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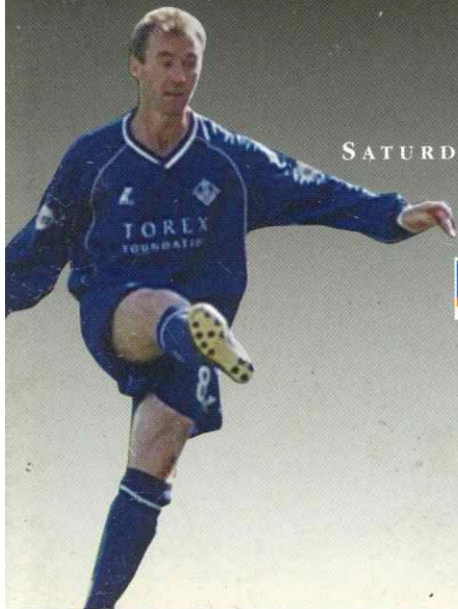


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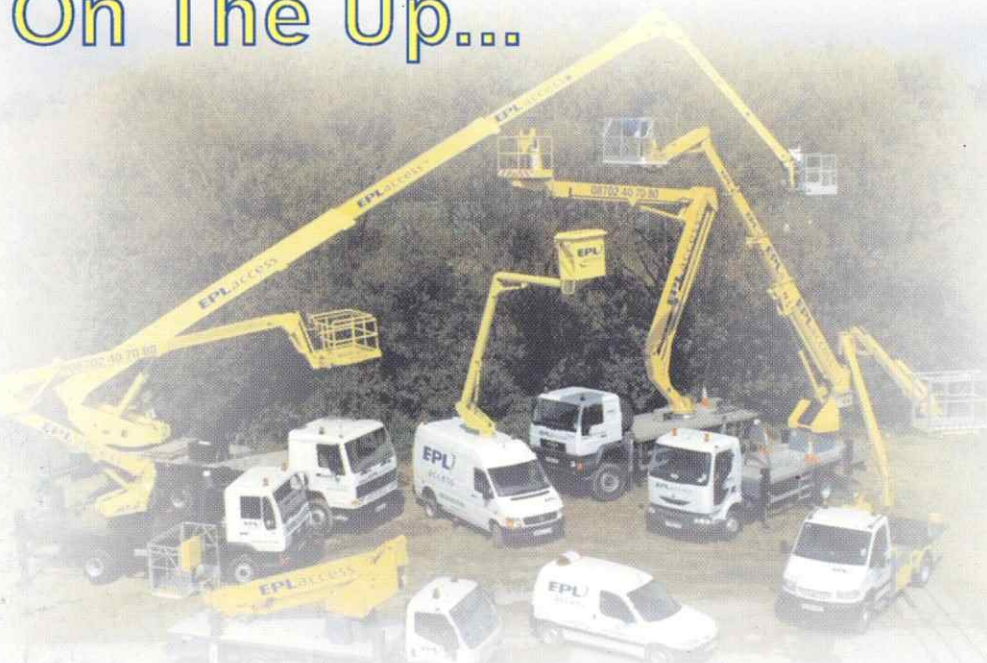
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Dowie's Diary



I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO BOUNDARY PARK FOR OUR GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN, A CLUB THAT HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART



MICK HARFORD

Luton Town were my first pro club and gave me my chance in football and I am eternally grateful to them. I would like to welcome everyone to Boundary Park for our game against Luton Town, a club that has a special place in my heart because they were my first pro club and gave me my chance in football and I am eternally grateful to them. They were in the Premiership for the whole time I was there, which is a fantastic achievement for a club of that size, and went on to produce many good players like Mal Donaghy, Tim Breacker, Roy Wegerle, Danny Wilson and Mick Harford to mention a few. Mick is still involved with the club on the coaching side as Joe Kinnear's assistant and I would formally like to welcome them both to Boundary

Park this afternoon. I have said all season that Luton are a good side and will be in the shake up at the end of the season and recent results confirm what I initially said. With four wins on the trot they come into the game with good form and as a result they will be high on confidence.

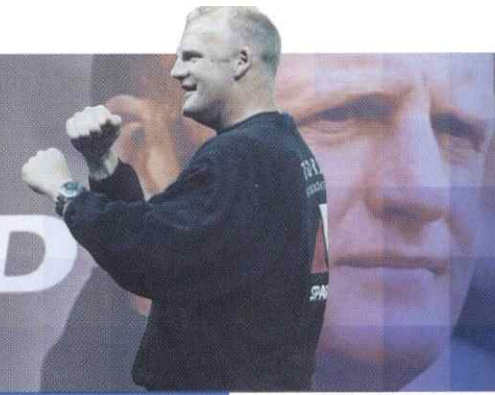
CONFIDENCE

However confidence is something we should not be low on ourselves after a magnificent run of eight wins in a row and a draw at Port Vale last Saturday. The players deserve enormous credit for their effort during this period and indeed the draw at Port Vale came against a back drop of an illness epidemic and injury crisis that robbed us of arguably seven to eight regular first team players. Nonetheless our battling qualities showed

through and with a bit more quality in the final third we may well have come away with the win. It should also be said that particular mention must go to our travelling fans who have been magnificent on our travels away from home and were once again superb in their support and vocal encouragement to all the players and they did this not only with their singing but their volume. It is vitally important you continue this strong away support for us as well as increase our gates when we return home, maybe then we can make Boundary park the fortress it once was. Having watched the video of the Port Vale game there were some very strange decisions made by the referee – and let me go on record as saying refereeing is the most difficult job in football – but I fail to see

DAVID EYRES

LATICS WORLD



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OLDHAM ATHLETIC MANAGER
IAIN DOWIE

IN FAIRNESS TO DERMOT GALLAGHER HE DID LET THE GAME FLOW AND THIS MADE FOR AN ENTERTAINING END-TO-END SPECTACLE.

how a kick to someone's head that prevents them carrying on is deemed an indirect free-kick. Nonetheless in fairness to Dermot Gallagher he did let the game flow and this made for an entertaining end-to-end spectacle. To concentrate on this afternoon's game, we know how difficult a task Luton will provide and again it is important that we impose our method of play on them because if they are given time and space they have the players to hurt any team in this division.

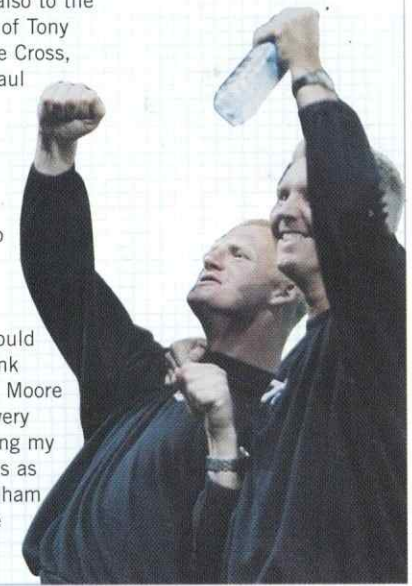
EXPERIENCED

Joe is a vastly experienced and successful manager and his sides always have the will to win, which is so required in today's modern game. Will to win is something we also possess and it sets us up for a very entertaining fixture. I look forward to a lot of vocal support and a positive outcome at 4.45pm. Finally awards that people

receive are too often channelled at individuals and I feel this is very much the case with not only the Performance of the Week for our Mansfield victory, but the Division Two Manager of Month for September. This is a club award for practically every player who has been involved in the first team and also to the backroom staff of Tony Philliskirk, Dave Cross, John Harbin, Paul Caton, Billy Urmston and Paul Lake who have all made huge contributions to enable me to pick up this award. In addition I would also like to thank chairman Chris Moore who has been very supportive during my first few months as manager of Oldham Athletic and he should also

share in the glory of this award. Nonetheless I would like to be judged at the end of the season as I realise reputations are built over seasons and not months.

Enjoy the game,
Iain Dowie



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JOHN WILLIE TO HIS MATES



SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

LATICS MANAGER IAIN DOWIE IS FINDING THAT THE MORE SUCCESSFUL THE TEAM ARE THE MORE THE PRESS PACK WANTS A PIECE OF YOU.

Success breeds success, a famous phrase which nevertheless is proving to be true for Latics manager Iain Dowie.

In the last week alone Iain has conducted interviews with Sky TV, Granada TV and the BBC. Iain has agreed to appear on Football Focus (26th October) and no less than eight national newspapers have travelled to Boundary Park for in depth interviews.

Latics' start to the Nationwide League season could only fractionally have been bettered, an opening day defeat by Cardiff (1-2) has been followed by eleven wins, two draws ... oh and a slight hiccup against Wycombe Wanderers. The accolades are starting to flow for the cockney Irishman. The Nationwide Manager of the Month award for September presented by ex-Football League referee Jack Taylor, Performance of the Week award for the 6-1 win over Mansfield Town and even a bottle of Irish whisky from a devoted fan in Northern Ireland, Alan Ferguson, who had travelled from Londonderry for the Huddersfield game.

But Iain also likes to be involved in charity work to help those who are less fortunate than himself, one such event was to present a cheque for £1,000 raised by regulars at the Three Crowns Inn and Restaurant at Scouthead to raise money for little Sam McDonald who needed a specially adapted wheelchair.

Life as a football manager is first and foremost about producing a winning team, but the job does not end when training is over ... there is more to it than that, and Iain Dowie fits the bill in all departments!

Sam MacDonald Presentation



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MICHAEL CLEGG HAS NOT FIGURED IN OLDHAM ATHLETIC'S NINE-MATCH UNBEATEN RUN, BUT THE DEFENDER IS HAPPY FOR NOW TO WATCH THE CLUB'S SUCCESS FROM THE SIDELINES AS HE ADAPTS TO LIFE AWAY FROM OLD TRAFFORD.

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The former England Under-21 international ended a nine-year association with Manchester United in February when, having been told he could leave for free in the summer, he made the move to Boundary Park. Clegg made six appearances for Athletic last season and started the first six games of this

"There are plenty of memories but you can only look to the future from now on," explained Clegg. "It is good to look back in the past every now and again, but if you want to be successful you have to look forward. "I think with the players we have here we have got to get promotion out right and the only

close encounters

campaign, but has not figured since the home defeat by Wycombe Wanderers at the end of August.

LEARNING CURVE

"This is a new experience and part of my learning curve," explained Clegg, who is still to score the first goal of his senior career. "I have come from arguably the biggest club in the world to Oldham Athletic and I have had to cope with different things I have not been used to. "I am not in the team at the moment, but the way the team is playing I couldn't be happier. When I train every day I try my hardest I want to make sure I can be involved in the system at some stage this season." The 25-year-old made his United debut against Middlesbrough in November 1996, but with fierce competition for places at Old Trafford this was one of only nine games that Clegg played in the Premiership.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

But while Clegg made a total of 28 appearances for United, including three in the Champions League, and was a member of the club's FA Youth Cup winning side of 1995, he refuses to dwell on the past.

thing is just to keep winning and winning, that puts fear into other teams because they know we have a strong attack and defence."

