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AST Saturday's result at Hull has certainly taken the gloss off our start to the season. It is important we bounce back today \sqsubseteq and get back to winning ways as quickly as possible. Of course, it won't be easy with Luton handily placed in the division. Although it is early days, I said before the start that I felt they would do very well. It will definitely be a tough test.

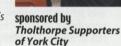






for the first time, following his two shorter run-outs in the last couple of weeks.

Good news also concerning Alex Mathie, who is trying to get back to strength after a hamstring problem. Alex played for twenty minutes at the end of the game and came through unscathed. Michael Evans, who is here on a month's contract having played his two trial games in the reserves, also played a half. Michael was of course involved in the first team sooner than we all expected, when we named him as sub at Hull, following Scott Emmerson's injury on the Friday. The month's contract we have given to Michael, just gives me that bit longer to assess his chances.

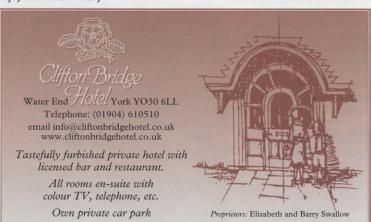


It is a good time to have these players coming back into contention as we have a heavy programme of matches over the next couple of weeks, with midweek matches at Carlisle and at home to Plymouth.

Finally, I would like to welcome Joe Kinnear and all associated with Luton Town to Bootham Crescent.

Enjoy the match - Terry







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Great North Run

As you may already be aware City's new communications manager James Richardson is taking part in the Great North Run tomorrow. He is raising money for the St Leonard's Hospice and the York City Youth Development Fund, once again. Anyone wishing to sponsor James can fill in the sponsor form at the Travel Club desk of the club shop, or contact him at james.richardson@ycfc.net To find out how James gets on, click on www.ycfc.net on Monday. Many thanks to all those people who have already pledged money.

York City and NSPCC

York City is continuing to support the NSPCC in its efforts to stamp out not only child cruelty, but also domestic violence. The NSPCC Child Protection Helpline is a free 24-hour service, which provides counselling, information and advice to anyone concerned about a child at risk of abuse. The number is 0808 800 5000

Lumb and Harvey In Half-Time Kickabout

As reported in the Leyton Orient programme, City fans Steve Lumb and Phil Harvey celebrated their 40th birthdays with a half-time game of 'three and you're in' against Yorkie on the pitch at Bootham Crescent. The photos (right) show the two fellas enjoying their day (Phil on the left, Steve.on the right).

Website Commentary Now Available

Live commentary on City matches home and away is now available on the website www.ycfc.net The audio is to be provided by

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BBC Radio York and will allow City fans around the world, with internet access, to listen in to the live commentary. This broadcast was carried out for the first time with last Saturday's disappointing visit to Hull: to relocate to Milton Keynes, following a request to do so earlier in the week by the South London club. In a letter to 'Dons chairman Charles Koppell, Burns confirms that the board complied with their duty to act in the best interests of the Football League by implementing the League's existing regulations.



C.F. C.

League chief reiterates board stance

Football League chief executive David Burns has confirmed that the League board of directors will not re-consider their decision to reject Wimbledon Football Club's application The letter also points out that Wimbledon FC do have the right to call for an extraordinary general meeting to change the existing regulations at which the matter could be discussed and voted upon by all League members.



Kick-Off Alteration

Next month's home game with Exeter City will now kick-off at 1pm due to England's final World Cup qualifier with Greece at Old Trafford on the same day. The international was due to start at 3pm, although this may now change to an evening game, to coincide with Germany's home game with Finland, which also affects the final group table.

Whether the kick-off is in the afternoon or in the evening, City will definitely start at 1pm.

'E-mail pal' Wanted

Hernan Cunzo from Argentina is interested in contacting other City fans by E-mail. He spent part of last summer in the city, which he thoroughly enjoyed, as well as being a football lover. His e-mail address is hcunzo@hotmail.com

Supporters' Club scene

The winners of our first three match day raffles are as follows: against Rushden & Diamonds – Reg Frost with winning ticket no. 1711, against Crewe Alexandra – John Wortley winning ticket no. 1140, and against Leyton Orient – Beryl Brown, winning ticket no. 1384. Congratulations to each of our winners and thanks to everyone who supported our raffles. Our shop is open this afternoon for

From which club did City sign Darren Edmondson?

2. Name the three Scottish clubs for which Alex Mathie has played.

3. Name the two new goalkeepers signed by Liverpool.

4. Which player has recently joined West Ham United from Sunderland for £5 million?

5. Which former Football League club now plays in the Dr Martens League Premier Division?

Which member of the City staff played in Bradford Park Avenue's last ever league game in April 1970?

7. Who is the manager of Plymouth Argyle?

8. Who are the shirt sponsors of Watford?

9. Which team plays at the Vetch Field?

10. What is Luton Town's nickname?

on the ball

the sale of programmes, fanzines and our Red Army pens that cost just 80p. The first issue of Win, Lose or Draw is still available at 30p. Our membership drive is proceeding well and in addition to being available on match days, you can join the Supporters' Club at the Club Shop on Friday mornings between 11:00am and noon and at the same time get to know what the Supporters' Club is doing this season. Our Buster sweep is filling up enabling us to pay out better cash prizes at each stage of

raymondwynn (01904-797578)

City Look To The Evans

the competition.

Terry Dolan has signed trialist Michael Evans on a months contract, following his two games for the reserves. Evans, who has played all his football in his native Holland for VVV Venlo, had a summer trial with Bradford City. He made his City debut on Saturday at Hull City as substitute for Richard Cooper and has been allocated squad number 24.

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programme**editor**

which the money is destined.

Yours faithfully - Tony Rampton

jamesrichardson

contributors

In the summer of 2000 your club kindly helped me with a donation of

played in the Premier and Football League for the season 1999/2000.

This unique collection is about to be sold at Christies in London on 27th

September as lot number 292 in their annual Football Memorabilia Auction,

and all proceeds are to be donated to the 2001 Children in Need Appeal. A

that a figure well in excess of that will be reached, given the good cause for

reserve price of £2,500 has been placed on the lot, and it is obviously hoped

I would be most grateful if you could include this letter in a home programme

prior to 27th September, so that your supporters know about this coming

event; who knows, maybe some of them will want to bid for the collection.

Thank you once again for your club's ongoing support of this project.

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uorkie says...

It's good to be back at Bootham Crescent after last week's trip to Hull and a bit of a mauling by the Tigers. Due to trouble at Hull earlier in the season it was thought best that I wouldn't be allowed onto the pitch until the teams came out, but I think Roary was scared I'd show him up at penalties again. Enough has been said about the match, so I'll restrict my comments to those I gave to Hull's fourth goal scorer in the

Waterfront on Saturday night, "They

were lucky against us and had better watch out come Boxing Day". Judging by his laugh, he thought I was joking. I was in there with some Hull mates Carl, Caz and Danny as well as my landlord for the night Rob "We don't do meals on a Saturday" Russell. They showed me the sights of Hull and in Roary's absence, some animals (I think Caz pulled one as well as reminding me of the score all night) Rob and I took ourselves home via a takeaway and managed to bump into some tigeresses who made up for Roary's absence.

