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Brenda Spencer

After a fantastic evening of Worthington Cup football on Wednesday, this afternoon we find ourselves in FA Cup action. As we all know our main priority is the Nationwide League, but these cup competitions are certainly providing a healthy distraction. Luton Town are our visitors this afternoon and after having a hard fought 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road only a few weeks ago we are all well aware of the threat the Joe Kinnear's side can prove.

We line up without captain Jason De Vos today as the yellow card he picked up at Brentford took him to five cautions for the season and an automatic one game. Luton too have their suspensions, most notably our former player Kevin Nicholls, who having missed the clash at Kenilworth Road through injury now misses a chance to perform here at the JJB Stadium again.

I think everyone at the Club was on a high this week following the victory over Fulham on Wednesday night. It is a testament to how well the team has been playing to now say that we have beaten three Premiership teams in the Worthington Cup. To draw Blackburn Rovers at home in the next round and to have that draw directly after the game all added to the excitement. It is well documented that having played for over ten years at Ewood Park, Rovers are Mr Whelan's second team. He even travelled to Cardiff to watch them win the Worthington Cup last season.

There was nobody more delighted than the Chairman on Wednesday evening, and I am sure he more than anyone will be looking forward to the quarter-final tie here at the JJB.

I was particularly pleased that all our supporters heeded the warnings regarding running on the pitch after the big games. The behaviour of everyone on Wednesday night was impeccable. The players were allowed to receive the ovation that they so richly deserved and the watching authorities will have been impressed with the whole match day operation.

Finally back to today's game and the news that should the game end all square the replay will take place this coming Tuesday, the 10th December at Kenilworth Road. Our Worthington Cup commitments have necessitated that this potential game be brought forward a week. Please adjust your fixture lists. The draw for round three of the FA Cup takes place tomorrow afternoon after the live televised game. The number to look out for will be 56 for the winner of this tie.

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Brenda Spencer



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FROM THE MANAGER

Paul Jewell

Good afternoon and welcome to our third game in what has been a hectic seven days at the JJB Stadium.

Joe Kinnear's Luton are our visitors for this Second Round FA Cup tie and we know that we'll have to be at our very best to progress into the hat for the Third Round draw.

Just over a month ago we made the trip down to Kenilworth Road in the League and came away with a well deserved 1-1 draw.

The match itself was an excellent advert for the Second Division and I was especially pleased with our second half performance as we went in search of an equaliser. Fortunately, Jason De Vos headed the goal that I felt we deserved and we came away with a point to keep our unbeaten run going.

After a difficult start to their Division Two campaign, Luton have put together a decent run of form of late and at the present time lie in seventh position in the table. They have produced some impressive results on their travels including wins at Oldham, Crewe and most recently at Tranmere last Saturday, so once again we know that we will have to be at our very best to get a positive result today.

We worked very hard at Hereford just over three weeks ago to get into the Second Round draw and it's important that we build on that good work today. We were far from our best at Edgar Street but battled well and in the end came out on top. Like a lot of our performances of late, we defended resolutely and showed a great desire not to be beaten and that is certainly one of our strengths.

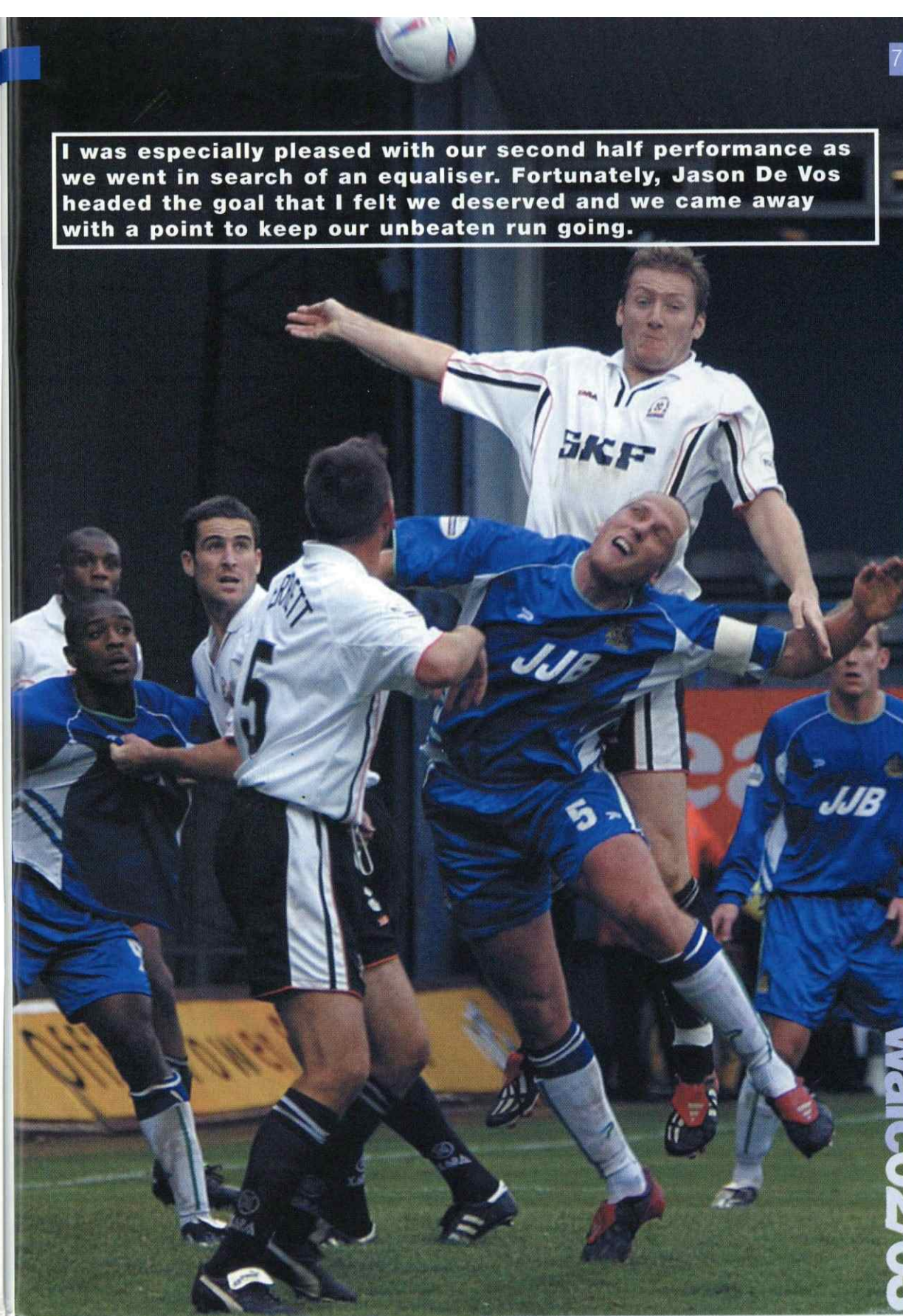
As I've said before, there are probably only 10 or 12 times when you will be at the top of your game during the season so it is vitally important that you are able to pick up points and win games when you are below par. This is certainly something we've done well of late though obviously we'd all prefer to be playing well all of the time! Moving on a little it would be wrong of me not to mention Wednesday night's win over Fulham. I'm sure that once again it was a memorable night for everyone involved with the club and I'm sure you'll agree that the players deserve an awful lot of credit for taking their third

Premiership scalp of the season. However, the euphoria of Wednesday night is now over and we must focus fully on the difficult games ahead, starting with today's match against Luton. And finally, can I just take the time to thank you all once again for your support so far this season. The way you got behind the team when Fulham pulled the late goal back on Wednesday was fantastic, so please keep up your good work this afternoon.

All the best,

Paul

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Ian Breckin

Having missed the start of the season, centre-back Ian Breckin is determined to put his injury disappointment behind him by nailing down a first team place.

Ian has made just five starts in the first team since his £150,000 summer move from Chesterfield and it has frustrating start to his time here at JJB, missing out early on due to suspension and more recently due to a knee injury.

Now back to full fitness and with the recent games against Blackpool and Doncaster under his belt, Ian is in a hurry to make up for lost time.

"The start of the season was an absolute nightmare because when you come to a new club, the last thing you want is an injury. Hopefully now I can stay injury free because I'm not a good spectator. Ian returned to action in front of the Sky camera's in the win at Blackpool having played only one-and-a-half reserve games following his knee injury, his last start coming in the LDV Vans Trophy game against Doncaster Rovers.

"It was hard coming back in and adjusting to the pace of the game, but I feel I've done ok.

"I've settled in well here all in all, it's just been frustrating to be stuck on the sidelines. I've been lucky with injuries in my career and this was my longest ever lay-off and obviously it came at the worst possible time.

"Jason and Jacko have done very well so far this season but I'm now looking to get back into the side full time. I may have to be patient but that's only right as we've got competition for places in more or less every position here now and no one has a divine right to be in the team. I'll just have to knuckle down, try my best and take it from there. With captain Jason DeVos out today, Ian is ready to show the fans just what he is all about.

"I'm sure we'll be fired up and ready to go and it's a game we want to do well in.

I've not got the best track record in the F A Cup having gone to Chesterfield the season after they got to the semi-final, so that's something I want to put right.

"Hopefully I'll play against Luton although that's up to the gaffer because he picks the side.

"It's up to me to make it impossible for the manager to leave me out by taking my chance when it arrives and that is what I'll be aiming to do."

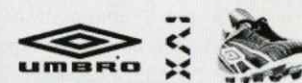
"We have got a tremendous squad here and the gaffer is building for the First Division by bringing in players like Nicky Eaden who have played at a higher level."



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So here it is, the magic of the greatest football tournament in the world is finally upon us and we are here to witness our first taste at the JJB Stadium this season having beaten Hereford in the last round. And ofcourse you all know what I'm talking about - it's the fantastic FA Cup, where anything and everything can happen and most probably will!! Somepeople don't realise the great position we are in and how far Paul Jewellhas brought the team in the last few months. He has

clearly taken his timeand slowly but surely created a Latics side that he, the supporters and thetown can be proud of. That is why he fully deserves the recent awards andpraise he has been receiving and is a more than worthy winner of November'sNationwide League Division 2 Manager of the Month Award. It is there forus all to see, as the structure in the side is far more organised, especially with the guys through the middle. They are strong, skilled and hard to break down and that is the secret to our success. We have changed from the hit and hope passes to the front men to the pass and move football that we all prefer and it's working with great effect. With the skill and pace of wingers such as Teale and McMillan and the finishing capabilities of Ellington and Liddell up front, we are definitely a hard team to beat and much improved from the start of last season. Now that we are at the half way stage of the season, we are up there with the best and that isn't down to luck. It's down to learning from our past mistakes and converting some of those score draws into convincing victories through hard work and

determination. Not only have we managed to create an impressive league run and position but our form in the cup competitions recently has fallen little short of Premiership standard. Which with any luck will continue on today as we face Luton Town who are also going well in Division 2. They currently lie just below the mighty Latie's in the league at the moment, but as we all know league positions count for nothing in this competition. We have also faced Luton not so long ago which ended in an away score draw back in October, but that's all history and all that matters is how the guys perform out there on the pitch today. Just a quick reminder to pop down to the Marquee before the game this afternoon and while your down there don't forget to grab yourself some free tickets for this years fantastic X-mas party - you really can't afford to miss out.

