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1969-70	- F.L. Div. Three
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RECORD VICTORIES

Football League	8-0 v Tranmere Rovers
	10.1.1970
F.A. Cup	12-1 v Stockton 2.2.1897
League Cup	5-1 v Brighton 12.09.1961

RECORD GOALSCORER

Craig Madden - 128 League, 11 FA Cup,
10 League Cup, 4 Others
Total - 153.

RECORD APPEARANCES

Norman Bullock - 537 League games between
1920 and 1935.

Andy says ...

Firstly, I would like to welcome Luton's directors, management, players and fans to Gigg Lane. Like most people, I admire the vastly experienced Hatters manager Lennie Lawrence. He's got a reputation for doing really well at clubs who are struggling financially and he always seems to get the best out of the teams. But our confidence is high after last week's win at Colchester. I felt it had been coming and I'm pleased for every one of the lads in the squad, they all contributed to the win.

We had been working on finishing all week in training and I did have a feeling in the back of my mind that it would come right on the day - and that is how it worked out. There is a good bunch of lads at the club and the spirit is high.

I must admit even when things weren't going to plan, I never felt the need to panic. I think everyone could see that we were trying to win the games. No one could fault our attitude. One of the most positive things to come out of recent games is the performances of the "youngsters."

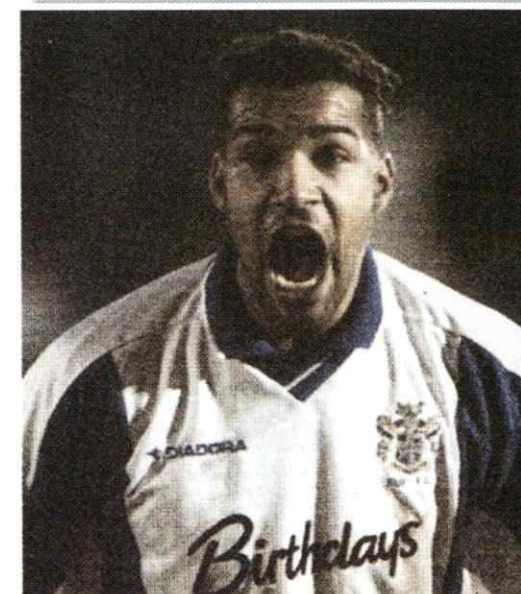
Defender Matt Barrass has been outstanding. He was a different class against Colchester's highly rated striker Lua Lua.

There's also Danny Swailes. His goal last Saturday was unbelievable and thoroughly deserved. And Martyn Forrest, who got a run in the side over Christmas.

They haven't surprised me as, when I was reserve manager, I saw the potential then.

We were forced to play them because of injuries but, even with more senior players knocking on the door, they have made sure they will battle all the way to keep their first team place.

Not only these but there are more youngsters who, come



March or April, could be in line for a first team place. The youth side has done exceptionally well to beat Sheffield United and they are now just two games away from Wembley. It is a great achievement and the long term future of this club looks extremely bright.

It is well known we haven't got any money to spend so the sight of these youngsters doing so well is a big boost to me and the club.

I was also pleased for Lutel (James) to score last week. He shows a great attitude and always works hard. He has waited for his chance and done really well.

And Kemo's the same. Since he has come into the side, he has caused problems with his runs and just needs to find the finishing touch.

Baichung is still pushing for a starting place. He has been turning out in the reserves and sometimes he does look like a world beater. It has been hard for Bhaichung, he missed the pre season which, any professional will tell you, always means you are playing catch up.

I know I said in an earlier programme that I want to turn Gigg Lane back into the fortress it once was and I hope this starts today.

**Enjoy the game,
Andy Preece**

Kemajl Avdiu has had a run in the team of late.



Bury captain Nick Daws lines up with Bristol City skipper Keith Millen ahead of the game. The Shakers mascot is Naill Martin.



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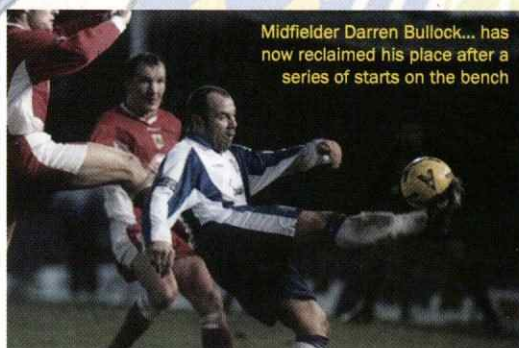
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Disco and Party

Don't forget that this Friday, Bury Supporters Association are holding a 70's disco at the Bury FC social club. It's a bargain at just £1 for members and £2 for non-members. It promises to be a night of Abba and the Bee Gees. The guests of honour will be Bury Football Club's 1973/74 promotion winning team and among those who have agreed to attend are John Forrest, Billy Rudd, Derek Spence, Steve Hoolickin and Brian Williams. And there will be some of the players of today! Please ring Joyce for further details 0161 723 4047

City quieten Tower!!

BURY FC couldn't get the better of Manchester City this season! The Rochdale branch of the Man City Supporters Club sneaked the "Challenge Trophy" quiz by just two points in a close contest. But there's always next year when the Man City supporters will return to defend the trophy. The award for the most vocal team of the night had to go to the Tower FM team. The event was well-supported and the committee of the Supporters Association would like to thank every one who came down to the Allen Suit on January 29 and made it a good evening. **During the evening, Bury supporters were challenged to a quiz by the Whitefield branch of Heart of Midlothian supporters association. So all you quizzers, once a day and date has been given we hope that we can rely on you to support us again. Look out for more details in the next Bury programme.



Midfielder Darren Bullock... has now reclaimed his place after a series of starts on the bench

Roy Brown - Bury Football Club are sorry to hear about the death of life-long Shakers fan Roy Brown. Roy died six months after being diagnosed with bowel cancer on January 4, 2000, aged 62. Roy lived in Bury and Radcliffe all his life and began coming to Gigg Lane as a boy. Only ill health prevented him attending games in the final 18 months of his life. As an indication of Roy's love for the club, he asked to be buried as close to the ground as possible, and has been buried less than 100 yards away from his regular spot on the south side of the ground. Our thoughts are with his family.

Wayne Burgess - Unfortunately we also wish to express our sympathy at the death of dedicated Bury FC supporter Wayne Burgess. Wayne, 32, had followed the Shakers all his life even though his work took him south to Milton Keynes and Coventry. He often managed to make the trip back to see Bury. His other passion in life was helicopter flying and this sadly claimed his life last week in bad weather near Chorley. All his family will miss him terribly, Abigail, Lewis (Wayne's godson) and Graham Fisher, Steve, Torben and Claus.

Chesterfield info

Bury's travel to Chesterfield this Tuesday, kick off 7.45pm. All those who booked on the coach, could they please confirm or cancel their booking. If you wish to confirm, you will need a new coach ticket for this match. The fare is £7, depart Gigg Lane 5pm. There are ten people who haven't said either way so could they please call in at the Commercial office (the old club shop) for more information.

Car Park Passes Stoke City v Bury Wed, March 8

Forty Car Park Tickets are for sale at the old club shop for the game at Stoke City. The passes cost £3 each and admission to the car park is strictly by ticket only. Car parking is limited near the Britannia Stadium and Stoke recommend away fans to buy a pass or travel on official coaches. The closing date to buy one of these tickets from Bury FC is the end of February

A View From The South Stand

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Gigg Lane for this afternoon's match with our friends from Luton Town Football Club.

We, naturally, extend a warm Lancastrian welcome to all concerned with the Hatters especially the supporters who have travelled up from Bedfordshire. We hope that you enjoy your visit to Gigg Lane this afternoon - result apart - and that you all have a safe trip back to Bedfordshire.

The Hatters, currently lying in tenth place, no doubt still harbour play off ambitions in the same manner as the Shakers and under the vastly experienced managerial eye of Lennie Lawrence they will probably make it. They have a number of highly talented youngsters in the side such as Matthew Spring and Liam George but they did have something of a hiccup last Saturday when they lost 2-1 at Kenilworth Road to AFC Bournemouth. I'm sure that we are capable of taking all three points today but the Hatters will be no pushovers.

Looking back over our last couple of games and against Bristol City the best you could say is that we should have taken all three points against a fairly poor side in a very dull match. We had by far the better chances and better finishing would have given us the win. My man of the match was Steve Redmond who was as solid as a rock at the heart of the defence. On then to Layer Road, which is now, surely, amongst the worst grounds in the country from a visiting supporters point of view, and our third away win of the season. Despite going a goal down after quarter of an hour we still dominated the game and played some terrific football which was great to see. Danny Swailes, who was my man of the match, capped another outstanding display with a brilliant header for the equaliser. The highly impressive Lutel James put the Shakers in front from close range and Paul Barnes, who ran Danny Swailes close for my man of the match vote, notched the third with a class finish and the Shakers wound their way home from the depths of darkest Essex with our first double of the season and three valuable points.

There has been much talk in the media recently about the number of foreign players, mainly in the Premier (Greed is Good) League it has to be said, and I have got to say that I think there should be a reduction as, in the long run it will be detrimental to the future of British football if the game continues to rely heavily on foreign imports. Of course, under European law an EC

citizen can work anywhere in any member state without the need for a work permit and whilst, in theory, this is a good idea in footballing terms I think it means with the increasing clamour for success and the huge financial rewards available that home grown talent, unless absolutely outstanding, is being ignored in favour of players from the continent and elsewhere. There is an enormous amount of young talent in this country and whilst the likes of Joe Cole, Jody Morris, Stephen Gerrard et al are gradually pushing through into their respective first teams I can't help thinking that there should be many more but the number of expensive imports are denying them the opportunity. I think that there should be a limit of six EC nationals - and by EC I mean those born within member states and not those players from South America who take advantage of liberal passport laws in Spain and Portugal to circumvent the rules - to each club and one non EC national per club. There are those who will argue the likes of Bergkamp, Zola, Stam and Ginola improve the game in this country and I agree, they do and our young players can learn much from the very best but they have got to have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. It is the increasing numbers of mediocre players coming to the game in this country that I find disturbing and perhaps the fact that clubs demand ridiculous fees for mediocre players demand extortionate wages has something to do with it. Indeed, the Chairman of Swindon Town who went in to administration last week reckons that the blame lies squarely with spiralling wages and whilst I find it hard to blame players for taking home what, to most supporters, are huge salaries (admit it if someone offered you the chance to up your salary by fifty or a hundred percent you take it wouldn't you? I know I would!) I think that the powers that be need to take a long hard look at the way the game is going in this country before we end with more clubs going down the same road as Swindon Town.and finally Esther. Welsby Rovers? Wembley? Major Cup final? There is hope for us all yet. Still, I reckon the only way Welsby's heroes will get into Europe is if John Aldridge writes the winning Eurovision Song contest entry. Envious? Moi? Mais non, but I'll be the one in the pub cheering on Leicester City. As always. Enjoy the match. Enjoy YOUR football. C'mon Bury! (and the Foxes!)

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TOP: Striker Ian Lawson, making his first start since December 7, shakes off a Robins tackle

BOTTOM: Midfielder Darren Bullock wins his clash as Bury try to push forward





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Lennie Lawrence
(Team Manager)

SUPPORTERS of Luton Town have every reason to enjoy their football this season, whatever the results. Until 15 hours before the season kicked off, there was a danger that the Hatters would be thrown out of the Football League. The summer has been traumatic at a club which came into this decade as one of the best in the country - they had ten glorious years in the old First Division, now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup, now the Worthington Cup, by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final.

Alas, tradition and past glory counts for little in today's big money. Missing the first season of the Premiership was bad enough, through relegation a few months before it was set up. Further relegation, to Division

Two, was another blow to the club and its fans. But even those disappointments started to look insignificant towards the end of last season, when boardroom politics became knowledge. A dispute escalated until just before deadline day last March director and major creditor Cliff Bassett called in receivers, who were still running the club until the day before the league season kicked off. The club was put up for sale.

Manager Lennie Lawrence, who had guided the Hatters to 12th place in the Second Division last season, was left hamstrung by the impasse. The receiver's job was to draw in money, not spend it, and although Lawrence was allowed to do some deals, the greater pressure was to raise cash in the transfer market.

One of the most experienced bosses in the business, with a CV including running Charlton on a shoestring at the top level, Lawrence had raised £1.4 million under receivership by the time goalkeeper Kelvin Davis went to Wimbledon. Davis left for £600,000, with a further £200,000 to come on appearances, and possibly more if the Dons sell Davis on. Remarkably, having endured the toughest period of management in a career stretching back two decades, the manager agreed to stay in the job, where the term hot seat really was relevant.

"I like this little club, and we have got some super people on the staff," he explained.

The Football League became involved as Luton staggered towards the new season still in receivership, and threatened to throw them out if they did not sort out a deal by midnight on the night of August 6, 15 hours before the new season kicked off. The threat did the trick: after five months under the cloud of receivership, the club's majority shareholding passed to director and long-time supporter Cliff Bassett.

One of the oldest football clubs in England - they were the first club in the south to turn professional - Luton Town have seen just about everything in football in more than a century of ups and downs.

The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat making trade, which was to give the club its nickname.

As the town became bigger and more prosperous so did the Football Club, and it started paying its players in 1891. Three years later Luton were founder members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division.

But patchy results and rising costs led to the Club resigning to return to the Southern League. And there Luton stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League. The Hatters have been in the Football League ever since.

Town narrowly missed promotion from Division Three South in 1936, when centre forward Joe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record, which is likely to stand forever.

The following year Luton did win promotion, with Payne netting 55 league goals. Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership. It ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. It was a team getting too old together, and a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA Cup final appearance Luton had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division.

In 1967 they were perilously close to having to ask for re-election to stay in the league. That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board injected new life and money into the club. The Division Four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched.

to the Second Division, with Malcolm Macdonald's goals a major factor. In 1974 Luton made history again: they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction. That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground.

Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. Twelve months later Luton were at Wembley again to defend the trophy, but they lost to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories for older supporters of the 1959 disappointment. Three years later, with Pleat back at the Club for a second spell in charge, Luton were relegated, missing the chance of being founder members of the Premiership. Pleat resigned for a second time in 1995 to go to Sheffield Wednesday, and youth coach Terry Westley was given his job at Kenilworth Road.

