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From the dugout

with **David Moyes**

Good afternoon and welcome to Deepdale.

This is the first opportunity I have had to tell you about our form over the Christmas and New Year period. We obtained maximum points from the games played over the break and the mood in the dressing room and around the club is one of optimism. The players have been extremely professional over this period and have looked after themselves extremely well and got their just rewards.

The support away from home, especially at Stoke

City on Boxing Day and York City last week, has been magnificent and seems to be increasing, as is our home gate, as the season goes on. I know how expensive it is to travel to away fixtures and would like to thank you for this support. It really does make a lot of difference when there is a whole stand of supporters cheering us on away from home rather than 100-200 spectators stood in an empty stand.

The support and atmosphere shown worldwide by TV and media at the fixture versus Arsenal on 4 January has been much acclaimed and just goes to show what a great supporter base we really have here at Deepdale. I hope this support goes on increasing as the season goes along.

The players have continued to work very hard in training and as I said earlier were very professional over the Christmas period. I understand that the players do need a break and will ensure that they get a few days away before they begin the run up to the end of the season.

This afternoon we welcome the Directors, Manager Lennie Lawrence, and the players of Luton Town. As in the past this is another difficult fixture and I know I can rely on your support this afternoon.

Before I finish I must thank the supporters for their loyalty in travelling up to Hartlepool last Tuesday evening only for the fixture to be called off, after most people had already arrived there. This is disappointing and expensive, but knowing the true loyalty of you supporters I expect some of you will be making the trip all over again next week, let's hope this one is not a wasted journey.

As always, thank you for your continued support and all the best.



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I am writing on behalf of Cancer Help to thank you for allowing us to collect at the match against Fulham on Saturday 19th December 1998. The collection was a success, raising a total of £675. We are very grateful and we trust you will allow us the same facilities again at some time in the future.

Please pass on our particular thanks to John Gledhill, the Chief Steward, whose help on the day was invaluable, and to the other stewards who assisted us.

From Barbara Kerridge, Secretary, Fund-raising Support Group
Cancer Help (Preston) Ltd.,

Northender

Remaining copies of Northender, the club's bi-yearly magazine are on sale, priced at £1.99 whilst stocks last. If you haven't already picked up a copy then be sure to do so as they're sure to sell out soon. Jam packed with articles and features concerning your favourite club, the magazine has everything of interest for Preston North End fans of all ages and tastes.

Arsenal Video

Due to popular demand the club are producing a special video of the recent FA Cup tie against Arsenal and, as you might expect from such a momentous occasion, is expected to sell out fast. The video will be on the KIT shop shelves very shortly.

Raising The Coffin

The brand new issue - the first in 1999 - of the club's monthly fanzine will be on sale at the Bristol Rovers game on Saturday 6th February. The cover price goes up to £1.50 but there are

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The Institute Of Football Studies 1999 Lecture Series

Details of this season's programme of lectures and speakers at The Institute of Football Studies, the partnership between The Football Museum and the University of Central Lancashire, are as follows :

Thursday 21st January 1999

Why is Holland so good at Football ?
(Simon Kuper, Football Writer.
Author of 'Football Against the Enemy')

Thursday 4th February 1999

Fear and Loathing of FIFA- land : Inside the politics of world football (Professor Alan Tomlinson, University of Brighton)

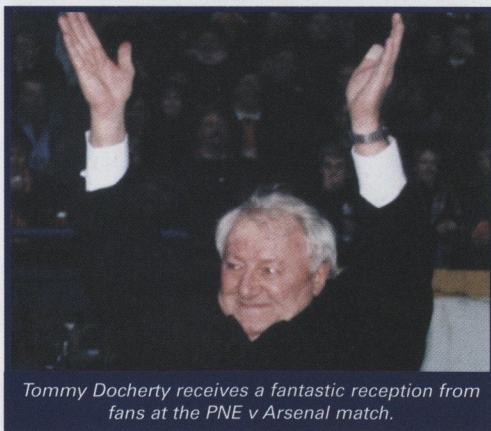
Thursday 4th March 1999

Contemporary football cultures and Identities
(Dr Gary Armstrong, University of Reading)

Thursday 18th March 1999

What's the point of football?
(Emma Lindsay, The Observer)

All lectures start at 7.30 p.m. in the Adelphi TVI Lecture Theatre at the University. Admission is free by ticket available from : Historical & Critical Studies Departmental Office, Harris 223. Tel : 01772 893058 and Foster Reception Desk.



Tommy Docherty receives a fantastic reception from fans at the PNE v Arsenal match.

Fixtures

With the postponement of the Auto Windscreen game on Tuesday night versus Hartlepool and the need to re-arrange this fixture for Tuesday 19 January other fixtures are now as follows:

Monday 18.1.99 Arsenal home

kick-off 7.00pm FA Youth Cup

Tuesday 19.1.99 Hartlepool away

kick-off 7.30pm Auto Windscreen

Saturday 23.1.99 Chesterfield away

kick-off 3.00pm League

Tuesday 26.1.99 Bournemouth away

kick-off 7.45pm League

Tuesday 2.2.99 Lincoln home (provisional)

kick-off 7.45pm Auto Windscreen

Wednesday 10.3.99 Derby County away

kick-off 7.00pm Pontin's League

Lancashire Lynx

Lancashire Lynx announced this week that during 1999 home fixtures will be played at Victory Park, Chorley. Tony Scholes, Preston North End Director, said: 'The success of the Preston North End football teams during this season has led to a number of fixtures which need to be played at Deepdale between now and the middle of May. Given the increased wear and tear on the Deepdale pitch this year there will then need to be a 'rest' period for pitch renovations. We are keen to avoid the uncertainties regarding fixture locations which occurred in 1998 when a number of fixtures had to be moved from Deepdale at short notice. We have therefore decided to move this season's home fixtures to Chorley where the Academy team currently play.'

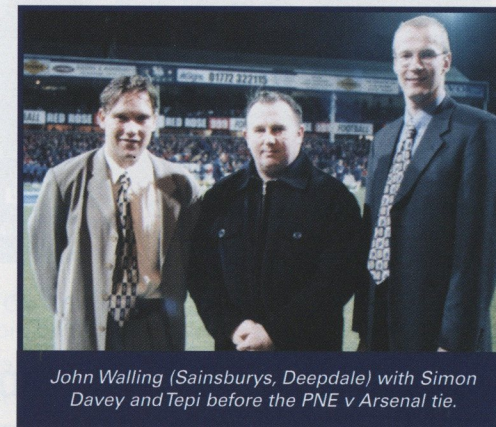
Steve Hampson, Lynx Coach, said: 'I am pleased that we have a clear policy on fixture location this year. Whilst I am disappointed not to be playing at Deepdale this season we all recognise the current difficulties with the increased usage of the Deepdale pitch, which would have been exaggerated by the greater number of fixtures



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that we will have in Division One this year. I am looking forward to playing at Chorley where I am sure that our fans will feel at home and where many of the games will follow Academy match 'curtain raisers.'

Henry Morris, Lynx Director, commented: 'This decision has been taken by the Lynx Board in consultation with the PNE Board and is without doubt the right decision for the Lynx at this stage of our development, we will look at the decision again in twelve months time, when at which point we would hope to be once more playing at Deepdale. One-off matches will be played at Deepdale if the attraction of the fixture demands it. On Sunday 24th January we will play Salford, a Super League side, in a pre-season friendly. This match will be played at Deepdale, with kick-off at 3.00 pm. Prices £7.00 adult/£4.00 concessions.'

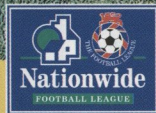
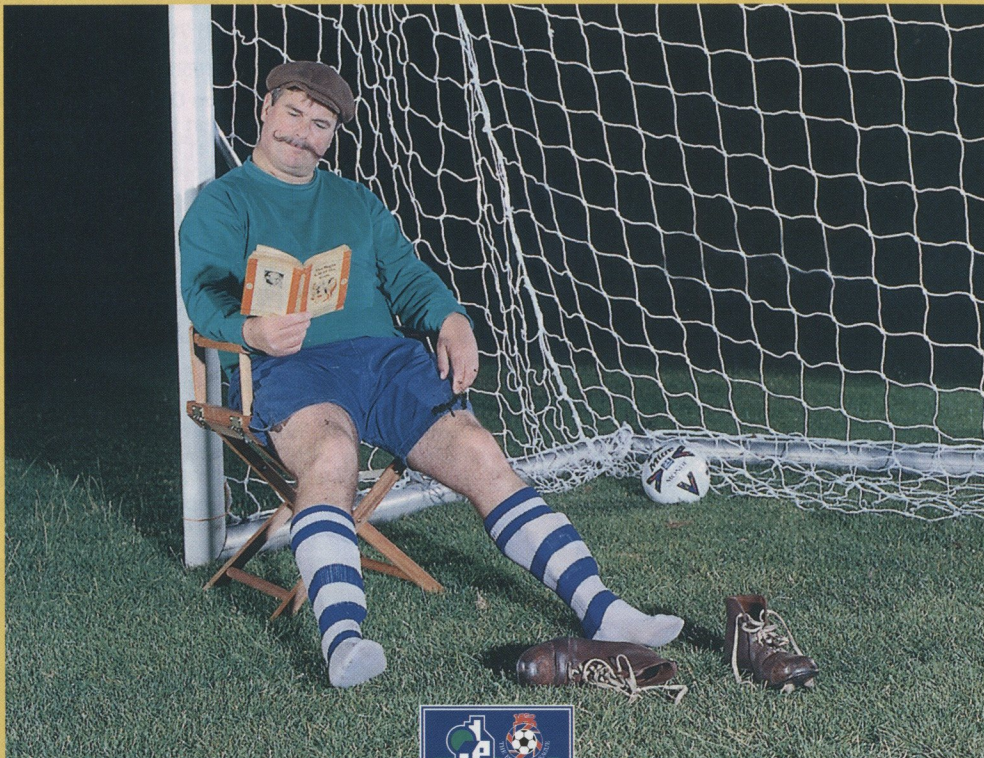


John Walling (Sainsburys, Deepdale) with Simon Davey and Tepi before the PNE v Arsenal tie.

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Chairman's Message

Bryan Gray

Last week was another momentous period in the long and proud history of Preston North End. Much has been said and written about the Arsenal game: it was an unforgettable experience enjoyed by a full house at Deepdale and an exceptional TV audience. Personally, I was delighted to see the Kop full with PNE supporters for the first time. Judging by the press coverage and the many letters and calls I have received the whole nation (with the exception of part of North London) was behind us. The only negative aspect was the fact that not everyone who wanted to attend could get in. For that I am sorry. We will review ticket allocation for the future but the real solution is a bigger stadium. As you know, we are working on that.

While congratulating the football management team and the players we should also remember the hundreds of people at Deepdale who were responsible for a trouble free night. My thanks to everyone.

The week was rounded off by an even more important result: another good away win at York.

This week did not start well with the late postponement of the Hartlepool game.

I think it better not to comment other than to apologise to everyone who made the long journey. We shall be taking the matter up with the League. If we win through to the next round of the competition we shall again be reducing prices for the home game against Lincoln.

January 12th was the first anniversary of David Moyes' appointment as manager. I am sure you will join with me in thanking David for his achievements over the last 12 months and in wishing him a long and successful future at PNE.

Bryan Gray
Chairman

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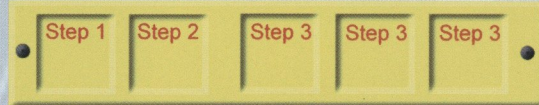
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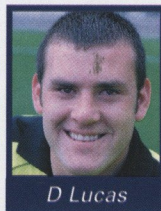
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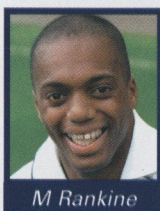
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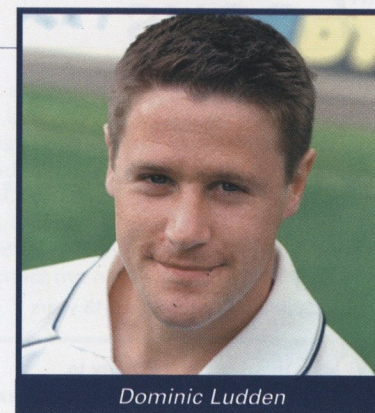
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Dominic's Diary

A year in *the life...*



Dominic Ludden

Apologies for my notes in the Arsenal programme not being up to date but printing deadlines meant I had to write them before my injury against Fulham. Obviously, I was devastated to miss the FA Cup game against Arsenal as well as the important Christmas programme, as well. From the team's point of view the Arsenal game was great, apart from the final scoreline. To be 2-0 up against the League and Cup holders was tremendous. I really thought we were going to do it. It was such a shame that we gave away a goal just before half time, because I thought that turned the match. If we could have gone in at half time two goals up then I couldn't see them coming back into it.

