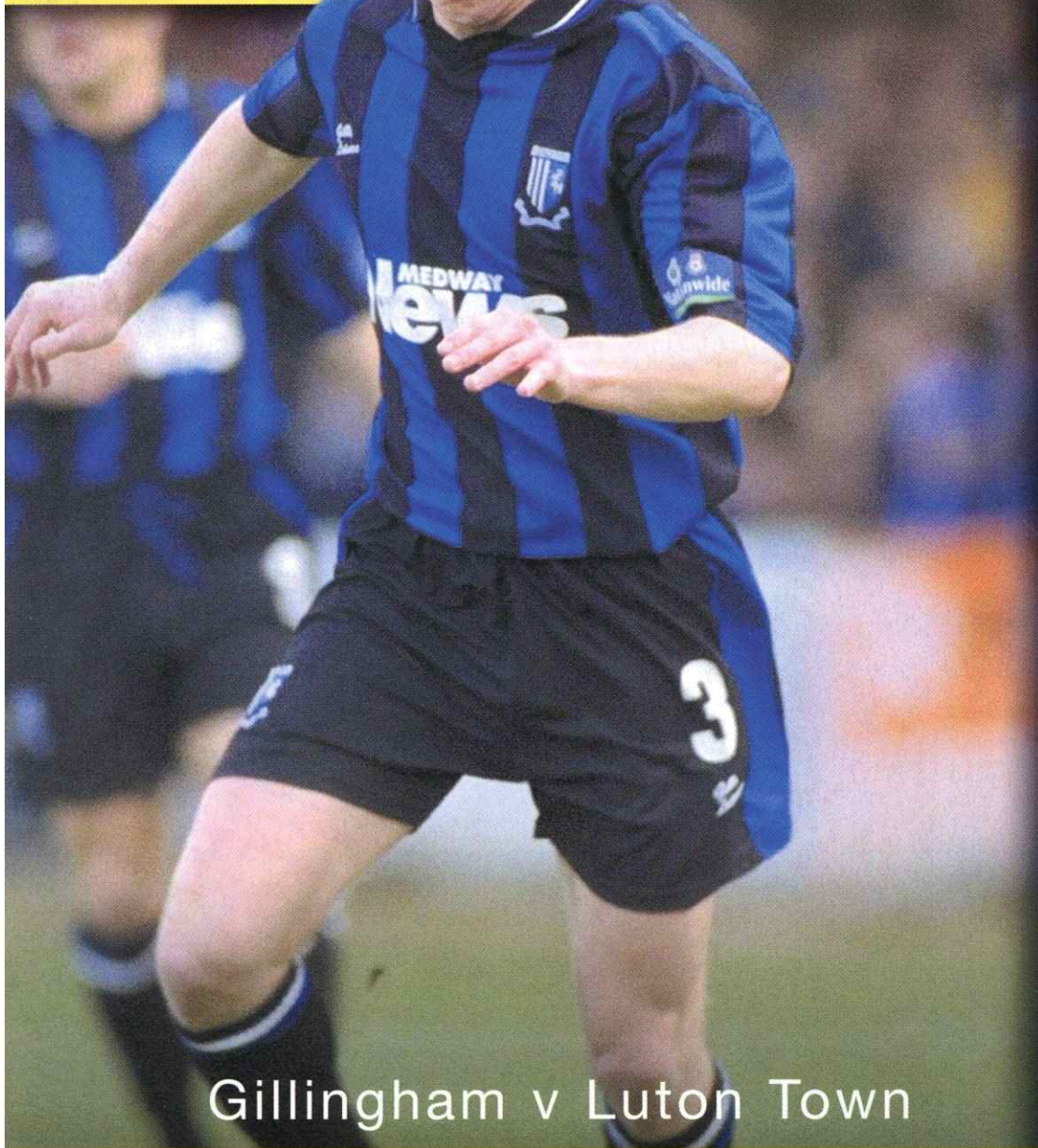


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Peter Taylor



Good afternoon and welcome to everybody for today's Division Two game against Luton Town.

A special mention to their manager, Lennie Lawrence, who has always built good footballing teams and this present Luton side is another one. We have now got five games to go and, at this stage, results are far more important than performances.

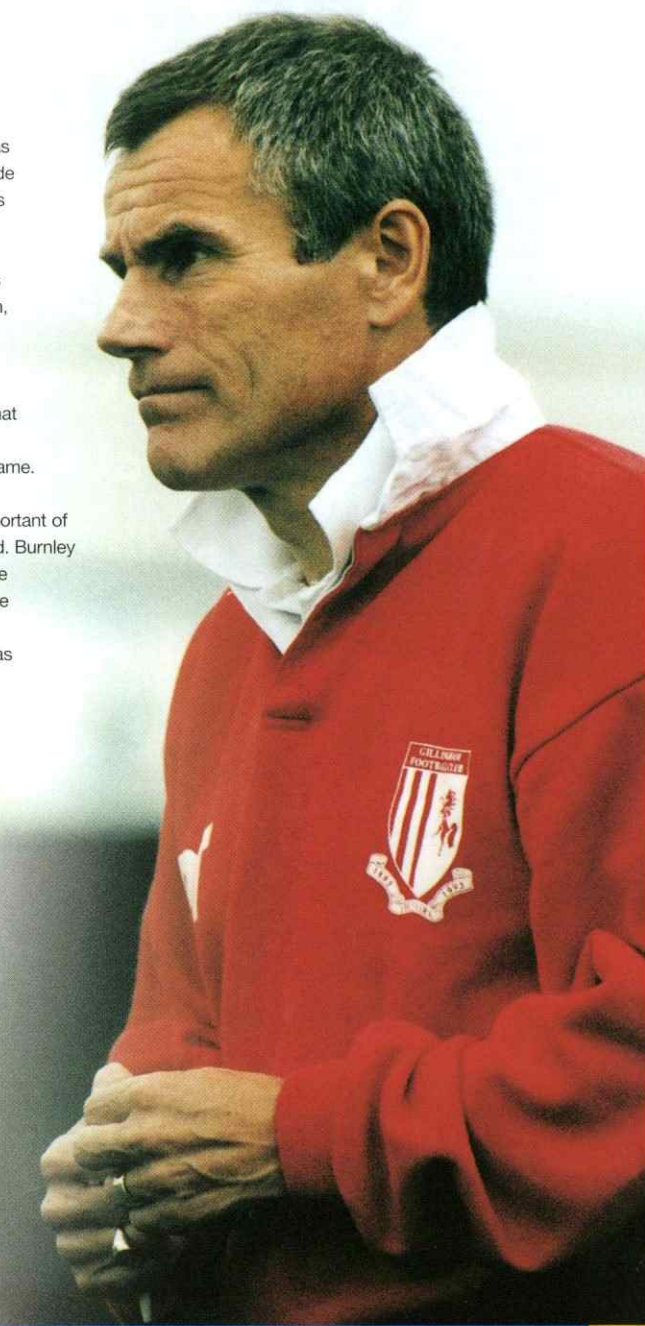
We have to keep our nerve, maintain our beliefs and methods and give it everything we've got - starting today against Luton, who got the better of us at Kenilworth Road.

Two games to report on - Wigan at home last week and then Burnley at Turf Moor on Tuesday. Wigan was very tight, but that was because they came for a point and, with a nine-point advantage over us before the game, I would have done the same.

Junior's winner with ten minutes to go could be the most important of his life so far, but at the final whistle we got what we deserved. Burnley was another major result and performance. I cannot praise the fourteen players that played a part that night enough. We have given ourselves a chance, today's match will be harder than Burnley, so please support and encourage the team as much as you possibly can.

Enjoy the game

Peter Taylor



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Paul Scally



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Priestfield for today's game against Luton. What a great week!

Victories against Wigan and Burnley - six points against two of our biggest rivals, and we are definitely going for an automatic promotion spot. The game against Wigan was played on a wet, miserable afternoon but we all went home happy with the result.

It was an unbelievable performance at Burnley and we almost repeated our 5-0 result there last season. Once again there was great support from the fans - around 500 made the trip - and I'm sure the win made the long journey worth it. It was an absolutely magnificent result and the confidence is sky high - with every game a cup final. Last Saturday was an excellent day all-round for the club. Apart from the win over Wigan we were able to allow

supporters into the new Main Stand for the first time. It was a fantastic sight and I'm sure everyone who sat there for the first time, enjoyed the view, the game and the result. As every day goes by we will all start to get a feel of what it's going to be like when it's finally completed. Sorry to those that got wet, but we were held up with the roofing by the poor weather in the preceding week.

Everyone is looking forward to the Millwall game on Monday. At the time of writing we have sold more than 3000 tickets, and it promises to be just as massive a game as the Manchester City play-off final at Wembley last May. It's definitely a six- pointer - perhaps even a twelve- pointer - but one thing is certain, we need every ounce of effort put into supporting the boys.

The end of season player of the year dance is now just a week away. It promises to be an exciting evening - and we still have a few tickets left, so call John Swaby on 01634-300000. Let's hope we have got plenty to look



Big Bob Taylor scored all five at Burnley last season



Action from the Wigan game

forward to as we approach those final two games against Cardiff and Wrexham. I was interested to see that Iffy Onuora's goal against Wigan was the 2500th scored at home in the Football League since Gillingham were first elected in 1920. It's another landmark in the club's history, and I'm sure you will agree it was an excellent goal, and worthy of a place in the record books. .

Peter was understandably delighted with the wins against Wigan and Burnley. His tactics were spot-on at Turf Moor. Once again the style of football he has

produced has real class and everybody is working hard to win automatic promotion. The support against Wigan was again superb. Our second half performance was helped by the tremendous encouragement from all around Priestfield - let's do the same today.

Welcome to everybody from Luton for this afternoon's game.

Happy Easter

Up The Gills

PDP Scally

Chairman

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The Editor

What a great result that was against Burnley on Tuesday - and it must have made the long midweek trip to Turf Moor worthwhile for the Gillingham fans who were there to see it.