By mid-season Luton were in desperate trouble, and although new boss Lennie Lawrence produced a mini-revival, the Hatters went down again. They almost bounced straight back, but lost in the 1997 play-offs.

They are hoping to go one better this time although, like Bury, currently occupy a mid-table position.

Liam George is their hot-shot with 14 goals this season but there have been plenty of other players chipping in - Midfielder Matthew Spring, only 21, has scored eight times while Gary Doherty and Stuart Douglas have so far scored four apiece.

Speaking before the midweek game against Stoke City, Luton had scored ten goals in four games but suffered a hiccup last week to their play-off hopes when they were defeated 2-1 by Bournemouth.

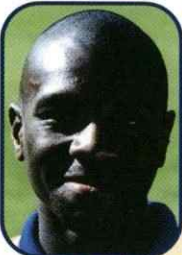
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Luton Town

NATHAN "TANNY" ABBEY

Born Islington, 11-7-78
The goalkeeper and his manager agreed at the end of last season that Tanny needed a move to further his career. For two years he had been waiting in the wings, as understudy to England under-21 keeper Kelvin Davis, and for all his potential Abbey had few first-team chances. So he left Luton to join a club in Antwerp, but the deal went wrong. By the time he came back to England Luton had sold Davis to Wimbledon - the receivers thought £600,000 plus £200,000 more on appearances was too good to turn down. So Abbey returned to Kenilworth Road in the hope of becoming No one five years after joining the Hatters as YTS boy. Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances.



EMMERSON BOYCE

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STUART DOUGLAS

Born London, 9-4-78

A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football, Douglas was a 17-year-old trainee when he made his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, but had to battle to overcome injuries before winning a regular place in Luton's league side last season in which he played 50 games. Luton record to the start of this season: 75 appearances, 14 goals.

ANDREW FOTIADIS

Born Hitchin, 6-9-77

Another local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and wary opposing defences, as an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination to score goals. Luton record to the start of the season: 61 appearances, 7 goals.

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Born Edinburgh, 9-1-80

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One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and graduated to the first team squad after a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. By the end of the season he was a regular in the squad, but made only one start in the league, and came into this campaign looking for better than a regular place on the sub's bench. Luton record to the start of the season: 2 appearances.

GARY DOHERTY

Born Donegal, 31-1-80

Big and brave, Doherty is a centre-half who can also operate as a centre forward. He played in central defence for the Luton team which won the South East Counties League Championship last season. He became a

temporary striker to help an injury crisis, and did well enough to make the switch permanent. And he is making an impact on a bigger stage too: after being capped at youth level he has already been on the sub's bench for the Republic of Ireland. Luton record to the start of the season: 35 appearances, 6 goals.

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LIAM GEORGE

Born Luton, 2-2-79

Full of pace and nimble footwork, striker George was well set a year ago to clinch a league place after impressing as a constant scorer in Luton's youth and reserve teams. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998, George had made his league debut against Bristol City in September 1997, and started last season as an established first choice. But he broke a leg at Wigan a year ago and the season was nearly over by the time he had recovered. Luton record to the start of the season: 18 appearances, no goals.

PHIL GRAY

Born Belfast, 2-10-68

Signed by Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland striker hopes to get in a full season after being hit by a succession of injuries. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat, ex-boss at White Hart Lane, and then in his second spell as Luton manager, splashed out £75,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved onto Premiership football with Sunderland, for £800,000 and after three years at Roker went to Nancy in France, and then Fortuna Sittard Holland. He

needed little encouragement to return to Kenilworth Road in exchange for £400,000 and having rediscovered his goal touch was recalled to the Northern Ireland squad in November. Luton record to the start of this season: 62 appearances, 15 goals.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Born Wembley, 29-10-68

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is a versatile defender, normally a centre-half but capable of filling in on the flanks or in midfield. Johnson is starting his 12th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club. Injuries have been a problem, but he has always bounced back and is now a fixture and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy. Luton record to the start of this season: 356 appearances, 9 goals.

GAVIN MCGOWAN

Born Blackheath, 16-1-76

A right back fighting for a Premiership place against very stiff competition at Arsenal, McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first two were loan deals, one in March 1997 ending prematurely through injury. He rejoined Luton on loan again for three months, at the start of the 1997/98 season. Lennie Lawrence rated him, but could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a quick deal a year later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer. Luton record to the start of this season: 50 appearances, no goals.

MICHAEL MCINDOE

Born Edinburgh, 2-12-79

Made his debut for Luton's senior side when injuries hit three players above him in the pecking order for the wide left midfield slot. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after leaving school, and was part of their youth team, which won the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup in the 1997/98 season. He made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup first round victory over Oxford United a year ago. Luton record to the start of this season: 28 appearances, no goals.

PAUL MCLAREN

Born High Wycombe, 17-11-76

The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro teams while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular after a 1994 debut. Luton record to the start of this season: 123 appearances, 2 goals.

ANDRE SCARLETT

Born Brent, London, 11-1-80

It was Roy of the Rovers story when the 18-year old made his league debut for Luton last October. Because of injuries he winger was on the sub's bench against Oldham, and got his chance with 20 minutes to go, with the score at 0-0. His trickery tempted an Oldham player into a rash tackle which earned a red card, and Luton went onto win 2-0, with Scarlett netting the clincher in a 2-0 win. Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances, 1 goal.

EFTETBORE SODJE

Born Greenwich, 5-10-72

It was second time lucky for the defender and Luton Town when he signed at the start of this season, after declining to accept a new contract at Macclesfield, who had just been relegated back to Division Three. British, but qualifying for Nigeria, where he spent much of his boyhood, "Effy" came back to England in 1994 to try his luck in the Football League. Luton were interested, but then manager David Pleat advised the young hopeful to neighbouring Stevenage Borough, and then come back 12 months later. But Sodje did so well in the Conference that Stevenage declined to let him go. He helped Stevenage to the Conference Championship, and then moved to Macclesfield for 30,000, playing a major role as they came up from the Conference and won Third Division promotion in their first season. He signed a year's contract with Luton in August.

MATTHEW SPRING

Born Harlow, 17-11-79



MATTHEW TAYLOR

A competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997 and it was no surprise when he called up for a league debut, when still only 17, as a sub against Bristol City in September 1997. Last season was his best yet - he topped the Hatters' appearance list with 54 games, and scouts from the big clubs gathered in droves to watch him. Luton record to the start of this season: 67 appearances, 3 goals.

MATTHEW TAYLOR

Born Oxford, 27-11-81

When Luton were in receivership throughout the summer, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and midfielder Taylor, though still only 17, was given his chance. Impressive performance in pre-



season friendlies saw him leap from youth team to league squad, and after helping Luton win the South East Counties championship last season he started this with a league debut on opening day, at Notts County.

JULIAN WATTS

Born Sheffield, 17-3-71

Signed on a months loan from Bristol City at the start of the season, and keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Ashton Gate. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, and it was ambition achieved when he signed for the hometown club he supported, Sheffield Wednesday. Changes in managers have not helped his progress, Trevor Francis bought him for Wednesday, but new manager David Pleat sold him off to Leicester for £200,000 in 1996. Two years later he left Filbert Street as a Bosman, and John Ward signed him for Bristol City. Three months later, Ward was out, and soon afterwards so was Watts, with neither of the two City managers since Ward wanting to keep him, and Watts jumped at the chance of first-team football with Luton.

ALAN WHITE

Born Darlington, 23-3-76

Lennie Lawrence went back to Middlesbrough, one of his old clubs, when an injury crisis robbed him of three of his back four in September 1997. Centre-half White was a prospect Lawrence knew well, Lennie had signed him as a 17-year-old at Ayresome Park. White was unable to force his way into Middlesbrough's Premiership squad after the advent of Bryan Robson and big-money signings, and grabbed the chance to rejoin Lawrence in a £40,000 transfer. Luton record to the start of this season: 71 appearances, 2 goals.

LANDRY ZAHANA-ONI

Born Ivory Coast, 8-8-76

Signed by Lennie Lawrence in January 1999, from Bromley, of the Ryman Premier League, Zahana-Oni had attracted the interest of several other league clubs with his abilities as an old-fashioned left winger. A French national, he had six years with Le Havre before crossing the Channel to try to make the grade in British football. He spent eight months at Stirling Albion before joining Bromley, and Luton paid £25,000, with more to follow depending on the players progress. Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances, no goals.

THE MANAGER - LENNIE LAWRENCE

Born Brighton, 14-12-47

With former youth coach Terry Westley struggling in his first experience as a manager, he and Luton Town reluctantly decided to part company as the Hatters slid to the bottom of Division One. Four months in the autumn of 1995 had seen £2 million spent, but only four matches won out of 22. Luton decided they needed an experienced hand on the tiller, and Lawrence fitted the bill perfectly. Perhaps more importantly, he knew about running clubs on shoestring budgets, having made his name by taking impoverished Charlton into what is now the Premiership, and keeping them there for four years, when they did not even have a home of their own. Lawrence was a non-league player, with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United. His managerial career started as assistant at Plymouth and then Lincoln. He went to Charlton as reserve team coach before landing the hot seat. He had been boss for nine years when he left Charlton in 1991 and took over Middlesbrough. He led them to promotion to the Premiership a year later, but they were relegated after only one season and was replaced by Bryan Robson. Bradford City offered the next opportunity, but he left after 18 months to return south. A few weeks later he became Luton's 21st manager. The survival task proved too much, with the December leeway too big a gap to close, but relegation was followed by a thrilling recovery.

In their first season back in Division Two, Luton were rarely out of the promotion frame, but it ended in disappointment, with play-off semi-final defeat against Crewe. A season of struggle followed, but Luton finished 12t, despite their traditional chronic shortage of money, and it has been a difficult summer for the boss. The club went into receivership in the closing weeks of last season, and that left him helpless when he wanted to trade in the early summer transfer market. The manager's record at Luton, to the start of this season: Played 194, won 70, drawn 52, and lost 72. Goals for 250, goals against 235.

COACH - JOHN MOORE

Born Harthill, 21-12-43

A Scotsman who is Luton Town through and through sounds like a contradiction, but John Moore has proved it over the four decades. He has never lost his Scottish accent, despite spending much more of his life in Luton than in the land of his birth. He first went to Kenilworth Road as a young player, signed from Motherwell in the summer of 1965. A nonsense centre-half, he was in the team, which saw Luton make a tremendous recovery after years of failure. In the old First Division for seven years until 1960, Luton had slumped all the way down to the Fourth when Moore arrived. By the time he left, in 1974, to see out his playing career with Northampton, Luton had become the first club ever to sink from top to bottom of the Football League, and then climb all the way back up again. Moore settled for part-time management with local teams in the Luton area before David Pleat took him into Luton Town for the second time, as coach to the reserve and youth teams. Pleat left Luton to go to Spurs in 1986, and Moore was promoted to succeed him. And Moore made history: he guided Luton to seventh place in the First Division, now the Premiership, their best-ever-finishing place.

But Moore found it all less than satisfying: a natural coach, and very much at home on the training ground and in the dugout, he found other parts of the manager's job difficult. A diffident man, he disliked the up front demands put on managers by, for instance, radio, TV and the newspapers. So after one year of success, he walked away. Ray Harford, his assistant, became manager, and Moore declined offers to stay on as a coach, saying it would be unfair on Harford. But Moore was back in the coaches' room at Luton in January 1990, recruited by new manager Jim Ryan, who had been a playing colleague at Kenilworth Road in the seventies. And Moore has been at Luton ever since, specialising in coaching the younger players, but helping out with the first team as well.

COACH - TREVOR HARTLEY

Born Doncaster, 16-3-47

The wheel turned full circle when Hartley was appointed to the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road at the start of this season - it took him back to the club he first joined as a youth

coach in 1980. A player with West Ham and Bournemouth, Hartley was manager at Dean Court for a spell, and later coached in Singapore. David Pleat was the Luton manager who recruited

Hartley to be youth coach, and within four years Hartley was Pleat's right-hand man. They went to Spurs, as manager and assistant, in the summer of 1986, and luckless Hartley was thrown out of work through no fault of his own after Pleat was sacked to allow Terry Venables to become Spurs boss, with his own coaching staff. But with a good reputation secured, Hartley was in international demand and coached in the Far East, USA and Canada, and then for four years was part of the England set-up under Graham Taylor, before returning to league football at Sunderland. He rejoined Luton in the summer of 1998.

CLUB HONOURS

Division One best season: seventh (1987)

Division Two champions:

1982; Division Two runners-up: 1955; 1974

Division Three runners-up: 1970; Division Four champions: 1968

Division Three (S) champions: 1937

FA Cup Runners-up: 1959

Football League Cup: Winners 1988; Runners-up 1989.

LUTON'S RESULTS IN 1999/2000

Aug 7	Notts County	0-0	
Aug 10	Bristol Rovers (WC1)	0-2	
Aug 14	Blackpool	3-2	George, OG, Spring
Aug 21	Reading	2-1	Fotiadis, George
Aug 25	Bristol Rovers (WC1)	2-2	Kandol, Doherty
Aug 28	Cardiff City	1-0	Gray
Aug 31	Bournemouth	0-1	
Sept 4	Bury	1-1	Fotiadis +
Sept 11	Wrexham	3-1	Taylor, Spring, George
Sept 18	Brentford	0-2	
Sept 25	Oxford United	4-2	George (2), Fraser, Locke
Oct 2	Wigan Athletic	0-1	
Oct 9	Oldham Athletic	1-2	Midgley
Oct 16	Gillingham	3-1	George(2), Douglas
Oct 19	Wycombe Wanderers	1-1	Douglas
Oct 23	Oxford United	1-0	George
Oct 30	Kingstonian (FAC 1)	4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor
Nov 2	Millwall	0-1	
Nov 6	Burnley	2-1	Midgley (2)
Nov 12	Cambridge United	1-3	George
Nov 19	Lincoln City (FAC2)	2-2	Doherty (2)
Nov 23	Preston	0-2	
Nov 27	Bristol Rovers	0-3	
Nov 30	Lincoln City (FAC2R)	1-0	Douglas
Dec 4	Notts County	2-2	Doherty, Thorpe
Dec 7	Oxford United (FAS S1)	0-2	
Dec 11	Fulham (FAC3)	2-2	George, Spring
Dec 17	Colchester United	0-3	
Dec 21	Fulham(FAC3R)	0-3	
Dec 26	Chesterfield	1-1	Locke
Dec 28	Bristol City	0-0	
Jan 3	Scunthorpe United	4-1	Douglas, Gray, Spring (2)
Jan 8	Stoke City	1-2	Spring
Jan 15	Blackpool	3-3	Locke, Gray, Taylor
Jan 22	Reading	3-1	Watts, George(2)
Jan 30	Cardiff	3-1	Watts, Spring, George
Feb 5	Bournemouth	1-2	Boyce

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Kenilworth Road

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It is no secret that Luton Town Football Club has seemingly been trying abandon their traditional roots at Kenilworth Road and relocate to a new purpose built stadium for the past couple of decades, probably even longer. Despite valiant attempts to patch up the 95 year old ground, it is obvious to everyone that Kenilworth Road is a completely inappropriate location for a modern day football stadium. It is hemmed in on all four sides by either housing or a railway line, probably more so than any current Football League ground. Finances have perhaps not allowed the Hatters to keep a new stadium at the top of their priorities over the past year or two - when their very existence has been threatened - but you can bet that it will become a priority once more when the club is back on an even keel. It is said that the site - previously known as Ivy Road - was fairly congested even back in 1905, and the club has certainly paid a heavy price in recent times for the apparent lack of foresight by their Directors at the time. The nearside of the photograph in particular demonstrates Kenilworth Road's lack of room, with the railway line and a main road running directly behind the ground, which prevents the Main Stand from running the full length of the pitch.