FERGUSON

Clegg has played under the most successful club manager of modern times in Sir Alex Ferguson, but is thoroughly enjoying his time working under the Iain Dowie regime at Athletic. "Iain Dowie is a young manager and has so much enthusiasm and determination for the team to do well and in training he joins in himself and works hard," concluded Clegg, who had spells on loan with Ipswich Town and Wigan Athletic in 2000. "He is the type of manager you enjoy working under because he is not the type of manager to keep things under his hat, he tells you how it is and so you like to work with him. I'm sure the other lads will back me on that.

"The difference between this year and last for me is Athletic have become so much more professional with little things like the coach doing extra training, John Harbin is a sports fitness specialist, proper meals. Everything has gone up a notch."



A ROUND UP OF ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND THE CLUB

PARK LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS CHADDY

Due to us not playing any home games for three weeks, we have not been able to congratulate our own furry friend Chaddy the Owl on his magnificent win in the Mascot Grand National at Huntingdon Race Course. We are sure Chaddy will tell you all about his adventures in the Chaddy Chirps column (page 43) but everyone connected with the football club wants to pass on their congratulations for a fine race victory and celebrations to match!

LDV CUP ON TUESDAY

Carlisle United are the visitors to Boundary Park this coming Tuesday (22nd October) when the game will kick off at 7.45pm. Special admission prices are in force for this game of £5 adults and £1 concessions. The game will be finished on the night with the golden goal rule coming into force if the scores are level after 90 minutes. Supporters should note that the Lookers Stand and Lookers Paddock will not be open for this fixture.

NEW HOLLAND GETS BIGGER

Latics players Chris Armstrong and Paul Murray along with Chief Executive Alan Hardy officially opened the new 24 seat extension to the Royton based New Holland Tandoori Restaurant. Afruz Ali, the restaurant owner, and headwaiter Abdul Noor were present at the



ribbon cutting ceremony before allowing all present to tuck in to a delicious giant curry ... or what was left of it after Big Gordon had finished!

LOOKERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH



This afternoon will see this season's second Lookers Player of the Month award. The winner in August was Latics' defensive stalwart Clint Hill; this time round contenders for the award were Fitz Hall, who has gone from strength to strength, and Darren Sheridan whose return to first team duties has been spectacular. This month's winner however is virtually cut and dried with a glut of goals in September including four in one game versus Mansfield Town. The winner is of course Clyde Wijnhard. Presenting the award this afternoon will be Ken Freakley from Lookers Nissan, Oldham and Adrian Gore of Lookers Nissan, Rochdale.

FIFTEEN YEARS ON ... LOOKS THE SAME!

Kenny Clements returned to Boundary Park for the Huddersfield game to make the Strike it Lucky draw.



Kenny, along with daughter Holly, drew out ticket number 11146 to win Jeff Elliott £444.

It has been 15 years since Kenny graced the Boundary Park turf but the years do not seem to have affected him!



The hair, moustache and dare we say good looks have not deserted him ... or so the girls in the office tell us!

TXT M.O.M. A WINNER

Latics' new text Man of the Match service is proving to be a big success here at Boundary Park. More and more supporters are tapping into the idea of using their mobile 'phone to vote for their choice of man of the match. The service, which costs only 50p, is easy to use, just type the word OLDHAM and then a space into your message service followed by your choice of player's squad number, i.e. OLDHAM 25 (for Wayne Gill) and then send to number 84578. The results of your voting will appear on the scoreboard throughout the second half of the game. Many clubs have shown an interest in this service with Latics and Arsenal leading the way with the new innovation.

CANADIAN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Latics' Fundraising Brand Manager Tony Pascall was contacted last week by Latics Supporters Canada, a 20 strong bunch of Latics fanatics who all wanted to join New Latics Starline. David Moore (no relation to Chris) spokesman for the Canadian outfit emailed Boundary Park to tell us the club meets regularly to listen on www.oldhamathletic.co.uk to the match commentary and cheer on their team. Carlo Corazzin, everyone's favourite Mountie, sent over a signed shirt to his countrymen in recognition of them all joining New Latics Starline. You too can band together and sign your company or friends up to New Latics Starline, telephone 0870 753 2000 for details.



SHORTAGE OF SEATS

The Lookers Stand and Paddocks are now virtually a sell out for every home game here at Boundary Park and problems are beginning to occur when supporters try to change seats at half time. A number of supporters attempt to switch ends to watch the Latics forward line attack the goal. The stewards here at Boundary Park have been told to stop this changing of seats for security and health and safety reasons, so please assist them by not attempting to change seats.



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Iain Dowie delivers his team talk before extra-time



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Clyde Wijnhard on the scoresheet

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QPR's live televised league match against Blackpool on Monday night created broadcasting history. BBC Five Live gave listeners the chance to experience a live football match from every angle as they were given unprecedented access behind the scenes at Loftus Road. They were allowed to eavesdrop the referee's briefing and the manager Ian Holloway's team talk to the players celebrating or drowning

their sorrows in the bar after the game. There were also pre-match chats with the managers Holloway and Steve McMahon, the fans, referee, chairman and even the physio before live commentary began. And even that was different with two roving commentators and summarisers positioned behind the goals to give coverage from every angle.

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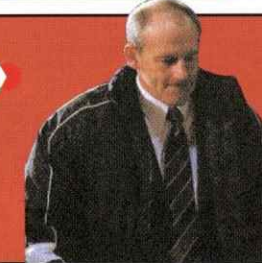
Huddersfield Town are in danger of joining neighbours Barnsley in being forced into administration because of their financial troubles. The Terriers are £6million in debt and have an annual wage bill of £3million which is way beyond their means.



Directors have asked big-earners Martin Smith, Andy Booth (left), Steve Jenkins, Chris Holland and Kenny Irons to take a pay cut, something they are considering. Huddersfield are languishing near the foot of Division Two, though the gloom was following a much-needed 3-0 win against Notts County.

Barnsley, with debts of £3.5million, were forced into administration when detailed financial negotiations with a potential buyer collapsed. The Barnsley FC Supporters Society has launched a sponsor-a-seat scheme similar to the one crisis club Bury organised last season and which raised a substantial sum in their battle for survival.

FORM GUIDE
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Steve Coppel's last match as Andy King's No 2 at Swindon was against Latics at the County Ground. Coppel swapped one relegation battle for another with his appointment as manager of First Division strugglers Brighton. The managerial roundabout has so far eluded the Second Division, though King's reign at Swindon is by no means secure with fans calling for his sacking as Latics

fans witnessed. King is adamant he will not quit and Swindon's financial troubles are so dire they cannot afford to sack him.

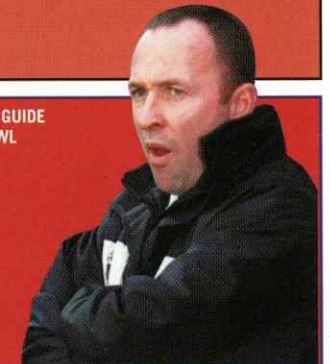
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Steve Parkin became the latest managerial casualty after being sacked by struggling Barnsley. The former Rochdale boss had only been in the hotseat at Oakwell for 11 months since succeeding Nigel Spackman. But it had been a disastrous time for The Tykes with Parkin failing to stave off the threat of relegation.

And after winning only four of their first 13 games of the season, the Barnsley board decided the time was right for a chance with the team languishing in the lower reaches of the table. One-time Wimbledon and Wales player Glyn Hodges, Barnsley's reserve-team coach, has been put in temporary charge of the team.

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6 — IF THERE WAS ANY DOUBT THAT RACISM STILL SHAMES SOCCER IT WAS NEVER MORE EVIDENT THAN IN ENGLAND'S GAME AGAINST SLOVAKIA LAST SATURDAY.

THE BURNING ISSUE

RACISM KICK IT OUT

Black players Emile Heskey, Ashley Cole and Kieron Dyer all suffered appalling race hatred that sickened any decent human being. UEFA has launched an investigation and, whatever the outcome, its findings must not be swept under the carpet. There is already talk of refusing to let the Slovakian fans travel to the return fixture. That is nonsense. Anyone found guilty of racism should be banned for life. Not only international matches, but also the domestic game. Let there be no doubt.

The football hierarchy has to stand firm, and send out a clear message once-and-for-all that the race card will not be tolerated. Under any circumstances. In law a person found guilty of racism can be jailed. The football ground should no different than the public arena. Abusers must be punished in a way that is a deterrent to others. Heskey said: "Sometimes you just have to close your mind to it." But why should coloured players have to suffer at the hate of the foul-mouths. They are carrying out their

chosen trade and should be free to go to the workplace just as much as their white colleagues. All the bigots are doing is dragging the game into the gutter. It is ironic that race should be on the agenda at such a critical time when the high profile, week-long campaign "Let's Kick Racism Out of Soccer" got under way on Thursday.

Recently the biggest survey in football carried out by MORI at a cost of £100,000 to the FA revealed some shocking statistics. In a section headed Impact of Racial Abuse at Games, Asian and black fans were asked if abuse at matches was putting them off going to games. And more than half of white supporters believed the racists were driving out the minorities. That is a shocking indictment in 2002. Europe has its racist problems and that was aptly displayed

when the likes of Arsenal's Thierry Henry was subjected to monkey noises in Champions League matches in Holland and Austria. Clubs like Oldham Athletic — the town suffered some of Britain's worst-ever race riots last year — have worked tirelessly to build community bridges. Its Unity in the Community initiative has brought praise from many quarters. After the England game, FA spokesman Adrian Bevington said: "We can't accept it

(racism) and we will be taking it further." The talking has been said and now it is time for officials to take tough action. This is not a time for complacency or merely papering over the cracks. There is no place in football for racism and genuine fans have nothing to fear. But the guilty must be punished and if that means prison sentences and ground closures, then so be it. There must only be one winner

Oldham Athletic are heavily involved in the campaign against racism. The Unity in the Community Program devised by Latics' has now been adopted throughout the Borough of Oldham. There is no place for racism at Boundary Park, No-one, the players, or the management will accept it.



