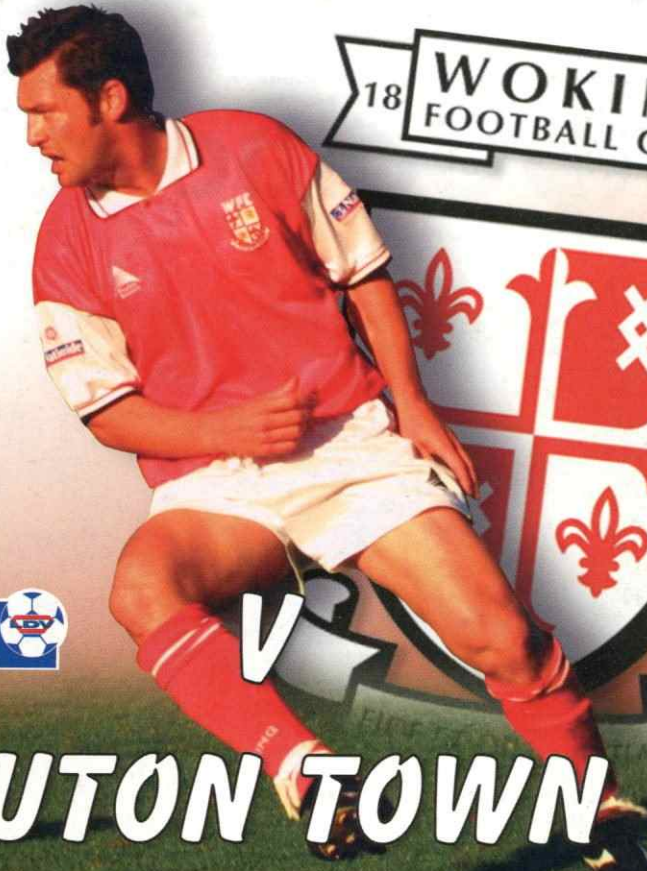


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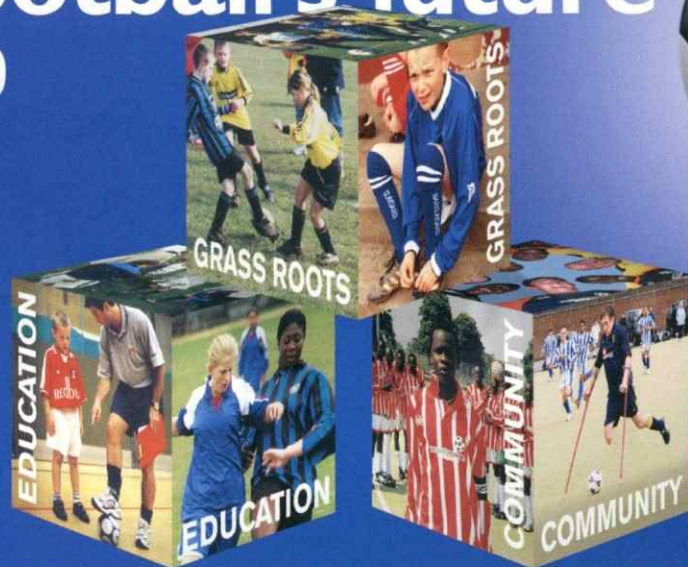
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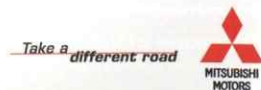
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From the Dug Out

with Glenn Cockerill



Good evening and welcome to Kingfield for the first game we have ever played in the LDV Vans Trophy. It is just over a week ago that I took on the role of manager and the time has gone by in a flash, with so many things to do and decisions to make. However, despite it being hard work and a challenge, I have loved every minute of it and there can be no better feeling than when that hard work produces a result.

that came to watch the game last Saturday. There weren't that many from Chester and it sums this club up that, despite being in the position that we are, we still attracted over 2,000 and it goes to show the level of support we have. Thank you all for sticking with us and that win certainly rewarded the patience you have shown.

On Saturday afternoon we were up against a side that is full-time, have had a wonderful season to date and not conceded a goal away from home. That was some challenge but the team responded magnificently. It may be that some people feel that Chester didn't play very well. I take the view that we controlled the majority of the game and knocked them out of their stride. I don't like to single players out but I thought that Neil Smith and Ian Hamilton both performed superbly for us on their debuts. It is always important that the first signings a manager makes are good ones and I was confident that both Ian and Neil would do well.

As was the case with Chester on Saturday, Luton are managed by a household name with the former Spurs and Irish international Joe Kinnear at the helm. He will forever be remembered for his spell in charge at Wimbledon and it is good to see him back in the game after having a health scare. I'm looking forward to the game and hope that we give you something to be proud of.

Given the way that we played, I would have been extremely disappointed if we had not taken something out of the game and I thought we were good value for the win. Before the game I looked at their squad and knew that we had the personnel to deal with the potential supply to their strikers. That worked well and when they did get sight of goal we remained solid at the back. My only disappointment came right at the start when we went backwards from the kick-off. That aside, the players stuck to the game plan admirably.

On Saturday we start what I hope will be a decent run in the FA Cup when we travel to Dover. Woking's achievements in the competition have filled acres of newspaper pages over the years but past reputations count for nothing. Dover will give it their best shot and we will need to do likewise. I always looked forward to FA Cup games as a player and I nothing has changed now that I am a manager.

I would like to thank all those of you who have sent me messages of support and good luck. I hope to see as many of you as possible at Dover. Enjoy the game tonight and although the weather forecast has not been at all good, I hope that you will see some entertaining football.

Glenn



The whole club needed a lift after the recent run of results we have had and the atmosphere in the dressing room was first class. We now have to build on that start and I know that all of us are relishing the chance to do so. Tonight's game against Luton Town is going to be another stern test and I will be looking to all of the players to show the same level of commitment that they did on Saturday.

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Editor's View

with Paul Beard



One Woking legend left the club last week but tonight we are joined by another, whose name is synonymous with our rise to national renown in the early days of the Chapple era. Tim Buzaglo and his wife Rita are guests of the club this evening and a very warm welcome is extended to them both. For the younger fans, who maybe didn't have the privilege to see Tim terrorise defences week in, week out, just ask your dad about him and a certain day at The Hawthorns back in the early 1990's. If they can't help you then there is a former Arsenal midfielder and England international, now in charge of a Third Division club in Northamptonshire, who will surely never forget him. It will always be a matter of conjecture as to how Tim would have fared at Conference level as he didn't get many opportunities after recovering from an awful leg injury. My bet is that, at his best and quickest, he would have been a sensation.

I have a feeling that the structure of the Football League will be changing within the next few years. The Third Division clubs, as is the case in the Conference as well, are spread the length of the country and many of them are in deep financial trouble. Surely it would make sense to revert to the days of Third Division North and Third Division South. The Conference clubs that have grounds that meet Football League standards could combine with the current Third Division outfits and the two regional divisions formed. That would mean a huge saving in travelling costs for clubs and fans alike, along with many more local derbies that would generate higher income. Barely a day goes by without news of a club in financial trouble so why not take some positive action now rather than try to put sticky plaster over a massive wound if left too late.

These notes had to be written two days prior to the Chester City game and as I bash away on the keyboard I can't help wondering what sort of reception Jon Brady received on his return to Kingfield. Some rather unpleasant things have been said and written about him in the light of his move to Chester. Most of us have had to read between the lines but it does strike me as strange that he requested a move so early in the season. Only having seen him on the pitch, he looked happy enough as we successfully got the season underway. Everything seems to have gone pear shaped once the losing

streak set in. Without having seen any comment from Brady, I can't make my mind up as to whether he lost heart as the team struggled or he simply wanted away for some other reason. From my point of view the loss of the name Brady and the number seven, embroidered on the back of our Arsenal style shirts, was the opportunity to wax lyrical about the Irish genius that once starred for Arsenal. Anyone know a non-league player, capable of delivering a decent cross and goes by the name of Beckham?

Paul Beard,

Editor.

