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Our Easter fixtures assume even more importance in view of our last two defeats against Millwall and Wycombe.

It is vital we pick up three points this afternoon to halt our slide down the table and also take something from

Monday's match at Wigan.

They will both be difficult as Luton still need a couple more wins to make sure they stay up while Wigan are chasing a play-off place.

My biggest gripe is that we have not given 100-per-cent in the last couple of games in which we have produced two bad performances.

In the Millwall match I still thought we had chances to have won. What disappointed me was that nobody appeared to want to score and you were rightly not pleased.

We are struggling badly at home and I cannot put my finger on what is going

wrong, and there now seems to be a mental blockage.

If we make an early slip here things go from bad to worse, which is why it is important you keep behind us.

When we have gone away we have generally played very well, but at Wycombe it was the worst performance since I became manager.

We were totally inept and couldn't even string together a pass of five yards.

There was no grit and determination and it was not good enough. It was embarrassing at times and it was no wonder some of you were giving us the bird because we let you down.

The majority of the players will be here next season and I am sick of saying to them that if they don't do better we will be in the Third Division.

It is not about ability, because we have proved we have that, but of grit, determination and their willingness to run their socks off and work for each other for 90 minutes.

There is a great team spirit and a lot of the lads socialise together, but some of

the players are letting each other down.

We are all in this together and have to rely on each other. If we don't stick together we will lose a big part of our game. We have to dig in and fight our way out of the trenches.

When we were at Wycombe they had three or four players closing us down when they weren't in possession, but we generally only had one.

The players have to not only have self belief and esteem, but their personal pride is also at stake. They have shown in fits and starts what good players they are.

You have to win the battle in the first place for the right to play, and we are not doing that.

It was nice to finally have some success on the transfer front after months of trying and suffering one disappointment after another. I am hoping Paul Beavers' international clearance comes through to enable him to play this afternoon.

Paul is a big, strong lad who is also quick and a good leader of the front line, and precisely the sort of player I have been trying to sign for some time.

He is here on loan from Sunderland until the end of the season while Andy Gray is also here on a similar arrangement from Nottingham Forest.

Andy can play down the middle or wide right so he gives us a number of options.

I have signed Craig Dudley from Notts County for a small fee, though he is away with England at the World Youth Championships in Nigeria for another three weeks.

Craig is only just 20 and I am hoping he is one for the future. Whenever I have seen him play he has done well. While he normally plays wide on the right he is versatile and has played everywhere but goalkeeper.

The final player to arrive is Rory Prendergast, a 19-year-old winger who has been released by York.

He impressed Tony Philliskirk who has seen him a couple of times and he has signed non-contract until the end of the season. Tony has likened him to Rick Holden in the way he whip's over crosses.

Finally I would like to ask for your support in these difficult times as it can make such a difference.

When you are down and you hear the fans having a go it makes you feel even worse.

But shouts of encouragement can make an enormous difference and I hope I can count on your support.

Enjoy the games and I hope you have a nice Easter.
Andy

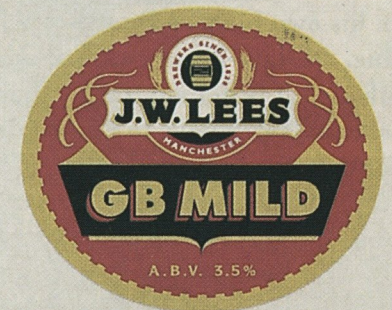
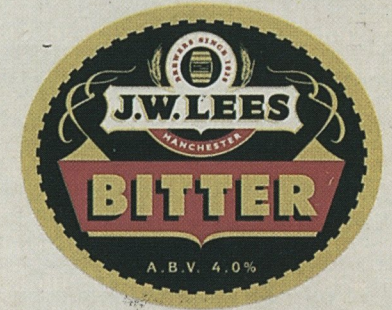
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WHEN THE BOOTS

Phil Salt likes to live in the fast lane as he is an avid follower of motor sports. The 20-year-old midfielder player is a font of knowledge about Formula

One as well as Superbike racing. Phil, the only Oldhamer currently a professional at Boundary Park, would love to own his own bike - a Ducati is his dream machine. "I have always wanted a motor bike, though it is not advisable being a footballer so I will have to wait until my playing days are over."

explained Phil. He has to settle for watching bike racing on Sky Sports with World Champion Carl Fogarty his idol.

When it comes to Formula One, Phil admires Germany's Michael Schumacher, also a former world champion. Phil has never seen the two or four-wheel action live and that is something he would like to do in the future. If Phil makes pots of money from football he says he would not be tempted to pursue his hobby by taking to the wheel competitively

PHIL SALT MOTOR MOUTH



as some other sportsmen have done.

He said: "I wouldn't mind owning a nice bike or car - a Lamborghini would be my favourite (they are in the price

range £135,000 - £186,000).

"But, even if I had a fast car I wouldn't like to treat it like a rally one."

Phil currently drives a Citroen Saxo which he says is nice to drive, though he would prefer something a little more racier than the 1.1 model.

He has previously owned a Citroen AX and says he is contemplating changing vehicles again next year. Phil, a former pupil at St.

Augustine's where

Manchester City's

Richard Edghill also went, is also a devotee of snooker. He spends three or four afternoons at Tara Leisure where his regular opponent is team-mate Iain Swan. Phil says he is

improving with his best-ever break 28 as he bids to master the green baize.

"I have only taken up snooker since joining Latics and it

COME OFF

is something to relieve the boredom in the afternoon," he added.

Phil admits to enjoying most sports on television, though from the age of two or three when he first kicked a football, that

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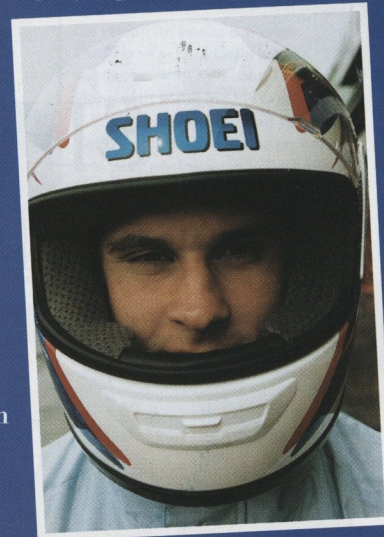
was always what he wanted to do.

"It was the fulfilment of a dream when he joined Latics, and he pointed out it is even more special playing for his home-town team.

Phil, who likes to go to the cinema with girlfriend Becky, says action films are his favourites.

Now his long-term goal at Boundary Park is to see some more of the action. He has been a regular member of the first-team squad but, so far has been unable to command a permanent place in the starting line up. He said: "It is difficult at the moment because really I need to remove John Sheridan from the side which isn't easy as he is playing so well.

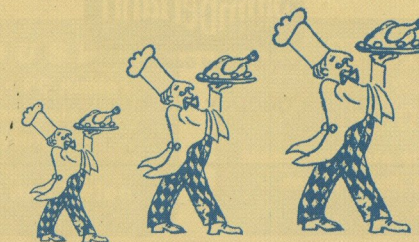
"It is great to have him around because you can only learn from a player of such experience and he has been a great influence on my career in the short time he has been here."



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SUCCESSFUL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The play-off finals of the Junior Latics Soccer Tournament took place last Friday at Oldham Sixth Form College Sports Hall. There were some exciting matches and at the end of the evening the winners of the 7/11 league were PAUL RICKERS team who beat GARY KELLY'S team 5-4 in a thrilling Final. In third place were Shaun Garnett's team with Lee Duxbury's team 4th. In the 12 and over league the winners were PAUL REID'S team who beat SCOTT McNIVEN's team 4-0 in the final, with Mark Allott's team 3rd and John Sheridan's team 4th. Winner of the Anthony Mellor Memorial Cup for the player of the tournament in the 12 and over league was Craig Worrall and the winner of the Jack Abbott Memorial Cup for the Player of the Tournament in the 7/11 league was Paul Worth. All the competing teams received a trophy courtesy of The Boundary Park Trophy centre, and our thanks to Andy Holt for going along on the night to present them. Well done to all the members who took part in the tournament.

FINAL MEETING

The final Junior Latics Meeting of the season will be held at The Queen Elizabeth Hall on MONDAY 26th APRIL - commencing at 7pm. Guests for the evening will be the Oldham Sixth Form College Basketball Team, along with Gary Kelly, John Sheridan, Lee Duxbury, Ian McLean and David McNiven. The final heat of the Mitsubishi Chip-In competition will be held with Andy Holt topping the leader board with 70 points. However last years champion, David McNiven, will be taking part on the night, and no doubt going all out to retain his trophy. Highlight of the evening is sure to be the presentation of the Junior Latics Player of the Year Award. Winner for the last two seasons has been Gary Kelly, will it be third time lucky, or will someone else emerge as this years winner. Voting slips must be returned by Wednesday 21st April. Tickets are now on sale in Latique at any time, the Junior Latics Lounge on match days or by post. Price 50p members £1 parents.



MATCH MASCOT

Today's match mascot is 10 year old Colin Wood of Thatch Leach, Chadderton. Colin attends Christ Church Primary School Chadderton where his favourite lesson is Games. Outside of school Colin enjoys soccer, cricket, and computer games along with watching his favourite T.V. programme Match of the Day. Colin's ambition when he grows up is to play professionally for Latics. His favourite player is Matthew Tipton and his prediction for

today's game a 1-1 draw.

Although only 10 years old Colin has been to 20 away games to watch Latics and only seen them win once - 3-0 at Bradford City!