WAYNE ANDREWS AND CARLO CORAZZIN TOTALLY AGAINST RACISM

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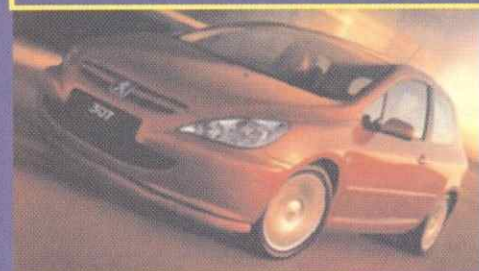
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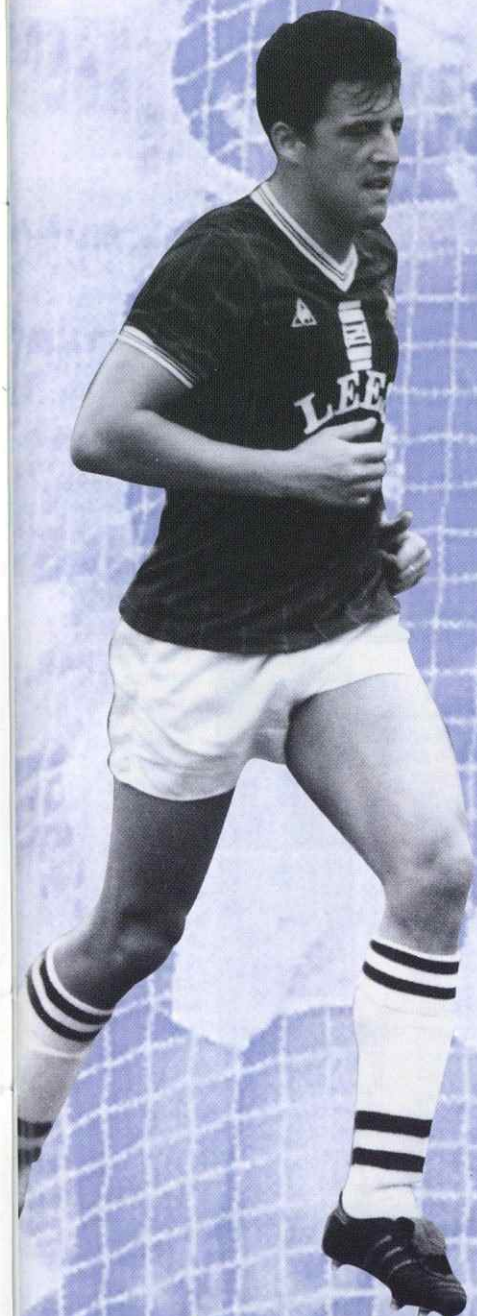
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Just a month after his 18th birthday, the Failsworth lad made a league debut for his local club and marked it by scoring a superb goal. It proved the first of many big moments for Darron, who served Athletic with distinction between 1980 and 1986, making nearly 200 appearances. He then became part of the Luton side which established itself in the top flight before ensuring his place in Newcastle's history when Kevin Keegan made him his first signing as manager.

CONTINENTAL CONNECTION

McDonough was actually born in Belgium, where his father was stationed in the army, but he was brought back to Failsworth as a toddler. He graduated through Oldham and Greater Manchester Schoolboys before committing himself to a future at Boundary Park. Darron said: "It meant a lot to come through the ranks with my local club because everybody around me knew about them and would talk about what was going on. "To score on my debut at Notts County was great and I still remember getting the ball from Ged Keegan, chesting it down, cutting on to my right foot and bending it into the top corner. "One game that really stands out was a League Cup tie at home to Bolton when we were losing but ended up winning 4-2 on a rainy night. "It was a great game, a real blood and guts battle. I enjoyed that type of match because I played in the heart of things in midfield and could really get stuck in."

HAPPY DAYS

In fact Darron's wholehearted approach made him a terrace favourite and brought him to the attention of Luton, who paid £87,000 for his services. They were in the old first division and McDonough went on: "I had five years there and, despite some injuries, three of them were fantastic. I was going to all the grounds everybody wants to play at and Luton were doing well, so it was a fantastic move for me. "The one big downer was missing the League Cup final in 1988. I played in all the games leading up to it but snapped my knee ligaments in the last five minutes of a training session just before. "I got the mini-trophy for the winners, but to be truthful it doesn't mean very much if you haven't been involved in the final. "We beat Arsenal 3-2 in a great game, but sitting on the bench with crutches meant it wasn't much fun for me personally."

MANAGEMENT LINK

It was next stop Tyneside for McDonough, who became the first man to join Kevin Keegan's revolution when he signed just a few hours before Brian Kilcline. The move, however, soon turned sour. He explained: "They were a brilliant club to be joining and I was really looking forward to. Unfortunately I had bad luck with injuries and only played two games, plus a couple as sub. "I was trying to make a comeback when my Achilles snapped in a reserve match at Anfield. There's nothing you can do about those things and I eventually retired at the age of 32" Darron, who still lives locally, now works in the building trade. He follows Latics closely and has even more reason to visit these days after becoming good friends with Iain Dowie back at Luton.

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ATHLETIC RESERVES 0

BURNLEY RESERVES 1

Catches win matches in cricket ... in soccer goals win matches and Latics' reserves should have had at least three in this encounter with Lancashire rivals Burnley.

On a terrible night for football, a gale force wind blowing mixed with rain Latics held the early advantage as Wayne Andrews and Scott Vernon both squandered good opportunities to open the scoring.

The conditions began to take a hold on the game and both sides tried to keep the ball at grass level to negate the effects of the blustery conditions.

A midfield battle with few chances then ensued with neither side taking a firm grip in the game.

On the stroke of half time Burnley took a surprise lead when Joel Pilkington emerged from a scrum on the edge of the penalty area to fire past the diving David Miskelly.

The second period followed the same pattern as the first with Athletic having the chances but no goals were forthcoming.

In the 83rd minute Athletic were awarded a penalty when Michael Clegg was brought down in the box, Andrews stepped up to crash the ball onto the foot of the post before going out for a goal kick.

Andrews again had another good chance after 87 minutes when he ran on to a raking Chris Bass pass only to fire his shot wide of the goalkeeper and the post. You don't win matches if you don't take your chances and that proved to be the case on this night.

ATHLETIC: MISKELLY, CLEGG, TIERNEY, DAVENPORT, HAINING, HALL, BOSHELL, GILL, ANDREWS, VERNON, GRIFFIN,
SUBS: WINN, WHITTLE, BASS, FLEMING, ROCCA

FA YOUTH CUP 1st ROUND OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2

HULL CITY 3

Latics youngsters took on the Tigers from Hull City in the first round of the FA Youth Cup and came unstuck in an end to end game.

Both Athletic and Hull fielded young sides due to injury and illness but it did not deter from an exciting game. Hull took the lead when Benson looped his header over Treacy in Latics' goal.

Latics equalised through Chris Hall who planted his header firmly past the Tigers' keeper.

The second half started brightly and the Tigers again went in front through Benson and the going got worse for Athletic when Jacobs put through his own goal to give Hull a 3-1 lead.

Carlos Rocca pulled a goal back for Latics as full time approached and Ashley Winn very nearly grabbed a late equaliser with a vicious dipping free kick.

UNDER 19 FIXTURES AT A GLANCE SEASON 2002/2003 ALL HOME FIXTURES 11AM AT CHAPEL ROAD

AUG 17	AWAY	WIGAN ATHLETIC	D2-2
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SEPT 7	HOME	ROCHDALE	W1-0
SEPT 14	HOME	BURY	D3-3
SEPT 21	AWAY	STOCKPORT	L3-1
SEPT 28	AWAY	BURNLEY	L3-1
OCT 5	AWAY	TRANMERE	PP
OCT 12	HOME	STOCKPORT	L1-0
OCT 19	AWAY	BLACKPOOL	
OCT 26	HOME	BURY	

RIGHT:
WAYNE ANDREWS
Had a number of chances



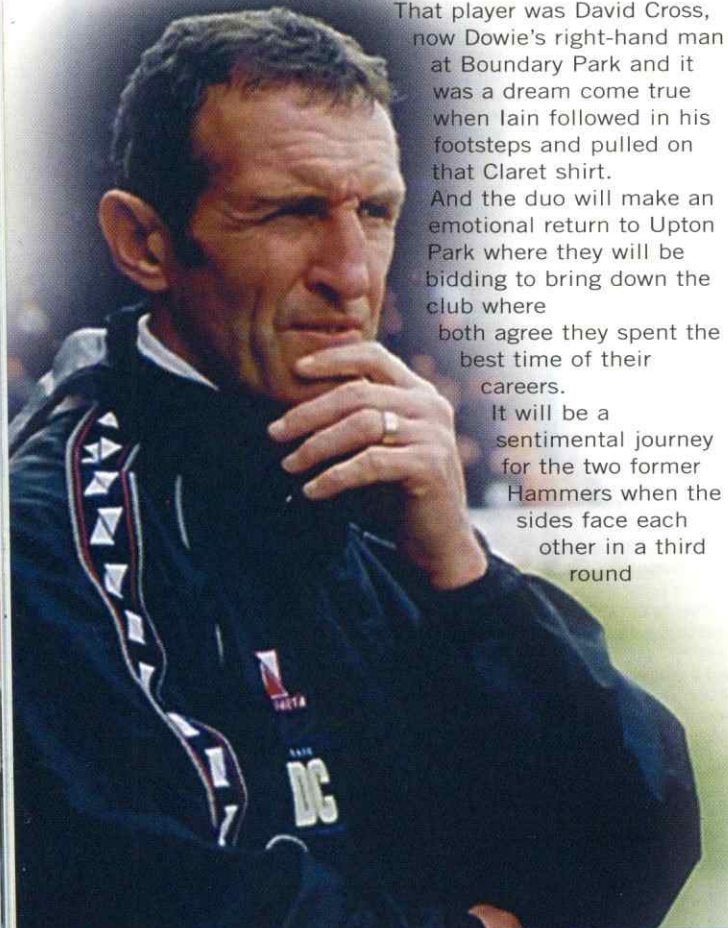
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TUES 3RD	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	L3-0
MON 16TH	WOLVERHAMPTON WDRS	W1-0
MON 23RD	BURY	W3-1
OCTOBER		
THUR 3RD	SHEFFIELD UTD	L2-1
MON 7TH	STOKE CITY	W3-1
TUES 15TH	BURNLEY	L1-0
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WED 26TH	BURY	AWAY
APRIL		
TUES 1ST	TRANMERE ROVERS	HOME
WED 16TH	WALSALL	AWAY
WEDS 23RD	PRESTON NORTH END	HOME



LATICS BOSS IAIN DOWIE SPENT HIS SATURDAY AFTERNOONS ON THE WEST HAM TERRACES CHEERING ON ONE OF HIS SCHOOLBOY HEROES.