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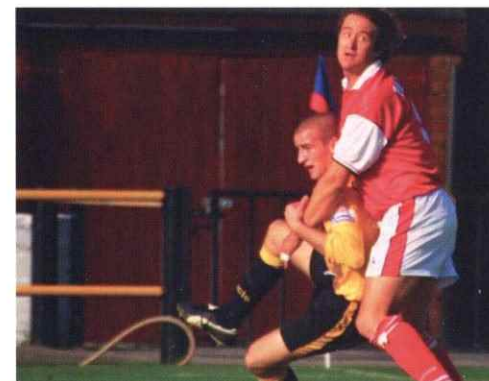
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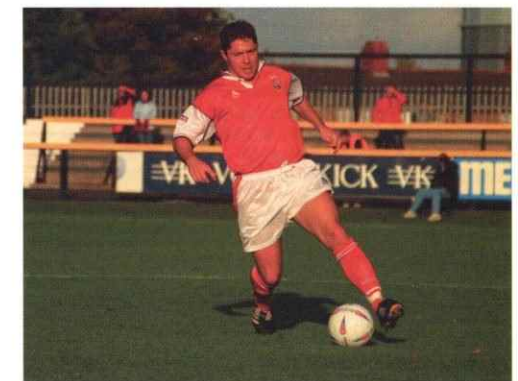
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The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade, which was to give the club its nickname. Players were paid for the first time in 1891, making Luton the first club in the south to embrace professionalism. Three years later they were founder members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division. But patchy results and rising costs led to the Club resigning to return to the Southern League and there they stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League. They narrowly missed promotion to the old Second Division in 1936, when centre-forward Joe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near-unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record that is likely to stand forever. The following year Luton did win promotion, with Payne netting 55 league goals. They were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership. It ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest.

The team was getting too old together, and a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA Cup Final appearance they had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. In 1967 they were perilously close to having to seek re-election to stay in the Football League. That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board injected new life and money into the Club. The Division Four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched, to the Second Division, with Malcolm Macdonald's goals a major factor. In 1974 they made history again by winning promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction. That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982 David Pleat led them to promotion despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground. Miraculously they survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign they travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

They lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. The Hatters made Wembley their second home that summer

as they were also there for the Football League's Centenary Tournament, and for the Simod Cup final, in which they lost to Reading. They nearly got there four times but a superb FA Cup run ended in defeat in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Wimbledon. Twelve months later they did reach Wembley again to defend the League Cup, but lost to Nottingham Forest in a match that revive memories of the 1959 disappointment for older supporters. Luton went into the 1990's as a top club, having ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and winning the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final. But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium and unable to compete with the big-money outfits. They missed the first season of the Premiership, through relegation just as it was set up in 1992, and the decline continued, with a drop into the Second Division in 1996.

The club has had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence when they were in receivership in the summer of 1999. They survived, and a year later an old friend returned as the new owner and Chairman. Mike Watson-Challis had been a Director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He and his colleagues on the board made an inspired choice when they decided to appoint the respected and highly experienced Joe Kinnear as manager in February 2001. Kinnear's appointment was too late to prevent the relegation that had looked nearly certain since the early days of that season. On the day that relegation was confirmed Kinnear promised the fans: "We'll be promoted in 12 months time..." Brave words, but Joe kept his promise to make it a brief stay in Division Three. Four club records tumbled in the process, with 30 league victories, a run of 12 on the trot, 15 away wins and 97 points gathered. Previous Boards of Directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped, with the club selling at least £1million worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements. But now, with a new board and management team in place, money available for players, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again. The delight of winning promotion last season was just one more chapter in a series of ups and downs that Luton Town have experienced in their history. They have enjoyed life at the very top, and suffered the indignity of twice tumbling all the way from the highest division to the lowest. Now, they hope they are on their way back again after finishing last season as runners-up in Division Three. In 1974 Luton were the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, and back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself.

Joe KINNEAR - Manager. Born in Dublin, but brought up in Watford, Kinnear was playing non-league football for St. Albans City as a teenager when Tottenham spotted his potential, and signed him in 1965. He was a



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reliable defender who enjoyed ten of the best years in the history of Spurs, making more than 280 appearances for them, and collecting 26 Republic of Ireland caps as well as an impressive array of medals.

He then played for Brighton before moving into coaching. For six years he was the national team coach in the United Arab Emirates, working alongside his old Spurs pal Dave MacKay but his major impact in this country came after taking charge of Wimbledon in 1992. With no ground of their own, and the smallest fanbase in the Premiership, the Dons did much more than just survive in the Premiership, and the "crazy Gang" were still there when a heart attack forced him to step down.

Fully fit after being sidelined for 18 months, he was ready to get involved again when Luton approached him, relishing the chance to take control of all football matters at Kenilworth Road - director of football, manager and coach all rolled into one. Relegation was not the fairy-tale return he and the club hoped for, but he set about a major rebuilding job on the squad, and no-one enjoyed the occasion more than he as Luton returned to Division Two at the first attempt, setting a string of club records on the way.

Mick HARFORD - Coach. He played for Luton in two spells, during a league career that started at Lincoln in 1977 and continued, mostly at the top level, for the next 20 years. Big and brave, powerful in the air, and with two good feet, he also gave sterling service to Sunderland, Newcastle United, Bristol City, Birmingham City, Chelsea, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He also won two England caps and returned to Luton in his current capacity in July 2000.

David BAYLISS - Defender. Signed from Rochdale, where he began his career as a trainee, in November last year, having been their longest serving player with more than 200 appearances to his credit.

Emmerson BOYCE - Defender. One of many to come through Luton's schools and youth development programme, having been signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995. He made the breakthrough to the first-team squad at the age of 19 and has become a regular at right-back, with a liking to attack on the overlap.

Ahmet BRKOVIC - Midfielder. Joined the club, on a Bosman free-transfer, from Leyton Orient during the summer of 2001. He has also played for HNK Dubrovnik.

Chris COYNE - Defender. Was signed by West Ham United after coming to notice in the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 Youth World Cup. However, his Premiership chances were few and far between and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend United, he went to Dundee. Luton paid £50,000 for him in September last year and he rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.

Dean CROWE - Forward. Signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001, he made an immediate impact by scoring on his debut, at Plymouth, and was soon

signed on a permanent deal. His goals helped Luton win promotion last season. Began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but found it difficult to hold down a regular place in their league side.

Sol DAVIS - Defender. Joined the club last summer after being out of contract at Swindon Town, having joined them as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and making rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the first-team.

Carl ENBERSON - Goalkeeper. Joined the club in the summer of 2001 after leaving Walsall under the Bosman ruling. Began his career as a trainee at Millwall but made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in the summer of 1999.

Adrian FORBES - Forward. Joined the club in the summer of 2001 after being made available by Norwich City after four years at Carrow Road. He has considerable First Division experience and has an England youth cap to his credit. Noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal.

Andrew FOTIADIS - Forward. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level and developed into an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique and power. However, injuries and fierce competition for places restricted him to only one first-team start last season, in the LDV Vans Trophy at Dagenham.

Carl GRIFFITHS - Forward. An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs - led to the striker becoming a major target for Luton after their relegation from the Second Division in 2001. They got their man from Leyton Orient for £65,000, but he suffered a broken leg soon afterwards and missed most of the promotion season after a highly promising start. His earlier moves had topped up to well over £1million, after starting as a trainee at Shrewsbury. Has also played for Manchester City, Portsmouth, Peterborough United, Wrexham and Port Vale.

Ian HILLIER - Defender. Welsh under-21 international who made his league debut for Luton in the second game of last season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Luton led to Joe Kinnear taking the young right back on loan. He settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.

Peter HOLMES - Midfielder. A product of the FA. School of Excellence during the same year as Michael Owen, he has had to fight to stay in professional football. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club, but their relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left them desperate to cut the pay-roll and he joined Luton for a nominal fee. He was on the fringe of Luton's promotion squad last season, and is hoping to establish himself in this campaign.

Steve HOWARD - Forward. Signed, on transfer



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deadline day in March 2001, from Northampton Town for a fee of £50,000. He had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool in 1999 and immediately helped Northampton win promotion to Division Two. He exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman, and played a major part in Luton's drive to promotion. Not surprisingly, the fans voted him their Player of the Year.

Paul HUGHES - Midfielder. Joined the club from Southampton just prior to the start of last season. Began his career at Chelsea and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich City and Crewe Alexandra. Moved to Southampton when Carl Hoddle became manager but a serious groin injury put him out of football for nine months. After the departure of Hoddle he was made available for transfer.

Marvin JOHNSON - Defender. Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is probably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and fans alike and is in his 15th season as a first-team regular. Having been on the books since the age of 15, Luton is his only club and he is the only member of the staff to have appeared in all four divisions for them.

Alan KIMBLE - Defender. Joined the club, during the summer, from Wimbledon where he had previously played under Joe Kinnear through most of the 1990's. Began as a trainee with Charlton. However, after six first-team appearances, he was allowed to join Cambridge United. Wimbledon paid £175,000 for him in the summer of 1993.

Lee MANSELL - Midfielder. The youngster is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into the first-team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut. Because of injury absences, he had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first-team in January 2001 and was just 58 seconds into his debut against QPR in a FA Cup Third Round Replay, when he scored.