It keeps the promotion race bubbling and heightens the interest again in our remaining five games - three here at Priestfield - beginning today with the visit of Luton - and away games at Millwall and Wrexham to come.

The switchboard at Priestfield was buzzing on Wednesday morning including a call from a Gills' fan based in Hong Kong. He is apparently flying in for today's game (welcome if you are here) and he also didn't know the Burnley result - so we were delighted to tell him.

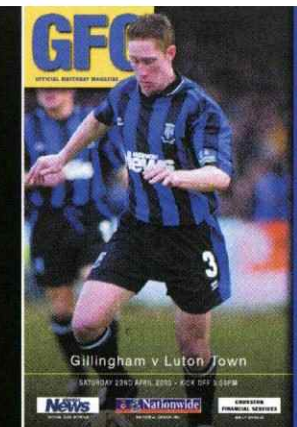
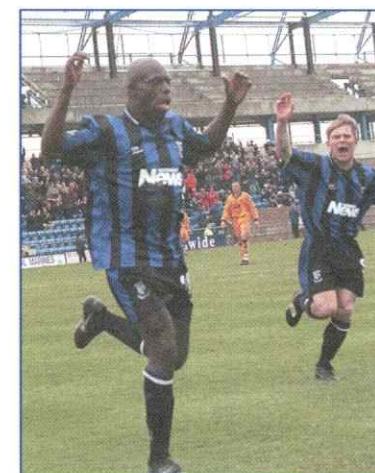
We would also like to extend a warm welcome to a group of youngsters from Wagenberg in Holland, They come from near Breda and are here with Real Gima - one of the clubs sharing our Matchday Experience at Priestfield today. We hope they enjoy their visit and boost our Dutch fan base.

It was good to see so many Gills' fans sitting in the new Main Stand for the first time last week. They had a perfect view of Iffy's first goal, and the feedback has been good and very positive.

Enjoy the game

Have a good Easter

Andrew Gidley



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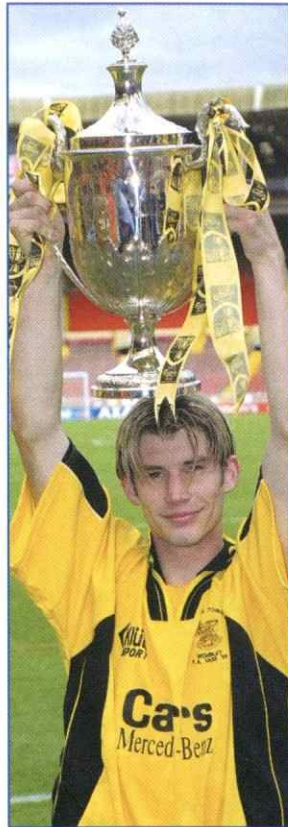
Match Magazine have teamed up with league sponsors Nationwide to launch a 'Fan of the Year' competition which will reward fans under the age of eighteen who regularly go to watch matches. England captain Alan Shearer helped Match and Nationwide launch this prestigious competition which honours dedicated young football fans.



From now until October 30, budding Fans of the Year can enter two competitions- to find the best supporter of a club side and the most dedicated fan of either the England, Scotland, or Wales national teams. Prizes on offer include a club season ticket and an international 'season ticket' - two tickets to every home international

over a year. Parents and friends can also nominate who they think should be the fan of the Year 2000 by writing to Match magazine and explaining why they think he or she should win and explain the fan's qualities in 200 words.

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A GOOD DEAL AT THE VASE

For those of you not able to follow the Gills to Wrexham on May 6 - why not support Deal Town on their big day out at Wembley against Chippenham Town in the FA Carlsberg Vase Final. It's the first time for twenty six years that a Kent non-league side have played at the Twin Towers - and Steve Lovell, our Football in the Community Officer, will be in the Deal line-up.

Tickets cost £10 and £5, so if you have never visited the famous stadium - and fancy a day out - then contact Deal Town Football Club on 01304 239999.

Caption: Scott Rodgers of Tiverton (last year's winners), proudly holds aloft the FA Vase.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE MILLWALL GAME

Ken Chapman, Security Adviser at Millwall has asked us to pass on the following important information to Gillingham supporters attending the Easter Monday game at The New Den. He says : "The success this season of both clubs and the fact that this game will be played on a Bank Holiday, means that the attendance will be very high.

"To help make the day an enjoyable one for everyone, we have hired Capital Gold DJ Mick Brown and the Wembley Sound System, which both clubs experienced last season, as part of the pre-match entertainment. This will commence at 1.45pm and **FANS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GROUND EARLY.**



"Gillingham fans will have purchased tickets showing block and seat numbers in the North Stand. However, to ensure that everyone is seated quickly and that latecomers do not inconvenience those already in the ground, Gillingham stewards will seat you block by block as you enter, irrespective of the blocks shown on the tickets. The earliest arrivals will be seated in the centre blocks. Please follow the instructions from stewards and police.

"While both sets of supporters will want a different outcome on the day, we all have the chance to demonstrate the positive side of football. Lets have a good day".

TODAY'S MASCOT

We welcome another young Gillingham fan to Priestfield this afternoon as club mascot. He is eight year old Joshua Maxted who lives at Halfway near Sheerness. He likes swimming, his Playstation, cycling and he plays football for Sittingbourne Lions JFC Under 9's. His favourite player is Nicky Southall and apart from Gillingham, his favourite other club is Manchester United.

Apologies to Thomas Knight - one of our two mascots against Chesterfield on April 1. Hope you and your family enjoyed the day.



Joshua Maxted



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We welcome Luton Town to Priestfield this afternoon and in particular Lennie Lawrence, no stranger to Kent football of course and who is a regular visitor here at Gillingham.

Lennie earned himself respect and admiration from the football world after running Charlton on a shoestring in the darkest days, before experiencing another difficult time at Luton. He raised £1.4 million pounds with Luton in receivership before selling goalkeeper Kelvin Davis to Wimbledon in a deal worth at least £600,000. Despite another tough time Lennie agreed to stay at Luton and has seen his young side hold their own in Division Two this season, with several youngsters catching the eye at Kenilworth Road.

At one stage Luton looked set to start this season in receivership. The Football League threatened to throw them out if a deal had not been sorted out by midnight on August 6, less than 24 hours before the new campaign kicked off. Eventually after five months the club's majority shareholding passed to director and long-time supporter Cliff Bassett.



LUTON TOWN 1999-2000

DIVISION TWO

07 AUG A	NOTTS COUNTY	D	0-0
14 AUG H	BLACKPOOL	W	3-2
21 AUG A	READING	W	2-1
28 AUG H	CARDIFF CITY	W	1-0
31 AUG A	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	L	0-1
04 SEP H	BURY	D	1-1
11 SEP H	WREXHAM	W	3-1
18 SEP A	BRENTFORD	L	0-2
25 SEP H	OXFORD UNITED	W	4-2
02 OCT A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	L	1-2
09 OCT A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	L	1-2
16 OCT H	GILLINGHAM	W	3-1
19 OCT H	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	D	1-1
23 OCT A	OXFORD UNITED	W	1-0
02 NOV A	MILLWALL	L	0-1
06 NOV H	BURNLEY	W	2-1
12 NOV A	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	L	1-3
23 NOV H	PRESTON NORTH END	L	0-2
27 NOV A	BRISTOL ROVERS	L	0-3
04 DEC H	NOTTS COUNTY	D	2-2
17 DEC A	COLCHESTER UNITED	L	0-3
26 DEC H	CHESTERFIELD	D	1-1
28 DEC A	BRISTOL CITY	D	0-0
03 JAN H	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	W	4-1
08 JAN A	STOKE CITY	L	1-2
15 JAN A	BLACKPOOL	D	3-3
22 JAN H	READING	W	3-1
30 JAN A	CARDIFF CITY	W	3-1
05 FEB H	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	L	1-2
08 FEB H	STOKE CITY	W	2-1
12 FEB A	BURY	L	0-1
19 FEB H	BRISTOL ROVERS	L	1-4
26 FEB H	BRENTFORD	L	1-2
04 MAR A	WREXHAM	L	0-1
07 MAR A	BURNLEY	W	2-0
11 MAR H	MILLWALL	L	0-2
18 MAR A	PRESTON NORTH END	L	0-1
21 MAR H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	D	2-2
25 MAR A	CHESTERFIELD	W	3-1
01 APR H	COLCHESTER UNITED	W	3-2
08 APR A	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	W	2-1

FA CUP

30 OCT H	KINGSTONIAN	W	4-2
19 NOV H	LINCOLN CITY	D	2-2
30 NOV A	LINCOLN CITY	W	1-0
11 DEC A	FULHAM	D	2-2
21 DEC H	FULHAM	L	0-3

WORTHINGTON CUP

10 AUG H	BRISTOL ROVERS	L	0-2
25 AUG A	BRISTOL ROVERS	D	2-2



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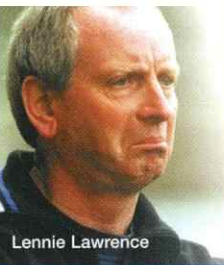


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Lennie Lawrence

Introducing the squad



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The Manager

Lennie Lawrence was appointed in the autumn of 1995 - the 21st manager at Kenilworth Road. Brighton born, 52 year-old Lennie started his managerial career as assistant boss at Plymouth, and then Lincoln. He went to Charlton as reserve team coach before moving into the "hot-seat". He was in charge at The Valley for nine years before he left in 1991 to take over at Middlesbrough. He led them to promotion to the Premiership a year later but they were relegated after one season and he was replaced by Brian Robson. Bradford City offered him his next job but he left after eighteen months to return South, and a few weeks later he took over at Luton.