Enjoy the game
Yours

Miranda

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Junior Latics



Hello everyone and welcome to the game. And a big hello to our guests Luton Town this afternoon their first visit this season to the JJB for the FA Cup second round.

It was a hard fought 1 all draw down at Luton in the league game earlier this year when a full coach of you JL members were treated as special guests of the club, playing footy against them, and enjoying the sausage and chips that was provided. Last Saturday saw us entertain Northampton Town, with the 1-0 specialists doing the business yet again to keep us top of the league. Lets hope we can do it again today. A very special thank you to David Rowlinson who was mascot for Wigan last Saturday who was totally thrilled to meet the players, tour the ground and share in the after match presentation to the man of the match. Well done David. Monday the 9th December is the fantastic JL Christmas party with lots

of fun and games with my mate Marty. We'll be having open the box, Reindeer Racing and a special appearance by you know who, him with the red outfit and big white beard. Hope you can make it. (Members only and don't forget your membership cards you'll need them) A little note to all JL committee members

HOPE YOUR HEADS DON'T HURT TOO MUCH (Crimbo party last night!)

Enjoy the game everyone, it's an early Christmas Cracker.
Steve Gore
Vice Chairman

Mascots

Ashley Pulford...



Ashley is 12 years old and attends Southlands High School in Chorley.

Ashley Facts...

- Favourite Food/Drink: Chicken Nuggets and Coca Cola
- Favourite TV: Lizzie McGuire
- Favourite Film: Shrek
- Favourite Holiday: Cyprus
- Favourite Player: John Filan

FAN OF THE WEEK

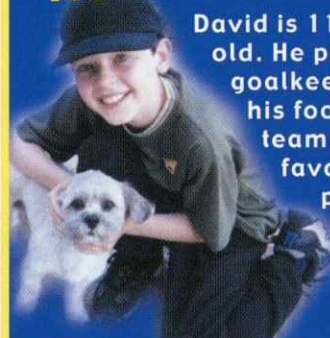
Emma Booth
10 years old



Emma's first game was the match against Mansfield Town when we clinched the 96-97 Championship and she has been a Wigan Fan ever since. Emma goes to All Saints School in Waddington Lincoln and attends as many games as she

can. She is a keen footballer and plays for Lowlands Girls u10s. Her favourite player is Andy Liddell Her two favourite moments as a Latics fan apart from winning the championship were the Autowindscreens Final against Millwall and beating Man City this year.

David Rowlinson



David is 11 years old. He plays goalkeeper for his football team and his favourite player is Nathan Ellington

Captain calling...

Jason De Vos



Today we are again involved in a cup clash at the JJB, as we welcome Luton Town in the F.A. Cup. It will certainly be a difficult game, as we recently battled to a 1-1 draw down at Kenilworth Road.

Looking back on Wednesday's victory over Fulham, we have to be pleased to be in the quarterfinals. In the first half we played some good football, and it was great to see the Duke back in amongst the goals. The second half saw Fulham press to get back in the game, and it is a mark of how far we have come that we are gutted not to have kept a clean sheet. In the end we did enough to advance, and we've been rewarded with another home game, this time against the holders, Blackburn Rovers.

Before every game, each player goes through their own routine to get themselves ready for battle. Some lads read the programme, other lads clean their boots, and some just quietly have a chat. Well Mike Flynn has taking pre-match preparation to another level. When he showed up before the Fulham game, the lads couldn't believe their eyes. He was already half dressed for the game! Despite being kitted out in jacket and tie, Flynnie already had on his white Patrick socks to match! Flynnie is a great lad, and it's good to see that he's so keen to play!

While their are no league points at stake today, it is still an important game for the club. If you can get behind the lads like you always do, I'm sure they can get us into the next round of the cup this afternoon.

Enjoy the game!
Jason

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did you know?

Between October 1980 and June 1984, Crystal Palace appointed EIGHT managers - Terry Venables, Ernie Walley, Malcolm Allison, Dario Gradi, Steve Kember, Alan Mullery, Dave Bassett and Steve Coppell.

REMEMBERS

WHOS THE BOSS? True
TRUE OR FALSE? True
SOCCER DINGBATS: Manchester City
Huggins, Danny Wallace
Fallister, Bryan Robson, Neil Webb, Brian McClair, Mark
Hogg, Lee Martin, Steve Bruce, Michael Friedman, Gary
12. Harry & James Keogh (AFC Bournemouth)
11. Gary Bardsley (AFC Bournemouth)
10. Mike Newell, Tottenham (1989)
9. Gary Speed & John Harrison, 9. National
Southampton & Blackburn, 5. Dave Mosey, 6. Germany, 7.
Cardiff, 4. Alan Utd, Barcelona, 3. Munich, Chelsea
Ricardo Villa (Spurs 1981), 3. Queens Park (Scotland) &
Alan Utd - OLD TRAFFORD, Leyton Orient - LEYTON
STADIUM, Chelsea - STAMFORD BRIDGE.
Mansfield - BOOTHFERRY PARK.
GROUND JUMBLE: Hull City - BOOTHFERRY PARK.

SOCCER DINGBATS



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Managed in UK: Rangers, Liverpool, Southampton and currently ??

- Which three teams have won the Premiership?
- Who was the first overseas player to score in an FA Cup final?
- Which two teams from outside England have competed in an FA Cup final?
- Name Welsh boss Mark Hughes' six clubs as a player.
- Who is manager of Macclesfield?
- In which country are the World Cup Finals in 2006 due to be staged?
- Which Middlesbrough player was recently linked with a return to Hajduk Split?

half time quiz?

- Who scored Wales two goals in their superb Euro Championship qualifier victory over Azerbaijan?
- In 1982 which organisation became the first sponsors of the Football League Cup?
- Which former Everton and Blackburn striker has just been named manager of Hartlepool?
- Which team were beaten in the FA Cup by non-league Sutton United just two years after they had lifted the trophy?
- Which father and son were manager and player together at a south coast club in the late 80's?

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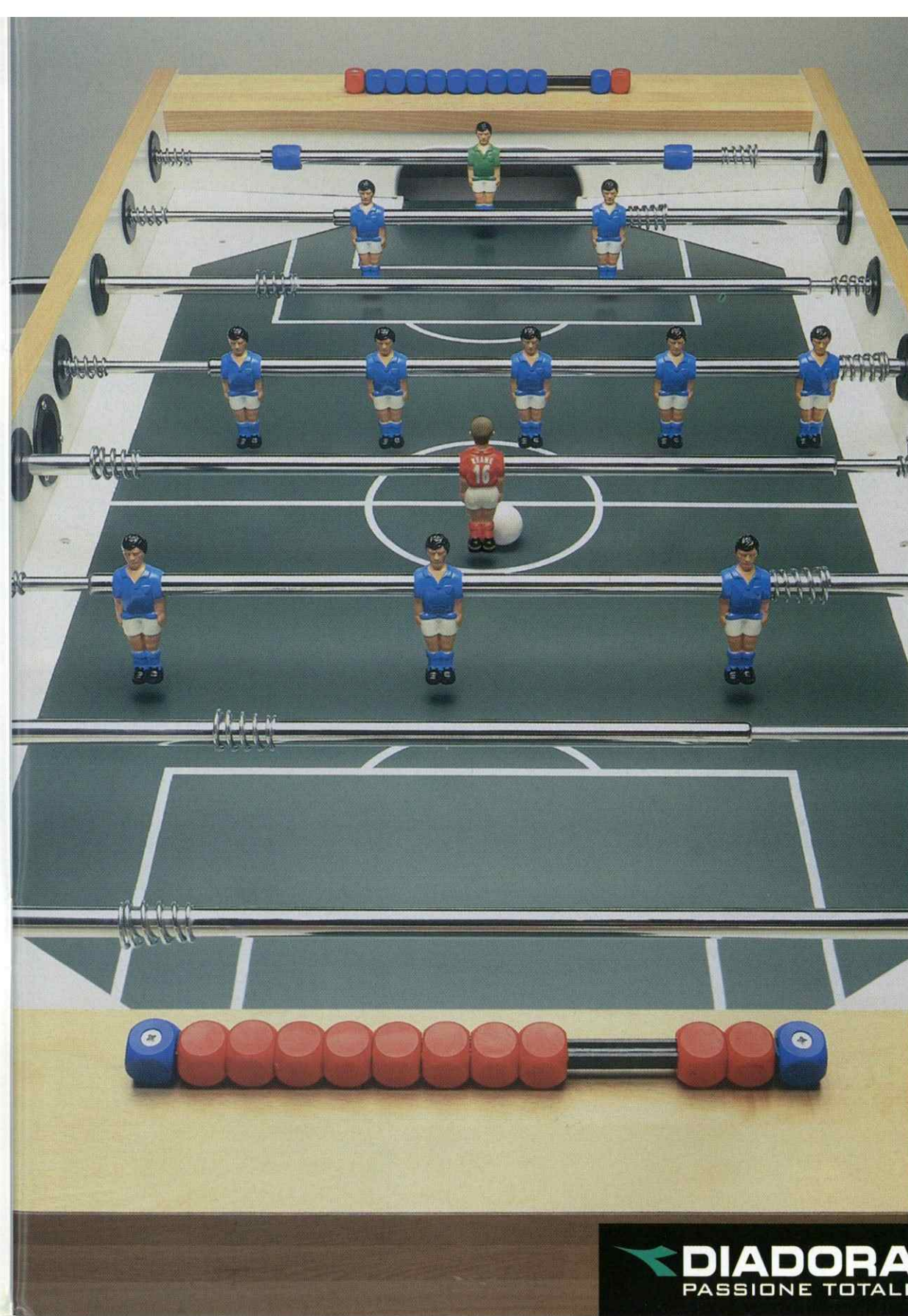
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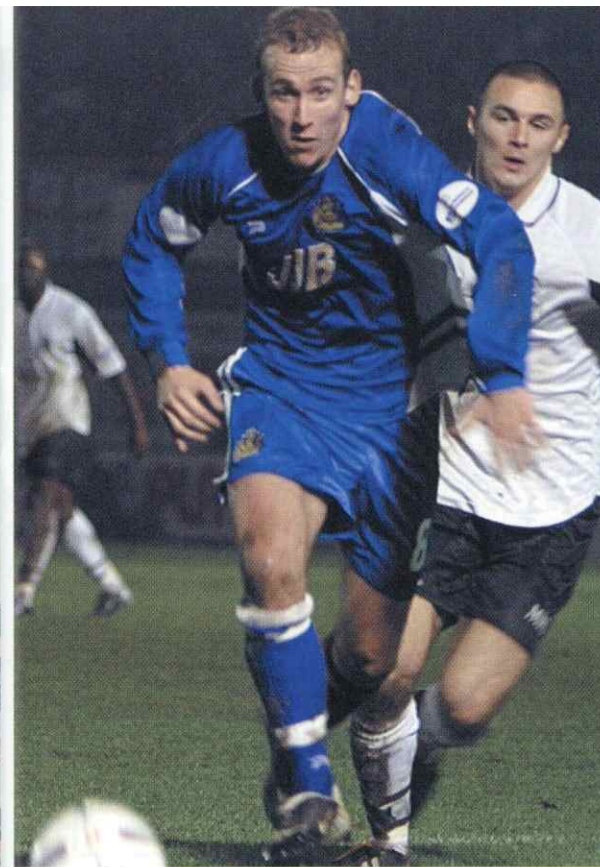