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PAUL SCHOLES



‘Go out and drop hand grenades’ was the only instruction new England boss Kevin Keegan gave to Paul Scholes before the crucial European championship qualifier against Poland. By the end, the opposition penalty box resembled a war-zone after the Manchester United midfielder had destroyed the visitors with his three expertly taken goals.

It was an order that Keegan himself frequently heard from former boss Bill Shankly during his spell at Anfield and it paid the ultimate compliment to Paul Scholes, the diminutive midfielder who could now hold the key to England’s Euro 2000 qualifying campaign.

The 24-year-old has picked up the useful knack of scoring important goals, as shown by his vital strike against Tunisia in last summer’s World Cup and, more recently, the last-gasp equaliser against Inter Milan which secured Manchester United’s path into the semi-finals of the Champions’ League.

Ten days ago, Scholes was at it again, this time knocking in England’s first hat-trick since Ian Wright’s quartet in the 7-1 win against San Marino in Bologna in 1993. The win against Poland now puts England back on track in their challenge after a low-key start against Sweden and Bulgaria.

And while Keegan grabbed all the pre-match headlines, it was Scholes who was the post-match hero.

“It’s my first hat-trick at any level since I played for Manchester United’s ‘A’ side more than six years ago,” Scholes revealed. “I was very pleased because my dad and my girlfriend were watching in the crowd.”

Apart from the effect on the supporters, Scholes’ performance also made a lasting impression on his manager, who joked at the post-match press conference that he should be renamed ‘Sir’, after emulating Geoff Hurst’s treble 23 years ago. Scholes himself remained his usual modest self, congratulating his team-mates for the part they had to play in his goals. A clear indication of the level-headed nature of the man who is enjoying being at the top of his game for both club and country.

“It was a tremendous performance by the lads and it wasn’t for the likes of Alan Shearer, Andy Cole and David Beckham. I wouldn’t have scored. It was great to have a few of my United team-mates playing with me, and most of them contributed to the second goal.”

Scholes’ praise for his team-mates rather than himself bears testament to a man who tends to shun the bright lights and glitzy world of a modern day footballer in favour of a relatively quiet life with close family and friends.

David Platt and Bryan Robson head the list of goalscoring midfielders that have donned an England shirt with great success, and after Platt’s demise, Scholes has ensured that the tradition of a box-to-box workhorse with an eye for goal continues to be an integral part of the national side — even if his hat-trick was lucky!

“The first one came from a bit of a lucky break and I managed to chip it over the ‘keeper and it went into the corner. The second probably came off my hand but the referee was behind me and so I wasn’t too surprised when he gave it, and the third one crowned the day off.”

The treble also gave the Salford-born poacher the chance to bury the demons which he has experienced since he missed a glorious opportunity to put England 3-1 up against Argentina in the World Cup second round in France.

“I cannot deny that I think about it now and again as we would have been two goals up if I’d have scored. At the end of the day I cannot change the past and I’ll probably never forget it but this hat-trick certainly helps.”

Andy Cole, Scholes’ team-mate at both club and international level, summed up the little predator’s contribution to England’s cause.

“He’s a clever little player who likes to run into those kind of spaces and he got three goals out of it,” said Cole. “It’s a great moment for him and to get a hat-trick at Wembley Stadium is something special.” Cole added: “I really enjoy playing with him and I think he can go on to achieve anything he wants in the game. It’s all up to him.”

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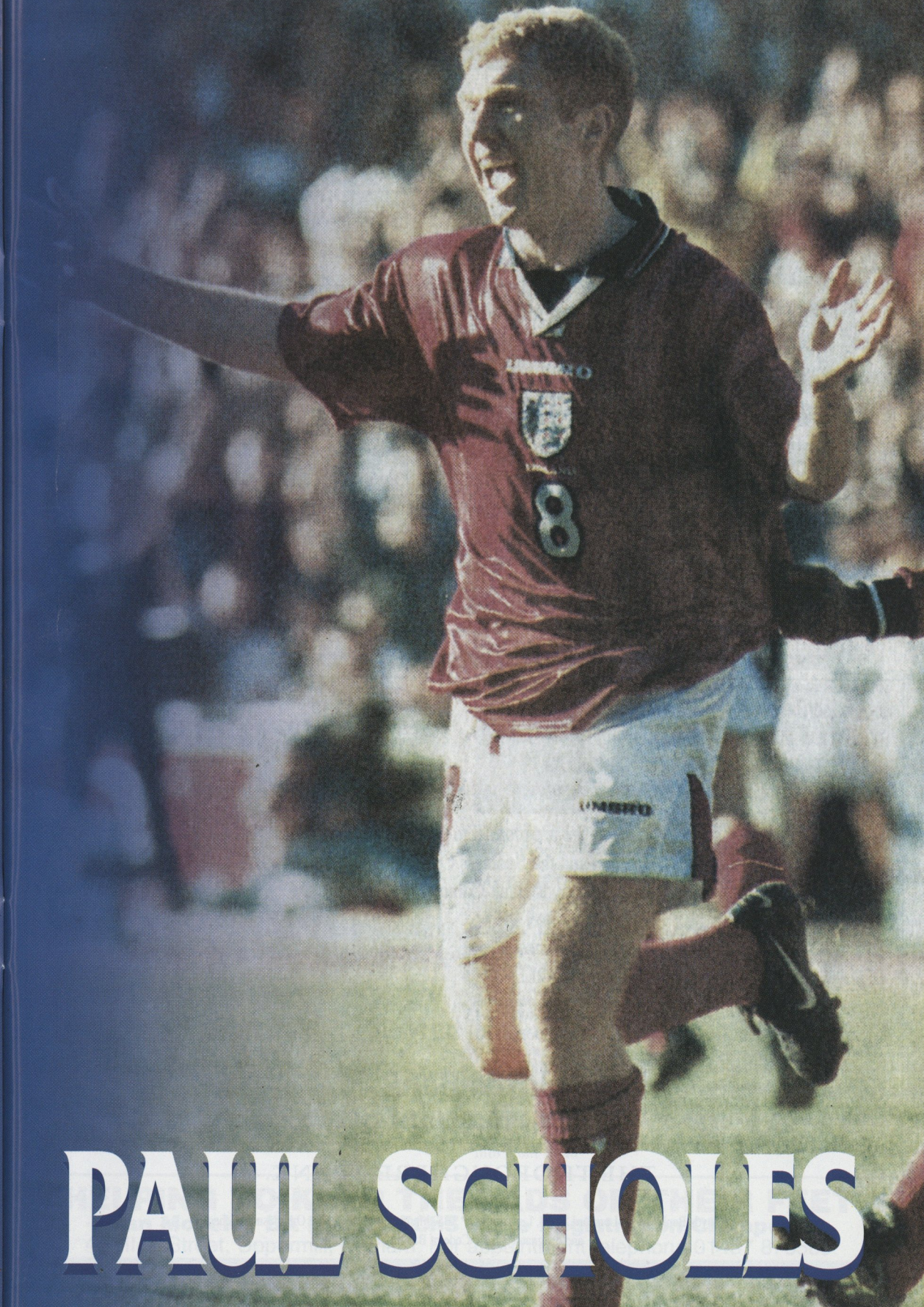
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PAUL SCHOLES



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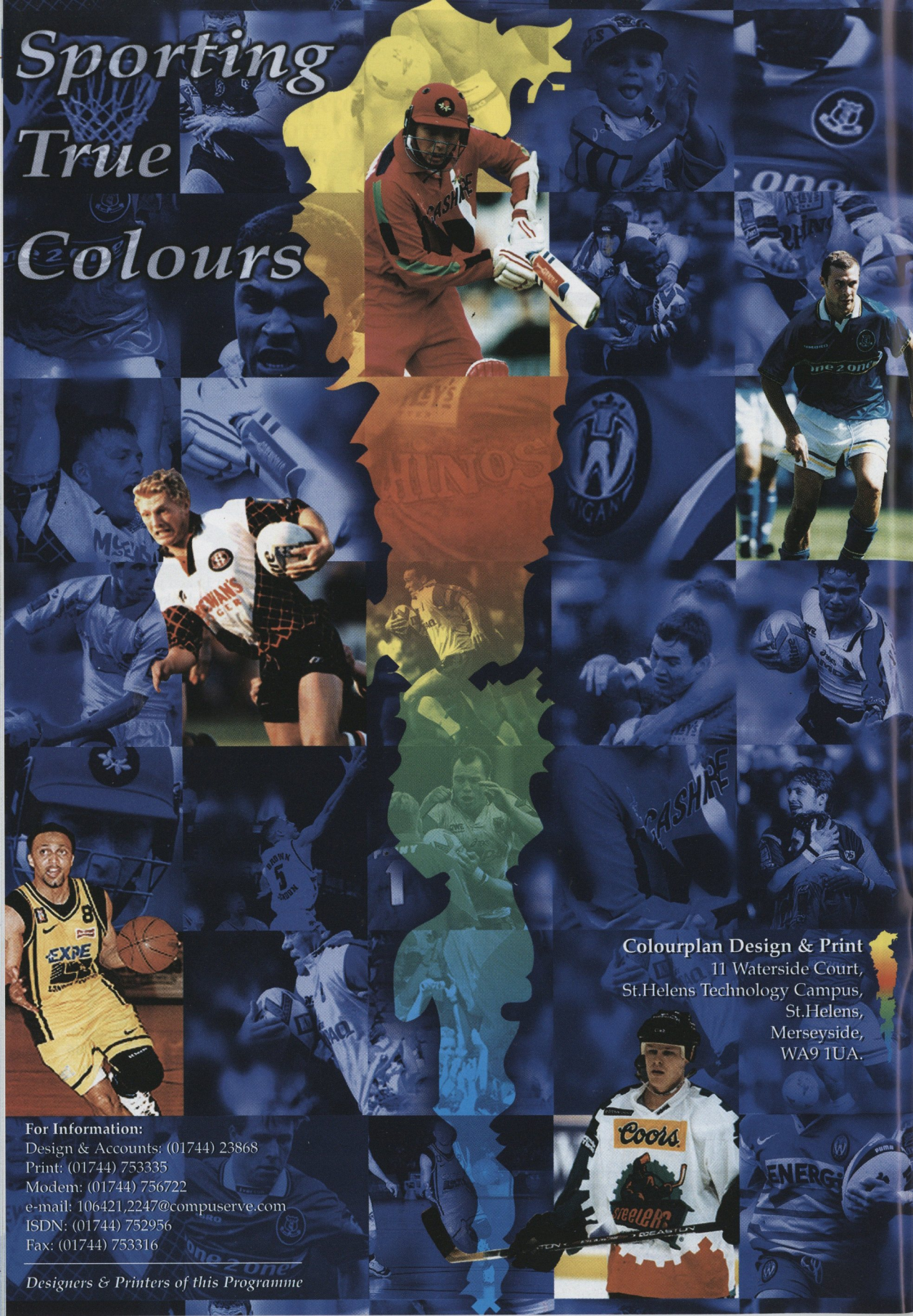
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LUTON TOWN

