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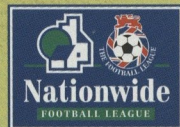
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Quo vadis Terry?



Terry scored a valuable winner against Wigan.

Where now, indeed, for the silky-skilled winger who has made such an enormous impact in his three months on loan at Maine Road?

Tonight's match is scheduled to be his last appearance at Maine Road with his extended loan due to finish after Saturday's trip to Gillingham.

Then he's back to Manchester United - unless a permanent deal can be arranged to make him a fully-fledged Blue.

"Alex Ferguson wants me back at Old Trafford, where my contract is up at the end of the season," said TC.

"We'll just see what unfolds in the summer. There is a great deal to consider.

"I have enjoyed playing first team football and I want to continue playing first team football. It's a very big decision."

Unless the situation changes in the meantime, the 22-year-old will become a free agent in the summer, when any transfer fee would be decided by an FA tribunal.

Looking back, it hardly seems possible that three months have passed since he made his City debut against Fulham in the first home match of the year back in January.

His impish style and commitment made him an immediate hit with the Blues' faithful - and that relationship has just grown and grown in the ensuing weeks.

His modesty is also an endearing quality. After his two match-winning free-kicks in the 3-1 win at Reading, Terry told reporters it was the first time he had scored from such a set piece and that he practised away from David Beckham at Old Trafford.

"I just don't want to look stupid alongside him," said Terry. Not a chance, Tel!

His quick-thinking football brain also came into play at home to Wigan 11 days ago when he pounced on a mistake by goalkeeper Roy Carroll to score an opportunist winner from an acute angle.

Joe Royle makes no secret of the fact that he would like Terry on the staff at Maine Road, but acknowledges he may have to be patient.

Give Terry a rousing reception tonight as he says: "I've enjoyed every minute of my time here at City, where the fans have been brilliant to me.

"It has been such a thrill to hear them cheering me on ... and when you come to a big club like this, you just don't want to leave."

One up on the Germans

Not many England-based players can claim to have put one over the Germans in recent times.

Jeff Whitley can! He was in the Northern Ireland team which beat Germany 1-0 in the European Under-21 championships a fortnight ago.

"I played throughout and it was a terrific team effort," said the 20-year-old midfielder, now back at Maine Road after two months' loan at Division Two rivals Wrexham.

"I felt good in myself and that was due to getting match-fit with Wrexham. The only snag was that I picked up a booking and so was suspended for our next Euro Under-21 qualifier in Moldova four days later.

"That would have been a long trip but I'd like to have gone. We only drew 0-0 when really we needed to win but we have still got a chance of going through to the finals.

"We have matches at home to Turkey and in Germany and Finland at the start of next season. The management were pleased with our performance as a unit against Germany and, fingers crossed, it augurs well for more appearances, possibly even with the seniors."

Jeff's international call-up was a real boost after his successful stint at Wrexham.

"I enjoyed myself there, it was good to get first team football again on a regular basis," he said.

"Things got off to a great start when I scored after eight minutes on my debut at Colchester (Wrexham went on to win 3-1, their first away win of the season).

"I played on the right side of midfield in that game but in the rest of my appearances I was out on the left and that kept me busy.

"The idea was for me to stop crosses being put over but as we did not have a winger on the left, just myself and the left-back, I was up and down the flank linking the attack and the defence.

"I was an ever-present in the first team during my loan and had agreed a third month when I was recalled to Maine Road to cover for suspensions.

"Everyone was good to me at the Racecourse Ground and they have a great set of lads. Tommy Wright came over during my stint and he too is benefiting from playing in the first team again.

"He quickly settled in and will be there

for the rest of the season but he comes back to City every Thursday when Wrexham have a day off."

During his spell at Wrexham, Jeff 'scored' a controversial goal against Preston. He offered to return possession to Preston from a dropped ball but his punt rocketed into the net.

"As we were 4-0 down at the time I ran off celebrating," he laughed. "I wanted the goal to stand but the referee disallowed it

for 'unsporting behaviour'.

"He said he should have booked me really but as I had already been booked it would have meant a sending-off and he didn't want to do that!"

Jeff was placed on the transfer list by Joe Royle shortly before his loan move was arranged.

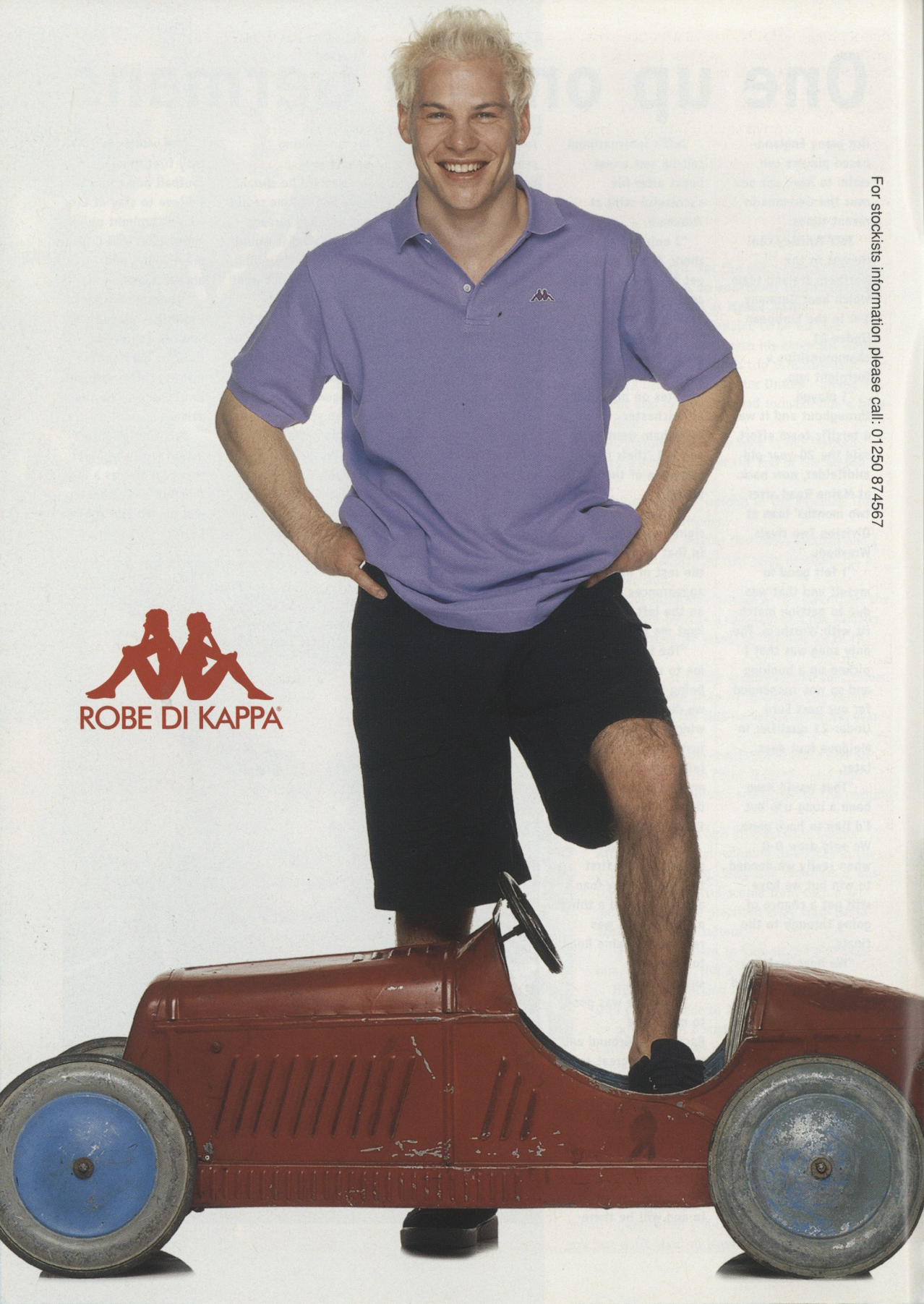
"I'm still on the list and the gaffer has let clubs know I'm available," added Jeff, who still has another two years of his contract to run.

"He wants me to play first team football and so do I. I'd love to stay at City - I was brought up in Manchester and City are my club and always have been.

"My mate Michael Brown has proved what you can achieve by working hard and making things happen. I'm hoping to do the same."

Jeff's only senior action with the Blues this year was as a late, late sub at Colchester last month and against Lincoln on Saturday.





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Tunnel vision is what is required with five games to go. Other results went our way at the weekend and there were a few six-pointers last night.

But we need to focus all our attention and energy on our own games, starting with Luton Town tonight, and try to win every one of them. Then we can look around and see where we stand.

It was a great result for us on Saturday and nice to avenge a rather poor defeat at Lincoln earlier in the season. There are no easy games in this division, as we have discovered, but at least we have started beating teams we are expected to beat.

We used to be a bit vulnerable against sides like Lincoln but as the season has progressed we have improved and become much more aware of what the Second Division demands if we are going to get out of it.

There was a bit of uncertainty in our play at the start of Saturday's game but once we got going, the outcome was never in any doubt. I think Lincoln had only two attempts on goal and our 'keeper had one shot to save.

Paul Dickov's hat-trick was the highlight of the afternoon and earned him the headlines. Also I thought the referee, Mark Warren, from Walsall, was outstanding. He did the job with a smile on his face and used a lot of common sense. If only they could all be like that!

We were all delighted for 'Dicky' and it is only a week or two ago that he was having a heart-to-heart about his future, though I'm sure he didn't want to leave the club.

He was unhappy because he wasn't getting a regular place in the side. I told him there was no question mark against his endeavour or his enthusiasm, just that he wasn't productive enough.

He needed to get into the box more, show greater composure and score more goals. But I told him his chance would come sooner rather than later and when he did get in he provided the perfect response. That was a 'leave-me-out-if-you-dare' hat-trick.

He took all three goals particularly well and might have had a fourth. Four attempts on target out of four is an excellent return from any striker.

There is no bad time to score a goal but to get one just before the break and complete his hat-trick three minutes into the second-half could hardly have been

better. They 'killed' the game and allowed us to relax in the knowledge the points were in the bag.

Four goals and a 'clean sheet' is as much as you can ask for and our home record is so much better now. When you think we lost eleven at home last season, that goes some way to explaining why we were relegated.

But even though we have won 11 at home this season and only conceded a dozen goals, I know our record at Maine Road should be better. We have had too many draws.

Since Christmas we have managed to reduce the number of drawn games but if we had managed to win some of the games we should have won, against some of the lower teams, we would have been top-two material at this stage.

The only real blip has been the home reverse by Oldham - one defeat in 19 League games. And that was Oldham's only win - home or away - in their last eleven matches. It just goes to prove the old adage that it's a funny old game!

Competition for places is healthy because, as Paul Dickov says, it's hard to get back into the side if you lose your place. In his case, he tended to do better when he came on as a substitute. But that's not what he wants and he provided the perfect message on Saturday.

I won't argue as long as the goals keep coming, whoever scores them, and as long as we take another three valuable points against Luton tonight.

We came away from Kenilworth Road with a 1-1 draw back in November and that game was typical of a lost opportunity. We were in need of more fire-power and Gareth Taylor played his first game for us after signing from Sheffield United.

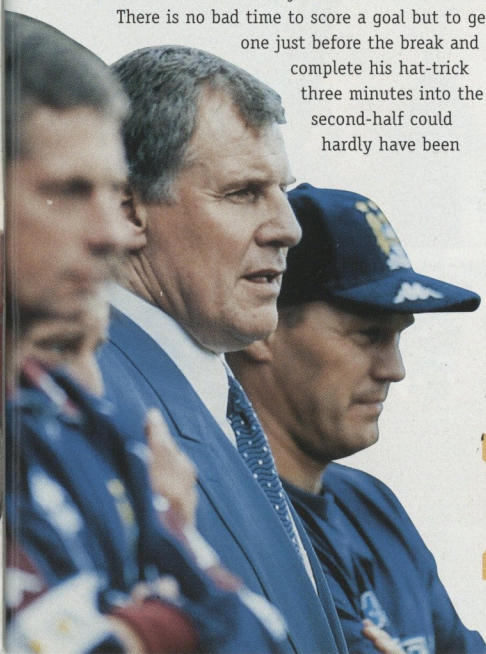
Obviously, he needed a few games to settle in and it was a difficult debut. Our goal came from Andy Morrison but he had to go off at the interval and we ended up conceding an equaliser from a set play, which has been unusual for us this season.

Luton were just above us in the table at the time but have had to sell some of their best players, for financial reasons, and have slipped to mid-table.

I have nothing but admiration for their manager Lennie Lawrence who is always associated with teams who like to play football. I am sure that tradition will be maintained tonight and I welcome it.