England v Argentina

The game reminded me of England v Argentina in the World Cup last summer, when we were 2-1 up and Argentina equalised just before half time. I thought it was a very brave performance in the second half - and it was very hard when David (Eyres) got sent off. It's difficult playing against a Premiership side with eleven men but was even harder with ten men. Their class showed near the end but overall, it was a great night for the team, supporters and the town of Preston. I think now that the Preston team will definitely be in the shop window from now on as well as our manager. A lot of people had heard of Preston North End before the Arsenal game but a lot more will have heard of us now. I watched the game from the director's box on my own. The atmosphere the fans created was unbelievable. I've known, almost from the first day I arrived, that this is a massive club. Things are waiting to happen and with continued support and the team continuing to play well we can be a very successful club.

Great Victory

The team didn't do too badly without me over

Christmas, winning all three league games. It was great to go to the likes of the Britannia Stadium and come away with a victory. That might have been the turning point of our season because if they had beaten or taken a point from us the top three teams would have drawn away from us. Winning this game gave us the confidence to go to York and pull off another great victory. Now, we've pulled away with the top three, with games in hand on two of the teams above us. I think Fulham are near certainties to go up automatically but I hope and I can now see ourselves going up with them.

Week Of Sprinting

I felt my hamstring go in the game against Fulham before Christmas. I stretched for the ball and it tightened up when I went for a long run. Two minutes later I stretched once again and felt it tear. Now, perhaps, if I hadn't had this sort of injury before I might have tried to carry on and made it worse but, as it was, I came straight off and because of that decision have done the least possible damage. It's now three and a half weeks since the injury and I'm up to three quarter pace in my running. I now have a week of sprinting and all being well I should be looking to be fit enough to join the squad for next weekend's game against Chesterfield.

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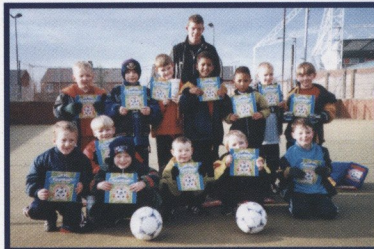
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Ian Johnstone
Professional Football In The Community Officer



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Trish Brockbank,
Hospitality Manageress



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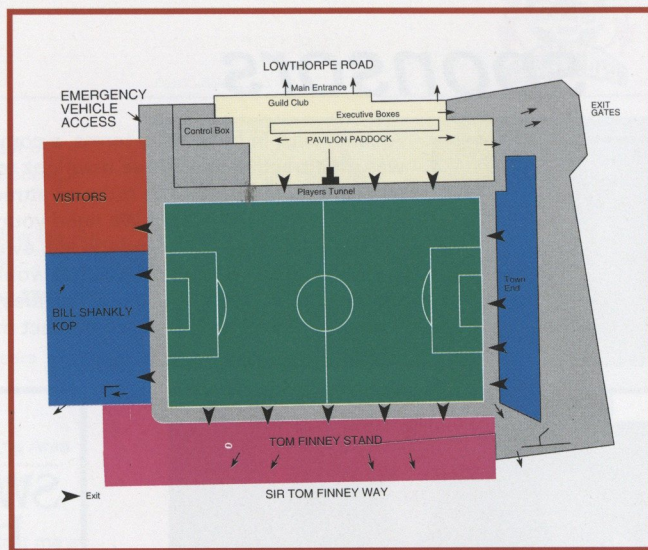
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Visiting Views

Lennie Lawrence

Luton boss Lennie Lawrence is well acquainted with the frustrations of life as a football manager. Back on the second Saturday of the season, his Hatters side played hosts to North End and held them to a 1-1 draw in a real game of two halves. In the following weeks, Luton continued to make good progress and retain their place in the upper echelons of Nationwide League Division Two with some very favourable results. However, since then the side have suffered from a period of relative indifference and now hold a mid table position in the league, as well as 19th place in the current form table. Lennie feels he knows the reasons behind this and his initial query of 'How's your pitch?' gave some indication as to his current concerns.

Recent dip

'We've certainly dipped in the last six weeks or so', he admitted. 'We've got four or five key injuries at the moment, which obviously hasn't helped matters. We operate slightly differently to Preston in terms of our squad. I know you have a fairly small squad up there. We probably have 31 or 32 pro's here, but a good 20 or so are players we have brought through from our youth policy and at this time of year, when the fixtures pile up and the pitches get heavy, there is always the danger that it takes it out of them. I think that has been happening just lately.'

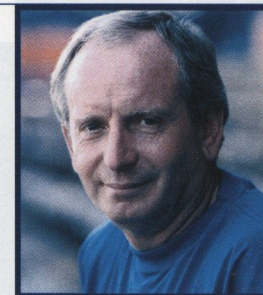
There can be few things more frustrating than seeing your side start off so well and then falter slightly as the campaign draws on. With that in mind, one wonders how Lennie views the current outlook for his young squad.

Real test

'To be honest, I see this game as a real test for us', he said. 'We've just had games against Colchester and Wycombe and come away with a draw and a win. I think we should really have had all six points, but it's certainly encouraging and I hope it's a sign that we are coming out of our recent run. However, Preston will pose an entirely different threat to those two sides, because they are a much better team, we know that. I've been very impressed by Preston this year. They show a lot of character and spirit, they are all men and they don't show any obvious weaknesses. So yes, we know it will be a difficult game, but it will be a good yardstick to see if we really are making progress.'

Lennie pointed out that he was particularly impressed by the way North End bounced back from the cup defeat against Arsenal to win at York last week.

'A high profile cup game can often be a signal for a disappointing performance in the league straight after,



quote

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so to go away from home the following week and get a win is very good indeed', he admitted. 'We've had a good run in the Worthington Cup this season, reaching the quarter finals, but I don't think it's done us any good at all in the league. We actually haven't won on a Saturday following any of our cup games. Again, with such a young squad, I think it took a lot out of the lads and that is always the danger'.

It seems the eyes of the footballing world were fixed on Deepdale on Monday 4th January for the FA Cup tie against Arsenal, and Lennie was no different.

'It was a funny game', he mused. 'Preston set off like a house on fire and after they got the two goals I was thinking a real shock might be on the cards. The goal on half time probably killed them I think, although I felt that in the second half Preston defended very deep and I don't think that helped them'.

Back to the bread and butter of the league, today's encounter promises to be an entertaining clash, with both sides needing the three points for different reasons, in Preston's case to keep up the pressure on the leaders and for Luton, to help re-establish themselves in the Play-Off frame. So what is going through the Luton manager's mind in the run up to this game, with regard to his side's opponents today?

Preston are flying

'Well, as I said, Preston are flying at the moment. Nogan is in form right now, which means he is always likely to score goals. Sean Gregan is a massive influence for Preston in the middle I think - he certainly made a big impression in the game down at our place in August and he'll be important for them on Saturday, assuming he regains his place after suspension. And out wide, it's rare to see a side in this division with two effective wingers, such as Preston have in Eyresy and Lee Cartwright. So yes, it's going to be a big test for us and we'll see if we really are returning to form. We're looking forward to the challenge that's for sure'.

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GOALKEEPERS

NATHAN ABBEY dob: 11.7.78

A promising young 'keeper, Nathan was given an unexpected taste of first team action last season, when he was called in from the Reserves when both senior 'keepers were unavailable. Nathan subsequently performed well in a Coca-Cola Cup tie against Colchester. He gained some valuable experience with Conference side Woking and is now emerging as a more than capable deputy.

KELVIN DAVIS dob: 29.9.76

Kelvin finally made the Number One jersey his own last season, having successfully seen off other contenders. He was a product of the Kenilworth Road youth set up and has represented England at U-21 level. Kelvin had a loan spell with Torquay United in 1994-95, in order to gain some valuable experience. A model of consistency, Kelvin had made 55 appearances for the Hatters prior to the start of the season.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 32

DEFENDERS

GARY DOHERTY dob: 31.1.80

Big and brave, Irish defender Gary can also operate as a striker. A key member of the Luton youth side that reached the FA Youth Cup Semi Final and won the South East Counties League championship last season, Gary has been given a sniff of first team action when injuries have

created an opportunity and he will hope to gain further experience this season.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 1+9

JULIAN JAMES dob: 22.3.70

Julian signed for the club as a schoolboy and has been an outstanding servant for the club ever since, having made 339 appearances for the club prior to the start of this season. He made his full league debut at the age of 18 against Leeds in the League Cup. Despite playing superbly, Julian was unlucky enough to be sent off five minutes from time. He later came here to Deepdale for a loan spell, which helped him to gain some first team experience and he has since made significant strides, even winning England U-21 honours. Julian broke his leg in April last year and has been patiently waiting for his recovery since then.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 23+1

MARVIN JOHNSON dob: 29.10.68

A versatile defender, Marvin is primarily a central defender, but he can fill in both out wide or in midfield if necessary. Marvin has spent over 10 years with the Hatters, Luton being his only club to date. He has had his fair share of injury problems, but has never failed to bounce back and he has received the Players' Player of the Year Award in the past.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 13+1, 2 goals

GAVIN McGOWAN dob: 16.1.76

Right back Gavin is now in his third spell with Luton, this time signing from Arsenal, where first team opportunities proved difficult to come by. His arrival at Kenilworth Road seemed almost inevitable following two loan spells in which he made an obvious impression. Clearly impressed with the youngster, Lennie Lawrence was unable to match the price tag in the first instance, but he wasted no time in swooping for his signature when Arsenal released him last summer.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 6+2

MITCHELL THOMAS dob: 2.10.64

Mitchell is now the senior professional at the club, the one at which he began his playing career. Left back Mitchell was appointed player coach at the start of the current campaign, an arrangement which sees him split his duties in a 90% player, 10% coach capacity. Highly experienced, Mitchell has also played for Tottenham and West Ham. A former England U-21 player, Mitchell returned to Luton in 1994 on a free transfer.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 27+1, 1 goal

ALAN WHITE dob: 22.3.76

Lennie Lawrence snapped Alan up from one of his former clubs, Middlesbrough, in September 1997, having signed him for Boro' in the first place as a promising 17 year old. Since then, Alan has made the £40,000 price tag look very good value with some assured performances at the back.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 26+2, 1 goal

MIDFIELDERS

GRAHAM ALEXANDER dob: 10.10.71

A £100,000 signing from Scunthorpe United in the summer of 1995, Alex is a defensive midfield player and his ability to fill in at the back proved useful last season when an injury crisis forced him into the right back berth. His best performances have undoubtedly been on the right hand side of midfield, from where he prompts the attack well. Alex has also contributed his fair share of goals in recent times.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 39, 8 goals

SEAN EVERS dob: 10.10.77

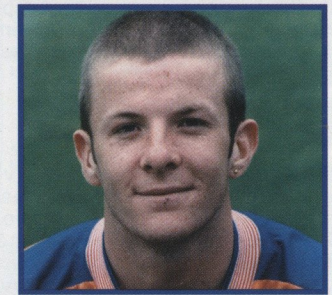
A home grown talent, Sean was only on the fringe of first team matters last season but was called upon in the throes of an injury pile up. The tenacious midfield battler didn't let the side down, coping well with the step up and establishing himself a regular thereafter.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 14+9, 3 goals

RAY MCKINNION dob: 5.8.70

Ray joined Luton at the start of the season from Dundee United on a free transfer under the

Key Defender



STUART FRASER dob: 9.1.80

A stylish defender, Stuart was captain of last season's successful youth team. Thought by the coaching staff to have a glittering future ahead of him, Stuart was blooded in the first team in the final day 3-2 win over Carlisle last season.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 1

Bosman ruling, despite interest from several other clubs. A former Scottish U-21 player, Ray had an unhappy spell with Nottingham Forest before heading north of the border to sign for Aberdeen. After two years with them, Ray returned to Dundee United, his first club. A player with a wealth, of experience, he adds a great deal to the Hatter's engine room.