Alan NEILSON - Defender. Joined the club in February this year after Joe Kinnear felt it was the right time to boost his squad for the run-in. He is a former Welsh international and was signed on a free transfer after being released by Grimsby as part of a cost-cutting exercise. His international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps. He enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle United and then with Southampton and Fulham.

Kevin NICHOLLS - Midfielder. Began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after captaining England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. Charlton sold him, for £250,000, to Wigan in the summer of 1999, but the move did not work out, and Luton's offer of £150,000 led to him moving to Kenilworth Road. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite, although opponents do not always view his all-action style with similar relish.

Mark OVENDALE - Goalkeeper. Signed, from

Bournemouth for £425,000, which is a Luton record fee for a goalkeeper. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton Town and Barry Town. Last season he was one of two capable goalkeepers fighting for the keeper's jersey, competing with Carl Emberson. Each had spells in the team, knowing the other was always waiting in the wings.

Russell PERRETT - Defender. Having helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, he was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park and Perrett knew his first team future at Cardiff might be limited. He joined Luton a few days before last season began and became an automatic choice in the promotion-winning team. His career had begun with non-league Lymington before joining Portsmouth in 1995 and Cardiff in 1999.

Steve ROBINSON - Midfielder. Signed from Preston North End, for £50,000, during the summer. Capped five times by Northern Ireland, he made his name at Bournemouth after joining them on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearances for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. However, he failed to make the same impact there and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.

Aaron SKELTON - Defender. Joined the club as a schoolboy, and worked his way up through the ranks to be on the fringe of the league team when he was 19. But a succession of injuries sidelined him for long periods and he moved to Colchester United in the summer of 1997 and rapidly became a big favourite there. His contract expired in the summer of 2001 and although Colchester wanted him to sign a new deal the invitation to move back to his first club, on a Bosman transfer, was too good an opportunity to turn down.

Matthew SPRING - Midfielder. Has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. Made his first-team debut when 17 and became a regular in the first-team, making 100 appearances by the time he was 20. He was influential in the Luton team that won promotion last season and Joe Kinnear's determination to guide Luton to a second successive step up helped to persuade him to remain at his only club.

Tony THORPE - Forward. Joined the club during the summer to begin his fourth spell at Kenilworth Road. In 1992 he was released by Leicester City, having been a trainee with them, and became a spectacular success when Pleat switched from midfield. He netted 31 times in 1996/97, becoming the first to do so for the club since the days of Malcolm Macdonald 25 years earlier. He was sold to Fulham, for £850,000 in February 1998 and a £1million move to Bristol City followed four months later. He returned to Luton twice in 1999 on loan deals and when he became a free agent he readily joined on a permanent deal.



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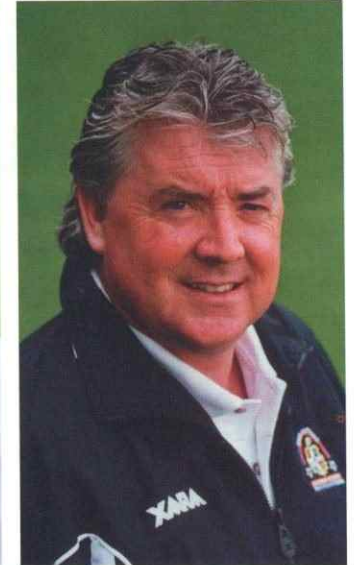
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MOVING FORWARD

A lot of people were disappointed with the departure of Geoff Chapple last week from the Club. Geoff, as it has already been said, was a great part of Woking's history, but now is the time to move forward. All the staff within the Club give Glenn Cockerill their 100% backing, the same to the team. We look forward to you, our supporters, to join with us and get behind the team as always, irrespective of the personnel management team.

Good luck Glenn and the team for tonight's game.

GETTING THE BALL ROLLING

Good evening and a big welcome to Kingfield Stadium for tonight's LDV Vans Trophy game. A big welcome to Woking Football Club, to our supporters and the supporters of Luton Town, let's all get behind our team this evening and give them a cheer and encouragement from within the stadium. The team need your backing and support as always.

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Saturday 9th November 2002 -v- Barnet
Saturday 7th December -v- Halifax Town
Saturday 18th January 2003 -v- Kettering Town

All the three listed games will be Kids for a Quid.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

On Saturday 28th December 2002 -v- Nuneaton Borough we will be operating a Christmas cracker game. This will entitle children to enter accompanied by an adult free of charge. The adults ticket, along with a child's ticket should be obtained before the match day to enable you to benefit from this particular offer. It will be a Christmas cracker and children attending will have the opportunity of winning a Christmas present, pre-match entertainment, sweets and a special appearance of Father Christmas. More details of the Christmas cracker will be announced in the programme for Barnet on Saturday 9th November.

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Yeovil Town	15	6	1	0	22	5	4	3	1	16	8	25	34
Chester City	15	4	3	1	13	8	4	3	0	7	0	12	30
Doncaster Rovers	15	5	3	0	10	2	3	2	2	15	11	12	29
Southport	15	4	4	0	15	6	3	2	2	10	11	8	27
Hereford United	15	2	2	3	6	7	6	0	2	15	9	5	26
Morecambe	15	6	0	1	18	4	1	3	4	10	13	11	24
Scarborough	15	4	3	1	15	7	2	3	2	8	9	7	24
Gravesend & Northfleet	15	3	1	3	16	12	3	3	2	14	11	7	22
Northwich Victoria	15	2	1	3	9	11	4	3	2	21	15	4	22
Halifax Town	15	5	2	1	15	10	1	2	4	3	12	-4	22
Farnborough Town	15	4	1	3	10	7	2	2	3	7	8	2	21
Barnet	15	3	2	2	10	12	2	3	2	15	14	-1	20
Burton Albion	15	1	4	3	9	12	3	2	2	14	12	-1	18
Dagenham & Redbridge	15	2	3	3	11	12	3	0	4	8	14	-7	18
Nuneaton Borough	15	3	1	3	11	15	2	1	5	10	16	-10	17
Margate	15	2	3	2	9	7	2	2	4	12	14	0	17
Stevenage Borough	15	1	2	4	7	12	3	2	3	12	10	-3	16
Forest Green Rovers	15	2	1	4	8	15	3	0	5	9	14	-12	16
Telford United	15	1	1	6	6	17	3	1	3	10	10	-11	14
Leigh RMI	15	4	1	3	15	14	0	0	7	5	17	-11	13
Woking	15	2	1	5	13	20	1	3	3	7	17	-17	13
Kettering Town	15	1	2	4	10	16	1	2	5	3	13	-16	10

Nationwide Football League Division Two (up to & including Saturday 12th October)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cardiff City	13	5	1	1	11	5	3	3	0	9	6	9	28
Wigan Athletic	13	3	2	1	12	7	5	1	1	12	3	14	27
Oldham Athletic	13	4	0	2	14	5	4	3	0	7	2	14	27
Queens Park Rangers	13	6	1	0	16	4	2	1	3	9	9	12	26
Crewe Alexandra	13	4	1	1	7	3	3	3	1	14	6	12	25
Bristol City	13	5	0	1	15	3	3	0	4	10	11	11	24
Chesterfield	13	5	1	1	11	5	2	1	3	4	10	0	23
Blackpool	13	4	2	0	14	5	2	1	4	5	8	6	21
Brentford	13	3	2	1	6	3	3	1	3	9	13	-1	21
Luton Town	13	3	1	3	16	12	2	2	2	7	9	2	18
Stockport County	13	3	2	2	12	10	2	0	4	3	5	0	17
Port Vale	13	3	1	3	9	11	2	1	3	9	11	-4	17
Plymouth Argyle	13	3	2	2	9	8	1	2	3	9	12	-2	16
Northampton Town	13	3	2	2	9	5	1	2	3	3	11	-4	16
Tranmere Rovers	13	4	1	1	8	5	1	0	6	5	17	-9	16
Wycombe Wanderers	13	2	2	2	12	10	2	1	4	4	9	-3	15
Barnsley	13	2	3	2	7	10	2	0	4	7	12	-8	15
Peterborough United	13	2	2	3	7	4	1	2	3	8	11	0	13
Huddersfield Town	13	2	3	2	7	6	1	1	4	3	11	-7	13
Notts County	13	0	3	3	6	11	2	3	2	11	9	-3	12
Colchester United	13	2	1	3	3	4	1	2	4	5	12	-8	12
Swindon Town	13	2	1	4	8	8	1	1	4	5	12	-7	11
Mansfield Town	13	2	0	4	10	17	1	2	4	9	18	-16	11
Cheltenham Town	13	1	1	4	7	12	1	2	4	6	9	-8	9