With Luton today's visitors, I ask that everybody gets behind the lads as vocally as our last game against Halifax. Those in the pop stand deserve praise for the noise created, if they can sing up, we all can, so sing

up everyone, main stand and family stand take note, and get behind the

On Tuesday we head north to Carlisle before a long journey south next weekend to Bristol Rovers, so a win for the team today should get us back on track before those trips. I'm in serious training now for the Mascot National at Huntingdon Racecourse on 30th September but the word is that following the success of last year's event, as many as 100 other mascots are to take part from all over Britain as well as Italy and America. As a tipster, my advice would be keep your money in your pockets or put it on City each way to win the league. Sing up – We are York, we are York, we are York.

Yorkie



The first club night of the season was held in the Family Room on Wednesday 5th September, due to a match being played at Newcastle United's ground, the turn out was

Games were played – pool, snooker, Connect 4, card games and sweets, drinks, crisps bought from the shop. We also had a knock-out table football match. Runners-up were Rachel Timman and Anthony Williams and the winners were James Atkinson and Guy Bythe.

We finished the evening off by watching the final half of the reserve match versus Walsall – final score 1-0. There was a small crowd for this game. The match by the way at Newcastle was Outer Mongolia versus Tadcaster United – or was it England 2 Albania 0, Owen nudging England to the brink of the World Cup finals, maybe.

Thanks to David, Jeff, Lynn and Christopher for their help on the night. The next club night is on the 3rd October in the Family Room. mariabewers

Over the last nine seasons we have taken family coaches to more than forty City away games and visited twenty-five grounds. We have made friends with other junior sections, especially Rotherham United, Blackpool and Wrexham each of whom we have visited on five occasions.

Unfortunately, very few clubs in Division Three seem to be interested in the reciprocal visits scheme. In fact, we have organised just six trips since we were relegated two years ago, one of those was cancelled when the game was switched to an evening kick-off (Lincoln City), two had the

matches postponed after we had completed the journey (Mansfield and Darlington) and we watched games at Blackpool (twice) and Hull City.

We tried to arrange a family coach to last week's fixture to Boothferry Park but we did not get a positive response from Hull so we cancelled our plans and now hope that we shall be able to arrange a coach to Sincil Bank a fortnight today. Initial enquiries to Lincoln City were encouraging and we are hoping for confirmation any time now.

We shall publish details in the Evening Press and also in the Club Shop as soon as we have them. Please remember to show your City Reds membership card at the time of booking. This also applies to each parent who accompanies a Junior or Infant Red.

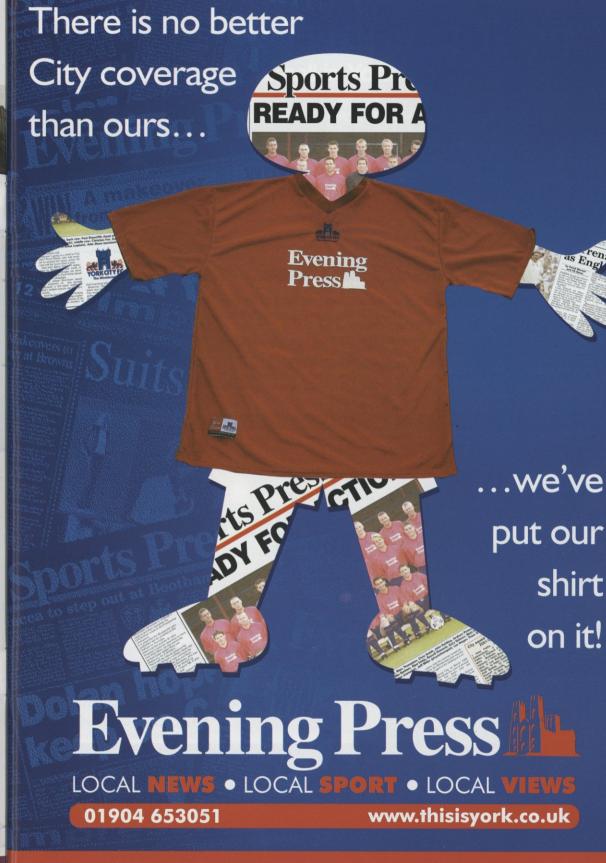
One club in Division Three which has an active junior membership is Luton Town. Today's opponents are bringing a party of Junior Hatters led by family coordinator Dave Lewis. Also in attendance will be their club mascot Happy Harry Hatter, who will no doubt be entertaining the crowd along with Yorkie.

Providing the ground conditions are suitable, we hope to organise a penalty competition between the Junior Hatters and Junior Reds in the half time interval.

Dave has already invited us to bring a family coach to Kenilworth Stadium when City play there in February. If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a coach and, dependent upon timings, we can play football on the morning of the main match.

A warm welcome to Dave and all the Junior Hatters.

kevgallagher

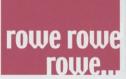


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Membership is available for the season at £5 (season ticket Fare: Members holders are automatically members free of charge).

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(signposted Carlisle) and at roundabout take first exit A69. [116.4m] Carlisle United FC (on right).

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Adult - seating (£13) Concessions - seating £8 Disabled - wheelchair user admitted free, tickets for carers are at a reduced rate of £5, which must be pre-booked.

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Street parking or club car park at ground accessible from St Aidan's Road at a charge of £2.50 per car.

PROGRAMME - £2.25

PRE-MATCH MEAL

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Adult - standing (£11) Concessions - standing £5.50 Disabled - by prior arrangement (£2)

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PRE-MATCH MEAL

Today's choice of venue for lunch will be the Hungry Horse which will be found virtually under the M32. Leave the M32 at junction 2 and the Hungry Horse will be seen by the end of the slip road. On leaving the pub, take the B4469 Muller Road opposite the pub and continue to turn left at Filton Avenue. The Memorial Ground is on your left.

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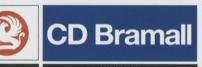
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Holidays

As the summer holiday season is now nothing more than a fading memory for most of us. I look back on the shame of parading around my hotel grounds in last year's first team shirt. "They've sold out of first team shirts", I uttered to my London taxi-driving mate as we quaffed the vellow fizzy liquid that masquerades as beer in Spain. "Well they should order more than two dozen then", he replied. Ignoring my wife's protestations ("Do you have to wear that down to breakfast?"), I surveyed the array of gleaming new footie shirts: Liverpool, Chelsea, the inevitable Manchester United and Bayern Munich - eh? Yes this was the kind of hotel where we Brits had to remind ourselves that, in the words of Basil Fawlty, "We're all European now". And don't worry, we didn't mention the war. I always consider myself to be rather stylish, if a little restrained, in my City colours. This couldn't be said for the old man Steptoe lookalike who wore the full Chelsea first team kit during the day and then changed for dinner into his full second team kit. His name apparently was Zola.