MICHAEL McINDOE dob: 2.12.79

A former YTS trainee, Michael was given his first team break when injuries hit the established squad members and opened up a vacancy in the left midfield slot. Michael was called in for the Worthington Cup First Round win over Oxford United in August, performing well and suggesting he could be one for the future.

PAUL McLAREN dob: 17.11.76

A former YTS player, Paul was asked to sign professional forms before his apprenticeship was complete, such was the impression he left on the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road. Forceful and incredibly quick to get forward and assist in the attack, Paul's emergence was one of the underlying factors in the decision to allow Welsh international Ceri Hughes to move to Wimbledon. Now a fully established member of the first team at Luton, the Hatters will be keen to hold on to this player for as long as possible.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 41+2

PAUL SHOWLER dob: 10.10.66

Paul had a disastrous time with injuries last season, with his entire campaign being decimated

Welcome to Luton

by such problems. Usually employed as a wide left player, Paul can also play up front. He began his footballing life with Altrincham before Barnet introduced him to professional football. Lennie Lawrence then signed him for Bradford City, where he had a successful spell. Lennie spent £50,000 in the summer of 1996 to bring him to Luton and after a good first season injuries have been his undoing since then.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 0+1

MATTHEW SPRING dob: 17.11.79

A competitive midfielder, Matthew was a vital component in Luton's successful youth team of 1997 and it came as little surprise when he was handed his first team debut in September 1997, at the age of just 17. His full debut followed just a month later, and Lennie Lawrence subsequently described his performance as "the best debut I've seen in a long time."

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 6+6

FORWARDS

HERVE BACQUE dob: 13.7.76

Signed from Monaco in the week leading up to the start of the current campaign, Bordeaux born Herve began his career with French side Lorient, before moving on to Monaco. First team football proved elusive however, and after being given a free transfer by the club, Herve crossed the Channel to try his luck and eventually plumped for Luton. He has since found it difficult to adapt to the Second Division, but if he can do that, he may prove to be a useful acquisition.

JIMMY COX dob: 11.4.80

Jimmy first joined the Hatters on schoolboy forms and made an immediate impact in the youth team. An old fashioned winger who likes to run at defenders and go past them with the ball, Jimmy was given his first team debut in the Worthington Cup Second Round win over Ipswich Town earlier in the season.

STUART DOUGLAS dob: 9.4.78

A prolific striker in youth and Reserve team football, Stuart was still a 17 year old trainee when he made his first team debut, scoring and winning the sponsor's Man Of The Match award in the game against Oldham in 1995. The quicksilver striker looked like establishing himself in the first team last season but was one of the unfortunate victims of last term's Kenilworth Road injury hoodoo.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 5+12, 1 goal

LIAM GEORGE dob: 2.2.79

Fast and highly skilled, Liam made a name for himself in the Luton youth team before graduating to the Reserves and coping admirably. A consistent goalscorer, Liam was finally rewarded with a first team appearance in September 1997

and just as it seemed he would establish himself this term he broke a leg and thus faced a six month lay off.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 1

PHIL GRAY dob: 2.10.68

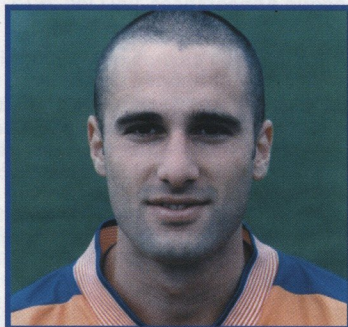
Now in his second spell with Luton Town, Phil is a real crowd favourite. A Northern Ireland international, Phil started out with Tottenham Hotspur, before moving to Luton for the first time in August 1991 for £275,000. He later moved on to the Premiership with Sunderland and after three years in the North East he moved to France to play for Nancy then Holland to play for Dutch outfit Fortuna Sittard. From there he returned to Luton for £400,000. Injury last season led to eventual back surgery, but he is now fully fit and back among the goals.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 14+3, 2 goals

ANDRE SCARLETT dob: 11.1.80

Andre exploded onto the first team scene when the 18 year old made his debut from the subs' bench against Oldham in October. With 20 minutes to go and the score at 0-0 Andre was introduced. His skill on the ball tempted a Latic's player into a rash tackle for which he was promptly red carded. Andre later found the net to wrap up a 2-0 win!

Forward



ANDREW FOTIADIS dob: 6.9.77

A local lad, Andrew opted to stay at school to gain his A-levels before going into full time professional football. He has won England caps at U-15 and U-18 levels and has developed a style of play that excites the Hatters fans and terrorises opposing defenders. A centre forward in the old fashioned mould, Andrew's game is based around physique, power and a genuine hunger to hit the net.

Hatters League Appearances 1997-98: 5+10, 1 goal

All our yesterday's

PNE v Luton Town

Luton Town arrive for their 18th Football League fixture here with a none too impressive history at Deepdale; North End have certainly had the better of the exchanges so far:

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There have not been many high scoring contests between us at Deepdale; one of these occurred two years ago and featured a landmark in the playing career of our manager David Moyes. A cold, wet and windy Tuesday night fixture in November saw us triumph by 3 goals to 2.

Steve Davies' brace for Luton was matched by two goals from David; the only time he achieved the feat for North End (up to now!). The first of these goals was the boss's 50th in senior football in England and Scotland. Last season's fixture saw us come out on top by a solitary goal, scored from outside the area by Ryan Kidd with his right foot an experience he obviously enjoyed as he repeated it earlier this season against Chesterfield!

A match to remember

There have not been too many games between us in the past which stir the memory; however, there is one match which is always remembered by older fans. In 1959/60, the last match of the season saw Luton arrive at Deepdale, having already been relegated, for what should have been a run of the mill First Division match. What made this game anything but was the fact that it was Tom Finney's 433rd and last league match for his one and only club. Over 27,000 flocked to the ground to pay their farewells to Preston's favourite son and greatest ever player.

Both teams lined up to welcome Tom on to the pitch and they and the crowd sang 'Auld lang syne' accompanied by the Brindle Brass Band.

The match itself started with neither team's play matching the occasion, although Luton were marginally the better team. Finney had asked to play his last match in the position he had started his North End career as an amateur in 1937, on the right wing. Gradually, the emotion of the day subsided and he began to demonstrate that he had lost none of his skills on the ball, despite the bumpy pitch.

Unfortunately, his fellow players could not match



his efforts, one shot from Taylor hitting the opposite corner flag. Apart from Finney, only David Sneddon and John Fullam looked comfortable on the ball.

Clever Dummy

Alston missed an open goal on 30 minutes but made amends four minutes later, dispossessing Kelly and beating Luton 'keeper Baynham with a firm shot. North End were now totally on top but could not add to the score before half time. Only two minutes of the second period had elapsed when Jim Smith added a second for North End, Milne's clever dummy from Finney's pass wrongfooting the Hatters defence. Alston then disappointed the crowd by shooting instead of passing to the unmarked Finney. Another glimpse of Finney magic on the wing resulted in a cross which Smith met with a powerful header; unfortunately his own player, Taylor got in the way and the ball rebounded to safety. The LEP sports writer of the time, the late Walter Pilkington, described Tom Finney's exhibition of his talents as 'gleaming like sunshine on bronze'; an apt summation of the skills North End were about to lose. Five minutes from the end what all in the ground were hoping for - a goal for 'Our Tom' - almost arrived.

He moved inside onto a through pass by Sneddon, and only sheer weight of numbers kept him out. How unsporting of Luton!

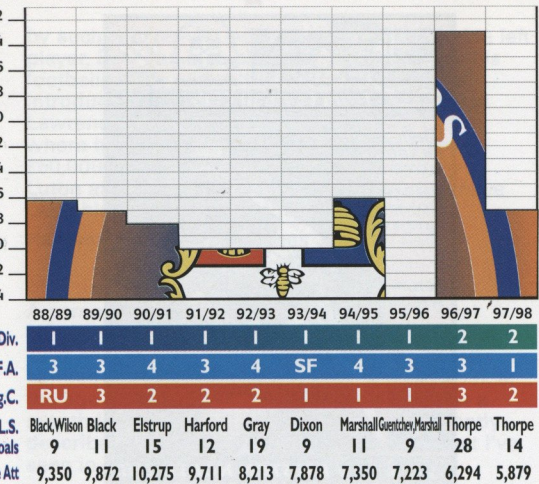
The match ended 2-0 to North End, but was of little significance in itself; the occasion was of much more importance. Tom made a farewell speech from the pitch over the loudspeaker system, and an era the like of which this club will probably never see again came to an end.

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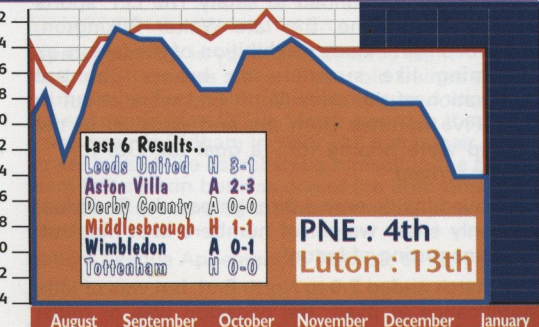
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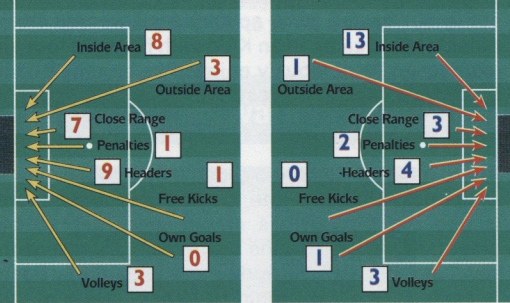
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Who's played for The Hatters this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
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Matthew Spring	M	23	1	19	5'11	11'07		
Phil Gray	F	22(1)	6	30	5'9	12'09	Sunderland	N Ire
Sean Evers	M	22	3	21	5'9	9'11		
Marvin Johnson	D	21		30	6'1	13'06		
Stuart Douglas	F	20	7	20	5'8	11'05		
Graham Alexander	M	19	3	27	5'11	12'02	Scunthorpe	
Ray McKinnon	M	17(1)	1	28	5'10	11'09	Dundee Utd	
Gavin McGowan	D	15(1)		22	5'8	11'07	Arsenal	Eng Yth
Mitchell Thomas	D	11(6)		34	6'2	13'00	West Ham	Eng B
Michael McIndoe	M	7(3)		19	5'8	11'00		
Alan White	D	6(7)	1	22	6'0	13'04	Middlesbrough	
Paul McLaren	M	5(4)		22	6'1	13'04		
Gerry Harrison	M	3		26	5'9	12'03	on loan from Sunderland	
Andrew Fotiadis	F	2(8)		21	5'11	11'00		Eng Sch
Herve Bacque	F	2(4)		22	5'9	11'10	Monaco	
Liam George	F	2(3)		19	5'9	11'04		
Jimmy Cox	F	2(2)		18	5'6	10'07		
Paul Showler	M	2(1)		32	5'7	11'00	Bradford	
Andre Scarlett	M	1(3)	1	19	5'4	9'04		
Sean Dyche	D	1		27	6'0	13'07	on loan from Sunderland	
Stuart Fraser	D	1		19	5'9	11'00		
L'Andry Zahana-Oni	F	1		22	5'10	11'00	Bromley	
Gary Doherty	F	(6)	2	18	6'1	13'00		

How Luton Town have scored goals... and conceded them



PNE v Hatters

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Preston North End	4	1	1	10	6	13	WWWLWD
Luton Town	1	3	2	9	9	6	WDLDD

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How PNE have scored goals... and conceded them



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- Who is Aston Villa's most capped player?
- From which club did Chelsea sign Gianluca Vialli?
- Which club won the first FA Cup Final after World War 2?
- Against which country did Leeds' Gary Kelly make his Ireland debut?
- When did Liverpool win the FA Cup for the first time?