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Saturday 16th November 2002



A last minute goal by midfielder Scott Green eased Latics into the Second Round of the FA Cup at Edgar Street. Although far from at their best, Latics defence held firm through-out and allowed Green's goal to prove decisive right at the death.

The visitors weathered a first half storm at Conference club Hereford with Paul Parry and Michael Rose going close for the Bulls who also saw a Matt Clarke effort ruled out for offside. However, after the break Latics got a foothold in the game and probably had the best chance when Neil Roberts saw an effort blocked by Matt Baker in the home goal.

But just as it seemed the game was heading for a replay at the JJB Stadium, Greeny came up trumps. Latching on to a Nathan Ellington flick, the midfielder turned past Rose and fired past the helpless Baker to earn his side a home tie against Luton Town in the Second Round.



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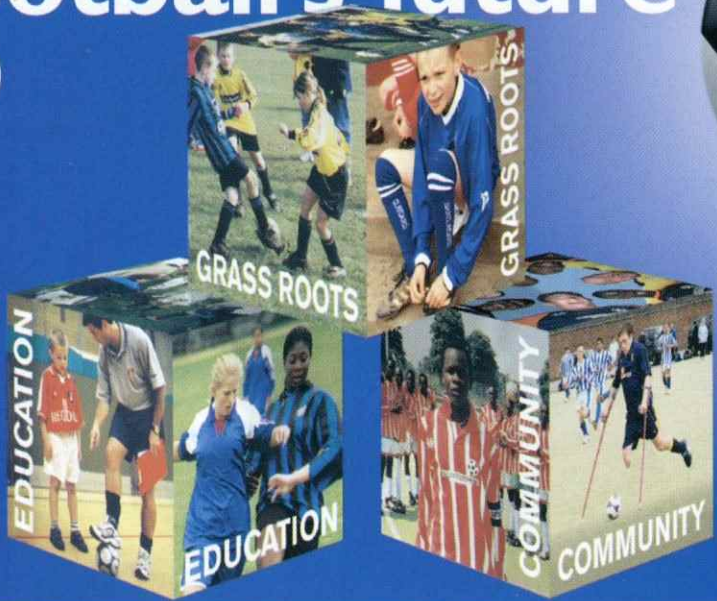
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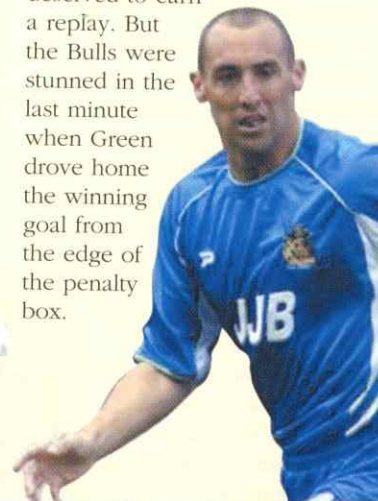
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News and views from the first round victory at Hereford United

Manchester Evening News

A last-gasp goal from Scott Green earned Latics a place in the second round after an enthralling battle with Hereford United. Hereford gave Wigan a real fright with a battling display, which deserved to earn a replay. But the Bulls were stunned in the last minute when Green drove home the winning goal from the edge of the penalty box.



VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE!



GRAHAM TURNER

In cup-ties you need a bit of luck but unfortunately we didn't get it. There is no bitterness it was just a harsh way for us to lose. Wigan are a good side and the best team in the division. But we played well, our biggest problem is we can't score goals.

WIGAN EVENING POST

Latics can count themselves lucky to be in the second round. In the first-half Paul Jewell's men played second fiddle to their host from the Nationwide Conference. They could have had no complaints had they trooped in for their half-time brew trailing 2-0, but were spared that particular humiliation by a linesman's flag and the woodwork. Their performance after the interval was better, and while still not of the standard expected from a side leading the Second Division, it did get them through.



PAUL JEWELL

Once again we haven't played well. We didn't do it on the TV at Blackpool and there are probably one or two people wondering why we are top of the league. The reason we are top is that we have resolve. We didn't play well but we won.

It was always going to be a hard game and while I am not happy with the way we played I am delighted with the result. I want us to be better than that and the players want to do better because they know they can.

WIGAN OBSERVER

A second successive weekend performance in front of television cameras saw Latics once again outplayed for the majority of the match only to grind out the most important thing, a result. Whilst the result was cruel on cash-strapped Hereford United this is what cup football is all about. It is a sign of a good team that can play so badly, yet still pick up results.



Luton Town

After an excellent win at Prenton Park last Saturday, manager Joe Kinnear described the victory at Tranmere "as good as it has been for a long time" with three goals in the last twenty minutes producing the victory.

That win followed on from previous victories in this region, which has seen the Hatters return with maximum points from Crewe Alexandra, Oldham Athletic and Stockport County, a fact not lost on the former Wimbledon manager.

"We seem to like the north-west, that's a good sign.

You can never take anything for granted in football, but confidence is sky high at the moment.

We'll obviously keep our feet firmly on the ground and we know it doesn't come any harder. When the draw was made we didn't think it could be any harder than Wigan away. They are in the in-form team, but we did have a good game against them at home."

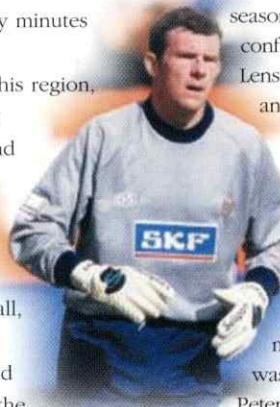
Like ourselves Luton overcame non-league opposition in the first round, striker Tony Thorpe on target in the 4-0 home win over Guiseley. However the Hatters plans for this afternoon's match have been hampered with suspensions to two key players. Out of the clash is skipper and a former player here at the JJB Stadium Kevin Nicholls following his sending off for two yellow cards in their last home match against Queens Park Rangers. Also red carded in that game was leading scorer Steve Howard and his appeal against his dismissal was rejected, a decision which angered the manager.

"I'm very disappointed at the faceless committee that have come to this decision even though I am adamant that the video showed there was never any contact. He will be a massive loss to us."

"We'll soldier on. We've got enough about us to get on with it. It is a one-off game and we won't be going there to defend. We'll go there, take the game to them and we'll make a good decent game of it."



KEVIN NICHOLLS



GOALKEEPERS

Signed on a contract till the end of the season, CEDRIC BERTHELIN is a tall and confident Frenchman. Formerly with Lens, he arrived on a two-month trial to answer a goalkeeping crisis. Impressed sufficiently to be awarded a deal following the expiry of his trial period last Saturday.

A £425,000 capture from Bournemouth, MARK OVENDALE (left) is a good shot stopper and very efficient at crosses. Has spent most of this season on the bench and was on the verge of joining Peterborough on loan until the deal collapsed last month.

DEFENDERS

Having lost the opening two matches of the season, left full-back SOL DAVIS (left) has been an ever-present following his move from Swindon Town. A hard tackling defender who transfer fee was fixed by a tribunal, hard working he made over a century of league appearances for the Robins.

A product of the youth system, EMMERSON BOYCE has this season completed a century of league starts. Mainly a right-back, the local born player can play in the middle of the defence when necessary. Rewarded with a new two-year contract in the summer. Another player to be rewarded with a two-year contact in the close season, German born Welsh international ALAN NIELSON became Joe Kinnear's 15th signing following his move from Grimsby Town last February.



MATTHEW SPRING

Started his career with Newcastle United, the experienced central-defender has had spells with Southampton and Fulham.

Capped by Australia at under 23 level, CHRIS COYNE (right) is a commanding central-defender recruited on a three-year deal at the start of last season. Made just one subs appearance for West Ham United following his move from Perth SC. Arrived at the club following eighteen months with Scottish Premier league side Dundee.

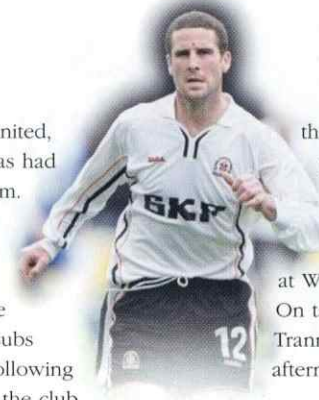
A Welsh under 21 international IAN HILLIER arrived at Kenilworth Road at the start of last season. Initially recruited on a loan deal, the former Tottenham youngster netted his only goal to date against York City last September. Recruited from his old club Wimbledon, Joe Kinnear signed ALAN KIMBLE in the summer following the departure to Portsmouth of Matthew Taylor. An experienced left-sided player, Alan played just over 140 Premiership games for the Dons in a career that has also seen him play for Charlton Athletic and Cambridge United.