I never cease to be amazed at the optimism of football supporters abroad. I don't know whether it's a combination of the sun, sea and sangria but collectively they all take leave of their senses when it comes down to assessing their side's chances in the forthcoming season. The summer before last I found myself sitting by the side of the pool next to a rotund Swansea City fan. Now you will remember that the Swans had just been promoted to the second division as champions. Engaging him in conversation I got round to the usual question of where his team was going to finish next season. "Ninth", he confidently replied, which I thought was rather strange. The expected response is, "In the play-offs" or "As long as we end up at least fifth from the bottom that will do for me as we need to consolidate etc etc." Swansea were, of course, relegated last May.

Holiday optimism extends far beyond the Football League itself. For the last few years I have had the dubious pleasure of being regaled by a friend from Morecambe about his team's chances of escaping from the Conference, which is a bit rich as he is, in fact, an Irishman. Apparently that bloke from Rushden and Diamonds who spoiled our opening day of the season was a Morecambe player before they sold him to Yeovil, so Football League teams on a tight budget may well find a bargain or two in the division below. Anyway to cut a long story short (who gives a tinker's cuss about the Conference in any case?), he reckons Morecambe are worth a wager on a top three spot. Remember - you heard it here first. And you lot all thought that Morecambe is only famous for being one half of Eric and

One morning in sunny Ibiza this year I found myself cursing at the vast number of inflatables in the hotel swimming pool. It was so bad that it was difficult to find somewhere to tread water in, never mind swim a couple of lengths. As I stared at the Free Willys (and no I couldn't see the nudist beach from here), the crocodiles, mobile phones, tyres and various boats, my mind drifted off to the halcyon days of the inflatablewaving craze at football matches a few years back. Do you remember it? I was once watching Match of the Day (an enjoyable television programme shown by the BBC late on Saturday evenings) as the prematch commentary followed the cameraman's panning shot of inflatable bananas, inflatable cigarettes and... an inflatable woman! Maybe I should get myself one to clear the pool next summer. I have, in fact, discovered that the love of inflatables has never waned in our very own City of York. One

Saturday night out last year our party had been given the window seat at the Jinnah Indian

Restaurant in Micklegate (does that mention qualify me for a free meal?). How we laughed at the man doing a funny dance outside who proceeded to lick the window. How we chortled at the sight of groups of women on hen nights, some bedecked with Lplates and condoms. But I did think it was taking it a bit far when one of the ladies began whacking the window with an enormous inflatable penis. Call me old fashioned ("You're old fashioned") but how can anyone walk around town with that under their arm all evening (well I don't want to brag but...)?

On a more sombre note, indulge me if you would at the end of this column by listening to a tale of a very skilful and committed footballer who I first met as a young lad on my holidays in Sandown on the Isle of Wight in the early 1960s. Try as I might I could not dispossess him when we had a kickabout on the beach (well he was a year older than me). He was strong in the tackle and knew how to play the ball to feet. He never did make it in the big time but for a while he was on the books of Terry Dolan's old club, Huddersfield Town. In the 1970/71 season he was given a trial by York City and played a number of games for the reserves. thought he did enough to be offered a contract but the competition was fierce and Tommy Johnston let him go. The player's name was Mick Parkes and he hailed from the mining village of Shirebrook near Mansfield. I say 'was' because last month Mick died of a heart attack at the age of forty-nine. Ironically he was watching football on the box. I don't suppose any of you remember his name, but I do and I will never forget it. Rest in Peace, Mick.

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iamesrichardson

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Alastair – on the move

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I would like to welcome SKF as today's Match Sponsor and thank them for their continuing support of the club in this way. As well as being shirt sponsors of today's visitors Luton Town, SKF have been generous supporters of York City for a number of years. Today represents the first of five games at which they will be with us here on a matchday and they also sponsor our fixture cards. My thanks go to David Norris and Tracey Chambers for organising and hosting today's events.

Also with us to this afternoon are Nestlé in the shape of Steve Cruikshank and Mick Mackley and guests. As with SKF, Nestlé are tremendous supporters of the club and their backing is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Matchball Sponsors this afternoon who are Jespers of York. My thanks go to Denis Adamson, who has once again agreed to sponsor the ball at three City home games this season. I sincerely hope all our sponsors have

an enjoyable afternoon. simoncawkill

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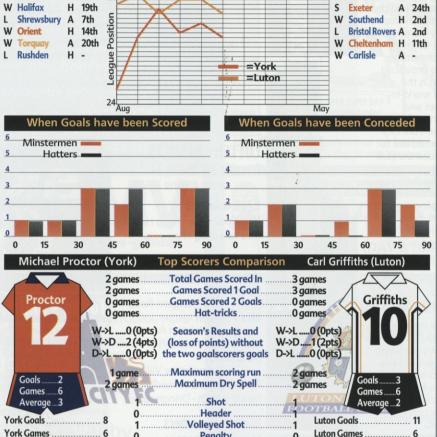
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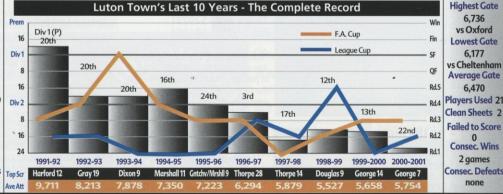


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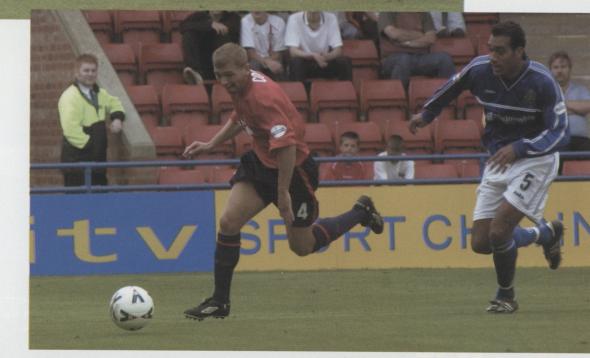




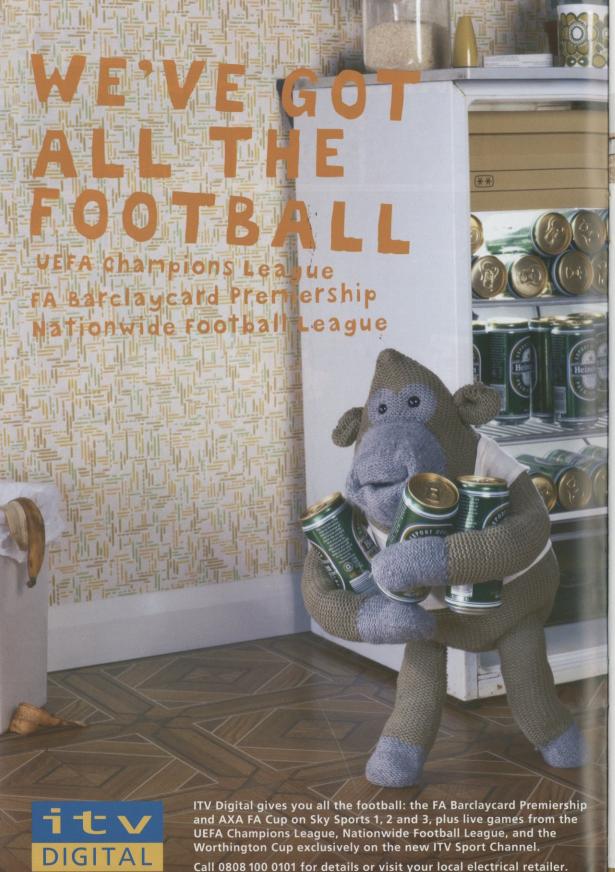


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1934

City crashed to a 5-1 defeat at Chester with Maurice Dando netting the consolation goal and were thirteenth in the Northern Section. Luton went down 2-1 at Crystal Palace and were in the lower reaches of Division Three (South).