HALF TIME QUIZ

- In which year did Bryan Robson become Middlesbrough's manager?
- Which club knocked Nottingham Forest out of the 1995/96 UEFA Cup?
- To which club did Southampton sell Jim Magilton?
- From which club did West Ham sign Julian Dicks for the second time?
- Who was the last British player to be voted European Footballer of the Year?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 5 differences between these two pictures...can you spot them?



WHO WON THE CUP?

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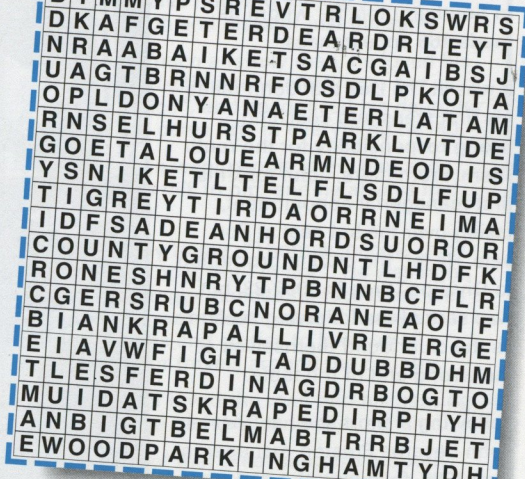
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unscramble these players names to identify which team won the FA Cup... can you name the year too?

WORD SEARCH

Find the 12 stadiums in the list below of the English league clubs listed. Search forwards, backwards or up and down. Letters can be used more than once.

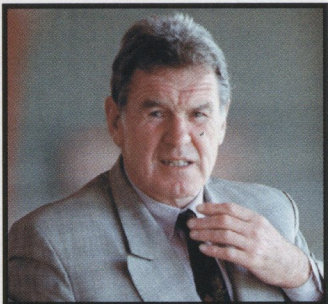


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Preston North End are the oldest league club in England

ANSWERS
 TRUE OR FALSE: False, it's North County.
 Alan Davies.
 Bryan Robson, Arnold Muhren, Frank Stapleton, Norman Whiteside, Duxbury, Arthur Albiston, Ray Wilkins, Kevin Moran, Gordon McQueen.
 WHO WON THE CUP: Manchester United, 1983: Gary Bailey, Mike colour, scarf missing, finger missing.
 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: 1. Liverpool; 2. Bayern Munich; 3. Derby County; 4. Kumanzi; 5. 1965; 6. 1994; 7. Kevin Keegan; 8. Sheffield Wednesday; 9. Liverpool; 10. Kevin Keegan.
 HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Paul McGrath (80 caps for Ireland); 2. Juventus;

Tribute to John McGrath



The late John McGrath.

In his playing days, John McGrath was a fearsome central defender who was never known to shirk a challenge or tackle. He started out with Bury, before moving to Newcastle

United in a deal which saw Bob Stokoe move in the opposite direction. John went on to play in 170 League games for the Magpies, before making a long move south to Southampton, for whom he made 168 appearances.

It was at The Dell that John made his first steps into coaching, taking responsibility for the Youth Team. From there, John took his first managerial appointment, taking over the hot seat at Port Vale. He led the club to promotion to Division Three in 1982-83, but was sacked the following season, as the club found themselves at the wrong end of the table.

Following a short spell at Chester, John became Preston manager in May 1986, following the darkest period in the club's history, which saw Preston North End avoid relegation into the Conference only by a successful application for re-election. John proved to be

an inspirational breath of fresh air, building a new team of free transfers and subsequently storming to promotion in second place in the 1986-87 season.

The following season saw the team reach the play-offs in their new division, only to lose out to John's former employers, Port Vale. After leaving North End in January 1990, John went on to manage Halifax Town for a time, but left in November 1992.

What the Big Man Said

As anyone who had the opportunity to hear John McGrath speak during his time at Deepdale would doubtless testify, John McGrath was a genuine character. Witty and down to earth, John always spoke his mind and provided plenty of laughs in doing so.

In his memory, we now look back at some of John's more memorable utterances.

Perhaps one of the best was the one recalled shortly after John's death by Sports Journalist of the Year Patrick Collins. Looking back at a clash between Manchester United and Southampton, the story revolves around John's attempts to mark a certain Mr George Best. In his customary manner, Best ran rings around his man and had scored a hat trick within the first thirty minutes of the game. However, when the opportunity arose, McGrath clattered his tormentor and left him in a heap on the floor. After receiving treatment and regaining his posture, Best pointed out that



John pictured here with his Bells Manager of the Month Award.

John that would perhaps be better off going for the ball, to which McGrath replied, 'I'm not changing my ***** game for you!'

John's hard man approach to football followed him into his managerial career and he made no secret of his desire for his players to be able to take plenty of rough and rather less of the smooth.

'Good centre halves don't get modelling contracts', was one of John's shrewd observations!

A familiar face and voice at many Preston games in recent times, due to his involvement as a match summariser with Red Rose Radio Sport, John loved the game and had an infectious enthusiasm for the game. As he once said himself, 'All footballers want to go to a soccer heaven, but only a few are prepared to die first'.

Such a place would appear to be destined for a man so consumed by the beautiful game as John McGrath. Though he will undoubtedly be missed, his name will long be uttered around Deepdale, where John weaved his magic to pull back this proud and famous club from the brink of obscurity. For that we should all be truly thankful.

An Apology

On page 12 of our matchday programme for the FA Cup tie against Arsenal on Monday January 4th 1999, we carried an interview with Red Rose Radio's Sports Editor Nigel Reed, in which it was said that John McGrath would be attending the game. Although John sadly passed away on Christmas Day, tight printing deadlines over the festive period meant that this feature had already gone to print and could not be altered in time. We would therefore like to apologise for any distress caused to John's family and friends.

A personal tribute from Tom Parker, Red Rose Sport

Quite properly, the tributes have flooded in from the world of football, show business and the man and woman in the street, in memory of John McGrath, who died at his home on Christmas Day.

To those whose life he touched he will be remembered as a larger than life gentle giant, a kind, honest man who looked for laughter in every minute of his life.

He was a very successful footballer, playing at the top with Newcastle United for seven years and another seven with Southampton. You have to be able to play a bit to do that.

He was always the same, taking everything as it came, the promotion won at Leyton Orient for Preston, and then that FA Cup defeat at Whitley Bay. Like Rudyard Kipling's If, he treated triumph and disaster just the same.

He was very much a family man, he loved his wife, Anne, affectionately referring to her as "The War Office", and he idolised his daughter Sharon. They came first in everything he did.

Everywhere he went people knew him and would stop to talk to him and he always had time for them.

He used to say to me, "Thomas, people think I'm daft you know, but I'm not". He was right, behind that craggy handsome face there was a keen brain, a razor sharp wit and always a torrent of jokes and stories to keep us all amused on our travels around the country.

Quite simply, I loved the man and his passing has left a huge gap that can never be filled.

In the words of that great song from South Pacific, he was 'A Wonderful Guy' and I miss him enormously.

John, thanks for the memory...

Tom Parker
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Aussie Supporters
Jenny, Sarah and Emma Walker

Thanks for the support and whilst we couldn't oblige with an announcement on the night this piece in the programme should hopefully suffice.

Dear PNE
I am trying to get hold of a copy of Berry and Allmans book 'One Hundred Years at Deepdale'. Do you or anyone at the club know where I might be able to find a copy?
Anyone wanting to contact me can write to: Paul Billington 122 Bream Close, Tottenham, London N17 9DQ. or e-mail on pne.web@virgin.net

Can anybody help Paul?

Hello,
My name is Mats Edenberg and I'm writing to you from the city of Göteborg in Sweden. I'm 36 years old and I've been a Preston North End fan since I was a kid. My father taught me to love PNE.

However, the Preston fans in Sweden are not too many, I'm afraid. The people here often support any of the big teams in the Premier League, and many of them have never even heard of Preston North End. This is a shame of course, but I'm quite sure they will hear a lot more from PNE in the future.

I'm writing to you because I would like to buy PNE pins or streamers or something like that. I couldn't see any of that on your internet homepage. Does anyone know whether it is possible to buy anything like that?

I'm happy that the team is doing so good so far this year and I really hope that we soon can leave the 2nd division for ever. Two years ago I made a bet for a 1,000 quid with one of my mates that PNE will play in Premier League again not later than year 2005. So we better start to make things happen!

Sincerely

Mats Edenberg
Göteborg, Sweden

We hope you're right about the Premiership and a merchandise catalogue is on its way to you. Hopefully, people in Sweden will still get to see PNE's colours proudly displayed.

star e-mail's

Congratulations on your excellent performance last night Kurt Nogan, your two goals were brilliant. David Eyres, you are still a brilliant player. Good luck for the rest of the season and we will see you in the first division next season.

from all the Hennessy's in Cork Ireland

My two mates and I watched the game on telly here in Bedford and we just wanted to let David Moyes and the lads know how proud we are of you. For 60 mins you were all over them. We thought you were unlucky with the sending off and subsequent goals. Well done to Kurt

Nogan for two excellent goals. This was as good as I've seen PNE play this season. Well done and good luck for promotion; we know you can do it.

Matt Goodstadt, Matt Simmonds, Adam Gould, PNE fans

We don't think anyone can argue - Kurt played possibly his best ever game in a white shirt. His two goals were brilliantly taken and he fully deserved the Man of the Match Award.

These are just a sample of the numerous e-mails and letters the club received after the Arsenal game.

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Monday 4th January 1999
 Preston North End v Arsenal
 AXA FA Cup Third Round
 Attendance: 21,099

The Team

- 1 Lucas
- 2 Parkinson
- 3 Kidd
- 4 Murdock
- 5 Jackson
- 6 Gregan (86) ■
- 7 Cartwright
- 8 Rankine ■
- 9 Nogan 2
- 10 Macken (63)
- 11 Eyres ■
- Subs:*
- 12 McKenna (63)
- 13 Harris (86)
- 14 Appleton (86)
- 15 Darby
- 16 O'Hanlon

Whoever first dubbed this town's football club with the sobriquet of 'Proud Preston' had things just about spot on. Double winners in the remaining years of the last century, FA Cup winners in the 1930's, League Champions in 1922 and a veritable list of hero's who have carried the flag for Preston North End Football Club over many years. It's a proud tradition to uphold and one which the present incumbents of the Deepdale dressing room have worked hard to live up to in recent times. The players who currently wear the white shirt of Preston can, with ample justification, carry the mantle which has been handed down over the years by previous generations.

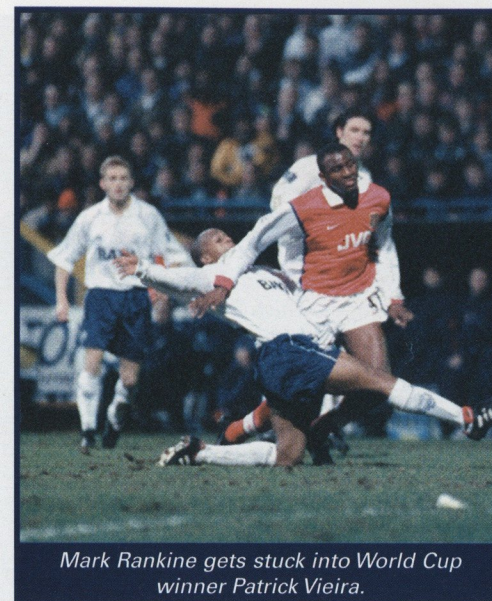
Spectacular Fashion

This was shown in abundance by the team's showing against Arsenal in this Third Round FA Cup tie at Deepdale. The double winners were pushed all the way, especially in the first half, by a breathtaking performance by the home side. Kurt Nogan's double whammy forced the north Londoner's onto the back-foot in spectacular fashion as North End raced into an incredible two nil lead within twenty one incident packed minutes. The first strike arrived after Ryan Kidd had skipped his way into the Arsenal penalty area before looking up and delivering a low cross into the six yard area. The ball was half scrambled clear by a defender but only as far as Nogan who was lurking with intent three yards from goal. The Welsh striker made no mistake with a first time shot which flew low and true into the back of the net.