Luton Town have endured a roller-coaster ride of good and bad fortunes in recent seasons under manager Lennie Lawrence as they have chased promotion and staved off relegation. At present the club are in receivership and suffering a period of uncertainty off the pitch, but after a run of bad results in the last months, the side have picked up in their last two outings by earning a draw against Reading and beating Gillingham. Both promotion-chasing opponents, those four points have not only boosted the team's morale but helped them up to mid-table respectability and somewhat eased any relegation worries they may have had. However, it is still a long way from the promising early season Luton enjoyed when the Kenilworth Road club consistently took up station in the top six. After a spell of injuries though, their form dipped seriously and, since Christmas, the club has plummeted down the division. Influential club captain Steve Davis left for Burnley earlier this year and last month chairman and managing director David Kohler quit after an unlit petrol bomb was put through his front door. At the same time as the rejection of the club's plans to build a new


stadium, this turbulent time for Luton culminated in the receivers being brought in shortly afterwards. At a club where their never seems to be a dull moment, on the pitch they have given their fans plenty of joy and heartache during recent campaigns. Last season they struggled against relegation and survived by a seven-point cushion. In contrast, in the 1996-1997 term, the Bedfordshire club occupied an automatic promotion place for the majority of the campaign only to drop into the play-offs by the end and lose to Crewe 4-3 on aggregate in the semi-finals. A club originally formed in 1885 when two local sides, Wanderers and Excelsior joined forces, Luton's present exploits are as colourful as their history. They played in the Southern League before gaining election to the second division in 1897. But by 1900 because of mounting debts the club had to drop back into non-league football. It was 20 years before they returned to league football in Division Three South, but in 1937 the club won promotion to Division Two. After the war, the club gained promotion to Division One in 1955 and four years later made its first trip to Wembley in the FA Cup final.



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which was lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. This signalled one of the worst periods for the club as they tumbled from Division One to Division Four within six years. But by 1968 they were back on track and returned to the third division as champions. A year later they were back in Division Two and then returned to the top-flight in 1974 but were relegated straight back down. However, after the appointment of David Pleat in 1978 the club's fortunes

changed.

In 1982 the club returned to the first division as champions and this was where they stayed for the next decade.

During this time they won the League Cup in 1988 and returned a year later to defend their title, but lost 3-1 to Nottingham Forest.

In 1991-1992, the season before the formation of the premier league, Luton were then

relegated into the new first division. Manager Pleat then left in the summer of 1995 for Sheffield Wednesday to be replaced briefly by Terry Westley, who failed to deliver results.

So Lawrence arrived in December 1995 but failed to save the club from relegation. After three indifferent seasons in Division Two, the club are now desperate for some stability in order to mount a consistent challenge next season.

THE BOSS

Lennie Lawrence's playing career took in spells at non-league Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United, before his managerial education began as assistant to Malcolm Allison at Plymouth.

He then switched to Lincoln City where he took on the assistant role again before joining Charlton Athletic as reserve team boss in 1982. A year later Lawrence became manager after the departure of Ken Craggs.

The 51-year-old had eight turbulent years at the London club and then had equally contrasting times at Middlesbrough where he was manager from 1991-1994.

THE SQUAD

In goal for Luton is KELVIN DAVIS, 22, who graduated from the club's youth system in July 1994. A former England under-21 international, he has established himself after the departure of Ian Feuer with consistent and impressive displays.

Keeping Davis on his toes is NATHANAEL ABBEY. Another youth graduate from the club, the 20-year-old made his senior debut last month at Burnley and his display helped earn three points.

In defence the side have the experienced left-back MITCHELL



Lennie Lawrence

THOMAS. Now in his second spell at the club after originally completing his apprenticeship in 1982, the 34-year-old had spells at Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham before returning to his home town club in 1993.

At the centre of defence the side have MARVIN JOHNSON, ALAN WHITE, CHRIS WILLMOTT and SEAN DYCHE to choose from. Johnson has been at the club his whole career since graduating from the club's youth system in 1986. The 30-year-old is strong in the air and has good positioning skills.

White joined the club from Middlesbrough in July 1994 for 40,000. The 23-year-old has pace and good aerial ability and will be hoping to get a long run in the first team.

The emerging Willmott will also be hoping to earn a regular place in the first team. He made his debut against Blackpool last month and has impressed when given the opportunity. The 21-year-old is quick and strong in the tackle as well as being a good reader of the game. Dyché brings leadership and experience to the Luton back-line and has settled well into the team. He is on loan until the end of the season from Bristol City and the club will hope to sign the former Chesterfield player on a permanent basis if possible.

Competing for a place on the left side of midfield is LIAM GEORGE, who has made a successful comeback from a broken leg in suffered last August. The 20-year-old, who graduated from the youth system in January 1997, is a Republic of Ireland under-20 international. Last season's joint Young Player of the Year, MATTHEW SPRING has established himself at the heart of the side with his tough-tackling, powerful shooting and pin-point passing.

The 19-year-old is another home grown talent who has already attracted the attention of top clubs.

Tough-tackling RAY McKINNON joined the club from Dundee United at the beginning of the season. The 23-year-old midfielder is never afraid to get in where it hurts but he also has great vision to play his teammates into threatening

positions. Midfield playmaker PAUL McLAREN has found competition for places hard, but after adding more aggression to his game has become more of a regular. The 22-year-old graduated from the club's youth set-up in January 1994 and is improving all the time and should benefit after the departure of Sean Evers to Reading on transfer deadline day.

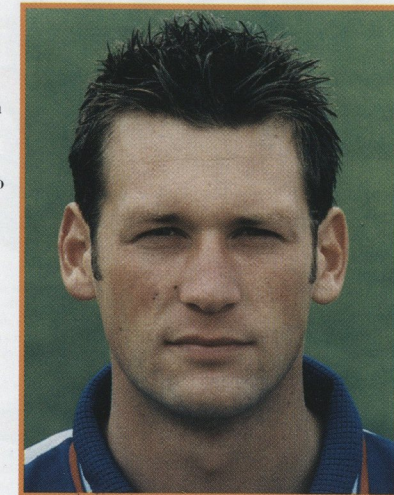
Pacy striker STUART DOUGLAS is another great prospect at the club. The 20-year-old graduated from the club's youth system in May 1996 and established himself in the first team last season. He has threatening pace and is a handful for any defence. He is the club's top-scorer this season.

Veteran striker and Northern Ireland international PHIL GRAY is in his second spell at the club. After leaving in July 1993 for Sunderland, he returned in September 1997 from Dutch club Fortuna Sittard for 400,000. The clever frontman started his career at Tottenham and is a useful target man.

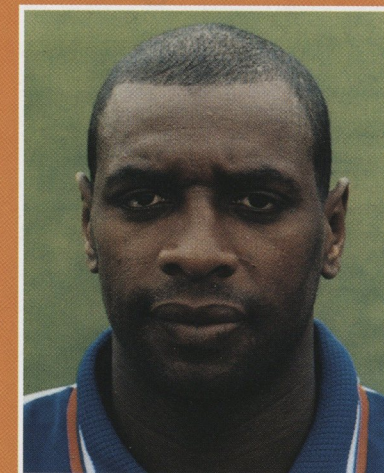
Republic of Ireland under-20 international GARY DOHERTY has been used to great effect up-front for Luton despite playing most of his youth career as a centre-back. The 19-year-old is strong both in the air and on the ground and completed his apprenticeship in July 1997.

Lively and tricky forward ANDRE SCARLETT broke into the first team earlier this season. The pint-sized 19-year-old has a great turn of pace and close control and is dangerous when running at defenders.

However, with Doherty and George likely to be with the Republic of Ireland under-20 squad in Nigeria for the World Youth championships, Luton were short of attacking options and turned to former striker TONY THORPE. On loan from Bristol City, the striker hit 50 goals in two seasons for the club before moving to Fulham in February 1998 for 800,000. Now aiming to revitalise his career at the club.