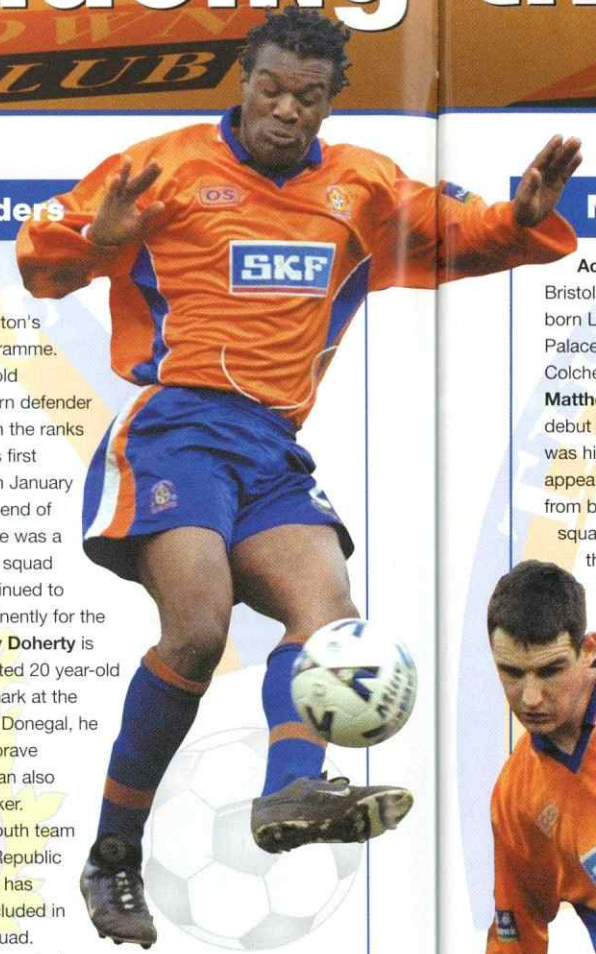


Goalkeepers

Ben Roberts (pictured left) is currently on loan from Middlesbrough, after signing for the rest of the season. He played for Boro in the 1997 FA Cup Final and was back at the Twin Towers last year, playing for Millwall in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield. Signed in February he has also had loan spells at Hartlepool, Wycombe and Bradford City. **Nathan Abbey** lost his place to Roberts after the 21 year-old suffered a loss of form and harsh treatment from supporters. London born Abbey was a YTS boy at Luton, but then a move to Antwerp to further his career went wrong and he returned to the club.

Defenders

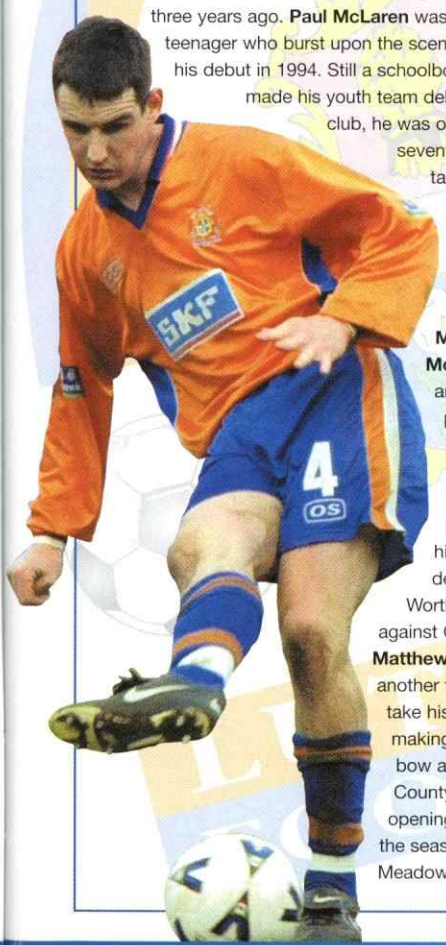
Emmerson Boyce is a product of Luton's schools programme. The 20 year-old Aylesbury-born defender came through the ranks and made his first team debut in January 1999. By the end of last season he was a regular in the squad and has continued to feature prominently for the Hatters. **Gary Doherty** is another talented 20 year-old making his mark at the club. Born in Donegal, he is a big and brave player who can also play as a striker. Capped at youth team level by the Republic of Ireland, he has also been included in the senior squad. **Marvin Johnson** is the club's longest-serving player - now in his twelfth season as a first team regular. A versatile player - he can also fill in on the flanks or in midfield - who has made more than 400 appearances.



Gavin McGowan (pictured above) started his career at Arsenal before spending two loan spells with Luton. He joined the club permanently in June 1998 when the Gunners agreed to give him a fee transfer. **Julian Watts** joined the Hatters from Bristol City - jumping at the chance of a first team place after falling out of favour at Ashton Gate. He started his career at Rotherham - before moves to Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester. **Alan White** was re-united with Lennie Lawrence who signed him as a seventeen year-old when in charge at Ayrsome Park. Cost £40,000 when he moved to Kenilworth Road in September 1997.

Midfielders

Adam Locke joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City originally on a monthly contract. Croydon born Locke started as a YTS recruit with Crystal Palace before moving on to Southend and then Colchester before moving to Ashton Gate. **Matthew Spring** (pictured below) made his league debut in 1997 as a seventeen year old. Last season was his best yet for the club as he topped the Hatters appearance list with 54 games - and attracted scouts from big clubs to watch him. He was a member of the squad that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals three years ago. **Paul McLaren** was another teenager who burst upon the scene, following his debut in 1994. Still a schoolboy when he made his youth team debut for the club, he was only seventeen when taken onto the professional staff at Kenilworth Road. **Michael McIndoe** is another Luton player promoted from the YTS ranks and made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup against Oxford. **Matthew Taylor** was another teenager to take his chance - making his league bow against Notts County on the opening day of the season at Meadow Lane.



Forwards

Stuart Douglas was another seventeen year old trainee when he made his league debut against Oldham in 1995. He had to overcome injuries before winning a regular place in the side last season, playing fifty games. **Andrew Fotiadis** misses today's game after breaking a bone in his hand colliding with an advertising hoarding in a recent reserve game. He won England Schools caps and stayed to take A levels before taking up the game full time. **Liam George** is a player full of pace and nimble footwork. He made his league debut in September 1997, but missed much of last season due to a broken leg. **Phil Gray** is a Northern Ireland international, now in his second spell with the club - after re-signing in September 1997. David Pleat signed him the first time for £275,000 and two years later he moved to Sunderland for £800,000. He then went to France and Holland before Luton paid £400,000 to bring him back to Bedfordshire. **Andre Scarlett** was just eighteen when he made his league debut last October, scoring against Oldham.



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Head to Head

1999-2000 League Statistics Only



Since missing six of the first ten games of Gillingham's Nationwide League season, defender **Guy Butters** has returned to be a crucial figure in the heart of the defence and has been ever-present since October.

His experience going into the last five matches of the season will be crucial, starting today when Luton visit Priestfield. The visit of the Hatters is pretty much a must-win game for the Gills, as the run-in features more tricky looking games against Brentford and Millwall. However, Lennie Lawrence's men will be no pushover and have played well this season after a poor start. Town's side is an exciting mix of young talent and experienced heads - skipper Marvin Johnson is a player from the latter category. Like Butters, Johnson is a determined, solid defender, whose left-foot gives balance in a back-three formation.

The exclusive Opta stats make interesting reading in comparing where the strength of the two players lay. Butters is more of a threat at set-pieces having scored twice this season from just three shots on target, while Johnson has yet to register a league goal in 1999-2000. However, the Luton man does have the superior success ratios in terms of passing and tackling while both players have 96 per cent dribble completion records. In defensive terms, Butters has made 351 clearances, six more than Johnson, despite the fact the ex-Portsmouth man has played fewer minutes. The long-serving Luton man has made more tackles though and is never afraid to put his boot in where it hurts.

With 15 points left to play for, winning you games is all-important for Peter Taylor and his players. Butters will undoubtedly be a key figure if the Gills can take the points today - Luton and Johnson may have something to say about that though.



Minutes on pitch:

Butters - 2,883
Johnson - 3,495

goal attempts

	Butters	Johnson
goals	2	0
shots on target	3	3
shots off target	9	2
blocked shots	6	1

passing

	Butters	Johnson
total passes	1021	1111
pass completion	63%	64%

crossing

	Butters	Johnson
total crosses	10	11
cross completion	60%	45%

dribbling

	Butters	Johnson
dribbles & runs	24	55
dribble completion	96%	96%

defending

	Butters	Johnson
tackles made	46	76
tackles won	52%	58%
blocks	64	111
clearances	351	345
interceptions	10	15

discipline

	Butters	Johnson
fouls	39	38
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yellow cards	3	3
red cards	0	0

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Did you have any superstitions?

I used to prefer to put my boots on in the same order, but I can't think which now.

Did you have a nickname?

No, none at all that I can remember.

What is the main difference between today's game and when you played?

Today the game seems to be played in a much smaller area, mostly 20 yards either side of the half-way line. Players are fitter, and are expected to do much more, wingbacks for instance. The game is much quicker. The introduction of foreign players. I tend to think they are so skilful and are on show much more for youngsters to learn. That should be better for the game in the long run.

Should video playbacks be used in the game today?

On the whole, I'm against it.

Did you win any honours throughout your career?

Only at amateur level with Hendon. I won an Amateur Cup winners medal in the 1959/60 season with Hendon at Wembley in front of a crowd of 60,000. I was promoted with Portsmouth and Gillingham but did not receive medals.

Do you remember any funny moments?

At Portsmouth we had a player who was a joker. In one game an opponent took him down in the corner, he picked up the flag and pretended to spear him. Everyone saw the funny side - except the chap on the ground. With the Tottenham 'A' team we stopped for lunch at a hotel, a very large Alsatian dog was roaming around as some of us went into the gents. For a laugh someone growled and grabbed a lad's leg, and he smashed his knee into the urinal. I was playing at Newport County and it was absolutely bucketing down, around the pitch there was a running track of red shale. In the corners there was coconut matting to tread on when taking corners. It was raining so hard that they were floating away.

If you could have played for any team of your choice who would it have been?

I would liked to have been good enough for England.