On Saturday we have a massive game at Gillingham, one of our rivals for promotion, and after that we will be left with three to play: Wycombe Wanderers (h), Bristol Rovers (a) and York City (h).

Terry Cooke's loan agreement runs out after the Gillingham game and it has been no secret that we want to keep him. Hopefully, there will be an announcement soon if there hasn't been one already.



Joe Royle



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Honoured Blue

Britain's most exciting and explosive young boxer is bang on course to fulfilling his ultimate ambition ... winning a world title and then defending it at his beloved Maine Road!

Diehard Blue Ricky Hatton has just been voted Young Boxer of the Year by the boxing writers' club and is tipped by promoter Frank Warren to be the next superstar of British boxing.

Yet if he had chosen a different career path the 20-year-old from Hyde could now be knocking on City's first team door.

Ricky, whose father Ray played a number of reserve team games for the Blues in the Bell-Lee-Summerbee era in the early 70s, was a regular at City's School of Excellence in his early 'teens.

At the same time he was also carving out a fearsome reputation as a schoolboy boxer, winning eight national junior titles, and when decision time came he chose the toughest game in the world.

It's proved to be a good choice. As an amateur, he won the Senior ABA Light-welterweight Championship at the first attempt in 1997 and, whilst still an 18-year-old, gained a bronze medal in the World Junior Championships in Cuba.

Since turning professional it's been one long success story

and he is now unbeaten after 12 fights. He recently won the Central Area Light-welterweight crown and only last week beat Brian Coleman at London's Royal Albert Hall, his ninth knockout victory.

But Ricky, who trains at Salford's Phoenix Camp gym, manages to get down to Maine Road in between blitzing every opponent put in front of him.



"I was a season ticket holder for three years up to the start of this season and had a cracking seat in the middle of the Kippax Upper Tier," he said.

"I'm not sure why I didn't renew it this season. I think it was because I thought I would not be able to get down as much as my boxing career became more intense but I've actually only missed a

couple of games this season.

"I mostly go in the Main Stand with a couple of other boxers - British light-middleweight champion Ensley Bingham and Phil Heneghan, who was a good amateur. They are both good mates and we'll all be here tonight.

"If we go up I will probably get a season ticket again."

Dad Ray took Ricky to his first matches at Maine Road during the Mel Machin era. "I was about 10 at the time, and while I've never seen City win a trophy I was there on the club's greatest day in modern times," he said.

Ricky, of course, was referring to September 23rd, 1989, and the 5-1 Manchester derby romp.

"When I first started going I suppose Paul Stewart was my hero but Paul Lake was just starting to come through," he recalled.

"The best player I've seen in a blue shirt has to be Gio Kinkladze, who was just magical, but we currently have the makings of a very good team.

"I hope we sign Terry Cooke because I believe he has the quality to be a Premiership star along with Gerard Wiekens.

"I also like Andy Morrison, Jamie Pollock and Shaun Goater, and with a couple more signings I think we could be pushing for promotion again next year, assuming we go up this time."

Ricky's grandfather, John, also had City connections, playing in the 'B' team.

"I no longer play soccer at any level, I had to give it up completely when I became a professional boxer, but I hope to get my chance at Maine Road one day," he admitted. "My dream is to win the world title and then stage my first defence here."



Tony's big match date

Tony Vaughan is hoping to walk down the aisle as a First Division player.

Tony and his bride-to-be Tara had originally planned to marry on Saturday 29th May ... the day before the Second Division promotion play-off final at Wembley.

But they have now postponed their big day until mid-June, leaving Tony free to concentrate on the possible play-off campaign.

"We fixed the original date before the season started, unaware of the potential clash, but as the weeks went by it seemed the best bet was to play safe and put it back," said the 23-year-old defender.

"It wasn't a problem re-arranging the ceremony and we are now getting married on June 11th in Ipswich, Tara's home town."

The couple met during Tony's playing days at Portman Road, prior to his £1,350,000 move to Maine Road in the summer of 1997.

"We've been quite busy preparing for the occasion and everything seems to be coming together," he said.

"The invitations have gone out and we spent a couple of days in Ipswich after the match at Preston last week, making sure everything is in place at that end.

"As many of the City players as possible will be attending, but with it being in the close season quite a few will be away on holiday."

Tony, as superstitious as the next player, is keeping his fingers crossed everything goes to plan for his match of the day, but will he be repeating any of the good luck practices he employs for City games?

For instance, a recent television clip showed him touching the top of the retractable players' tunnel as the Blues ran out before a match at Maine Road.

"That's something I've done since my Ipswich days," he revealed. "I only do it for home games. There was a similar canopy at Portman Road and now I just do it without thinking. It's just a good luck thing.

"I have a number of other little superstitions, such as always playing in a long-sleeved shirt when I have the option, even if it's 100 degrees!

"It was roasting for the game with Wigan last week and I think only one or two of us were in long sleeves. Again, it's just a habit I don't like to break."

He's hoping to maintain another habit between now and the end of the season ... hitting the back of the net.

"I normally score at least one or two goals a season but I am still waiting to get off the mark this time. I'm due one and it would be good to get an important one before the end," said Tony, whose only goal in the last campaign was a looping header which was enough to beat Bradford City at HQ.

Tony and a number of other senior Blues enjoyed a night out at the boxing after Saturday's match against Lincoln.

"We went to the M.E.N. Arena to watch the Naseem Hamed world title fight and although I'm not really a boxing fan I've got a few Naz videos, simply because he is pure quality," added Tony.

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Food and fines have been making the headlines recently.

Did you see the story about the alleged clause in the contracts of the Wimbledon players, that if they lose a match by five clear goals, they have to eat a meal that includes sheep's testicles, stuffed intestines, boiled camel brains and raw liver?

I have always suggested they were one can short of a six-pack at that club although I have the greatest admiration for the way they have not only survived in the Premiership on poor gates but also bought and sold so shrewdly.

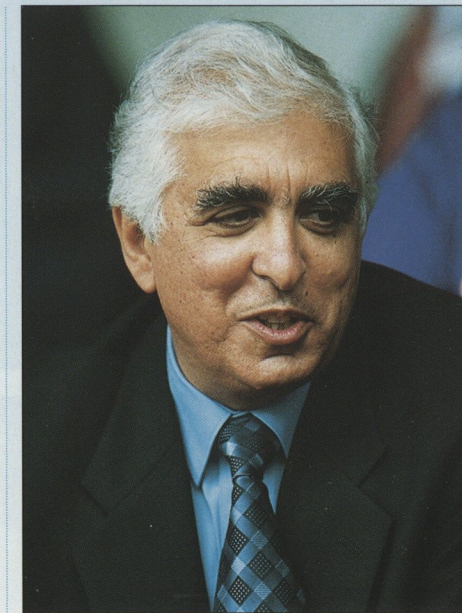
This tale, however, really takes the biscuit, or the sheep's eye. Dons' captain Robbie Earle insists it is true and is one of chairman Sam Hamman's motivational idiosyncrasies.

Earle was quoted in a number of national papers saying: "If we lose a match by five clear goals, Sam can take us to a Lebanese restaurant of his choice and make us eat a meal of all sorts of horrible-sounding stuff.

"It has been in our contracts for a while now, and that's why we were so relieved when we got a goal when Manchester United knocked five past us earlier this season.

"You can bet that if we go four goals down against anybody, Sam will be running alongside the pitch threatening us with the worst."

Food most foul, to English palates, is not the only threat Uncle



Sam Hamman - five goal threat!

Sam has over his Wimbledon players, apparently. He can also insist they accompany him to a night at the opera.

Imagine if this type of thing catches on at other clubs or if it had done already. Would the Burnley lads have been fed mountains of tripe and onions after we savaged them 6-0 at Turf Moor last month?

What would Sam Allardyce have made Notts County players devour after their 7-1 walloping here in the Worthington Cup back in August? Their dirty socks, perhaps.

Motivation comes in

many forms. There is a story about the Aldershot manager whose team had not won an away game for two years. It is said that when the team coach set off for Carlisle, the club's longest trip of the season, the manager turned off the television set and put on a Max Bygraves cassette.

He told the players they had to listen to Max Bygraves tapes all the way to Carlisle and, if they lost again, all the way back to Hampshire. They won!

What do you make of the cash-for-cards plan? *The Daily Mirror* revealed a new crackdown to reduce the number of red and yellow cards next season.

They claimed that, following secret meetings between the PFA, the Premier League and the Football League, players would be fined a percentage of their wages on a sliding scale and depending on how many cards they accumulated.

The Mirror reported: "In the past, the imposition of fines for bookings and sendings-off has been at the discretion of the club and manager. The plan is the brainchild of a number of Premiership chairman who believe players should not be paid while suspended. At first the PFA resisted the idea but chief executive Gordon Taylor has relented on the basis that it would be in the interests of the game."

The scale of fines is supposed to rise from ten per cent of a player's

weekly pay, for one booking, to 100 per cent for three red cards.

The Mirror suggested that persistent offenders, like Arsenal's Emmanuel Petit and Chelsea's Dennis Wise could be forking out anything up to £100,000. Forget what the players think about the plan. Has anybody asked their wives? Imagine the furore when a player goes home to his partner and reports that he has been sent off again ... a couple of weeks before Christmas! Forget the kids' presents and your new dress, luv, I've just been fined another twenty grand!

And what about the players in the lower divisions who are on 'buttons' compared to their Premier League brothers? Naturally enough, there was uproar.

Darlington manager Dave Hodgson, ex Middlesbrough and Liverpool striker, said: "If this system is adopted, players will stop tackling at our level. And if you question them about their commitment, they will say they can't afford to be booked. Anyway, most bookings these days are unjustified."

What about the vexed issue of poor refereeing? Even if you fined the refs for making bad decisions, it wouldn't hit them too hard because they are part-time.

Talking Football

City Shorts

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Mascot



● Seven-year-old Steve Yates (above) usually sits in the Platt Lane stand with his dad and grandad, but tonight he'll be leading out the Blues! Steve's favourite players are Michael Brown and Nicky Weaver and he plays football for Hindley Juniors Under 8's.

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When you wish upon a star

● Our picture (above) shows City staff members Geoff Durbin, June Hampson and Gaynor Hughes who participated in the aerial 'Thrill Slide' which raised funds for the charity in the Arndale Centre on Easter Monday. If you would like to help this worthy charity for seriously/terminally ill children by making a pledge, please contact Geoff Durbin in the Commercial Dept. on 0161 232 3030.



Travelling Super-Blues win praise

● We have received a letter from Martyn Curtis of Chippenham, Wilts ... "City's and Reading's paths have crossed on a number of occasions and I never cease to be amazed by your travelling supporters and their impeccable behaviour. They are a

credit to what is now starting to look like a very good team. May I wish the Blues all the best during their run-in to the end of the campaign and hopefully Reading will follow your example next year (that's if we don't meet you at Wembley before then!!!)."

Obituary

● Our condolences to the family of loyal Blue Harry Hall of Moston who died on 12th March, aged 73.

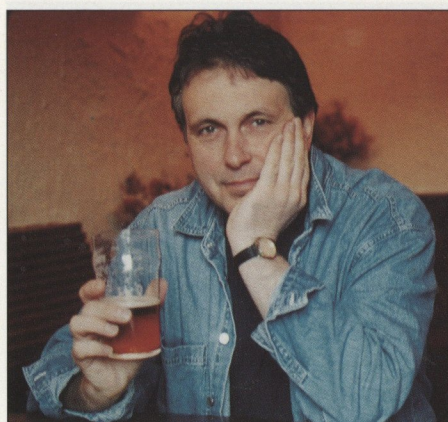
Many happy returns to...

● **Stephen Milner** (right), of Worsley. "Happy 50th, thanks for being the best Dad I've ever had. I hope you have a really special evening 'cos you're a special person. Lots of love, Vic xxx."

● **Ralph Marcus**, 70, who is enjoying a reunion tonight with his three sons; Michael, Harvey from Australia and Jeffrey from Israel. Great nephew Marlon Solomon, who was City's mascot nine years for the same match with Luton, will be celebrating with them.

● **Dennis Chapman** (right), 72 today, has a double celebration. He and wife Barbara (Block C, Row N) were married 50 years ago this very day. Dennis has followed City since his first game in April 1938 and has amassed an enormous programme collection going back to 1902. He has also visited all 92 League grounds over the years, to watch a first team match. Congratulations to you both from daughter Pat and son Colin and all at MCFC!

● **Mark Dencer** who lives in Surrey, celebrated his 6th birthday with this delicious cake (see picture right).



Cover Story

● A commendation from Graham Ullathorne, of Chesterfield ... "Congratulations on a super programme cover v Wigan. It's great to see the players, but this young man will be around long after they move on".