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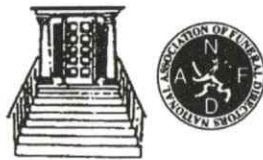
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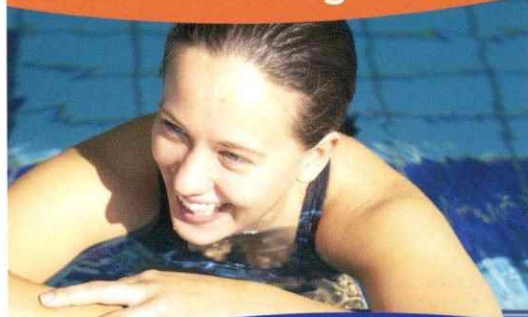
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Conference Round Up



Saturday 5th October

Best Comeback	Telford United (from 0-1 to 4-2 away to Kettering Town)
Total Goals	46
First Goal	8 mins - Hatch (Gravesend & Northfleet), Butcher (Kettering Town)
Last Goal	90 mins Inman (Kettering Town), Moore (Telford United), Murphy (Morecambe) Elkholti (Yeovil Town), Jackson (Gravesend & Northfleet), 4
Clean Sheets	4
Highest Aggregate	8 - Forest Green Rovers 4 v Barnet 4
Top Scoring Side	6 - Yeovil Town
Top Scoring Player	3 - Demba (Yeovil Town)
Dismissals	2 - Williams (Leigh RMI), Garnett (Halifax Town)
Highest Attendance	4727 - Yeovil Town v Southport
Lowest Attendance	658 - Northwich Victoria v Farnborough Town
Aggregate Attendance	17847
Average Attendance	1622

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October

Best Comeback	Dagenham & Redbridge and Northwich Victoria (from 0-1 to 1-1 at home to Woking and away to Southport respectively)
Total Goals	27
First Goal	1 min - Angus (Nuneaton Borough)
Last Goal	90 mins - Moore (Telford United), Fatokun (Scarborough)
Clean Sheets	6
Highest Aggregate	5 - Barnet 1 v Gravesend & Northfleet 4, Farnborough Town 4 v Margate 1
Top Scoring Side	4 - Gravesend & Northfleet, Farnborough Town, Halifax Town
Top Scoring Player	3 - Mallon (Halifax Town)
Dismissals	5 - Angus (Nuneaton Borough), Abbey (Woking), Porter (Margate), Matthews (Kettering Town), Clark (Southport)
Highest Attendance	3477 - Doncaster Rovers v Stevenage Borough
Lowest Attendance	425 - Leigh RMI v Hereford United
Aggregate Attendance	15685
Average Attendance	1425

Saturday 12th October

Best Comeback	Southport (from 0-1 to 5-1 at home to Woking)
Total Goals	31
First Goal	11 mins - Kielty (Leigh RMI)
Last Goal	90 mins - Pounder (Scarborough)
Clean Sheets	2
Highest Aggregate	6 - Southport 5 v Woking 1
Top Scoring Side	5 - Southport, Yeovil Town
Top Scoring Player	3 - Whitehall (Southport)
Dismissals	5 - McKenzie (Kettering Town), Patmore (Woking), Strouts (Gravesend & Northfleet), Edwards (Telford United), Pluck (Yeovil Town)
Highest Attendance	2210 - Chester City v Gravesend & Northfleet
Lowest Attendance	335 - Leigh RMI v Stevenage Borough
Aggregate Attendance	11186
Average Attendance	1242



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Stats & Facts

with Jessica Sharpe



During his last spell with the club, **Geoff Chapple** was in charge for a total of 47 games, of which 40 were in the Conference and which is pretty much a whole season. The record over those 40 games was one of 11 wins, nine draws and 20 defeats, eight of which were this season. The statistics, of course, do not tell the whole story and it is only right to say that Geoff inherited a squad that was assembled by others. The 40 games produced a total of 136 goals, with us scoring 56 and conceding 80 on the way to collecting 42 points.

Scott Steele finished the game at Southport just two short of his 400th full appearance for the club. The editor came home from the Southport game and delivered what would be, in cricket parlance referred to as a low baller. He claimed that Andy Turner wanted to know

the last time that we came back to win a Conference game having gone behind. Well it certainly hasn't happened this season and the same applies to last season. Beyond that my mind is a blur, so if anyone actually knows the answer then please get in touch.

Glenn Cockerill, making his debut in a Woking shirt in the game at Southport, became the 24th player to appear in the Conference for us this season. Of that number 13 have yet to record double figures in terms of appearances. Some won't get that opportunity as they weren't here too long. **Grant Payne** has featured in 12 games this season and he needs just another nine appearances to notch up 150 for the club. I'm certain Joe Kinnear remembers the player that he twice loaned to us during the time the pair were at Wimbledon.

Appearances & Goalscorers – up to & including Saturday 12th October

	Appearances				Goals		Career
	Debut	FC	Cup	FC	Cup	Apps	Goals
Ben Abbey	17/08/02	14 (1)	-	6	-	14 (1)	6
Anthony Allman	17/08/02	12	-	-	-	12	-
Nicky Banger	17/08/02	7 (3)	-	3	-	7 (3)	3
Jon Boardman	26/03/01	15	-	-	-	37 (1)	1
Jon Brady *	17/08/02	12	-	1	-	12	1
Wayne Burnett *	09/09/02	3	-	-	-	3	-
Glenn Cockerill	12/10/02	1	-	-	-	1	-
Chris Collins	17/09/02	3 (1)	-	-	-	3 (1)	-
Sean Evers	14/09/02	5 (1)	-	-	-	5 (1)	-
Steve Farrelly	17/08/02	11	-	-	-	11	-
Shwan Jalal	05/10/02	3	-	-	-	3	-
Robert Kember	17/08/02	11	-	-	-	11	-
Barry Moore	18/08/01	12 (1)	-	2	-	54 (2)	10
Warren Patmore	15/09/01	11 (2)	-	4	-	36 (8)	17
Grant Payne	14/01/95	2 (10)	-	2	-	113 (28)	48
David Piper	18/08/01	13	-	-	-	63	-
Stuart Reeks	20/02/01	2 (1)	-	-	-	27 (10)	-
Simon Rodger *	24/09/02	1	-	-	-	1	-
Lee Sandford *	17/08/02	12	-	-	-	12	-
Chris Sharpling	20/01/01	4 (4)	-	2	-	51 (7)	21
Ian Simpemba	05/10/02	3	-	-	-	3	-
Scott Smith	16/08/97	4 (4)	-	-	-	215 (17)	4
Scott Steele	22/08/92	3 (2)	-	-	-	398 (57)	88
Tony Tucker	18/08/01	1	-	-	-	43	-

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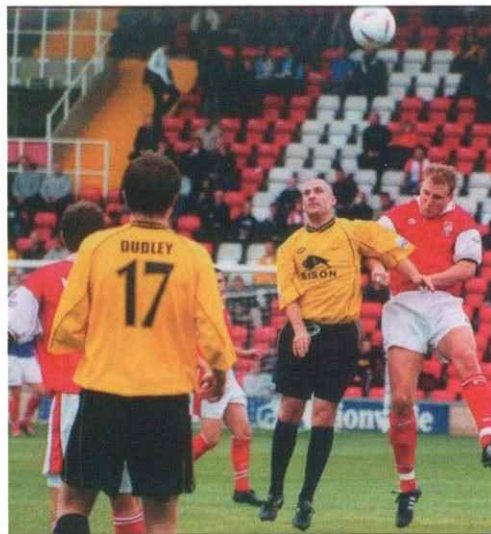
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The First Round games are all due to be played this week. They will be settled on the night, with golden goal extra-time, and penalties if necessary. The Nationwide Conference is assured of at least two representatives in the Second Round, with all-Conference First Round games taking place at Scarborough and Southport, with the respective visitors being Doncaster Rovers and Leigh RMI.

Due to the number of clubs involved not being an integral power of two, four league clubs were given byes in a private drawing earlier this week. The two clubs chosen from the northern section were

Barnsley and Macclesfield Town, while Brentford and Cardiff City go straight through to round two of the southern section.

The clubs from each division involved (Football League Division Two and Three plus the Conference) are each split into equal-sized Northern and Southern sections. Depending on the geographical make-up of a division, it's quite possible for a team in the southern section to actually be further north than a team in the northern section, as illustrated by Shrewsbury Town and Chester City.