Are top professionals over-paid, or do they deserve £20,000 plus per week?

Yes, there is so much money coming into the game today, and it is the players that generate that sort of income, so why not?

What advice would you give to a youngster looking to become a professional today?

Take stock and look beyond your playing days. It is a relatively short playing career. But if they are earning £50,000 per week they should not have much to worry about.

Do you still keep in touch with any of your old Gills team-mates?

I do see Kenny Hill occasionally. I did come to the Veterans match against Tottenham and the Gills' reunion afterwards.

What have you done since leaving the Gills?

I first went to Charlton with Andy Nelson. When I finished with football I became a sub-postmaster and have been in the same sub-post office for the last 23 years. I started with Tottenham as a lad, then did my national service. After that I joined Hendon, West Ham, Portsmouth, Exeter, Plymouth, then back to Exeter then on to Bristol Rovers. I joined Gillingham as assistant to Andy Nelson. Finally I went to Charlton, once again as assistant to Andy. I moved around a lot throughout my career and did not form any lasting friendships and so when I finished with football, we put down roots in our village. I joined in every village activity. Firstly training the local football team, I went on to manage it and finally became the Chairman. I was a school governor and other posts along the way. I mainly do pantomime and plays today, and cabaret as Tommy Cooper.

Being an ex-goalkeeper what do you think of the ball used today?

I have not handled one but they appear to have more speed and deviate, as well as being lighter. That is the impression that I get. I don't think that players would be able to bend the ball or get it up and down as much from free-kicks if they were to try with the ball used in my day.

How different is goal keeping today?

We did not have the back-pass rule, and we were allowed to pick the ball up and run and bounce it. Goal keeping is a lot different now. We hardly ever came out of the box; defenders took free kicks. I think that goalkeepers are over-protected today. If a goalkeeper jumps for the ball and a player jumps with him the referee gives a foul. I am 6 feet tall but to me keepers seem much bigger to day. West Ham have a keeper who is 6 feet 7ins tall.

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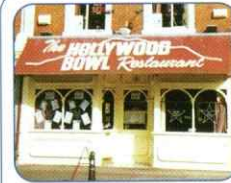
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It's true, you can argue that other games have been just as important, but the win keeps alive our hopes of automatic promotion, with five possibly six teams still harbouring realistic chances of joining Preston in the first division without having to go through the lottery of the play-off saga. No doubt Junior Lewis was the toast of the second division come 5.00pm last Saturday afternoon after his late winner. (NB. Except in certain parts of Lancashire!)

The win set us up for our trip to Turf Moor on Tuesday night for a terrific match. As these notes are written prior to the match I'm unable to comment but I think its safe to say that this certainly is the proverbial 'six pointer' with a Burnley victory pushing them into the automatic slot, whereas an away win would close the gap between sixth place, ourselves, and second place Wigan to just three points. This would certainly mean that the second automatic spot will not be resolved until the last day of the season.

There still are a few, shall we say, interesting fixtures' to be played with Millwall away to Burnley on Saturday and playing host to us on Monday, then a trip up the M6 to Deepdale for their Preston fixture. Most of the other teams have games against lower positioned teams but that definitely won't make them easier. An example being Bristol Rovers, who still have to play Cambridge, Blackpool and Cardiff away! Hard places to play at any time let alone when these teams are fighting for their life.

So clearly the run-in is going to go on for a couple more weeks, with it looking likely that the team who hold their nerve most and somehow scrape a win when not playing

well that will do it. Who that will be is another question isn't it? Any of the lads reading this in the dressing room will no doubt have decided that, because of the last few paragraphs, I am in the running for "The Anorak of the Year Award", but all joking aside, we all realise that the team that makes the fewest errors will be up there with Preston in May.

Today we welcome Luton to Priestfield for what will be just as hard a game as last week was. Although Luton are out of the promotion race and won't go down, it doesn't mean that they will roll over. There will be players playing for their own future, and what better way to make an impression than an away win at one of the teams going for promotion. It's happened before, so let's make sure it doesn't happen today.



Junior is mobbed after scoring the winner on Saturday against Wigan.

On a personal note, my rehabilitation continued with matches against Dover and then a reserve fixture at home against Swindon. Although I didn't play a full match the pleasing thing was I felt that I could have lasted ninety minutes, especially against Swindon. However, when I saw those dark storm clouds on the horizon I decided to use the special clause that is included in my contract which clearly states that 'Mark does not have to play in bad weather, especially if it is raining or snowing due to his dislike of the aforementioned conditions.' So the next time you read in a paper that

the players' contract talks are at a delicate stage, it may not necessarily be to do with the financial aspect of the talks. It may be that the club are requesting that he not only play in bad weather but also train in it as well, which is obviously unacceptable in the current climate of 'player power' Anyway, enough of the waffle for today, enjoy the match and get behind the team, your support is vital and never more so than at this stage of the season.

Enjoy the game

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Good afternoon everybody. Today we welcome everybody from Riverview Real Gim and Sheppey Irons Football Clubs and I hope they have an enjoyable day with us here at Priestfield.

Due to the bad weather last weekend our morning coaching session before the Wigan game had to be cancelled, but I hope it didn't spoil the day for the boys and dads concerned and they enjoyed the performance put on by the Gills in that great 2-1 victory against Wigan.



This week we have been holding our Easter Soccer Schools at Sir Joseph Williamson's School, although again the weather wasn't the best. However because of the excellent facilities the boys and girls were able to still enjoy their week without any problems

We have started advertising to the schools regarding our In-Service training days where we send our coaches into schools for a whole day. If anybody is interested please contact me at the club and I will be able to give you more information.

Once the Easter holidays are out of the way, I will start preparing for the May half-term when myself and Jim Stannard are going to run a goalkeeper and striker course. It will run over two days with the emphasis put on the unique qualities needed for both positions. The strikers will learn the art of turning, shooting and heading while the keepers will learn about angles, positions and shot-stopping.

Our after-school coaching sessions have stopped for Easter, but will continue when the new term begins. These have been a great success with many schools in the Medway Towns taking the opportunity to be coached. There are still a few dates available, so if anybody is interested in this exercise, please give me a ring at the club.

Finally ending on a sad note - Matthew Cook, who has been working for the club for nearly two years, has decided to leave and go back to university. He is going to study for a BMA in Business Administration in the Football Industry at Liverpool. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best in the future, and to thank him for his help in making my first three weeks back at the club very enjoyable.

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1 MANNY OMOYINMI 09068 1000 11

(A v Oxford Utd, 11 September)

Cut in from out on the left in a long run from the halfway line and, from a tricky angle, scooped the ball up high over the goalkeeper and into the net.

6 ANDY THOMSON 09068 1000 16

(H v Bradford City, 11 January)

Chased a hopeful pass to the corner of the box and, as a defender hesitated, he lofted the ball high over the keeper with the outside of his right boot.

2 ROBERT TAYLOR 09068 1000 12

(H v Millwall, 2 October)

A ferocious 25-yard free-kick that tore into the net at the Rainham End for the team's second goal in an eventual 2-0 success.

7 NICKY SOUTHALL 09068 1000 17

(H v Sheffield Wed, 29 January)

Sealed a famous win by turning on a throw and dispatching a brilliant angled shot (measured at 34 yards) which left the keeper rooted as it dipped into the far corner.

3 ROBERT TAYLOR 09068 1000 13

(H v Wrexham, 9 October)

Completed his second-half hat-trick by curling a wonderful free-kick into the top corner from the edge of the penalty area.

8 RODNEY ROWE 09068 1000 18

(A v Oldham, 12 February)

Finished a classic five-man counter attack and a great team goal by whipping home Edge's near-post cross with the outside of his right boot.

4 ROBERT TAYLOR 09068 1000 14

(H v Bristol City, 2 November)

All three of his second-half goals in this game were a bit special, highlighted by the angled 25-yarder he curled into the far top corner from Thomson's pass.

9 CARL ASABA 09068 1000 19

(A v Preston, 26 February)

Ran on to a through pass and needed just two touches, head and thigh, before unleashing a gorgeous left-foot special from the edge of the box that ripped into the net.

5 NICKY SOUTHALL 09068 1000 15

(H v Colchester, 26 December)

Picked the ball up in midfield and advanced from the halfway line to rocket a thundering 25-yard drive into the top corner.

10 ANDY HESSENTHALER 09068 1000 20

(A v Bristol City, 11 March)

Latched on to a back pass and raced wide of the keeper to score from an acute angle, carefully lifting his shot to ensure a covering defender was unable to clear.

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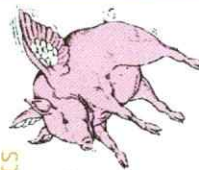
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Although I live in Chatham now, I have lived in each of the Medway Towns at some time since I came here to live in 1976. I was employed in Chatham Dockyard as an Admiralty Ship's Master until its closure.

I have supported the Gills since I moved to Gillingham in 1972. I introduced both my Sons to the club at an early age and they in turn have encouraged their children (four boys and one girl) to support the team. I became a season ticket holder for the first time this year and am glad I made that decision with all the great games we have enjoyed this season.

Where and when, did you see your first Gills Match?

It was definitely at Priestfield and I seem to recall it was against Torquay United, but I have seen so many games since that my memory is a little hazy.

Most memorable Gills match?

Having been brought up as a Manchester City fan, I had mixed feelings about meeting them in the league for the first time last season, but all my doubts disappeared when they came to Priestfield and I was hoarse after shouting the Gills on for 90 minutes. The most memorable match then has to be the Wembley Play-Off Final when I was almost in tears after Mr Halsey had allowed City so much extra-time to get back into the game. I have never felt so gutted as I did on the way home from Wembley.

Worst memory of watching Gills?

A league game against Bury when Bob Stokoe was their manager. Bury had attempted to have the match postponed because they had so many players down with the flu but had to play with about seven reserve players. They won the match, and scored 5 goals against us with one goal in reply I believe.

Best grounds visited with Gillingham?