Our 'Cover Boy's' parents have also written to say 4-year-old **Nicholas Haughton** was "absolutely thrilled" to see his picture in the programme. Nicholas, whose favourite is Nick Weaver, goes to matches with his three sisters, Hayley, Stephanie and Faye, his parents, uncle and grandad.



What a wonderful way to wed...

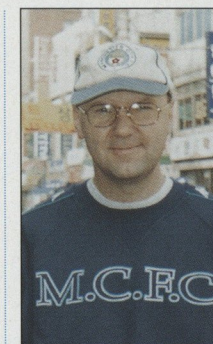
● **Tracy Birtles and Paul Sherlock** (pictured right) were married in the Silver Suite at our game v Wigan. For more info on special events at Maine Road contact Kirsten Inverarity at Mainstream Catering.



Fan from afar 1...

● Lifelong Blue **Daavid Warren** (below) of Twickenham, makes a 450-mile round trip to sit in the Kippax but recently went over to the States. He stayed with a friend who's a Gillingham fan so when the Gills won 5-0 at Burnley on the day we

drew at Chesterfield, Daavid got some grief, though he tells us it's gone quiet on the other side of the Atlantic now the Blues are storming up the table!



Fan from afar 2...

● **Nick Steciuk** of Reddish spent some time working in Korea recently (see picture above) and tells us <http://www.mcfc.co.uk> kept him in touch with his beloved Blues ... thankfully! Back in the UK, Nick attends all City's home games with daughter Lisa (13) and son John (9).

Luton Town

Paul McLaren



A first win for a month halted Luton Town's worrying fall towards the danger area in the week that the Kenilworth Road club went into receivership.

The defeat of Gillingham provided some breathing space after a traumatic period in which manager Lennie Lawrence raised £550,000 by selling Sean Evers to Reading and Graham Alexander to Preston.

The loss of two regulars was balanced by approval for two loan signings from Bristol City, a second spell this season for defender **SEAN DYCHE** and a homecoming for the Hatters' former top scorer, **TONY THORPE**.

Dyche, who captained Chesterfield's FA Cup semi-final side two years ago, resumed with the winning goal against Gillingham after slotting into a new three-man defensive system.

Aside from mounting cash problems, a turbulent season has seen the knock-back of planning permission for a new stadium and twists and turns in the form of a young side.

They held third place late in October and were still seventh when a quarter-final defeat at Sunderland ended a string of Worthington Cup wins against higher-division opposition from Oxford, Ipswich, Coventry and Barnsley.

The decline in League form was such that 22 games from October to March yielded only three wins and took them to within six points of the bottom four during a drop of 11 places.

The Gillingham game eased that pressure, and now Luton will be hoping for a comfortable finish so that they can explore avenues for future prosperity.

For ten years, they had maintained a place in the old First Division despite financial limitations at a cramped Kenilworth Road. The highest average attendance in all that time was 13,452 in the first season after winning promotion.

The many milestones are still relatively fresh in the memory...

- **TWELVE** years since they finished seventh in a season when Liverpool and Manchester United were among the clubs to come to grief on their artificial playing surface.

- **ELEVEN** years since Ray Harford's side won the League Cup by beating Arsenal only a month after losing to Reading in the Simod Cup Final.

- **TEN** years since a third Wembley appearance in two seasons resulted in a 3-1 defeat by Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Final.

- **SEVEN** years since a last-match defeat by Notts County cost them a place in the new Premier League.

By 1996, they were down to the Second Division, losing in the play-offs at the first attempt, then dispersing a relegation threat last year with six goals in eight games by Spurs loanee Rory Allen.

It was always evident that a return to higher levels would have to be achieved by nurturing young players. And the club have an outstanding record with an FA Youth Cup semi-final, a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and South-East Counties League titles in the last two seasons.

Goalkeeper **KELVIN DAVIS**, capped in England

Phil Gray



Youth and Under-21 sides, emerged last season as the club's No 1, and understudy **NATHAN ABBEY** was on League duty for the first time in a February win at Burnley.

Striker **STUART DOUGLAS**, who reached ten goals for the season in February, and midfielder **MATTHEW SPRING** - almost an ever-present in his first full campaign - both made first-team debuts as 17-year-olds.

Another midfielder, **PAUL McLAREN**, successfully replaced Wales international Ceri Hughes last season while former England Schools striker **ANDREW FOTIADIS** became a senior contender after studying for his A-levels.

Youth team captain **STUART FRASER** was introduced in the final match last year and goal-scorer **LIAM GEORGE** featured in one League game before helping the Republic of Ireland to victory in last summer's European Under-18 Championship.

Defender **GARY DOHERTY** is another Irish prospect - appearing on the subs' bench for a full international at the age of 18 - and last week he was included with George for the opening match in the World Youth Cup in Nigeria.

The youth supply line has delivered again this season with debuts for winger **JIMMY COX**, midfielder **MICHAEL McINDOE**, and **ANDRE SCARLETT**, who scored in a 20-minute appearance against Oldham in October.

Links with the top-flight days are continued by two defenders with more than 300 appearances.

MARVIN JOHNSON is in his 13th year as a professional and **JULIAN JAMES** his 11th, though the latter became a long-term casualty when breaking his right leg against Bristol Rovers last April.

Two more players who appeared in the old First Division are back for second spells.

Left back **MITCHELL THOMAS** won England Under-21 honours before going on to Tottenham for £250,000 and West Ham for £500,000 but returned in 1994 on a free transfer and was appointed player-coach this season.

Northern Ireland striker **PHIL GRAY** arrived from Tottenham for £275,000 in 1991, moved to Sunderland for £800,000, and re-signed for half of that after playing for Nancy in France and Fortuna Sittard in Holland.

Lennie Lawrence signed two former players. Ex-Altrincham midfielder **PAUL SHOWLER** was with the manager at Bradford and defender **ALAN WHITE** came out of reserve football at Middlesbrough in September 1997.

Two of last summer's signings played briefly in the Premiership - full back **GAVIN MCGOWAN** with Arsenal, and former Scotland Under-21 midfielder **RAY MCKINNON** for Nottingham Forest after a £750,000 move from Dundee United in 1992.

Local defender **CHRIS WILLMOTT** and young goal-scorer **TRESOR KANDOL** were given debuts in February, and **L'ANDRY ZAHANA-ONI** cost £25,000 after service with Le Havre, Stirling Albion and non-League Bromley.



Luton Town Honours

FA Cup runners-up: 1959

Football League Cup winners: 1988

Football League Cup runners-up: 1989

Simod Cup runners-up: 1988

Second Division champions: 1981-82

Second Division runners-up: 1954-55, 1973-74

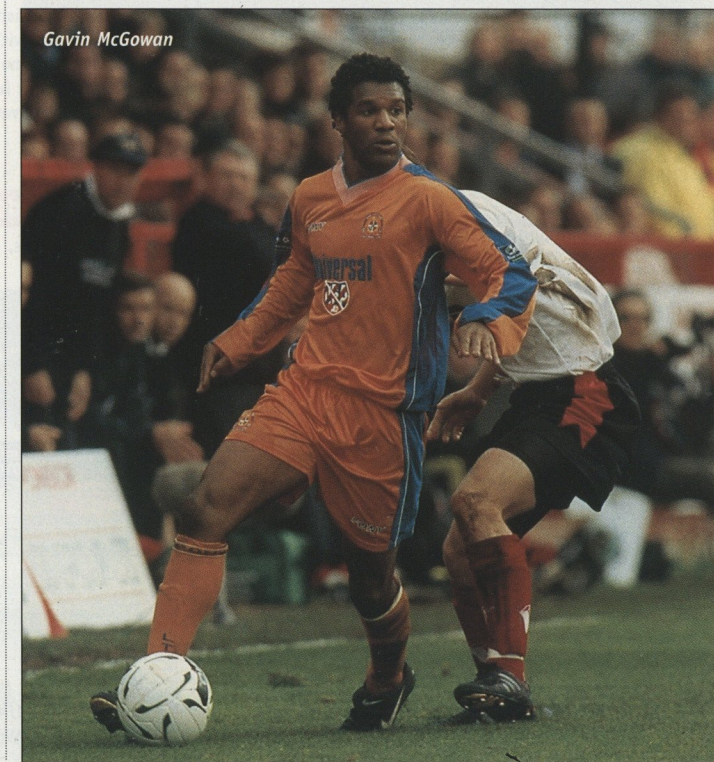
Third Division runners-up: 1969-70

Fourth Division champions: 1967-68

Third Division South champions: 1936-37

Third Division South runners-up: 1935-36

Gavin McGowan



The Hatters

Quiz

Here's ten questions on tonight's visitors - like City, a top division team not so long ago. Answers on page 46.

- 1 Which team did Luton defeat at Wembley to win the League Cup in 1988?
- 2 The following year the Hatters again reached the League Cup final. Who were their opponents?
- 3 Which current Third Division club were relegated from the top flight along with Luton and Chelsea in 1975?
- 4 From which club did Paul Walsh join the Hatters and to which club was he sold?
- 5 Who left Kenilworth Road for Highbury in a club record £2.5m deal in 1995?
- 6 How many goals did Joe Payne score for Luton against Bristol Rovers to set up a Football League record in 1936?
- 7 In 1986-87 Luton achieved their highest ever top division finish. What was their final placing?
- 8 Which Premiership side did Luton knock out of the Worthington Cup this season?
- 9 Who made his City debut when the Blues played at Luton earlier this season?
- 10 Which former City and Luton player appeared for Stoke City at Maine Road this season?

Who am I?

I used to play for City, but can you identify me from these clues?

1. I was born in Cumbran in 1965.
3. I made my debut for Cardiff City on my 17th birthday.
2. I was a penalty hero in a Wembley cup final.
4. I joined City in 1988.
5. I suffered a broken leg whilst playing for the Blues in Ireland.

If you still haven't worked out who I am, the answer can be found on page 46.



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Danny Allsopp climbs highest to win a header.



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Michael Brown (below) gets tackle in, whilst Shaun Goater (right) is closed down by three Wigan players.



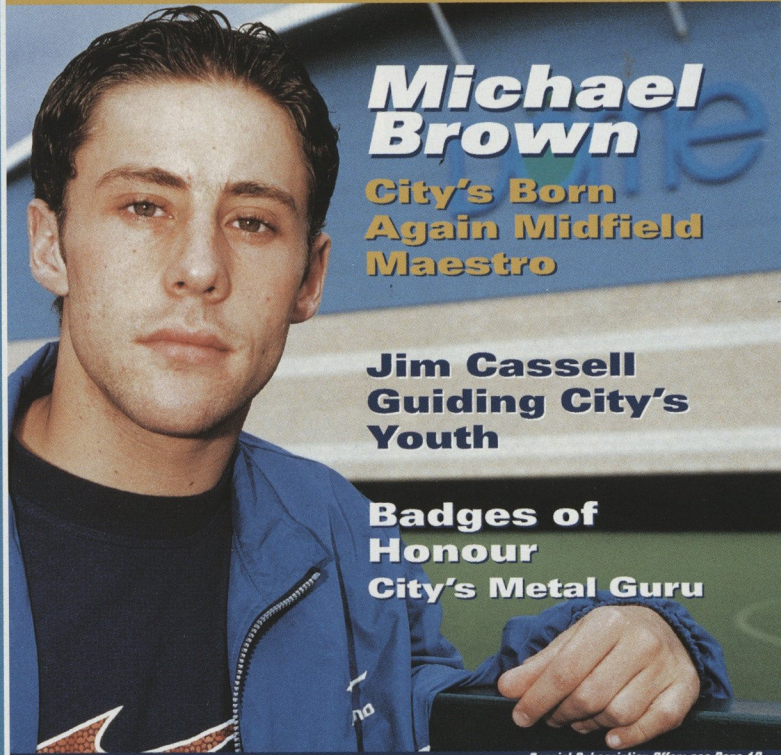
Celebrations all round as Terry Cooke puts the Blues ahead.



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Diary

Day by Day at City...

Saturday 20th March

Colchester attract their biggest crowd of the season despite a 6.00pm kick-off to accommodate the Sky TV experiment with a pay-to-watch box-office audience.

Shaun Goater is back with the winning goal, Tony Vaughan is also recalled as Kevin Horlock drops out through suspension, and substitute Jeff Whitley is given his first League action with City since October.

Colchester are beaten at home for the first time in five matches since January... when Whitley scored on his debut for Wrexham! The Essex club introduce Brazilian Jose Antunes to English football after trials with West Ham and Birmingham, but the 22-year-old, known as Fumaca, suffers a head injury early in the game.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO
COLCHESTER UTD 0 CITY 1 (Goater 55)

HT 0-0 Att: 6,554
COLCHESTER: Emberson, Dunne, Duguid, Pounewatchy, Greene, Buckle, Aspinall, D.Gregory, Dozzell, N.Gregory, Antunes (Sale 16) (Stamps 65). Unused: Williams.
CITY: Weaver, Crooks, Edghill, Wiekens, Morrison, Vaughan, M.R.Brown, Bishop, Taylor, Goater, Cooke (Jeff Whitley 78). Unused: Dickov, Allsopp.