SOUTHERN SECTION

- Brentford – (bye)
- Cardiff City – (bye)
- Exeter City v Bristol Rovers
- Leyton Orient v Peterborough United
- Torquay United v Wycombe Wanderers
- Swindon Town v Southend United
- Cambridge United v Rushden and Diamonds
- Boston United v **Yeovil Town**
- Cheltenham Town v Colchester United
- Hereford United** v Northampton Town
- Oxford United v AFC Bournemouth
- Woking** v Luton Town
- Dagenham & Redbridge** v Kidderminster Harriers
- Stevenage Borough** v Swansea City
- Chester City** v Plymouth Argyle
- QPR v Bristol City

NORTHERN SECTION

- Barnsley – (bye)
- Macclesfield Town – (bye)
- Chesterfield v **Halifax Town**
- Shrewsbury Town v **Morecambe**
- Stockport County v Darlington
- Scarborough v Doncaster Rovers**
- Scunthorpe United v Blackpool
- Lincoln City v York City
- Southport v Leigh RMI**
- Port Vale v Hull City
- Notts County v Wigan
- Mansfield Town v Crewe Alexandra
- Tranmere Rovers v Hartlepool United
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Woking Football Club - a brief history



For the benefit of the Luton Town supporters and those of you who may not be regular visitors to Kingfield, we have included a brief history of the club and pen-pictures of our own players.

HISTORY

Woking Football Club, almost universally known as The Cards, was formed in 1889 and after playing friendlies against other local teams the club joined the West Surrey League in time for the 1895/96 season, winning the title by one point on the final day of the season. However, within 21 years of being formed, the club was in danger of folding with no money being available. The turning point came when, in January 1908, the draw for the First Round of the F.A. Cup was made. Woking were to play Bolton Wanderers, one of the founder members of the Football League and F.A. Cup runners-up only four years earlier. Despite losing the away game 0-5, the club made it into the national press. Bolton Wanderers, impressed by the minnows they had defeated, travelled to Woking for a friendly match the following season. Who knows what would have become of the club but for the team that battled through five Qualifying Rounds to set up the game that turned around the financial problems of the day?

In 1911 the club joined the Isthmian League, maintaining their place in the top division for no less than 72 years, finishing as runners-up to Wycombe Wanderers in 1956/57. That achievement was eclipsed soon afterwards when, in front of a crowd of 71,000, the Cards beat Ilford 3-0 in the last F.A. Amateur Cup Final to be televised live. Sadly that triumph could not be built upon and the fortunes of the club went into decline, culminating in their first ever relegation season in 1982/83. By the end of the 1984/85 season they had plunged further down the football ladder, being relegated to Division Two South of the Isthmian League. It had been during that season that former player Geoff Chapple had been appointed as manager. Despite the bitter disappointment of further relegation, the renaissance was underway. Just missing out on promotion at the first attempt, the club clinched the Division Two South title in 1986/87 and, after two third place finishes in Division One, they were promoted back to the Premier Division, as runners-up to Wivenhoe Town, at the end of the 1989/90 season.

The next season saw the club become part of F.A. Cup folklore. Entering the competition at the Fourth Qualifying Round stage they beat Conference opposition in the shape of Bath City, Kidderminster Harriers and Merthyr Tydfil to set up a Third Round tie away to West Bromwich Albion. Recovering from being a goal behind the club triumphed 4-2, thanks to a superb team effort and a never to be forgotten hat-trick from Tim Buzaglo in a game that brought about

the premature departure of Brian Talbot from the midlands outfit. To be drawn out of the hat with a home game against Everton was beyond the wildest dreams of all at the club. The tie was switched to Goodison Park and, against a team packed with internationals, the sides were only separated by a solitary Kevin Sheedy goal. Over 34,000 people remained in the ground to give the players a rapturous standing ovation. Promotion to the top flight of non-league football, the Conference, was achieved in 1991/92. Such was the dominance that the club enjoyed that season that the title was clinched in early April with seven games still to be played. Nearest rivals Enfield had been swept aside 5-0 in a scintillating display of flowing, attacking football and the season ended with the club 18 points clear of the Londoners who were distant runners-up.

The Conference brought fresh challenges and the new season kicked-off with very few of the all-conquering championship side in the line-up. After a shaky start a very respectable eighth place finish was achieved. The following summer saw Chapple make one of the most inspired signings in the history of the club. Clive Walker, the former Chelsea, Sunderland, Fulham and QPR winger, was signed from Brighton & Hove Albion and he was to prove the catalyst in what turned out to be the most successful period in the history of the club to date. The F.A. Trophy was won in 1994 when Runcorn were beaten on a waterlogged Wembley pitch. Twelve months later it became the turn of Kidderminster Harriers to collect their runners-up medals as Woking became only the second club ever to win successive finals. Wembley was revisited in 1997 and the F.A. Trophy was won for the third time, with Dagenham & Redbridge being consigned to defeat.

During this same period the club continued to enjoy national prominence in the F.A. Cup. Barnet were twice sent crashing out of the competition, with two defeats at Kingfield following exciting draws at their famous Underhill ground. In 1996/97 a magnificent run in the F.A. Cup saw the club put paid to the hopes of the Millwall who were, at that time, top in Division Two of the Football League and Cambridge City who were challenging for promotion from Division Three. The Third Round draw paired the club with Coventry City and few people held out any hope for the Cards. The game seemed to be going according to the popular script with the Premiership outfit 1-0 ahead with only seconds remaining at their Highfield Road ground. Steve Thompson struck in the dying seconds and the expensively assembled array of international footballers had to travel to Kingfield for a replay. Although Coventry City ran out 2-1 winners, courtesy of a cruel own-goal, very few people present could see any justice in the result.

At the end of that season, having just clinched the F.A.

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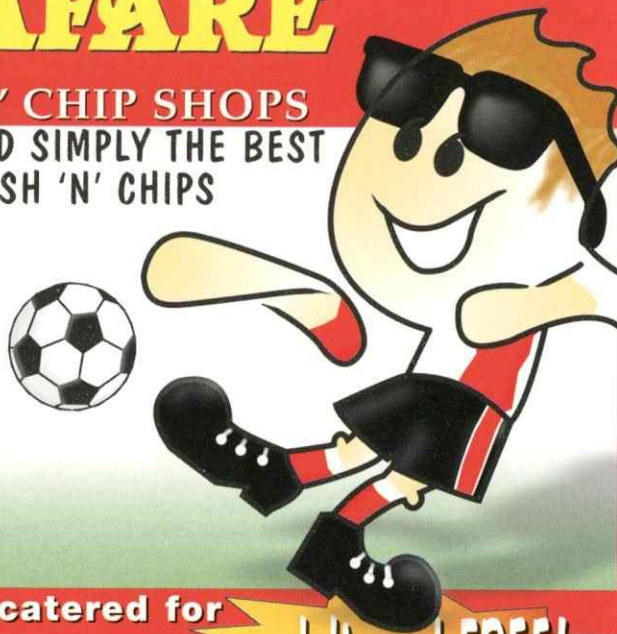
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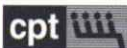
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Trophy, Geoff Chapple and his coach Colin Lippiatt left the club. John McGovern, the former Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Leeds United midfielder, was chosen to succeed him but lasted little more than a season. Despite his fine record as a player he couldn't manage to deliver the success that the fans had grown accustomed to and he parted company with the club. Brian McDermott, a player with Arsenal and several other Football League clubs, had been in charge at Slough Town. Following their removal from the Conference, he left the club and was out of management. He joined Woking on a non-contract basis and, with the help of his former Slough Town aide Kevin Hill, managed to oversee an upturn in the fortunes of the club last season and guided the side to a respectable top-half of the table finish.

However, the club again struggled in 1999/00 and McDermott was relieved of his duties in March 2000. Colin Lippiatt, a vital part of the management team when the club won promotion to the Conference and the three F.A. Trophy triumphs at Wembley, returned and led the side to a comfortable 14th place finish. During 2000/01 the period prior to Christmas again produced some disappointing results and the club was again living under the threat of relegation. However, an inspired spell, during which they lost just a handful of games, meant they again had a 14th place finish to the season. Despite a number of changes on the pitch, last season was not going well and defeat in the F.A. Cup, by Newport County, saw Colin Lippiatt stand down and become Head Coach, with a certain Mr Geoff Chapple back as manager.