Instead, the stand - the central part of which dates back to the 1920s - runs only for three-quarters of the length of the pitch, with two lines of posts and a converted former paddock along the front, meaning that it does not provide the ideal vantage point.

To the right hand corner of the Main Stand on the photograph is the New Stand - so called because it was added in 1991. Raised up and set back, this stand is wedged right up against the railway line and adds an extra 700 seats to Kenilworth Road's capacity. These new seats probably offer the least restricted view in the ground. Opposite the Main Stand is one of the strangest stands at a Football League ground. A roof was first built along this side

in 1933 and for many years it was the preferred place for Luton fans to stand. Then in 1977, the club chose to convert this stand into seats holding around 1,500. Eight years later Luton's officials decided to remove those seats and replace them with executive Boxes capable of holding just 210 people, presumably being desperately short of room to incorporate this new source of revenue elsewhere in the ground.

Even so, it looked strange as Luton survived for several seasons in the top flight, with this sparsely populated stand being seen by millions each week on television. With the seats coming out of the Bobbers Stand, Luton then converted the Oak Road End of the ground (left hand side of photo) into seating for around 2,100. With a roof dating back to 1935, various posts and cramped seating, it is not the best of stands to say the least. The roof is a strange affair, being built in three steps, sloping up towards

the Main Stand side. And the entrance to the stand - which is now allocated to away supporters - is via turnstiles that are situated in the middle of a row of terraced houses, with first floor flats being sited above the actual turnstiles. Unique indeed!

To the right hand side of the photograph is the Kenilworth Road End, which for many, many years was an uncovered terrace. The large impressive looking roof was added in 1985 when it became the 'home end' after the fans were turfed out of the Bobbers Stand. Seats were added at the same time, with the stand holding around 2,500.

Kenilworth Road doesn't even have sufficient room to house the traditional corner pylon floodlights, and instead has four sets of lights along the top of the Executive Boxes and three more on the Main Stand side.

Although Kenilworth Road once housed a record crowd of 30,069 for an FA Cup sixth round tie against Blackpool back in March 1959, the current capacity of the ground is now set at 9,975.

Luton's scorers 1999/2000 (up to Feb 5, 2000)

Liam George	14 goals
Matthew Spring	8 goals
Gary Doherty	4 goals
Stuart Douglas	4 goals
Phil Gray	4 goals
Adam Locke	3 goals
Neil Midgley	3 goals
Andrew Fotiadis	2 goals
Matt Taylor	2 goals
Julian Watts	2 goals
Stuart Fraser	1 goal
Tresor Kandal	1 goal
Emmerson Boyce	1 goal
Own goal	1 goal

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TOP – Bury's Paul Reid and City's Matthew Hewlett get shirty with each other
BOTTOM – Danny Swailes and Steve Redmond help Bury to their first clean sheet in five games





Hello once again,

I am sure you are all looking forward to today's game against Luton Town. And once again I would like to wish Andy and Steve and the players 'Good Luck' and all the very best for the match and I know you join me in that.

Saturday Junior Soccer Academy

Do you want to have the best chance to become a footballer? Then come along to Gigg Lane on Saturday mornings 10am - 12 noon. All coaching is given by Centre of Excellence coaches male and female. All coaching is age specific and will give the children the best possible grounding in the correct techniques for playing

organised team football as they grow older.

Players in all age groups at Bury FC Centre of Excellence have progressed through the Saturday morning Junior Soccer Academy.

Why settle for second best? Come and be coached by the professionals. The course is run every Saturday morning, weather permitting, and is £3 per hour or £6 for both hours. All children attending will receive tickets for Bury's home games.

For further information please ring 0161 797 5423.

Schools

This week we were in Springside Primary school where the children very much enjoyed their lessons with our staff as well as some vigorous after school sessions.

My assistant, Richard, was a star pupil there some years ago and a photograph of a championship soccer team, which includes him, although slightly faded now, still graces the corridor walls.

So it was a happy reunion with his old school for him. Thanks to Mr Wright, the headteacher and his staff for an excellent week.

Next week sees us renew our acquaintance with old friends at Holcombe Brook Primary School where Mr Howarth promises us a large number of very keen youngsters at the after-school sessions and no less lively periods during the day. We are looking forward to it.

Adidas Predator Competitions

Predator Community Cup Under 11's Six-Side

Sponsored by Adidas with support from Sportsmatch, the tournament is also fully endorsed by The English Schools' Football Association.

The initial round of this competition was held on Friday 28th January on the all-weather courts at Gigg Lane when 10 Primary school teams from the local area fought it out in the rain and cold to represent Bury FC in the area finals at Brockhall, Blackburn Rovers training ground, on 5th March.

The schools taking part were, in no particular order: Greenmount, Hollins Grundy, Bury Grammar School (Boys) Juniors - referred to as BGS from now on, Tottington, St Joseph and St Bede, Chesham, Radcliffe Hall, Old Hall, Park View and Springside.

The teams were divided into two groups and played round-robins. After a gruelling morning during which the youngsters from all schools played valiantly, despite the atrocious weather, the semi-finalists were Greenmount, BGS, Old Hall and Chesham. Play in both matches went to extra time and the Golden Goal rule came into force. Eventually, after some furious play and ferocious shots on goal, Greenmount beat Old Hall and BGS prevailed against Chesham. The final was not a let-down, as can so often be the case. Both Greenmount and BGS played inspired football and again the match went to extra time and the Golden Goal. This was eventually gained by BGS with a tremendous shot at goal which the brave Greenmount goalkeeper could not stop despite a full-length dive. Well done both Greenmount and BGS and hearty congratulations to BGS whom we hope will do as well at

Brockhall in March. I'll let you know how they go on.

I'd like to thank all the headteachers and the schools that took part; we can't do it without you. If we could guarantee good weather perhaps more schools would join in. Hopefully next year they will.

Predator Community Cup Under 13's Girls Six-Side

The date for the local competition is Friday 3rd March. Girls' football is certainly on the increase and we will be looking for a local school winner to represent Bury FC. The competition is very keen this year after last year's local winners, Castlebrook High School, only narrowly lost to the eventual winners, Blackpool, in the Northern Regional Finals. We are looking forward to a good day and hope for much better weather than the Under 11's had to endure.

Birthdays

This week Jake Brooks celebrated his 6th birthday with his friends here at Gigg Lane. Next week sees the birthday parties of David Carpenter, Ryan Whitaker, and Thomas Quinn all of whom are 8. If you enjoy yourselves as much as Jake and his pals did you'll have a good time.

Many Happy Returns to you all!

If you want your birthday party here please ring my office for details.

Saturday Club Special Offers

The Saturday Club Special Offers are still available and apply to all Saturday Home Nationwide League fixtures. So if you want a good day out at Gigg Lane turn up at 11am with your £10 and a good time will be had by all. It's a full day of fun at Gigg Lane and includes:

- * Soccer Coaching and Games from 11 am to 12 noon
- * Tour of the Ground
- * Children's Entertainer from 12 noon till Kick-off
- * Lunch in one of the Restaurants
- * Ticket for the Game

Children will be supervised all day and parents can pick their children up at 4.45pm outside the Social Club.

Soccer Course

The half term course runs from Monday 21st to Friday 25th February and is not all that far away now. There are one or two treats in store. The course will include special appearances by Bury FC players and management on one day and on the Thursday Gary and Phil Neville of Manchester United will come down; so bring your autograph books.

The Smoby table football competition will be held, the winner going through to the regional finals at Blackburn Rovers at the end of March. Also a draw will be held to decide who will be the Bury FC mascot for the game against Oldham on Saturday 4th March. So a fun-packed week.

Forms and posters are out in the schools and those on our mailing list should have had a form through the post by now. If you are not on our mailing list and would like a form, collect one from the club shop or ring this office for one. To save our postage bill would you please send a stamped sae with your completed form for the course. Thank you in advance for this.

New Staff

This week I welcomed Jason Benson as he joined my coaching staff as a trainee. Enjoy the match; I know you join me in wishing all the best to Andy, Steve and the team. Lets hope it's a good game with the winning result we want.

My office number is 0161 797 5423, All the best, Andy Faeley



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Welcome to our visitors from Luton.

I would first like to ask any disabled person who wishes to go to Preston North End next Saturday to contact me on Monday morning so I can make the necessary arrangements at Deepdale.

Also please let me no ASAP if you wish to go to Wigan on the March 18 and Burnley on March 25. Of course we will endeavour to get you to any away game not just the local games.

Paul McGowen, a member of the Bury FC Disabled Supporters' Club, will be doing an abseil on the afternoon of Sunday, March 19, 2000 at the ICL Tower, West Gorton, Manchester.

He is raising money for two charities: The Royal National Institute for the Blind and Bury FC Disabled Supporters' Club on going mini bus appeal.

We would appreciate as much moral support in sponsorship or in person on the day as possible. Sponsor forms are available from the south stand disabled enclosure at all home games.

I would like all the disabled supporters to start thinking about who their player of the season will be. In the coming weeks, forms will be available for you to cast your votes.

A big thank you goes to Mark Coyle who sponsored our trip to Colchester last week - and what a good trip it was!

Can I remind all supporters in the South Stand not to stand in front of the disabled enclosure when leaving early.

Thank you for your co operation.
Glyn Holland Disabled Secretary.

Flashback!



Saturday January 25 1975

Third Division Bury had reached the fourth round of the FA Cup after beating Second Division Millwall in a neutral second replay at The Hawthorns. In so doing, they became the only club in the Greater Manchester area still left in the competition with City, United and Bolton all making early exits and a bumper crowd of 16,623 turned up to see Bury take on Fourth Division runaway leaders Mansfield. After conceding an early goal, things looked bad for Bury, but this 71st minute strike from George Hamstead brought the Shakers level and raised hopes once more. It was the Stags who stole the tie five minutes from time though, with Colin Foster hitting the winner to disappoint the big crowd.

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ALAN TINSLEY

Born Fleetwood: 1.1.51

An inside-forward who started his career as an apprentice with Preston North End in January 1967 and turned professional with the Lilywhites upon becoming eighteen in January 1969. He made his Football League debut for PNE in 1969 but after just nine games and one goal for Preston, his opportunities dried up when Alan Ball Senior became Deepdale Manager. The teenager then signed for the Shakers in August 1970, with a

£6,000 fee changing hands. The youngster played 29 games in a struggling Bury side during the 1970/71 season and he continued to be in and out of the side over the next three seasons. Alan was struck by illness though and entered hospital in December 1973 when it was confirmed that he had contracted Tuberculosis and, seriously ill, spent the next ten months overcoming the illness. He fought his way back though and returned to the first team briefly during the 1974-75 season when he took his appearances for the Shakers up to 94 league games, and had scored 15 goals. In March 1975 he crossed the Atlantic to play on loan for Miami Toros - later known as Fort Lauderdale - but he was then given a free transfer by Bury in May 1975 and signed for non-league Mossley. He became player-manager of his hometown club Fleetwood in 1978, which was to be the beginning of a long and highly successful career in non-league management. He later managed Mossley, Lancaster City (several spells) and Blackpool Mechanics, amongst others.

GEOFF TONGE

Born Manchester: 5.5.42

An outside-right who started his playing career with non-league Droylsden, Geoff Tonge was just seventeen years old when he was snapped up by Shakers boss Dave Russell for the princely sum of £200 - plus a further £200 after the completion of ten Central League games.

Droylsden should also have picked up a further £200 after ten first team games, but unfortunately for both Tonge and Droylsden, he was never to reach that target with Bury.

Indeed his only first team opportunity for Bury came in a 1-1 draw at home to Grimsby Town in the final fixture of the 1959/60 season when he replaced Bill Calder in the number seven shirt. He then returned to Central League action throughout the 1960/61 season, unable to even get near contention as a consistent Shakers outfit sailed to the Division Three Championship.

In April 1961, it was perhaps not unexpected that Tonge should be handed a free transfer and although it is thought that the teenager then returned to the non-league game-probably with

Droylsden once again - this has never been confirmed.



IAN TOWERS

Born Consett: 11.10.40

A former Durham County schoolboy, striker Ian Towers joined Burnley as an amateur in July 1956, turning professional in October 1957. He then remained at Turf Moor for a further nine years but had to wait until 27th April 1961 to make his Football League debut - in a 1-0 Clarets away win at Birmingham. He generally found his first team opportunities severely

restricted - 21 games during 1964-5 season being his best showing.

In all he played 44 League games for Burnley and scored 12 goals before moving on to Oldham Athletic for £20,000 on 1st January 1966.

Towers enjoyed a very successful time at Boundary Park, ending the 1965/6 (nine goals) and 1966/7 (27 goals) seasons as top scorer. In all, Ian played 95 games for Oldham and scored 45 goals - a very good average indeed.