MIDFIELD

A creative and competitive player with an eye for goal, MATTHEW SPRING is now one of the club's most senior players and has recently completed his double century of league appearances this season. Rewarded with a two-year contract in the summer, his tally of five goals includes a spectacular long-range effort in the F A Cup in the last round in the win over Guiseley.

One of the new faces during the summer following his £50,000 move from Preston North End, STEVE ROBINSON netted his first goal for the Hatters in the 3-0 win over Swindon Town. Capped by Northern Ireland, he made over 200 league appearances for Bournemouth before his move to Deepdale in May 2000. Spent a loan spell with Bristol City last season.

An attacking player with plenty of creativity PAUL HUGHES has played Premiership football with Chelsea. Dogged by injuries in recent seasons, Paul was initially recruited on a three month contract last August impressing enough in



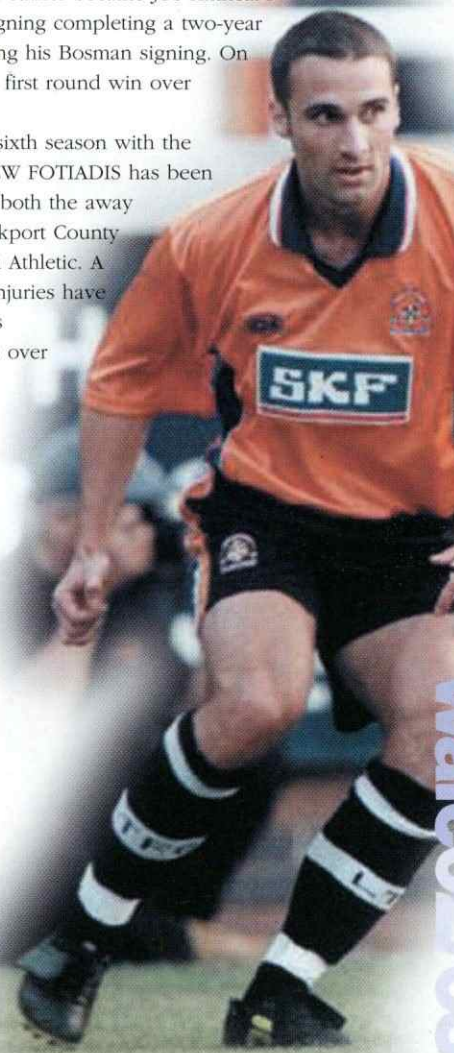
the promotion season to be awarded a new two year contact in the summer. Has also spent loan spells with Stockport County and Norwich City, his only goal to date this season came in the LDV Vans Trophy victory at Woking.

On target last Saturday in the away win at Tranmere Rovers, AHMET BRKOVIC is this afternoon's subject of watch out for.

FORWARDS

A proven goalscorer now back at Kenilworth Road for the fourth time, TONY THORPE is a proven goalscorer with over a century of league goals. Top scorer last season with 16 league goals, the quick footed striker became Joe Kinnear's first close signing completing a two-year deal following his Bosman signing. On target in the first round win over Guiseley.

Now in his sixth season with the club ANDREW FOTIADIS has been on target in both the away wins at Stockport County and Oldham Athletic. A tall striker, injuries have restricted his appearances over the last two seasons.



ANDREW FOTIADIS



Watch out for...

Abmad Brkovic



Born - Dubrovnik Croatia
Date of Birth - 23 September 1974
Height - 5"7"
Weight - 10.08

Described by his manager as "an intelligent player who reads the game well and sees the game well" Ahmet is now in his second season with the club having signed a new two year contract in the summer.

Initially turned down by the Hatters after an earlier trial by Lennie Lawrence in 1999, the Croatian born player went instead to Leyton Orient making eighty-two appearances and scoring nine times. Returned to the club following the appointment of Joe Kinnear initially on a three-month deal earning an extension at Christmas making twenty-one appearances in the promotion season.

A holding midfield player who prefers to play wide on the right, he does a lot of work protecting the back four. Created a club record with the quickest ever hat-trick scoring three goals in six minutes in the away win at Stevenage in the LDV Vans Trophy. Indeed scoring in cup competitions has become a habit this season as he netted twice in the first round win over Guiseley.

Completed an impressive November for scoring with the important second goal in last Saturday's 3-1 win at Tranmere Rovers.

Luton Town

Joe Kinnear

Meet the MANAGER

Joe Kinnear took over the managerial reins from Lil Fuccillo at Kenilworth Road on February 8 2001 after just a week as Luton Town's Director of Football.

The ex-Wimbledon manager returned to the game after a twenty-month break having spent seven-and-a-half years as the 'Crazy Gang' boss.

His achievements at Wimbledon are well renowned in English football: having kept his unfashionable side in the top division throughout his time at Selhurst Park, despite having to sell several of the club's best players to balance the books.

It is generally thought that his departure from the club was one of the major factors that led to Wimbledon being relegated to Division One in 1999/2000, after fourteen years in the top flight.

As a player, Joe spent ten years as a right-back with Tottenham Hotspur before moving to Brighton and won 26 caps for the Republic of Ireland.

He took over from Peter Withe as Wimbledon manager in 1992 and helped The Dons reach an unlikely sixth place in the Premiership in 1993/94, their highest ever finish in the top flight. He turned down the opportunity to succeed Jack Charlton as Republic of Ireland manager in 1996 and led his team to the semi-finals of the FA and League Cups and to eighth in the League.

After a spell out of football due to ill health, his return to football with the Hatters saw them unable from slipping into the bottom tier of the football league and his sights were set on a quick return to Division Two. That was exactly what he got however, last season, and the team finished as runners-up in Division Three and secured an immediate promotion back to the Second Division.





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Wigan Evening Post's

Dave Seddon

SOMETHING amazing happened on Wednesday night - the JJB Stadium press box got filled to capacity for the first time in living memory!

Her majesty's press are experts at sniffing out a giant killing act and they descended in their numbers for Fulham's visit in the Worthington Cup.

They knew Latics had the potential to see off the Cottagers, Paul Jewell's lads having already beaten West Brom and Man City in earlier rounds. Those fans who sit in the central area of the West Stand will more often than not see around 15-20 hacks scribbling away during an average game. But every seat was taken on Wednesday, the man from the Sun grabbing the last place as he breezed in with the teams lining up for the kick-off.

And they got the shock they wanted as Latics turned on the style to claim their third Premiership scalp of a season which gets better with every week.

Making up the numbers were 10 Japanese reporters, there solely to watch every shot and pass from the boots of Junichi Inamoto - and there weren't many of those!

They follow him religiously around the country, keen to report his progress back to the good folk in the Land of the Rising Sun who have grown football daft in the last few years.

When he played for Arsenal last season - played probably being the wrong word in his case - they turned up week in, week out hoping he would be named in the Gunners team.

But most weeks they left disappointed, Arsene Wenger preferring not to play him as his side swept to the League and FA Cup double.

The way they follow him around is fascinating and probably unique to the Japs. I doubt groups of English journalists travel to Spain every week

to watch Steve McManaman in action for Real Madrid or to Germany to see how Owen Hargreaves is doing.

Inamoto was one of a number of foreign players making up the Fulham team on Wednesday, other nationalities on show including Latvia, Morocco, the Ivory Coast, Argentina, Portugal and Cameroon.

Lee Clark was the sole English representative in the starting line-up, while there was former Scottish international John Collins in midfield and Northern Ireland keeper Maik Taylor.

After the match, we all expected Jean Tigana to duck the press conference and send his assistant - a policy he often follows in the Premiership.

But credit to him, he turned up and answered everyone's questions, even finding a moment to praise Wigan and Nathan Ellington in particular. Regular readers of this column might remember me writing about West Brom's media manager in an earlier issue and describing him as a lookalike for Emmerdale's Bob Hope.

On a similar topic, Fulham's version was an extremely attractive blonde woman and far more pleasing on the eye than Latics' very own Stig Ammonds!

It's cup football again today with Luton's visit in the FA Cup, and hopefully come 4.50pm tonight, Latics will be going into the velvet bag -or should that be plastic container? - for the third round draw and another crack at one of the big teams.

Enjoy the game,

Dave Seddon



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In the thick of it...

Hereford United V Wigan Athletic FA Cup 1st Round.
Latics Neil Roberts is held by Hereford

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All the news from behind the scenes at the JJB

INTERNATIONAL CALL UPS

Latics stars Andy Liddell and Gary Teale have been named in a Scotland 'Futures' squad for an International Challenge match in Germany, while another of our contingent from north of the border has also been put on standby.

The match will be played on Tuesday, 17th December in the Bruchwegstadium in Mainz and will kick off at 20.30 on that night. The players will meet up in Glasgow on Sunday 15th December and then will train at St Mirren the following morning before travelling out for the match against a German second string team.

It is Liddell's third call-up to a squad of this sort, though on this occasion the calf injury that is keeping on Latics sidelines at the present time, may prevent him joining up with the rest of the players. While this is Liddell's third call-up, this is the first time that Teale has received international recognition during his spell at the JJB Stadium.



Meanwhile, left back Steve McMillan has also been rewarded for his excellent form during his time at Wigan by being placed on the standby list for this very same fixture.

And finally, I'm sure that Latics fans everywhere will join the club in congratulating Liddell, Teale and McMillan on their call-ups and wish them all the best should they appear in the game.

REPLAY DATE

Should today's game ends in a draw the replay will be on Tuesday 10th December and will kick off at 7.45pm.

WASTC will be taking coach bookings for the replay in the Supporters' Club after today's game.

MASCOT

Name.

Scott Houghton

Age.

10 years old

School -

St Cuthberts

RC Junior

Fav Player -

Andy Liddell

Fav Food -

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Worthington Cup

WORTHINGTON CUP
QUARTER FINALS
WIGAN ATHLETIC V
BLACKBURN ROVERS
TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER,
2002 - KICK OFF 7.45PM

MATCH INFORMATION

The Club wishes to advise all fans to arrive in good time for our Worthington Cup tie with Holders Blackburn Rovers. Traffic congestion is expected, particularly around Junction 27 on the M6 and roads into the stadium from the Standish Direction. The club has put back the kick off time until 8pm but you are advised to arrive as early as possible. Tickets will be on sale at The JJB Stadium Ticket Office before and after the match today and 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday next week.