ACADEMY UNDER-17 **CITY 5 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1**

Scorers: Mike 2, Wright-Phillips, Shuker, Parkhouse.

CITY: Hodgson (G.McGuire), Hogan (Mears), Furnival, Jordan, Day, Etuhu, Dunfield, Wright-Phillips, Killen (Parkhouse), Mike, Shuker.

ACADEMY UNDER-19 **CITY 1 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 2**

Scorer: Garfield.

CITY: Daly, Hardiker, O'Keefe, Duff, Holmes, Allcock (Porteous), Garfield, Laycock, Kneen, C.Brown, Reilly. Unused: Julien, G.McGuire.

Tuesday 23rd March

Chris Greenacre scores a hat-trick for the Reserves in the rout of the leaders leaders.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE **CITY RES 4 COVENTRY C. RES 1**

Scorers: Greenacre 3 (1 pen), Allsopp.
CITY: Hodgson, Fenton, Holmes, Wright-Phillips, Jobson, Rimmer, Tiatto, Pollock, Allsopp, Greenacre, Reilly (Laycock). Unused: Duff, M.Brown (gk), Mike.

Wednesday 24th March

Eighteen of City's youngsters, including



Kevin Horlock won his 15th full cap in Northern Ireland's game with Germany.

three trialists, are used in a friendly against Western Shizuoka High School Select XI from Japan. The Blues win 6-0 in a match of three 30-minute periods.

Thursday 25th March

Nearly seven years after leaving Old Trafford, Ashton-born striker Mark Robins returns to Manchester, joining City on loan from Panionios, the Greek quarter-finalists in this season's European Cup-winners' Cup. Chris Greenacre is loaned to Northampton Town for the remainder of the season.

Saturday 27th March

City go above Gillingham into fifth place after registering a third successive away win in front of a record crowd at the Madejski Stadium.

Jamie Pollock and Paul Dickov return to the starting side for Richard Edghill (suspension) and Gareth Taylor, who is on substitute duty for the first time.

New signing Mark Robins travels with the squad but cannot play because international clearance papers have yet to reach Maine Road. Reading debutant Alan Maybury, on loan from Leeds United, is sent off and Keith Scott, a new signing from Wycombe Wanderers, scores a late consolation goal.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO
READING 1 CITY 3 (Cooke 31 & 62 Goater 54)

HT 0-1 Att: 20,055
READING: Howie, Maybury, Barras, Casper, Gray, Houghton (Bernal 64), Caskey, Parkinson, McLaren, McIntyre, McKeever (Scott 67). Unused: Glasgow.
CITY: Weaver, Crooks, Wiekens, Morrison, Vaughan, M.R.Brown, Pollock, Bishop, Cooke, Dickov (Allsopp 70), Goater (Taylor 65). Unused: Tiatto.

Kevin Horlock wins his 15th full cap in Northern Ireland's home defeat by European champions Germany.



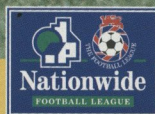
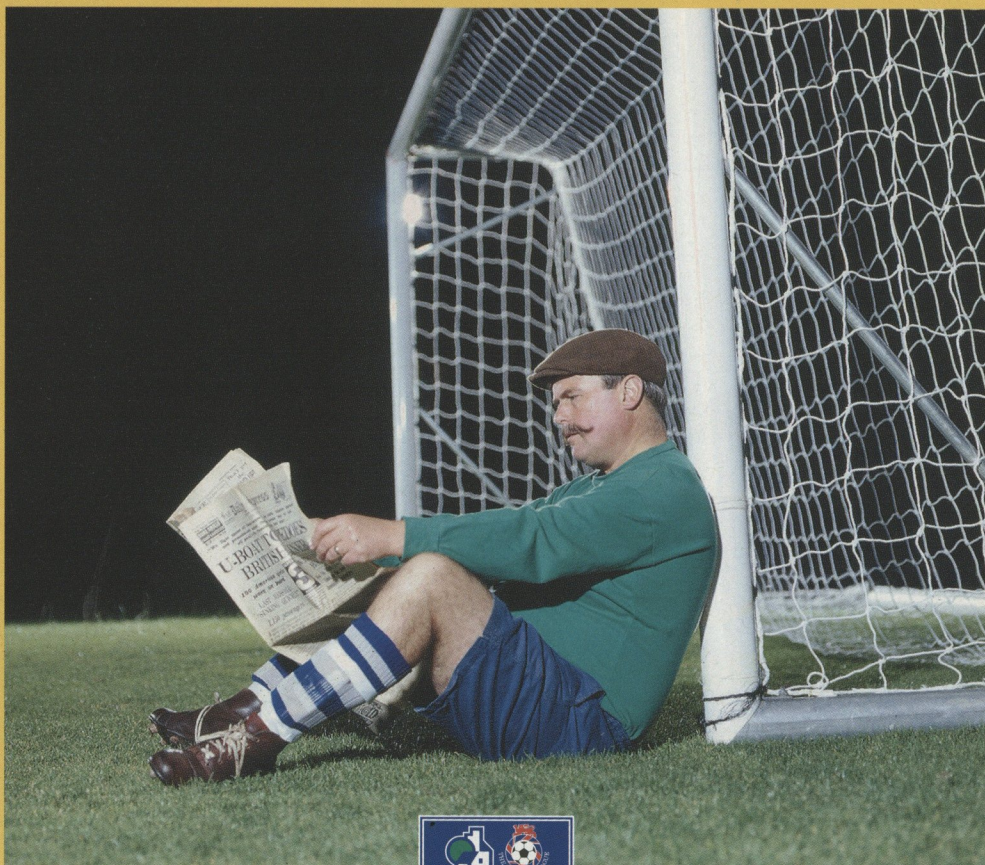
Mark Robins joined the Blues from Panionios.

Richard Edghill



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Beavers on the trail of Robins from Greece . . .
Huck follows Hughes down to the South Coast . . .
McLaren joins the Madejski Scots . . .

● A player who went to Greece in a tie-up between Maine Road old boys returned home in a North-West transfer double with a City signing.

The conclusion to a complicated tale was that Blackpool-born Paul Beavers joined Oldham Athletic on loan from Sunderland on the day that Mark Robins agreed a similar deal move to the Blues.

To find themselves with local Second Division clubs was a dramatic change in only ten weeks since their previous teams met in a Greek League fixture in Athens.

Beavers was untried in first-team football until Sunderland packed him off to vastly different destinations, first at Shrewsbury Town on the banks of the River Severn and then to Ethnikos in the major

Greek seaport of Piraeus.

The overseas experience was where the City connection came in. Ethnikos coach Howard Kendall contacted Peter Reid and they arranged for Beavers to step up from Adrian Heath's reserve side at the Stadium of Light.

The 20-year-old striker almost made a memorable start in Greece when he cracked in a left-foot screamer against Apollon, but as he ran to accept Mr Kendall's congratulations, his effort was ruled out for off-side.

So, how did he find his way to Oldham? It was a combination of

Andy Ritchie's memory and a conversation with Peter Reid when they met at Sunderland's Pontin's League match against Liverpool last month.

The Oldham manager recalled that Beavers had scored a tremendous goal against the Latics' reserve team last season, and asked why he wasn't in the side at Liverpool.

The upshot was a loan arrangement ... but the newcomer's debut was delayed, apparently because Ethnikos refused to grant international clearance.

● Bournemouth landed a potential profit of half-a-million pounds from their one-in, one-out deadline moves - and their newcomer received a standing ovation from the fans.

The surplus will come from Jamie Vincent's transfer to Huddersfield Town on a rising scale to a maximum of £550,000 for the 24-year-old left back.

This represented good business for a player who made 130 senior appearances after costing only £25,000 when leaving Crystal Palace's promoted side in 1996.

The instant acclaim at Dean Court was accorded to one of the lesser-known Frenchmen among Arsene Wenger's recruits for Arsenal.

William Huck, a 20-year-old midfielder, was in the background at Highbury until Bournemouth manager Mel Machin snapped him up for £50,000.

He was able to make his debut alongside the Cherries' other ex-Gunner, Richard Hughes, thanks to the postponement of Scotland's Under-21 game against Bosnia.

Hughes was released from the national squad to make a 1,000-mile round trip by air to play for his club before



returning for the Scots' mid-week fixture against the Czech Republic.

● Goalkeeper Anthony Williams was attached to five teams - including two in the Second Division - in the space of two months.

At the beginning of February, he completed a four-match loan period with Macclesfield Town, and in March moved around almost week-by-week.

The 21-year-old was on the bench for Huddersfield Town and his own club, Blackburn Rovers, then made a debut on loan with Bristol Rovers before playing for Wales in an Under-21 international in Switzerland.

Despite an impressive

Maik capped...

● Kevin Keegan returned to Fulham from his England management debut to add his congratulations to the latest full international player at Craven Cottage.

Former Southampton goalkeeper Maik Taylor made two appearances in five days for Northern Ireland to put the seal on his four-year climb from non-League football with Farnborough.

personal performance, he was victim of an unwanted double after his 12th assignment with the national squad. The Welsh lost 1-0 and, in his absence, Rovers were beaten 1-0 at Wigan.

● Reading boss Tommy Burns and his assistant, ex-Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner, expanded the considerable Scottish clan at the Madejski Stadium.

Their latest recruit from north of the border is Andy McLaren after a successful career with Dundee United.



The 26-year-old midfielder won four Under-21 caps and a Scottish Cup medal as well as playing in Europe.



That was the week

... when the Trotters trotted home, tails between legs

Goals by full-backs are something of a rarity - ask Willie Donachie! - and when BOTH full-backs score in one game, it really is a time for celebration.

This happened towards the end of the 1965-66 season when Bobby Kennedy and Cliff Sear contributed to the trouncing of Bolton Wanderers.

The affable Kennedy came to City in 1961, a move which used up part of the money received from Italy for Denis Law. He scored a blistering goal on his City debut

against Leicester - one of nine in 254 outings. There were more than a few who thought Scotland should have recognised his skills at international level.

Welshman Sear signed amateur forms at Maine Road in 1955, then became a professional in January 1957.

Cliff appeared in 279 competitive games before moving to Chester in 1968. He won two Welsh Under-23 caps and one full cap, against England in 1962.

The 1965-66 campaign saw Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison take

charge of affairs, and to some extent, they were still experimenting. Glyn Pardoe and Mike Doyle, for example, wore the No. 4 and 9 shirts but would frequently interchange positions.

New faces that season were Mike Summerbee and Colin Bell, and both were rapidly establishing themselves as great favourites with the fans.

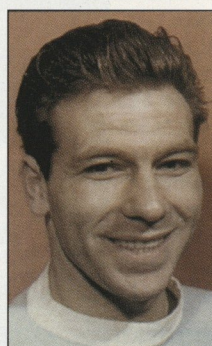
On the day of the game with mid-table Bolton, the Blues were second in the table, hot favourites for promotion, level on points with Huddersfield Town but with two games in hand.

An extra item of interest from about this time was that the sadly-missed City Social Club opened with annual membership set at the vast sum of one pound!

The game began in a blustery wind which barely let up for the 90 minutes. The player who best conquered the conditions was the Northern Ireland international, Johnny Crossan, who used his skills to prompt a similar response from teammates.

Bolton's decision to play Wyn Davies seemed

Saturday 16th April 1966
CITY 4 BOLTON W. 1
Scorers - City: Kennedy, Connor, Crossan, Sear. Bolton: Hatton. CITY: Dowd, Kennedy, Sear, Pardoe, Heslop, Oakes, Summerbee, Crossan, Doyle, Bell, Connor. Sub: Cheetham. BOLTON: Hopkinson, Rimmer, Cooper, Beech, Napier, Lennard, Taylor, Greaves, Davies (Butler), Hill, Hatton.
Attendance: 29,459



Bobby Kennedy

strange because an ear infection curtailed one of his main strengths, his heading ability. He had to leave the fray at the end of the first half and was replaced by Dennis Butler.

The only real threat to City was posed by a future Blue, Freddie Hill, the England international who brought the best from Harry Dowd with a superb free kick.

The Blues took precisely three minutes to establish a lead with the first of the full-back

goals. Kennedy raced towards the Bolton goal and blasted a 30-yard shot past England goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson, whose son would later join the Blues as an apprentice.

After 44 minutes, Hopkinson was at fault when Doyle banged in a long-distance effort and he only parried it to Dave Connor, who simply nodded the ball into the net.