If Towers cut the ice at Division Three level, then he certainly seemed to struggle to make the leap up to Division Two when he signed for Bury for £10,000 in July 1968. The 5' 6" right winger largely failed to impress in a variety of forward positions during his three seasons at Gigg Lane and a lack of goals from Towers was a chief factor as the Shakers slipped from Division Two to Division Four during that time.

The Bury Times commented that he "continuously disappointed" and after 49 games and just seven goals, he was allowed to move in March 1971 on a free transfer to Cape Town FC in South Africa, where several ex-Shakers were playing at the time. He still lives in South Africa and runs a sports shop.



JACK TRAINER

Born Glasgow: 14.7.52

A no-nonsense hard-man central defender, Scotsman Trainer began his career playing in Ireland with Cork Hibernian before joining Halifax Town in August 1976.

His time at The Shay was to be the only settled period during the whole of Trainer's career as he remained in Yorkshire for three seasons and clocked up 105 games and five goals

for the Fourth Division club.

He then went playing in Hong Kong before returning to these shores in September 1980 at around the same time that Bury boss Jim Iley was still looking to solve the problematic centre-half position in the face of several injuries.

He was given a trial by Iley and, on 11th October 1980 found himself somewhat unexpectedly named in the starting line-up for Bury's Fourth Division home game against Torquay United. That game proved to be Trainer's only League outing for the Shakers during a one month trial at Gigg Lane, but he opened the scoring that particular day against Torquay in a 3-0 win.

He also later played for Bury in an Anglo-Scottish Cup game at home to Airdrie, but was released in October and went back to Ireland playing for Waterford.

In Summer 1982 he was back in Lancashire when Rochdale offered him a short-term contract but after playing in the opening seven games of the 1982/3 season he was on his travels once again, signing for non-league Morecambe.

Player Profile

What has your season been like so far?

It hasn't been too bad. Obviously there have been some big shake-ups with then manager Neil Warnock leaving, but the lads have all pulled together and we still have high hopes for this season.

beat that. I have got six this season and want to increase it. It is frustrating we have been creating a lot of chances and just not putting them away but as long as we keep creating opportunities, there is always the chance of a goal. It's when we stop getting around the area that there could be a problem.

What is your best game of the season so far?

Obviously the 4-2 win over Burnley. We played so well and everything went right. The scoreline was there to be seen. We really rose to the occasion.

And then there's the frustrations..?

Yes, the Wrexham's and Brentford games. We dominated but could not score. It was so disappointing but it was a relief to get back to winning ways at Colchester and now we aim to put a run together.

How have you felt the crowd have reacted?

They have been very good with Preecey and Redders and got behind the team, which has been a great help. I just try and do my talking on the pitch.

Were you

surprised when manager Neil Warnock left – as you seem to have followed him around from Plymouth, to Oldham, to Bury?

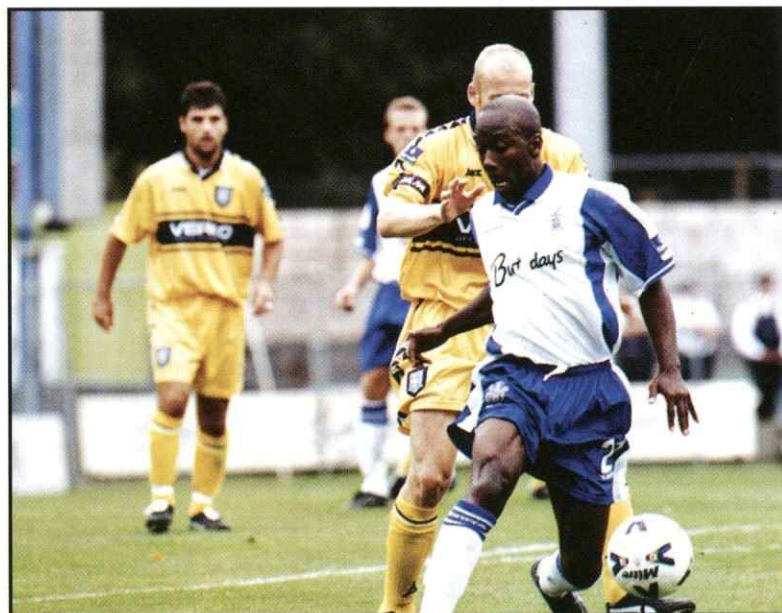
I wouldn't say surprised, especially with the crowd reaction to him. For me, it was just a case of getting on with it, it has happened before.

Now you seem to be getting a fairly regular run out in the team?

Yes, last season was disappointing. After I signed, when Bury were in the First Division, I seemed to spend most of my time on the bench, which is frustrating. This time I seem to be more or less a regular starter and of course that helps. I would just like to increase my goal tally for Bury.

What is your highest tally in the season?

I scored 19 for Plymouth and obviously you always want to



Ady Littlejohn - in action

What about the young lads coming through?

I haven't been surprised by the likes of Matt Barrass, Martyn Forrest or Danny Swailes coming through. Their skills were there to be seen in training. It was only really a matter of time. And they have really reacted well to first team football.

And a lot of players have talked about the spirit at the club with the fine system every Friday..?

Yes, fortunately I don't usually get fined because I am a committee member. I sit in judgement so it is usually me handing out the fines. I like this role.

And have you had to wear the dreaded yellow unwashed jumper?

This is handed out for the worst person in training that morning and I am proud to say it is very very rare that I have had to wear it – in fact I don't think I have.

What games are you especially looking forward to in the second half of the season?

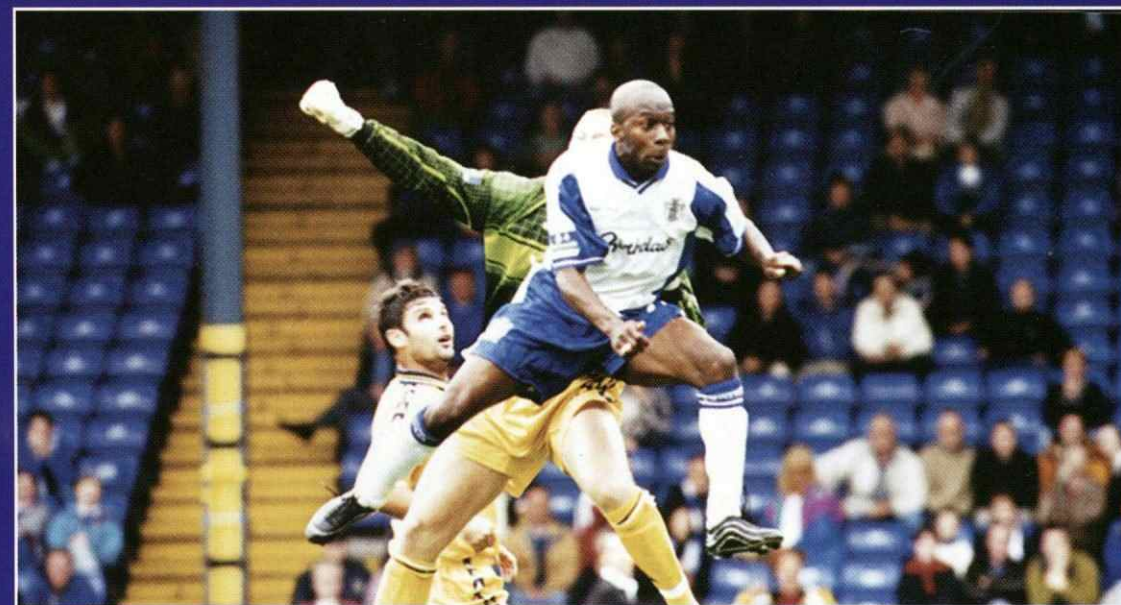
I am looking forward, obviously, to my old club Oldham visiting Gigg Lane. The Oldham fans

always treated me very well, and I got quite a few goals for them. I always got a good reception and I bear no bad feeling to Oldham.

I guess I'm also looking forward to visiting Preston. Deepdale is prepared for First Division football and it's a local derby. They are looking to step up but obviously we're hoping to do what we did to Burnley.

What are your hopes for the rest of the season?

Personally, it's to score more goals and, for Bury, it's to put a run together of five or six games and get us back up there among the challengers. It was devastating to get relegated last season and we were all hoping we could bounce straight back. Things have gone against us this season and we're not as high up the table as we think we should be. That is really disappointing as we've outplayed Burnley, drawn with Wigan and the only strong team who really beat us was Preston. We have got to climb up the table and keep our season going.





Ady **Littlejohn**

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FIRST DIVISION

Three right to make it into the Premiership

Q Who scored Southampton's FA Cup final winner in the 1970s?

- 1 Name the manager of Barcelona who led them to victory in the European Cup Winners Cup final in 1997.
- 2 Ravanelli joined Middlesbrough from which club?

SECOND DIVISION

Answer the following three Division Two questions correctly to make it into the First Division.

Q Who was the manager who took Chesterfield to the FA Cup semi-finals?

- 1 Who is Burnley's current leading scorer - and name three of his previous five clubs?
- 2 Preston's Jon Macken was bought from which club and for how much?

THIRD DIVISION

Answer the following three general football questions correctly to get promoted.

Q Name the three European countries

Paul Gascoigne has played club football in

- 1 What country does Man United defender Jaap Stam play for?
- 3 Which country hosted the 1994 World Cup?

PREMIER DIVISION

Three right to finish TOP!

Q What were Barnet FC previously known as?

- 1 Which manager signed Dwight Yorke for Aston Villa?
- Who were the first winners of the Inter Toto Cup?

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Total	31	10	6	16	43	53

Lee Richardson's second half goal gave Bury a 1-1 Second Division draw at Luton Town five months ago. Bury were held to a goalless draw on Luton's last visit to Gigg Lane on September 21, 1996. Bury's last League win at home to Luton was 1-0 in August 1962 with a penalty by Derek Mayers, while the Hatters last triumphed here 3-1 in January 1970, with goals from Malcolm Macdonald (2) and Matt Tees.



TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Luton Town winger Rob Matthews made a significant contribution to Bury's 1996/97 Second Division title triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Notts County for £85,000 in March 1995, the ex-England Schoolboy international made 11 First Division appearances for Luton before being sold to York City for £90,000 in September 1995. He joined Bury for £100,000 in January 1996, and

helped to clinch promotion that season, scoring 11 goals in 74 League outings for the Shakers prior to joining Stockport County for £120,000 in November 1998.

LOAN SPELL

Former Bury left wing-back Brian Small had a loan spell at Luton town during their 1997/98 campaign. He moved to struggling Luton on loan from Bolton Wanderers in September 1997. The England under 21 international made 15 consecutive Second Division appearances while at Kenilworth Road. He joined Bury on a free transfer in January 1998 and helped the Shakers to consolidate their First Division status, scoring once in 18 League outings while at Gigg Lane before reuniting with Brian Little at Stoke City in July 1998.

HAT-TRICK HERO

Ace marksman Joe Payne's hat-trick plus a goal from Billy Redfern gave the following Luton Town team a thrilling 4-3 Second Division win over Bury. There were 4,689 at Gigg Lane on February 16, 1938: Joe Coen, Robert Carte, Bert Lutterloch, John Finlayson, Jack Nelson, Bill Fellowes, Charlie Ferguson, Billy Redfern, Joe Payne, Bert Dawes, George Stephenson. The Shakers had triumphed 1-0 at Luton with a goal from George Bargh on their first-ever League visit to Kenilworth Road four months earlier.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Former Scottish international inside-forward Allan Brown achieved managerial success at both Luton Town and Bury.



Initially moving to Luton from Blackpool for £8,000 in February 1957, he was an FA Cup finalist in 1959 and netted 51 goals in 151 League outings for today's visitors prior to joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He rejoined Luton as manager for two years in November 1966, and plotted their 1967/68 Fourth Division title triumph. He was then manager of Bury from April 1972 until November 1973.

HIGH FIVES

Dave Massart's hat-trick, plus Harold Bodle's strike and Syd Owen's own goal, gave the following Bury team an exciting 5-2 Second Division win over Luton Town. This was in front of 17,651 at Gigg Lane on October 15, 1949; Don Clegg, Cyril Gairclough, George Griffiths, Harry Whitworth, Bill Griffiths, Les Bardsley, George Hazlett, Fred Worthington, Dave Massart, Harold Brodle, Alf Bellis. The Hatters had triumphed 5-2 at Bury in November 1938 with goals from Hugh Billington (2), George Stephenson (2) and Billy Redfern.



TOP-FLIGHT

One time Bury striker Steve Elliott sampled top-flight soccer with Luton Town. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Preston North End in July 1984, he partnered Mark Stein in Luton's attack and scored three times in 12 First Division games prior to joining Walsall in a £150,000 exchange deal involving David Preece in December 1984. He joined Bury from Bolton Wanderers for £16,000 in

September 1988 and netted 11 goals in 31 League outings before moving to Rochdale in October 1989.

FOUR PLAY

Two goals by Ken Plant plus others from Les Hart and Bill Griffiths gave the following Bury team a 4-1 Second Division win over Luton Town in front of 13,468 at Gigg Lane on October 28, 1950. They were: Lew Gorum, Cyril Fairclough, George Griffiths, Les Hart, Bill Griffiths, Les Bardsley, George Hazlett, Johnny Walton, Ken Plant, Harold Brodle, Joe Steele. The Hatters triumphed 4-2 against Bury in the return fixture at Kenilworth Road five months later with goals from Bernard Moore (2), Charlie Watkins and Pat McAuley.

AND...

The likes of Stewart Imlach and Danny Wilson have also played for both clubs.

Stewart Imlach

SCOTTISH outside-left Stewart Imlach was a young member of John McNeil's squad at Gigg Lane.

Initially with Lossiemouth, he joined Bury in August 1952 and made his league debut at Plymouth Argyle a month later. He quickly impressed and featured prominently in successive relegation escapes, netting 14 goals in 71 Second Division games for the Shakers before moving to Derby County in an exchange deal involving Cecil Law and Norman Nielson in May 1954.

Sold to Nottingham Forest for 5,000 in July 1955, he was an FA Cup winner in 1959 and gained four Scottish International caps prior to joining Luton Town for 8,000 in June 1960.

He moved to Coventry City for a similar fee four months later, then

joined Crystal Palace in

July 1962 and had

SEASON	LEAGUE		FA CUP		TOTAL	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
1952/53	1	9	2	1	33	11
1953/54	40	5	1	0	41	5
Total	71	14	3	1	74	16

Danny Wilson

Highly-rated young midfielder Danny Wilson was ever-present for Bury in 1978/79.