Powerful Header

The noise which greeted the goal almost shook Deepdale to its rafters but that was nothing compared to the celebrations which followed after Nogan had doubled Preston North End's advantage four minutes later. The goal arrived via a wickedly dipping corner kick from David Eyres on the right of goal. Alex Manninger, the Gunner's young Austrian 'keeper, couldn't avert the danger as Michael Jackson challenged for the subsequent cross. The ball landed on Kurt Nogan's head and he made no mistake with a powerful header from close range to make it two nil to Preston North End after twenty one minutes.

I mentioned the roar from the Preston supporters just now and the support they gave the team throughout the whole ninety minutes was truly



Mark Rankine gets stuck into World Cup winner Patrick Vieira.

incredible. At times, the noise they generated made the hairs on the back of the neck stand up - it was truly awesome - and gives a timely reminder of just how passionate Preston North End fans can be in support of their beloved team. The home fans might have been forgiven for booking their away-day trip to Wolverhampton after securing that early two goal lead but the Gunners are the current FA Cup and Premiership holders and aren't beaten that easily. They got a decisive breakthrough a minute before half time when Luis Boa Morte fired the Gunners back into the game with an angled left foot shot from the right edge of the area which flew past the diving frame of David Lucas.

Directing Operators

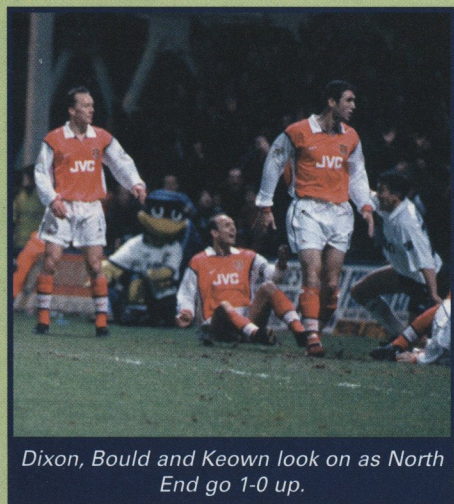
North End commenced the second half in much the same way as they had ended the first - on the offensive and almost scored a third when Manninger's attempted clearance struck Kurt Nogan on the thigh before ricocheting past a bewildered 'keeper and into the side netting. It was a lucky escape for Arsenal though they showed their Premiership class by upping the tempo immediately after. With World Cup winner, Emmanuel Petit, directing operations in the middle of the pitch the Gunners began to mount an offensive against the Preston North End rearguard. Marc Overmars was looking like the world class player he most certainly is as he

began to use his pace with devastating effect. He utilised his pace in chilling fashion in the fifty seventh minute when he bore down on goal only to be brought down by a late tackle from David Eyres. Match official, Dermot Gallagher had no hesitation in showing the red card for the offence and Eyres made the long, lonely trip to an empty dressing room. From the resultant free kick Arsenal equalised with Emmanuel Petit's left foot wonder strike sailing effortlessly into the net.

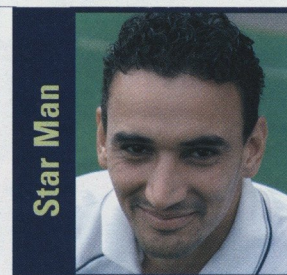
Extremely Difficult

Down to ten men North End were up against it and with twelve minutes of the game remaining they finally succumbed to another Arsenal attack. The ball was played into the left edge of the penalty area where Boa Morte crossed low for Petit to slam the ball first time into the net. After that it was always going to be extremely difficult for North End to get back into the game and this assumption was proven to be correct two minutes later when Marc Overmars scored the best goal of the match when dummymy a defender inside the box before unleashing a left foot shot past Lucas.

At the end the crowd rose as one in appreciation of the efforts which the Preston North End players had put in. On the night it wasn't enough but the people of Preston can be proud of their footballers because they gave their all and what's more, showed the watching nation just how talented our team is. Well done, lads.



Dixon, Bould and Keown look on as North End go 1-0 up.



Star Man

► Kurt Nogan

It was a toss-up between Jonathan Macken and Kurt Nogan, with the former playing out of his skin. But King Kurt's two goals just sways the decision towards him.

Score

Preston North End 2
 Arsenal 4

Summary

If you had walked into Deepdale at 8.40 pm you would have struggled to identify the Premiership team, such was North End's standing after a magnificent first half performance. In the end we succumbed to world class strikes from two world class players but we can take great credit for our performance on the night.

Match Report

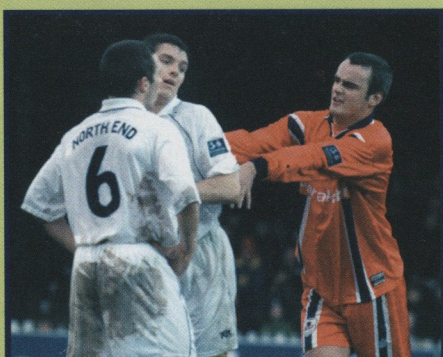
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Saturday 9th January 1999
Nationwide League Division Two
Kick-off 3.00pm
Attendance 5,744

The Team

- 1 Lucas
- 2 Parkinson
- 3 Kidd (46)
- 4 Murdock ■
- 5 Jackson
- 6 Appleton
- 7 McKenna
- 8 Rankine
- 9 Nogan 1
- 10 Macken
- 11 Eyres
- Subs:
- 12 Moyes
- 13 Darby
- 14 Harris (46) ■



When push comes to shove - as Tinkler earns a red card.

Following the team's monumental effort in the televised FA Cup clash against Arsenal the previous Monday this game was always going to test North End's character, resolve, fitness and attitude. Happily, they were not found wanting in any capacity and David Moyes' warriors duly dug in to claim away league victory number seven of the campaign.

The result was all the more satisfying given the enforced changes which David Moyes had to make. Midfield hero Sean Gregan was missing through suspension, but the big surprise came when it emerged that Lee Cartwright, one of the stars in recent weeks, was missing from the fourteen, a knee injury sidelining him for the vital league fixture.

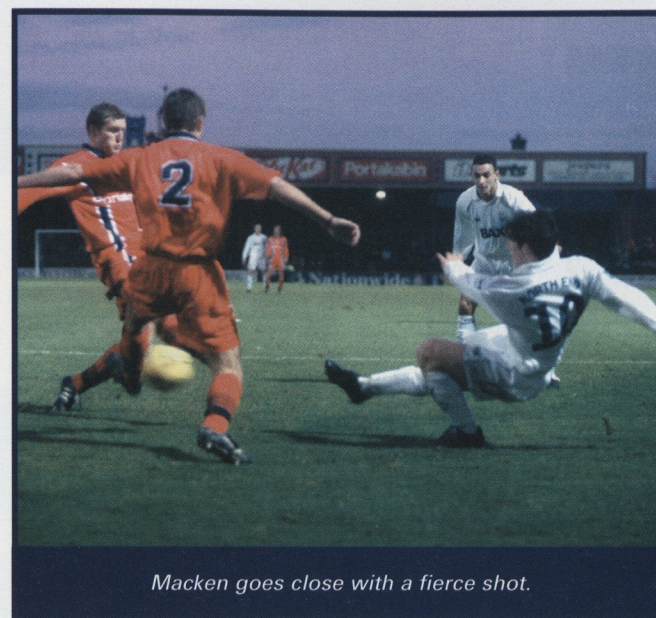
Appetising Fare

After the previous Monday's adrenalin pumping extravaganza with the Gunners, this particular contest was far less appetising fare. It certainly wasn't pretty to watch, with York having obviously decided to stop North End from playing at whatever cost. Thus, the game developed into a frustrating game of cat and mouse, with Preston trying to move the ball around and York steadfastly suffocating any football that the visitors tried to put together.

However, backed by a huge following of well over 2,000, North End adjusted quickly to the demands of the game and set about patiently looking for an opportunity to open up a lead. In truth, there was precious little to mull over by half time, save for York midfielder Mark Tinkler's sending off. Jon Macken clipped the top of the bar early on, with what he would probably admit himself was a mis-hit cross! Apart from that, North End were largely restricted to opportunistic strikes from distance, none of which troubled former Northender Bobby Mimms too much.

Yellow Card

Arguably, the turning point of the game came right on the stroke of half time. As Preston pushed forward with purpose, City's Tinkler dived in on Appleton with a reckless tackle.



Macken goes close with a fierce shot.

Clearly in disagreement with North End's record signing in the discussion that followed, Tinkler shoved Appleton in the chest to earn himself a matching yellow card to the one the referee was already preparing for the initial offence and he subsequently headed for an early shower.

At the beginning of the second half Ryan Kidd showed obvious discomfort with an ankle injury he had sustained early in the game and he came off to be replaced by Jason Harris. He went to left wing, with David Eyres dropping back to cover the full back slot.

Preston Target

As is so often the case when a team is reduced in number, York pulled the stops out to try and make up for the missing member. Richard Cresswell, a recent Preston target, caused a few problems with his pace and strength, but the Preston defence held firm, in particular Michael Jackson, who was unflappable.

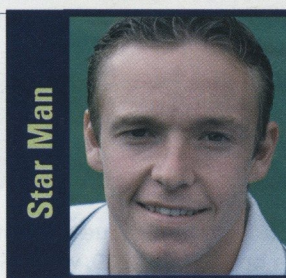
As the game wore on York perhaps started to notice their extra exertion and North End began

to find a little extra room. With twenty minutes remaining the men in white shirts produced a lovely piece of football to finally unlock the home side and grab the all important goal. Appleton picked up possession around midway and fed the ball forward for Macken. He took a couple of touches before slipping the ball through for Nogan, who timed his run superbly well to leave the defence flat footed, before beating Mimms from 18 yards.

Final Whistle

Inevitably, as York threw caution to the wind and committed more men forward, North End suddenly began to find bigger gaps to exploit at the back and in truth, could have added to the scoreline before the final whistle.

The three points were a massive boost, though, and at the conclusion of the game, the team received a deserved ovation from the travelling army. Clearly, this is a Preston side that has the guts and determination to succeed and that will stand them in great stead in the coming weeks.



Star Man

► Paul McKenna

Paul McKenna. Always buzzing, he refused to allow York to stop him from playing and he put in an impressive amount of work.

Score

York 0

Preston North End 1

Summary

A gritty and determined performance from the lads, which summed up the attitude they have shown so often this season. They just don't look like losing at the moment.

Past Heroes

Sir Tom Finney

Final Farewell

As Preston North End and Luton Town lock horns today in the shadow of the imposing SirTom Finney Stand, it seems particularly poignant to look back on what was undoubtedly this club's most significant ever fixture against The Hatters.



Tom and Luton Town skipper, Alan Brown, shake hands before Tom's last game.

destined to reserve a special place in football folklore. What follows is an account of the occasion, taken from the recently published book, SirTom Finney - A Pictorial Tribute.

The final encore was played out on the last day of April 1960 and the occasion proved to be a fitting finale as the Preston North End fans turned up at Deepdale to witness the curtain closing for the final time. There were tears in abundance as the football world paid tribute to a legend. A packed house in Preston and an even bigger one nationwide ensured that his final game against Luton Town would be played against a backdrop of emotion such had rarely been seen or felt on a footballing occasion. Nobody was naive enough to think that Finney's final game could not have engendered such sheer emotion after a career which had been filled to the brim with magical and joyful highlights.

Wireless Sets

The fans realised it would be the last time they would witness him playing in a competitive game and 27,000 Preston fans paid for the privilege of seeing him perform for the final time. Millions more waited by their wireless sets that Saturday afternoon, hoping he could turn back the clock and show the world his skills one final time. No matter that those fans' allegiances lay with other teams, be they Liverpool, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur or Blackburn Rovers, they still wanted him to go out in style. Tom didn't let any of them down on his last day as he produced a performance which echoed the greatness of his past.

Sir Tom Finney - A Pictorial Tribute

A small number of copies of the limited edition version of SirTom's book - A Pictorial Tribute - are still available by mail order, priced at £25.00 plus £2.50 postage and packaging or from Kit1 at Deepdale. SirTom will be making today's pitch side presentations.