1951

Alf Patrick scored twice in a 3-1 win over Hartlepools United at Bootham Crescent watched by 5,935. Billy Fenton was the other man on the scoresheet. City again were thirteenth in Division Three (North). The Hatters were second in the old Second Division following a goalless draw at Queens Park Rangers. Top scorers in the First were Newcastle United who beat Burnley 7-1.

1952

City maintained their good start to the campaign with a 2-1 home win over Wrexham thanks to goals from Steve Griffiths and Alf Patrick. A crowd of 7,502 saw the team line up: Thompson, Andrews, M Patrick, Brown, J Spence, R Spence, Hughes, Griffiths, A Patrick, Storey, Fenton. City moved up to fifth in the Northern Section, whilst Luton were seventeenth in the old Second.

1954

A 2-1 defeat at Workington and City had gone six matches without a win following their bright start to the season. Arthur Bottom was the man on the mark and the team was: Forgan, Phillips, Howe, Brown, Stewart, Spence, Linaker, Bottom, Bainbridge, Storey, McNab. City dropped into the bottom four of the Northern Section as a result. Luton's 2-1 home win over Lincoln moved them up to second in the old Second.

1956

A crowd of 9,835 at Bootham Crescent saw City beat Mansfield Town 2-1 with Clive Colbridge and Billy Fenton

the scorers and they were fifteenth in the Northern Section. Town were in the old First and were seventh following a 2-0 win over Everton at Kenilworth Road.

1962

City went down 2-1 at Exeter and slipped to nineteenth in Division Four. Barry Jackson hit the consolation goal and the side was: Moor, Bingley, Heron, Woods, Jackson, Fountain, Hoggart, Wragg, Stainsby, Wilkinson, Gould. The Hatters lost 3-1 at Sunderland and were third from bottom in the old Second.

1969

City suffered their second defeat of the season when they went down 3-1 at Chesterfield in Division Four but remained in the top four. Luton topped the old Third.

1972

A 1-0 defeat at Tranmere and City were still without a win at the start of this season in the old Third. P7, W0, D 3, L4, F2, A6, Pts 3. It was their fourth successive game without scoring and marked John Stone's debut at full back. City had dropped to the foot of the Division. Town's 2-1 home win over Brighton sent them to fourth place in the Second.

1973

Barry Lyons played his first game in City colours in a 3-1 home victory over Port Vale in the old Third, Initially on Ioan from Nottingham Forest, he later signed for the club for a then record fee paid of £12,000. Barry Swallow netted twice against Vale along with Jimmy Seal and the crowd was 3,172. City were midtable and Luton's 3-3 home draw against Portsmouth left them tenth in Division Two.

1978

A 2-0 reverse at Stockport and City were eighth in Division Four. Luton thrashed Cardiff City 7-1 that weekend and were ninth in the Second.

1979

A remarkable 5-2 win at Wigan after trailing 1-0 at the interval. Gordon Staniforth hit a hat trick and the other scorers were David Loggie and Peter Lorimer. It was the Leeds United and Scotland star's first goal for the club. City were nineteenth in the Fourth and the Hatters second in Division Two following a goalless draw at Notts County.



Gordon Staniforth pictured after his hat trick feat at Wigan in September 1979. A few days later he was transferred to Carlisle for a club record fee received of £120,000.

1984

Keith Walwyn, John Byrne and Gary Nicholson were the scorers in a 3-1 win at Orient with all three goals coming in the second half. City were joint leaders at the top of the old Third along with Gillingham. Luton were in the top division and a 3-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest left them fourth from bottom.

1992

An exciting 4-2 home win over Hereford United with City scoring twice in the last four minutes. John Borthwick (2), Ian Blackstone and Jon McCarthy were the scorers and the crowd was 3,672. City topped the

Third with the following record: P7, W6, D0, L1, F 16, A 7, Pts 18. Luton were in the bottom half of the First.

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LIVE Televised Broadcasts in September/October

Nationwide Football League fixtures on the ITV Sport Channel SEPTEMBER

Sat 15th	Manchester City v	
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Thurs 20th	Nottingham Forest v Bradford City	(7:45pm)
Fri 21st	Walsall v Wolverhampton Wandere	ers
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Sun 23rd Birmingham City v Preston North End (6:15pm)

Fri 28th Barnsley v Portsmouth (7:45pm)
Sun 30th Watford v Preston North End (6:15pm)

OCTOBER

Thurs 4th Tranmere Rovers v Blackpool (7:45pm)
Sun 7th Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield United

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All matches will be staged at Bootham Crescent, with a 7:00pm kick-off

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ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ ON PAGE 5

1. - Huddersfield Town; 2. - Celtic, Morton, Dundee United; 3. - Chris Kirkland (Coventry City), Jerzy Dudek (Feyenoord); 4. - Don Hutchison; 5. - Newport County; 6. - manager Terry Dolan; 7. - Paul Sturrock; 8. - Toshiba; 9. - Swansea City; 10. - The Hatters.

Ratings boost for ITV highlights programme

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ITV's new Monday night Nationwide Football League highlights show has received a huge ratings boost.

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The Nationwide Football League Extra programme, which is transmitted on terrestrial television at 11:00pm straight after the Premiership Parliament programme, drew in more than 600,000 viewers in its first week. This amounts to a trebling of audience figures from last season's version of the programme. Football League communications executive lan Christon said: "These viewing figures are excellent and

viewing figures are excellent and just go to further demonstrate the season on season increase in popularity of the Football League." The viewing figures come a week after it was revealed that attendances in all Divisions for the first two weeks of this season's competition were the highest in the ten years since the formation of the Premier League. Almost 600,000 people attended the sixty-eight games in Divisions One, Two and Three of the Nationwide Football League, with the average crowd being 8,781. This amounts to a rise of 7% on last season (average 8,203) and an increase of 24% across the ten seasons since 1992/93 (average 7,109).

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Kidderminster H v Plymouth Argyle
Leyton Orient v Rushden & D
Lincoln City v Bristol Rovers
Macclesfield T v Hull City
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Swansea City v Halifax Town

Torquay United v Darlington

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This was a very strange game in which we led the match by two goals, had chances to kill it by scoring a third, but for long spells were outplayed. We started well enough and settled after some Bradford pressure, before taking the lead through Luke Ibbetson. Ibbetson did well on the left, setting up Marvin Boyce for a shot, which the visitors' keeper parried only for Luke to knock the loose ball over the line.