Again it has to be Wembley, it is an unbelievable venue. I haven't visited any of the new stadiums as yet but I was quite impressed with Ipswich's ground when we played there.

Who is your current favourite player?

I don't have a particular favourite but I admire the efforts of Nickv Southall, Andy Hessenthaler and Adrian Pennock.

Favourite player of all time?

We have seen so many good players here over the years, but I think my favourite of all time would have to be George Jacks. He always reminded me of Colin Bell. not in looks, but the way that he covered every inch of the pitch during a game. He was always in the thick of the action and was a tireless footballer.

Best all time Gills XI?

Stannard, Green, Edge, Ashby, Jacques, Butters, Jacks, Hessenthaler, Southall, Taylor, Akinbiyi.

Best goal witnessed?

Carl Asaba's goal against Luton last season on a waterlogged pitch. The ball got stuck in the water over by the old Main Stand and the Luton goalkeeper came out of his area to clear it, but Asaba reached the ball first and lobbed the keeper from way out and we all watched with baited breath as the ball sailed into the net.

Most prized Gills possession?

The medal for our 18 goals in two games in September 1987.

If you could have one wish for the club granted, what would it be?

Promotion to Division One. We have come so close for the past three seasons that it must be our turn this season.

What are your ambitions for the Gills?

Obviously, as a long-time fan I want the Gills to succeed and to go as far as they possibly can. However, I don't want this at the expense of the fans. New stadiums and higher levels of football all point to an increase in admission prices and other ancillary income and I feel that you can only ask so much of the footballing public. I hope that once Priestfield has been completed, the club stay here for many years to come. After all, it is the traditional 'Home of the Shouting Men'.



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Junior does senior service



Junior Lewis is relishing getting a second chance to be a professional footballer. Most players rejected by clubs early in their careers rarely get another opportunity, but Junior did thanks to a phone call from Peter Taylor last summer which altered things considerably for the 26 year-old midfielder.

Shown the door by Fulham when Don Mackay was in charge at Craven Cottage, he had already played twelve first team games for the Cottagers - having spent two years as an apprentice. He had a spell at Dover when Peter Taylor was in charge there and then moved to Ryman League Premier Division club Hendon.

Junior explained: "I was at home just getting ready to go training one Thursday evening when Peter rang me and asked me if I fancied a chance at Gillingham. He invited me down to train and it has worked out. "I spoke to him when he stopped being England Under-21 manager and told him I was sorry to hear the news. He said he had one or two things lined up and said depending on what happens he might give me a call. I kept my fingers crossed, but didn't rely on it, but I was very pleased to hear from him.

Asked what he likes about working with the boss he said: "Peter is straightforward, what you see is what you get. He makes training very enjoyable, you learn things from him and we have fun as well".

He reflected on his first season at Priestfield and said: "I have been very happy to have been involved for the whole season. I will be even happier if we get promoted. I didn't expect to play so many games, but you have to set your standards high. I want to get as many games as I can under my belt and try my heart out for Gillingham Football Club.

"I think I started off really well, then I went through a bit of a bad patch but I dug in and, as long as I give 100% for the club and the team, I can't see things going wrong."



The manager has gone on record saying he wanted to rest Junior in recent games. But Lewis himself says: "I'm feeling really fit at the moment, so I don't think I need a rest. Perhaps the manager feels that coming from non-league and playing a lot of games he thinks I need a break and come back fresh. But I enjoyed the games against Chesterfield and Reading and have felt as fit as I have all

season" The question Junior has been asked most is what is his best position? - having played at left back, central and left-side midfield, and foxed us all at Reading by starting up front alongside Lee Matthews.

He said: "There was a reason for that - the gaffer told me what to do and I just got on with it. I don't mind where I play - I just try to do my best. The goal against Wigan was his latest - and this time there was nothing controversial about it. The one he got against Oxford angered the visitors manager Denis Smith, but Junior said: "Carl was just in front of me and I just kept my eye on the ball. I didn't hear any complaints from their keeper - just from their manager.

"I didn't realise the one against Scunthorpe hit my arm until I saw it on TV. I got a bit of luck and it hit the target and went in - I was glad about that one. As for the one against Wigan, Ty crossed from the right and the 'keeper took a gamble on coming out. The ball came to me and the only thing to do was try and chip - and fortunately for us it went in. I don't really mind who scores as long as we get three points". And what about that rather unusual goal celebration! Junior explained: "I get a bit of stick from the boys about my build and my height. So in training they said if I score then we would do a "Big Bird" celebration.."

Peter Taylor says Junior could be "my best ever signing" after bringing him to Priestfield last summer. He said: "I'm



proud of Junior. I think he has done ever so well in his first season, he takes on board what you ask him to do, and he plays with a coolness. His finish against Wigan was just that - a lot of people would have rushed there - he took his time, he knew where the 'keeper was and knew it had to be a good chip to beat him. It was a fantastic finish and I was absolutely delighted for him.

"I've said on ClubCall and in the press that I wanted to rest him - and I think he must have heard or read it. Two weeks ago in training he started to look stronger and stronger - he was outstanding at Reading and scored a great goal against Wigan - and looks as if he has overcome the tiredness. He is desperate to stay in the team which is good."

Junior will have a lot to look back on come the end of the season. He admitted: "It's gone very quickly to be honest. There have been lots of games and the FA Cup run. I am just looking forward to the remaining games - and getting Gillingham promoted to the First Division for the first time. It will be very good to be part of the team that does that and will cap everything very nicely."

And so say all of us.

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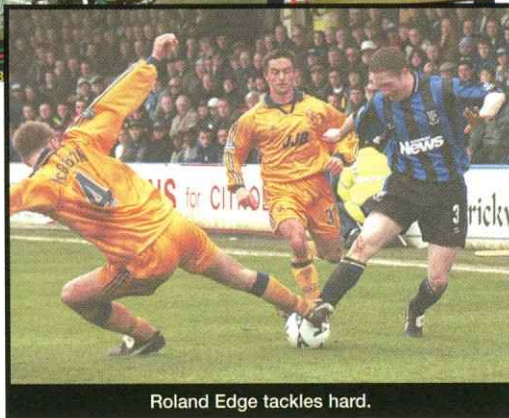
SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

Gillingham **2** Wigan Athletic **1**

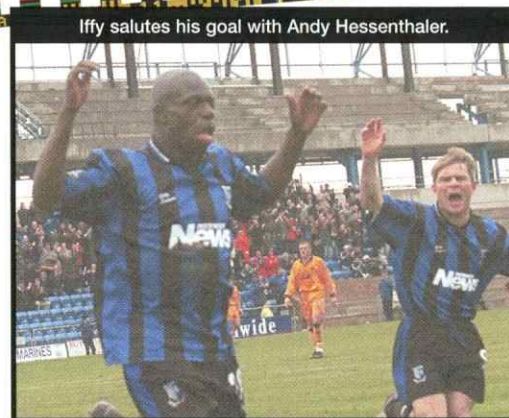
Junior Lewis grabbed a priceless winner to condemn Wigan to a second successive away defeat and lift Gillingham back into the play-off bracket. He took advantage of a defensive mix-up to coolly lob the ball over helpless Wigan defenders and 'keeper Roy Carroll, who was desperately trying to regain his ground after twice losing control of the ball. A Wigan player passed it straight to Junior who looked up - and executed a perfect lob, high into the net.

It was the reward for a storming second half display - again inspired by Andy Hessenthaler who must have covered every blade of the sodden Priestfield pitch - that was a tribute to Billy Wood and Tom Hunt who hardly had the weather on their side trying to prepare it. Hessenthaler won the sponsors' man of the match award, but Guy Butters couldn't have been far behind in another rock-solid show. He and Barry Ashby blunted the threat of Welsh international Simon Haworth who twice missed badly during an off-day.

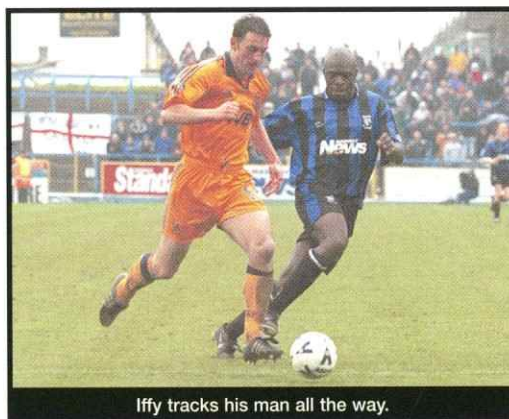
His 13th minute miss was punished by a super Iffy Onuora strike - completing a move he started around the halfway line. He found a willing partner in Nicky Southall who provided the perfect return pass for Onuora to finish well and celebrate with a beaming smile. However the cheers had hardly died down when Adrian Pennock conceded a 20th minute own goal. Trying to clear, he only succeeded in lobbing it over stranded 'keeper Steve Mautone. The Aussie was given an unexpected call-up after Vince Bartram had failed to arrive, caught in traffic on the M25. Apart from being beaten by Adie's miscued clearance he had a comfortable debut.



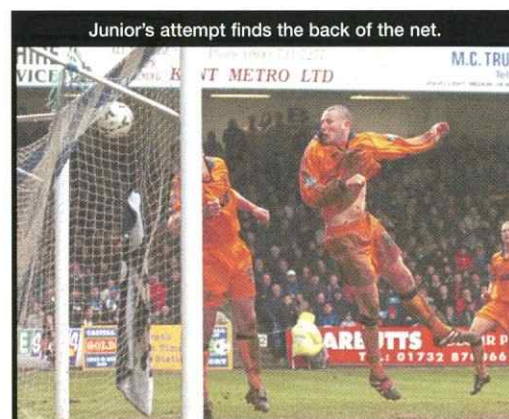
Roland Edge tackles hard.