Paul McLaren



Mitchell Thomas

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- Joe Payne scored 55 goals during a memorable 1937 campaign as he helped Luton to promotion in one of their best ever teams.
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by Tony Bugby

UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY

York may be £950,000 richer following Richard Cresswell's transfer to Premiership side Sheffield Wednesday, but will the sale of the England under 21 striker cost them their Second Division status. The Ministermen had gone into freefall long before the loss of their 19-goal leading marksman, though with Cresswell in their line-up they were always liable to find the net.

Caretaker manager Neil Thompson - he had a loan spell with Latics from Barnsley last season - has the unenviable task of trying to stave off the considerable threat of relegation.

Thompson's replacement for Cresswell is Marc Williams, a £30,000 capture from Halifax.

Latics fans may remember he had a trial at Boundary Park during Graeme Sharp's reign. The Bangor City player later joined Stockport before moving to The Shay.

Thompson has also signed central defender Chris Fairclough from Notts County and he and Williams made their debut's in a home defeat by Wigan which sucked them even further into the relegation quicksand. The sacking of manager Alan Little came as a surprise, despite York's poor run of form.

Little was the League's seventh longest-serving manager having been at Bootham Crescent six years.

He had previously endured several scrapes at the foot of the table, but this time the board lost their nerve.

It was tough on Little because minnows York have always been a selling club, yet he kept them in the Second Division, sometimes against the odds.

Luton, this afternoon's opponents, have also had their fair share of troubles in recent weeks.

They came to a head when director Cliff Bassett called in the receivers over a £2 million loan for which he sought repayment.

It came hot on the heels of chairman David Kohler's decision to quit following a petrol-bomb attack on his home and Luton failing in moves to relocate.

The Hatters had ambitious plans to build the "Kohlerdome" as it was affectionately known complete with its retractable roof and removable pitch.

The uncertainty about the club's future has had repercussions on the pitch as Luton have slipped perilously close to the bottom four relegation places.

There was the usual flurry of transfer activity on deadline day - its amazing how there is a last-gasp stampede each year with over 60 transfers taking place in one guise or another.

The biggest deal involving a Second Division side, other than Cresswell, saw Bournemouth sell highly-rated left back Jamie Vincent to Huddersfield for £500,000.

Wrexham's finances were improved by the sale of midfield player Dave Brammer to Port Vale for a guaranteed £350,000 and possibly rising to £1/2 million.

Vale also splashed out £100,000 for Leyton Orient striker Carl Griffiths who recently had a loan spell at Wrexham.

The Welsh club would have loved to sign Griffiths but were unable to meet the O's asking price.

Vale made it four signings in one eventful day by taking Grimsby's Tommy Widdrington on loan and Chester winger Alex Smith for an undisclosed fee.

Colchester, hardly a footballing hotbed have gone continental with new manager Mick Wadsworth making a couple of French signings.

Steve Germain was starring for French club Cannes, while Fabrice Richard is an under-21 international. They join a third Frenchman Stephane Pounewatchy, though Brazilian new boy Jose Antunes Fumaca has left to join Barnsley.

Colchester have also made on-loan Warren Aspinall a permanent acquisition from Brentford and taken Derby's Brian Launders until the end of the season. Launders had a trial some time ago following his release by Crystal Palace.

Notts County, who you will recall signed four strikers in one week, have not surprisingly been off-loading front players.

Gary Jones, last season's 28 goal top scorer in their Third Division title-winning campaign, was transferred to Hartlepool for an undisclosed sum. It goes to show how fortunes can change so quickly in this precarious profession.

Duane Darby returned to Hull, his former club, on loan while winger Craig Dudley was captured by Latics for another undisclosed fee.

It has been a case of the revolving door at Meadow Lane with an amazing amount of transfer activity in recent weeks.

Manager Sam Allardyce made one further swoop on deadline day landing young Manchester United 'keeper Paul Gibson on a free transfer.

Latics also finally found a striker, Sunderland reserve Paul Beavers who is here until the end of the campaign.

But, what about some of those Audy Ritchie failed to persuade to come to Boundary Park.

Leeds Derek Lilley told Latics, Burnley and Norwich he was going nowhere on loan and would only consider a permanent move. Then on deadline day he joined Bury - on loan.

Blackpool's Mick Conroy rejected Latics only to return for a second loan spell at Third Division club Chester while Bradford's Rob Steiner, also a target, has joined Walsall on a temporary basis.

Steiner joins Colin Cramb - he is another player Latics attempted to get on loan - at the Bescot stadium. The Bristol City striker has been a big hit at promotion-chasing Walsall - who have also signed former Latics favourite Nick Henry from Sheffield United on loan - partnering Andy Rammell.

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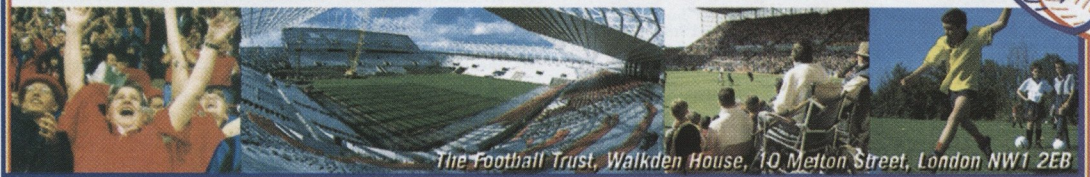
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by *Quarrie*



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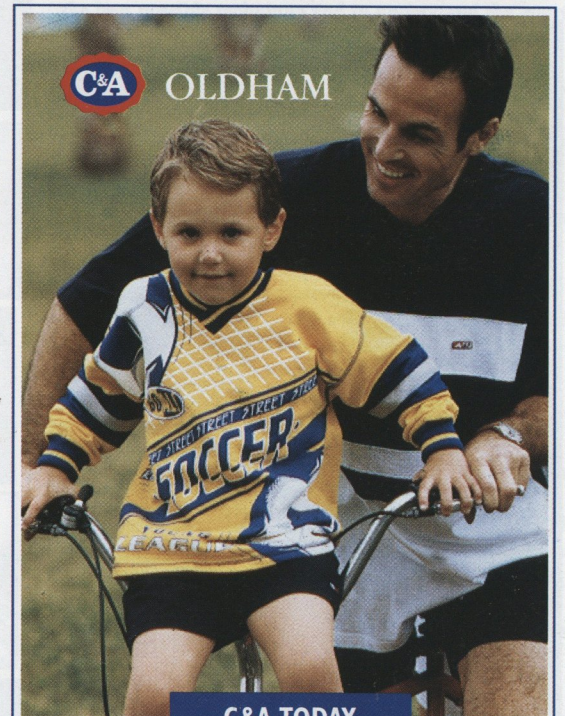
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The last five weeks has seen some outstanding performances against Wigan, Stockport, Preston, Chester and Huddersfield Town. Results have generally been excellent but much more important to our coaching staff is assessing whether the players have the potential and desire for further improvement.

The Under 14's were simply awesome at Huddersfield Town last Sunday and all the hard work, ups and downs become so worthwhile.

Good luck to our Under 12's who are going to the Britannia Cup at York over Easter. We will get a full report from coach Roy Soule on their return. Those who know Roy will realise we may need a programme supplement.

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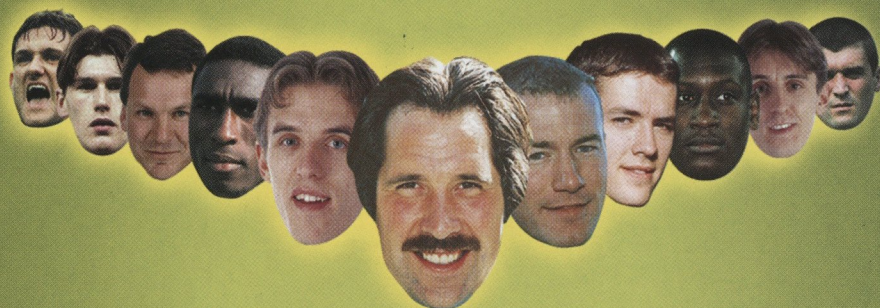
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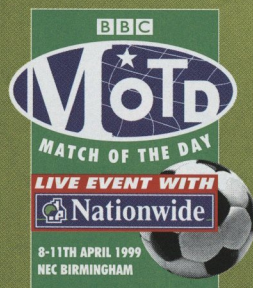
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While England bathed in the glory of their win against Poland last Saturday, there was plenty of other action to take in as well during a heavy Euro 2000 qualifying programme.

For a start, picking up your favourite Sunday paper the following morning, you could have been forgiven for thinking a glaring misprint had been made when inspecting the Spain-Austria result.

But yes, it really was Spain 9, Austria 0, one of the biggest thrashings in the history of European football and a result that would have embarrassed even minnows like Andorra and San Marino.

Only last year, Austria reached the World Cup finals and it was no surprise when their heaviest defeat for 91 years led to the resignation of the Austrian coach, Herbert Prohaska.

"We are the laughing stock of Europe," said Prohaska following the game in Valencia, his last after six years in charge.

Spain are now looking the most likely team to top a weak Group Six come the end of the campaign but Israel have become dangerous floaters after trouncing previous group leaders Cyprus 3-0 in Tel Aviv.

Another coach who announced he would quit was Anghel Iordanescu after Greece's 2-0 home defeat by Norway for whom Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored both goals.

Iordanescu, who was in charge of his native Romania when they drew 1-1 with England at the World Cup, was only in his new job for a matter of months.

Quite when Yugoslavia will be allowed to resume footballing combat is anyone's guess.

Two of their Euro 2000 qualifiers were called off because of the Kosovo crisis, along with four others involving other teams in the Balkan area.

Yugoslavia have a torrid time when it comes to

the European Championships. They were kicked out of the 1992 competition because of the military conflict in the region and now find themselves again unable to play.