While Bolton became more and more ragged, the Blues sensed more goodies to come, and there were again, thanks to Hopkinson, who misjudged the flight to leave Crossan with an easy goal.

City had to wait until the 85th minute for a fourth with an "anything you can do" message to Kennedy as Sear went up the left-hand side of the pitch to curl a shot into the net.

A Bolton reply from the long-serving Dave Hatton was too late to worry City fans, who rushed off to queue for tickets for the away game at Rotherham in May... the one in which Bell's goal sealed promotion back into the First Division.

That was the week...

● Two of City's young players were introduced into the first team. Defender Alf Wood was 17 years and 172 days old when he appeared at Nottingham Forest in 1963, and winger Steve Carter was 17 years and 354 days' old on his debut at Newcastle United in 1971.



● Billy Gillespie hit all the goals in a 4-1 romp at Blackburn Rovers in April 1902, then in 1938, Eric Brook (pictured left) smacked in four - including two penalties - in a 7-1 Maine Road win against West Brom. Despite

winning a later game 6-2 against Leeds, the Blues were still relegated.

● City won 2-1 at Wolves despite an own goal by Steve Daley in 1980, and 'keeper Martyn Margetson also conceded an own goal against the Molineux side in 1998.

● Darlington were given an Easter Monday walloping at Maine Road in 1927, Charlie Broadhurst registering four in a 7-0 win, but in April 1906, it was a North-East reversal when Middlesbrough beat City 6-1 at Ayresome Park.

● Gary Megson was sent off - along with Paul Parker - in a League match against QPR at Loftus Road in 1990.

● Scot' Hughie Murray made his only League appearance for the Blues in 1956 against Sheffield United at Maine Road. He later played for Altrincham and Stalybridge.



That was the week

... when the following Blues were born:

● Gerry Baker, a New Yorker of 1938 vintage, once scored TEN goals for St Mirren in a 15-0 Scottish Cup win against Glasgow University, but his time at City, starting in November 1960, was quite different. The Blues lost ten of his first 11 games!

● Lewis Barber, born in 1906, was a tall, commanding figure between the posts. His first game was a 4-1 win over Reading in 1927, but he was forced to retire in 1932 following a knee injury at Chelsea.

● Gerry Creaney, a 1970 arrival in the world, was happy to score on his debut at Newcastle, but he made only five full appearances and 17 as a sub.

● Steve Daley's transfer fee rocked the football world when City forked out £1,437,500 to Wolves in 1979. An England Youth and B international - born in 1953 - Steve (left) scored four goals in 54 City outings.

● Goalkeeper John Lyall, Dundee-born in 1909, kept a clean sheet on his City debut at Blackpool. He had played 263 League games for Sheffield Wednesday, and later appeared for Dundee and Ayr United.

● Tony Towers had an excellent pedigree as an England Schools and Youth player. Born in 1952, he played 158 games for the Blues in domestic and European football before moving to Sunderland as part of the deal for Dennis Tueart and Mick Horswill. He later won three England caps.



Cliff Sear curled in City's fourth goal against Bolton.

That was the week...

... when the following Blues made their debuts:

● Mike Batty and Alf Wood appeared within three days of each other in a No 5 shirt at Easter 1963. Mike turned out on Good Friday in a 2-1 win against Bolton as stand-in for the

crooked Bill Leivers, and in later years, he was with Rhyl and Rochdale.

Macclesfield-born Alf played on the following Monday in a 1-1 draw at Forest. On moving to Shrewsbury in 1966, the former England Youth player, was converted into a striker, scoring 64 times in 258 League appearances.

● Bob Syme came from Dunfermline Athletic in 1930, and made his debut against Chelsea in 1932. He was a tremendous scorer at reserve level, claiming all the goals in a 7-0 win against Stockport in September 1932.

● Full-back Sid Cann had his City debut against Birmingham in 1930. An England Boys

player signed from Torquay, he won an FA Cup finalists' medal in 1933, and his next stop was Charlton.

● Footballer-cricketer Patsy Hendren, who played in 83 Test Matches, first appeared for Brentford in 1908, and after a spell with Coventry, he had over 200 further games for the London side. His City debut

was against Forest in 1909.

● Glyn Pardoe remains City's youngest player, aged 15 years and 314 days in the match against Birmingham on 11th April 1962. He played in 376 first-team matches and 201 for the Reserves, before coaching the youth and reserves sides.

**Middlesbrough Reserves 4
City Reserves 2**

Reserve games against Middlesbrough are proving to be something of a boggy whenever the Blues travel to the North-East, whereas here in Manchester, we have won all seven of the meetings between the clubs.

The latest fixture saw the introduction of Mark Robins, who was playing his first City match, his clearance finally having arrived from Greece.

Boro took the lead in the first half, but this was cancelled out by tall defender Steve Rimmer's second goal of the season, a well-placed header from a corner.

City were a match for their hosts, with Jeff Whitley - who was later booked - Robins and Danny Allsopp all carving gaps in the home defence.

It was no real surprise when, early in the second half, Allsopp scored our second goal, bringing his tally to 13 in 15

appearances over the season in Pontin's League and cup matches.

But the advantage was to be lost when young goalkeeper Michael Brown made a couple of errors which Boro eagerly pounced on to give themselves a 3-2 lead.

The Teessiders then underlined their late move into title contention by adding a fourth through their Slovakia international midfielder player, Vladimir Kinder.

Asa Hartford introduced all three City subs, Alan Reilly, Andrew Porteous and the emerging Leon Mike, but the score remained unchanged, leaving the Blues to make the long journey home dwelling on what might have been.

Reserves and Academy

Young Blue

No 8 CHRIS KILLEN

Born in Wellington, New Zealand, Chris Killen paid his own way to Britain and scout John Murphy arranged for him to have trials with the Blues. City were impressed, and Chris has recently become a full Academy scholar.

Back home are his parents, Gaynor and John, and his older sister, Georgie (19) . . . and they have all played football at some level. "Apparently my mother was a great centre back," says Chris with some pride.

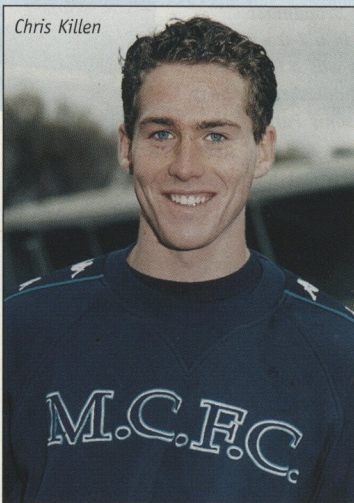
Because of the family's football background, they have encouraged Chris to take up the sport as a career by backing him in all sorts of ways. He went to Rongotai College, where he played in a central midfield position, and his favourite subjects were PE and business studies.

The school team wasn't particularly successful in his time, but in previous years, they had been national champions. Chris also turned out for the Wellington men's team, Miramar Rangers' national and regional sides, the New Zealand secondary schools team (winning the Trans-Tasman Trophy against Australia), and represented Wellington from 1992-98. A busy life, indeed!

Miramar Rangers' regional team won their league title in 1997 and the national side ended up in fifth position. His school also produced Wynton Rufer, who won nine New Zealand caps and later player nearly 200 games for Werder Bremen in the Bundesliga.

Through television Chris gave Liverpool his support as a youngster but had no qualms in signing for the Blues. "I heard that City had an awesome youth set-up so I took them as my first option," he announces. "Putting on that City shirt for the first time, and knowing I was part of a big club, made me nervous but excited. All I wanted to do was score a goal." Outside football, Chris enjoyed cross-country running and in his spare time, he can't wait to go fishing. "Back home I live in a place called Island Bay where there are many Italian born and bred fishermen," he explains.

Finally, he feels his strengths in football are his aggression and keeping players around him in a calm frame of mind, but readily admits there are many points he needs to work on to perfect his style of play.



Chris Killen

Young Blue

No 9 CHRIS SHUKER

Born in Liverpool on 9th May 1982, Chris Shuker lives with his parents, Gordon and Pauline, and has two elder brothers, Peter (30) and Mark (21), as well as a sister, Lynn (26).

The City youngster went to Wade Deacon High School where, understandably, his favourite subject was PE. For the school, he played on the left wing, and the side won the Halton Schools Cup when he was in year 11.

He missed selection for the Liverpool Boys team but came under the watchful eye of City scout Wally Mawdsley, and began an extended trial at the start of this season before signing as an Academy scholar on 1st February.

At the week-ends, Chris turned out for St Annes Rovers, who were perennial runners-up in their league from Under-10s to Under-15s before winning the title at Under-16 level.

Off the pitch, he enjoys a variety of sports and pastimes, and modestly admits to being quite successful when it comes to golf, tennis, table tennis and fishing.

Pontin's League Division One

Aug 12	A	Oldham Athletic	1-2
Aug 26	A	Port Vale	4-1
Sep 3	H	Barnsley	4-0
Sep 10	H	Bolton Wanderers	2-1
Sep 24	H	Sheffield Wednesday	2-4
Sep 30	A	Wolverhampton W.	5-2
Oct 6	H	Burnley	5-1
Oct 27	H	Middlesbrough	3-2
Nov 3	A	Coventry City	0-1
Nov 17	H	W. B. Albion	1-1
Nov 25	H*	Tranmere Rovers (LC)	3-3
Dec 2	A	Tranmere Rovers	1-2
Dec 9	H*	Oldham Athletic	2-2
Dec 16	A	Bolton Wanderers	1-1
Dec 21	H*	W. B. Albion (LC)	0-0
Jan 6	A	Barnsley	2-2
Jan 14	A	W. B. Albion (LC)	3-2
Jan 20	A	Tranmere Rovers (LC)	3-4
Feb 18	A	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1
Feb 23	H*	Wolverhampton W.	0-2
Mar 17	H*	Grimsby Town	2-2
Mar 23	H*	Coventry City	4-1
Mar 31	A	Middlesbrough	2-4
Apr 15	A	West Bromwich Albion	
Apr 22	H*	Port Vale	
Apr 27	H	Tranmere Rovers	
May 5	A	Burnley	
TBA	A	Grimsby Town	

Manchester Senior Challenge Cup

Oct 21	H†	Oldham Athletic	1-2
Nov 11	H†	Bury (won 3-1 on pens)	0-0
Jan 27	A	Oldham Athletic	1-3
Mar 10	A	Bury	3-0
Apr 6	H	Manchester United	1-5
Apr 19	A	Manchester United	

As a youngster, he was Anfield-besotted and the first match he ever went to was a Merseyside derby, but he was vastly impressed when he signed up for the Blues. "I thought the staff and the atmosphere were both great," he said.

Virtually an ever-present this season in the Under-17 side, Chris made his debut in a 3-2 win away at Watford in September. "I remember missing a chance in the first minute," he recalls, "but I did set up the winning goal."

He enjoys socialising with friends outside the game, and what with his other sporting interests, there won't be much time for anything else!

Finally, Chris feels his major strength lies in running with the ball, but admits he needs to perfect his final ball into the box.

Academy Fixtures

U17 U19

Sep 5	A	Watford	3-2	1-2
Sep 12	H	Barnsley	2-2	0-0
Sep 19	H	West Ham Utd	2-1	0-3
Sep 26	A	Southampton	1-1	1-0
Oct 3	H	Queens Park R.	1-1	1-1
Oct 17	H	Manchester Utd.	0-2	1-4
Oct 24	H	Liverpool	3-4	PP
Oct 31	H	Everton	0-6	1-2
Nov 7	A	Crewe Alexandra	0-2	0-1
Nov 14	A	Aston Villa	1-2	0-5
Nov 21	H	Blackburn Rovers	0-3	PP
Nov 28	H	Watford	6-3	—
		H Bolton	—	3-2
Dec 12	A	Manchester Utd.	0-4	0-1
Dec 21	A	Liverpool	2-2	PP
Jan 16	A	Everton	3-0	0-7
Jan 19	H	Blackburn Rovers	—	2-3
Jan 23	A	Liverpool	—	2-1
Jan 30	H	Crewe Alexandra	1-1	PP
Feb 13	H	Aston Villa	8-0	0-2
Feb 20	A	Blackburn Rovers	2-2	1-2
Feb 27	A	Sheffield Wed.	5-1	—
Mar 6	A	Millwall	1-0	—
		A Chelsea	—	1-3
Mar 10	A	Bolton	—	2-2
Mar 20	H	Charlton Athletic	5-1	1-2
Mar 27	A	Nottingham Forest	3-1	2-5
TBA	H	Liverpool	—	—

FA Youth Cup

Nov 4	A	Chester City (Rnd 1)	2-2
Nov 18	H	Chester City (Replay)	2-0
Nov 24	H	Carlisle United (Rnd 2)	6-0
Dec 18	H	Sheffield Wed. (Rnd 3)	2-3

† At Altrincham FC. * At Hyde United FC.
LC = Pontin's League Cup



Chris Shuker

FIRST AID

Supporters should note that there are first aid points at each side of the ground in the event of medical attention being required during the game.