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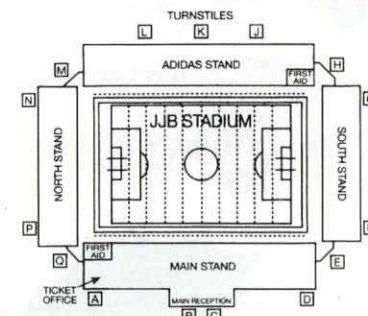
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FA CUP SPECIAL



Memory Match

As this is the first ever meeting between the two clubs in this competition, the spotlight today focuses on the Second round of the F A Cup match. Our feature match is the last we played in this round as a non-league side, when labelled by the national press as the "mighty minnows" saw us again produce another giant-killing act to knock Sheffield Wednesday out of the cup.

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Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday, F A Cup runners-up at Wembley a decade ago left Springfield Park embarrassed as we booked our passage into the Third Round and a game against his Former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey at Birmingham City.

Only in the position for seven weeks at Hillsborough, the World Cup winning centre-half suffered the latest and most damaging set-back in his managerial career as his rock bottom Wednesday were condemned to ridicule by a second-half

free-kick by Maurice Whittle.

The midfielder drove the ball through a five-man Wednesday wall so flimsy Charlton linked it to "Shredded Wheat" and as it beat the despairing dive of goalkeeper Chris Turner (now the manager), the 13,871 went wild.

And so they should have as we left the

Owls bemused, bewildered and battered which fully deserved the round's biggest gate.

The full-time professionals from Hillsborough only looked the part in the first fifteen minutes when we suffered an unusual spell of big occasion nerves during which Roger Wylde hit the post.

But after that, we never looked back and midfielder

Jeff Wright a process worker with

Heinz levelled the shots against the woodwork tally with a tremendous long-range drive against the crossbar.

Striker Mickey Moore got the rebound in the net, but his challenge was a little too rough for the referee.

At half-time the match was balanced on a knife edge but the longer it went on the more we looked certain to score and "magic our Maurice" Whittle's 73rd minute strike should have been preceded by John Wilkie, who earned the miss

of the match award when he scooped a shot over the bar standing barely ten feet from the goal line. Wednesday went all out for an equaliser and although Wylde "scored" with a late header there were few grumbles when he was given offside. But Latics kept going and the beaten finalist 11 years ago couldn't deny our day of glory even with some four minutes if nail baiting injury time. Champagne celebrations in the dressing room paused only to hear the third round draw which manager Ian McNeill said was "great from a financial point of view but bad as regards progressing any further."



Latics destroy Jack's new 'house'

Just wonderful, Wigan!



Wednesday
crash to
part-timers

With Geoff Lea

FA CUP

PARADE

FEATURE MATCH FACTS

Saturday 17th December 1977

F A Cup 2nd Round

Wigan Athletic (0) 1 Whittle 73

Sheffield Wednesday (0) 0

Latics

Brown, Morris, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Gillibrand, Whittle, Worswick, Moore, Wilkie Wright

Sub not used Styles

Owls

Turner, Walden, Grant, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wylde, Johnson, Tynan, Rushbury, Bradshaw

Sub Prendergas (replaced Bradshaw 68 mins)

Referee N G Ashley - Nantwich

Attendance 13,871

THE GULLS FLY IN

Torquay United provided the opposition the first time we made it through to the second round of the competition in the 1934/35 season. Then playing in the Cheshire League, two goals from Roberts and one from Scott saw us defeat the Division Three South club in front of an attendance of 20,003 at Springfield Park.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

The record crowd ever to watch a Wigan Athletic match was the 27,526 who witnessed our 4-1 win over another non-league side Hereford United in the 1952/53 season.

RECORD VICTORY

The 5-0 away victory at Darlington in the 1987 season still remains our biggest win in the competition since our election to the Football League. A goal from Chris Thompson and a brace from Bobby Campbell and a certain Paul Jewell secured the convincing win at Feethams

AT THE DOUBLE

Tony Black and Simon Haworth are the other two players to score two goals in a second round match. Winger Tony was on target in the 4-0 away win at Barrow in the 1995 season, while Simon's brace earned us a replay following a 2-2 draw at Wycombe Wanderers in 2000.

SIMON HOWARTH

DAVID LEE

NORTHWICH VICTORIA'S DRILL FIELD



LEAVING IT LATE

David Lee secured victory in the 2-1 win over York City in 1988 by netting the winner in the 88th minute.

GRIFFITHS FINDS THE NETS

Bryan Griffiths was on target in the second round of the F A Cup in four successive seasons. He scored in the 2-0 home win over Carlisle United in 1990, netted the winner a year later against Hartlepool United. In 1991 he opened the scoring in the 2-0 home win over Stockport County and the following season was on target from the penalty spot in the 1-1 home draw with Bury.

FOG ON THE FIELD

The match at Northwich Victoria in the 1980 season was abandoned with twenty-five minutes remaining and with us leading 3-0 at the time. Fog descended on the Cheshire town leaving the game to be replayed a few days later with goals from Tommy Gore and Joe Hinnigan earning us a home replay.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
LATICS REVIEW



Wigan Athletic
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F.A. CUP - SECOND ROUND
Saturday 17th December 1977
Kick-off 5 p.m.

10p

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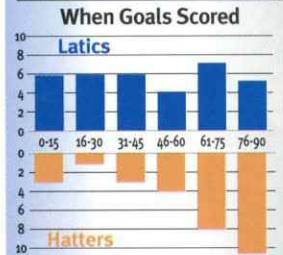
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Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
18	Shots	18
7	Headers	7
4	Volleys	3
3	Penalties	2
1	Free Kicks	0
1	Own Goals	0



Form Guide - Last 6

4	Won	2
2	Drawn	3
0	Lost	1
8	For	5
2	Against	5
14	Points	9
6	Goal Difference	0
DDWWW	Sequence	DWLDDW
28	Yellow	38
3	Red	3



2002-2003 Attendances

Latics	Aggregate	Hatters
64,754		68,403
8,047	Highest	9,477
5,358	Lowest	6,004
6,475	Average	6,840
26	% of Capacity	69

10 Year Record

Latics	Avg Pos.	Hatters
62.2	among 92 clubs	53.2
1,897	Avg Att 1993	7,878
6,475	Avg Att 2002	6,840
241	+ / - %	-13

Top League Scorers

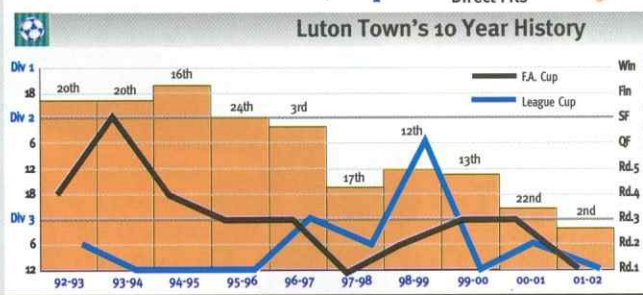
Liddell	Howard	
9	League Goals	9
15	Games Played	19
0.60	Lge Goals/Game	0.47
4	Points Gained	5
2	Scoring Run	4
0	Hat-Tricks	0
1	Close Range	4
4	Inside Area	4
4	Long Range	1
5	Shots	4
0	Headers	4
1	Volleys	1
2	Penalties	0
1	Direct FKs	0

Average Goals per game

1.70	For	1.50
1.80	Home For	1.70
1.60	Away For	1.30
0.65	Against	1.35
0.90	Home Against	1.30
0.40	Away Against	1.40

2002-2003 Figures

22	Players Used	33
10	Clean Sheets	8
3	Failed to Score	5
	Goals scored from...	
2	Corners	4
5	Free Kicks	2
	Goals conceded from...	
0	Corners	1
1	Free Kicks	2



Swings

WA	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
2	1 Goal Down	4
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
0	1 Goal Up	1

Lost from:

0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
0	1 Goal Up	1
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	1
2	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
1	2 Goals Up	0
2	1 Goal Up	1

Margins

4	Won by 1 Gl	5
8	Won by 2 Gl	1
1	Won by 3 Gl	2
0	Won by 4 Gl	0
0	Won by 5+ Gl	0
2	Lost by 1 Gl	4
0	Lost by 2 Gl	0
0	Lost by 3 Gl	2
0	Lost by 4 Gl	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gl	0

Misc stats

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

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- Upsets**
- Colchester U...0
 - Chester City...1
 - Morecambe...2
 - Rochdale...3
 - Peterboro U...2
 - Southport...4
 - Notts County...2
 - Margate...1
 - Leyton Orient...0
 - QPR...1
 - Vauxhall Motors...1 (3-4 on penalties)
 - Slough...1
 - Harrogate Railway...2

The First Round Story - So Far

Home Team	(HT) FT/XT	Away Team	(HT) FT/XT	Att.
Barnsley	(1) 1	Blackpool	(1) 4	6,857
Barrow	(1) 2	Moor Green	(0) 0	2,650
Bournemouth	(1) 2	Doncaster Rovers	(0) 1	5,371
Bristol Rovers	(0) 0	Runcorn	(0) 0	4,135
Bury	(0) 0	Plymouth Argyle	(2) 3	2,987
Carlisle United	(0) 2	Lincoln City	(0) 1	4,388
Chesterfield	(0) 1	Morecambe	(1) 2	3,703
Colchester Utd	(0) 0	Chester City	(0) 1	2,901
Dagenham & Red	(3) 3	Havant & W'looville	(2) 2	1,546
Dover	(0) 0	Oxford United	(1) 1	4,186
Farnborough Town	(5) 5	Harrogate Town	(1) 1	1,090
Forest Green Rovers	(0) 0	Exeter City	(0) 0	2,147
Hereford United	(0) 0	Wigan Athletic	(0) 1	4,005
Heybridge Swifts	(0) 0	Bristol City	(4) 7	2,046
Hull City	(0) 0	Macclesfield Town	(2) 3	7,803
Kidderminster	(0) 2	Rushden & Diam'ds	(1) 2	3,079
Leyton Orient	(1) 1	Margate	(1) 1	3,605
Luton Town	(3) 4	Guiseley	(0) 0	5,248
Northampton Town	(2) 3	Boston United	(0) 2	4,373
Northwich Victoria	(0) 0	Scunthorpe United	(1) 3	1,724
Oldham Ath	(1) 2	Burton Albion	(1) 2	5,802
Port Vale	(0) 0	Crewe Alexandra	(0) 1	5,507
Rochdale	(2) 3	Peterborough Utd	(0) 2	2,566
Scarborough	(0) 0	Cambridge Utd	(0) 0	2,084
Shrewsbury Town	(2) 4	Stafford Rangers	(0) 0	5,114
Slough	(1) 1	Harrogate Railway	(0) 2	1,687
Southend United	(1) 1	Hartlepool United	(1) 1	4,984
Stevenage Town	(1) 1	Hastings United	(0) 0	1,821
Stockport County	(2) 4	St. Albans	(0) 1	3,303
Southport	(1) 4	Notts County	(2) 2	3,519
Swindon Town	(0) 1	Huddersfield Town	(0) 0	4,210
Team Bath	(0) 2	Mansfield Town	(3) 4	5,469
Tiverton Town	(1) 1	Crawley Town	(1) 1	1,840
Torquay United	(2) 5	Boreham Wood	(0) 0	2,739
Tranmere Rovers	(1) 2	Cardiff City	(2) 2	5,592
Vauxhall Motors	(0) 0	Queens Park Rgrs	(0) 0	3,507
Wrexham	(0) 0	Darlington	(0) 2	3,442
Wycombe W	(2) 2	Brentford	(3) 4	5,673
Yeovil Town	(0) 0	Cheltenham Town	(1) 2	6,455
York City	(1) 2	Swansea City	(0) 1	2,948

