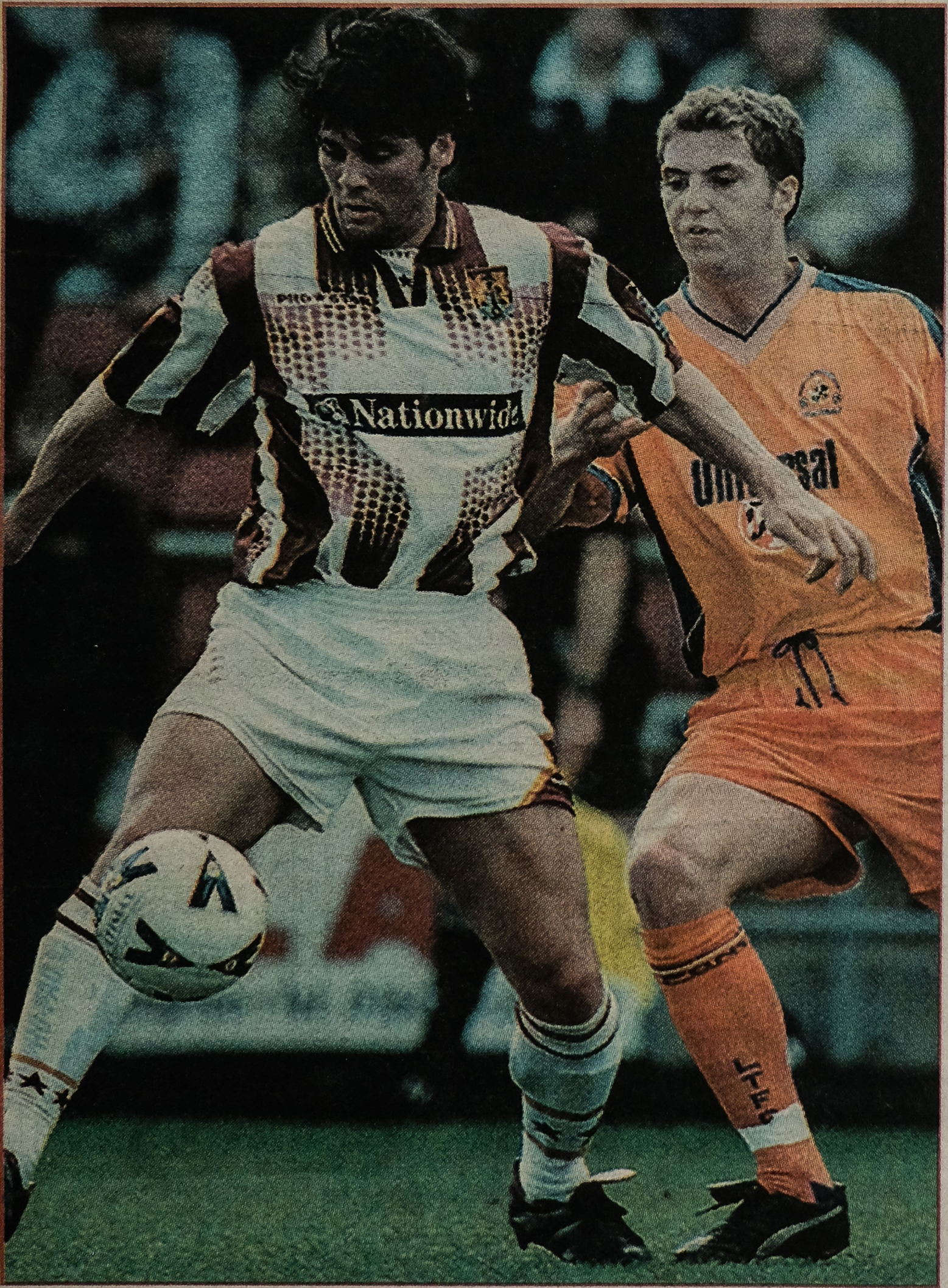


BIG BREAK FOR TOWN



■ COBBLERS HERO - Goalscorer Carlo Corazzin takes on Luton's Alan White

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CARLO CORAZZIN eased the Cobblers relegation fears with a fluke goal to notch up a battling 1-0 victory over local rivals Luton Town at Sixfields on Saturday.

Corazzin's 16th goal of the season lifted Town spirits on an afternoon when most of their rivals at the foot of Nationwide League Division Two threw themselves a lifeline.

But the Cobblers go into tomorrow night's home 'six-pointer' with York City in the knowledge that a rollover Sixfields success will whisk them clear of the bottom four.

The weekend display against the Hatters wasn't the greatest but, as against Bournemouth, it was a victory for guts and commitment.

Both sides struggled to play good football on a dry bobbly pitch which couldn't be softened because of a fault with the sprinkler system before kick off.

"We would have liked a softer pitch but, unfortunately, the sprinkler system broke down and we weren't able to water the surface effectively," said manager Ian Atkins.

"Our goal was fortunate, but so was the Luton winner at their place when Graham Alexander's shot deflected in off Colin Hill.

"We want players to put opponents under pressure and that's what James Hunt did when Carlo Corazzin put the ball in from the left. James ran across their goalkeeper and put him off and the ball crept in at the far post.

"We made something happen and it got us the three points.

"Billy Turley pulled off a terrific save right at the end and then the ball hit Lee Howey from a shot following a corner.

"We had a little bit of luck in

Division Two									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Fulham.....	39	28	6	5	66	26	90		
Walsall.....	39	22	8	9	54	41	74		
Preston.....	40	21	10	9	71	40	73		
Man City.....	41	19	15	7	58	29	72		
Gillingham.....	40	19	14	7	65	36	71		
Bournemouth.....	40	20	10	10	61	38	70		
Wigan.....	38	18	7	13	57	38	61		
Stoke.....	39	19	4	16	50	49	61		
Millwall.....	40	16	10	14	47	47	58		
Chesterfield.....	39	16	10	13	44	38	58		
Reading.....	41	15	12	14	49	54	57		
Luton.....	40	13	10	17	46	54	49		
Blackpool.....	40	12	13	15	37	45	49		
Notts County.....	39	13	9	17	46	53	48		
Wrexham.....	39	12	11	16	38	54	47		
Bristol Rovers.....	40	10	15	15	53	48	45		
Colchester.....	40	10	15	15	43	58	45		
Burnley.....	40	10	13	17	45	70	43		
York.....	40	11	9	20	49	70	42		
Wycombe.....	40	10	10	20	43	51	40		
COBBLERS.....	40	9	13	18	32	47	40		
Oldham.....	40	10	9	21	39	57	39		
Lincoln City.....	39	10	6	23	34	66	36		
Macclesfield.....	39	9	9	21	33	51	36		

this match. Maybe it's beginning to even itself out after the season we've had."

Tony Dobson, Paul Wilkinson and Roy Hunter will all be available for selection against York. Wilkinson turned out as the over-age player for the youth team in the 1-1 draw with Mansfield.

■ YOUTH team player Adam Hancock won £500 for charity by 'netting' during the half-time Henlys Hotshot challenge. Hancock was invited to have a go at getting the ball into the back of the Rover car - and obliged with his first kick, the ball hammering into the vehicle 'off the bar'!