TOTAL



That player was David Cross, now Dowie's right-hand man at Boundary Park and it was a dream come true when Iain followed in his footsteps and pulled on that Claret shirt. And the duo will make an emotional return to Upton Park where they will be bidding to bring down the club where both agree they spent the best time of their careers. It will be a sentimental journey for the two former Hammers when the sides face each other in a third round

Worthington Cup match in the Capital on Wednesday, November, 6. "It is a fantastic draw and could hardly have been better," said Dowie with Cross echoing the sentiment. While the Latics have hit top spot in the Second Division, West Ham have been struggling at the bottom of the Premiership. But the vastly-experienced pair know that will count for nothing in a one-off Cup contest, despite some big-name casualties in the last round. Between them they have played for a staggering 18 clubs with Dowie also clocking up 59 internationals for Northern Ireland. The Latics chief had two spells with West Ham and he admitted: "They were the best club I have been at as a player and I have some magnificent memories. "It is great to be going back with David Cross who was a big, big hero with the fans — a legend." Dowie, who began his career with this afternoon's visitors Luton ("and I will always be grateful to them for giving me my chance"), added: "It will also be a great night for the players who deserve to be pitting their wits against Premiership quality.

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Iain Dowie pictured in his days as a West Ham Player

FOOTBALL

"It will be a mammoth task for all of us, but we will be up for it." The much-travelled Cross, who spent five happy years at Upton Park, said: "Without a shadow of doubt they were the best times of my career." No wonder. In 230 games he scored 99 goals. In one season alone he claimed a staggering 34 league and cup strikes." Heywood-born Cross added: "The goals made me very popular with the fans and I loved every minute of it." The highlight of his career came when he picked up an FA CUP winners medal as West Ham beat deadly north London rivals Arsenal 1-0 in Wembley's 1980 final. The Latics saw off first division Derby County in round two — and they were in the Premiership last season. Cross insisted: "The lads have worked hard to get us this far and they can do well at West Ham — if they don't it won't be for lack of trying, believe me."

The last time the Latics met West Ham in a cup game they went on to make their first-ever appearance at Wembley. That was in 1990 when they beat the Hammers over two legs in the then Littlewoods Cup, only to lose to Nottingham Forest in the final.



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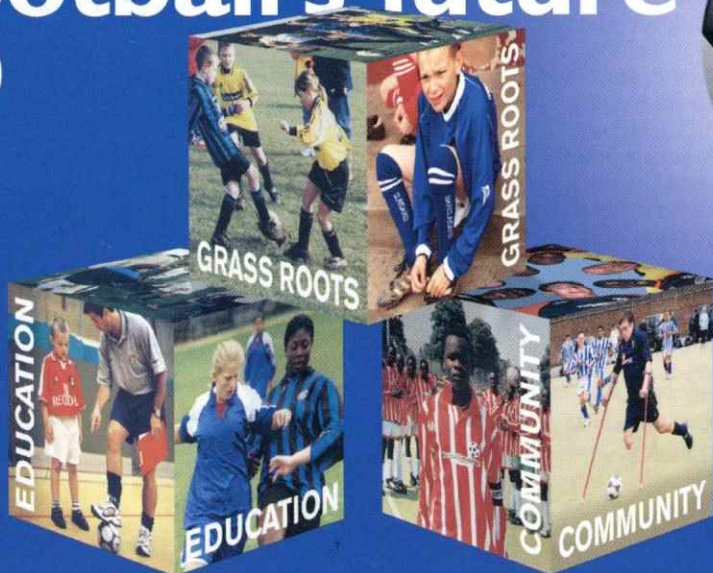
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FROM THE HEART OF THE DRESSING ROOM, FRENCHMAN JULIEN BAUDET HAS REVEALED THE MOOD OF LATIC'S PLAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER LAST WEEK'S DRAW AT PORT VALE.

OLDHAM ATHLETICS
JULIEN BAUDET

As victory would have set a new club record, Julien said his teammates were aware of their chance to go down in history. And, when a 1-1 stalemate ended the winning run at eight games, despair turned to determination. Julien explained: "We did talk about breaking the record and it would have been very nice, but that wasn't the main subject of what we said before the game. "We haven't achieved anything yet, so the most important thing was just to keep going and keep picking up as many points as possible.

"It's always good to see yourselves at the top of the division (as Latics were before last Saturday) because it means you are doing well and getting some things right.

"We were happy with the situation before the Port Vale game, but what we want is top place when it means a lot, at the end of 46 matches.

"We didn't play as well as we can and the big feeling in the dressing room was disappointment from every player. "It was almost like we had lost 5-0 instead of drawing 1-1. We knew we should have beaten them and we weren't happy with ourselves at all.

"Afterwards, when we looked back and thought again, I think we realised that it was a good point. A lot of things made it difficult for us last Saturday, with some players being injured and others not having a proper training session the day before.

"It's also good that we are still unbeaten away, which is so much better than last season. The gaffer gives us unbelievable spirit and that has made a difference, there is a hunger to win every time we play.

"What we have to do now is start again. We are looking at winning six in a row, or seven, eight, or maybe even nine this time.

"That is our aim and all the lads are pulling together. The atmosphere in the dressing room and out on the pitch has been fantastic." Baudet, who signed his first Latics contract this time last year, has already made 32 appearances for the club at centre-back or, less frequently, in midfield.

He has started six games this term but is forced to miss out today after being red-carded at Swindon for a professional foul. He admitted: "To be honest, I probably deserved to be sent off. I grabbed their player's shirt and as soon as I touched him he fell. "The fact is that we were 1-0 up and he could have gone through and scored, so it's something I did instantly because it was better than him scoring. And the lads did great to go on and win. "I was happy it was a one-match ban instead of three, but it's always disappointing not to play, especially when the team is doing so well.

"You might not get back in the team if you miss one game or give one bad performance. But that's the threat of competition and maybe it's a reason we are doing so well."



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Four successive league victories have seen the Hatters climb to 10th, although Luton will be without their leading scorer, eight-goal striker Steve Howard, today because of suspension. Battling it out for the goalkeeper's jersey are Frenchman Cedric Berthelin, signed on a two-month contract from Lens, and former Walsall shot-stopper Carl Emberson. Waiting in the wings is Mark Ovendale, signed for £425,000, a club record for a goalkeeper, from Bournemouth in August 2000.

Another player waiting for his first appearance in his 15th season in the Luton first team is Marvin Johnson, the defender being the only member of the squad to have played in all four divisions for the Hatters. Central defender Chris Coyne joined West Ham as a teenager after being

spotted playing for Australia Under-17s at the 1994 World Youth Cup, but made only one league appearance. Has been a big hit since arriving from Dundee last September and combines well with Russell Perrett, a Division Two winner with Cardiff in 2001. A product of the Hatters' youth system, Emmerson Boyce signed a new contract in the summer having made the right-back berth his own in recent seasons, but again will have former Welsh Under-21 international Ian Hillier for



competition. Former Welsh international defender Alan Neilson arrived in February to bolster Luton's promotion push, bringing with him Premiership experience with Newcastle United and Southampton. Sol Davis, a tough-tackling left-back, joined Luton in the summer after his contract expired with Swindon, a tribunal last week setting the fee at £60,000 plus appearances. Youth scheme graduate Matthew Spring (right), has been virtually ever-present in the last four seasons and Hatters' fans were relieved when he signed a new contract in the summer. The 22-year-old has scored four goals this season. Two former England Youth internationals in the Hatters' midfield are Kevin Nicholls (left), and Paul Hughes, the latter having got his career back on track last season after spending nine months out with a

groin problem at previous club Southampton. Nicholls came through the ranks at Charlton Athletic and was virtually ever-present in his first season at Kenilworth Road, having



been snapped up for £150,000 from Wigan Athletic last summer. Steve Robinson, who won the last of five caps for Northern Ireland in April 2000, was another summer signing for promoted Luton, the 27-year-old having failed to make an impact in two years with Preston North End.

HATTERS' MANAGER

JOE KINNEAR

LUTON TOWN



Two others competing for midfield places are Peter Holmes, who turned 22 yesterday, and Croatian Ahmet Berkovic. Holmes is a product of the FA School of Excellence from the same year as Michael Owen, while Berkovic arrived on a free transfer from Leyton Orient in October 2001, having previously been on trial in 1999.

With Howard, last season's top scorer in Division Three with 24 goals, suspended, Kinneare is likely to give Andrew Fotiadis, who has scored in the last three games, and Dean Crowe (above), the nod up front.

Signed initially on loan from Stoke City last September, Crowe contributed 15 goals to the Hatters' promotion cause last season and will be looking for a similar return this term. Another option is Tony Thorpe, who signed for Luton for the fourth time in the summer on a free transfer from Bristol City - 10 years after David Pleat first brought him to Kenilworth Road.

LOCAL HERO

RICKY HILL

Appearances 436 Goals 54



A heart attack forced Joe Kinneare to leave his beloved Wimbledon, but it was inevitable the popular Irishman would return to the game and he did, after 18 months on the sidelines, with struggling Luton Town in January 2001.

Kinneare, a former Republic of Ireland international who won the FA Cup, League Cup (twice) and UEFA Cup as a player with Tottenham Hotspur, would experience the first relegation of his career before Luton bounced back as runners-up last season. This time around Kinneare, the former United Arab Emirates coach, has his sights set on another promotion, although this looked unlikely after Luton started the season with four defeats.