KIPPAX - At the back of the Stand in the corner next to the North Stand.

MAIN STAND - Go to the bottom of the Stand and then up the Players' Tunnel where a medical room is located immediately on the left near the dressing-room area.

NORTH STAND - On the lower floor level at end next to the Kippax Stand.

PLATT LANE STAND - On the corner of the Stand on the lower level at end next to the Main Stand.

There is a Crowd Doctor and 12 Crowd Nurses on duty within the stadium and St. John Ambulance personnel are available in case of emergency, at each corner of the pitch perimeter.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

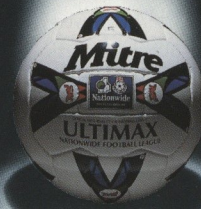
In the event of an emergency occurring at the Stadium, the Public Address System will be used to broadcast information and directions to spectators.

Such broadcasts will be preceded by a two-toned chime which will be repeated. When the chimes are heard, please be silent, pay attention to what is said and obey any instructions. From time to time it will be necessary to test the equipment, however, on these occasions it will be clearly stated that an equipment test is to follow.

Please will those supporters who wish to leave their seats early co-operate with your stewards by keeping exits, gangways and staircases clear. Any failure to do so will render your club to be in breach of the Safety Certificate.

This ground is equipped with CCTV installed with the help of a grant from the Football Trust.

Last Season
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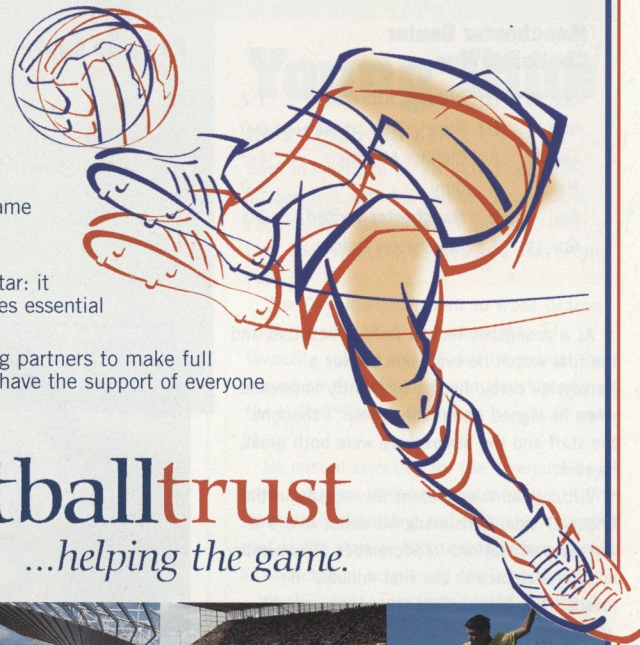
The Football Trust has been providing support for football throughout the UK for 22 years.

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.

The Trust is about a great deal more than bricks and mortar: it can handle grant aid programmes of every sort and provides essential help for the game at all levels.

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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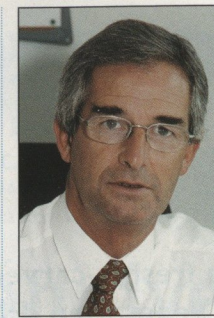


The Football Trust, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EB

As the end of season draws near, the question most asked of all staff in football is 'What do you do in the summer?'

In times gone by the close season was truly a period of rest and recuperation, but sadly no more. When I was a player at Bury Football Club, I well remember the summer break, which stretched from the last game of the season to the commencement of pre-season training, encompassing approximately ten weeks.

However, that was some time ago. We all know how much the



Jim Cassell

game has changed and so, too, have the demands that go with it. With the advent of Centres of Excellence and Academies, the process of recruiting and trialing players goes on all year round, with the exception of the month of June.

Academy Briefing



The future kicks off here

Investing in Youth **The COOPERATIVE BANK**

If you add to this the tournaments the boys play in, and the ongoing training programmes all staff are involved in, you can easily see where the summer goes and what's expected of staff during this period.

Nevertheless, we all recognise what a

wonderful product we are involved with and there can be fewer more pleasing rewards than seeing young players progress through the club and eventually playing at the highest level.

The one area we as a staff have worked hard

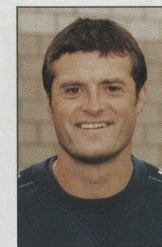
to achieve is the environment in which players grow and develop. Without doubt in my opinion creating the right environment is one of the main keys to successful management and enables boys, parents and supporters to work together, a point appropriate to the 'Kick It Out' campaign at our game tonight.

We in the Academy support the anti-racism campaign to kick racism out of sport. We totally support the concept that sport should bring people together on a professional and social basis and all individuals should be encouraged to fulfil their potential in a safe and protected environment.

Jim Cassell
Academy Director



Dennis Tueart receives a sponsorship cheque from the English Sports Council, their contribution to the Academy.



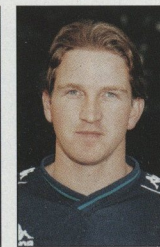
Frankie Bunn



Terry Cale



Des Coffey



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Alec Gibson



Paul Power



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On match days the Oasis Restaurant now offers a freshly-carved Roast Special with all the trimmings. Alternatively, Fish and Vegetarian dishes are also available, not to mention our fabulous new Salad Bar and Sweet Selection.

★ Three course meals are available for only £7.95

For this price we've also flown the chef in from the Cayman Islands!

Advance booking is essential. To reserve your table call **0161 257 0009**

CONFERENCES

Why not book the Sports Lounge for your works Conferences.

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* subject to availability

Supporting Blues

MANCHESTER CITY F.C.
SUPPORTERS' CLUB (1949)
50 Years of Loyalty and Dedication

● Will branch delegates please note the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tue 4th May, 8pm at The Oasis, Platt Lane.

50th anniversary plans

● As you are probably aware, the official Supporters' Club is this year celebrating its 50th anniversary of support to Manchester City football Club.

We shall mark the occasion with a special event to be held later this year. Details will be available through the branches shortly. Also, a limited number of pens and beakers will be available as mementoes.

● The annual **six-a-side event** will again be held at the Platt Lane Complex on Sunday 13th June. Closing date for entries is Tuesday 4th May.

● Voting for the annual **Player of the Year** awards is now under way. Send your nominations to Frank Horrocks, c/o MCFC, Maine Road. The presentation evening will be held on Monday 10th May in the Millennium Suite. Tickets are available from your branch secretary.

● **Dukinfield** have a new secretary. He is Paul Chard, 23 Crescent Road, Dukinfield. Paul may be contacted on 0161 339 7456.

● In the **Darts & Crib Leagues** Levenshulme have retained the darts championship without losing a game all season,



but in the crib league they have a play-off with Dukinfield after both branches finished level on points.

● **Higher Openshaw**, who now meet at The Causeway, Ashton Old Road, have their next get-together on Mon 26th April when Gary Owen will be their guest. Kick-off is 8pm.

● **Hyde** branch now meet at the Moulders Arms, Mottram Road, Hyde on Saturday noon before each City home game.

● Requests have been received to open new branches of the Supporters' Club from Stockport, Mossley, Glossop and Wrexham. Anyone requiring further details should contact the office.

▲ **Dukinfield** branch recently celebrated its 30th anniversary as members of the Supporters' Club. Pictured at the dinner to commemorate the event are Youth Development Officer Jim Cassell and goalkeeping coach Alec Stepney, along with branch members.



▲ **Tony Vaughan**, on a recent visit to North Wales, presents a matchball, sponsored by the branch, to the Prestatyn Town FC captain. Prestatyn are currently chasing the Fitlock Welsh Alliance League title and the branch wish them the best of luck.

Branches

- Altrincham & Sale
- Australia
- Ballymena
- Barrow-in-Furness
- Belfast
- Blackpool
- Bolton
- Brooks Bar
- Brooklands/Baguley
- Carlisle
- Cheadle
- Chester
- Chorlton-on-Medlock
- Cookstown N.I.
- Coleraine
- Cork
- County Mayo
- Dane Bank
- Denton
- Dublin
- Dukinfield
- Dumfries
- Failsworth
- Fleetwood
- Forth Valley
- Galway
- Gilford (N.I.)
- Gloucester/Cheltenham
- Higher Openshaw
- Hyde
- Isle of Man
- Kings Lynn
- Leicester & Rugby
- Levenshulme
- Limerick
- London
- Macclesfield
- Mansfield
- Middleton
- Middleton Junction
- Middlewich
- New Zealand
- North Staffs
- North Wales
- Norway
- Piccadilly
- Prestwich
- South Africa
- South West (England)
- Thames Valley
- Wakefield
- Warrington

Anyone who wishes to join the Supporters' Club, start a branch or indeed has some interesting photographs which they'd like including on this page should contact Tommy Muir on 0161 428 2857 or write to Frank Horrocks c/o M.C.F.C.



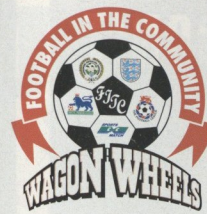
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We at Manchester City Football in the Community are proud to be supporting the NSPCC campaign to end cruelty to children.

The NSPCC has a dream to end cruelty to children within a generation and to make this dream a reality we are launching an unprecedented appeal, the largest charity appeal ever staged in this country. Please show your support by signing the NSPCC pledge that has come through your door.

Football in the Community

Telephone: 0161 226 1782

LET'S KICK RACISM OUT OF FOOTBALL

No place for racism!

Tonight's match has been designated an 'anti-racist' game to show Manchester City's continuing support for the campaign to kick racism out of football.

Kick It Out, who run the national 'Let's Kick Racism Out Of Football' campaign, are actively working to challenge and eradicate racism within the game at all levels, from professional through to amateur, helping increase participation from ethnic minority

communities and ensuring all football grounds are safe for supporters and free from racial abuse.

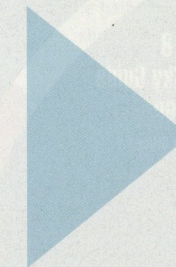
Manchester City Football Club has always shown its support for 'Let's Kick Racism Out Of Football' since the campaign was started in 1994. Tonight's event is designed to show that the whole club is still fully behind the campaign and that racism of any kind will not be tolerated at Maine Road.

As part of tonight's activities there will be a steel band from one of the local schools performing before kick-off, as well as a parade of the 'Kick It Out' banner by local children from Moss Side and Cheetham Hill. We also hope to have a representative from 'Kick It Out' to talk about the campaign's progress.

Football in the Community would like to thank all the City players, Directors and staff for the support

and co-operation they have given to make sure tonight's pitch activities go ahead. We would also like to thank Finchmark Ltd and Polar Print Group for their support in producing and distributing the leaflets.

We hope that with the support of YOU, the fans, the event will be a huge success and will show the rest of football there is no place for racism at Maine Road.



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Junior Blues
Sponsored by McDonald's

Stop Press... The Junior Blues Stand is moving!

From August 1999 we will be forming an active part of the Platt Lane Family Stand - how active is entirely up to YOU!

- Gasp at Nicky Weaver's spectacular saves ...
- Gaze in sheer admiration at Michael Brown's dazzling runs from midfield ...
- Swoon as Shaun Goater strikes the ball ...

Because we want YOU to be a part of the unique atmosphere that ONLY Maine Road generates, we are making you a very special offer you just can't refuse ...

Buy a Family Stand season ticket before May 31st and we will throw in a Junior Blues membership for just £10.

By becoming a Junior Blue you will receive:

- JB's badge
- JB's ski hat
- Latest edition of the monthly City magazine or JB's scarf
- 6 newsletters per season
- Certificate of membership
- Membership card
- Birthday card

Once you have become a Junior Blue you will be entitled to:

- Free admission to the monthly JB's meetings where you can meet the City players, be photographed with them and collect autographs.
- The chance to become a mascot here at Maine Road, or an away mascot
- Join in ALL extra JB's activities FREE ... and lots, lots more.

So, if you've always dreamed of being a Junior Blue AND a season ticket holder NOW is your chance to fulfil BOTH dreams.

To claim your half-price membership, first buy your season ticket from the MCFC Ticket Office, bring your special receipt to the JB's office any time during office hours and we will do the rest.

For further information please ring 0161 232 3061.