We reached half-time still in the lead and began the second half in similar vein to the first – playing well in spells but generally coming off second best. Despite this, we managed to score a second goal after good work again on the left. Good link-up play from Boyce, Ibbetson and Kieran Darlow set-up Michael McKenzie to finish well for a 2-0 lead. Minutes later we had a chance to effectively win the game, but despite being one-on-one with the keeper, Matthew McCabe failed to score after trying a cheeky chip.

Soon after, the visitors pulled a goal back with a penalty and from then on the momentum was with Bradford. They finished very strongly and scored two further goals, with the winner coming in the last five minutes.

On balance, Bradford deserved to win the game, but having been 2-0 up with a good chance for a third, it was a disappointing result. The Youth Alliance Cup is run on a round-robin basis with a group of four teams – we also face Halifax Town and Hull City. The top two sides progress to the next stage.

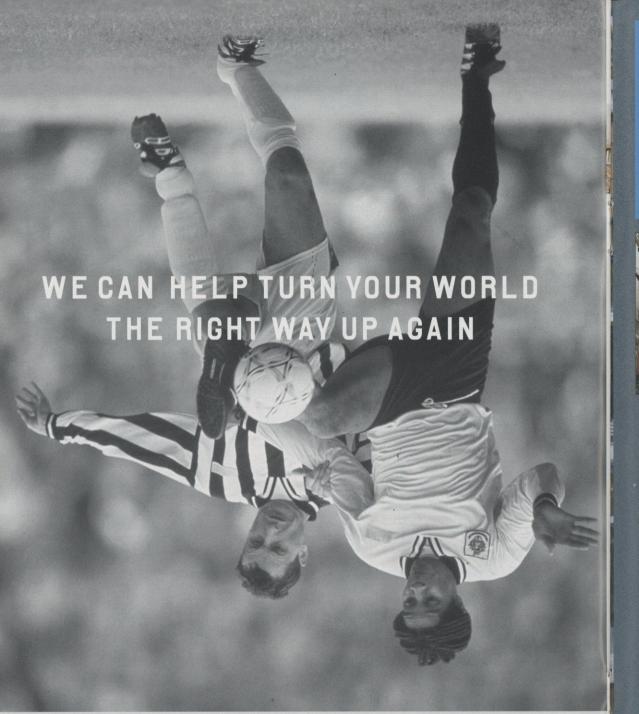
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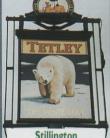
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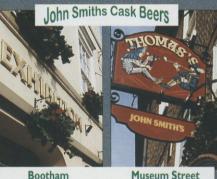
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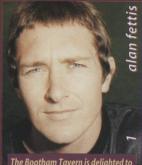


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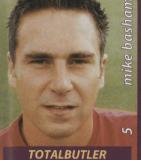
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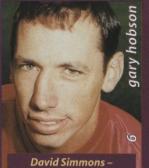


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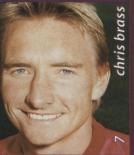
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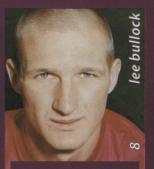
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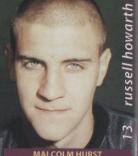
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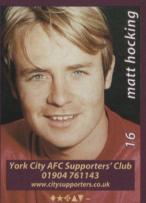
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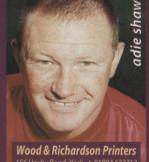


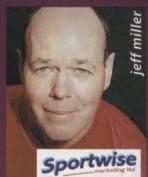
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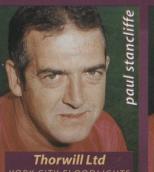
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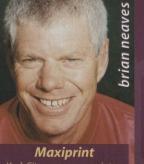
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"Stefan on the right track"

Well done to Stefan Dodds of **Selby Abbey Primary School for** producing a brilliant poster which warns children of the dangers of playing on or near the railways. Around 500 children entered the competition organised by the York City Football in the Community project supported by Railtrack. Richard Finney, director of marketing for the national Football In the Community Scheme, commented: "This poster competition has been a great success. Nearly 45,000 children nationally will have drawn posters and thought up new slogans, that will encourage other children to

keep off the railways and look to make positive use of their time." Stefan Dodds wins a Raleigh mountain bike for his super poster. paulolsson

The picture below shows some of the children who enjoyed the recent "Nova Mundial Want To Play Day". Many thanks to Adidas for putting the event on which was a great success. All sixty children received Adidas goodies and had fun learning new techniques



They say you have to be a bit mad to be a goalkeeper. That's even more true today, when

the rules of the game are stacked against them.

Let me paint a typical scene. Striker beats offside trap, clean through, only keeper to beat. At the crucial moment, the keeper sprints off his line, and spreads himself, anticipating a shot at goal. Striker changes mind at last minute, and steers ball wide of keeper to go round him. Striker tumbles over prostrate keeper inside penalty area. Referee gives penalty and sends goalkeeper off.

So what has the keeper done wrong? Well, nothing. It's his job to spread himself to try to save a shot

at goal. So why is he being sent off? Because those are the rules.

One of the justifications for this is that the keeper has denied the striker a goalscoring opportunity. But then the referee awards a penalty for the incident. If a shot at goal from twelve yards doesn't qualify as a goalscoring opportunity I don't know what does.

Further injustice comes from the danger of strikers taking advantage of the ruling. A striker who realises his shot will hit the keeper may deliberately chip it wide of him, and claim the penalty as he comes crashing down, even though he's no chance of stopping the ball from

going out of play. I bet you've seen that a few times, haven't you?

The sending off of Middlesbrough keeper Mark Schwarzer against Newcastle prompted this rant. Reaching for a ball played wide of him, striker Laurent Robert failed to clear the hurdle and came down. The Observer's reporter called the keeper's departure "inevitable". I've long since argued that there's something fundamentally wrong with rules that penalise players who are in no way at fault, and it distresses me that the authorities don't even seem to recognise the above as injustices, let along have plans to rectify the flaws. barryparker





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As I wrote the corresponding piece last season, Hull were in dire financial straits. The spectre of closure hung heavy over a once great (okay, quite good) club and football fans the world over (apart from a few in York, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, etc.) joined in a circle, held hands and prayed for the Tigers to be delivered back to football's welcoming bosom. And guess what? Like Middlesborough and Brighton before them, our prayers were answered.

As Hull lurched from one financial disaster to another, a wealthy benefactor stepped out from the shadows and 'saved' City. Not only did he save them; he ploughed a shed load of cash into the club, promised to build them a new ground and rightfully lapped up the adoration of a previously desperate fan base. Suddenly, the begging stopped; the pleading puppy dog eyes on Hull's tiger turned into a wicked gleam and the fangs were bared again. 'Mighty' Hull were back, and they didn't need our help anymore.