Uefa, the governing body of European football, have provisionally rescheduled all of the postponed matches for the summer, bad news for those players who had hoped to be sunning themselves on holiday, but it is a situation essential to preserve the credibility of the event.

One country who will need a miracle to make it to Euro 2000 at this rate is Denmark. The Danes made a lot of friends at France '98 last year but have lost twice, to Wales and Italy, and drawn twice.

Denmark peppered the Italian goal in Copenhagen last weekend but all they got for their efforts was a solitary goal from Ebbe Sand while Italy grabbed their third straight qualifying win on the back of two strikes from Juventus pair Filippo Inzaghi and Antonio Conte.

Coach Bo Johansson refused to throw in the towel although he admitted his Danish team faced an uphill task to reach the finals in Holland and Belgium.

"We must fight on," he said. "We must win all our remaining matches to remain in contention for second place in our group."

Finally, never rule out the Germans. Many observers did after several weak performances at the start of the campaign but back they came in Belfast, beating bogey team Northern Ireland, whom they had only defeated once in six previous encounters, 3-0.

The victory almost certainly saved Erich Ribbeck's bacon. The German coach had been under fierce pressure before the game but will now almost certainly remain in charge at least until the closing series of matches later this year.



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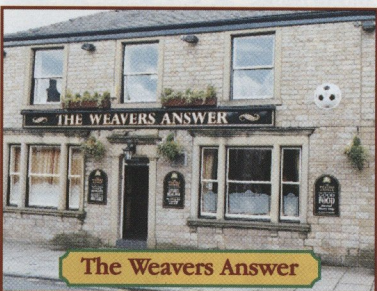
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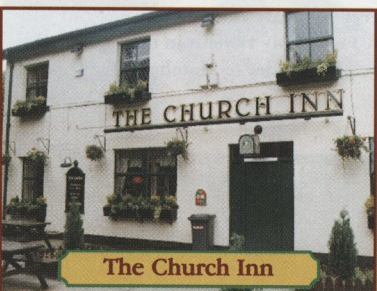
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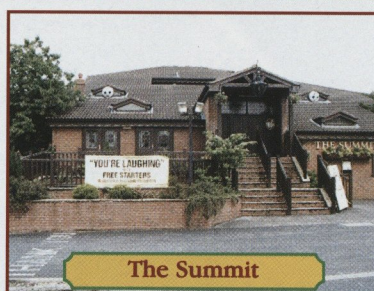
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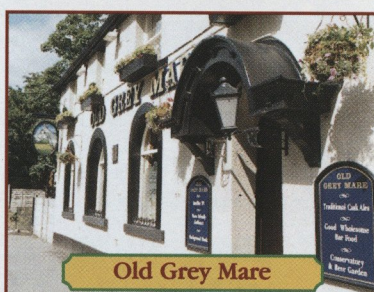
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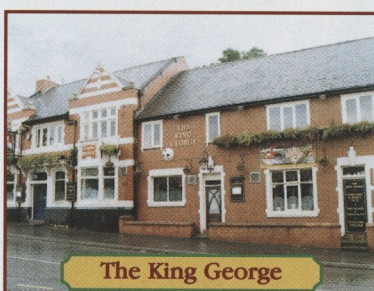
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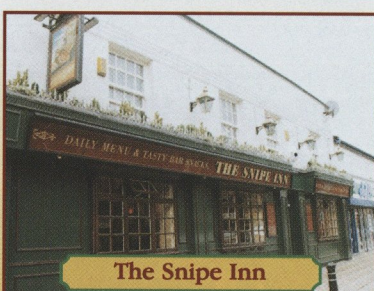
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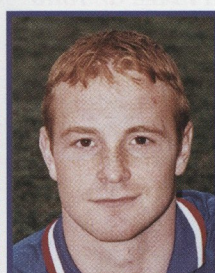
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BOLTON WAND	21	8	3	10	23	30	27
TRANMERE R	19	8	1	10	33	27	25
WBA	18	6	7	5	28	23	25
BURNLEY	18	6	5	7	15	22	23
BARNLEY	20	5	8	7	19	27	23
GRIMSBY T	20	4	5	11	15	33	17



CARL TRANTER

CARL SIGNS NON-CONTRACT
19-year-old Carl Tranter signed non-contract forms with Latics last week and has played the last two games with Athletic's reserve side. Carl plays with Bridgenorth and has made a couple of appearances for Kingstonsians in the Conference League this season on loan. Both manager Andy Ritchie and Coach Bill Urmsen are watching Carl's progress with interest.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 1999
ATHLETIC RES 2 PORT VALE RES 1

Youth triumphed over experience as Athletic reserves defeated Port Vale to take over the top spot in Pontins League, division one writes Tony Bugby. Danny Walsh and Ryan Sugden scored for Athletic, who produced another excellent performance against far more seasoned opponents. Athletic did not field a senior player and their side did not contain anybody over the age of 20 years. Vale, by contrast, fielded former Manchester United 'keeper Kevin Pilkington, old war horse central defender Neil Aspin and winger Chris Allen recently signed from Nottingham Forest.

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The Valiants' side also included striker Alan Lee, who is on loan from Aston Villa and who was a recent target for Athletic. He disappointed and did nothing to suggest he could have improved Athletic's firepower.

There were some eye-catching performances for Athletic, though. In defence, Ben Futcher and Mark Hotte, in particular, hardly put a foot wrong, while rookie 'keeper Jamie Campbell made some good saves and looked far more assured than in his previous matches at this level. Mark Innes and Walsh did well in midfield, while Sugden outshone Carl Tranter up front. Trialist Tranter showed some neat touches but never looked like scoring and Sugden looked the better prospect of the front pairing. Campbell made two good early saves to deny Allen - the first one was an excellent reflex stop.

Athletic took the lead four minutes before the break when they had a lucky break.

Futcher's drive took a ricochet off a Vale defender and fell invitingly to Walsh who fired home when there was more than a hint of offside. Athletic doubled their advantage eight minutes after the restart. Substitute Richard Battersby, who replaced the injured Phil Salt shortly after the restart, set up Sugden to score with an angled shot from the right side of the penalty area which Pilkington should really have saved. Vale pulled a goal back late on when Lee headed a right-wing centre back across the face of goal for John McQuade to fire home from a couple of yards out.

TEAM: CAMPBELL, MURPHY, McLEAN, FUTCHER, SELFE, HOTTE, SALT (BATTERSBY 47), WALSH, TRANTER, INNES, SUGDEN, SUBS NOT USED: WARDLE, FAIRHURST, WHARTON, JOHNSTON.

TWO FIXTURE CHANGES
Latics reserves will now face West Bromwich Albion reserves at Boundary Park on Tuesday 19th April with a 7pm kick off, meanwhile the away game in the Manchester Senior Cup against Manchester United has been postponed and no alternative date has yet been arranged.

REMAINING RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES
WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL BARNLEY - AWAY K.O. 7pm
MONDAY 19 APRIL W.B.A. - HOME K.O. 7pm
TUESDAY 27 APRIL GRIMSBY TOWN - HOME 7pm

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LEE IS LOOKERS' MAN



Lee Duxbury picked up the accolade of Lookers' Player of the Month for February and received his £100 cheque from Gordon Collinson of Lookers Rover in Rochdale.

No doubt Lee's crop of goals recently will have him high up in the pecking order for the March award as well.

On the subject of the Lookers' Player of the Month awards, it is now time for votes to be cast for the Lookers' Player of the Year. You can vote by using the slip that appears later in today's programme.

OBITUARIES

The club was saddened to learn of the unexpected death of ex Latics stalwart John Liddell, age 65 last week.

John played with Athletic in the early sixties making 23 appearances, scoring 10 goals.

The club sends condolences to all John's family and friends both sides of the border at this very sad time.

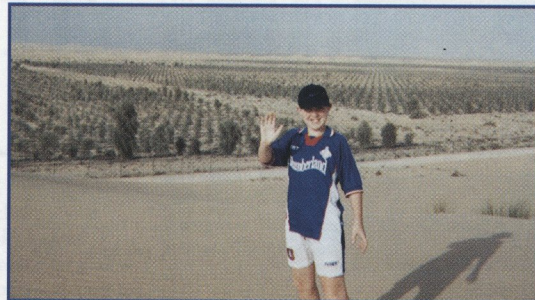
Another piece of sad news arrived in the post when the club heard of the tragic death of 36 year old life-long Latics fan Gerald Martin, once again the club sends its condolences to all Gerald's family and friends.

COUNTY FINAL

The Manchester County F.A. Premier Cup Final between Hyde United and Maine Road will take place here at Boundary Park on Wednesday April 25th 1999 with a 7.30pm kick off.

Admission prices for this game will be £4 adults £2 concessions. Why not pop along and give some of the area's top amateurs a cheer on the night?

ABU DHABI SCOTT



Eleven year old Scot Hey is the latest member of the 'Slumberland on Tour' club after sending in this shot of himself taken in the Abu Dhabi Desert in the United Arab Emirates.

Scott is a member of the Junior Latics Club and was pictured last February out in the Middle East.

If you are planning a holiday with a difference, take along your Latics Slumberland shirt and send us the photo ... you could be next in the 'Latics Shirt World Tour' photo album.

TOO LATE AMIGO

FIFA refused to accept Mexico's late bid to join the race to host the 2006 World Cup finals on Friday because the documentation arrived well after the deadline date.

A Mexican official claimed the delay was a clerical mix-up and that the documents must have been lost in the post.