Replays

Burton Albion	(0) 1/2	Oldham Athletic*	(0) 1/2	3,416
Cambridge United	(1) 1/2	Scarborough	(0) 1/1	3,373
Cardiff City	(0) 2	Tranmere Rovers	(1) 1	6,853
Crawley Town	(0) 3	Tiverton Town	(1) 2	3,907
Exeter City	(1) 2	Forest Green	(1) 1	2,951
Hartlepool United	(0) 1	Southend United	(0) 2	4,080
Margate	(0) 1	Leyton Orient	(0) 0	2,048
Queens Park Rgrs	(1) 1/1	Vauxhall Motors †	(1) 1/1	5,336
Runcorn	(1) 1/1	Bristol Rovers	(1) 1/3	2,444
Rushden & Diam'ds	(1) 2	Kidderminster Harr.	(0) 1	3,391

* Oldham Athletic beat Burton Albion 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out.
† Vauxhall Motors beat QPR 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

FA Cup Goals 02-03 - Where & How

Close Range	Inside Area	Outside Area
38 Goals	94 Goals	22 Goals
84	38	32
11	14	6
7	5	

Hotshots

- 3 Duffy Rushden & D
- 3 McDonald Crawley T
- 3 Pears Tiverton T
- 3 Torpey Scunthorpe



2002-2003 F.A. Cup Numbers

Total Results so far:	50	Goals:	78
Total Games:	50	Home Goals Scored:	78
Home Wins (inc extra time & penalties):	21	Away Goals Scored:	76
Away Wins (inc extra time & penalties):	19	Total Goals Scored:	154
Drawn games @ 90 mins:	14	not incl. penalty shoot-outs:	154
Drawn games a.e.t.:	2	Ave. Goals per game:	3.08

Highest Winning Margin: 7 Goals (Heybridge Swifts 0-7 Bristol City)
Closest Winning Margin: Penalties, a.e.t. (2 ties in total - closest shoot-out: Burton Albion 4-5 Oldham Athletic)
Biggest Home Win: 5 Goal Margin (Torquay United 5-0 Boreham Wood)
Biggest Away Win: 7 Goal Margin (Heybridge Swifts 0-7 Bristol City)
Highest Scoring Match: 7 Goals (Heybridge Swifts 0-7 Bristol City)
No-Score Draws: 4 Ties (23 including penalty shoot-outs)
Total Penalties (Scored): 7 (Hastings United 2)
Total Red Cards: 14 (Average: 3.56 Yellow Cards per game)
Total Yellow Cards: 178 (Runcorn v Bristol Rovers, Rd.1 Rep)
Most Colourful Fixture: 8 Yellow, 1 Red



Own Goals

Barratt A	Bristol R
Hotte M	Scarborough
Lee G	Hartlepool Utd
Nelson	Bury
Setchell	Rushden & D
Tisdale	Team Bath

First Round Red Cards

Achterberg	Tranmere
Anthony	Moor Green
Bedeau	Torquay Utd
Caskey	Notts County
Davies	Chesterfield
Flanagan	Hastings U
Fleming	Cambridge Utd
Gould	St Albans
Honeyball	Boreham Wood
Hoyle	Burton Albion
Jackson	Doncaster Rov
Kelly	Carlisle United
Parle	Runcom
Zahana-oni	Hastings U

Scored to win in last 15

Southport	(Drawing 2-2)	75 & 90 mins
Crawley	(Losing 1-2)	80 & 87 mins
Chester	(Drawing 0-0)	83 mins
Swindon / Crewe	(Drawing 0-0)	85 mins
Exeter / York	(Drawing 1-1)	85 / 88 mins
Southend	(Losing 0-1)	88 & 89 mins
Morecambe	(Drawing 1-1)	90 mins
Wigan	(Drawing 0-0)	90 mins

F.A. Cup Ref's Records

Ref	G	YC	RC	Pts
Cooper M	2	14	1	18
Fletcher M	2	9	1	13
Kettle T	1	5	2	13
Probert L	2	12	0	12
Jones M	2	8	1	12
Warren M	1	4	2	12
Atkinson M	1	7	1	11
Mason L	1	7	1	11
Crossley P	1	5	1	9

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FA Cup NEWS



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Nationwide Conference clubs Chester, Southport and Morecambe along with Unibond Premier league side Vauxhall Motors provided the major shocks of the FA Cup first round as all four dumped out Second Division opponents.

Pride of place goes to Vauxhall Motors who progressed through to face Macclesfield Town later today by defeating Rangers 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out at Loftus Road in a replay after holding them to a draw in the first game at Chester Deva Stadium.

Rangers manager Ian Holloway described it as "his worst day in football". A hero of the night for the part-timers was Terry Fearn, a former apprentice with the club. Morecambe's victory at Chesterfield

was a dramatic one, Gary Thompson's winner coming for the Shrimpers in the final minute in a 2-1 win at Saltergate. Their reward is a home tie against Chester City

today.. Mark Wright's side producing an excellent victory away at Colchester United, with on-loan striker from Leyton Orient Chris Tate netting the only goal. Down the road, Southport will fancy their chances of reaching the 3rd round after an impressive win over Notts County in the last round. Despite a brace from Danny Allsopp, a decisive last goal from former Luton Town old-boy Peter Thompson sees the Haig Avenue face another Conference side

Farnborough this afternoon. New Mansfield Town manager Keith Curle faces a difficult first match in charge at Crewe Alexandra. The two sides have already met twice so far this season at Field Mill, Dario Gradi's side winning both matches, netting nine goals in the progress without reply.

Plymouth manager Paul Sturrock believes his side's

4-1 home league win over Stockport will have little bearing on their FA Cup clash at Edgeley Park. Sturrock said: "Every game is judged on its merits. They will be well hyped up after losing to make sure they turn us over.

This will be the Pilgrims second long away trip in this competition having beaten Bury 3-0 in the last round with captain Paul Wotton on the scoresheet.

Carlton Palmer's County having come through against non-league St Albans with who else but leading scorer Luke Beckett on the scoresheet in the 4-1 home win. Cardiff City have criticised FA Cup opponents Margate for increasing ticket prices for this afternoon's 1.00 kick-off. According to Bluebirds chief executive David Temme, the Nationwide Conference side have upped the prices by 70%.

Temme also revealed that Cardiff have decided not to accept Margate's offer of an extra 1,200 tickets for the match in Dover. Cardiff will sell only the 15% allocation of 825 tickets they are entitled to under



GARY THOMPSON
MORCOMBE

JOHN HILLS
BLACKPOOL

FA Cup rules. Margate had considered switching the match to Cardiff's Ninian Park ground, but decided that home advantage would give them a better chance of a shock win. They are ground-sharing with Dover Athletic while their own facilities at Hartsdown Park are being upgraded. Cardiff captain Graham Kavanagh hoping to continue his impressive goal scoring record after netting in both games in the first round in the win over Tranmere Rovers. Next Saturday's opponents Oldham Athletic were another club to need a replay to go through. Fitz Hall last minute goal earning a 2-2 home draw against non-league opponents. The replay needed heroics from Latics keeper Les Pogliacomini in the penalty shoot-out. Ian Dowie's side face Cheltenham Town at Boundary Park, The Robins producing an excellent 2-0 away win at Nationwide Conference leaders Yeovil Town with striker Julian Allsop opening the scoring. Blackpool host the battle of the "Seaside Towns" when they face Torquay United, John Hills netting in the Tangerines

4-1 away win at Barnsley in the first leg. On loan Portsmouth striker Rowan Vine scored twice as Brentford's reward for victory at Wycombe is another away tie at York City. After netting seven without reply in the win at Heybridge Swifts, Danny Wilson's Bristol City face non-league opposition again tomorrow as they travel again this time to face Harrogate Railway. Tomorrow also sees Swindon Town make the short journey to face neighbours Oxford United. The clash will bring much needed revenue from television for the Robins, who needed a goal from Andy Gurney to complete a miserable November for Huddersfield Town following a 1-0 win.