Obviously aware of last Saturday's result, many of you will recognise just the slightest hint of the greeneyed monster (and, in fairness, I have just finished reading Hull fans' well-earned gloating on the Internet). In all honesty, I AM jealous of a club who can spend a fortune on players and BUY promotion out of the division; I wish the same could happen at York. However, what does interest me is how often this resurgence in fortunes occurs in football.

Every season, the heartstrings of 'all true football supporters' are pulled by another tale of financial woe at one of our precious ninety-two brethren. To name but a few of the afflicted, Middlesborough (the first I remember), Brighton, Hull,

Bournemouth, Aldershot and Maidstone have all teetered on the cusp of oblivion in the time I've watched football. In nearly all examples, mismanagement (specifically over-spending in the pursuit of greatness) has dragged the clubs into the mire and the supporters are the ones who seem to suffer the most. I'm sure most fans can put rivalries aside and feel empathy for like-minded people about to lose their club; I know how bad I'd feel if York were about to go under.

So how is that, with the exception of the 'less important' names on the list (Aldershot and Maidstone were allowed to disappear with little more than a whimper; the media clearly not interested in championing the underdog in all instances), each of these clubs turned from pauper to prince in under twelve months? There's no traditional rags to riches story here: no dragging themselves out of the mire by their fingernails. In fact, there seems to be no transition period whatsoever. No couple of years getting the club back on a stable footing before finally making a push for promotion. One day, these clubs are struggling at the foot of the division, begaing bowl in hand; the next, they're top of the league laughing in the face of the little clubs they left behind. One minute, it's Bernie Slaven and Avresome: the next it's Juninho and the Riverside.

Even in the morally acceptable cases of Brighton and Bournemouth where the fans made substantial (and ultimately successful) efforts to save their clubs, the speed of the turnaround was almost unbelievable. It almost seems like the best way to achieve success at a struggling club is to spend all your cash, ride on the goodwill of

supporters for a while and wait for the wealthy 'sugar daddy' to come along and save you. It does rather make a mockery of

carefully protecting the club's assets, running a tight ship and living within your means. That said, we all know that if City rejected this cautious approach in favour of being cavalier with the cash, we'd find ourselves going the same way as Aldershot and Maidstone with no one outside North Yorkshire batting an eyelid...

So with Hull firmly ensconced as the latest member of the Lazarus League, the least they could do was rub their good fortune in the noses of well-run York and batter us 4-0. Despite some promising moments in attack (as usual these days), there was no denying that, last Saturday at least, the Tigers' defence was worlds apart from our own fraillooking foursome. They were strong, confident, quick and accurate. We were hesitant, laboured, a little clumsy and very unlucky (specifically with the first two decisive goals). John Fielding and the very promising Michael Evans were highlights on an otherwise thoroughly miserable afternoon.

To re-cap then, I am jealous of Hull City (if nothing else, for the fact that their fans are allowed to enjoy goals without having that special moment spoiled by the turgid and, frankly, embarrassing strains of Status Quo). They've got money, some excellent players and even more hope for the future than we have. Having said all that, I wouldn't want to swap places with them. To paraphrase a City fan responding to taunts of "We can see you sneaking out!":

"At least we can go home; you've got to stay here forever!".

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	Wed 17 Oct Blackpool A
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	Wed 7 Nov Doncaster Rovers . A
	Wed 14 Nov Lincoln City H
	Wed 28 Nov Grimsby Town A(2pm)
	Wed 5 Dec Stockport County . A
	Wed 12 Dec Blackpool H
	Wed 9 Jan Shrewsbury Town . A
	Wed 16 Jan Bury
	Wed 30 Jan Stoke City H
	Wed 13 Feb Scunthorpe United A
	Wed 20 Feb Darlington H
	Wed 13 Mar Walsall A(2pm)
	Wed 20 Mar Doncaster Rovers . H
	Wed 27 Mar Lincoln City A
	Wed 10 Apr Grimsby Town H
	TBA Shrewsbury T H

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Sat	15 Sep Hull City H
Sat	22 Sep Halifax Town A
Sat	6 Oct Bradford City H
Sat	13 Oct Hull City (YAC) A
Sat	20 Oct Doncaster Rovers . A
Sat	27 Oct Darlington H
Sat	3 Nov Halifax Town (YAC) H
Sat	10 Nov Grimsby Town A
Sat	17 Nov Hull City A
Sat	24 Nov Halifax Town H
Sat	15 Dec Bradford City A
Sat	12 Jan Doncaster Rovers . H
Sat	19 Jan Grimsby Town H
Sat	26 Jan Darlington A
Sat	2 Feb Scarborough H
Sat	9 Feb Scunthorpe United A
Sat	16 Feb Hartlepool Utd H

YAC = Youth Alliance Cup





RESERUES York City 1-0 Walsall

As will be the case for many games this season, we started this match with seven teenagers in the side, and trialist Michael Evans, who was playing his second game for us. Most of the Walsall team had first eleven experience and they included James Walker in goal, Brett Angell, and Ian Roper. We knew it would be a tough test, as we now need to play many of the youngsters, due to our smaller pro squad.

In front of the proverbial one man and a dog (England played Albania that night!) the two teams provided an entertaining encounter, although chances were at a premium in the opening half. Russ Howarth made a couple of good saves, while young Pete Vasey did well against Angell, as did Ben Rhodes playing in an unaccustomed wide right role.

At half-time Christian Fox and Kieran Darlow replaced Nick Richardson and Aidan O'Kane, so it was pleasing to get Foxy another forty-five minutes on his way back to fitness. It took a bit of Fox magic to unlock the Walsall defence with around twenty minutes to go. An excellent through ball split the defence, for Michael Evans to run onto and finish superbly for what turned out to be the only goal. Evans had another good run later in the game, but his pull back was blocked and the chance was gone.

It was a good victory, a clean sheet and a good opportunity for the kids to prove themselves all season. How they respond to the challenge is very important to their development as professional footballers.

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INTERMEDIATES Hartlepool U 2-2 York Citu

This was the proverbial game of two halves. We started brightly and had two good chances from corner kicks, which we failed to capitalise on. Another chance then fell to Danny Barry, which he tried to take early, when in actual fact he had more time. All of that happened in the first guarter of an hour or so, then the home side took over. On twenty-five minutes we conceded a goal from what was really one of Hartlepool's first attacks. It was a daft goal to concede from the edge of the area, having had three opportunities to clear the ball. Ten minutes later we found ourselves two down, after poor defending from a throw-in. The player received the ball in too much space and laid it off to another player who had too much time to find the net for

Thankfully the half-time break arrived with no further damage and we began the second period in positive fashion, just as we had in the first. This time however, we made it pay, if slightly fortuitously. A Hartlepool player played a back-pass to the keeper and as he went to clear the ball, it bobbled over his foot and into the net. Ten minutes later we netted the equaliser when Marc Salvati threaded an excellent through ball into the path of Luke Ibbetson, who finished well.