The World's first and largest Junior Football Fan Club

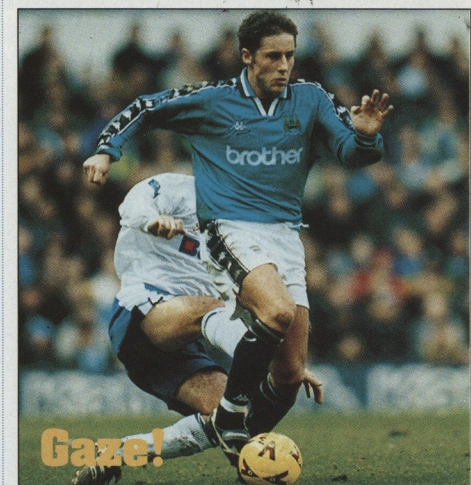
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The half time penalty shoot-out and the J.B. Meetings are sponsored by The Palace Nightclub, Levenshulme.

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Kids on the Kippax

in association with Pleasureland and McDonalds
City Reserves v Tranmere Reserves, Tuesday April 27

Kippax Stand - Maine Road ♦ Gates open 5.45pm ♦ Kick-off 6.45pm

Attractions: ♦ Bar-B-Que ♦ Bouncy Castles ♦ Face Painters ♦ Spot prizes
 ♦ Penalty shoot-out ♦ It's a 'Lazer' Knock-out
 ♦ The Kippax City Store will also be open on the night!

All children will receive a free voucher for both McDonalds and Pleasureland, Southport, home of the 'Traumatizer', the UK's tallest and fastest suspended looping coaster.

Tickets are available in advance from the Ticket Office now.
 Adults £2*, Kids £1*

* Season ticket holders and Junior Blues free on production of season ticket book/membership card.

Adults can apply for up to four free junior tickets when purchasing their own ticket **IN ADVANCE** from the Ticket Office. All seats are unreserved but we do expect this night to be popular so we advise fans to apply for their tickets **NOW**.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Block GG will be held exclusively for those fans who do not wish to participate in the fun and games.



Season Tickets 1999/2000

Record Sales Continue! Thank you to our supporters for your superb response.

More than 10,000 sales have been accepted already. In addition, 800 new applications have been received. Season ticket prices are still reduced if purchased before the renewal deadline of 31st May 1999.



The Club will again have a tiered pricing structure for matchdays requiring extra security. This is an additional saving available to season ticket holders who do not pay these charges.

Supporters who are making applications for new Junior Season Tickets will have to provide proof of date of birth of the Junior by producing the applicant's birth certificate. A copy will be taken for record purposes.

Home Cup Ties

The Club is continuing to accept applications for our successful Season Ticket Holder Home Cup-tie Direct Debit Scheme. Details from the Ticket Office. Existing members will automatically be renewed for the 1999/2000 season.

Season Ticket Loan Scheme

The Club are pleased to confirm that the Season Ticket Loan Scheme with HFC Bank will continue. Details from the Ticket Office.

CURRENT SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE UNTIL 31ST MAY TO RESERVE THEIR USUAL SEAT FOR NEXT SEASON.

Family Stand season ticket holders should note that strict conditions will be in force from the start of the 1999/2000 season. Adults will not be admitted to matches in this area unless the Junior season ticket holder within the family booking accompany them. In cases where the Junior is unable to accompany the Adult you must contact the Ticket Office at least 48 hours before the fixture to organise alternative arrangements. A family booking can consist of 2 Adults/OAPs with a maximum 4 children. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in privileges being withdrawn. If you have any queries relating to these conditions please write direct to the Ticket Office Manager, enclosing a daytime telephone number.

North Stand season ticket holders are asked to note that it may be necessary for them to choose an alternative seat for cup-ties if the Club has to allocate the Stand to the visiting Club in accordance with cup regulations. It should also be noted that North Stand season ticket holders may need to be relocated due to a possible play-off semi-final.

Price from 1 April

Main Stand Blocks B & C	£320
Main Stand Blocks B & C Jnr/OAP	£230
Main Stand A,D,E,F,I,H Centre/Outer	£300
Main Stand A,D,E,F,I,H Centre/Outer Jnr/OAP	£215
Main Stand Block G - OAPs only	£105
Kippax Stand Upper Tier	£290
Kippax Stand Upper Tier Jnr/OAP	£200
Kippax Stand Lower Tier	£240
Kippax Stand Lower Tier Jnr/OAP	£165
Platt Lane Stand	£255
Platt Lane Stand Jnr/OAP	£195
Family Stand Adult	£180
Family Stand Jnr/OAP	£115
North Stand Adult	£225
North Stand Jnr/OAP	£160
Junior Blues North Stand Adult	£200
Junior Blues North Stand Jnr	£130
Platt Lane Complex Car Park (Training Ground)	£65

- Junior season ticket holders become Adult s/t holders for the 1999/2000 season if they are aged 16 before 1 Aug 1999.
- Existing 1st year s/t holders now become 2nd year; 2nd year become 3rd year; 3rd year become 4th year and 4th year become Regular s/t holders.

School Car Parking

Limited car parking spaces are available in local schools - existing permit holders and new applications are now being taken. Please apply direct to the relevant school. **RENEWAL DEADLINE DATE 30th APRIL 1999.**

Claremont School	0161 226 2066	front £100
(Renewals only - application forms from the school)		rear £75
St Edwards School	0161 224 6608	£90
Heald Place School	0161 224 7079	£70
Whalley Range High School	0161 861 9727	£45
Wilbraham School	0161 224 3900	£50
Ducie High School	0161 232 1639	£60

SUPPORTING OUR SUPPORTERS

Manchester City is pleased to announce a number of initiatives aimed at rewarding the loyalty of our fan base. These offers are exclusive to City season ticket holders for the 1999/2000 season.

Village Leisure Group • Holiday Hypermarket • Rank Holidays (Oasis, Butlins, Haven Europe and Warners) • TGI Fridays (Prestwich, Sale and Cheadle) Free meal offer • Pleasureland (Southport) • Omega Music • 526 Jeans • Wilsons Insurance • Yeoman/Russell • Kingfisher Group (Vouchers) (Comet, B&Q, Woolworths, MVC).

A full brochure of benefits and offers will be included with your Season Ticket Book outlining all terms and conditions.

Home and Away



Ticket Office

Telephones/Fax

General Enquiries
0161-226-2224

Dial-A-Seat
0161-227-9229

Dial-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings

Fax-A-Seat
0161-226-1037

Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings (NOT available on home Cup games)

Ticketcall
0891-12-15-91

Calls cost 50p/minute at all times

Opening Times
Monday - Friday
9am to 5pm

1st team home matchday
9am to kick-off

Non-home match
Saturday
9am to 12 noon

Reserve/youth team home matches at
Maine Road
9am to kick-off

Next at Maine Road

Wycombe in ten days time

Wycombe Wanderers' rise from the Conference to five seasons in the Second Division covered the development of current Premiership managers Martin O'Neill and John Gregory.

Progress from Wembley appearances in the FA Trophy and a play-off final was the work of Mr O'Neill, and things were kept on an even keel until Mr Gregory left for Aston Villa last year.

Now Lawrie Sanchez (right), scorer of Wimbledon's winning goal in the 1998 Cup Final, is attempting to make his mark in management at the well-appointed Adams Park stadium.

Wycombe were second from bottom when the former Northern Ireland midfielder was appointed in February but gave themselves a glimmer of hope after some transfer activity.

Sean Devine, on loan from Barnet, was among the goals straightaway, and former Brentford captain Jamie Bates made a successful debut against Oldham.

Manchester City v Wycombe W. Saturday 24th April, k.o. 3pm

□ This is a **Category A** game and seat tickets are available from the usual outlets.

By Road to Gillingham FC

► Join M1 at most convenient point and at Junction 6a (M25), follow signs Harlow M25.

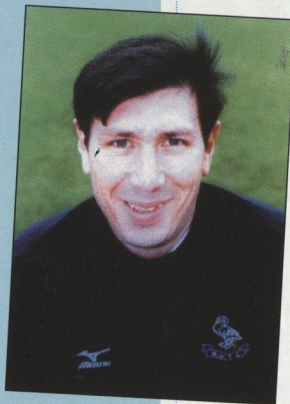
At Junction 27 (M11), follow signs Dartford Tunnel to Junction 30 (A13) THURROCK SERVICE AREA. In 1.2 miles forward A282 leaving Motorway. At Dartford River Crossing (northern approach), cross Queen Elizabeth II Bridge (River Thames). Toll Booths (Cars £1, Caravan/Trailer £1). At Junction with A2/M25, follow signs Canterbury, Motorway (M2) A2. At Junction with M2, follow signs Margate, Dover M2. At Junction 4 (A278), follow signs Gillingham A278 to Junction with A2. At roundabout take 1st exit A2 and In 0.7 mile turn right into Woodlands Road unclassified. In 0.8 mile turn left into Chicago Avenue and 0.2 mile farther at T-junction turn right. Shortly turn left into Redfern Avenue and Gillingham FC is on left.

Time approx 4:27hrs.

Travel Details to Gillingham

Coach leaves Maine Rd at 7.00am, price £17.

Pick-ups at usual points.



Gillingham v Manchester City

Saturday 17th April, k.o. 3pm

□ This match is ALL-TICKET and we have now sold out. You are advised not to travel without a ticket.

Bristol Rovers v Manchester City

Saturday 1st May, k.o. 6pm

□ Special selling arrangement will be in force for this fixture. Your co-operation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

□ The match is ALL-TICKET. Tickets cannot be guaranteed and **MUST** be purchased in advance.

□ An extremely limited number of standing tickets in the Visitors Terrace, priced £10 adults, £6 Jnrs/OAPs are on sale to REGULAR s/t holders ONLY on presentation of form 'KK' and 17 INDIVIDUAL TICKET STUBS FROM 17 DIFFERENT AWAY MATCHES THIS SEASON. N.B. The ticket stubs will be returned to the s/t holder.

□ You are advised to apply in person but postal, Dial/Fax-A-Seat credit/debit card bookings will be accepted from Mon 12 April.

□ Tickets booked by post or Dial/Fax-

A-Seat must be collected within 1 week of the booking date, with the required form and ticket stubs produced on collection.

□ The required number of individual ticket stubs from different away matches this season will reduce as follows:

Wed 14 April - Form 'KK' & 17 stubs.
Thur 15 April - Form 'KK' & 16 stubs.
Fri 16 April - Form 'KK' & 15 stubs.
Mon 19 April - Form 'KK' & 14 stubs.
Tue 20 April - Form 'KK' & 13 stubs.
Wed 21 April - Form 'KK' & 12 stubs.
Thur 22 April - Form 'KK' & 11 stubs.
Fri 23 April - Form 'KK' & 10 stubs.
Sat 24 April - Form 'KK' & 9 stubs.

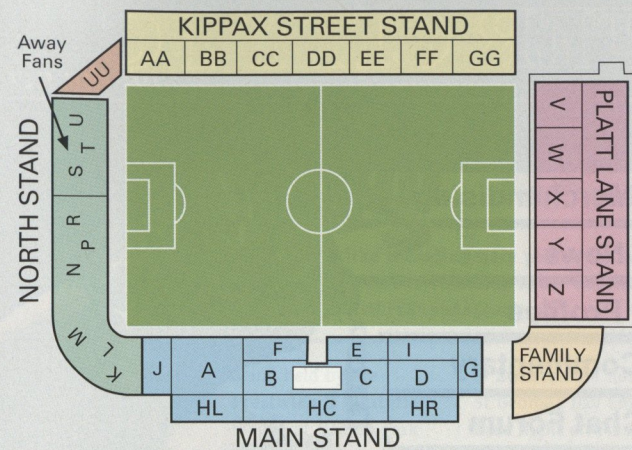
Manchester City v York City

Saturday 8th May, k.o. 3pm

□ This is a **Category C** game and seats tickets are available to postal applicants until Sat 17 April and from the usual outlets afterwards. Early application is advised.

1998-99 HOME & AWAY MATCH TICKET SALES

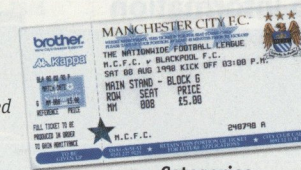
The Club wish to take this opportunity to remind season ticket holders that we may, on occasion, when the allocation is very limited, introduce the additional system of giving preference to supporters who have attended a larger number of away fixture BY ASKING FOR TICKET STUBS TO BE PRODUCED, together with the appropriate application form. In addition, supporters are advised to keep their home match ticket stubs for a possible play-off.



HOME LEAGUE MATCH PRICES 1998/99

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Tickets for all home League matches will now go on sale at least 28 days prior to the game.

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Please post your applications to: the Ticket Office, address as above, enclosing your remittance (cheque, postal orders, credit/debit cards numbers) and a stamped addressed envelope. Please quote a daytime/nighttime telephone number in case of queries. Supporters paying by cheque are advised that their cheques will be cleared before tickets will be posted.

Sale of Tickets for Home Cup Ties

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This legislation creates the following arrestable offences:

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3. To go onto the playing area.