Initially with home town Wigan Athletic, he joined Bury in September 1977 and made his League debut as substitute in that month's 3-0 defeat at Cambridge United. He scored eight times in 90 Third Division games for the Shakers before being sold to Chesterfield for 100,000 in July 1980, helping to win the Anglo-Scottish Cup in 1980/81.

Moving to Nottingham Forest in an exchange deal involving Calvin Plummer and Steve Kendal in January 1983, he had a loan spell at Scunthorpe United prior to joining Brighton for 45,000 in December 1983. He gained the first of his 24 Northern Ireland Caps before being sold to Luton Town for 150,000 in July 1987 and scored in their 1988 League Cup Final triumph,

also playing in the

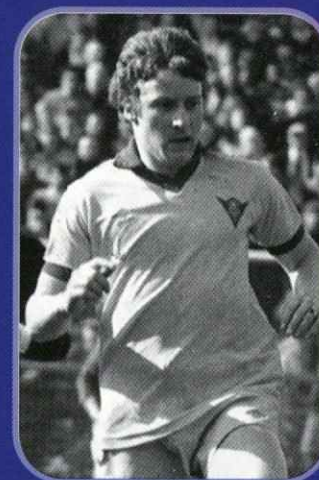
1989 final. Moving to Sheffield Wednesday

spells with Dover and Chelmsford City

before returning to Palace as player-coach in February 1966. Subsequently

trainer/coach at Notts County, Everton, Blackpool

and Bury, he now lives in Formby and worked at Littlewoods Sports and Social Club in Liverpool until retiring in December 1996.



for 200,000 in August 1990, he starred in their 1990/91 promotion & League Cup 'double' triumph, and was also an FA Cup & League Cup finalist in 1992/93. He joined Barnsley in August 1993 and was player-boss as they won promotion in 1996/97, returning to Sheffield Wednesday as manager in July 1998

SEASON	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LC		TOTAL	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
1977/78	8	1	0	0	0	0	8	1
1978/79	46	8	4	1	2	0	52	9
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In our last programme you probably read in this column that our lottery manager Steve Walmsley has left Bury to join Preston North End. This move I must say was not one the club needed at this moment in time but was one that I did expect would come sooner rather than later. When we employed Steve we headhunted him from Rochdale and we can have no complaints that Preston has done the same.

The Bury FC lottery is in good shape and many of our supporters who support our Treasureline week in week out will realise that Steve put together a good team of workers, collectors, canvassers and agents.

Without these people our lottery would not have reached the heights that Steve wrote about in his programme notes. These people are still with us and I can assure you that their dedication and commitment to raise money for this club will not change. I have answered many questions over the past few weeks on our Internet Message Board from concerned supporters who, because of the current financial uncertainty surrounding the club, will not contribute to our various schemes. I am delighted to say that following my dialogue with them most have sent in donations.

For those who do not visit our fantastic Web Site my reply to those who asked questions is as follows:-

Everything seems negative. We have no good news to give other than we are trying very hard to secure a new future for the club.

We are looking at various loan possibilities i.e. Local Authority or Mortgage options that will buy us time until these matters are resolved and our cost cutting exercise is complete.

In the meantime we have to be positive in the way we carry on the everyday running of Bury Football Club. We have to prove to would be investors that we all care enough to keep the club alive. This kind of unity will frighten off any person who thinks they can walk in and put bungalows on the ground. We have got to keep generating money and many supporters and people within the town are helping us to do that via Sponsorship, Advertising, Treasureline and our Appeal. The contributions vary from £1 upwards and it is all-important to the everyday running of the club.

There is no unique simple way to raise the money we need other than hard work. I do appreciate that £1000 and £150 is a lot of money to a lot of people but there are many other ways to help.

Are you in Treasureline? Can you sell Treasureline at work to your mates? How about Supporters forming Treasureline syndicates. Unlike the National Lottery you will not win millions but you will be helping along with our existing 7000 Treasureline members to keep Bury FC alive.

- Are you a Member of the club?
- Instead of using the local pubs on a matchday use the Social Club - give us the profits.
- Help us to persuade the company you work for to Sponsor, Advertise, Buy a table in the restaurant or Sponsor a local school on our Millennium Appeal.
- Buy Golden Gamble Tickets
- Help us find Agents and Collectors on the Treasureline

Make suggestions of how to raise money and improve the club. If opening bars

or building climbing walls (two suggestions made) is a worthwhile investment then we will do it. What we need you to understand is that when we do it depends on the list of priority's we have in hand.

We have many volunteers who help us raise money and carry out many duties. We have companies that give us cars, carpets, cleaning materials, furniture, paint, free labour to carry out repairs and companies that lend us machinery that we can't afford to buy. This support saves us money; if we can attract more of these people then we raise more and save more.

We have got to carry on, the Mr. Eaves situation may go on for years, it may be over tomorrow, he may not have to sell the club, he may decide to run it himself (he still owns it). We have to put this aside and concentrate on the job in hand which is keeping Bury Football Club running on a day to day basis. This is what has always happened.

The fact that supporters are prepared to attend every game and travel from here to the end of the earth to support their team is good enough reason not to sit around and let the club die. If you want something to hang your hats on then remember Bury Football has been going for 115 years and is an institution that a lot of people are proud of. I believe the supporters and the town will not see it shut down by anybody.

Neville Neville

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TonyCunningham

We welcome all connected, with Luton Town to Gigg this afternoon.

Like us, Town are harbouring hopes of squeezing into the play-offs, and like us Town are experiencing financial problems. Oh the joy of football outside the Premiership!

The recent developments at Swindon Town once again highlight the problems encountered by the "smaller" clubs. The decision to call in the receivers comes hot on the heels of the announcement that the Robins are 4,000,000 in debt, having chased a Premiership dream, and failed.

Something just has to be done to redress the current financial imbalance. The 20 Premiership announced profits of 20,000,000 at the same time that the 72 Nationwide clubs suffered losses totalling almost 53,000,000!

Wages for the top earners are growing at the disproportionate level of around 40% a year, whilst the prospects for the majority of players in this country would appear to be part-time employment.

I'm sure the players at clubs like Bury and Luton must look on with a mixture of envy and disbelief!

The current television deal runs out next year, and already figures of one billion pounds are being banded about for the next contract.

I have no problem with making the television companies cough up, providing there is a more sensible distribution of the funds. Were the vast bulk to be swallowed up by the Premiership clubs in order to feed their habit of bringing in foreign mercenaries and paying even more outrageous salaries, then the death knell may well sound for a number of the smaller clubs. The future of football in this country could well change forever.

Is it too much to hope that common sense will prevail, and someone, somewhere, will have the courage to insist upon a levy being placed on the television money, to ensure, at last, a fairer distribution for football as a whole?

I fear this could well be the last opportunity to place the game on a fair footing. Failure to force such an issue could have far-reaching and fatal consequences from which much of our current set-up would never recover.

A classic example of the perilous state lower down the leagues could be seen when Brentford Chairman Ron Noades received a cheque from Peterborough United for their share of the net takings from their Auto Windscreens tie at London Road - 23.00!

News of former Shakers.

Liam Robinson has left Northwich Victoria for Stalybridge Celtic. Nigel Jemson has left Ayr United to return to Oxford United - I wonder what sort of reception he received? Do you remember the stick U's fans gave him here on their last visit?!!!

Tony Rigby it would appear has not come to his senses, as he has been released from his contract at Shrewsbury Town. What a waste of natural talent!

So Dave Jones has left Southampton then.

Ostensibly to allow him to fight his court case due to be heard in

November. It has been made to look like a humanitarian decision by a caring employer, placing a supportive arm around the shoulder whispering "you take care and we'll look after you". I don't think so! Whatever happened to British justice? Jones has been unceremoniously been dumped by the club. They have bowed to pressure from the fans to replace a man not known for making extravagant gestures, for wearing his heart on his sleeve. He's one of football's thinkers, and astute enough not to bow down to public pressure when he makes decisions.

The lack of appearances of fans favourite Matthew Le Tissier has turned the faithful against him, yet he refused to be swayed, believing that the player's lack of effort over 90 minutes was detrimental to the team.

It was widely reported that Jones knew he was on borrowed time when he entered the Directors room after a match over Christmas to be greeted with the sight of Glenn Hoddle in conversation with various members of the clubs hierarchy. He immediately turned around and left.

The fact that Southampton Chairman Rupert Lowe arranged to go round to the Jones household after promising that he would not be delivering any bad news was disturbing. The discussion basically informed him of the clubs decision to allow him "compassionate leave", and that Hoddle was to be confirmed as his successor, supposedly for 12 months. Presumably that was good news!

Kick a man when he's down, but don't have the guts to be honest with him.

Dave Jones will come again.

Watch out for fireworks in both Sheffield and Northwich!

Plans are afoot in both places to amalgamate the two football clubs. Former Sheffield United Chairman, Michael McDonald is convinced the way forward in South Yorkshire is to merge both United and Wednesday into a "Steel City FC," while news of Northwich Victoria's 500,000 debt and losses of 2,000 a week have resulted in exploratory talks with neighbours Witton Albion. Albion need to find 120,000 by the end of May to stay afloat, so there is a real possibility of the two clubs ground-sharing at Witton's out-of-town Wincham Park, or merging into one club. Either way, it would appear that the world's oldest continuously-used football ground at the Drill Field, could be sold.

Perhaps the final say for both proposals will be down to the fans of the clubs, who are bound to be vehemently opposed. Thus the comment from McDonald is probably the greatest understatement of all time: "At the outset, it's not going to be easy....!"

Had to smile at the last home game with Bristol City. After a sterile first half, the music played at the interval just happened to be Shania Twain singing.... "That don't impress me much!"

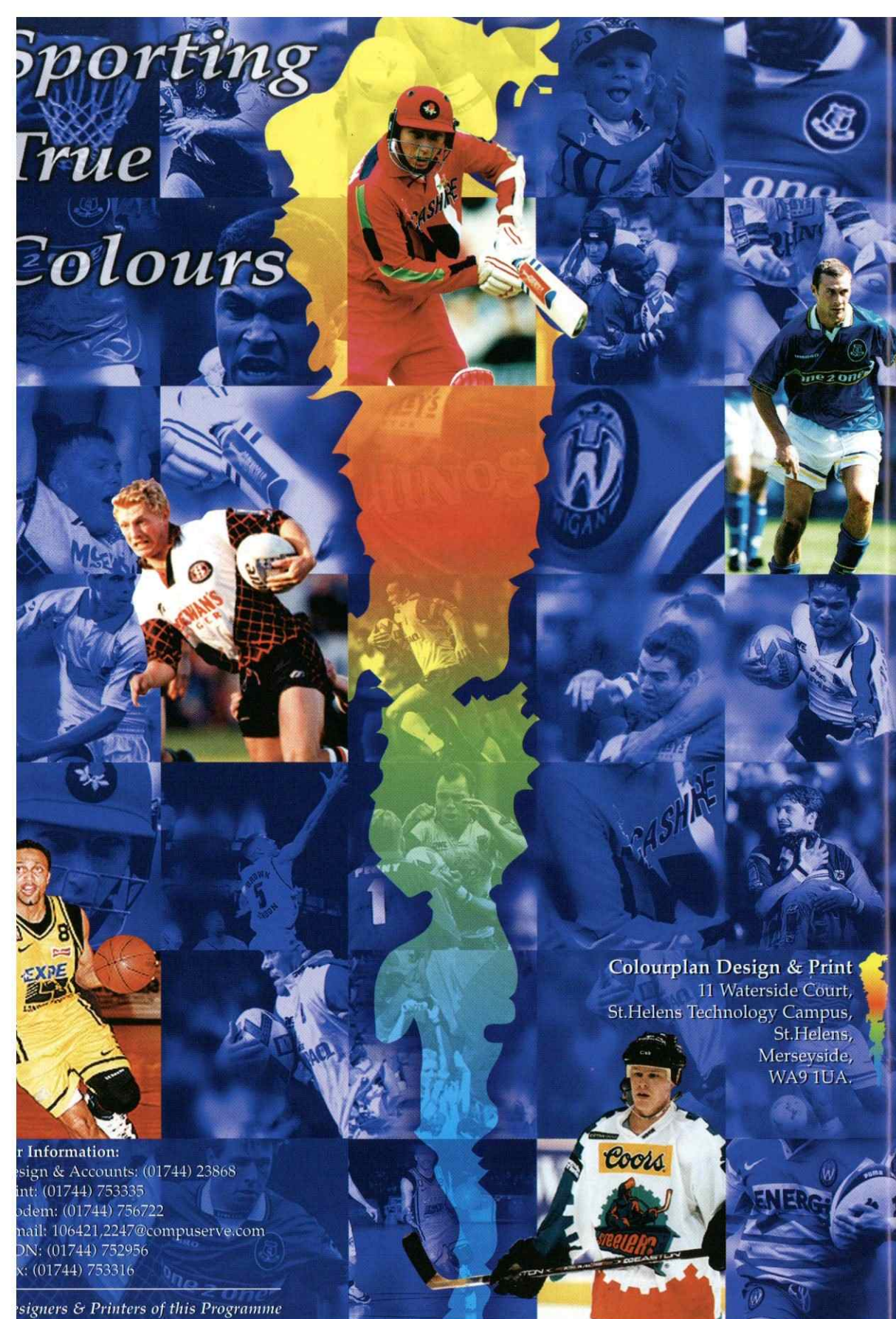
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Tony Cunningham

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Tickets available? No. Entry is via cash admission at the turnstiles only.

Away prices: Terrace; Adults: £11, Concessions £6; Seating: Adults: £12, Concessions: £7.

Disabled spaces: There are five spaces available for away supporters. Book through Chesterfield FC. Admission free for disabled person, £12 for wheelchair helpers.

Parking: Saltergate is surrounded by houses everywhere and the only available parking is street parking around the ground or a car park at St Mary's school (on Cross Street) which charges £1.50.

Coach travel; Fare £7, depart Gigg Lane at 5pm.

Road route: M66, M62, M1. Exit M1 motorway at Junction 30 and take the A619 into the town centre. Follow signs for Old Brampton into Saltergate.