"The executive committee rejected the application because the Mexican Football Association sent its documentation one month too late", said FIFA President Sepp Blatter. "Instead of sending the documents by Dec. 31, they arrived at the end of January".

WANTED GROUND SAFETY STEWARDS.

A number of vacancies have arisen at Oldham Athletic for ground safety stewards. For many years the control of spectators and the management of their safety has been the responsibility of the football clubs through the safety stewards they employ.

The work can be very challenging and at the same time very satisfying to act as the Club's representative on match days.

To qualify for such a position you must be between 21 years and 55 years (these ages are not totally inflexible). You must be physically fit and able to speak to people across a wide spectrum. You must be able to work as part of a team but also able to act on your own initiative from time to time.

You will be required to attend an initial interview and then undergo training before commencing work as a safety steward.

Application forms are available at the Ticket Office and should be returned to the Club's Safety Officer at Boundary Park.

HAPPY EASTER WILF

Wilfred Cornell celebrated Easter early by winning £402 at the recent Millwall game thanks to David McNiven pulling his Strike it Lucky ticket number 17683 from the drum.

Wilfred brings along his grandson to every Latics match and sits in the Lookers Stand. I hope Wilf's grandson gets a better view of the match from his seat than he had of this cheque presentation!



DON'T FORGET STOKE

Fans are reminded of the rearranged fixture here at Boundary Park on Tuesday 4th May when Stoke City are the visitors to Boundary Park, kick off 7.45pm.

This fixture means that Latics, with today's game against Luton Town included, have a run to the end of season which includes six home games from nine fixtures.

ANDY'S ERNEST OPENING

Latics' manager Andy Ritchie re-opened the Ernest Jones Jewellers store in the Town Square Shopping Centre following an extensive refurbishment.

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Pictured with Andy cutting the ribbon is Paula Brookes, Glenda Wainwright, manageress Michelle Hughes, Helen Norton and Philip Turner.

Andy, having given up his time to perform the re-opening, received the shop staff's good wishes who hoped Latics would run 'rings' round the opposition and have a 'jewel' of a result today!

EASTER OPENING TIMES

Latique Sport & Leisurewear and Latique Travel will be open tomorrow, Saturday 9am - 3pm but will be closed on Easter Monday 5th April 1999.

Please make sure you book your coach tickets to Wigan for Monday's match at Springfield Park no later than 3pm tomorrow.

The Boundary Park ticket office will be closed tomorrow (Saturday) and Easter Monday.


SLUMBERLAND CHALLENGE

Today at half-time sees the return of the Slumberland Junior Challenge. Three lucky entrants who entered the Slumberland competition in the Oldham Evening Chronicle will today shoot out to win a magnificent Slumberland bed.

The three children, Luke Barrett age nine from Royton, Richard Griffin age 10 from Chadderton and Liam Anderson age nine from Sholver, have already received a Latics kit and tickets for today's game ... so may the best child win!

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It was at Luton Town where striker Malcolm MacDonald shot to stardom. Forty-nine League goals in two seasons made top clubs sit up and take notice of the player who began his career as a left-back. Newcastle captured "Super Mac" as he was to become known, and in four years on Tyneside following his £180,000 transfer he became a legend and likened to the great Jackie Milburn. Sadly MacDonald's career came to a premature end at the age of 28 through a knee injury two years after a big-money move to Arsenal. MacDonald, who won 14 full caps for England, started his career at Southern League club Tonbridge.

It was there that he met Harry Haslam, the man who was to have so much influence on his career. MacDonald recalled "Harry was like a father to me. I followed him around because he led me to believe I would reach the top. I owe everything to him."

When Haslam left Tonbridge to become Fulham's chief scout in 1968 he persuaded Fulham to take on the teenager. It was they who converted MacDonald into a front man but after only moderate success - five goals in 13 League appearances - he was offloaded.

Haslam, by now chief scout at Luton, again had a major bearing on MacDonald's career as he convinced Luton manager Alec Stock to pay £17,500 for the youngster who still had to show anything more than vague promise.

Fulham decided he did not have the makings of a top-class player and must later have been haunted as MacDonald went on to become one of the leading marksmen of that era. MacDonald's slice of luck came when Stock shrewdly decided to move him permanently from full-back to centre-forward.

It proved a master stroke as MacDonald suddenly came of age scoring 49 League goals in only two seasons. MacDonald rattled home 25 as Luton won promotion from the old Third Division and maintained the output with 24 in the higher league. In an age when goals were almost as precious as gold nuggets, MacDonald's exploits started a rush as clubs clamoured for his signature. Luton found themselves with a gem, and

at the same time, a saleable asset which hauled them back from the brink of financial disaster. They were £173,000 in the red when MacDonald's sale to Newcastle in May, 1971 erased the entire debt with one stroke of a pen. MacDonald recalled how his switch to attack came about saying: "When I joined Luton Mr Stock told me I would continue to be a full-back as I was at Craven Cottage. "Then just before we finished pre-season practice he switched me forward. I was nothing more than an average full-back, but he had spotted something in my play which suggested I was out of position. He never told me what he saw."

Haslam's influence was also instrumental in the transfer to Newcastle which was completed without him setting foot in the city. MacDonald said: "I didn't need to see Newcastle. Mr Haslam knew the club and Joe Harvey, and his advice helped me to decide very quickly."

It didn't take MacDonald long to become part of the folklore in the North East and Newcastle's first real goalscoring hero since Milburn. MacDonald found the net 95 times in 187 League appearances for the Magpies and helped them reach the 1974 F.A. Cup Final where they lost to Liverpool.

Arsenal splashed out a then club record £333,333 for MacDonald in 1976.

But after two years and a return of 42 League goals in 34 League appearances

MacDonald was forced to quit through a knee injury with his career in his prime.

It had earned him 14 international caps and his main achievement was scoring all five goals in a victory against Cyprus. MacDonald later returned to Fulham where he spent four years as manager and later he had a brief spell in charge at

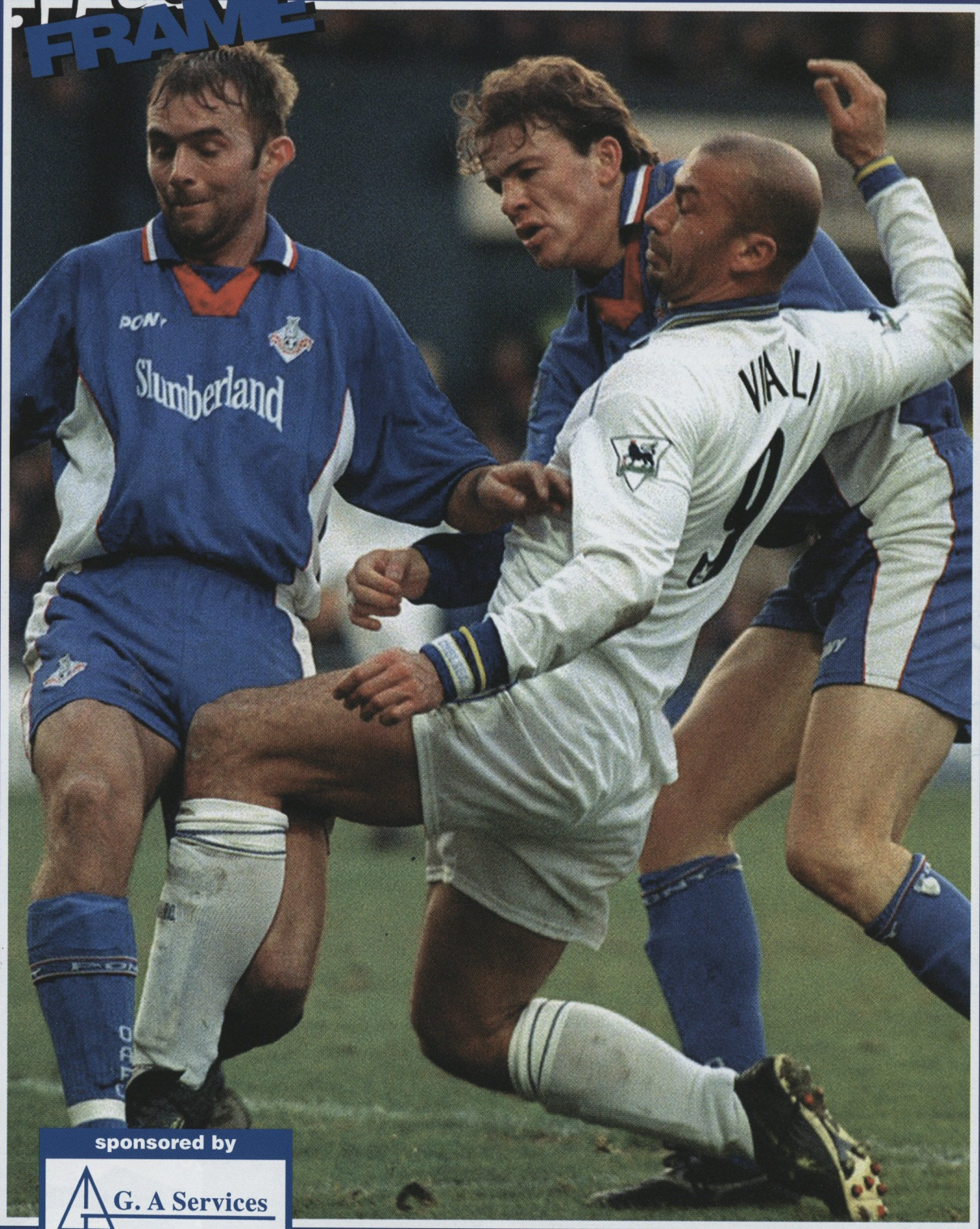
Huddersfield in 1987/88 before drifting out of the game.