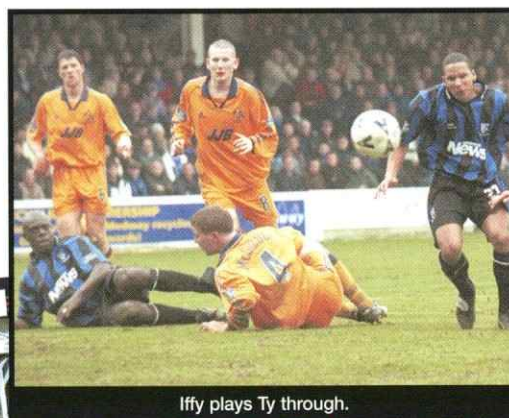
Iffy salutes his goal with Andy Hessenthaler.



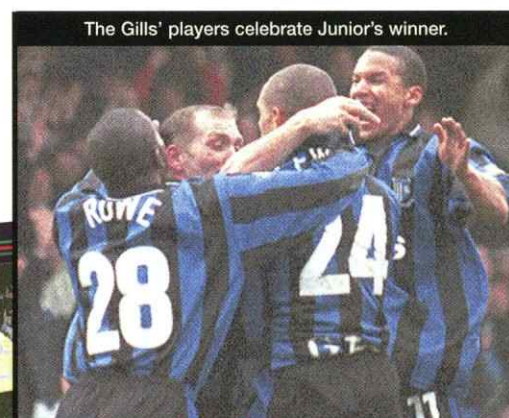
Iffy tracks his man all the way.



Junior's attempt finds the back of the net.



Iffy plays Ty through.



The Gills' players celebrate Junior's winner.

Match Stats

	Gills	Wigan
Attempts on target	4	0
Attempts off target	7	5
Free-kicks conceded	12	19
Offside	1	2
Corners	8	2
Cautions	0	2
Red cards	0	0
Goals	2	1

Hessenthaler almost grabbed the lead again for Gillingham in first-half stoppage time but, arriving late to meet Paul Smith's low cross, he shot narrowly wide. Steve Butler came on for Southall at half-time to play alongside Onuora and the most telling statistic about the whole game was that Wigan did not register a shot on target in the entire game. Carroll was at full stretch to deny Hussy but, despite all their pressure, Gillingham were still unable to break through until Junior's super lob. Then leading 2-1, the Gills might have added to their advantage as Hussy, Steve Butler and Rodney Rowe all went close in a thrilling finish. The result made it a perfect afternoon, the new Redfern Avenue Main Stand was opened for the first time, and it seemed the fans enjoyed the view - certainly the feedback has been very positive. All in all a good day - despite the weather.

Gills: Mautone; Pennock, Ashby, Butters, Edge; Southall (sub Butler 46) Hessenthaler, Smith, Lewis, Gooden; Onuora (sub Rowe 75 mins) Subs not used: Mitten, Nosworthy, Bass,

Wigan: Carroll; Clegg (sub Griffiths 88 mins) McGibbon, De Zeeuw, Balmer, Bradshaw, Nicholls (sub McLoughlin 88 mins), Redfean, Martinez, Peron, Haworth. Subs not used: Stillie, Morris, Sheridan.

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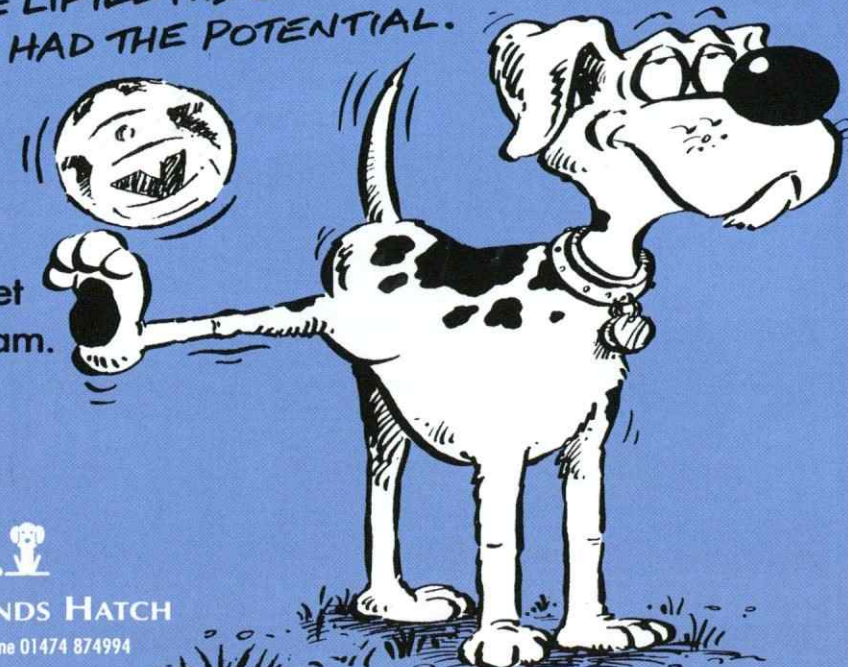
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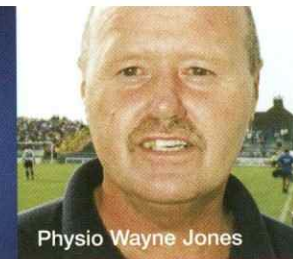
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Carl Asaba was very close to playing at Burnley on Tuesday following his hamstring injury. It was a case where we felt he was two or three very hard training sessions away from playing again. He has had those this week and hopefully will be available for selection today.



Andy Thomson is doing well after his ankle injury. He was in during the week for treatment and some work, and either today or next week will see him back.



Roland Edge missed the game at Burnley. He has got a groin niggle. We could have played him at a push, but decided to hold back and try and get him 100 per cent right for today and that's what we are hoping for.



Mark Patterson had hoped to have a second reserve team game in midweek against Bristol Rovers. He was looking to continue his comeback following a broken leg, but unfortunately it was called off. He is available, but having been out for so long needs matches - but he has done well and looks good.



Marcus Browning is feeling good after his calf strain. He has been doing a lot of running and was working hard during the week. I would be hopeful if he will be available today.

Wayne added: "We picked up a few bumps and bruises at Burnley but nothing will keep the players out today. Two games in three days leaves little time between matches to treat injured players, but it's the same for other clubs and you have just got to live with it. "We have one or two on the sidelines ready to come back and they will be available to the manager. So hopefully we'll have a good squad for the two games and use the lot of them."

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TEAM						
Millwall	20	13	6	1	28	14 45
Q.P.R.	20	13	3	4	50	20 42
Bristol City	19	11	5	3	34	22 38
Fulham	19	11	4	4	38	18 37
Swindon	19	11	4	4	34	23 37
Ipswich	18	11	3	4	45	25 36
Peterborough	20	9	5	8	37	24 32
Cambridge	21	8	4	9	36	33 31
Bournemouth	18	9	3	6	27	27 30
Norwich	21	7	6	8	30	24 27
Leyton Orient	20	7	4	9	30	40 26
Bristol Rovers	19	6	6	7	23	28 24
Colchester	18	5	6	7	27	35 24
Brighton	16	7	2	7	27	23 23
Portsmouth	18	7	2	9	25	35 23
GILLINGHAM	19	6	5	8	20	35 23
Northampton	17	5	3	9	24	31 18
Barnet	19	4	5	10	22	30 17
Oxford	21	4	4	13	27	45 16
Southend	19	5	1	13	23	45 16
Luton	20	3	6	11	16	30 15
Wycombe	18	2	3	13	18	60 9



Brian McGlinchey



WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL

Gillingham 1 Swindon Town 1



Brian McGlinchey had the unfortunate distinction of scoring at both ends in last week's re-arranged Avon Insurance Combination game at Priestfield.

McGlinchey fired home a 63rd-minute opener after Lee Matthews had executed a neat dummy to set up the chance, following a cross from substitute Mark Lovell. However, twelve minutes later he was scoring again - this time at the wrong end, past 'keeper Steve Mautone (pictured).

Mautone made two first half saves to deny a lively young Swindon outfit, with their manager Jimmy Quinn watching from the stands. They have been performing well in the Combination, despite all the financial troubles that have blighted the Wiltshire club in recent months.

Mark Patterson and Matt Bryant were both included in the line-up, together with Nayron Nosworthy. Patterson went off just before Gillingham took the lead - his second run-out of the week, stepping up his match fitness following a broken leg which has sidelined him since early October. He had also played in a benefit match at Dover the previous Monday and said: "It was a good week for me, and the two games were very beneficial."

Gillingham might have snatched a late winner when Ben White saw his header palmed away by Swindon goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall.

Gills: Mautone; Patterson, (sub Browne53mins), McGlinchey, White, Rose, Bryant, Nosworthy, Pinnock, Matthews, Jeffrey (sub Lovell 59 mins) & Lee.

The game at Bristol Rovers on Wednesday was postponed - and we are still waiting to confirm a new date.

NEXT HOME MATCH
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Jim Quinn looks on.

Reserve Team Fixtures

TUES 17 AUG	MILLWALL	0-0	A
WED 1 SEPT	LEYTON ORIENT	3-0	H
WED 8 SEPT	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	0-2	H
WED 29 SEPT	FULHAM	0-1	A
WED 13 OCT	PORTSMOUTH	0-2	A
WED 27 OCT	OXFORD UNITED	0-5	A
WED 10 NOV	PORTSMOUTH L/CUP	1-0	H
WED 17 NOV	BRIGHTON & H A L/CUP	0-5	A
WED 1 DEC	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	H
WED 5 JAN	NORWICH CITY	3-1	A
WED 12 JAN	IPSWICH TOWN	0-1	A
WED 19 JAN	COLCHESTER UNITED	P-P	H
WED 2 FEB	SOUTHEND UNITED	3-2	A
WED 9 FEB	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	3-2	H
WED 23 FEB	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	1-5	A
WED 1 MAR	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	P-P	H
WED 8 MAR	BRISTOL CITY	1-1	H
WED 15 MAR	BARNET	2-3	H
WED 29 MAR	LUTON TOWN	0-0	A
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From the Press box

LANCE MORGAN IS SPORTS EDITOR OF THE MEDWAY NEWS AND STANDARD.