THE HATTERS' BEST EVER XI*



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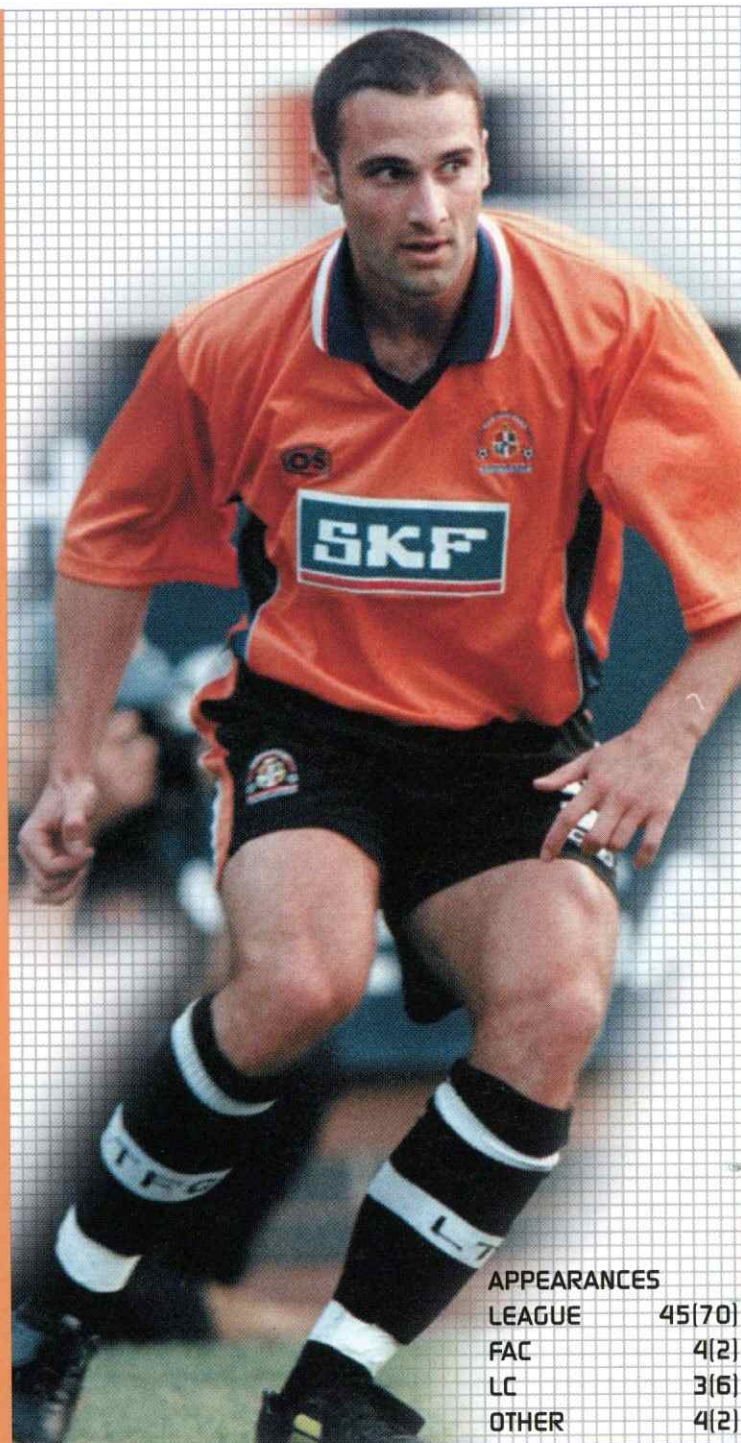
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NUMBER FOURTEEN
ANDREW FOTIADIS

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 Position: Attacker
 Signed: 01/08/1995
 Height: 6ft
 Weight: 12st 5lb

Joe Kinnear has called Andrew Fotiadis the unluckiest footballer ever as no matter what he does, he seems to pick up an injury. As a result, his career has never really got going. After six seasons at Kenilworth Road, he has made just 106 league appearances, 64 of them from the bench. A more worrying statistic for a striker is that in those 106 games, he has scored just 12 goals. Obviously he has a lot of talent and has always threatened to blossom into a real prospect, but each time successive managers have tried to bring him on, another injury has made him miss a whole string of games and it's back to the beginning. A local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at Under-15 and Under-18 level, and looked to be on the way to becoming an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination to score goals. Frustratingly for him, the manager and the fans, it has not yet happened.



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THE SUNDAY 11 TURN INTO THE THURSDAY 4

Sunday mornings in the physio room can resemble anything from a war zone to a library. Some Sundays have gone by with barely a flicker, with only one or two players requiring treatment, whilst others can look like a scene from a casualty ward.

Last Sunday morning was very much the latter, as nine players (and two sick) crammed into the physio room with various knocks and ailments. In fact, Tony Carss (one of the magnificent 11) remarked that there was a decent team in there limping across the room.

In they came, two by two, limping, hopping, grimacing and frowning.

In no particular order, the magnificent 11 were Fitz Hall, Chris Armstrong, Paul Murray, Matt Appleby, Josh

Low, Dave Beharall, Tony Carss, Lourenco and Carlo Corazzin. The two ill/sick players were Lee Duxbury and Johnny "Eyes".

DUX AND EYESY

Both Dux and Eyesy were struck down with similar ailments prior to travelling to Port Vale. Johnny was so bad he couldn't travel whilst Dux, although managing to start the game, could only last 45 minutes. Dux even vomited whatever he had left inside his body, whilst warming up on the pitch.

You will be pleased to know that both have improved at the time of writing, with Dux's illness lingering on slightly longer than Eyesy's.

FITZ AND CHRISSY



Fitz and Chris both reported with groin and Achilles strains respectively, after the match. Thankfully, the strains were only minor and both players were back in training. Good news for Chrissy after such a long absence.

HRIS ARMSTRONG

CARSSY AND CARLO

Carssy took yet another whack to his left shin which has been troubling him recently, and gave up his Sunday breakfast for precautionary treatment.

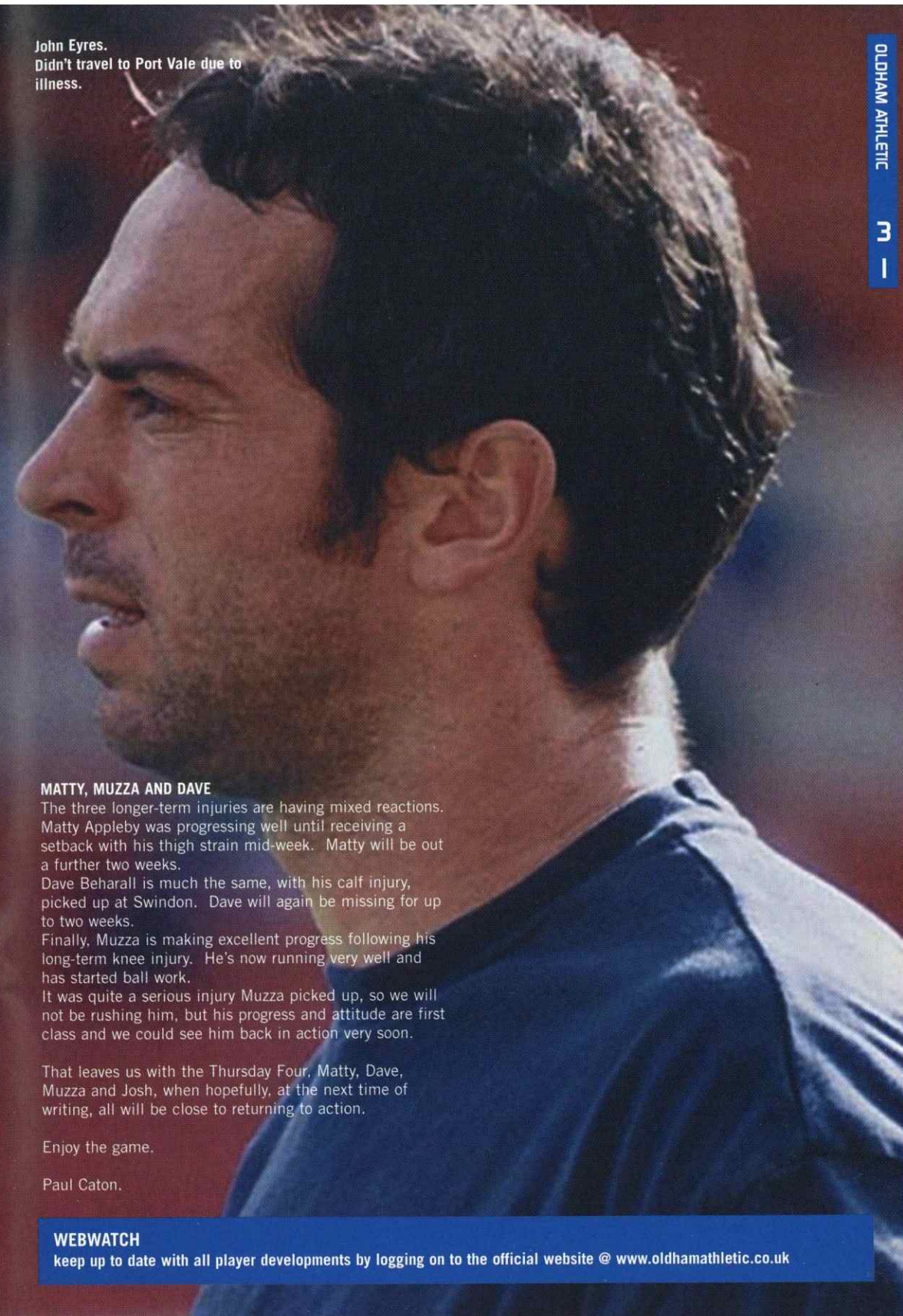
Carlo was concerned with sharp pain in his right knee which has since settled. Again, both players are back in full training and available for today's game.

JOSH AND LOURENCO

As you know, Josh Low has been sidelined with a hamstring injury. However, excellent progress is being made, and whilst not available for today's match, Josh should be rejoining full training next week.

Lourenco (Jimmy) picked up a minor ankle knock against Port Vale, which has again settled quickly.

John Eyres.
Didn't travel to Port Vale due to illness.



MATTY, MUZZA AND DAVE

The three longer-term injuries are having mixed reactions. Matty Appleby was progressing well until receiving a setback with his thigh strain mid-week. Matty will be out a further two weeks.

Dave Beharall is much the same, with his calf injury, picked up at Swindon. Dave will again be missing for up to two weeks.

Finally, Muzza is making excellent progress following his long-term knee injury. He's now running very well and has started ball work.

It was quite a serious injury Muzza picked up, so we will not be rushing him, but his progress and attitude are first class and we could see him back in action very soon.

That leaves us with the Thursday Four, Matty, Dave, Muzza and Josh, when hopefully, at the next time of writing, all will be close to returning to action.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Caton.

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Pictured is Joseph Wright receiving his autographed football from Latics players Lee Duxbury, David Eyres, Darren Sheridan and John Sheridan. Joseph recently had a birthday party at the ground and then got the opportunity to meet the Latics players.

LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

The Learning Through Football day with our teacher Terry Taylor is just about booked up for the season. Each Wednesday a class from a local school visits the ground for an extensive behind the scenes look at the ground. The children also have to complete various group exercises revolving round football related topics. After their day at the club all children receive complimentary tickets to a forthcoming home game. At today's game we welcome two classes from Thorp and two classes from Crompton primary schools.

Pictured are children from St Thomas School, Moorside during their Learning Through Football day at Oldham Athletic.



MARKETING MIX

With Sean Jarvis

GIFTED AND TALENTED.....



Forget Pop Idol, Pop Rivals, Fame Academy, Stars in Your Eyes and all those other similar programmes. You need not look any further than Oldham for real talented stars. On Saturday 2nd November, about 40 minutes before kick off, Boundary Park will become all of the above TV shows rolled into one!

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I am also led to believe that over 300 people auditioned to be part of the show which only goes to demonstrate that the future of Oldham looks very bright indeed!
So before you do anything else make sure you get into Boundary Park early on Saturday 2nd November.