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Man City	4	1	1	13	4	13	DWLWWW
Preston	4	1	1	12	3	13	WWDWLW
Notts County	4	1	1	14	9	13	WWWLWD
Reading	4	1	1	10	5	13	WWWDDL
Bournemouth	4	1	1	7	4	13	WDLWDW
Walsall	3	2	1	9	7	11	DWLWDW
Macclesfield	3	0	3	5	4	9	LLVWWW
Millwall	3	0	3	9	8	9	WLLVWV
Wrexham	2	3	1	7	6	9	WVDDDL
Stoke	3	0	3	8	11	9	WVWLWV
Lincoln City	3	0	3	4	10	9	WVWLWV
Chesterfield	2	2	2	7	7	8	DVDLWL
Gillingham	2	1	3	11	7	7	WDLWLW
Wycombe	2	1	3	9	8	7	LDLVLW
Bristol Rovers	1	2	3	8	10	5	WLLDLV
Blackpool	1	2	3	3	8	5	LLDDLW
Oldham	1	1	4	7	12	4	LLDWLL
Luton	1	1	4	4	11	4	LLLDLW
Northampton	1	1	4	3	10	4	LLDWLL
Colchester	0	3	3	6	10	3	DDDLVL
Burnley	0	2	4	2	16	2	DLVLLL
York	0	1	5	5	15	1	LDLVLV

DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

Teams	Players		Yellow	Red	
	Yellow	Red			
Millwall	74	10	Mark Tinkler	9	2
Wycombe	70	7	Steve Brown	11	1
Wigan	76	2	Gavin McGowan	10	1
Burnley	63	7	Kevin Horlock	7	2
Man City	64	6	Jason Roberts	7	2
Reading	64	5	Graham Kavanagh	9	1
Gillingham	63	5	Michael Simpson	9	1
Bristol R.	55	9	Jason Brissett	6	2
Luton	58	7	Trevor Challis	6	2
Northampton	64	3	Jamie Stuart	6	2
Blackpool	69	0	Paul Rogers	8	1
Colchester	59	2	A Hesselthaler	10	0
Stoke	58	2	Carl Asaba	5	2
Lincoln C.	56	3	Barry Ashby	7	1
Oldham	52	4	Tim Cahill	7	1
Bournemouth	50	2	Darren Carr	7	1
Chesterfield	44	4	Tony Vaughan	7	1
Wrexham	46	2	Terry Fleming	9	0
Notts City	46	1	Jamie Hewitt	4	2
Walsall	41	3	Jamie Pollock	4	2
Preston	39	4	Andrew Cooke	6	1
Macclesfield	40	3	Sean Gregan	6	1
York	35	5	Andrew Holt	6	1
Fulham	41	0	Michael Jackson	6	1
			Gerrard Lavin	6	1
			Lee Thorpe	6	1

ATTENDANCE

Teams	ATTENDANCE		
	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE
Man City	32,134	21,291	28,054
Stoke	23,272	8,280	12,923
Preston	15,888	8,656	11,211
Reading	20,055	7,914	11,110
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,914
Burnley	17,251	8,526	10,514
Millwall	12,726	4,219	7,061
Bournemouth	10,964	1,863	6,944
Gillingham	9,581	4,575	6,352
Bristol Rovers	8,011	4,833	6,198
Northampton	7,557	4,710	5,979
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,794
Luton	9,070	4,021	5,647
Oldham	12,976	4,195	5,528
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,169
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,052
Wycombe	8,129	3,361	5,019
Lincoln City	7,338	2,919	4,565
Chesterfield	8,245	3,372	4,533
Colchester	6,551	3,228	4,160
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,220
Wigan	6,700	2,784	4,064
York	7,527	2,075	3,739
Macclesfield	6,381	1,868	3,313

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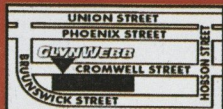
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DARREN MCDONOUGH



Darren McDonough's combative style of play earned the nickname "Raging Bull" during his days at Boundary Park. The local lad, whose qualities were based on physical aggression quickly became a favourite with the crowd during his Latics career.

McDonough, primarily a central defender, was also renowned for his versatility and even had several stints as a centre forward and also in midfield.

It was on December 13, 1980 when McDonough made a dream debut for Latics scoring in a 2-0 victory at Notts County. Roger Palmer also found the net that afternoon.

McDonough, who had not long celebrated his 18th birthday, established a regular first-team place.

In the remainder of the 1980/81 campaign he made a total of 15 appearances and also scored against Bristol Rovers and Wrexham.

McDonough made 42 appearances the next season and he was to remain a regular for the next five seasons.

He went on to make 202 appearances for Latics scoring 17 goals, the lions share being scored in 1982/83 when he had a prolonged spell up front and he finished with 11 goals.

Rodger Wylde and Palmer led the scoring charts with 19 and 15 goals respectively that campaign.

The parting of the ways came on September 9 1986 when McDonough was sold to Luton Town for £87,000.

It had become inevitable as McDonough has been involved in a contractual dispute having rejected a new two-year deal that summer.

So when the 1986/87 campaign kicked off, McDonough was on a week-to-week contract.

McDonough's last appearance was on September 1st, 1986 in a 1-0 victory at Ipswich.

It was Latics' first-ever League meeting against Ipswich and the points were secured through a Ron Fletcher penalty. The afternoon was eventful as Latics finished with 10 men as Mike Milligan had been sent off.

You had to go back almost three years for McDonough's last goal for Latics which came in a 2-2 home draw against Stockport in a Milk Cup tie on October 25, 1983.

McDonough had found the net in the first leg at Edgley Park in a 2-0 victory and, strangely, these were his only two goals in 42 appearances in 1983/84 season. His last League goals - a brace - were netted in a 4-1 win at Cambridge on May 14, 1983 when Wylde and Tony Henry were also on target.

McDonough served Luton for five-and-a-years, though injuries restricted him to 106 League appearances in which he scored five times.

His third and final club was Newcastle where he had the distinction of being Kevin Keegan's first signing.

When McDonough joined the St. James' Park club in February 1992 they were languishing near the foot of the Second Division, today's Division One.

Newcastle were in danger of relegation when Keegan, who had just taken charge, began the task of staving off the threat of relegation and then transforming them into one of the giants of English football.

Sadly McDonough only managed to play a minimal part in the success story - three League appearances to be precise. A serious Achilles injury forced McDonough to retire when he ought to have been enjoying the autumn of his career and sharing in the glory on Tyneside.

McDonough has moved back to Oldham, where he has business interests, and he is still a regular visitor to Boundary Park.

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY						PTS
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GMS	
FULHAM	37	15	2	1	37	10	11	4	4	26	16	63	84
PRESTON N.E.	36	10	4	4	39	19	10	5	3	26	16	65	69
WALSALL	36	10	6	3	29	20	10	2	5	22	20	51	68
BOURNEMOUTH	36	12	5	1	34	9	6	5	7	22	24	56	64
GILLINGHAM	36	12	5	2	37	13	4	9	4	22	20	59	62
MANCHESTER C	37	9	6	3	26	12	7	8	4	23	15	49	62
WIGAN A	33	9	3	3	27	9	7	4	7	25	23	52	55
STOKE C	35	8	3	7	24	22	9	0	8	19	20	43	54
CHESTERFIELD	35	13	2	3	31	13	2	7	8	9	19	40	54
READING	35	8	6	4	24	20	6	5	6	20	24	44	53
MILLWALL	37	6	7	5	25	21	8	3	8	17	24	42	52
WREXHAM	35	6	6	6	17	21	5	5	7	20	27	37	44
BLACKPOOL	36	5	8	5	19	17	5	5	8	14	24	33	43
LUTON T	35	7	3	7	19	21	4	5	9	22	29	41	41
BRISTOL R	34	7	6	5	28	22	2	7	7	19	19	47	40
NOTTS C	35	6	3	7	23	22	5	4	10	19	30	42	40
COLCHESTER U	36	5	7	6	18	25	3	8	7	21	28	39	39
OLDHAM A	36	5	2	10	18	24	5	5	9	19	26	37	37
YORK C	36	4	7	7	22	27	5	2	11	21	37	43	36
LINCOLN C	35	8	3	6	23	20	2	3	13	10	37	33	36
BURNLEY	36	5	6	8	15	29	3	5	9	22	36	37	35
NORTHAMPTON	36	2	8	7	13	20	5	4	10	15	22	28	33
MACCLESFIELD	35	5	4	8	13	17	3	5	10	13	24	26	33
WYCOMBE W	34	6	4	9	24	21	0	6	9	8	25	32	28

