAH 4 0 0 0 0
NYRON NOSWORTHY 0 0 0 0 2
MARK O'CONNOR 0 1 0 0 0
IFFY ONUORA 16(6) 0 2 1 0 3
TOMMY OSBOURNE 0 0 0 0 2
MARK PATTERSON 18 0 2 0 0
ADRIAN PENNOCK 16 0 0 0 0
JAMES PINNOCK 0 0 0 2
LENNIE PIPER (1) (1) 0 0 0
MIKE POLLITT 6 0 0 0 0
RICHARD RADBOURNE
SIMON RATCLIFFE 16(5) 2 (2) 1 0 1
BARRY SINCLAIR 0 0 0 0 2
PAUL SMITH 41 2 2 1 0 2
NICKY SOUTHALL 19 0 0 1 0 2
JIM STANNARD 20 0 2 1 1
BRIAN STATHAM 16(2) 0 2 1 1
DAVID STEVENS 0 0 0 0 1
GLEN THOMAS 2 0 0 0 0
SAM TYDEMAN 0 0 0 1
MARK WALTON 1 0 0 0 0
LUKE WATTS 0 0 0 0 (1)

Weils Statistics

Date Opponents Res Aft	2
TUE AUG 12 BIRMINGHAM CITY CCC 1 (1) H 0-1 5,24 Sat Aug 16 Burnley A 0-0 11,8 SAT AUG 23 WALSALL H 2-1 5,00 Tues Aug 26 Birmingham City CCC 1 (2) A 0-3 7,92 Sat Aug 30 York City A 1-2 2,83	
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Tues Sep 2 Brentford A 0-2 4.90	
FRI SEP 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH H 2-1 5,10	
Sat Sep 13 Bristol Rovers A 2-1 6,5	
SAT SEP 20 WATFORD H 2-2 7,70	
Sat Sep 27 Carlisle United A 1-2 5,00	
SAT OCT 4 BRISTOL CITY H 2-0 6,23	
SAT OCT 11 WYCOMBE WANDERERS H 1-0 5,50	
Sat Oct 18 Northampton Town A 1-2 7,19 Tue Oct 21 Wigan Athletic A 4-1 3,2	
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Tues Nov 4 Chesterfield A 1-1 3,45 Sat Nov 8 Oldham Athletic A 1-3 5,35	
Fri Nov 14 Bristol Rovers (F.A. CUP 1) A 2-2 4,8	
TUE NOV 18 BLACKPOOL H 1-1 5,0	
Fri Nov 21 Fulham A 0-3 8,2	
TUE NOV 25 BRISTOL ROVERS (F.A. CUP 1 R) H 0-2 4,4	
SAT NOV 29 GRIMSBY TOWN H 0-2 4,8	
Tues Dec 2 Luton Town A 2-2 4,4	
TUES DEC 9 PETERBOROUGH UNITED (AWS) H 0-1 905	
SAT DEC 13 SOUTHEND UNITED H 1-2 4,7	74
Sat Dec 20 Wrexham A 0-0 2,8	34
Fri Dec 26 A.F.C. Bournemouth . A 0-4 5,6	72
MON DEC 29 BRENTFORD H 3-1* 5,9	80
SAT JAN 3 BURNLEY H 2-0 5,8	36
Tues Jan 6 Herne Bay (KSC2) A 2-1* 308	
Sat Jan 10 Preston North End A 3-1 7,7	76
SAT JAN 17 YORK CITY H 0-0 5,8	91
SAT JAN 31 BRISTOL ROVERS H 1-1 5,5	
	198
Sat Feb 14 Bristol City A 2-0 11,	
SAT FEB 21 CARLISLE UNITED H 1-0 6,7	
TUES FEB 24 NORTHAMPTON TOWN H 10 6,4	
Sat Feb 28 Wycombe Wanderers A 0-1 5,5	
TUES MAR 3 OLDHAM ATHLETIC H 2-1 5,2	
Sat Mar 7 Millwall A 0-1 8,2	
SAT MAR 14 CHESTERFIELD H 1-0 5,6	
Sat Mar 21 Blackpool A 1-2 4,1	
	507
Tues Mar 31 Walsall A 0-1 3,1	
Tues Mar 31 Margate (KSC SF) A 0-1 368	
Sat Apr 4 Grimsby Town A 0-0 5,1	90
SAT APR 11 LUTON TOWN H	
Mon Apr 13 Southend United A	
SAT APR 18 WREXHAM H	
Sat Apr 25 Plymouth Argyle A	
SAT MAY 2 WIGAN ATHLETIC H	
Sat May 16 F.A. Cup Final Arsenal vs Newcastle United	