That nice Adrian Pennock has been talking about cricket in his Medway News column recently. He's told how various of the current Gills' players are hopeless, some OK, some pretty good and how his lot are going to wallop my lot during the summer.

All this cricket talk got me to thinking about my club's links with Gills in the past. For a start we at one time had Ron Hillyard, Bootsie Knight, Alan Wilkes and Dick Tydeman playing for us. Hillyard was a wicket-keeper (no surprise there) with a penchant for batting - and running teammates out because he was invariably standing beside them before they could hear his call - while Arthur (Wilkesy) was one of the best characters we've ever had playing.

Just watching him sprint around the outfield was enough to make the rest of us fall about. A few years later and Steve Lovell became a regular (a great driver; useless with a short-pitched delivery) Karl Eisey had a couple of games, Brian Clarke put in one appearance (and won the game with some lusty blows towards the end) and Trevor Quo proved himself a pretty useful bowler. Actually, he was a useful all-rounder. Or so he said. Of that lot Bootsie's still turning out and still in the runs, although the old legs have almost given up on him.

Strangely, with Penns going on about the size of noses within the Gills' camp, I remembered one cricket match which involved noses in a big way. Or should that be big noses in a way. Bootsie and his old mucker Tydeman were batting and the latter decided that a juicy full toss was destined for the boundary. He swung, the ball came off the top edge and smacked him straight on the proboscis

(hooter). It's probably worth mentioning here that Messrs Knight and Tydeman are well endowed in the nasal department; perhaps as well as Messrs Taylor and Butler of the current Gills set-up.

Anyway, the ball smacked into Dick's nose and the blood flowed freely thereafter. He lay there groaning, the rest of us were rushing on to offer help and a big sponge and Bootsie strolled up the other end to mutter: "Come on Dick, we could've got a single." Our hero did return later, although he was a tad concerned that the jumper was covered in red stuff. It was Peter Shaw's jumper and he's a big bloke. Another game I recall was a fund-raiser where Gills paraded most of their first-team against my Newington shower. My memory of that is heightened every time I hear the name Steve Bruce. At the time we gave merit marks for players



and apparently he was none too chuffed at what he felt was a low mark. I opened the batting, he came steaming in from about 100 yards away and hurled the ball down at a pace I wasn't used to. I ducked, he walked down the track, stared at me and said: "That'll teach you to give me a six!" As if to rub it in, I later bowled one of my wickedly deceiving slower balls which he whacked over into the allotments. Not that it

was the only six hit off my bowling. Damien Richardson did the same - off the back of his bat over the wicket-keeper's head after the biggest heave you've ever seen. And if Penns reckons Thommo's the worst player he's ever seen, he doesn't know Pat Walker.

The Irishman was worse than hopeless and proved it, even though we bowled underarm. He also tried bowling, but there were too many wides to count as an over. Still, the day was good fun - even if we did lose money on the occasion. Got to admit I'm looking forward to doing battle with the current Gillingham team. Perhaps I should invite some of the old boys along as guests. Wonder what Arthur does on a Sunday now? And whether Dick would like to be an umpire?

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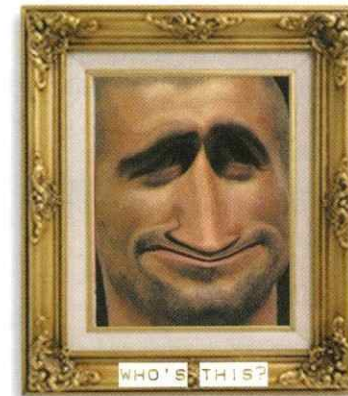
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- In which year was the European Cup first held?
- Which team were the first winners of the European Cup?
- As holders of the trophy, this team automatically entered the competition the following season. When were they eventually knocked out?
- Before the adoption of the League system, what was the lowest number of matches required to win the European Cup?
- Where was the first European Cup Final held?
- Which ground holds the record for the highest European Cup gate - 135,000 for the Real Madrid v Eintracht Frankfurt Final in 1960?
- Which team has won the European Cup most often?
- What outstanding feat in the European Cup has been achieved by all of the following teams: AC Milan, Ajax, Bayern Munich, Benfica, Inter, Liverpool, Forest and Real Madrid?
- Which is the only team to have won the European Cup more often than its own domestic championship?
- Which was the first English team to take part in the European Cup?

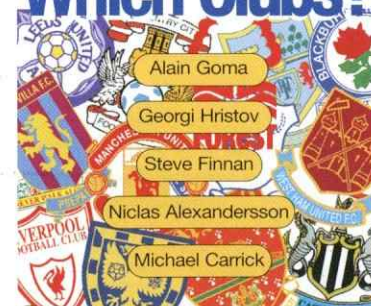


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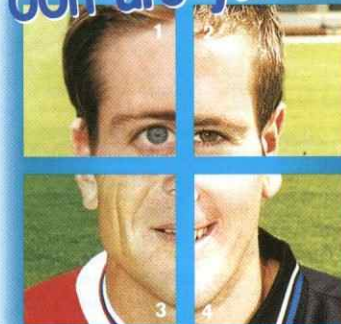


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 Name the Team? Kahn, Babel, Kuffour, Matthews, Effenberg, Bastick, Joverman, Thurn, Jankovic, Zickler, Linko.
 Which Clubs? Alan Goma - Newcastle United; Georgi Hristov - Barnley; Steve Finnan - Fulham; Niclas Alexandersson - Borussia Dortmund.
 Where in the World? 1, Turkey; 2, Norway; 3, Sweden; 4, Portugal; 5, Morocco; 6, Thailand and Togo; 7, Holland; 8, Spain; 9, Belgium; 10, Nigeria.
 Guess Who? Matt Le Tissier.
 Who's That? Roy Keane.
 ooh are ya! 1, Nicky Southall; 2, Brian McClintock; 3, Andy Hesseenthaler; 4, Adrian Fennock.

ooh are ya!



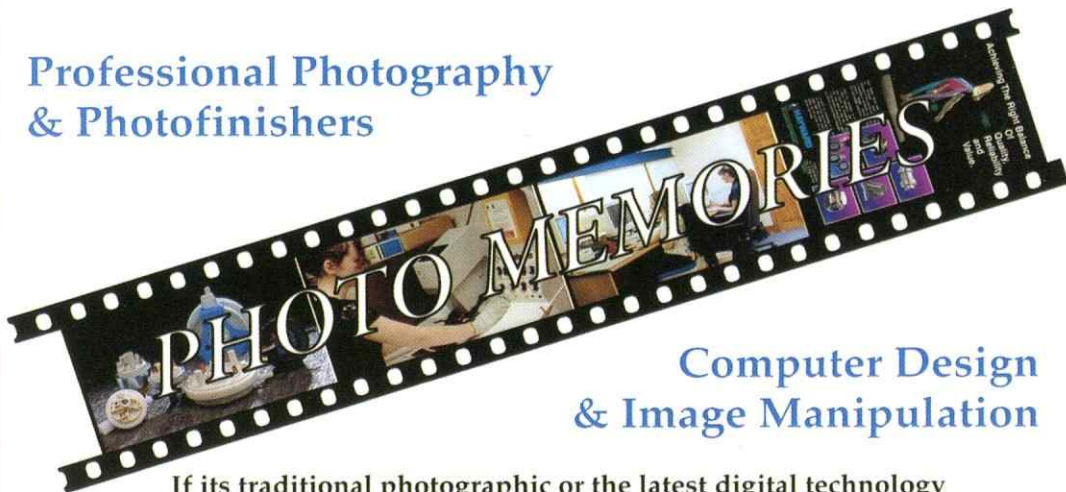
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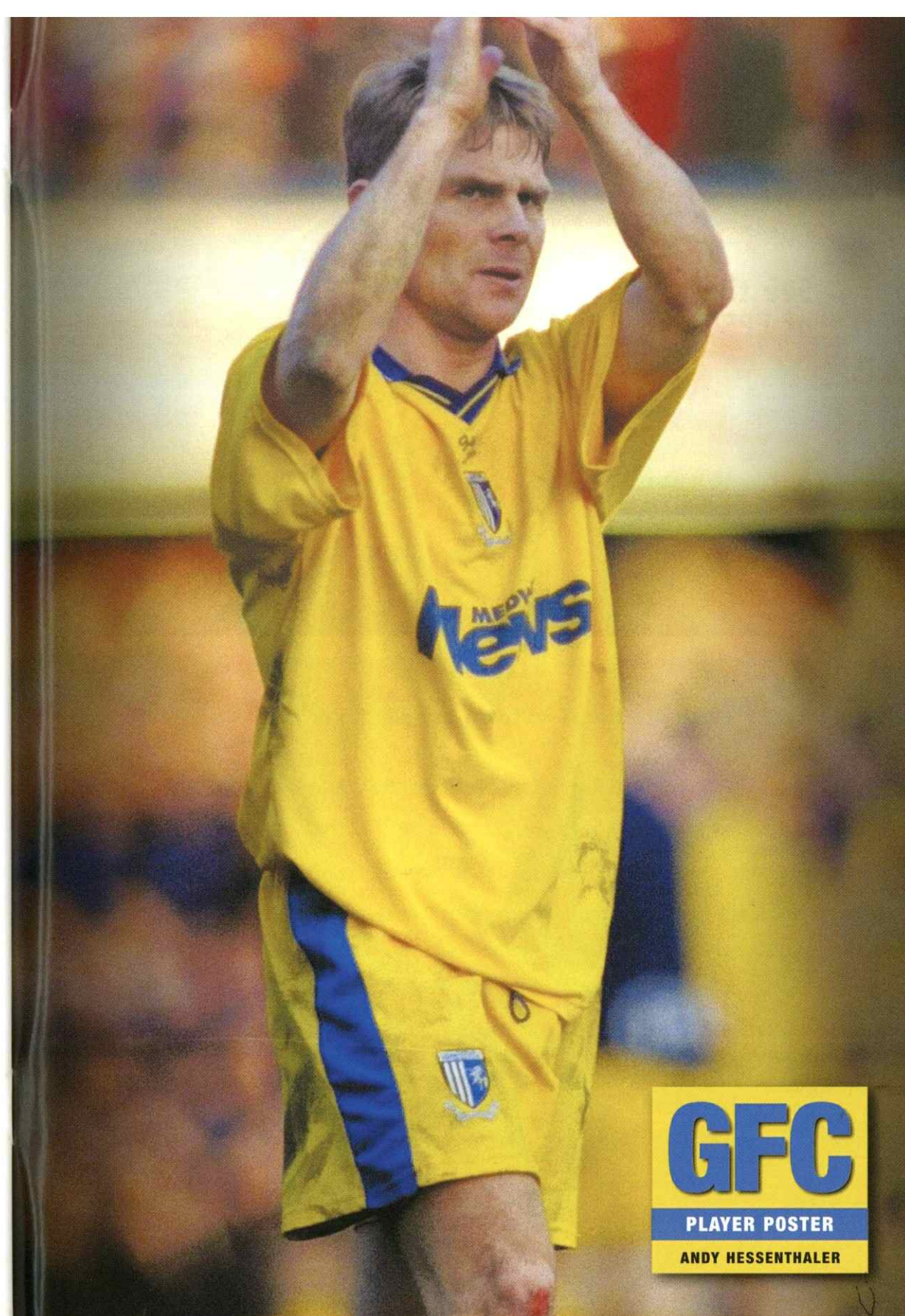