SCHOOLS SOCCER

Many a time have I gone on about schools and links to Latics - well in our latest venture we are hopefully revealing some new Roger Palmer's, Denis Irwin's or Clyde Wijnhard's! On the website we now have a section dedicated to Oldham's schools soccer. Listed are all the fixtures (and soon the tables) of the Schools involved in this league.

There's Crompton House and Saddleworth just to mention a couple. So why not visit the site and see how your school is getting on.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

One of the most prestigious events in Latics' calendar is its Sportsman's Dinner. This year, it is being held at the Pennine Way Hotel on Thursday 28th November. The guest speaker, who is back due to popular demand, is Roger de Courcey (and his sidekick Nookie the Bear!). I have never seen the two of them but I am told they are hilarious. So if you are interested in booking a table at the Dinner (and rubbing shoulders with some ex and present Latics stars) then simply contact the Sales and Events team on 0870 753 2000.

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FINALLY

Thanks to all our supporters and sponsors for your support today - I hope you enjoy the game.

KEEP KICKING IT OUT

With an Englishman, Irishman, Aussie, Canadian, New Zealander and Portuguese in our team, today's game versus Luton is very significant. Why? Because today is our designated Anti-racism day. We are once again backing the National Anti-Racism Week of Action and of course proud to do so. This season the players will be wearing Kick It Out-shirts in the warm up to the game and one lucky winner will win an autographed t-shirt - by answering a simple question on the Club's official Website (oldhamathletic.co.uk). What's more David Beharall and Leslie Pogliacomini are lending their support to the campaign by attending a high profile event (with other representatives from other Clubs in the North West) at Manchester Town Hall (date to be confirmed).



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Today
Dean Holden and Chris Armstrong were both important players for Latics last week at Port Vale with Chris making his first start of the season and Dean getting his 1st goal. One of the interviews we brought you on Latics World this week was with the defensive duo, remember, Latics World is the only place to see exclusive video interviews with the players and coaching staff and match highlights. Latics World also brings you commentary on 1st team league and league cup matches, home and away, which will be a great way to keep in touch if you can't get to the next few away matches against Q.P.R., West Ham Utd and Plymouth Argyle, see www.oldhamathletic.co.uk for details of how to subscribe. If you won't be near your computer for the matches, you can receive text alerts via our exclusive sms service, see the Mobile Zone section of www.oldhamathletic.co.uk for details for details.

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DATELINE: SATURDAY APRIL 27, 1991

RESULT: IPSWICH 1, LATICES 2

TEAM: Hallworth, Halle, Warhurst, Jobson, Barlow, Barrett, Henry, R Holden, Adams, Marshall, Currie.
Subs: Redfearn, Kane.

Latics kicked off their match at Portman Road knowing that victory would end 68 years of hurt by guaranteeing promotion to the top flight. After spending the whole of the 1990/91 campaign in either first or second place, this was the day to make dreams come true.

No pressure there, then! But any anxiety felt by players or fans was dispelled by the latest in a long line of top-class displays. While Ian Marshall scored the goals, Latics were heroes one and all. Oldham folk may have been along way from home, but 3,000 of them enjoyed one of the best days out Oldham Athletic have ever provided.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

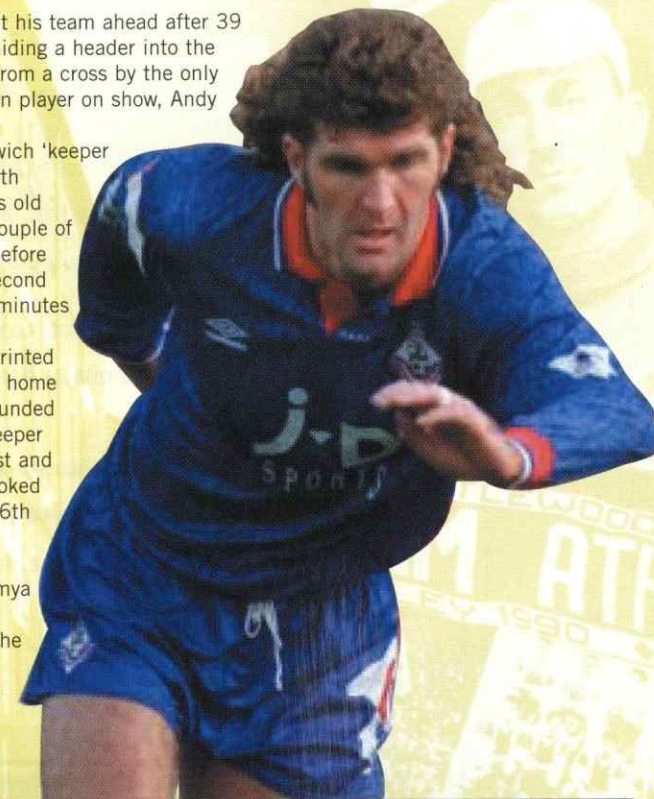
By a remarkable coincidence, Latics had also made history on the corresponding weekend 12 months earlier. That time they were making a first-ever appearance at Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup final, this time it was advancement into the old division one. A vivid convoy of coaches and cars headed to East Anglia, where success was widely anticipated against mid-table Ipswich. Fans in the away end reached great voice an hour before kick-off, pumped

up the volume during the game and, for those who could still speak, kept going long into the night. The reason was a win far more convincing than the scoreline suggests; there was rarely any doubt that Latics would prevail. And there was a pleasing symmetry about it too as Marshall, who had begun the season with a decisive hat-trick at Wolves, secured promotion with two more cool finishes.

LOCAL HERO

Marshall put his team ahead after 39 minutes, guiding a header into the top corner from a cross by the only Oldham-born player on show, Andy Barlow. Former Ipswich 'keeper Jon Hallworth thwarted his old club on a couple of occasions before the killer second arrived 23 minutes from time. Marshall sprinted clear of the home defence, rounded helpless 'keeper Craig Forrest and joyously stroked home his 16th goal of the season. Chris Kiwomya pulled one back near the end but a patched-up

visiting defence, in which Richard Jobson had a broken nose and Gunnar Halle played with four stitches in his head, held firm. Latics had reached their target with three games to spare and, of course, used them to clinch the division two championship. But the fundamental achievement of going up after 17 years in the same Division was what mattered most.



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1. WHICH CLUB ARE CURRENTLY TOP OF DIVISION ONE?
PORTSMOUTH **PORTSMOUTH**
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READING **READING**
3. AGGBOROUGH STADIUM IS THE HOME OF WHICH DIVISION THREE CLUB?
KEDDERMINSTER **BOSTON UNITED**
4. WHICH CLUB IS NICKNAMED 'THE BANTAMS'?
BRADFORD CITY **YORK CITY**
5. NAME 3 OF THE 4 CLUBS WHO WERE PROMOTED TO DIVISION TWO.
CHELTENHAM, LUTON, PLYMOUTH **PLYMOUTH, MANSFIELD LUTON**
6. WHO WAS THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENT OF THE USA TO GEORGE W BUSH?
BILL CLINTON **BILL CLINTON**
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BUENOS AIRES **BUENOS AIRES**
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BLACKBURN **BLACKBURN ROVERS**
12. WHICH COMPETITION DID LATICS REACH THE FINAL OF IN APRIL 1990?
LITTLEWOODS CUP **LEAGUE CUP**
13. IF THE HORNETS WERE PLAYING THE LIONS IN A LOCAL DERBY, WHAT SPORT WOULD YOU BE WATCHING?
RUGBY LEAGUE **ICE HOCKEY**
14. WHICH BRITISH OLYMPIAN HAS WON MORE GOLD OLYMPIC MEDALS THAN ANY OTHER?
STEVE REDGRAVE **STEVE REDGRAVE**
15. IN WHICH SPORT WOULD YOU USE THE FOSBURY FLOP?
HIGHJUMP **HIGHJUMP**
16. WHAT IS A BAKER'S DOZEN?
THIRTEEN **THIRTEEN**
17. IN WHICH COUNTRY WOULD YOU FIND MUMBAI AIRPORT?
KENYA **ZAIRE**
18. WHICH CLUB WAS DEDUCTED FOUR POINTS BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON?
BOSTON UNITED **BOSTON UNITED**
19. WHICH FIRST DIVISION CLUB ARE NICKNAMED THE EAGLES?
CRYSTAL PALACE **CRYSTAL PALACE**
20. NAME THE CAPITAL OF ICELAND.
REYJKAVIC **REYJKAVIC**



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18 POINTS

RED CORNER
JOSH
15 POINTS

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PRESSING Matters

THEIR WAS A BRIEF MENTION IN THE PRESS LAST WEEK ABOUT THE NIGHTMARE WHICH BEFELL JON MCCARTHY...

JON WHO? Well, his is one of the cruel stories of football. In 1997 he cost the then Birmingham City boss Trevor Francis £1.85M. McCarthy should have been making his Premiership debut this season — instead he is struggling to revive his career at non-league level. In a matter of months he has gone from the big-time to the more humble surroundings of Doncaster Rovers. There was no hint of the agony to come when he moved to St. Andrews. McCarthy was already a Northern Ireland international and the future looked bright. But nothing went right in five injury-plagued seasons with Birmingham. On top of everything else he broke the SAME leg THREE times in as many years and it is now pinned and screwed. McCarthy was released in the summer and joined former club Port Vale on non-contract forms. But he was on his way again a couple of weeks ago when the now fashionable exercise of cost-cutting kicked in — he was the only player not on a long-term contract. Too many doors are closed at the moment with many league clubs suffering financially and McCarthy is hoping that playing in the Conference will eventually throw him a lifeline. At least it puts him in the shop window and he reasons that if he is playing football there could well be somebody willing to take a look. There are no guarantees and while he is on a non-contract basis at Belle Vue he could be put on seven days notice. McCarthy is one of the game's hard-luck stories and it illustrates a downside that is rarely recorded at any length in the popular press. He is now desperate to get back into the headlines — but this time for all the right reasons. Latics's Wayne Harrison's career followed a similar path after his move from Boundary Park to Anfield... Let's hope Jon's Career takes a turn for the better.