Hopes were high that the duo could get the club back on track and restore its former status of being the best in non-league football. However, the club and Colin Lippiatt parted company in January 2002 and Glenn Cockerill, the former Southampton midfielder, joined as Coach. The season ended with the club just one place above relegation but with their Conference status maintained for what is now their 11th season in the top-flight of the non-league game. The current season saw us get off to our best ever start in the Conference and hopes were raised by an unbeaten run of five games in August. However, September proved to be a disaster for the club on the pitch, with seven consecutive defeats bringing about a rapid descent into the relegation places. October started brightly with draws against Burton Albion and Dagenham & Redbridge but another heavy defeat, this time at Southport, brought about the resignation of Geoff Chapple, with Glenn Cockerill taking over as manager.

Glenn COCKERILL - Manager. Joined the club in January 2001 following the departure of Colin Lippiatt. Former Southampton midfielder who has coached at Fulham, Brentford and Crystal Palace.

Ben ABBEY - Forward. Began his career at

Maidenhead United before joining Crawley Town in 1997, scoring 46 goals in 97 games. He was sold to Oxford United, for a fee of £16,000 in 1999 and was with Southend United last season, scoring 13 times in 31 games. Joined Woking in August 2002 and scored the only goal of the game as Woking beat Forest Green Rovers on the opening day of the season.

Anthony ALLMAN - Defender. Joined the club in August 2002. He started his career with Charlton Athletic as a schoolboy and spent six years at The Valley. Was with Colchester United throughout last season and was offered a contract at Woking after making a great impression during the pre-season games.

Nicky BANGER - Forward. Former Southampton and Oxford United forward who signed for the club in August 2002. Capable of beating players down either flank, with pace, ability to cross and shoot amongst his attributes.

Jon BOARDMAN - Defender. Squad Number 5. Signed after being released by Crystal Palace in March 2002, having had an impressive loan spell with Woking the previous season. Very commanding in the air, he is strong in the tackle and looks destined to have a bright future in the game.

Chris COLLINS - Defender. Signed from Dr Marten's side Newport IOW during the summer of 2002, having started his career with Southampton, at the age of nine, at their School of Excellence. He went on to YTS with them and finally signed a two-year professional contract. He made one appearance for Stevenage Borough before joining Newport.

Sean EVERS - Midfielder. Signed for the club in September 2002. He started out as a trainee with Luton Town and after making more than 50 appearances for them Reading bought him for £500,000. He subsequently had a spell on loan with St Johnstone and then moved to Plymouth Argyle. Moved to Stevenage Borough on loan towards the end of last season and played in the F.A. Trophy Final against Yeovil Town.

Steve FARRELLY - Goalkeeper. Joined the club during the summer of 2002, having been with local Conference rivals Farnborough Town last season. He has also played for Chester City, Knowsley United, Southport, Macclesfield Town and Kingstonian. He has represented Middlesex Wanderers and is an England non-league international. Whilst with Kingstonian, with current Woking boss Geoff Chapple as his manager, he picked up two F.A. Trophy winners medals.

Shwan JALAL - Goalkeeper. Joined the club, on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, earlier this month. Still in

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his teens, he has impressed greatly during his short time with the club and it looks inevitable that he has a bright future ahead of him.

Robert KEMBER - Midfielder. Joined the club during the summer of 2002 after being released by Crystal Palace. The son of the former Chelsea and Palace player Steve, he is an extremely hard working player and has linked up with former Palace colleagues Jon Boardman and Chris Sharpling.

Barry MOORE - Midfielder. Joined the club on a free transfer, from Hayes, during the summer of 2001. He spent three seasons with the London side, having been signed by them after helping Hampton gain promotion to the Ryman League Premier Division. Player of the Year, Players' Player of the Year and Junior Cards Player of the Year last season.

Warren PATMORE - Forward. Joined the club in September 2001, having been signed from Rushden & Diamonds. He was the leading scorer in the Yeovil Town side that finished as runners-up to Rushden in the Conference in 2000/01 and moved to Nene Park on a free-transfer when out of contract. He scored Rushden's first ever goal in the Football League. His previous clubs include Ards (Ireland), Cambridge United, Millwall and Northampton Town. In six seasons with Yeovil he scored 141 goals. He is also an England semi-professional international.

Grant PAYNE - Forward. Now in his fourth spell with the club, with the first two being on loan from Wimbledon where he was a regular in their reserve side. He marked each of his three former Woking 'debut' with a goal. Was sold to Aldershot Town for £20,000 in 1998 and hit four goals on his debut for the Hampshire based Ryman League outfit.

David PIPER - Defender. Signed from Yeovil Town in July 2001, having been a regular in their title-chasing side of 2000/01. He joined Southampton as a schoolboy and spent two years on their Youth Training Scheme before signing as professional in 1996. He won an international Youth Cap playing for England 'B' Under 15's. Former Woking manager Colin Lippiatt signed him for Yeovil in February 1998. Only ever-present player last season.

Stuart REEKS - Defender. Joined the club from Wycombe Wanderers and made the breakthrough into the first-team squad during the 2000/01 season, putting in some impressive performances during the closing stages of the campaign.

Chris SHARPLING - Forward. Signed from Crystal Palace, in October 2001, for a club record fee of £60,000. He had a spell on loan at Woking during the 2000/01 season, scoring nine times in 14 games. He is an extremely quick and strong striker who gets

through a phenomenal amount of work. Toured the Far East with Middlesex Wanderers during the summer of 2002.

Ian SIMPEMBA - Defender. Joined the club, on loan from Wycombe Wanderers, earlier this month. Not yet 20, but with obvious class and determination, he looks set to have a very bright future in the game.

Scott SMITH - Defender. New Zealand born player who has represented his country at youth and full international levels. After moving to England he played for Rotherham United where he made 55 first-team appearances. Previous Conference experience with Kettering Town. He is a regular member of the New Zealand full international side and spent the summer of 2001 playing in their World Cup qualifying group games. He was voted Woking F.C. Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year for 1998/99. Played in the Oceania tournament, for New Zealand, during the summer of 2002.

Paul STEELE - Defender. Joined the club last season, having been signed from Yeovil Town. He had a very impressive spell on loan in 2000/01 before being recalled to Yeovil and featuring in their promotion battle with Rushden & Diamonds. Extremely cultured and effective defender who missed a large part of last season through injury and is now working towards match fitness.

Scott STEELE - Midfielder. Signed from Airdrie in 1992. He may be small in stature, but he is a tremendously hard worker with great ball skills, who doesn't even begin to know the meaning of a lost cause. He was voted Man of the Match in Woking's 1994 F.A. Trophy Final victory over Runcorn and the following year scored one of the quickest ever goals at Wembley as Woking retained the F.A. Trophy against Kidderminster Harriers. Scott picked up his third F.A. Trophy winner's medal in 1997. Sponsors Player of the Year and joint Supporters Club Player of the Year for 1998/99. His loyalty and service to the club was rewarded with a testimonial against Spurs during the summer of 2001.

Anthony TUCKER - Goalkeeper. Joined the club during the summer of 2001 after impressing in the pre-season games. Prior to joining the club he was the youth team 'keeper with Premiership new boys Fulham where he was coached by Laurence Batty, the former Woking and England 'keeper. Supporters Club Player of the Year last season.



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Woking -v- Chester City

If there was a Miss Marple or a Hercule Poirot in the ground then they surely could have launched 'The Vanishing Winger' investigation. There was plenty of speculation about what an Australian, who had a brief stopover at Kingfield, might do on his return. They surely would have asked whether or not the real Jon Brady turned up or whether he was shackled to such an extent that the one part of his game that is exceptional was totally nullified. From the outset Woking showed that there was to be no respect for Chester's good form this season. Pushing forward and denying the visitors any time or space on the ball meant that they had very few opportunities in the first-half. 'One Trick Brady', as a wag a few feet from me called him, had perhaps the best chance but his free-kick sailed harmlessly wide of an upright.

Neat passing moves, with players running into gaps, became more and more frequent as confidence grew in the Woking ranks. The two Ian's, Hamilton and Simpemba, combined well on the left on several occasions, with the likes of Rob Kember and Anthony Allman doing the same down the right flank. Any side managed by Mark Wright is built on solid and uncompromising defence and the Chester rearguard generally contained the threat. However, they had a huge slice of luck when Anthony Allman cut in from the right and let fly with a left foot shot that looked destined to be the first goal Chester had conceded away from home this season. Brown was rooted to the spot and seemingly about to kiss goodbye to his long run of cleansheets when Hatswell headed off the line and the ball ballooned over the bar for a corner. As well as some creative play coming from the Woking midfield, there was some bite too and it was encouraging to see the tackles going in hard but fair and nipping the Chester threat in the bud. Half-time and 0-0 was no more than Woking deserved. As the second-half wore on Chester enjoyed a spell of dominance, with Woking looking to hit them on the break with the speed of Ben Abbey and Chris Sharpling preventing the giants in the visiting defence from relaxing. Half chances were created and it began to look as though one goal would be enough, with Chester not creating too many chances of their own. With the vast amount of players at his disposal, Wright withdrew his three strikers with an hour of the game gone and promptly sent on two more and a midfielder. Shwan Jalal, who made two outstanding saves, stood firm in the Woking goal and never looked like being beaten, with his defence performing heroics whenever danger threatened. There wasn't much threat from 'One Trick' as he becoming an increasingly anonymous figure, having been denied the space he needs to do what he is very good at.