Bury's Last Five League results at Saltergate:
2-1, 0-0, 1-1, 1-2, 2-1



AND THE ONE AFTER..... PRESTON NORTH END

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2000
Kick off: 3pm

Competition: Nationwide Division Two
Telephone number: 01772 902020

Address: Preston North End, Deepdale, PR1 6RU
Away accommodation: Is in the Bill Shankly stand behind the goal.

Away prices: £13 adults, £8 concessions (all seater).

Cash admission: Pay on the day.

Disabled spaces: Preston have plenty. They have at least 30 altogether but will accommodate as many as possible. Bury disabled supporters will be situated in front of their own fans. Prices: free for disabled, helpers are concessionary price of £8.

Parking: no problems at Deepdale, plenty of car parks around the ground.

Coach: Cost £6.50 and will leave Gigg Lane at 1.15pm.

Coaches will drop off outside the ground. Book your seat on the coach at the old club shop.

Bury's last five League results at Deepdale: Not too good I'm afraid. 1996/7 season Bury lost 3-1, then the season before it was a goalless encounter. Preston won 5-0 in 94/5 although Bury were celebrating in the play-offs that year with a 1-0 win, David Pugh scoring. The season before that it was 3-1 to Preston and in 1991/2 another home win, this time 2-0

NEXT HOME GAME

This is the rearranged game against Cambridge United which will take place on Tuesday, February 22, KO 7.45pm.

Away Days Colchester 1 Bury 3



We took the long trip down to Colchester last Saturday and were confronted with one of the worst grounds in the Football League. Layer Road only seats 2000 and the capacity being no more than 6000, with the stands amounting to seven sheds. Other than that, without knowing the outcome of the match, we were in for a fantastic day and one of the best performances of the season.

Bury got off to a shaky start when conceding an early goal, although we could have taken the lead minutes earlier. The stand-in keeper Andy Walker fumbled Paul Reid's half-hit, tame shot, and Paul Barnes was foiled on the follow-up by an opposing defender.

Shortly before the goal Colchester came close with two fine headers from central defender David Greene to the dismay of the home fans being cleared off the line.

The deadlock was broken after 16 minutes when Fabrice Richard swung in a deep cross for Karl Duguid to hammer the header home past the flailing arms of Paddy Kenny. After the heartbreak of losing such an early goal Bury began their comeback in style only seven minutes later.

Paul Reid chipped the ball neatly in from a corner and young Danny Swailes firmly headed home for his first professional goal. It was the perfect reply from Bury and one that further enhanced Danny Swailes reputation as one of the future stars of the club.

In a half where Paddy Kenny was rarely troubled, it was the visitors who looked more likely to take the lead, even after conceding an early goal. After several shots in quick succession Lutel James was brought to life with a fierce shot destined for the goal, but the shaky, somehow Man of the Match, Andy Walker, was saved by his team-mates on the line.

We went into the break in the driving seat although we had to capitalise on our dominance early in the second half and prevent Colchester from getting back into the game. On 53 minutes we got what we wanted and deserved.

Ian Lawson made a great run on the left flank and played the ball across from the ball line only for Walker to save point blank range from Barnes. The ball rebounded to Lutel James who clinically finished from the edge of the six-yard box to give Bury the lead.

It didn't take long for Lutel to destroy the U's defence again as he skilfully skipped past two players and laid it off to Paul Barnes. Barnesy took his time but sealed a vital win with a calmly slotted shot beyond the reach of Walker. It was the lively Lutel James who could have put the game beyond Colchester's reach and were it not for a magnificent save from the otherwise awful Andy Walker, Lutel would have bagged his second of the game and cap a fine performance.

When the final whistle went it was amazing to know that such a fine performance had been rewarded with a great victory. In contrast to the previous week against Bristol City, we had managed to turn our domination and possession into goals. Maybe this is the inspiring result that Bury need to push for a respectable position. I'm sure anyone who was there will agree that the whole team played to their potential most notably performances from Lutel James and Danny Swailes. Not even the state of Layer Ground put a strain on this first victory of the Millennium and hopefully we can go on to better things. Up the Shakers!

By Andrew Buswell



Shakers On Line

The Official Bury FC Web Site
<http://www.shakers-on-line.co.uk>
<http://www.buryfc.co.uk>

Welcome back to Gigg Lane for today's clash with Luton Town. Since our last game here at Gigg there have been a couple of major events on the web site.

The Bury Internet Supporters are busy creating new graphics for the Electronic Scoreboard. The board was purchased from Leicester City prior to our first season in the First Division. Currently we are using graphics that any visitor from the Leicester area may well recognise, along with one or two that Neville has had a stab at. Hopefully we may have some new graphics to see for our next home game.

Also this game will be somewhat of a landmark for web users as I hope to be sat in the press box as our very first Internet Commentator. If all has gone today's game will have live commentary. This is something that the Exiled Shakers in places as far off as Los Angeles, Osaka, Kuwait, Mombassa and more have been waiting for a long long time. I'll let you all know in the next programme just how well this has gone.

The site has been getting more and more popular during the first month of the new Millennium, it is currently receiving over 700 visitors a day, with even more Exiled Shakers logging on to say hello. By far the most popular part of the site has to be the Message Board. Here you can rant and rave, within reason. The many many topics that we have discussed on the board have ranged from such topics as David Johnson's proposed transfer to Tottenham to strange and ridiculous things like the price of a loaf of bread. Also you can leave a message or a question for Nev Neville.

I would like to thank Neville, from all the Internet users, for the manner in which he is responding to the questions and messages left him. The relationship between the club and the Bury Internet Supporters (BIS) is flourishing.

Another popular page on the site is the World-wide Register of Bury Supporters and currently it has a total of 129 people from all around the world. You would be astonished to see where one time Gigg regulars are logging in from. We have even had a visitor from the United States Military?

Another section on the site is dedicated to Baichung Bhutia and is certainly attracting a lot of attention, especially from India. Various stories about Baichung are currently on-line and I hope to start charting his Bury career just as soon as he breaks into the first team.

The site has a Match Report from every game played this season and most of last seasons. Today's match report will more than likely be on-line by around seven O'clock tonight, and each report, submitted by many people all offer their own view and theories of the game.

If you are logging onto the web site for the first time, sign on to the message board and say hello, you are guaranteed a very friendly reception from your fellow users and they may even offer you a tour around the site.

Until the next game then
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Youth DEVELOPMENT

Pontins League

Wednesday, January 26

Darlington 4 Bury 2

Teams: Cartwright, Thompson, Souter, Linighan, Challinor, Forrest, Abbiss, Billy, Bhutia, Morris, Lobban. Subs: Gleaves, Evans, O'Shaughnessy.

Chris Billy and Carl Gleaves grabbed the goals in this game at big-spending Darlington. It was disappointing as the Shakers slipped to their fifth defeat of the season.

Pontins League

Monday, January 31

Bury 0 Tranmere 0

Team: Cartwright, Challinor, Armstrong, C Swales., Linighan, James, Forrest, Billy, Souter, Messer, Bhutia. Subs: Buggie, Connell, O'Shaughnessy, Beal, Halford.

A goalless draw didn't help manager Andy Preece's worry about Bury's lack of goals in recent games but it was a good performance against Tranmere Rovers.

After a three-match suspension, Chris Swales came through a full 90 minutes - but not without incident.

The Shakers defender was up against Rovers striker George Santos and despite shackling him well throughout the game, Swales came off the worst with a lump and cut under his eye.

Still, the ninety minute work out was the main thing.

Pontins League fixtures

Wed Feb 16	Chesterfield*	H	2pm
Wed Feb 23	Chester City*	H	2pm
Wed Mar 1	Rochdale	A	2pm
Wed Mar 15	Mansfield	A	2pm
Wed Mar 22	Wigan Ath*	H	2pm
Wed Apr 5	Hull City	H	2pm
Wed Apr 12	Macclesfield	H	2pm
Wed Apr 19	Hartlepool	A	7pm

In reserve.....

* The following games will be played at Radcliffe Borough FC. Stainton Park, NOT at Gigg Lane.

Wed, Feb 16, Chesterfield ko2pm

Wed Feb 23, v Chester City KO 2pm.

*And the Pontins league clash with Wigan Athletic reserves will now be played on Wednesday, March 22 NOT Wednesday, April 26. Kick off 2pm.

MUFC Reserves at Gigg Lane

Thu Feb 3	Newcastle United
Wed Feb 23	Bradford City
Mon Feb 28	Bury FC (Bury's away)
Thu March 16	Liverpool
Wed Apr 12	Bolton Wanderers

BLADES CUT DOWN

Youth Alliance Cup
Round Two

February 2, 2000

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 BURY 2

TEAM: Woodcock, Gaynor, Armstrong, Beal, Halford, Hill, O'Shaughnessy, Connell, Buggie, Morris, Martin. Subs: Gleaves, Thompson, Lobban, Evans, Abbiss.

BURY are just two games away from Wembley in the Youth Alliance Cup after an outstanding performance against Sheffield United.

The Blades, led by their youth team coach, former Shaker's assistant manager Ronnie Reid, probably never expected to get beat by the Bury outfit.

They have spent a considerable amount of money on their youth policy but it was the young Shakers who triumphed. Coach Andy Feeley singled out Steve Halford and Nicky Hill as two of the stars of the show although all the whole team were outstanding.

Lee Connell and Adam Martin were on the scoresheet for Bury.

United did not make a shot with Gary Woodcock comfortable in the Shakers goal.

Bury now face Scarborough at home in the quarter-finals, which will be played on Friday March 3, kick off 1.30pm.

The big guns left in it include West Brom and Portsmouth. The final will be played at Wembley on April 16, after the Autowindscreens final.

Youth Alliance League

January 25, 2000

BURY 3 TRANMERE 0

TEAM: Wilcock, Gaynor, Armstrong, Beal, Halford, Hill, O'Shaughnessy, Connell, Buggie, Morris, Martin. Subs: Gleaves, Thompson, Abbiss, Evans, Lobban

Bury warmed up for their cup clash with a comfortable win over Tranmere as they maintain their push for a top of the table finish.

Striker Lee Buggie got a brace while Lee Connell grabbed the other to make it seven wins from 12 games in the Youth Alliance League. The side have still only conceded eight goals this season.

Youth Alliance League, February 5, 2000

Bury 1 Burnley 0

After the cup success, Bury continued to thrive with a battling home win over Burnley.

The three points gives the Shakers a five point lead at the top of the table, from Oldham, who have played the same number of games.

Youth Alliance table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BURY	12	7	3	2	21	8	24
Oldham	12	5	4	3	28	20	19
Blackpool	14	4	7	3	20	19	19
Preston	13	5	3	5	15	19	18
Burnley	11	5	2	4	17	15	17
Wigan	13	3	7	3	19	19	16
Tranmere	14	2	7	5	21	28	13
Carlisle	12	2	5	5	13	21	11

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Raising the Palace

First Division Crystal Palace are in dire straits with their finances after the disastrous reign of Mark Goldberg as chairman and may be one of the first teams in the Millennium to go to the wall. I for one find it hard to feel too sorry for them after their poor showing against QPR in the final game of last season, which ensured that Bury and not QPR were relegated to the Second Division. But you can't help but admire the initiative of the administrators currently looking after their financial affairs. The latest scheme they have come up with is a fundraising against today's opponents Sheffield United. Season ticket holders can, for a fee of £25, vote for the slogan of their choice to adorn the player's shirts. The current favourite and front runner is Palace 'til I die but there may well be other more original phrases to come up before the game. Given the depth of feeling against the current Sheffield United manager from the Bury season ticket holders it's probably a good thing that the offer is only open to the Palace fans and not the Gigg Lane faithful who may offer an altogether different phrase.

No Help from No. 10

As the case for the Save Our Seats campaign at St. James' Park gathers momentum and the likes of Kevin Keegan are mentioned as possible aides in the case, the campaigners are setting their sights even higher. The latest target is self confessed Newcastle United fan Tony Blair who famously stated that he could remember sitting in the standing only Gallowgate end to watch Jackie Milburn play. The fans are adamant that they have a case and the inclusion of Keegan as a witness is seen as quite a coup, especially as he was manager when the whole bondholder issue was first raised. The PM may be a little more difficult to get hold of if the campaigners have as much success as they have had so far. Fans leader Jane Duffy has e-mailed and written to number 10 and so far has had no reply, which surprises the group considering he has made so much of being a fan, especially during the election campaign. Labour's Newcastle Central MP Jim Cousins is himself a 10-year bondholder and is also affected by the re-location, yet he too has failed to register his support. It will be interesting to see whether either of them gets involved as the case begins.

What a Weah to Go

Now that George Weah has arrived at Chelsea the memories of a rather unhappy incident will come flooding back to former Southampton and Liverpool manager Graham Souness. Whilst he was in charge of Southampton Souness gave a debut to Senegalese player Ali Dia, who lasted all of 15 minutes before he realised that he simply couldn't play and had no chance of a career in English football. The reason that he was given the chance to impress was that Souness had taken a call from a man purporting to be Weah, who had recommended that he try Dia, who was seen as a hot prospect in his own country. He was amazed that Weah had got it so wrong, although his agent remained convinced that Souness had been the victim of an elaborate con. The interesting thing was that West Ham manager Harry Redknapp had taken a similar call about Dia and after originally doubting the identity of the caller he became convinced that the caller was in fact Weah. The only saving grace for the Hammers boss was that he didn't need a striker at the time otherwise he could also have been taken in. Mind you do you remember a certain player by the name of Adekola? Perhaps we should let that one lie, although I still remember Scarborough and Doncaster amongst others. Worthless Cup The fate of the Worthington Cup must surely hang in the balance if the Football League loses its fight to keep a UEFA cup place for the winners in the future.

The status of the competition has fallen with the advent of the bigger clubs fielding reserve sides or using it to give the younger players a chance to play first team football and the loss of a European spot would surely devalue it further.

UEFA currently allows the English authorities to decide who they will allocate the places to, but the current feeling amongst the bigger clubs is that the place should be offered to a high finisher in the Premiership rather than the **Worthington Cup winners**.

If that happens the value of the cup would be negligible especially as it seems likely that the final will not be played at Wembley once it is rebuilt.

A three-man team from the FA, comprising Arsenal's David Dein, Michael Cunnah and Nick Coward is currently negotiating with the Football League about the future of it's knockout competition, with the current agreement on the UEFA Cup set to run out at the end of the season.