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MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	MASTERS	BAILEY(8) FO	ORTUNE-WEST	(9) GREEN(5)
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	GREEN	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	O'CONNOR	FORTUNE-WEST(11)	BAILEY	THOMAS
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	MASTERS	GREEN(11) FO	ORTUNE-WEST	(9)CORBETT(10)
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	STATHAM	FORTUNE-WEST(2)	PIPER(10)	GREEN(9)
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	CHAPMAN	GREEN(6)	PIPER(9)	CORBETT(11)
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	STATHAM	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	NDAH	BAILEY(9)	GALLOWAY	GREEN
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BAILEY	AKINBIYI	STATHAM	BUTLER(8)	PINNOCK	CORBETT
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	GALLOWAY	HESSENTHALER	STATHAM	BAILEY	AKINBIYI	BUTLER	BRYANT	GREEN(9)	PIPER
MOSS	RATCLIFFE	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	STATHAM	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	NDAH	BAILEY(6) F	ORTUNE-WEST(1	1) GREEN
MOSS	GREEN	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	RATCLIFFE	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	NDAH	GALLOWAY(11)	FORTUNE-WEST) BAILEY(10)
MOSS	GREEN	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	NDAH	PINNOCK	FORTUNE-WEST	BAILEY
MOSS	GREEN	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	RATCLIFFE	BUTLER	AKINBIYI 2	CORBETT	GALLOWAY(6)F	ORTUNE-WEST(11)ONUORA(9)
STANNARD	STATHAM	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	GREEN	HESSENTHALER	RATCLIFFE	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	MASTERS	FORTUNE-WEST	BAILEY(6)	GALLOWAY(9)
STANNARD	STATHAM	GALLOWAY	SMITH	ASHBY	GREEN	HESSENTHALER	RATCLIFFE	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	BAILEY	FORTUNE-WEST	CORBETT	PIPER
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STANNARD	STATHAM	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	PENNOCK	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	FORTUNE-WEST	AĶINBIYI	PATTERSON	BUTLER(9)	RATCLIFFE(8)	GREEN(6)
STANNARD	STATHAM	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	GREEN	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	PATTERSON	BAILEY(6)	GALLOWAY	BRYANT(11)
STANNARD	STATHAM	PATTERSON	SMITH	BUTTERS	ASHBY	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	RATCLIFFE(8)	GREEN	BRYANT
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STANNARD	PATTERSON	BUTTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	GALLOWAY	AKINBIYI	BAILEY	BUTLER(8)	RATCLIFFE(6) FORTUNE-WEST
STANNARD	STATHAM	BRYANT	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	PATTERSON	FORTUNE-WEST(3)	BAILEY(8)	RATCLIFFE(11)
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STANNARD	STATHAM	MASTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	RATCLIFFE	ONUORA	BUTLER	SOUTHALL	AKINBIYI(4)	CORBETT(7)	GREEN(2)
POLLITT	PATTERSON	MASTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	SOUTHALL	ONUORA	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	STATHAM(9)	BUTLER(11)	GREEN(3)
POLLITT	GREEN	MASTERS	SMITH	THOMAS	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER	SOUTHALL	ONUORA	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	RATCLIFFE(5	CORBETT
POLLITT	PENNOCK	MASTERS	SMITH	GREEN	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER		ONUORA	AKINBIYI	RATCLIFFE	GALLOWAY(5)	BRYANT(11)	BUTLER(7)
POLLITT	STATHAM	MASTERS	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER		BUTLER	AKINBIYI 2	SOUTHALL	ONUORA	BRYANT(3)	GALLOWAY
POLLITT	BRYANT	PATTERSON	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	SOUTHALL	PENNOCK	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	STATHAM(3)	GREEN	ONUORA
HOPPER	PINNOCK	CORBETT	EDGE	AMPOFO	SINCLAIR	OSBORNE I	NOSWORTHY		JONES	BREMNER	WATTS(3)	HOBBS	CARTER
POLLITT	BRYANT	GREEN	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS		GALLOWAY	BUTLER	ONUORA	STATHAM	FORTUNE-WEST	CORBETT	EDGE
STANNARD	BRYANT	GREEN	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER		BUTLER	ONUORA	GALLOWAY	STATHAM F	ORTUNE-WEST(3) CORBETT
STANNARD	SOUTHALL	GREEN	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER	ONUORA	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	CORBETT(3)FO	ORTUNE-WEST(10)BRYANT(8)
WALTON	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER	die	BUTLER	AKINBIYI 2	GALLOWAY	BRYANT(11)	CORBETT(8)	ONUORA(9)
STANNARD	CORBETT	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS			BUTLER	AKINBIYI	GALLOWAY	BRYANT(11)	RATCLIFFE(9	ONUORA(12)
STANNARD	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER		ONUORA	AKINBIYI	CORBETT	BUTLER(11)	GREEN	GALLOWAY(9)
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	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER	SOUTHALL	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	ONUORA	BRYANT(7)	GALLOWAY(9) RATCLIFFE
STANNARD		PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BUTTERS	HESSENTHALER		BUTLER	AKINBIYI	ONUORA	BRYANT(6)) CORBETT(9)
	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER		BUTLER	AKINBIYI	MASTERS	FORTUNE-WEST(8)	GREEN(6)	CORBETT(11)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	SOUTHALL	GALLOWAY	BUTLER	AKINBIYI	CORBETT	FORTUNE-WEST (9)	GREEN(7)	RATCLIFFE(9)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	SOUTHALL	GALLOWAY	FORTUNE-WEST	AKINBIYI 2	CORBETT	BUTLER (11)	GREEN	THOMAS
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH .	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	FORTUNE-WEST	AKINBIYI	SOUTHALL	BUTLER (9)	GREEN	CORBETT(8)
STANNARD	STATHAM		OSBOURNE	AMPOFO	TYDEMAN	BREMNER I	NOSWORTHY	PINNOCK	STEVENS	SINCLAIR	CARTER(3)	JONES(11)	
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	BRYANT	HESSENTHALER	GALLOWAY	THOMAS	AKINBIYI	SOUTHALL	BUTLER (11)	FORTUNE-WEST	CORBETT

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