Tom leads out the team for the last time in front of a packed house at Deepdale on 30th April 1960.

I refer of course to the league encounter here at Deepdale on 30 April 1960, when SirTom pulled on the famous white jersey for the last time in his celebrated and quite extraordinary Preston North End playing career.

With Deepdale packed to the rafters and emotions running high, the game was always

Did you know?

The Luton Town players refused to leave the field after Tom's final game as they wanted to join with everybody else in paying tribute to the Preston Plumber.



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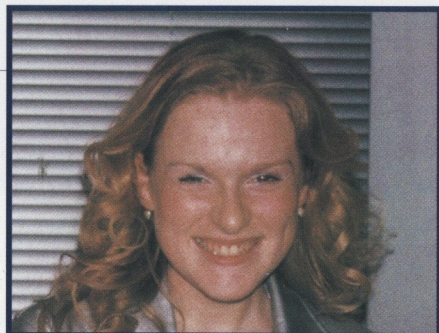
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Preston North End -v- Luton

Saturday 16th January 1999,
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Preston North End -v- Bristol Rovers

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Concessions

A coach will depart for this fixture at 4.00pm from Deepdale and return 12 midnight.

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CHESTERFIELD v PNE

Saturday 23rd January 1999

Nationwide League Division Two

Kick-off 3.00pm.

Preston North End supporters have been allocated 2000 terracing and 600 seating in the Cross Street-Stand Stand

Admission: £9.50 and £8.50 Adults
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This match is pay on the turnstiles.

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BOURNEMOUTH v PNE

Tuesday 26th January 1999

Nationwide League Division Two

Kick-off 7.45pm.

Dean Court tel: (01202) 395381

Preston North End supporters have been allocated 2755 seating and standing.

Admission: £11.50 to £8.50 seating and £9.50 to £5.00 standing.

This match is pay on the turnstiles.

A coach will depart for this fixture at 12.45pm and return at approximately 5.00am.

Coach tickets are priced at £16.00 members and £18.00 non members.

WREXHAM v PNE

Saturday 30th January 1999

Nationwide League Division Two

Kick-off 3.00pm.

The Racecourse Ground tel: (01978) 262129

Preston North End supporters have been allocated 2121 seating in the Marstons Stand and 650 standing in the Marstons Paddock.

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Tickets are £12.00 adults and £7.00 concessions for seating, and £9.00 adults and £7.00 concessions for standing.

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Monday 18th to Thursday 21st - Season ticket holders only (1 per season ticket book)
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Division 2

round-up

There was a full programme of games last weekend with the top four sides gaining maximum points. It was a repeat of the fixture list from games played on the opening day of the season and it gave opportunities for some teams to complete their first double of the season, and this was achieved by seven clubs - Burnley, Fulham, Luton, Millwall, Stoke, Walsall and Preston.

Cottagers continue march to Division One

Leaders Fulham maintained their two point lead at the top with a single goal victory over struggling Macclesfield at Craven Cottage. Striker Geoff Horsfield notched the all important goal after 55 minutes. This was the Cottagers sixth successive home win and stretches their unbeaten run to five games.

Gills lose for the first time in 18 games

The promotion clash at the Bescot Stadium between Walsall and Gillingham ended with the Saddlers winning by the odd goal in three. Walsall took the lead on the stroke of half time through Darren Wrack and five minutes after the break leading scorer Andy Rammell made it 2-0 with his 15th goal of the season. The Gills hit back through Mark Patterson but it was not enough to stop them from sliding to their first league defeat since the 8th September - a run of 18 games. It also meant a league double as the Saddlers won at Gillingham on the opening day of the season.

Stoke back on the winning trail

Stoke bounced back to winning ways with a 3-1 home win over Northampton. All the goals came in the second half as Ray Wallace, Peter Thorne and Kyle Lightbourne put Stoke into a 3-0 lead before Lee Howey netted a last minute consolation goal for the Cobblers. The game was played in front of the day's top attendance, 11,180, and was Stoke's first win in five games. It also completed the double for the Potters as they beat Northampton by the same score-line at Sixfields earlier in the season.

First defeat in nine games for Wigan

Millwall secured a comfortable 3-1 home win over Wigan, who slipped to their first defeat in nine games. Stuart Nethercott put the Lions ahead on the stroke of half time, and the lead was increased in the second half with goals from Richard Sadler, and a fine 30 yard drive from Paul Shaw. The visitors pulled a goal back three minutes from time through substitute Graeme Jones. The latest win for Millwall means they have lost just once in their last eight outings.

Referee kept busy at Kenilworth Road

A scrappy game between Luton and Wycombe at Kenilworth Road resulted in a 3-1 home win for the Hatters. Referee Matt Messias was certainly kept busy as he produced three red cards and six yellow. Luton striker Phil Gray was the first to be dismissed, and Wycombe's Paul McCarthy and Keith Ryan also received their marching orders. For the record the Luton goals were scored by Matthew Spring (his first for the club), Sean Evers and Stuart Douglas. Dave Carroll replied for the Chairboys from the penalty spot.

Debut goal for Mardon

Oldham won their second successive away game thanks to a sixth minute goal from Paul Mardon, making his debut on loan from West Bromwich Albion. The 1-0 victory for Oldham over fellow strugglers Notts County brought them level on points with County, as they look to move out of the bottom four.

Second half goal action at Saltergate

Chesterfield chalked up their tenth home win of the season

by defeating Colchester by three goals to one. All the goals came in the second half with the Spireites taking a 2-0 lead through Steve Wilkinson and Jon Howard, but the Essex club pulled a goal back through 18-year-old substitute Lumana Tresor Lua-Lua who was making his league debut. David Reeves then made the game safe for Chesterfield when he scored their third with just eight minutes left on the clock.

Williams spot on

Reading avenged their three nil defeat at Wrexham on the opening day of the season by defeating the Welshmen four nil at the Madejski Stadium. Martin Williams scored twice, both from the penalty spot, and Grant Brebner and Phil Parkinson were also on target to give Reading their sixth home win of the season. It was a welcome return for Williams who has been out since November after undergoing knee surgery.

Form-book upset at Sincil Bank

The lowest attendance of the day, 3,141 turned up at Sincil Bank to watch what was arguably the surprise result of the day between bottom club Lincoln and in form Bournemouth. Lincoln won the game 2-1 thanks to goals from Stuart Bimson, who scored direct from a corner, and substitute Tony Battersby who snatched the winner nine minutes from time. Bournemouth had equalised in the first half through Steve Fletcher but the defeat brought the Cherries' club-record eight game winning run to a halt.

The only game which ended in a draw was at Bloomfield Road as Lancashire rivals Blackpool and Manchester City fought out a goal-less draw in front of 9,752 supporters. Blackpool Substitute Brett Ormerod almost grabbed all three points in the last minute, but was denied by a superb save from Nicky Weaver in the City goal.

On the managerial front, Wycombe have sacked former Gillingham player Neil Smilie. The Chairboys have been in the relegation zone for most of the season and the decision to release Smilie from his contract comes after Saturday's defeat at Luton. Former captain Terry Evans will take over as caretaker boss.

Match of the Week

Burnley win seven goal thriller

Bristol Rovers and Burnley met at the Memorial Ground with the visitors winning an exciting match by the odd goal in seven. After an action packed first half, it was 3-3 at half time with Rovers goals coming from Jamie Cureton, Jason Roberts and David Lee.

The Burnley goals were scored by Steve Davis, who has rejoined the club from Luton, Graham Branch, Andy Payton, and then early in the second half Andy Cooke notched the vital winner to give the Clarets their first win in six games.

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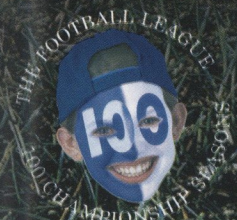
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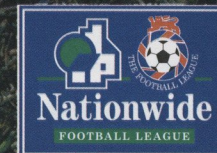
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Over the holiday period the YNE's
have been really busy and
because of programme
deadlines I could not include
photographs of our fun trips and
activities in the Christmas and
New Year programmes. Detailed

below are the
activities the YNE's
enjoyed over the past
2 weeks.

A group of 12 YNE's,
Jason Harris and the
Deepdale Duck visited
The Happy Haddock
(Watling Street Road)
and tucked into free
fish & chips courtesy
of owners Jane and
Peter Mullin. Then it
was off to Sharoe
Green Hospital to
cause mayhem on the
Children's Ward!
Finally, all the YNE's
went to Megabowl for
a mini bowling
tournament. Thanks to
driver, Graham
Kershaw, all the kids
had a safe and
enjoyable night out.

On Boxing Day 40
YNE's visited Stoke
City and watched a



Jason Harris and the Deepdale
Duck tuck into fish & chips offered
by Jane Mullin



YNE's visit Sharoe Green
Hospital.



Matthew 'The Mouth' Murphy
hands over free fish & chips on
the Children's Ward



YNE's in the warm Stoke City
Family Room

Young Northenders

great match - even though it was really cold. Rachele
Smith was mascot, with Matthew Hinds and Liam Cromie
showing off their ball juggling skills on the pitch before
the match.

On Monday December 28th, nearly 30 YNE's visited West
View Leisure Centre. Activities offered were swimming,

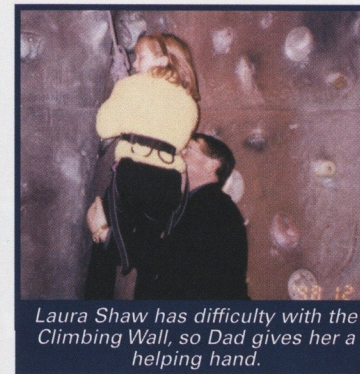
football, trampolining
and rock climbing.

Following a McDonalds
lunch and indoor
football, all the YNE's
came to Deepdale to
see PNE beat Wrexham
3-1.

Our next activity is a
'Splash for a Splash'
charity car wash at SGL

Leyland Showrooms (Preston Docks) 11am - 1pm on
Sunday January 24th 1999. All proceeds from this activity
will go towards the Sir Tom Finney Splash Appeal to
create a bronze statue of Sir Tom. All YNE's who attend
will receive free food and hot drinks. Our next away trip.
is to Wrexham on January 30th and places are being
booked very quickly. For both activities book soon with
Grandad John on 01772-902043.

Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to
the Junior Hatters from Luton Town. We have visited
Luton twice since I started arranging away trips and on
both occasions Jayne, John and David have been the
perfect hosts looking after the YNE's.