Anthony Allman and Ian Simpemba gave way to David Piper and Warren Patmore respectively and a third substitution was forced upon Glenn Cockerill when Neil Smith picked up a knock. On came Nicky Banger and he went on to have a vital impact on the outcome. Having only been on the pitch a couple of minutes, he

received the ball on the left side of the Chester box and was heading towards the Chris Lane Terrace when Kevin McIntyre bundled him over. The referee, Mr Woolmer, had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and that caused McIntyre to throw his teddy in the corner in no uncertain fashion. Having pursued the referee to the opposite corner of the area he delivered a tirade of vitriol that went on for ages. One yellow card wasn't going to put off the irate 'Mc' and no sooner had it been brandished once, it popped up again with a red one for company. Determination, a sense of injustice, plain stupidity - call it what you will, meant that 'Mc' was going to continue the debate, come what may. In the end his refusal to walk led to the Chester bench to have the make the embarrassing decision to send someone from it to escort him from the pitch. Have to be fair to 'One Trick' Brady here as he tried to clam 'Mc' down but the defender wasn't having any of it. Meanwhile that teddy of his was soaring somewhere over Woking town centre I would imagine. Once 'Mc' had gone it was the turn of Phil Bolland, the Chester captain to berate the referee and didn't he go on and on and on about the injustice of it all.

Ben Abbey, who managed to keep composed during the protestations of 'Mc' and Bolland, took responsibility for the penalty and he hammered it to Brown's right to send the overwhelming majority of the crowd into raptures. The players quite seemed to enjoy the moment too. Credit too to Warren Patmore for having a word with Ben and help prevent him being distracted during the prolonged debate the Chester players started. It got even worse for Chester shortly afterwards when Wayne Hatswell bundled Chris Sharpling over, again when there was no real threat to their goal. Several Chester players converged on the referee showing that they could all count and had twigged the fact that Hatswell was about to see yellow for the second time in the game. However, there was more of a time lag between his cards than those that 'Mc' had seen flash before his eyes. Hatswell, unlike his talkative colleague, at least accepted his fate without throwing a tantrum (or a teddy for that matter) and didn't hang about too long.

Not surprisingly, gaps opened up in the Chester defence and Warren Patmore forced Brown into a smart save when he got his head to a ball that arrived in the six-yard box. Patmore also did well at the other end of the pitch with a couple of strong headed clearances as Chester desperately went in search of a point. It wasn't to be and for the first time in weeks, we witnessed a win. If the super sleuths, Marple and Poirot been present, they would perhaps have come to the conclusion that 'One Trick' did arrive at Kingfield, taken his place on the pitch but had been subject to a job well done from start to finish. Indeed, there can be no more certain confirmation of the fact that he was ineffective that the name calling and taunting faded away as everyone focused on a good Woking performance.



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RENNISON RULED OUT FOR SEASON

Scarborough defender Shaun Rennison has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. The former York City player picked up the injury during last month's win at Hereford United. A scan has confirmed medial ligament damage, which will require major surgery and keep the 21-year-old out of action until next August. "We knew it was bad," said Scarborough manager Russell Slade. "It hasn't come as a big surprise, but it's still a big blow. But that's why we've got a squad of players and with a bit of luck we could have Steve Baker back within six weeks."

DAGGERS MAKE IT A DOUBLE

Dagenham & Redbridge have completed a double success in the transfer market with the arrival of Lincoln City defender Paul Mayo on a month's loan. Garry Hill has also sealed a similar move for Leyton Orient striker Gary Fletcher, as last season's runners-up look to push up the table towards the play-off places. Mayo, 20, is a left-sided defender who has been at Sincil Bank for three years having moved through the youth ranks and has made over 60 starts in that time, although he been on the bench for much of the current campaign. "Paul wanted to go and get some games under his belt so I've allowed him to go," City boss Keith Alexander said. "It came out of the blue really but the fact of the matter is Paul's not in the team at the moment although we rate him very highly. With us only having one reserve game between now and mid-November his chances of match action would be limited so that's the main factor behind his move."

RAILWAYMEN ON TRACK FOR WHITTAKER

Leigh RMI are hopeful of signing Chester's Stuart Whittaker when his loan stay at Hilton Park ends. The 27-year-old winger has been a star performer for Steve Waywell's side since joining from the Blues and the Leigh boss is confident of keeping the player at the club. Whittaker played his last game of a month's stay against Stevenage Borough. "He wants to stay, which is a plus for me and the club," Waywell commented. "Mark Wright has offered him to us, so it shouldn't be a problem. We can't do anything until his loan is up but hopefully after that we'll sort it out. He's done well for us and gives us another dimension."

DAGGERS BORROW O'S HITMAN

Dagenham & Redbridge have boosted their forward line with the signing of Leyton Orient striker Gary Fletcher on a month's loan. Garry Hill's side have found goals hard to come by, with the exception of Mark Stein, and Fletcher will help to ease the pressure on the seven-goal veteran. Fletcher has experience of Nationwide Conference football having made his name at Northwich Victoria and he is looking forward to the chance of first-team action. He said: "I'm not really getting a look in at the moment, so I'd rather go somewhere and get in a few games then come back fitter and sharper. The Conference is similar to the third division, maybe a bit rougher, but that's what I need to get my sharpness up. It's only for a month but I'll be hoping to score some goals for Dagenham."

BORO BOOSTED BY FUTURE PLANS

Farnborough Town's long-term plans for a move to a new stadium have been boosted with the local council including the new site in its plans for a major redevelopment. Boro will stay at Cherrywood Road for the time being, but Rushmoor Council's plans have lifted hopes of a long-term boost to the club's fortunes. Chairman and manager Graham Westley has drawn up a six-point plan to cover the upgrade of Cherrywood Road to meet Football League standards and then to aid the building of a new home. Town director Matthew Mills said, "This gives the club the opportunity to achieve our plan by upgrading the current stadium which will enable us to achieve promotion. We shall be planning with the council over the longer term for a new stadium so that the club can continue to grow."

DONNY NET UNITED STARLET

Doncaster Rovers have signed Manchester United midfielder Ben Muirhead on a month's loan. The United youngster joins up with Dave Penney's side to fill in for the absence of recent addition Jon McCarthy, who had a hamstring strain and misse last Friday's visit of Forest Green Rovers. Penney is also without Francis Tierney for the rest of the season and was keen to reinforce his title-chasing outfit. Penney said: "We are a bit short. Jon McCarthy would have done it for us, but he felt the injury again in training and so missed Friday night. We needed to get somebody in and it's great for a team like Manchester United to let someone come out on loan to a Conference club."

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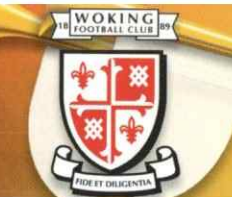
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A warm welcome to the supporters of both teams tonight for this first ever appearance of Woking in the LDV Vans Trophy. For Woking, this is an unexpected bonus, as our lowly position in the league table last season made it unlikely that we would be selected to enter this Competition. Previous investment in getting Kingfield to a state where it could achieve Nationwide League grading fairly easily has certainly paid off, and let's hope that we can stage an exciting and enjoyable game tonight. From the Hatters' point of view, they couldn't have wished to come here to play us at a better time, bearing in mind our recent run of results and the turmoil experienced over the last week or so. From our perspective, we can only hope that a welcome break from league fixtures will result in our players relaxing and playing the attractive football they showed themselves capable of at the beginning of the season.

Once again, I am all too conscious that these notes are being written six days before tonight's match, and the events of last Monday are still uppermost in my mind. No doubt, more changes may have occurred by the time that you read this programme! Geoff Chapple's departure, by mutual agreement, may not have been entirely unexpected, but still came as a major shock. Of course, you come to expect managerial changes after the sort of abysmal run of results like our record during September, but Geoff was, and is, a Kingfield legend and it is very sad to see him leave this way, inevitable though it may have been in hindsight. I am sure that all our Supporters would wish to join me in saying a big "thank you" for everything that Geoff has done for Woking over the long years in which he has been associated with the Club, and to wish him all the very best for the future. It was typical of the man to choose to leave with dignity, and to admit that he had been unable to reverse the downward drift of the Club over the past few years, whilst wishing us good fortune in the future. This must be a desperately depressing time for Geoff personally, and we wish him well.