We then had numerous chances to win the game in the final fifteen minutes or so, with further opportunities for Ibbetson and Barry, while Mark Hampshire in goal hardly had a save to make in the second period. Overall, a draw was probably about the right result, but we were disappointed given our starts to both



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LUTON TOWN

A very warm welcome this afternoon to **LUTON TOWN** who are strongly fancied to make an immediate return to the Second Division following their

relegation last May.
Former Wimbledon
boss JOE KINNEAR
took over the
managerial reins at
Kenilworth Road in
February this year.
His playing career
was spent with Spurs

and Brighton and he was capped twenty-six times for the Republic of Ireland.

- 1 MARK OVENDALE The goalkeeper was signed from Bournemouth for £425,000. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town.
- 2 **AARON SKELTON** Rejoined Town from Colchester United in July 2001 after four seasons at Layer Road.
- 4 **MATTHEW SPRING** A competitive midfielder, Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi finals in 1997.
- 5 **RUSSELL PERRETT** Signed from Cardiff City during the close season. Previously was with Portsmouth.
- 6 MARVIN JOHNSON Longestserving player at Kenilworth Road, the defender is in his fourteenth season as

a first team regular at Luton, his only club, and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy.

7 ADRIAN FORBES After considerable First Division experience, and with an England

youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add much-

needed width to his attacking formation.

- 8 **KEVIN NICHOLLS** The toughtackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skippering England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels.
- 9 **STUART DOUGLAS** A striker with excellent pace, Douglas was a seventeen year old trainee when he scored on his league debut for Luton in 1995.
- 10 **CARL GRIFFITHS** An impressive scoring record a goal in every 2·5 starts for seven previous clubs led to Carl Griffiths becoming a major summer target for Luton, and they got their man when they signed him from Leyton Orient for a fee reported to be £65,000.
- 11 **LIAM GEORGE** Quick, and with tricky footwork, the striker came though the ranks after joining Luton as

Formed in 1885 LUTON TOWN, apart from three seasons (1897-1900) in the Second Division of the Football League, operated in the Southern League prior to becoming founder members of Division Three in 1920. Champions of the Southern Section in 1936/37 they were promoted to the top flight in 1955 and in 1959 were FA Cup runners up to Nottingham Forest.

Relegated the following year, by the mid 1960s they had dropped to the Fourth, but by 1970 were back in the old Second. For the next twelve years they remained in that division apart from 1974/75 in the First and then in 1981/82 won the Second Division championship. The Hatters then enjoyed ten seasons at the top level finishing a best ever seventh in 1986/87 and winning the FL Cup the following campaign when they beat Arsenal at Wembley. Relegated in 1992, they suffered further demotion in 1996 and so dropped out of the top two divisions for the first time in twenty-six years. In 1996/97 they lost to Crewe Alexandra in the promotion play-offs. They were relegated at the end of last season and are now operating in the bottom division for the first time since 1968.

Form guide (last ten games)

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28/4	(A) Bristol City – George	L	1-3
3/5	(A) Brentford – Howard, McClaren	D	2-2
5/5	(H) Port Vale – Howard	D	1-1
11/8	(A) Carlisle United –		
	Nicholls, Griffiths	W	2-0
18/8	(H) Cheltenham Town – Hughes,		
	Griffiths	W	2-1
21/8	(A) Reading (Worthington Cup)	L	0-4
25/8	(A) Bristol Rovers – Taylor, Mansell	L	2-3
28/8	(H) Southend United – Griffiths,		
*	Fotiadis	W	2-0
1/9	(A) Exeter City – Taylor (2)	D	2-2
8/9	(H) Oxford United – Nicholls	D	1-1
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a schoolboy, and became a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998.

- 13 **STUART FRASER** Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team who was given his league debut, on the final day of the 1997/98 season. Within a year he was established as a regular member of the Luton squad and the Scottish under-21 team.
- 14 **ANDREW FOTIADIS** A 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.
- 15 **MATTHEW TAYLOR** Another player to come through the club's youth scheme, he made his debut as a seventeen year old and now tops 100 senior appearances.
- 16 **CARL EMBERSON** His career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in the summer of 1999. The keeper joined Town in the summer.
- 17 **EMMERSON BOYCE** 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.
- 18 **ADAM LOCKE** Well-travelled in football terms, the midfielder joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City in the summer of 1999. He began as a YTS boy with Crystal Palace, his

local club, but could not get into the league team at Selhurst, and moved on to Southend, Colchester and Ashton Gate before joining Luton.

- 19 **STEVE HOWARD** Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for a bargain fee of £50,000. The price was down to the Bosman effect Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously.
- 20 **PETER HOLMES** He is a product of the FA's School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club and Luton signed the two-footed midfielder for a nominal fee a few months later.
- 21 **RICHARD DRYDEN** Vastly experienced, the defender has played at all levels of professional football, and accepted his second Luton contract at the end of last season. Previous clubs are Bristol Rovers, Exeter City, Notts



Back row (left to right): Russell Perrett, Andrew Fotiadis, Adam Locke, Matthew Spring, Emmerson Boyce, Jude Stirling, Richard Dryden, Kevin Nicholls, Stuart Fraser. Middle row: Bruce Sewell (sports therapist), Mick Harford (first team coach), Kent Karlsen, Steve Howard, Mark Ovendale, Scott Ward, Carl Emberson, Paul Hughes, Peter Holmes, Brian Stein (reserve team coach), John Moore (youth team coach). Front row: Liam George, Lee Mansell, Carl Griffiths, Marvin Johnson, Joe Kinnear (manager), Aaron Skelton, Adrian Forbes, Stuart Douglas, Matthew Taylor.

County, Birmingham City, Bristol City and Southampton.

26 **PETER THOMSON** Rejected as a teenager by home town club Bury, the striker drifted into non-league soccer with Chorley and then Lancaster before

a £25,000 move to Dutch club NAC Breda. Luton brought him home for a £100,000 fee in September 2000.

27 **PAUL HUGHES** Formerly with Chelsea and Southampton, he joined Town at the start of the season.

LAST TIME WE MET AT BOOTHAM CRESCENT 10/10/98 City 3 Town 3 Attd: 3,780 City: Mimms, McMillan, Tinkler, Barras, Thompson,

Crosswell, Tolson (Rowe). Scorers: Connelly (1 min), Cresswell, Tolson (Rowe). Scorers: Connelly (1 min), Cresswell (10 & 64 mins).

Town: K Davis, Alexander, S Davis, Johnson, Thomas, Evers, Spring, McKinnon (White), McIndoe, Gray, Douglas. Scorers: Douglas (22 mins), Evers (43 mins), Gray (55 mins).

City were eighth in the Second following this thrilling encounter. *P* 11, *W* 5, *D* 4, *L* 2, *F* 19, *A* 16, *Pts* 19.

CITY v LUTON TOWN FLASHBACK

City have managed just one win in the twelve previous League meetings between the clubs.

between the clubs.
(City's score first in each instance)

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966/67	W	5-1	4	1-5	L
967/68	D	1-1	4	1-3	L
975/76	L	2-3	2	0-4	L
996/97	D	1-1	2	0-2	L
997/98	L	1-2	2	0-3	L
998/99	D	3-3	2	1-2	L
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City's solitary success was when the clubs first met on Easter Saturday, 25th March 1967 at Bootham Crescent.