Key: G = Goal ● = Sub used □ = Player substituted

MONTH	DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	SCORE	ATT.	PTS.	POS.	PLAYERS																		
								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
AUG	Sat 8th	Notts County	H	1-3	5759	0	--	Kelly	McNivenS	Imes □	Duxbury	Graham	Sinnett	Rickers □	Orygson	McNivenD	Allott	Reid	Littlejohn ●	Holt ●G	Salt					
	Tues 11th	Crewe Alex Worthington Cup	H	3-2	3768	--	--	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Sinnett	Graham	Duxbury □	Rickers □	Orygson	Allott G	Littlejohn G	Reid (pen)	Salt ●	McNivenD	Whitehall ●	Innes	Richie			
	Sat 15th	Blackpool	A	0-3	5258	0	21	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Sinnett	Graham	Duxbury	Rickers □	Orygson	Allott	Littlejohn	Reid	Imes	Salt	Whitehall ●					
	Tues 18th	Crewe Alex Worthington Cup	A	0-2	3248	-	--	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Graham	Sinnett	Duxbury	Rickers □	Orygson	Allott	Littlejohn*	Reid	Hotte	Miskelly	Whitehall ●	Whitehall ●	Innes			
	Sat 22nd	Chesterfield	H	2-0	4550	3	18	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Garnett	Graham 1	Duxbury	Rickers	Orygson*	Allott	Littlejohn*	Reid	Whitehall●	Innes	Salt ●					
Sat 29th	Stoke City	A	0-2	12306	3	21	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Garnett	Graham	Duxbury	Allott	Orygson	Littlejohn	Whitehall	Reid	Rickers	Salt	Sinnett						
SEPT	Tues 1st	Fulham	H	1-1	4744	4	17	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Garnett	Graham	Duxbury	Rickers	Orygson	Allott 1	Whitehall	Reid	Littlejohn	Salt	Sinnett					
	Sat 5th	Lincoln City	A	3-1	3224	7	14	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Garnett	Graham 1	Duxbury	Rickers	Orygson	Littlejohn 1	Allott 1	Reid	Salt	McNiven	Sinnett					
	Tues 8th	Macclesfield Town	H	1-2	5401	7	16	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt □	Garnett	Graham	Duxbury	Rickers	Orygson	Littlejohn 1	Allott	Reid	Salt	McNivenD ●	Sinnett					
	Sat 12th	Northampton Town	A	1-1	5210	8	16	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Garnett	Whitehall □	Duxbury 1	Rickers	Orygson	Littlejohn	Allott	Reid	Salt	McNivenD	Sinnett ●					
	Sat 19th	Preston North End	H	0-1	8205	8	18	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Salt □	Graham	Duxbury	Rickers	Orygson	Allott	Littlejohn □	Reid	Sinnett	McNivenD ●	Whitehall ●					
Sat 26th	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-2	5877	8	20	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Sinnett	Graham	Duxbury	Rickers	Allott □	Littlejohn □	Whitehall	Reid	Salt	Tipton ●	McNivenD ●						
OCT	Sat 3rd	Colchester Utd	H	1-0	4231	11	19	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt	Graham	Sinnett	Duxbury	Rickers 1	Allott □	Tipton □	Whitehall □	Reid	Littlejohn ●	Richie ●	Hodgson ●					
	Fri 9th	Wigan Athletic	H	2-3	5499	11	20	Kelly	McNivenS	Holt*	Graham 1	Sinnett	Duxbury*	Rickers	Clitheroe	Tipton*	Littlejohn	Reid	Garnett ●	Allott ● 1	Orygson					
	Sat 17th	Luton Town	A	0-2	5447	11	21	Kelly	McNivenS	McLean*	Garnett	Thom	Sinnett	Rickers	Orygson	Littlejohn*	Allott	Reid	Holt ●	McNivenD ●	Tipton					
	Tues 20th	Burnley	A	0-1	9539	11	22	Kelly	McNivenS	McLean	Garnett	Thom	Sinnett	Rickers	Orygson	Littlejohn	Allott*	Reid	Holt	McNivenD	Tipton ●					
	Sat 24th	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-0	4337	12	22	Kelly	McNivenS	McLean	Garnett*	Thom	Sinnett	Rickers	Orygson	McGinlay*	Allott*	Sheridan	Tipton ●	Holt ●	Littlejohn ●					
Sat 31st	Millwall	A	1-1	5609	13	22	Kelly	Spooner	McLean*	Garnett	Thom	Sinnett	McGinlay* 1	Orygson	Rickers	Whitehall	Sheridan	Tipton	Holt ●	Littlejohn ●						
NOV	Sat 7th	Manchester City	H	0-3	12976	13	22	Kelly	Spooner*	McLean*	Garnett	Thom	Duxbury	McGinlay	Holt	Rickers	Whitehall*	Sheridan	Littlejohn ●	Allott ●	McNiven ●					
	Tues 10th	Gillingham	A	1-2	5188	13	23	Kelly	Rickers	Holt	Garnett	Thom*	Duxbury	McGinlay	Sheridan	Tipton	Whitehall* 1	Reid	Allott ●	Salt ●	Spooner					
	Sat 14th	FAC Rd 1 Gillingham	H	2-0	3173	--	--	Kelly	McNivenS 1	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Salt 1	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall*	Reid	McLean	Allott ●	Swann	Innes	Richie ●			
	Sat 21st	Wrexham	H	3-2	4446	16	22	Kelly	McNiven 1	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Salt*	Sheridan	Tipton 1	Whitehall* 1	Reid	McGinlay ●	Allott ●	Swann					
	Sat 28th	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2	5614	17	22	Kelly	McNiven	Holt*	Garnett	Rickers 1	Duxbury	Allott	Sheridan 1	Tipton	Whitehall	Reid	Sinnett ●	Innes	Salt					
DEC	Sat 5th	Brentford FA Cup 2		1-1	4217	--	--	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Graham*	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall 1	Reid	Sinnett	Miskelly	McGinlay ●	Allott ●	Thom			
	Tue 8th	Darlington (AWS round 1)	H	0-1	2131	--	--	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury*	McGinlay*	Salt	Thom	Whitehall	Reid	Sinnett	Allott ●	Tipton ●					
	Sat 12th	Walsall	H	0-2	4195	17	22	Kelly	McNiven*	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury*	Allott	Sheridan	Tipton	Whitehall	Reid	Thom ●	McGinlay	Clitheroe					
	Tue 15th	Brentford FA Cup 2 Replay	A	2-2	4375	--	--	Kelly	McNiven*	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury 1	McGinlay 1*	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall*	Reid	Thom ●	Miskelly ●	Tipton ●	Sinnett	Swan			
	Sat 19th	Reading	A	1-1	9390	18	23	Miskelly	McNiven	Holt	Sinnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall*	Reid	Swan	Allott*	Innes*					
Sat 26th	Chesterfield	A	1-3	5448	21	21	Kelly	McNiven	Sinnett	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Allott 2	Sheridan	Orygson	Whitehall*	Holt 1	Swann	McGinlay	Innes ●						
Mon 28th	York City	H	0-2	5343	21	22	Kelly	McNiven	Sinnett	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Allott	Sheridan	Orygson*	Whitehall*	Holt	Swann	McGinlay ●	Innes ●						
JAN	Sat 2nd	Chelsea FA Cup Round 3	H	0-2	12770	-	-	Kelly	McNiven	Holt*	Garnett*	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall	Reid	Tipton ●	Miskelly	Innes	Swan ●	Salt			
	Sat 9th	Notts County	A	1-0	4669	24	21	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Mardon 1	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan*	Allott	Whitehall*	Reid	Sinnett ●	Salt	Tipton ●					
	Sat 16th	Blackpool	H	3-0	5353	27	19	Kelly	McNiven	Holt 1	Mardon	Rickers	Duxbury 1	Thom	Sheridan	Allott 1	Whitehall	Reid	Sinnett	Salt	Tipton					
	Tue 26th	Fulham	A	0-1	8160	27	19	Kelly	McNiven	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall*	Mardon	Swann	Tipton ●	Innes					
	Sat 30th	York City	A	1-0	3760	30	17	Kelly	McNiven	Holt 1	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Allott*	Whitehall*	Reid	Sinnett ●	Salt	Tipton ●					
FEB	Sat 6th	Lincoln City	H	2-0	5220	33	17	Kelly	Mardon 1	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom 1	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall*	Reid	Sinnett	McNiven	Tipton ●					
	Sat 13th	Macclesfield Town FAC Rd 5	A	0-1	403	33	19	Kelly	Mardon	Sinnett	McNiven	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall*	Reid	Innes	Swann	Tipton ●					
	Sat 20th	Northampton Town	H	0-1	4752	33	19	Kelly	Mardon	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury	Thom	Sheridan	Allott	Whitehall*	Reid*	Sinnett	Tipton ●	Orygson ●					
	Sat 27th	Preston North End	A	1-2	12,965	33	19	Kelly	Mardon	Holt	Garnett	McNiven S*	Duxbury	Rickers	Sheridan	Whitehall	Allott*	Reid	Thom ●	Tipton ●	Salt					
	Sat 6th	Bournemouth	H	2-3	4,453	53	19	Kelly	McNiven*	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury 1	Mardon	Sheridan	Tipton	Allott*	Reid*	Thom ●	Whitehall ● 1	Orygson ●					
Tues 9th	Colchester Utd	A	2-2	3,616	34	19	Kelly	Orygson	Holt	Garnett	Rickers	Duxbury 1	Mardon*	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall 1	Reid	Salt	McNiven ●	Thom ●						
Sat 13th	Manchester City	A	2-1	30,321	37	18	Kelly	Thom	Holt	Garnett	Orygson*	Duxbury 1	Rickers	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall	Reid 1 pen	Swan	Allott ●	McNiven ●						
Sat 20th	Millwall	H	0-1	4,565	37	18	Kelly	Thom*	Holt	Garnett	Orygson*	Duxbury	Rickers*	Sheridan	Tipton*	Whitehall	Reid	McNiven ●	Allott ●	Salt ●						
Sat 27th	Wycombe Wanderers	A	0-3	4,083	37	20	Kelly	Swann*	Sinnett	Garnett*	Orygson*	Duxbury	Rickers	Sheridan	Gray	Whitehall	Reid	Innes ●	Allott ●	Salt ●						
APR	Fri 2nd	Luton Town	H																							
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MAY	Sat 1st	Walsall	A																							

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