Good luck to Glenn Cockerill, in his role of "acting" manager, although he has made it quite clear that he will be working flat out to earn the managerial role on a permanent basis. As I've

said many times before, our role as supporters must be to get behind the team and, now, the new Manager, through thick and thin, because they need our support more than ever. All players thrive on encouragement and support from the crowd, and this is undoubtedly the best way in which we can express our feelings for our Club at the moment.

Finally, some special words of sympathy and support for our Chairman, Chris Ingram. I know that Chris has been described as a reluctant white knight in agreeing to take control of Woking Football Club, and "investing" in the Club to provide financial stability, but even he could not have forecast the agony and difficult decisions that he has been called upon to make. That's probably just as well, because he might well have been even more reluctant, had he been able to foretell the future! Whilst successful businessmen are characterised by their ability to take hard decisions at the appropriate time, reaching an agreement with Geoff for the latter to leave the Club must have been exceptionally difficult for a supporter like Chris, who has shared with us all the successes of the Chapple years. In my view, Chris both needs and deserves our continued respect and support.

AWAY COACHES

Our next coach trip will be to **Telford United** on **Saturday, the 2nd of November**. The price for Supporters Club Members is £14, and non-Members may travel at a cost of £17. The scheduled departure time is 1030 hours. You can reserve your place at the Supporters Club Office, which is located just past the entrance to the Bar, on the right hand side, before or immediately after tonight's game. At other times, please enquire at the Club Shop. Please note that, due to declining numbers wanting to travel to away games recently, the Supporters Club Committee has decided to only run coaches to the longer distance destinations, if a minimum of 20 people indicate that they wish to travel. Whilst the need to ensure away support is fully recognized, the size of the deficit if we carry less than 20 people is very large indeed, and the view has been taken that this does not represent a good use of Members' subscriptions for the majority.



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Conference Stats & Facts



Leading Scorers – up to & including Sunday 13th October

10 Gregg Blundell Ryan Sugden	Northwich Victoria Chester City	6 Ben Abbey Abdoulai Demba Kayode Odejayi	Woking Yeovil Town Forest Green Rovers
9 Wayne Curtis Christian Moore Mark Quayle	Morecambe Burton Albion Nuneaton Borough	Keith Scott Terry Skiverton Peter Thomson	Scarborough Yeovil Town Southport
8 Leon Braithwaite Che Stadhart	Margate Gravesend & Northfleet	5 John Allan David Brown Stewart Drummond Lee Elam	Northwich Victoria Telford United Morecambe Morecambe
7 Junior Agogo Paul Barnes Nick Crittenden Dino Maamria Mark Stein	Barnet Doncaster Rovers Yeovil Town Leigh RMI Dagenham & Redbridge	Bimbo Fatokun Mark Gower Kirk Jackson Ryan Mallon Paul Moore	Barnet Stevenage Borough Halifax Town Telford United
Ben Stevens	Barnet		

The attendances – highest and lowest for each club and the discipline records – up to & including Sunday 13th October.

Club	Highest Attendance	Lowest Attendance	Dismissals	Bookings
Barnet	1668 v Yeovil Town	1067 v Telford United	2	16
Burton Albion	2149 v Hereford United	1412 v Gravesend & Northfleet	0	22
Chester City	2564 v Nuneaton Borough	2039 v Morecambe	2	26
Dagenham & Redbridge	1711 v Telford United	1219 v Morecambe	2	28
Doncaster Rovers	4867 v Chester City	3023 v Barnet	1	20
Farnborough Town	998 v Dagenham & Redbridge	500 v Forest Green Rovers	1	30
Forest Green Rovers	1514 v Hereford United	602 v Southport	1	18
Gravesend & Northfleet	2036 v Dagenham & Redbridge	1044 v Nuneaton Borough	4	39
Halifax Town	3082 v Doncaster Rovers	1402 v Nuneaton Borough	4	37
Hereford United	2289 v Chester City	1400 v Northwich Victoria	0	19
Kettering Town	1670 v Yeovil Town	1286 v Northwich Victoria	3	35
Leigh RMI	867 v Doncaster Rovers	327 v Margate	2	28
Margate	1002 v Doncaster Rovers	410 v Forest Green Rovers	3	30
Morecambe	1524 v Halifax Town	869 v Telford United	2	27
Northwich Victoria	1160 v Doncaster Rovers	474 v Margate	2	23
Nuneaton Borough	1759 v Doncaster Rovers	918 v Margate	2	15
Scarborough	1346 v Southport	950 v Leigh RMI	3	31
Southport	1331 v Burton Albion	984 v Northwich Victoria	3	25
Stevenage Borough	2130 v Barnet	1458 v Telford United	0	26
Telford United	1509 v Yeovil Town	720 v Forest Green Rovers	2	14
Woking	2721 v Gravesend And Northfleet	1426 v Burton Albion	4	33
Yeovil Town	4727 v Southport	2126 v Halifax Town	4	23



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Making Fulham At Home At Kingfield

Premier League Reserve Team Fixtures

Tues 26th November	Nottingham Forest
Wed 8th January	Leicester City
Wed 22nd January	Arsenal
Wed 12th February	Chelsea
Wed 5th March	Charlton Athletic
Wed 12th March	Southampton
Wed 19th March	Watford
Wed 26th March	Derby County
Wed 9th April	Tottenham Hotspur
Wed 23rd April	West Ham

Next match at Kingfield is on Tuesday 26th November against Nottingham Forest ko 7 p.m.

Premier League reserve-team fixtures kick-off at 7pm. The turnstiles open at 6.30pm. The fixtures are subject to change and it would be advisable to check with the Club prior to the match. Fulham season ticket holders, on production of the book, will be admitted at the concession price of £3. Fulham Ladies games kick off at 2pm.

Fulham Ladies Home Fixture List 2002/2003

Sun 10th November	Brighton & Hove Albion	2 p.m.
Sun 17th November	Tranmere Rovers	2 p.m.
Sun 8th December	Southampton Saints	2 p.m.

All home matches at Kingfield kick-off at 2.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated (The above fixtures are subject to change, it would be advisable to check with the Club prior to the match)

Also on Sunday 27th October the Fulham Ladies play Liverpool Ladies in The Premier League Cup 2nd Round, ko 2 p.m.

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LINING UP TODAY

WOKING

LUTON TOWN

Red & white shirts

White shorts

Red socks

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Today's Referee is:
Mr Mike Thorpe

Today's Referee is Mike Thorpe who works as an Accountant. He is married with one son and his hobbies are cricket and road-racing.

Blue & White Shirts

Blue Shorts

Blue socks

- 1 Steve FARRELLY
- 2 David PIPER
- 3 Rob HOLLINGDALE
- 4 Scott SMITH
- 5 Jon BOARDMAN
- 8 Barry MOORE
- 9 Warren PATMORE
- 10 Chris SHARPLING
- 11 Nicky BANGER
- 12 Grant PAYNE
- 13 Stuart BAVERSTOCK
- 14 Scott STEELE
- 15 Chris COLLINS
- 17 Robert KEMBER
- 18 Anthony TUCKER
- 19 Stuart REEKS
- 20 Ben ABBEY
- 21 Paul STEELE
- 24 Sean EVERS
- 26 Ian SIMPEMBA
- 29 Glenn COCKERILL
- 30 Ian HAMILTON
- 31 Shwan JALAL
- 32 Neil SMITH



Assistant Referees



MR PAUL MELIN



MR STEVE TOMLINSON

4th Official
MR IAN BENTLEY

NEXT AT KINGFIELD
Saturday 9th
November 2002
Woking
-v-
Barnet
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

- 1 Mark OVENDALE
- 2 Aaron SKELTON
- 3 Alan NEILSON
- 4 Matthew SPRING
- 5 Russell PERRETT
- 6 Marvin JOHNSON
- 7 Adrian FORBES
- 8 Kevin NICHOLLS
- 9 Tony THORPE
- 10 Carl GRIFFITHS
- 11 Steve ROBINSON
- 12 Chris COYNE
- 14 Andrew FOTIADIS
- 15 Dean CROWE
- 16 Carl EMBERSON (GK)
- 17 Emmerson BOYCE
- 18 Ahmet BRKOVIC
- 19 Steve HOWARD
- 20 Peter HOLMES
- 21 Paul HUGHES
- 22 David BAYLISS
- 23 Ian HILLIER
- 24 Sol DAVIS
- 31 Alan KIMBLE
- 35 Cedric BERTHELIN