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Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
7	Shots	12
5	Headers	7
6	Volley	2
2	Penalties	2
1	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0

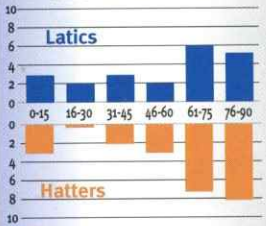
Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored



Form Guide - Last 6

5	Won	4
1	Drawn	1
0	Lost	1
14	For	13
2	Against	8
16	Points	13
12	Goal Difference	5
WWWWD Sequence DLWWW		

Yellow & Red Cards

23	Yellow	26
2	Red	1



2002-2003 Attendances

Latics	Aggregate	Hatters
38,645	45,450	
8,033	7,860	
5,490	6,004	
6,441	6,493	
48	% of Capacity	65

10 Year Record

Latics	Avg Pos.	Hatters
47.6	among 92 clubs	53.5
12,569	Avg Att 1993	7,878
6,441	Avg Att 2002	6,493
-49	+ / - %	-18

Top League Scorers

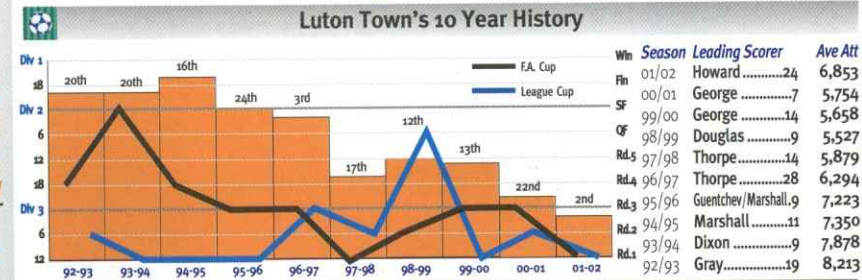
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8	League Goals	7	
10	Games Played	13	
0.80	Lge Goals/Game	0.54	
2	Points Gained	3	
2	Scoring Run	4	
1	Hat-Tricks	0	
3	Close Range	3	
4	Inside Area	3	
1	Long Range	1	
3	Shots	2	
2	Headers	4	
2	Volley	1	
1	Penalties	0	
0	Direct FKs	0	

Average Goals per game

1.62	For	1.77
2.33	Home For	2.29
1.00	Away For	1.17
0.54	Against	1.62
0.83	Home Against	1.71
0.29	Away Against	1.50

2002-2003 Figures

23	Players Used	23
8	Clean Sheets	5
3	Failed to Score	2
Goals scored from...		
3	Corners	3
3	Free Kicks	2
Goals conceded from...		
1	Corners	1
2	Free Kicks	1



Swings

OA	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
2	Goals Down	0
1	1 Goal Down	2
Lost from:		
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
0	1 Goal Up	1
Drawn from:		
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	1
0	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	0

Margins

4	Won by 1 Gl	3
2	Won by 2 Gls	0
0	Won by 3 Gls	2
1	Won by 4 Gls	0
1	Won by 5+ Gls	0
Games		
1	Lost by 1 Gl	4
1	Lost by 2 Gls	0
0	Lost by 3 Gls	1
0	Lost by 4 Gls	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

Misc stats

1	Highest Pos.	10
17	Lowest Pos.	24
6	Winning Run	4
7	Unbeaten Run	4
0	Losing Run	4
2	No Win Run	5



brief encounters

latics v luton town

past encounters...great games...connections...

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN IS:
HOME: P18 W8 D5 L5 F22 A15
AWAY: P18 W4 D6 L7 F18 A32
TOTAL: P36 W12 D11 L12 F40 A47

LAST TIME HERE:
Tuesday, 23rd January 2001
Nationwide League, Division Two
Latics 2 (Rickers, J Sheridan), Luton Town 0

LATICS: Kelly, S McNiven, Garnett (Innes), Hottle, Rickers, Eyres, Duxbury, J Sheridan (Boshell), Carss, Corazzin, Tipton (Dudley).
Subs (not used): Miskelly, Allott.
LUTON: Ovendale, Boyce, Karlsen, Whitbread, McGowan, Spring, Holmes (George), Mansell, Fotiadis (Stein), Nogan (Thomson), Douglas.
Subs (not used): Abbey, Stirling.
Attendance: 3,011

Latics triumphed in their last home meeting against Luton, a clash featuring two teams in the lower reaches of the Second Division. It was a welcome win for Latics who eventually finished 15th with Paul Rickers and John Sheridan the goalscorers. Luton had little to cheer and would eventually be relegated to the basement division having graced the top one 10 years earlier.

FEATURE MATCH
Saturday, 11th April 1992
Latics 5 (Sharp 4, Milligan), Luton 1

It was hats off to Graeme Sharp who left clutching the match ball having fired a four-goal salvo. Sharp, a £400,000 capture from Everton in the summer of 1991, scored 12 League goals which helped Latics more than anything establish themselves in the top division. Luton visited Boundary Park five matches before the end of the campaign with both teams too close for comfort to the bottom of the table. The three points Latics secured enabled them to take a gigantic step towards survival while Luton's loss was a massive blow to their hopes of staying up.

Latics eventually finished 15th, nine points above the bottom three. Luton were not so lucky losing their top-flight status.

LATICS: Hallworth, Fleming, Barlow, Henry, Jobson, Marshall, Adams, Ritchie, Sharp, Milligan, Holden.

PAST MASTER

Vic Halom, a battering ram centre forward, starred for Latics and Luton at opposite ends of his illustrious career. Though Halom played for Charlton, Orient and Fulham early in his career it was at Luton where he shot to prominence. And it was his goalscoring exploits for the Hatters which earned a transfer to Sunderland in 1973 which would make him a household name. Little over three months after arriving on Wearside, Halom was a member of Sunderland's FA Cup winning team as the Second Division Black Cats caused a major upset defeating Leeds United in that never-to-be-forgotten final.

Halom joined Latics in summer of 1976 having just helped Sunderland win promotion to the top flight. He more than repaid the £25,000 transfer fee scoring 43 league goals in 123 appearances.

It would undoubtedly been more but for being employed more as a central midfielder player in his latter days at Boundary Park.

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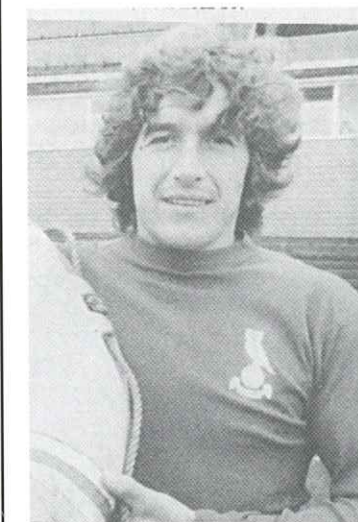
Centre half Peter Burke starred for Latics in the 1930s after joining them from non-league club Prescot Cables in a £100 transfer. Burke made 93 league appearances before being transferred to Norwich City for £2,610 and he moved on to Luton in 1939 shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War which effectively ended his career. The 1960s saw goalkeeper Ron Swan, until his recent retirement a police officer at Boundary Park, play for both clubs.

In more recent times there has been the Futchers twins, Paul and Ron,

Darron McDonough, Steve Taylor and Frank Bunn. Bunn's career was cruelly cut short through injury but he is still in the record books having scored six goals for Latics against Scarborough in a Littlewoods Cup tie in a 7-0 victory.

DIY YOU KNOW

Latics and Luton have only ever met once in a cup competition. That was in the FA Cup in January 1978 when Jimmy Frizzell's side lost a third-round replay at Boundary Park. Though Latics and Luton first met in 1953, Latics did not register their first home win against the Hatters for another 24 years. Latics lost their first four home league games against Luton and recorded their first win at Boundary Park at the seventh attempt. But since registering that first victory, Latics have been unbeaten since 1977 in the league, a sequence of 11, matches.



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The 'Superfan' tag has become a football cliché.

The media habitually thrust fans into the limelight these days: hyping their commitment and obsession to whatever ludicrous levels a 'slow news day' can excuse as a story.

But I consider this week's interviewee more worthy of that 'Superfan' accolade than most - because Castleton-based Bert Higginbottom, 92, has been following the Latics week-in, week-out for 78 years.

When I visited Bert at his home this week I was struck by the spirit and modesty of the man. Bert shrugs his shoulders and dismisses his recent media attention as unwarranted. And he offers a typically down-to-earth answer as to why he keeps returning to Boundary Park.

"I keep going because I love my football," he beams.

One glance at the various Latics-related paraphernalia about his living-room suggests it really is that simple. And Bert has mastered Digital TV to ensure he can access his sports channels and keep up-to-date with football news. It was Bert's elder brother, Ivor, who coaxed him along to his first game back in 1924 and - wartime duties apart - he has been a fixture in matchday crowds ever since.

"I can't remember what the admission price for that first game was," Bert says. "A lot of these memories are taken from you over the years...things you should know but just can't remember.

"It was just coppers though - only a couple of shillings. I've never been a season-ticket man so I paid on the gate for that game and have done so ever since."

Ivor lifted young Bert onto his shoulders so he could get a better view of the action that day; such was his determination to convert him. It worked like a dream.

Bert says: "Ivor was a real staunch Athletic fan."

"He was five years older than me and had gone for years before I did...he was a bigger fan than I am. He never missed a game and that includes away matches."

Luckless Bert couldn't have timed his

adoption of Athletic any worse.

The side had just been relegated from the old First Division and Bert was destined to endure sixty-eight years of lower-division football before seeing Latics in the top-flight. "Aye", he smirks. "It was a very long wait".

"I can't remember an awful lot of the early days now, but I do recall Sammy Wynne with his bushy black hair. I also remember Pilkington and Grundy from that first season or two."

Full-back Wynne, in particular, was an extraordinary character. In one game of Bert's debut season - against Manchester United in October - he managed to score twice for Athletic...and then twice for United. But he was forgiven: Latics won 3-2.

After being transferred to Bury in 1927, the hapless Wynne tragically became the first player to die during a game. He collapsed taking a freekick and died in the dressing room - he had been suffering from pneumonia. His brother, John, who once had trials with Athletic, died later the same month after an industrial accident.

When Bert's brother, Ivor, died in 1996, his final resting place was no surprise to anyone that knows the Higginbottom family. Bert says: "I scattered his ashes where we used to stand on the touchline at the Lookers Stand facing the players' tunnel".

"I remember the first time we stood there too - that game really sticks in my head. It was the FA Cup Third Round in 1950 and we were playing Newcastle United. We got beat 7-2 but I'll never forget it.

"It was such a big draw - they were a huge club and we were only in the Third Division North then. There were thirty-odd thousand in the ground - I got squashed against a stanchion - and they had 'Wor' Jackie Milburn playing for them."

Bert reckons the main difference between the game then and now lies in its pace. "It is a lot quicker, but there are good reasons why", he says.

"I put it down to modern boots. They're like wearing a pair of slippers - very comfortable. But if you put a new pair of the old boots on you were more or less limping and struggling to get used to them for weeks. They were painful and the leather ball was just as bad. If you headed it you had a big mark on your face to prove it! The ball's much lighter now and you can manipulate it better. "Even in terms of the language things have changed. You never used to think about all this '4-4-2' or '4-5-1' malarkey. You just had your half-backs, full-backs, centre forwards and wingers. And that was that."