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Promotion Run-in

Six points against Wigan and Burnley have put Gillingham firmly in the automatic promotion picture, ahead of the Easter games against Luton today, and the trip to Millwall on Monday.

the sight of us - who can forget 'Super' Bob Taylor's five goal salvo there on our previous visit. Notts County's home defeat by Reading last week probably ended their play-off chances, while Stoke will feel their run-in still gives them a chance.

The 3-0 win at Turf Moor on Tuesday was arguably our best result of the season - they must have been sick of

It's still all to play for.

	THE GILLS	PRESTON	WIGAN	BRISTOL RVRS	MILLWALL	BURNLEY	STOKE	NOTTS COUNTY
APRIL 22	LUTON (H)	SCUNTHORPE (H)	READING (H)	BRISTOL CITY (H)	BURNLEY (A)	MILLWALL (H)	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	NO GAME
APRIL 24	MILLWALL (A)	CAMBRIDGE (A)	LUTON (A)	BLACKPOOL (A)	GILLINGHAM (H)	BRENTFORD (A)	SCUNTHORPE (A)	OLDHAM (H)
APRIL 29	BRENTFORD (H)	MILLWALL (H)	WREXHAM (H)	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	PRESTON (A)	CAMBRIDGE (H)	NO GAME	CHESTERFIELD (A)
APRIL 30	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	CARDIFF (H)	NO GAME
MAY 2	CARDIFF (H)	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	BURY (H)	NO GAME
MAY 6	WREXHAM (A)	BRISTOL CITY (A)	BOURNEMOUTH (A)	CARDIFF (A)	OXFORD (H)	SCUNTHORPE (A)	READING (A)	BURY (H)



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CAMBRIDGE eased their relegation fears with an emphatic 4-0 away win over **CARDIFF** who find themselves in deep trouble in the bottom four. A John Taylor hat-trick together with another from substitute Jon Hunt made up the score-line.



READING maintained their recent good form by registering a 2-1 away win over **NOTTS COUNTY**. Nicky Forster put the Royals ahead early in the second half but Duane Darby then forced an equaliser for County. Ricky Newman regained the lead for Reading and this latest defeat for County ended any lingering play-off hopes.



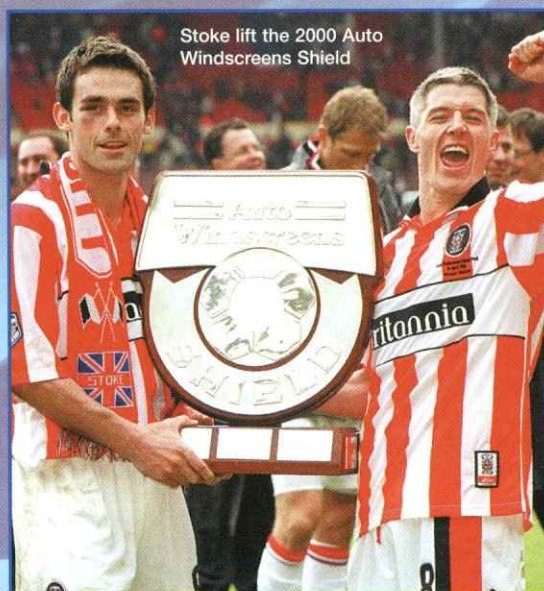
WREXHAM virtually ensured Division Two football next season with a 1-0 home victory over **BOURNEMOUTH**. Kevin Russell was the match winner with a goal in the first half.



WYCOMBE maintained their mid-table status with a comfortable 3-0 home win over **COLCHESTER**. All the goals came in the second half with a brace from skipper Keith Ryan and a last minute stunner from Steve Brown.



STOKE won this year's Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley. They achieved a 2-1 win against **BRISTOL CITY** thanks to goals from Graham Kavanagh and Peter Thorne with Damien Spencer replying for the West Country side. It was pleasing for boss Gudjon Thordarson who became the first Scandinavian to lead an English team at Wembley.



Stoke lift the 2000 Auto Windscreens Shield

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Bristol Rovers v Bristol City
- Burnley v Millwall
- Bury v Blackpool
- Chesterfield v Wrexham
- Colchester v Cambridge Utd
- GILLINGHAM v LUTON**
- Oldham v Cardiff
- Oxford Utd v Brentford
- Preston v Scunthorpe
- Stoke v Bournemouth
- Wigan v Reading



By Jamie Reid

There were only ten matches played last Saturday due to the Auto Windscreens Final, and from those ten games six were away wins.

There were important maximum points for Preston, Millwall and Burnley at the top whilst Scunthorpe and Cambridge earned valuable points in their fight against relegation.

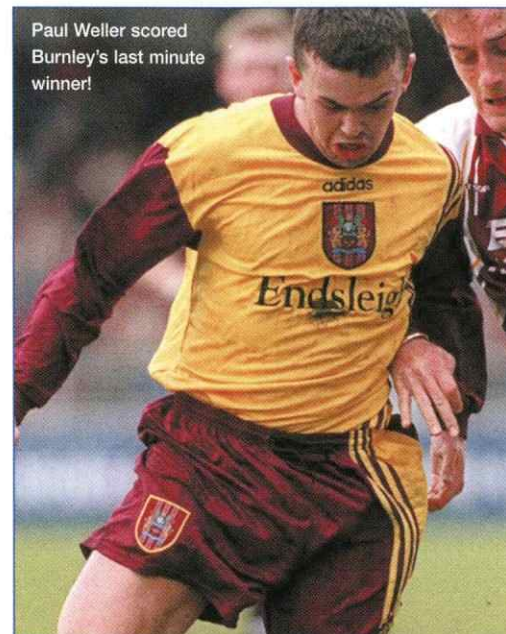
The top of the table clash between Bristol Rovers and Preston ended in a 2-0 win for the league leaders who stretched their lead at the top to eight points. A goal in each half from Jon Macken and Bjarki Gunnlaugsson gave North End the double over Rovers in front of the days top attendance 10,111. This latest defeat for the Pirates means they have collected only two points from their last six games.

Millwall won the London derby and completed the double over Brentford with a 3-1 success at Griffin Park. The Bees opened the scoring through Lorenzo Pinamonte but the Lions came storming back to take a 2-1 half time lead with both goals scored by Neil Harris. The striker then completed his hat-trick in the second half as he took his tally to 22 goals for the season. Brentford's poor run continued as they went down to their seventh defeat from their last eight games.

Burnley kept pace with the promotion hopefuls by scoring twice in the final five minutes and gaining a 2-1 away win over Oxford. The home side went ahead through Matt Murphy but goals from skipper Steve Davis and a last minute goal from Paul Weller extended the Clarets unbeaten run to eight games and at the same time sent Oxford to their twelfth home defeat.

The big relegation clash was at Bloomfield Road as Blackpool and Scunthorpe battled for points, and it was the visitors who grabbed victory with a two-goal burst in two minutes midway through the first half with goals from Gary Bull and Gary Sheldon. Blackpool had six players booked in the game and have now gone eight games without a win.

The only draw of the weekend was at Gigg Lane as Bury shared two goals with bottom of the table Chesterfield. Bury took the lead when Baichung Bhutia made football history when he became the first Indian player to score in the football league. The Spireites came back to earn a point when Tony Carss scored in the final quarter of an hour.



Paul Weller scored Burnley's last minute winner!

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Wigan	42	21	15	6	68	34	78
Millwall	42	22	12	8	68	41	78
Bristol Rvrs	42	22	10	10	64	40	76
Burnley	42	21	13	8	58	41	76
GILLINGHAM	41	22	9	10	69	44	75
Stoke	41	19	13	9	60	40	70
Notts County	42	18	10	14	58	48	64
Bristol City	42	14	18	10	53	48	60
Luton	42	16	8	18	58	61	56
Wycombe	42	14	13	15	51	49	55
Oldham	42	15	10	17	46	51	55
Reading	42	14	13	15	53	60	55
Bournemouth	42	16	6	20	54	56	54
Brentford	42	13	11	18	44	55	50
Wrexham	42	13	11	18	46	61	50
Bury	41	11	16	14	53	56	49
Colchester	42	13	9	20	53	76	48
Cambridge Utd	42	11	12	19	60	58	45
Oxford Utd	42	11	7	24	38	69	40
Scunthorpe	42	9	12	21	39	67	39
Cardiff	41	7	17	17	40	58	38
Blackpool	42	7	15	20	42	70	36
Chesterfield	42	6	13	23	29	56	31

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