Laura Shaw has difficulty with the
Climbing Wall, so Dad gives her a
helping hand.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY 2
Allan Virco

JANUARY 10
Curtis White

JANUARY 11
Sam Roberts

Michael Bradshaw

JANUARY 12
Harry Routledge

Matthew Hinds

JANUARY 13
Luke Wareham

JANUARY 15
Jake Knights

JANUARY 16
George Burrows

JANUARY 17
Bradley Meek

JANUARY 20
Jason Gardner

Louise 'Buster' Page

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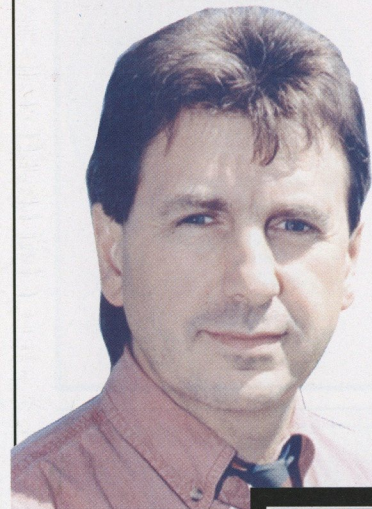
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H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
7	5	4	4	0	4	11	1	Bournemouth	5	7	3	2	0	1	6	0
7	4	4	6	2	0	5	1	Blackpool	4	3	8	2	0	5	6	1
0	8	4	0	0	1	17	0	Bristol Rovers	5	6	3	3	0	1	10	1
4	5	3	6	0	1	11	0	Burnley	6	11	8	1	0	3	14	0
10	6	3	2	0	3	4	0	Chesterfield	8	2	2	1	0	1	5	2
10	2	2	1	0	3	6	0	Colchester United	6	5	4	8	0	5	7	0
11	3	3	1	1	3	15	0	Fulham	8	2	2	1	2	0	2	0
8	6	7	7	1	1	5	1	Gillingham	6	4	3	0	1	0	6	1
4	6	3	1	0	2	8	1	Lincoln City	9	10	4	4	0	2	13	2
9	7	3	3	1	1	8	0	Luton Town	4	3	1	3	0	2	13	1
5	4	5	1	0	0	4	0	Macclesfield Town	4	3	5	5	3	3	6	2
8	5	4	3	1	1	5	1	Manchester City	6	2	1	2	0	3	8	0
6	4	5	2	0	0	9	1	Millwall	6	1	4	3	0	3	10	0
6	5	3	2	1	4	3	0	Northampton Town	11	0	3	5	0	2	5	2
10	2	1	4	1	4	3	1	Notts County	11	7	3	2	1	0	10	1
8	5	2	3	0	0	5	1	Oldham Athletic	10	10	6	4	1	0	7	0
13	8	4	2	0	1	12	2	Preston North End	7	3	2	1	0	2	6	2
9	9	2	3	0	3	4	1	Reading	8	6	5	1	0	4	4	1
13	4	2	3	0	3	8	1	Stoke City	8	5	2	0	0	0	5	0
11	7	4	4	0	2	6	3	Walsall	8	8	3	2	0	0	8	0
7	5	4	1	0	2	11	2	Wigan Athletic	4	2	4	5	0	0	9	2
4	2	3	3	0	1	7	2	Wrexham	10	7	1	6	0	3	10	0
7	1	4	2	1	2	8	0	Wycombe Wanderers	10	3	4	1	3	3	9	1
5	0	4	3	2	4	16	1	York City	18	4	2	4	0	3	10	1

Key: H = Header; CR = Close Range; OB = Outside Box; V = Volley; FK = Free Kick; P = Penalty; IB = Inside Box; OG = Own Goal

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates 32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug 2,075 York v Lincoln 8-Dec	Biggest Away Win Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct	Consecutive Wins Fulham, Stoke 6	Consecutive Defeats Lincoln 6
Highest Aggregate Scores Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct	Games Unbeaten Gillingham 17	Games Unbeaten Wrexham 4	Games without a Win Colchester, Macclesfield 7
Biggest Home Win Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov	Consecutive Defeats Wycombe 12	Games without a Win Wycombe 12	

Key: PU = Players Used; GF = Goals For; GA = Goals Against; CS = Clean Sheets; LP = Lowest position; HP = Highest Position

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	FA
Bournemouth	20	36	24	9	11	2	Stein	11	5	0
Blackpool	26	29	29	8	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	24	30	29	9	17	6	Cureton	8	1	2
Burnley	36	30	43	4	20	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	28	21	9	20	6	Howard	7	1	0
Colchester United	25	24	35	4	20	2	Gregory D	5	2	0
Fulham	27	37	17	13	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	36	21	11	22	5	Asaba	13	0	0
Lincoln City	26	25	44	5	24	14	Battersby	6	1	1
Luton Town	28	32	27	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	27	19	31	4	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	28	28	22	9	14	1	Goater	8	2	1
Millwall	27	27	27	7	14	5	Shaw	8	1	0
Northampton Town	30	24	30	5	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	31	26	35	3	20	5	Jones	2	0	4
Oldham Athletic	28	24	38	4	23	14	Allott	6	1	0
Preston North End	20	42	23	10	7	1	Nogan	9	0	1
Reading	32	31	29	8	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	21	34	20	11	4	1	Kavanagh	6	1	0
Walsall	25	37	29	11	11	2	Rammell	14	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	32	26	9	23	8	Barlow	10	1	1
Wrexham	21	22	37	6	19	2	Connolly	5	1	4
Wycombe Wanderers	25	25	34	7	24	19	Scott/Brown	4/3	0/2	1/0
York City	23	35	42	4	24	8	Cresswell	13	0	3

Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	.....Pts
Wycombe Wanderers	51	6	.....69
Millwall	50	6	.....68
Bristol Rovers	39	8	.....63
Burnley	51	4	.....63
Wigan Athletic	58	1	.....61
Gillingham	44	4	.....56
Lincoln City	42	3	.....51
Blackpool	50	0	.....50
Luton Town	36	4	.....48
Northampton Town	45	1	.....48
Manchester City	38	3	.....47
Oldham Athletic	34	4	.....46
Reading	39	2	.....45
Walsall	35	3	.....44
Chesterfield	31	4	.....43
Stoke City	43	0	.....43
Preston North End	29	4	.....41
Wrexham	35	2	.....41
Colchester United	36	1	.....39
York City	27	4	.....39
Macclesfield Town	28	3	.....37
AFC Bournemouth	30	1	.....33
Notts County	28	1	.....31
Fulham	28	0	.....28

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins Preston 3	Games Unbeaten Fulham 5
Consecutive Defeats Wrexham 4	Games without a Win Colchester, Macclesfield 7

Div. 2 Stat Attack

Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,414
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	13,793
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,062
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,744
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,721
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,103
Millwall	12,726	4,249	6,830
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,223
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,039	6,220
Bournemouth	8,863	4,863	6,152
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	5,987
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,930
Luton Town	9,070	5,005	5,865
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,803
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,514
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,895
Walsall	9,056	3,098	4,733
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,502
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,378
Chesterfield	5,448	3,681	4,322
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,230
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,128
York City	7,527	2,075	3,676
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,578

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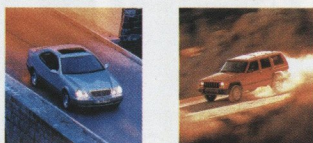
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Date	Opponents	Res.	Att.	Pts	Pos	1
Aug 8	York City	3-0	8,656	3	2	Moilanen
15	Luton Town	1-1	5,392	4	6	Moilanen
22	Stoke City	3-4	11,587	4	7	Moilanen
29	Lincoln City	3-4	4,130	7	5	Moilanen
31	Chesterfield	2-0	9,249	10	3	Moilanen
Sept 5	Bristol Rovers	2-2	6,702	11	3	Moilanen
8	Wycombe Wanderers	0-1	3,800	14	2	Moilanen
12	Reading	4-0	9,836	17	2	Moilanen
19	Oldham Athletic	0-1	8,205	20	2	Moilanen
26	Gillingham	1-1	10,506	21	2	Moilanen
Oct 3	Walsall	1-0	5,802	21	3	Moilanen
12	Manchester City	0-1	28,779	24	2	Moilanen
17	Colchester United	2-0	10,484	27	2	Moilanen
20	Macclesfield Town	2-2	10,216	28	1	Moilanen
24	Northampton Town	1-1og	6,085	29	2	Moilanen
Nov 7	Burnley	4-1	15,888	32	3	Lucas
10	Millwall	0-1	10,228	32	4	Lucas
21	Blackpool	0-0	10,868	33	4	Lucas
28	Wigan Athletic	2-2	11,562	34	4	Lucas
Dec 12	Notts County	2-3	5,096	37	4	Lucas
19	Fulham	0-1	12,321	37	4	Lucas
26	Stoke City	0-1	23,272	40	4	Lucas
28	Wrexham	3-1	12,106	43	4	Lucas
Jan 9	York City	0-1	5,744	46	4	Lucas
16	Luton Town					
23	Chesterfield					
26	AFC Bournemouth					
30	Wrexham					
Feb -6	Bristol Rovers					
13	Wycombe Wanderers					
20	Reading					
27	Oldham Athletic					
Mar 6	Gillingham					
9	Walsall					
13	Burnley					
20	AFC Bournemouth					
27	Northampton Town					
Apr 2	Colchester United					
5	Manchester City					
10	Macclesfield Town					
13	Wigan Athletic					
17	Blackpool					
24	Millwall					
May 1	Notts County					
8	Fulham					
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Fulham	24	9	2	1	24	8	7	2	3	13	9	37	52
Walsall	26	9	3	2	22	13	6	2	4	15	16	37	50
Stoke	25	8	2	2	18	7	7	0	6	16	13	34	47
Preston	24	6	3	3	26	13	7	4	1	16	10	42	46
Gillingham	25	9	3	2	25	9	1	8	2	11	12	36	41
Bournemouth	23	7	3	0	21	6	4	3	6	15	18	36	39
Chesterfield	25	10	1	2	23	9	1	5	6	5	12	28	39
Reading	24	6	6	2	21	12	4	1	5	10	17	31	37
Man City	25	5	5	2	15	9	4	5	4	13	13	28	37
Millwall	25	5	6	2	17	11	4	3	5	10	16	27	36
York	26	4	6	3	19	17	5	1	7	16	25	35	34
Wigan	25	6	3	3	18	7	3	4	6	14	19	32	34
Luton	23	6	2	2	14	6	3	5	5	18	21	32	34
Blackpool	26	4	6	3	16	13	4	4	5	13	16	29	34
Burnley	26	5	5	3	12	12	2	3	8	18	31	30	29
Bristol Rovers	24	5	5	3	22	17	1	5	5	8	12	30	28
Colchester	25	3	5	4	10	16	3	4	6	14	19	24	27
Northampton	25	2	7	2	12	12	3	3	8	12	18	24	25
Wrexham	25	6	3	5	15	14	0	4	7	7	23	22	25
Notts County	24	4	2	6	16	17	2	4	6	10	18	26	24
Oldham	25	3	2	7	11	19	3	4	6	13	19	24	24
Wycombe	26	5	2	7	18	15	0	6	6	7	19	25	23
Macclesfield	25	2	4	5	9	12	2	5	7	10	19	19	21
Lincoln	25	4	2	6	16	19	1	3	9	9	25	25	20

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match report

Preston North End Reserves v Everton Reserves

Pontin's Premier League fixture

Victory Park, Chorley,

Tuesday 5th January 1999

Kick off 7:15 pm

Preston North End's reserve side contained two new triallists in their line-up against the Blues. Huub Loeffen Johaneneses, a tall, strong old fashioned type centre forward, who played for seventy seven minutes before being replaced by David Bridgewater. Loeffen won every ball in the air but wasn't able to get his name on the scoresheet as the Merseysiders ran out 2-0 victors. He arrived from Dutch side, Willem II, along with his Finnish compatriot, Jukka Koskinen, who played the whole of the second half in the left back position.

Everton's goals both came in the first half, first from Michael Branch, whose low shot from eighteen yards flew past Kelham O'Hanlon, and then first team regular, John Oster, whose header from eight yards out hit the underside of the bar before bouncing into the net. North End struggled for ascendancy in the first forty five minutes but improved markedly in the second half. There were chances for Jason Harris and a couple of goal-bound efforts from Michael Appleton, which were well saved by Steve Simonson in the Everton goal during the second period.

Paul McKenna almost put North End back into the game in the sixty ninth minute when he unleashed a powerful shot from the edge of the area after a flick-on by Loeffen, but the Everton goalkeeper made a fine save to deny the midfielder. Late pressure by the home side forced the Merseyside outfit to hump the ball away on numerous occasions but it was to no avail as they hung on to their two goal lead.

Teams

North End: O'Hanlon, Underwood, Beckett (45), Darby, Moyes, Morgan, McKenna, Appleton, Johaneneses (77), Harris, King (65), Beesley (65), Koskinen (45), Bridgewater (77), Turnbull, Lin.

Everton: Simonson, Regan, McDermott, Farley, O'Kane, Ward, Oster, Poppleton, Branch, Jevons, Milligan

Subs: Lefton, McKay, Lopan, Valentine, Pelman.