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It was shown on TV in every country in the world, so unless you live on the Moon - in which case you won't be reading this programme, although Gordon assures me the astronauts take a copy up with them - you'll probably know that I won the Mascot Grand National and will be doing a lap of honour with my trophy this afternoon. To get me into tip top shape before the race Iain Dowie had me doing the same training program as Matty Appleby. Every day for 3 months he had me doing multiple sets of trophy lifting. At the start I was the only mascot to actually look to my right and watch the starter drop a flag, so I got off to a flyer. I won with a course record of 31 seconds (lasts years winner took 48) so there was

a stewards enquiry after the race as the organisers didn't believe I was me. "How do we know you're not Dwain Chambers?" They said. "I've got big eyes." I replied. One smelly rabbit complained that my mascot boots were like real football boots. Yeah, right mate, whatever. This was promptly laughed at by the stewards as I had the biggest boots in the top 20. I got a bit of rough treatment at the start of last years race, so this year I took my bodyguard Monty Bear with me. I knew no one would dare mess with me as I'm sure you'll agree Monty is the most fearsome looking creature you'll ever see. After the race I posed for pictures with my girlfriend Nikkala, 21, from Middlesex and my other girlfriend Catelina. Congratulations to Paula Radcliffe smashing the world marathon record. Asked about her training routine in an interview after the race, Paula said "I found Chaddy The Owl's training programme on the internet so I did that for 3 months".

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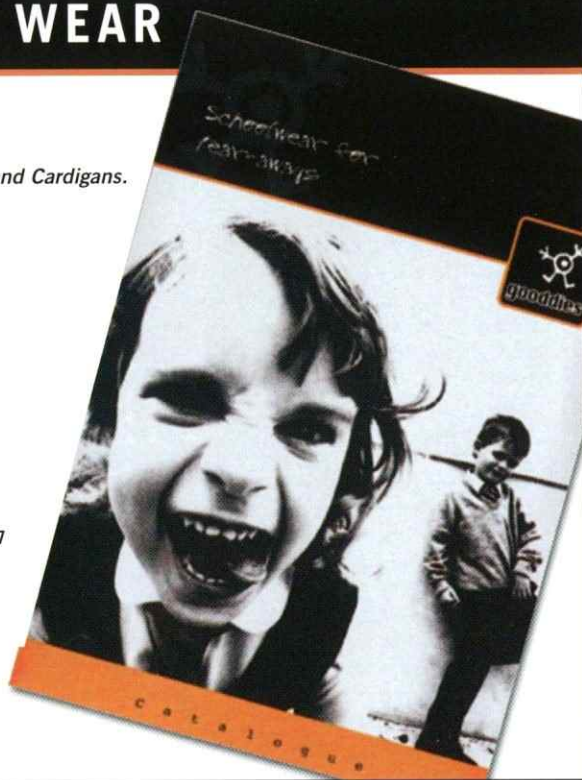
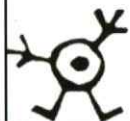
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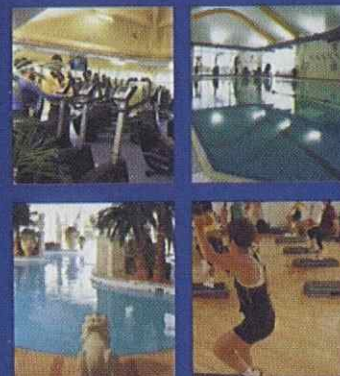
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Only seven months ago Latics' 21-year-old central defender was playing non-league football for Chesham United in the Rymans League and earning most of his income from a day job. Today Hall is a first-team regular and is already one of the hottest properties in the lower divisions.

A number of Premiership clubs are reported to be tracking the progress of Hall who failed to make the grade at West Ham and later as a trainee with Barnet when they were still in the Nationwide League.

Here Hall looks at some of the key moments from his short, but highly eventful career.

EARLY DAYS

Since I joined Latics earlier this year it has gone like a dream. I didn't come here to sit on the bench, but initially felt I would simply be a squad player. I thought it would take longer to break through than it has. I played four games towards the end of last season and I have carried on from there. All I ever wanted was to be given a chance.

LEAGUE DEBUT

It was at Huddersfield in front of 14,500 and I remember feeling really nervous before the game. But as soon as the whistle went the nerves went and I enjoyed the match which finished in a goalless draw. I was lucky to score on my home debut against Stoke which was a dream and the fans have been great to me.

TRANSITION

It has not been as difficult as I felt it would be and playing in the Rymans League is tougher than you would think. It is mostly a case of keeping your concentration because you cannot

afford to make a mistake or you are punished.

HOT PROPERTY

It is always nice when clubs are watching you, but that has only come about as the team is doing well. If we weren't I doubt they would be here and I view it as a reward for the team. I find it hard to believe what has happened as it is only about seven months since I was on scaffolding repairing a roof.

NORTHERN BOY

I thought it would be harder to move from East London to Oldham, or Rochdale where I live. If I wasn't in the team or we weren't doing well then it might have been a different story. My family visit regularly and also go to games in London and that all helps.

INFLUENCES

I owe a lot to the Dowie brothers for the part they have played in my career. I wasn't even a regular in the Chesham team until Bob took over as manager. Then Iain took the chance with me that a lot of managers would not have been prepared to do. I know a lot of good players in non-league football who will not get the chance. It was through Iain, and his connection with Bob, that I am here and I have been lucky.

STARTING OUT

I was spotted playing for Waltham Forest Youth with Arsenal, Chelsea and West Ham all showing interest. I chose West Ham because they were the first to approach me and I was with them from the age of nine to 15.

HAMMER BLOW

It was a setback being released having

been at West Ham so long and I stopped playing for a while until my family told me to stick with it and my dad got me a trial with Barnet and I became a trainee with them. I think I was released on the same day as Bobby Zamora, Paul Konchesky and J.Lloyd Samuel and luckily we have all gone on to make the grade. It was a special crop of players in my age group and also included Joe Cole, John Terry, Kem Izzet who I saw recently when we played at Colchester and Stevland Angus who is now at Cambridge United.

CHESHAM MOVE

Barnet were struggling to make ends meet financially and they lent me to Chesham whose manager Jeff Wood was a part-time coach at Barnet. When the chance came to join them permanently I decided it would be in my best interests to stay, and I am happy to have made that decision.

ROLE REVERSAL

It wasn't until I joined Chesham that I switched from being a striker to becoming a central defender, and it came about by accident. I was on the bench and a team mate was injured and Jeff Wood put me into defence and I played well and have been there ever since.

MIND GAMES

I think it helps to know what a striker is thinking about and sometimes you can guess what he does. Often it is a help, but sometimes it doesn't happen and then it makes you look silly.

BEST GOAL

Bobby Zamora and I are close friends as we played together up front for West

Ham and we used to knock in goals for fun. I remember one when playing for their centre of excellence, an overhead kick from the edge of the penalty area.

IDOLS

I grew up supporting Arsenal and Ian Wright was my hero. He was a predator who could score goals from nothing, both from inside and outside the penalty area. Since I switched to defence I have admired Tony Adams and the likes of Rio Ferdinand and the Italian pair Fabio Canavero and Alesandro Nesta.

DREAM DEFENCE

I am currently playing as part of a three-man defence with David Beharall and Clint Hill and we have done well together. If somebody has been missing and Julien Baudet has come in he, too, has gelled into the back line.

TOUGHEST COOKIE

The hardest opponent I have faced is Mike Sheron in a reserve game against Barnsley shortly after I joined Latics. You could see his quality and why he had played at the highest level. His movement was excellent and he was hard to pick up.

FILM STAR

As a youngster I was on the books of a modelling agency and did adverts and work for magazines. But the best was

appearing in the film Fifth Element which featured Bruce Willis. It was filmed at Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire and I played a North African kid in the desert begging for water. Later I was offered a major part in a children's television series but turned it down because I wanted to concentrate on football. If I wasn't a professional footballer I would like to think I might still be able to do a spot of modelling.

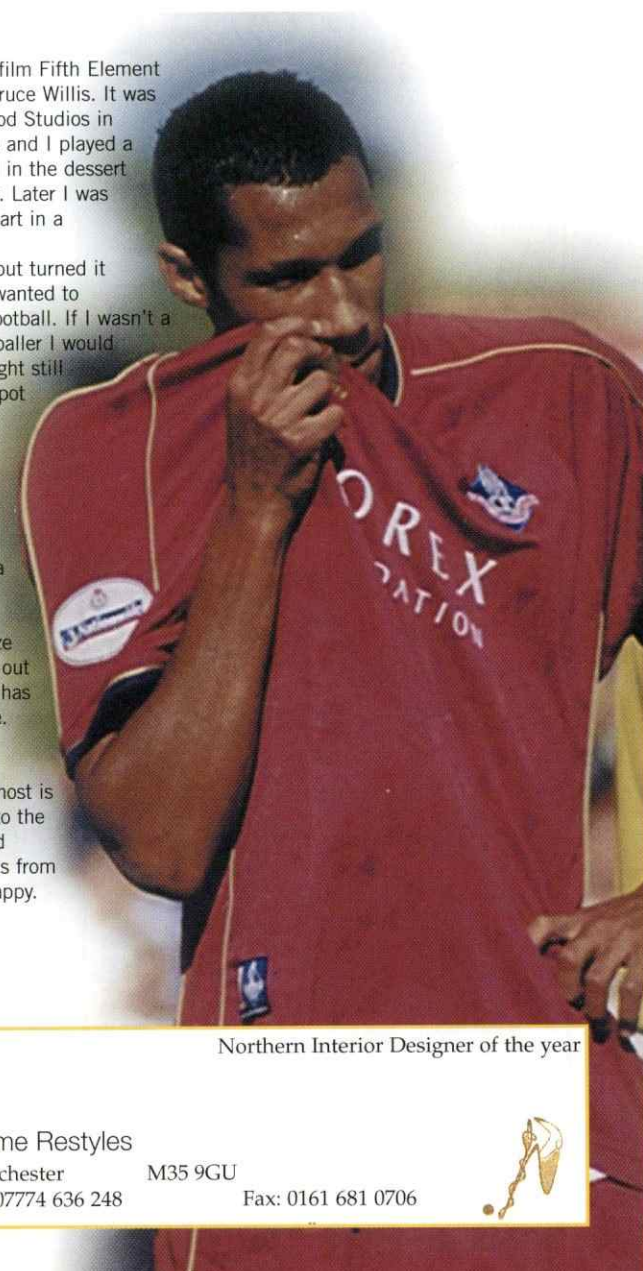
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I was given the name 'One Size' by a friend at school. I hadn't a clue what he meant until he explained one size fits all. It leaked out at Chesham and has followed me here.

FUTURE GOALS

The one I want most is to take Latics into the First Division and whatever happens from there I will be happy.

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■	■	■	19 STEVE HOWARD
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