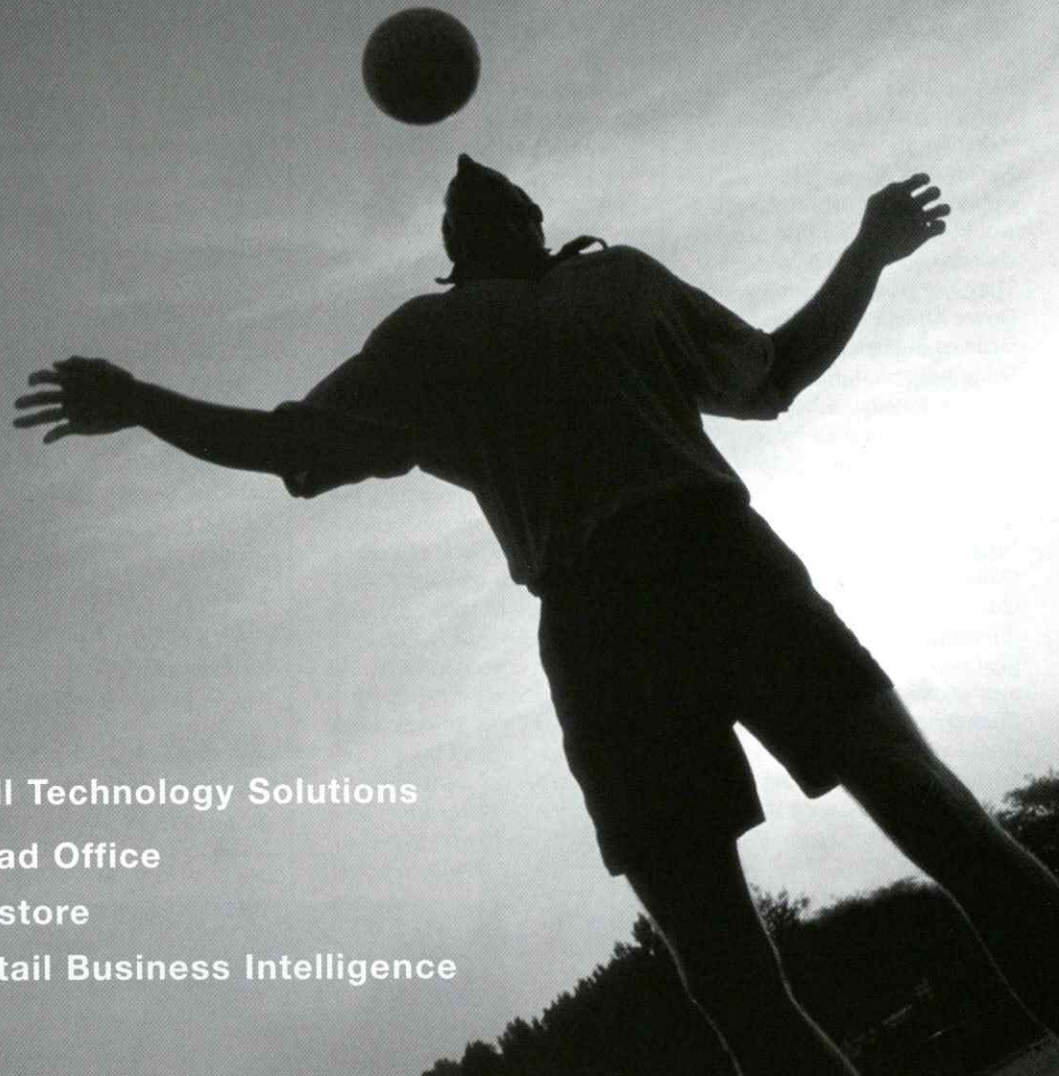
TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

Blackpool v Torquay United
Bristol Rovers v Rochdale
Crewe Alexandra v Mansfield Town
Darlington v Stevenage Borough
Exeter City v Rushden & Diamonds
Margate v Cardiff City
Macclesfield Town v Vauxhall Motors
Morecambe v Chester City
Oldham Athletic v Cheltenham Town
Cambridge United v Northampton Town
Scunthorpe United v Carlisle United
Shrewsbury Town v Barrow
Southend United v Bournemouth
Southport v Farnborough Town
Stockport County v Plymouth Argyle
Crawley Town v Dagenham & Redbridge
York City v Brentford

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Good afternoon once again from everyone on the Football In the Community team.

Well the work we've been doing recently certainly seems to have been paying off as Montrose School have told us that their girls' team have just won a 6-a-side competition that was held at Manchester City. The girls are pictured below with their shield and medals. Congratulations to all of you! Meanwhile, Shevington Vale have had their presentations and they are pictured below with Andy Liddell and Chris Hutchings as well as myself and Luke Joyce. The presentation was for a recent penalty competition and all the prizewinners received an Adidas Community Football as well as a certificate to show how many penalties' they each had scored.

schools to be put through their paces. Below Danny Mahoney and Rowan Draper are shown taking the kids through a fun warm up before moving on to do a Skill Ball session. Skill Ball is about getting players to learn their football skills with a smaller ball. All the players will start to learn turns and tricks this way as well as having lots and lots of fun. And finally, don't forget our Christmas Soccer Schools that are just around the corner. Contact me in the FITC office for more information and I hope to hear from you very soon.

All the best,
Bill.

Our schools programme is also still up and running, with Standish St Wilfreds being one of the most recent



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Youth Team Round up

Well once again Latics have been without a fixture over the past couple of week but David Lee's youth team have been particularly busy. They've had two home games in the past seven days and have once again produced a couple of excellent results.

David Lee's youth team followed up an excellent 2-2 draw against Tranmere on Saturday with a fine win over Rochdale on Tuesday afternoon.

Saturday's match versus Tranmere presented Latics with one of their toughest tests of the season and Lee was

delighted to see his lads claim a 2-2 draw.

However, it could have been so much better for the visitors as

Rovers netted two goals in a couple of second half minutes to haul themselves level after early goals from Chris Lynch and Ian Pendlebury had previously put Latics in the ascendency.

Although slightly disappointed with the way his side had conceded the two goals, coach Lee was understandably pleased with his side's efforts against a very strong Tranmere side.

"They are the benchmark at this level to be honest and on the day we've performed very well. Tranmere have been strong at this age for quite a time now so to come here and get a result is excellent. We're improving as the season progresses and that's all you can ask for really."

And fresh from the fine result against Tranmere, Latics put in another promising performance to defeat Colin Greenall's Rochdale by two goals to one at Christopher Park.

Phil Edwards and Lynch again were the goalscorers as the home side did enough to edge out their near neighbours in front of first team manager Paul Jewell and the rest of his coaching staff. David Lee once again pleased with his side's effort as he saw them move up to third in their Youth Alliance League section.

"Things are going well for us at the present time and results and performances have been good. It was a very tough game against Rochdale but we battled it out in difficult conditions and although they came back into the game in the second half I felt we fully deserved the win."

And Latics youngsters are next in action next Saturday when they travel to Blackpool for an 11am kick-off.



Reserve & Youth



Statistics

AVON INSURANCE

Date	V	Opponents	R
Aug 21	A	Blackpool	W4-2
Aug 28	H	Wrexham	W5-1
Sep 4	H	Rochdale	L1-2
Sep 18	H	Stoke City	D1-1
Oct 23	A	Chesterfield	W3-2
Nov 13	H	Stockport County	D1-1
Dec 11	H	Macclesfield Town	
Jan 8	H	Blackpool	
Jan 15	A	Wrexham	
Jan 22	A	Shrewsbury Town (7pm)	
Jan 29	A	Rochdale	
Feb 3	A	Stoke City	
Feb 12	A	Doncaster Rovers	
Feb 19	H	Chesterfield	
Mar 26	A	Stockport County	
Apr 2	H	Shrewsbury Town	
Apr 16	H	Doncaster Rovers	
Apr 23	A	Macclesfield Town	

As usual, all home games will be played at Robin Park and Wigan Council have set admission prices for the games at £3.20 for adults and £1.60 for concessions. Everyone is welcome so why not come along and see Latics second string, and perhaps some stars of the future in action...

AVON INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Stoke City	7	5	1	1	23	9	14	16
Shrewsbury	8	5	1	2	19	11	8	16
Rochdale	7	5	0	2	17	14	3	15
Wrexham	7	4	0	3	18	19	-1	12
Wigan Athletic	6	3	2	1	15	9	6	11
Stockport	8	3	2	3	14	13	1	11
Doncaster	7	3	0	4	15	15	0	9
Macclesfield	7	2	0	5	8	13	-5	6
Blackpool	6	1	0	5	8	19	-11	3
Chesterfield	7	1	0	6	7	22	-15	3

AVON INSURANCE LEAGUE

APPS SUBS GOALS

PROFESSIONALS

Ashcroft	Lee	3	0	4
Brannan	Ged	2	0	0
Charnock	Kieran	6	0	0
Flynn	Mike	1	0	0
Jarrett	Jason	2	0	0
Mitchell	Paul	3	0	0
Pendlebury	Ian	3	0	0
Roberts	Neil	4	0	2
Santus	Paul	2	0	1
Teale	Gary	4	0	3

YTS PLAYERS

Baines	Leighton	3	0	0
Dixon	Phil	1	2	0
Edwards	Phil	1	0	0
Foulkes	Michael	1	1	0
Jones	Chris	2	0	0
Lee	Kevin	2	0	0
Lynch	Chris	5	0	0
Moore	David	2	0	1
Owens	Lee	2	2	0
Roberts	Joseph	2	3	2
Thompson	Jonathan	4	2	2
Traynor	Greg	2	2	0
Yeomans	Ryan	4	0	0

OTHERS

Parry	Matthew	2	0	0
Porter	Chris	2	0	1
Edghill	Richard	1	0	0

YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES 2002-2003

		STATUS	APPS	SUBS	GOALS
Baines	Leighton	Trainee	8	0	2
Barratt	Paul	Trialist	0	3	0
Charnock	Kieran	Pro	10	0	0
Dickinson	Tom	Trialist	5	0	0
Dixon	Phil	Trainee	2	4	0
Edwards	Philip	Trainee	13	0	0
Foulkes	Michael	Trainee	3	1	0
Francis	Carl	Trialist	1	1	0
Jones	Chris	Trainee	8	0	1
Joyce	Luke	Schoolboy	0	0	0
Kay	Rob	Trainee	0	0	0
Lee	Kevin	Trainee	5	1	1
Lynch	Chris	Trainee	12	0	2
Moore	David	Trainee	10	3	3
Owens	Lee	Trainee	7	3	0
Pickup	Lee	Trialist	4	0	0
Pendlebury	Ian	Pro	8	0	3
Porter	Chris	Trialist	7	0	4
Roberts	Joseph	Trainee	12	2	2
Santus	Paul	Pro	3	1	0
Thompson	Jonathan	Trainee	10	0	2
Traynor	Greg	Trainee	11	0	1
Viera	Magno Silva	Trialist	9	3	1
Wilson	Joseph	Trialist	0	1	0
Yeomans	Ryan	Trainee	5	0	0



Wigan Athletic

supporters association news



First of all, our congratulations to Paul Jewell for his thoroughly deserved Manager of the Month Award. For us to get 44 points from 20 games by the end of November is some going and we are actually better off now than at the same stage of our 24 game unbeaten run under John Benson three years ago.

There's no doubt that Paul will take this award in his stride, preferring instead to pick up the Award for April! As these notes were penned before the Fulham game on Wednesday night we can't talk about what went on in our Worthington Cup clash against the Premiership outfit – but let's hope we were left eagerly anticipating today's draw for the last eight.

It's cup action again today with Second Division rivals Luton our formidable opponents here at the JJB. Many fans who travelled to Kenilworth Road for the League clash in October were of the opinion that Joe Kinnear's outfit were the best we had come up against so far – although Jason De Vos's last minute header to earn us a point was scant reward for our superb second half performance.

Speaking of fans. Is it not time we all started doing a bit more to help the team towards promotion?

We pose the question after the Northampton game when we picked up three hard-earned points to go back to the top of the table, despite falling short of our high standards in the second half.