Compensation for loss of the place seems likely if that is the result although the League believe that they have a strong case for keeping the place and that the offer of compensation would have to be substantial.

Interest in the cup has not been high recently and the fact that only 13,000 watched the quarter-final between Leicester and Fulham does not help their case.

Collision Course

The Premier League and the FA look like locking horns with FIFA over a rival Hall of Fame exhibition being set up in London. The Premier League established their exhibition in County Hall the former home of the Greater London Council last summer and now FIFA has said that it intends bringing the Hall of Champions to a permanent site in London as soon as possible. The rival exhibition will feature interactive exhibits as the current one does and they are currently viewing a total of six sites at present Michel Zen Ruffinen, FIFA general secretary, says that they have had strong backing from both the Government and Lancaster Gate, having discussed the project with former Sports Minister Tony Banks and FA executive director David Davies. The original plan was to site the FIFA version in Paris, but after a fruitless search for a suitable site they moved to London and now remain committed to the Capital.

Home Sweet Home

Former Newcastle chairman Sir John Hall spends less and less time in the UK now, preferring the warmth of the sun in Marbella and he is now looking to turn his Wynyard Hall home into a commercial operation for family firm Cameron Hall Developments. Having handed over the majority of his Newcastle shares over to his son Douglas his main interests seem to lie outside football. He has now lodged a planning application to build a 42-room hotel in the Wynyard Hall kitchen gardens with parts of the 19th century home incorporated in the project. There are also plans for a second 18-hole golf course as the house is used more and more for corporate events.

And Finally

Darlington's attempts to drain their waterlogged pitch have been well documented over the past seasons but the latest attempt was seen as foolproof and environmentally friendly. Thousands of special worms were placed on the pitch with the sole intention of boring holes in the heavy soil so that the water could drain away. Only problem was that the ground is so boggy and wet that the worms all drowned. Maybe they should take a leaf out of the allotment owner's book and try the one thing that they are famous for in the Northeast. Grow leeks.



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Bury Supporters Association contacted Tamworth FC and Staffordshire Police after the throwing of a firework by the home fans in the FA Cup tie at Tamworth. These were the replies.

Staffordshire Police

Thank you for your letter dated November 16, concerning the unfortunate incident at Tamworth v Bury game on October 20, 1999. I was on duty that day and was called into the ground following the incident that happened shortly after 3pm. The letter outlines three issues, which have been raised by one of your supporters:-

1. The club will, hopefully answer the first point of whether or not the fans were searched prior to entry. The gates were all staffed by club stewards and as you know that are independent of the police service.
2. I have spoken to the two female officers on duty that day inside the ground, both of who were present at the incident. The firework being thrown obviously caused a lot of anger and confusion and had a potential for getting out of control. The officers have stated they tried to calm the situation and asked for assistance, which was provided within a short space of time. At no time did anyone point out the perpetrator to the officers or else action would have been taken, the only comments made to the officers were that people could have been injured.
3. This is hopefully a one-off incident and there are normally no problems at the ground. This day obviously attracted a lot of locals who are not normally Tamworth supporters but came for the occasion. Thankfully no one was injured that day and we hope that everyone enjoyed the day despite the unfortunate incident. I hope this has answered your questions and if I can be of anymore assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Staffordshire Police.

Tamworth FC

On behalf of Tamworth Football Club, will you please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your letter dated Nov 16, 1999. We were waiting for a copy of the Police's reply before we

replied but it appears they have not sent us a courtesy copy therefore I will try and answer your queries.

It is not physically possible to search everyone entering the ground. We have no history of any problems, it was the time of year when fireworks are readily available and idiots in any walk of life will attempt to spoil things for the majority.

I am sure that none of our supporters were searched when entering Gigg Lane and that wherever you have travelled you have not seen a 100 per cent search of every supporter entering the ground. We were horrified by the incident and have attempted to put names to the idiot who threw the firework. We have obtained one name but all we can do is ensure that they are unable to purchase a ticket in the future. The major problem is with fireworks being readily available to purchase and it is one for the politicians to resolve. I, for one, would vote for anyone who would abolish the sale of fireworks.

We are unable to answer this point as it was only a matter that only the police can answer. However we are concerned that no arrests were made especially when the offenders were clearly identified. The stewards would have been over-ruled by the Police and by their comments afterwards they were clearly frustrated no action had been taken.

The day went perfectly except for this one unfortunate incident and without the gift of hindsight it was a problem which was not foreseen. We have learned that in the event of another segregated crowd around Bonfire Night, that we will be increasing the space between the supporters and that stewards will be located at the rear of our Terracing stand.

We hope that the lady involved in the incident has overcome the shock and that she is still enjoying watching Bury Football Club.

Again apologies for the delay in replying.

**Rod Hadley, General Manager/Secretary
Tamworth Football Club**

DIVINE INTERVENTION

When my wife was first a teacher in Salford, one of the school cleaners used to say to her every year at Christmas: "It will be your husbands busy time coming up soon Ms Kelly." She is not alone in thinking Vicars only work on Sundays and at Christmas. Reality of course is rather different.

One of my tasks as football club chaplain here at Bury has been to meet the players on a Friday after training. Putting faces and personalities to the people seen out on the pitch has been very exciting for me, a Bury fan since I was five. It has also been fascinating to see how a football club operates as an organisation and as a group of people.

We supporters sometimes forget that the club is a place of work, a place where people's livelihood is at stake, so some of the issues which arise in any area of work can happen here too.

One of the things that has struck me at Bury is both what long hours and hard work is demanded of a whole host of people just to keep the show on the road.

Like Vicars and churches, football clubs don't shut down over Christmas, in fact they are even busier. A whole host of people, in the offices, in the financial department, in ground maintenance and in the club laundry had to work long and hard over the holiday period just gone in order for you to watch a game or two.

For you and I as supporters, seeing a misplaced pass or an easy chance in front of goal missed often sees us vent our frustration on the player concerned. As a South Stand regular I too have my favourite players and the ones who frustrate me beyond measure. It's easy to forget that behind the numbers on the shirts are real

men with many of the day to day problems that you and I have. I have been struck as to how precarious being a professional footballer can be. For many of us it may be a dream profession but the reality is that it has its ups and downs like any job.

The disruption to relationships and family life; you could be transferred to Torquay tomorrow! The knowledge that one injury could finish it all. Football is often about opinions, so who decides which of two equally talented youngsters gets the pro contract, and what happens to the youngster who doesn't? This need for security goes on throughout a player's career. After all your next contract might be your last one, and Bury like most clubs don't pay Premiership wages or anything like it, so what do you do at the end of your next contract?

I'll probably still vent my anger at the next woeful pass or missed sitter from six yards, but it has been a real privilege to meet many of the people whose hard work and dedication give you and I such enjoyment (and frustration) come 3'o clock on Saturday. The world of professional football is tough and reality is often grittier and less comfortable than dreams.

I would like to thank the Directors, all the club staff at Gigg Lane and the management training staff and players for their unfailing courtesy in their dealings with me as the new club chaplain. Sometimes having a Vicar around the place can seem a bit unreal, but real life is never easy and not always straightforward, sometimes there is more to it meets the eye!

David Ottley, Club Chaplain

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Paul Williams v Marvin Johnson

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Paul Williams v Marvin Johnson

Two sides firmly entrenched in mid-table meet at Gigg Lane with the play-offs still a faint possibility. Both Bury and Luton have enjoyed comfortable wins this season, but both have suffered setbacks too.

The Shakers return home after an impressive 3-1 win at Colchester last Saturday. On the same day, Luton lost at home to Bournemouth, so the Hatters will be especially keen to gain something this afternoon.

Marshalling the defence for Town will be Marvin Johnson. The burly back has been at the club since 1986 and is moved early by the fans. He has been as dependable as usual this season, winning over 60 per cent of his tackles and making nearly 400 blocks and clearances.

Bury's Paul Williams has done well since joining from Gillingham, and despite being anonymous as an attacking force his defending has been eager. 40 tackles have been attempted, with 35 per cent of them being successful. He has conceded just eight fouls in this time too, picking up one yellow card, a tribute to his fair play.

Johnson has accrued just one booking too, and this is despite the fact that he has played almost twice as much football this season. Both players have a goal assist to their name too, and their ability, either at a set-piece or down the flank can create havoc for the opposition.

	Williams 1324	Johnson 2415
Minutes On Pitch		
Goal Attempts		
Goals	0	0
Shots On Target (inc goals)	0	2
Shots Off Target	0	1
Blocked Shots	0	1
Passing		
Goal Assists	1	1
Total Passes	318	763
Pass Completion %	52%	66%
Crossing		
Total Crosses	9	6
Cross Completion %	44%	33%
Dribbling		
Dribbles & Runs	18	40
Dribble Completion %	100%	98%
Defending		
Tackles Made	40	43
Tackles Won %	35%	63%
Blocks	20	82
Clearances	56	287
Interceptions	6	15
Discipline		
Fouls	8	25
Offside	0	0
Yellow Cards	1	1
Red Cards	0	0



SWINTON LIONS v ST HELENS

SILK CHALLENGE CUP ROUND FOUR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (TOMORROW)

KICK OFF 3PM

MAIN STAND/SOUTH STAND: ADULTS: £10;
CONCESSIONS: £5

*PLEASE NOTE THAT COMPLIMENTARY BURY FC
SEASON TICKET HOLDERS DO NOT APPLY TO CUP
GAMES.

COME ALONG AND SEE THE LIONS TAKE ON THE
SUPER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!!!!

DIVISION 2 TABLE

Division Two table up to February 6, 2000

	HOME					AWAY							Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
ston	28	10	2	2	25	14	7	6	1	27	11	59	
stol Rovers	27	10	3	1	21	8	8	2	5	25	15	59	
an	28	10	3	1	25	8	5	9	0	24	15	57	
wall	30	9	5	1	23	11	6	4	5	21	20	54	
nley	28	12	1	1	29	9	2	8	4	11	15	51	
ke	29	6	6	3	20	15	7	3	4	20	14	48	
ingham	27	9	2	3	29	15	4	5	4	18	18	46	
ts County	29	6	3	5	21	16	7	4	4	20	14	46	
ntford	30	8	3	4	23	18	4	4	7	16	22	43	
on	29	8	4	2	29	18	3	3	9	12	23	40	
combe	29	7	3	4	22	18	3	6	6	16	19	39	
urnmouth	30	8	4	3	27	13	3	2	10	15	32	39	
stol City	29	4	11	0	18	8	4	3	7	16	23	38	
ham	29	6	3	5	18	13	4	4	7	13	20	37	
y	27	5	6	3	26	23	3	5	5	15	13	35	
chester	30	6	3	6	24	28	3	4	8	15	30	34	
exham	29	4	5	5	15	17	3	5	7	14	26	31	
anthorpe	29	4	3	8	11	21	3	5	6	16	24	29	
diff	29	3	7	4	14	19	2	4	9	13	21	26	
ading	28	4	8	3	16	14	1	3	9	17	34	26	
ckpool	29	2	6	6	16	24	3	4	8	15	24	25	
ord	29	3	4	8	13	24	3	3	8	11	22	25	
esterfield	29	3	5	6	9	12	1	5	9	8	22	22	
nbridge	27	4	5	5	23	22	0	4	9	10	20	21	

Appearances 1999/2000

LEAGUE		CUP		
PLAYER	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Amajl Avdiu	3+1	-	0+2	-
Att Barrass	8	1	1	-
Paul Barnes	7+9	3	3	-
Sean Barrick	5+4	-	1+2	-
Shaichung Bhutia	1+4	-	1+2	-
Chris Billy	18+3	3	5	1
Arren Bullock	18+5	2	7	1
Sam Collins	8	-	2+1	-
Mark Daws	27	-	7	-
Martin Forrest	5+1	-	-	-
Pat James	8+4	1	3+2	1
Pat Kenny	27	-	7	-
John Lawson	19+4	11	6+1	1
Drian Littlejohn	20+5	5	6	1
Andy Preece	18+8	7	4	-
Steve Redmond	20+3	1	5	-
Paul Reid	24	1	4	-
Lee Richardson	5	1	-	-
Carlos Rocha	0+3	-	-	-
Alan Souter	0+2	-	-	-
Chris Swailes	23	1	7	-
anny Swailes	5+4	1	1+1	-
Paul Williams	9+3	-	2+1	-
Andy Woodward	14	-	4+1	-
Own goals	2	-	-	-
No longer at the club				

1999 2000

Date	Opponent	Result	Att	Pos
Sat 7 Aug	Gillingham	H 2-1	4013	-
Tue 10 Aug	Notts County W C 1	H 1-0	1893	-
Sat 14 Aug	Wrexham	A 0-1	4185	14
Sat 21 Aug	Brentford	H 2-2	3491	14
Tue 24 Aug	Notts County WC 1	A 0-2	2494	-
Sat 28 Aug	Bristol City	A 1-1	9537	13
Mon 30 Aug	Colchester United	H 5-2	3360	9
Sat 4 Sep	Luton Town	A 1-1	4633	9
Sat 11 Sep	Oldham Athletic	A 0-2	6541	11
Sat 18 Sep	Wycombe Wand.	H 2-0	3293	9
Sat 25 Sep	Bournemouth	A 1-1	4208	9
Sat 2 Oct	Cardiff City	H 3-2	3603	9
Sat 9 Oct	Notts. County	H 1-3	3610	12
Sat 16 Oct	Blackpool	A 5-0*	5270	9
Wed 20 Oct	Reading	A 0-2	5,393	9
Sat 23 Oct	Bournemouth	H 2-2	3,701	10
Sat 30 Oct	Tamworth F.A. CUP 1	A 2-2	2,743	-
Tue 2 Nov	Bristol Rovers	A 0-0	5,397	10
Sat 6 Nov	Stoke City	H 0-0	4,280	11
Tue 9 Nov	Tamworth (FAC1R)	H 2-1	2,531	-
Sat 13 Nov	Oxford United	A 1-1	4,318	11
Sat 20 Nov	Cardiff City (FAC2)	H 0-0	2,603	-
Tue 23 Nov	Wigan Athletic	H 2-2	4,086	12
Sat 27 Nov	Preston North End	H 1-3	6,469	13
Sat 30 Nov	Cardiff City (FAC2)	A 0-1	4,511	-
Sat 4 Dec	Gillingham	A 0-1	6,469	13
Sat 7 Dec	Mansfield (AWS)	A 0-1	1,205	-
Sat 18 Dec	Scunthorpe United	A 2-0*	3,137	12
Sun 26 Dec	Burnley	H 4-2	9115	11
Tue 4 Jan	Millwall	H 2-2	3375	13
Sat 15 Jan	Wrexham	H 0-2	3622	16
Sat 22 Jan	Brentford	A 1-2	5605	16
Sat 29 Jan	Bristol City	H 0-0	3576	16
Sat 5 Feb	Colchester United	A 3-1	3915	15
Sat 12 Feb	Luton Town	H		
Sat 19 Feb	Preston North End	A		
Sat 22 Feb	Cambridge Utd	H		
Sat 26 Feb	Wycombe Wanders	A		
Sat 4 Mar	Oldham Athletic	H		
Wed 8 Mar	Stoke City	A		
Sat 11 Mar	Bristol Rovers	H		
Sat 18 Mar	Wigan Athletic	A		
Tue 21 Mar	Oxford United	H		
Sat 25 Mar	Burnley	A		
Sat 1 Apr	Scunthorpe United	H		
Sat 8 Apr	Millwall	A		
Sat 15 Apr	Chesterfield	H		
Sat 22 Apr	Blackpool	H		
Mon 24 Apr	Cardiff City	A		
Sat 29 Apr	Reading	H		
Sat 6 May	Notts. County	A		
Sat 20 May	F.A. CUP FINAL			