Pontin's Premier League Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Res.	Venue
Wed Aug 26	Leicester City	1-1	7:15 H
Mon Sep 14	Stoke City	1-2	7:00 A
Wed Sep 23	Birmingham City	1-1	7:15 A
Wed Sep 30	Blackburn Rvrs	0-2	7:15 H
Tues Oct 6	Notts Forest	3-0	7:00 A
Mon Oct 12	Leeds Utd	pp	7:15 H
Wed Oct 21	Everton	2-1	7:00 A
Wed Nov 4	Aston Villa	1-0	7:15 H
Wed Dec 2	Sunderland	1-7	7:15 H
Wed Dec 9	Manchester Utd	pp	7:30 A
Mon Dec 14	Stoke City	pp	7:15 H
Tues Jan 6	Everton	0-2	7:15 H
Mon Jan 11	Liverpool	pp	7:15 H
Mon Jan 18	Leicester City		7:00 A
Tues Feb 2	Liverpool		7:00 A
Mon Feb 8	Manchester Utd		7:15 H
Mon Feb 15	Birmingham City		7:15 H
Mon Feb 22	Blackburn Rovers		7:00 A
Mon Mar 1	Nottingham Forest		7:15 H
Wed Mar 10	Derby County		7:00 A
Wed Mar 17	Leeds Utd		7:00 A
Wed Mar 24	Aston Villa		7:00 A
Wed Apr 14	Derby County		7:15 H
Mon Apr 26	Sunderland		7:00 A

Pontin's League Table

PREMIER DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Manchester United	12	9	1	2	31	15	28
Everton	13	7	4	2	18	10	25
Sunderland	12	7	3	2	25	9	24
Leeds United	11	5	2	4	17	15	17
Nottingham Forest	10	4	3	3	12	7	15
Blackburn Rovers	11	4	3	4	14	14	15
Aston Villa	13	4	3	6	18	21	15
Liverpool	8	4	2	2	12	9	14
Birmingham	14	3	5	6	16	21	14
Leicester City	13	3	3	7	15	28	12
Stoke City	10	2	2	6	9	18	8
Preston North End	9	2	2	5	7	19	8
Derby County	10	1	3	6	8	16	6

table correct as of 18-11-98

Please note Reserve Fixtures are liable to change at short notice - please check press for details.

match reports

PNE 1 Blackpool 0

8 January at Irongate

Team: Bates (1), Underwood (2), Lin (3), Wright (R) (5), Connolly (6), Bridgewater (7), Turnbull (8), Clare (4), McLetchie (11), Rhodes (9), Hollis (10)
Sub: McMillan (not used)

A dogged performance on a poor and wet pitch, there wasn't much flowing football but in the end getting a result to keep spirits sky high and move us towards the top of the table.

Greg Clare scored with a left footed shot from 18 yards with 5 minutes remaining.

Football Scholarship

The present season brought a change in youth football, with the old YTS Scheme making way for the Football Scholarship Scheme.

The Scholarship is a three year programme which combines football coaching with 12 hours educational studies per week. In previous years all boys have had to follow the set programme laid down by the PFA, this caused problems with boys who did not have interest in the course. Under the present scheme the trainees can study which course they want, providing they gain the relevant grades in the GCSE exams.

The course also involves a programme of core skills, which, in effect, are life skills. These are designed to prepare the young footballers for later life and include the following skills. These will be taught on Friday afternoons.

The advantages over the old YTS scheme which will cease to exist in two years time.

Restricted to 18 boys over 3 years, making clubs more selective. If Clubs take more than 18 during this period the club will have to fully fund the boys.

Better educational programme.

Training kit fully supplied.

The third year extra for boys.

At present our boys are studying the following subjects: A levels.

Ronnie Wright	Biology and Maths
Mark Wright	Biology and Maths
Paul Lin	Graphic Design
Ross McLetchie	Construction
Anthony McMillan	Construction
Jeff Underwood	Sports Diploma
John Hollis	Sports Diploma

Typical Week:

Monday	Coaching all day	
Tuesday	9.30 to 11.30	pm college
coaching		
Wednesday	College all day	
	same for second years	
Thursday	am coaching	pm college
Friday	am coaching	pm core skills

Core Skills:

Laws of game, Sportsmanship, Role models, Image of the game, Media skills, Dealing with the public, Dress conduct and manners, Behaviour in public, Social skills, Driving skills, Nutrition and diet, Sports science, Avoiding alcohol abuse, Psychology and Sport, Lifestyle skills, Drug awareness, Financial planning, Avoiding gambling abuse, Relationships, Pastoral care, Emergency first aid, Life long learning.

PNE A Team Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Res.	Venue
Sat Aug 15	Chester City	w 2-1	H
Sat Aug 22	Oldham Athletic	w 3-0	A
Sat Aug 29	Stockport C	d 0-0	H
Sat Sep 12	Wigan Athletic	w 3-0	A
Sat Sep 19	Rochdale	d 0-0	A
Sat Sep 26	Burnley	w 6-0	H
Sat Oct 3	Carlisle United	w 0-1	A
Sat Oct 10	Blackpool Youth	d 1-1	H
Sat Oct 17	Wrexham	w 5-1	A
Sat Oct 24	Bury	pp	A
Sat Oct 31	Tranmere Rovers	pp	H
Sat Nov 7	Oldham Athletic	l 1-2	H
Sat Nov 14	Chester City	pp	A
Sat Nov 21	Stockport	d 1-1	A
Sat Nov 28	Wigan Athletic	pp	H
Sat Dec 5	Rochdale	pp	H
Fri Dec 11	Tranmere Rovers	w 2-0	A
Sat Dec 19	Burnley	w 6-0	A
Sat Jan 2	Carlisle United	pp	H
Sat Jan 9	Blackpool	w 1-0	H
Mon Jan 11	Chester	pp	A
Fri Jan 15	Bury	A	A
Sat Jan 23	Wrexham	H	H
Tue Jan 26	Wigan	H	H
Sat Jan 30	Tranmere Rovers	A	A
Fri Feb 5	Rochdale	H	H
Sat Feb 13	Bury	H	H

All 'A' team home games will be played at Irongate, Bamber Bridge. Kick-off 11.00am. Fixtures are liable to alterations - please check press for details.

Times FA Youth Cup Preston North End Youth v Arsenal Youth

Deepdale, Monday 18th January
Kick-off 7.00pm.
Admission to Pavilion Stand £4.00
Concessions £2.00
Youth Team Coach Neil McDonald says: 'This promises to be a great game of football and I urge PNE fans to come and support the lads against one of the top sides.'

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Injury

update



It seems absolutely ages since I last wrote any programme notes and a lot of water has gone under the proverbial bridge recently so here is the current status.

Lee Cartwright hurt his knee 8 days ago. It is the knee he had the operation on. We are concerned and although Mr Shaw (the consultant) and I can't really find any major problem with the knee we are sending (or by now have sent) Lee for a scan to get a precise diagnosis.

Ryan Kidd twisted his ankle at York, he may be ok for today.

Dominic Ludden is progressing well from his hamstring injury and could feature next week.

Tepi is causing us concern. His fractured sternum is taking much longer than it should. There is nothing we can do at the moment but wait and see.

Baz.

PS. I am writing these notes on the coach on the way back from Hartlepool. As you must have read it was a total debacle. It was unbelievable that the ref thought it could be played especially when three penguins landed on the frozen lake in the centre of the pitch, whilst he was inspecting it!

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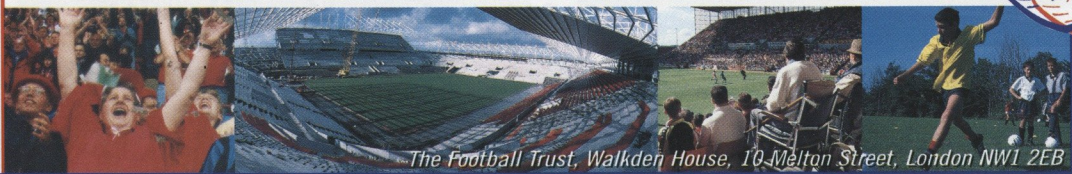
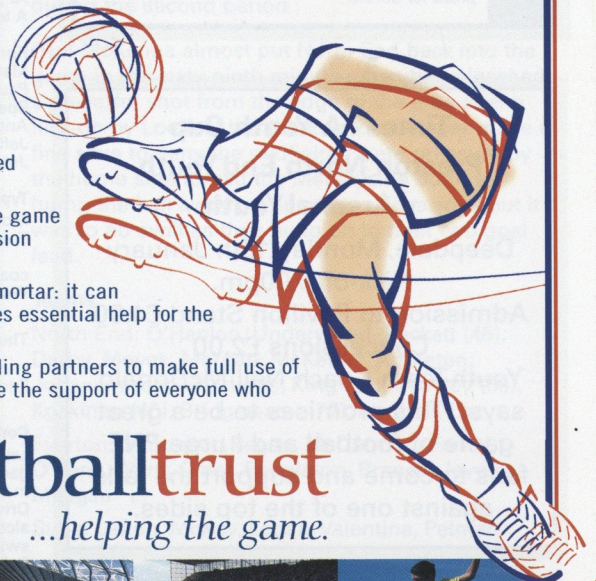
A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A. Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future.

The Trust has a major part to play in the success of the game and will continue its vital grant support for lower division clubs to complete the Taylor programme.

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The commitment of the Government and the new funding partners to make full use of the Trust's grant aid experience and expertise will have the support of everyone who cares about the future of our national game.

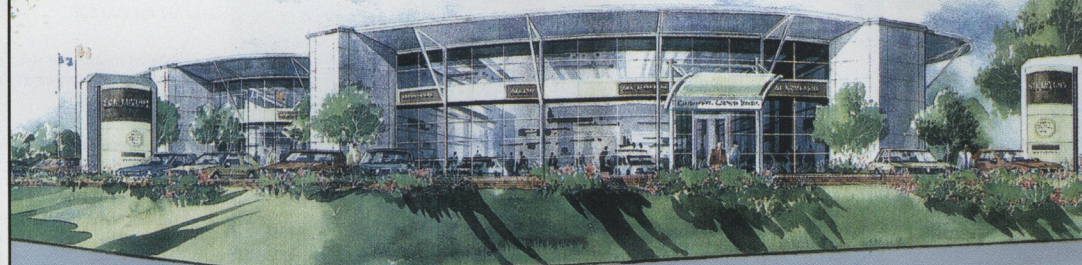
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Match line-up



Preston North End

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Luton Town

England U/20 international who has made some super saves in recent games.

An ever present so far this season.

Classy full-back with ability to tackle firmly and attack the flanks.

Rock steady influence in defence.

Commanding centre-back who is enjoying a great season so far.

Influential captain and play maker who leads by example.

Young midfield dynamo who has the potential to unlock any defence.

In fine form this season, picking up a couple of man of the match awards.

Proven goalscorer who has been in fine form this season.

Hardworking forward who is capable of unlocking any defence.

Pacy winger who can run at defences.

Busy midfielder who possesses defensive and attacking qualities.

Exciting forward with plenty of potential for goalscoring.

Influential midfielder who has been in good form for the reserve side this season.

David Lucas	1	Kelvin Davis
Gary Parkinson	2	Gerry Harrison
Ryan Kidd	3	Alan White
Colin Murdock	4	Matthew Spring
Michael Jackson	5	Sean Dyche
Sean Gregan	6	Marvin Johnson
Paul McKenna	7	Sean Evers
Mark Rankine	8	Paul McLaren
Kurt Nogan	9	Stuart Douglas
Jonathan Macken	10	Phil Gray
David Eyres	11	Andrew Fotiadis
Michael Appleton	12	Andre Scarlett
Jason Harris	13	Gary Doherty
Julian Darby	14	Stuart Fraser

A product of the Kenilworth Road Youth set up and England u/21 international.

Effective full back with firm tackling ability.

Joined from Middlesbrough in Sept '97 for £40,000.

Competitive midfielder who made his debut for the Hatters at the age of 17 in Sept '97.

Very capable player with ability to defend well.

A versatile defender who has spent over ten years at Kenilworth Road.

A home grown talent and tenacious midfield battler.

A former YTS who signed pro' forms with the club before his apprenticeship was up.

Prolific striker in youth and reserve team football. Hit by injury last term.

Goal hungry striker who is in his 2nd spell at Luton.

Old fashioned centre-forward who possesses strength and pace upfront.

19 year old forward who has plenty of skill and awareness on the pitch.

Big, brave Irish defender who played in Luton's youth team last season.

Stylish defender and captain of last season's successful youth team.

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Saturday 6th February 1999
Kick-off 3.00pm.