1978/79 W 2-0 3

Andy Provan (2), Les Collinson, Tom Spencer and John Goodchild scored in the 5-1 victory whilst Graham French replied for Town. Luton gained revenge when they won by the same scoreline on the last day of that season. Bruce Rioch netted twice in that match and David Pleat made his last appearance in Luton colour. The following term Rioch again scored twice in Town's 3-1 home win and in the 1-1 draw at Bootham Crescent a Tommy Ross goal was cancelled out by a Keith Allen equaliser.

When the clubs next met it was in the old Second Division in 1975/76 and Town completed the double over City. The game at Bootham Crescent was an exciting affair with lan Holmes (penalty) and Brian Pollard scoring for City and Brian Chambers, Ron Futcher and Lil Fuccillo for the Hatters. Paths were not to cross for another twenty years and then in 1996/97

Thorpe were the marksmen at Kenilworth Road whilst in the draw at York Neil Tolson and Steve Davis were on the scoresheet. City's unhappy record at Luton continued in 1997/98 when they went down by three goals and had Graham Rennison and Mark Tinkler sent off. The following season they lost 2-1 when they conceded a last minute goal.

Dwight Marshall and Tony

Players to have represented both clubs include Reg Stockill who netted City's first ever goal in the Football League in 1929. Others are Jimmy Weir, Jim Goldie in the 1960s, and in recent years Viv Busby and Rob Matthews. Former Charlton keeper Sam Bartram managed both City (1956-60) and Luton (1960-62).

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Town were in fourth position with twenty-one points.

29 **KENT KARLSEN** Looking for strength in the spine of the team, Luton went to Scandinavia for a centre-half who had served a solid apprenticeship in the Norwegian Premier League. An under-21 international, Karlsen's five years with Vaalerengen brought considerable success, including a Norwegian FA Cup winner's medal.

32 **LEE MANSELL** Graduated through the youth ranks, he made his senior debut in January 2001 and in the summer he was rewarded with a full professional contract.

33 **IAN HILLIER** Welsh under-21 international right back on loan from Tottenham Hotspur.

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BRISTOL ROVERS – With just one point from their last three outings, Rovers have slipped to ninth in the table. Last Saturday they went down to a 3-1 defeat at Orient with Kevin Gall hitting their consolation goal.

CARLISLE UNITED – The Cumbrians let slip a two goal lead at Feethams last week and they had to be content with a point in a 2-2 draw. Steve Halliday and Mark Foram were their men on the mark. A fortnight ago United went down 2-1 at home to Rochdale.

CHELTENHAM TOWN – The Robins have made a disappointing start to the campaign and are without a win in their opening six games. A week ago they lost 2-1 at Shrewsbury with Mark Yates their

DARLINGTON - Barry Conlon netted the Quakers last minute equaliser in the 2-2 draw against Carlisle. Their last away outing ended in a 1-1 draw at Lincoln.

EXETER CITY – With just two points from their six fixtures, the Grecians are at the foot of the table. Their last match at St James' Park against Luton ended all square 2-2, whilst last Saturday they went down 4-2 at Swansea.

HALIFAX TOWN - Under the caretaker managership of Neil Redfearn, Town came back from their defeat at Bootham Crescent to draw 0-0 at home to Macclesfield.

HARTLEPOOL UNITED - United's poor start to the season continued with a 1-0 defeat at Scunthorpe.

HULL CITY – The Tigers swept to a four goal victory over City with Nicky Mahon, Lawrie Dudfield (penalty), Gary Alexander and David Lee on the scoresheet. It equalled City's worst ever defeat at Boothferry Park.

24 Exeter City 6 0 1 2 3 9 0 1 2 3 7 KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS -Harriers went down to their third successive defeat on their travels when they lost 2-0 at Rochdale. Their last appear-

ance at Moss Rose ended in a

1-1 draw with Mansfield.

LEYTON ORIENT – Successive wins at Southend and at home to Bristol Rovers have moved the London club up to sixth in the table. Scorers in their victory over the Pirates were Leon Constantine, Jeff Minton and Neil Gough.

LINCOLN CITY - City went down 2-1 at Mansfield a week ago whilst their last home encounter ended 1-1 against Darlington. Their scorer in both these games was David Cameron.

LUTON TOWN – Our visitors today have drawn their last two matches. A fortnight ago Matthew Taylor netted twice in a 2-2 draw at Exeter and Mark Nicholls hit the equaliser at Kenilworth Road against Oxford.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN - Following an exciting 4-3 home win over Scunthorpe with Richard Tracey and Lee Glover each bagging a brace, the Silkmen drew 0-0 at the Shay last week.

MANSFIELD TOWN - Town's 2-1 home win over Lincoln lifted them into third place. Chris Greenacre and Wayne Corden were their marksmen.

OXFORD UNITED – United maintained their unbeaten away record last week when they drew 1-1 at Luton. They gained their first ever win at their new stadium when they beat Rushden & Diamonds 3-2.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE - The Pilgrims short trip to Torquay ended in a 1-0 win with David Friio hitting the all important

ROCHDALE - Dale marched on at the top with a 2-0 home win at the expense of Kidderminster. Gareth Griffiths netted both goals. They recorded their third away victory when they beat Carlisle 2-1 at Brunton Park.

RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS -

The league new boys are without a win since their opening day success at Bootham Crescent. A week ago they went down by the only goal at home to Southend.

SCUNTHORPE UNITED - A Steve Torpey goal earned United all three points at home to Hartlepool. Their last away outing ended in a 4-3 defeat at Macclesfield.

SHREWSBURY TOWN - The Shrews moved up to second place following a 2-1 home success over Cheltenham. Nigel Jemson was again on the scoresheet along with Luke Rodgers.

SOUTHEND UNITED – Damon Searle was the matchwinner in United's 1-0 victory at Rushden. This followed a 2-1 home defeat against Orient. SWANSEA CITY - The Welsh club gained their first home win when they beat lowly Exeter 4-2. The scorers were Kris O'Leary, Stuart Roberts,

Matt Bound and John Williams.

Following their midweek defeat at Plymouth, the Swans have parted company with manager John Hollins and appointed former City player Colin

TORQUAY UNITED - The Gulls surrendered a two goal lead at Cheltenham to draw 2-2 and a week ago went down at home to Plymouth by the only goal.

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TOP SCORERS (up to &			
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Greenacre (Mansfield)	4	2	6
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Glover (Macclesfield)	4	1	5
Jemson (Shrewsbury)	4	1	5
Alexander (Hull)	3	1	4
Bird (Kidderminster)	2	2	4
Disley (Mansfield)	4	0	4
Bullock (City)	2	1	3
Carruthers (Scunthorpe)	3	0	3
Griffiths (Luton)	3	0	3
Rodgers (Shrewsbury)	3	0	3
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