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This legislation deals with the possession of alcohol and containers at sports grounds:

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2. Drunk attempting to enter the ground.
3. Drunk whilst inside the ground.
4. Within viewing area in possession of intoxicating liquor, or bottles or cans for holding drink.
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● On Saturday 5th June, the CSA are holding their **annual 5-a-side competition** at the Platt Lane Training Ground, starting at 10am. One or two teams per branch are needed to make the event worthwhile. Last year Reddish were champions. The AGM will follow the football in the Oasis Suite. Further details from Clive Hamilton 0161 746 7638.

● Ex City star Terry Phelan will be joining Gerry Gow, Bobby McDonald, Peter Barnes and Gary Owen at a St George's Night Special

being held by the **Prestwich & Whitefield** branch at Heaton Park Social Club, Bury Old Rd, Prestwich on Fri 23rd April. Win a signed England shirt. Happy hour 6.30pm, sausage rolls, pork pies.

● On 6th May a **Sportsman's Evening** is planned when James H Reeve, Mick McCarthy and Norman Whiteside will be guests of honour. Venue is The Village Hotel - 3-course meal, music with Oz and late bar. Cost is £25, ring Don for details on 0161 798 9994.

● **Swinton** are holding a St George's Day Charity Race Night on Fri 23rd April in aid of BASIC (Brain & Spinal Injury Charity) and the Salford Sailing Group, a voluntary organisation offering young people the challenge of sailing. This is a family occasion with free 'pop & crisps' for the kids and a late bar for grown-ups. We are looking for groups or individuals to sponsor a race at £5 or £2 for a horse. Please contact Alex Channon on 0161 281 7517. Guests at our meeting on Tue 4th May will be David White, Ian (Spiderman) Mellor, Paul Furtcher, Gil Prescott and Rae Ingram. Free raffle, freebie table and giant video screen with City action.



Left: Former City player and Fulham captain Stan Home with Swinton & District chairman Alex Channon at a recent meeting.

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Statistics

Nationwide League Division Two Table

	Home					Away					Gls	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Fulham	39	16	2	1	39	10	12	4	4	27	16	66	90
Walsall	39	11	6	3	30	20	11	2	6	24	21	54	74
Preston North End	40	11	5	4	43	20	10	5	5	28	20	71	73
Manchester City	41	11	6	3	31	12	8	9	4	27	17	58	72
Gillingham	40	14	5	2	41	15	5	9	5	24	21	65	71
Bournemouth	40	14	5	1	37	10	6	5	9	24	28	61	70
Wigan Athletic	38	11	3	4	32	12	7	4	9	25	26	57	61
Stoke City	39	9	3	8	27	26	10	1	8	23	23	50	61
Millwall	40	8	7	5	29	21	8	3	9	18	26	47	58
Chesterfield	39	13	3	4	33	16	3	7	9	11	22	44	58
Reading	41	9	6	6	27	25	6	6	8	22	29	49	57
Luton Town	40	9	4	7	23	23	4	6	10	23	31	46	49
Blackpool	40	6	8	6	21	19	6	5	9	16	26	37	49
Notts County	39	7	4	7	25	22	6	5	10	21	31	46	48
Wrexham	39	7	6	7	18	23	5	5	9	20	31	38	47
Bristol Rovers	40	7	8	6	30	26	3	7	9	23	22	53	45
Colchester United	40	7	7	6	20	25	3	8	9	23	33	43	45
Burnley	40	7	6	8	22	33	3	7	9	23	37	45	43
York City	40	5	7	8	25	30	6	2	12	24	40	49	42
Wycombe Wanderers	40	7	4	10	27	23	3	6	10	16	28	43	40
Northampton Town	40	4	8	7	16	21	5	5	11	16	26	32	40
Oldham Athletic	40	5	4	10	20	26	5	5	11	19	31	39	39
Lincoln City	39	8	3	8	24	23	2	3	15	10	43	34	36
Macclesfield Town	39	6	4	9	17	22	3	5	12	16	29	33	36

Second Division Fact File

1998-99 LEAGUE ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Blackpool	10,868	5,105
Bournemouth	*10,964	6,999
Bristol Rovers	8,011	6,215
Burnley	*17,251	10,524
Chesterfield	*8,245	4,571
Colchester United	*6,554	4,500
Fulham	*14,284	10,978
Gillingham	9,581	6,501
Lincoln City	*7,338	4,676
Luton Town	*9,070	5,598
Macclesfield Town	*6,381	3,365
Manchester City	32,134	28,117
Millwall	*12,726	7,042
Northampton Town	*7,557	6,071
Notts County	*10,316	5,800
Oldham Athletic	*12,976	5,656
Preston N.E.	*20,857	11,693
Reading	*20,055	11,473
Stoke City	23,272	13,164
Walsall	*9,517	5,088
Wigan Athletic	*6,700	4,075
Wrexham	*9,048	4,075
Wycombe Wanderers	*8,129	5,099
York City	*7,527	3,562

* Highest attendance was for the visit of Manchester City

Highest League attendance:

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8.8.98

Lowest League attendance:

1,868 Macclesfield v Gillingham, 9.3.99

1998-99 FACT & FIGURES

(League games only)

Highest scoring home win:

5-0 Wigan Ath. v York, 31.10.98
5-0 Bournemouth v Burnley, 21.11.98
5-0 Preston v Lincoln, 23.2.99

Highest scoring away win:

6-0 Bristol Rov. at Reading, 16.1.99
6-0 Man City at Burnley, 9.3.99

Most goals in a match:

5 Robert Taylor (Gillingham) at Burnley 27.2.99

LEADING SCORERS

(Including Cup games)

- 25 Mark Stein (Bournemouth)
- 24 *Geoff Horsfield (Fulham)
- 22 Jamie Cureton (Bristol Rovers)
- 21 Stuart Barlow (Wigan Athletic)
- 21 Andy Payton (Burnley)
- 20 *Carl Asaba (Gillingham)
- 20 Kurt Nogan (Preston N.E.)
- 19 Andy Rammell (Walsall)
- 19 Jason Roberts (Bristol Rovers)
- 18 Shaun Goater (Manchester City)
- 18 Neil Harris (Millwall)
- 17 +Barry Hayles (Fulham)
- 16 Carlo Corazzin (Northampton T.)
- 16 Steve Robinson (Bournemouth)
- 16 Robert Taylor (Gillingham)
- 15 Karl Connolly (Wrexham)

* Includes goals for other clubs

All statistics up to and including Saturday 10th April 1999.

1998-99 City Fixtures and Match Facts

KEY: Blue shaded areas denote which players appeared.
Half blue/half white areas denote player appeared as substitute.
① = goals scored ?/? = Initials of player replaced/time of substitution.
= booked = sent-off † = Opponents own goal * = player replaced
p = scored from penalty Unused subs & debutants are also indicated

Date	H/A	Opposition	F-A	Att.	Pos.	Away fans
Aug 8	H	Blackpool	3-0	32,134	1	3,172
Aug 11	A	Notts County (WC 1.1)	2-0	5,795	-	1,400
Aug 14	A	Fulham	0-3	14,284	6	3,452
Aug 19	H	Notts County (WC 1.2)	7-1	10,063	-	123
Aug 22	H	Wrexham	0-0	27,677	11	2,248
Aug 29	A	Notts County	1-1	10,316	14	tbw
Sep 2	H	Walsall	3-1	24,291	8	1,246
Sep 8	H	AFC Bournemouth	2-1	26,696	6	593
Sep 12	A	Macclesfield Town	1-0	6,381	6	1,679
Sep 16	A	Derby County (WC 2.1)	1-1	22,986	-	1,903
Sep 19	H	Chesterfield	1-1	27,500	7	1,810
Sep 23	H	Derby County (WC 2.2)	0-1	19,622	-	1,192
Sep 26	A	Northampton Town	2-2	7,557	8	930
Sep 29	A	Millwall	1-1	12,726	7	1,912
Oct 3	H	Burnley	2-2	30,722	8	3,285
Oct 12	H	Preston North End	0-1	28,779	9	3,290
Oct 17	A	Wigan Athletic	1-0	6,700	7	1,711
Oct 20	A	Lincoln City	†	7,338	8	1,940
Oct 24	H	Reading	0-1	24,365	11	778
Oct 31	H	Colchester United	2-1	24,820	6	1,644
Nov 7	A	Oldham Athletic	3-0	12,976	5	4,596
Nov 10	A	Wycombe Wanderers	0-1	8,129	7	1,584
Nov 13	H	Halifax Town (FA Cup 1)	3-0	11,106	-	1,921
Nov 21	H	Gillingham	0-0	26,529	7	2,526
Nov 28	A	Luton Town	1-1	9,070	8	1,939
Dec 4	A	Darlington (FA Cup 2)	1-1	7,250	-	1,267
Dec 8	H	Mansfield Town (AWS 1)	1-2	3,007	-	658
Dec 12	H	Bristol Rovers	0-0	24,976	9	2,586
Dec 15	H	Darlington (FAC2 Rep)	1-0	8,595	-	1,143
Dec 19	A	York City	1-2	7,527	12	2,851
Dec 26	A	Wrexham	1-0	9,048	7	2,780
Dec 28	H	Stoke City	2-1	30,478	7	2,485
Jan 2	A	Wimbledon (FA Cup 3)	0-1	11,226	-	6,312
Jan 9	A	Blackpool	0-0	9,752	9	4,041
Jan 16	H	Fulham	3-0	30,251	8	2,531
Jan 23	A	Walsall	1-1	9,517	8	3,500
Jan 29	A	Stoke City	1-0	13,679	7	2,289
Feb 6	H	Millwall	3-0	29,862	7	2,480
Feb 13	A	AFC Bournemouth	0-0	10,964	7	2,760
Feb 20	H	Macclesfield Town	2-0	31,086	5	2,346
Feb 27	A	Chesterfield	1-1	8,245	6	2,800
Mar 6	H	Northampton Town	0-0	27,999	6	1,853
Mar 9	A	Burnley	6-0	17,251	6	4,103
Mar 13	H	Oldham Athletic	1-2	30,321	6	2,211
Mar 16	H	Notts County	2-1	26,502	6	367
Mar 20	A	Colchester United	1-0	6,554	6	1,100
Mar 27	A	Reading	3-1	20,055	5	4,320
Apr 3	H	Wigan Athletic	1-0	31,058	4	2,603
Apr 5	A	Preston North End	1-1	20,857	4	5,942
Apr 10	H	Lincoln City	4-0	26,298	4	1,339
Apr 14	H	Luton Town				
Apr 17	A	Gillingham				
Apr 24	H	Wycombe Wanderers				
May 1	A	Bristol Rovers				
May 8	H	York City				
May 16		Play-off s/f 1st Leg				
May 19		Play-off s/f 2nd Leg				
May 30		Play-off Final				

Hatters Quiz answers (see page 16):

- 1. Arsenal, 2. Nottingham Forest, 3. Carlisle,
 - 4. From Charlton - to Liverpool, 5. John Hartson, 6. Ten, 7. Seventh, 8. Coventry,
 - 9. Gareth Taylor, 10. David Oldfield.
- Who Am I? Andy Dibble.



	Nick Weaver	Tommy Wright	Richard Edgill	Kevin Horlock	Kakhaber Tskhadadze	Gerard Wierkens	Tommy Vaughan	Gary Mason	Jamie Pollock	Shaun Goater	Paul Dickov	Danny Allsopp	Jim Whitley	Nick Fenton	Michael R. Brown	Jeff Whitley	Richard Jobson	Danny Tiatto	Lee Crooks	Chris Greenacre	Murphy Shella	Craig Russell	Ian Bishop	Andy Morrison	Gareth Taylor	Steve Rimmer	Neil Heaney	Alan Bailey	Terry Cooke (loan)	Mark Robins	Michael Branch (loan)	Lee Bradbury (to Chester)	Barry Conlon (to Southend)	Own Goals	
40	1	-	34	31/1	2	38	31/2	18	24/2	37/2	17/13	3/19	10/8	15	21/5	1/5	-	8/8	28/2	1	3	5/2	16/4	17/1	19/2	-	-	-	-	16	-/2	4	11/2	-	Lge apps/sub
7	2	6	6	1	8	8	5	8	1	15	8	3	4/2	4	3/2	1/1	-	2/1	3	-	-	3/1	1/1	4	4	1	1	-/1	-	-	4	-/1	3	-	Lge goals
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Andy Morrison	5	Sean Dyche
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Michael Brown	7	Tresor Kandol
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Thursday 22nd April, k.o. 7pm at Hyde United FC

Match Notes

	CITY	LUTON
Final Score	_____	_____
Half Time	_____	_____
Scorers	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Yellow Cards	_____	_____
Red Cards	_____	_____
Attendance	_____	_____