*Own Goal

Factfile



	WOODWARD	COLLINS	DAWS	SWALES C	BULLOCK**	LITTLEJOHN* 1	BARNES	LAWSON 1	REID	JAMES		SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5
KENNY	WOODWARD	COLLINS	DAWS	SWALES C	BULLOCK	LITTLEJOHN**	PREECE	LAWSON 1	REID	JAMES*	AVDIU (*)	PREECE (*)	BARRICK (**)	WILLIAMS (*)	REDMOND (*)	ROCHA (*)
KENNY	WOODWARD	WILLIAMS*	DAWS	COLLINS	SWALES C	BULLOCK***	REID	PREECE**	LAWSON	LITTLEJOHN	JAMES(*)	AVDIU(*)	BARRICK (*)	WILLIAMS	SWALES D	SWALES D***
KENNY	BILLY	COLLINS	SWALES C. 1	BULLOCK	LITTLEJOHN (*)	REID (***)	PREECE	JAMES (**)	LAWSON 1	DAWS	AVDIU(*)	BARRICK (**)	WILLIAMS (***)	SWALES D	ROCHA	PREECE
KENNY	COLLINS	SWALES C	BULLOCK*	BILLY	REID	DAWS	JAMES**	LITTLEJOHN	LAWSON	PREECE***	AVDIU(*)	BARNES**	BARRICK (***)	WILLIAMS	SWALES D	BARNES D
KENNY	BILLY	COLLINS	SWALES C	WILLIAMS	RICHARDSON *	DAWS	REID	JAMES	LAWSON	LITTLEJOHN 1	BULLOCK (*)	AVDIU	SWALES D	ROCHA	PREECE	
KENNY	BILLY	COLLINS	SWALES D	RICHARDSON	LITTLEJOHN (**)	REID	PREECE 1 (***)	JAMES	LAWSON 3 (*)	DAWS	AVDIU(*)	REDMOND (**)	BULLOCK	WILLIAMS	ROCHA***	
KENNY	COLLINS	SWALES C	BILLY	DAWS	RICHARDSON	REID	REDMOND	LITTLEJOHN	LAWSON	JAMES (*)	AVDIU	WILLIAMS	REDMOND (*)	BULLOCK 1 (**)	BARNES***	
KENNY	BILLY	WOODWARD	SWALES C	BARRICK (*)	RICHARDSON (**)	DAWS	REID	PREECE 1	LAWSON	LITTLEJOHN	AVDIU	WILLIAMS	REDMOND (*)	BULLOCK 1 (**)	BARNES***	
KENNY	WOODWARD	BILLY	SWALES C	REDMOND	BULLOCK	DAWS	REID	LITTLEJOHN	PREECE	LAWSON 1 (*)	BARNES (*)	ROCHA (**)	WILLIAMS (***)	AVDIU	BARRICK	
KENNY	BILLY	REDMOND	SWALES C	DAWS	WOODWARD	REID	BULLOCK 1	PREECE 1	LAWSON 1 (**)	LITTLEJOHN	AVDIU	BARRICK (*)	BHUTIA (***)	CHALLINOR	BARNES***	
KENNY	BILLY 1	REDMOND (*)	SWALES C	DAWS	WOODWARD	REID	BULLOCK	PREECE	LAWSON (**)	LITTLEJOHN	AVDIU	BARRICK	BHUTIA	WILLIAMS	BARNES***	
KENNY	WOODWARD	SWALES C 1	BARRICK	REID (***)	BULLOCK	DAWS	BILLY 1	PREECE (*)	LAWSON 1 (*)	LITTLEJOHN	AVDIU	BARRICK	BHUTIA	WILLIAMS	BARNES***	
Kenny	Woodward (*)	Swales C	Redmond	Barrick (**)	Reid	Bullock	Daws	Billy	Preece	Lawson (**)	Barnes (*)	Bhuria	Swales D	Littlejohn (*)	Swales D	Swales D
Kenny	Billy	Redmond	Swales C	Daws	Williams (***)	Reid	Bullock	Preece	Billy	Bhuria	Swales D	Littlejohn (*)	Barnes (*)	Williams (*)	Barrick (*)	Lawson (*)
Kenny	Redmond (*)	Woodward	Swales C	Reid	Bullock	Daws	Preece	Billy	Bhuria	Swales D	Littlejohn (*)	Barnes (*)	Williams (*)	Barrick (*)	Lawson (*)	
Kenny	Williams	Redmond	Swales C	Billy	Daws	Bullock	Reid	Barnes (*)	Preece	Littlejohn	Lawson (*)	Bhuria	Avdiu	Barrick	Swales D	
Kenny	BILLY 1	Daws	Redmond (*)	Williams	Swales C	Bullock	Barnes (*)	Reid (***)	Lawson	Littlejohn	Woodward (*)	Bhuria	Swales D	Williams	Barnes	Barrick
Kenny	Billy	Swales C	Woodward	Reid (***)	Daws	Bullock	James (*)	Williams (**)	Preece	Lawson 1	Bhuria	Swales D	Barrick	Littlejohn (**)	Redmond (***)	
Kenny	Woodward	Swales C	Redmond	Billy	Daws	Bullock	James (**)	Preece	Lawson (*)	Littlejohn	Bhuria	Swales D	Williams	Barnes	Barrick	
Kenny	Woodward	Daws	Swales C	Billy 1	Bullock (**)	Redmond	Preece 1 (*)	Lawson	Littlejohn	Swales D	Barnes (*)	Barrick (*)	Williams	Bhuria	James	
Kenny	Woodward	Daws	Swales C	Billy	Bullock	Barnes (*)	Redmond (**)	Lawson 1	Littlejohn	Barrick	Swales D	James (*)	Williams	Bhuria	Avdiu	
Kenny	Woodward	Barrick (*)	Redmond	Swales C	Williams	Bullock	Daws	Swales D	Lawson	Barnes	Bhuria	Preece	James (*)	Barrick	Collins (**)	
Kenny	Barrass	Williams	Daws	Woodward	Redmond	Swales C	Forrest	Bullock	Barnes	Bhuria	Preece	Linghan	Avdiu	Souter (***)	Beal	
Kenny	Barrass	Williams	Daws	Redmond	Swales C	Billy	Bullock	Barnes	Lawson (*)	Preece	Bhuria	Avdiu	Forrest	Linghan		
Kenny	Barrass	Williams	Daws	Redmond	Swales C	Woodward	Forrest	Reid	Barnes (*)	Littlejohn (**)	Preece (*)	Avdiu (**)	Bhuria	Forrest	Armstrong	
Kenny	Woodward	Williams	Daws	Swales C	Reid	Redmond (*)	PREECE2 (**)	Forrest (***)	LITTLEJOHN1	BARRASS1	Billy (***)	Bhuria	James	Lawson (**)	Swales D	
Kenny	Williams	Daws	Swales C	Billy (*)	REID 1	REDMOND1	Preece (*)	Forrest (***)	Littlejohn	Barrass	James (*)	Lawson (**)	Bullock (***)	Barnes	Swales D	
Kenny	Williams	Daws	Swales C	Billy	Avdiu	Redmond	Preece (*)	Forrest	Littlejohn	Barrass	Billy	Bullock (*)	James	Barnes (**)	Swales D	
Kenny	Williams	Daws	Bullock	Reid	Avdiu (*)	Redmond	Preece (**)	Littlejohn (***)	Swales D	Barrass	Lawson (*)	Barnes (*)	James (***)	Forrest	Souter	
Kenny	Williams	Daws	Bullock	Barnes	Reid	Avdiu	Redmond	Lawson (*)	Swales D	Barrass	Billy	James	Preece (*)	Forrest	Littlejohn	
Kenny	Barrass	Williams	Swales C	Redmond	James	Daws (*)	Bullock	Reid	Barnes (**)	Lawson	Littlejohn (*)	Preece (*)	Billy	Avdiu	Forrest	

Greater Manchester Police and Bury Football Club

With the introduction of the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999. The following actions, whilst attending, present and leaving Gigg Lane, can result in you being excluded from all grounds for 12 months to three years.

- 1 ANY ACT OF DISORDER
- 2 THE THROWING OF ANY OBJECT
- 3 INDECENT OR RACIAL CHANTING
- 4 GOING ONTO THE PLAYING AREA
- 5 TRYING TO ENTER, ENTERING OR BEING IN A GROUND WHILST DRUNK.

All carry fines from £500 to £1000.

The club rules are displayed at all entrances to the ground, they are there for you well-being and safety. By disregarding the rules you commit an offence for which action will be taken by the Club or Police.

Enjoy the game, but beware that "YOU" may be a target of crime so "SECURE YOUR VALUABLES."

Quiz answers

- 1 England, Italy & Scotland
- 2 Holland
- 3 USA
- 4 John Duncan
- 5 Andy Payton - Hull, Middlesbrough, Celtic,

Barnsley & Huddersfield Town
 6 Manchester United,
 £250,000
 7 Bobby Stokes
 8 Bobby Robson
 9 Juventus
 10 Barnet Alston
 11 Graham Taylor
 12 Ajax.

BURY FC KICK IT OUT

A message from Terry Robinson, Chairman, Bury football Club.

Bury Football Club has a proud history and tradition with its roots in Bury. We have always worked hard to make the community feel part of the football club and we would like to think that Gigg Lane is a safe and welcoming place for all football fans, whatever their race and colour.

For this reason, everybody at the football club is committed to helping the campaign to kick racism out of football. Racism of any sort will not be tolerated at Bury Football Club and we urge anyone hearing racist abuse to report it to a steward or write to me at Bury FC.

Anyone using racist abuse faces ejection from Gigg Lane and a ban from Bury Football Club.

The Football club has always had a strong tradition of fielding players from different ethnic minorities.

We want all supporters to be at Gigg Lane for one reason, to show full support for the team. Help us make Gigg Lane a racism free ground and show your support for the campaign to kick racism out of football.

Today's Squads

TODAY'S REFEREE:
IS: JP ROBINSON
(Hull)

ASSISTANT REFEREES:
S COFFEY
(Liverpool)
MD HAXBY
(New Brighton, Wirral)

FOURTH OFFICIAL:
J O'BRIEN

Today's referee, John Robinson is certainly an outdoor type. 40-year-old Paul lists his hobbies as running marathons, he is a keen cricketer for a local club as well as gardening and DIY.

He is married to Julie, with two boys, Michael (7) and three year old Luke. He is a secondary school groundsperson, employed by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

He was a goalkeeper in non-league in his playing days before becoming a referee in the Hull Sunday League. He has progressed through the refereeing ranks and was appointed to the National List of Referees in 1996. Spent two seasons in the Premier League as an assistant referee.

BURY

2. ANDY **WOODWARD**
3. PAUL **WILLIAMS**
4. NICK **DAWS**
5. SAM **COLLINS**
6. CHRIS **SWAILES**
7. CHRIS **BILLY**
8. DARREN **BULLOCK**
9. PAUL **BARNES**
10. BAICHUNG **BHUTIA**
11. PAUL **REID**
12. KEMAJL **AVDIU**
13. PADDY **KENNY**
15. BRIAN **LINIGHAN**
16. LUTEL **JAMES**
17. STEVE **REDMOND**
18. ANDY **PREECE**
19. MARTY **FORREST**
20. IAN **LAWSON**
21. ADRIAN **LITTLEJOHN**
22. RYAN **SOUTER**
23. DEAN **BARRICK**
24. DANNY **SWAILES**
25. PAUL **CHALLINOR**
29. Matt **BARRASS**

LUTON TOWN

- 1 NATHAN **ABBEY** (GK)
- 2 GAVIN **MCGOWAN**
- 3 EFETOBORE **SODJE**
- 4 MATTHEW **SPRING**
- 5 ALAN **WHITE**
- 6 MARVIN **JOHNSON**
- 7 PHIL **GRAY**
- 8 PAUL **MCLAREN**
- 9 STUART **DOUGLAS**
- 10 MICHAEL **MCINDOE**
- 11 LIAM **GEORGE**
- 12 GARY **DOHERTY**
- 13 STUART **FRASER**
- 14 ANDREW **FOTIADIS**
- 15 MATTHEW **TAYLOR**
- 16 LANDRY **ZAHANA - ONI**
- 17 EMMERSON **BOYCE**
- 18 TRESOR **KANDOL**
- 19 JAMES **AYRES**
- 20 JERRY **MOSES**
- 21 ANDRE **SCARLETT**
- 22 DANIEL **TATE** (GK)
- 23 JUDE **STIRLING**
- 24 SCOTT **WARD** (GK)
- 28 ADAM **LOCKE**
- 31 PAUL **READ**
- 40 JULIAN **WATTS**

Next match at Gigg Lane is on Tuesday, February 22, when Bury welcome Cambridge United. Kick off 7.45pm

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an emergency at Gigg Lane requiring evacuation of the ground in part or whole, spectators are requested to remain where they are and listen for announcements over the public address system and instructions given by stewards.

ALL EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE PROCEEDED WITH A TWO TONE CHIME