There were times during that second 45 minutes when you could have heard a pin drop around the stadium and that simply shouldn't be the case.

It's at times like that, when the team isn't playing as well as we would like, that they need the support of the fans. Rather than waiting for the players to lift the supporters, what about trying it the other way around – and the fans lifting the players.

We can all shout and scream when the

team is playing well and we are watching an exciting game – and our away support is superb – but the test of good fans is when events are not going to plan and individual players are not at the peak of their form. To listen to the number of moaners around the JJB at times you would think we were bottom of the league, not top.

We've said this before. If we are to get success this season let's make it a real team effort – with those off the pitch playing as important a role as those on it.

QPR WEEKEND TRIPS

Mayfair Travel will be running two trips to London for the QPR game in March next year.

The first is a two night B&B stay at the St Giles Hotel, Oxford Street, departing Friday 21st March at 9am, returning Sunday 23rd March. The cost of this trip is £119 per person.

The second is a one night B&B stay, in Feltham as per previous overnight trips. The cost of this is £45 per person.

For more information on these weekend trips please contact Mayfair Travel on 01942 829988 or see the WASTC website. All bookings for the trip will be taken by Mayfair only.

Members Draw Winner

Congratulations to Mr James Stapleton from Hindley, who won two tickets for Rigaletto for the Northampton game last Saturday.



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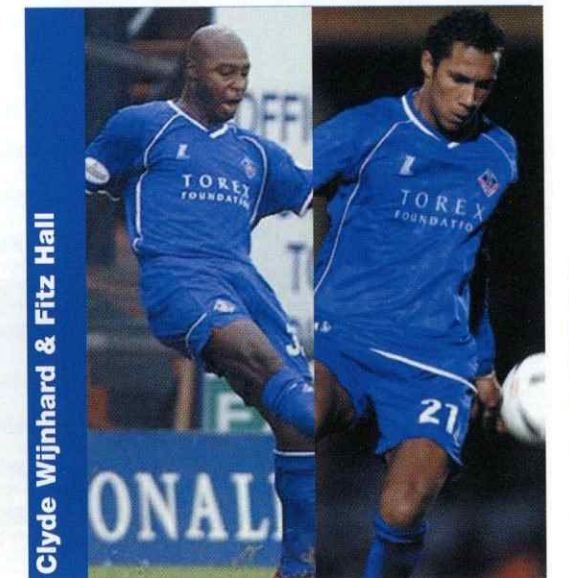
With twenty points from the last thirty available, manager Ian Dowie believes his Latics side are well on track to achieve their promotion target despite problems off the field.

Tuesday night's defeat in the Worthington Cup at Crystal Palace was their first away reversal of the season, which had seen them record wins at Derby County and West Ham United to reach the fourth round of the competition. In the league, a last minute equaliser by Barnsley in their last away game denied them maximum points, which sees the Boundary Park side five points adrift of us going into this Lancashire derby.

At home, their last two league games have both ended in draws, this afternoon's opponents Luton Town the last club to record a win at Boundary Park in the middle of October. An impressive September saw manager Ian Dowie who was only appointed at the start of the season collect the manager of the month award following six straight wins. The highlight a 6-1 home win over Mansfield Town with striker Clyde Wijnhard netting four goals. The former Huddersfield Town forward has netted eleven goals to date since his move at the start of the season and the evergreen David Eyres have helped him. The 37-year-old and last season's player of the year has scored six goals this season including a late equaliser in the first round replay at Burton Albion that saw them progress into this afternoon's match against Cheltenham Town after defeating the non-league side on penalties.

In defence Fitz Hall continues to attract scouts from the Premiership with his impressive performances. Snapped up from non-league football last season, Leeds United are the latest club to show an interest in the centre-back who had formed an effective partnership alongside Clint Hill. A £225,000 capture from Tranmere Rovers in the summer, Hill became the club's latest injury setback after breaking a leg in the defeat at Selhurst Park and joins influential midfielder Josh Low on the sidelines.

Despite the success on the pitch, financial problems off the pitch have dominated the headlines with the club admitting to losing around £200,000 a month. With such a large squad, the club have been desperately trying to off-load players, former player Stuart Balmer one of several to be told he is surplus to requirements. In order to raise much needed cash, Rugby League is again to be played at Boundary Park with Oldham Roughheads returning in January after a year's absence in a groundsharing scheme.



Clyde Wijnhard & Fitz Hall

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Results & FIXTURES

2002-2003 Player Appearances

Player	League		FA Cup		League Cup		Totals	
	Div 2	Goal	App	Goal	App	Goal	App	Goal
John Filan	20		1		4		25	
Paul Mitchell	5(5)				1(2)		8(6)	
Steve McMillan	16(1)				4		19(1)	
Matt Jackson	19	1	1		4		25	1
Jason De Vos	20	2	1		4		24	2
Ian Breckin	4(1)						5(1)	
Andy Liddell	13(2)	9			2		16(2)	9
Neil Roberts	9(3)	3	1		3(1)	1	13(4)	4
Nathan Ellington	20	8	1		4	5	24(1)	11
Lee Ashcroft					(1)		(1)	
Lee McCulloch	15	3			2		17	3
Mike Flynn	3(9)	1	(1)		(2)		5(11)	1
Stewart Kerr								
Scott Green	13(2)	2	1		2(1)		17(3)	3
Tony Dinning	16	4	1		2	0	19	4
Ged Brannan	6						7	
Jason Jarrett	17(3)		1		4	1	22(4)	2
Nicky Eaden	11		1		3		15	
Gary Teale	6(7)				2	1	10(8)	
Peter Kennedy	7		1		2		11	
Leighton Baines			1		(1)		2(2)	
Kieran Charnock								
Ian Pendlebury								
Paul Santus								
Ryan Yeomans								
Dave Beasant							1	

KEY TO SYMBOLS

■ PLAYED
 ■ BOOKED
 ■ SENT OFF
 11 SUB (player replaced)
 9 SCORER

DATE	OPPS	@	RES	ATT	AWAY	PTS	POS
SAT AUG 10	CHELTENHAM TOWN	A	2-0	5138	997	3	5
TUE AUG 13	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	3-2	5857	550	6	3
SAT AUG 17	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-0	6548	824	9	1
SAT AUG 24	NOTTS. COUNTY	A	2-0	6302	825	12	1
MON AUG 26	PORT VALE	H	0-1	6532	459	12	2
SAT AUG 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	0-1	2721	133	12	3
SAT SEP 7	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3-0	5358	270	15	1
WED SEP 11	(WC) NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	1-0	2336	82	-	-
SAT SEP 14	CHESTERFIELD	A	0-0	4124	629	16	1
TUE SEP 17	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	2-0	8153	1461	19	1
SAT SEP 21	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	2-2	5797	194	20	2
SAT SEP 28	BARNLEY	A	3-1	9977	1164	23	4
WED OCT 2	WEST BROM (WC2)	H	3-1	6558	1149	-	-
SAT OCT 5	CARDIFF CITY	H	2-2	8047	1401	24	3
SAT OCT 12	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	3-1	8746	286	27	2
SAT OCT 19	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	2-1	7276	876	30	1
TUE OCT 22	LDV 1 NOTTS COUNTY	A	3-2	1020	64	-	-
SAT OCT 26	LUTON TOWN	A	1-1	7364	425	31	1
TUE OCT 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	1-1	6241	727	32	4
SAT NOV 2	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	7086	1351	35	3
TUE NOV 5	MAN CITY (WC3)	H	1-0	15007	4145	-	-
SAT NOV 9	BLACKPOOL (KO 5.35PM)	A	2-0	7676	1768	38	1
TUES NOV 12	LDV2 DONCASTER ROVERS	H	0-1	2030	598	-	-
SAT NOV 16	HEREFORD UTD (F.A. C.1)	A	1-0	4005	315	-	-
SAT NOV 23	BRENTFORD	A	1-0	5454	411	41	1
SAT NOV 30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	1-0	6032	315	44	1
WED DEC 4	FULHAM (WORTH CUP 4)	H	2-1	7615	273	-	-
SAT DEC 7	LUTON TOWN (F.A. CUP 2)	H					
SAT DEC 14	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A					
WED DEC 18	(WORTH CUP 5)						
SAT DEC 21	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H					
THU DEC 26	PORT VALE	A					
SAT DEC 28	SWINDON TOWN	H					
WED JAN 1	NOTTS. COUNTY	H					
SAT JAN 4	MANSFIELD TOWN (F.A. CUP 3)	A					
WED JAN 8	(WORTH CUP SEMI-FINAL 1)						
SAT JAN 10	BRISTOL CITY (7.45 KO)	A					
SAT JAN 18	COLCHESTER UNITED	H					
WED JAN 22	(WORTH CUP SEMI-FINAL 2)						
SAT JAN 25	SWINDON TOWN (F.A. CUP 4)	A					
SAT FEB 1	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H					
SAT FEB 8	BLACKPOOL	H					
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA (F.A. CUP 5)	A					
SAT FEB 22	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A					
SAT MAR 1	CHESTERFIELD	H					
SUN MAR 2	(WORTH CUP FINAL)						
TUE MAR 4	TRANMERE ROVERS	H					
SAT MAR 8	PBOROUGH UTD (F.A. CUP 6)	A					
SAT MAR 15	LUTON TOWN	H					
TUE MAR 18	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A					
SAT MAR 22	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A					
SAT MAR 29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H					
SAT APR 5	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A					
SAT APR 12	BRENTFORD	H					
SUN APR 13	F.A. CUP SEMI-FINAL						
SAT APR 19	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A					
MON APR 21	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H					
SAT APR 26	CARDIFF CITY	A					
SAT MAY 3	BARNLEY	H					
SUN MAY 4							
SUN MAY 11							
SAT MAY 17	F.A. CUP FINAL						

JOHN FILAN	PAUL MITCHELL	STEVE McMILLAN	MATT JACKSON	JASON DE VOS	IAN BRECKIN	ANDY LIDDELL	NEIL ROBERTS	NATHAN ELLINGTON	LEE McCULLOCH	PETER KENNEDY	MICHAEL FLYNN	DAVE BEASANT	SCOTT GREEN	LEE ASHCROFT	TONY DINNING	GED BRANNAN	JASON JARRETT	NICKY EADEN	GARY TEALE	RICHARD EDGEHILL	LEIGHTON BAINES	GREG TRAYNOR	KIERAN CHARNOCK	IAN PENDLEBURY	PAUL SANTUS	RYAN YEOMANS
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