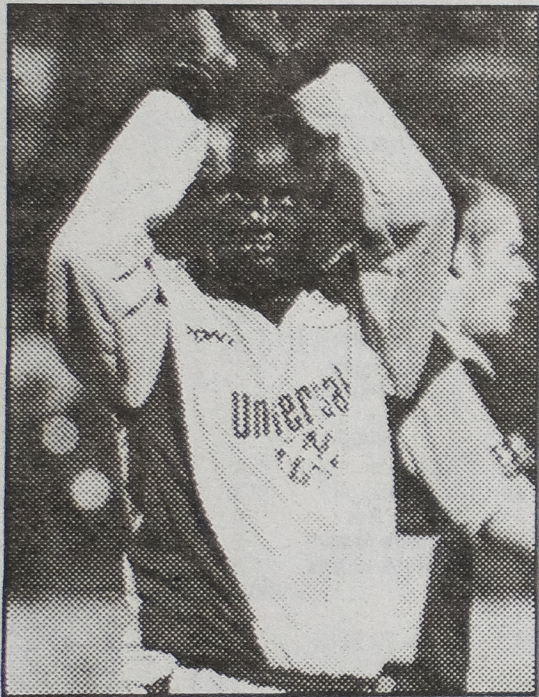


Magic Johnson slamdunks Ipswich in cup thriller



● WINNER: Marvin Johnson

MARVIN JOHNSON was the toast of Kenilworth Road last Tuesday night after grabbing a dramatic 121st-minute extra-time winner to send first division Ipswich Town crashing out of the Worthington Cup.

The experienced defender pounced two minutes after a spectacular Steve Davis own goal appeared to have given George Burley's men a lucky passage into the third round.

Davis had been switched back to centre-half after a devastating 20-minute spell as an emergency striker. During that time he set up Stuart Douglas for an 83rd-minute goal to force extra time and then got on the score-sheet himself on 99 minutes to give his side a 4-3 aggregate lead.

His blushes were spared by defensive partner Johnson who, after seeing his skipper power an unstoppable header past Kelvin

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TOWN 2
(aggregate 5-4)

Davis from Jamie Clapham's cross, did exactly the same at the other end when Ipswich keeper Richard Wright palmed Graham Alexander's corner on to his head.

David Johnson had earlier given the visitors a two-goal cushion on 35 minutes.

Andrew Fotiadis robbed Ipswich defender Manuel Thetis near the byline on 52 minutes before heading towards goal and coolly slipping the ball under Wright to level on the night.

With seven minutes of normal time remaining, the Hatters made it 3-3 on aggregate when Davis lofted the ball over the Ipswich defence and Douglas ran on to squeeze a deflected shot into the bottom cor-

ner.

Lawrence took a gamble by leaving his skipper up front for extra time but it looked to have paid off when Davis rose head and shoulders above everybody in the visitors box to direct a towering header from Alexander's corner into a well-beaten Wright's top corner.

The next job for Captain Marvel was to shore up the other end for the remaining 21 minutes which he did with typical majesty until his 119th-minute blip.

Luckily, for Davis, his old pal Johnson provided a fitting end to a magical evening of cup football and ensured the right outcome after two entertaining matches.

Team: Davis (K), Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Davis (S), Johnson, McKinnon (White, 77), Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Bacqué, 74), Marshall (Cox, 67). **Att:** 5,655.