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# Gaffers Gossip

by Dave Rushbury

This time last year the club appointed me as caretaker manager.

At the time with respect to some of the players who were at the club I knew it would be a battle to retain our Second Division status.

At the end of the season when the job was done I thanked the players for their efforts and began a rebuilding process. Kevin Dawson, Stuart Howson and Chris Brandon were signed, Andy Rushbury and Gareth Davies were promoted from our own ranks together with Andy Richmond. With these players we made a statement to you the fans, we want to develop for the future. Carl Muggleton was snapped up and added to the experience we already had.

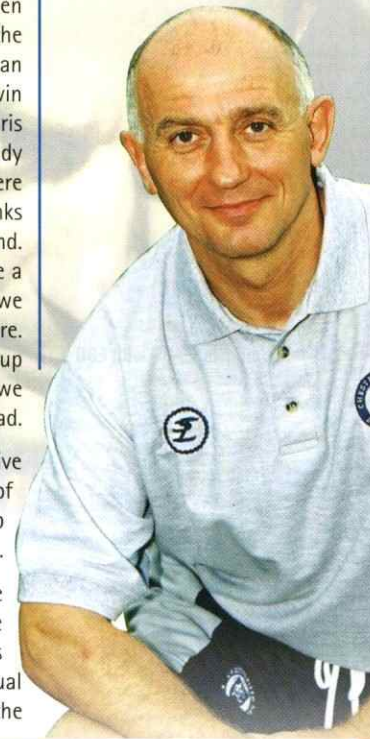
At the moment there are positive vibes coming from our Centre of Excellence but that won't stop us from scouting further afield.

We are looking forward to the next half of the season, the players have a tremendous team spirit, we all have a mutual respect for each other within the

club and this pulls you through when times are difficult.

I would like to thank the fans who have supported us and to the fans who are still sceptical - life's like that, but never stop believing your team will achieve better things in the future with your support.

Regards,  
Rush.



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# Ollie Pardos Nationwide News



A Very Happy New Year to all our readers and welcome to Saltergate for the first match of 2003 and our visitors Luton Town.

At the time of writing before the holiday programme the Hatters lay eighth in the table having started the season disastrously. The Bedfordshire side were runners up in the Third Division last season and manager Joe Kinnear will be pleased with his side's league position as 2003 opens. The Spireites of course finished in 18th position last season and so the current standing of ninth far surpasses most people's expectations. Whereas Luton's strength has been their away form, Chesterfield have an excellent home record. Current leaders Wigan Athletic finished last season in a disappointing tenth slot and were amongst everyone's favourites to go up this time. Manager Paul Jewell and the Latics fans must be optimistic as we enter the New Year.

Danny Wilson's Bristol City just missed out in 2001-2002 by finishing seventh and this season's second position needs to be maintained to ensure promotion. Rivals across the border Cardiff City, surprisingly lost out in the Play-offs last season and don't want to be in that position again so will be looking for a good return from the holiday fixtures to close the gap on the top two. Finishing ninth last season, Oldham have done well to maintain a play off position and will be happy with a top six finish. Crewe finished in 22nd. Place in Division One last term and under Dario Gradi's shrewd management could well return straight away as they are well placed in fifth position. Brentford were expected to struggle having lost Lloyd Owusu and Steve Coppell and just missed out on promotion having finished third but

losing to Reading in the play-offs. Sixth is very respectable for the Bees although QPR will be disappointed with results and position so far and are just one place better off than the seventh in 2001-02. The FA Cup exit to Vauxhall Motors at Loftus Road will take some living down! Tenth position is held by Tranmere Rovers who ended 12th last time around whilst just below them, Blackpool might have expected better under Steve McMahon after ending 16th the previous campaign.

At the other end of the table, two of the newly promoted sides look set to make a quick return with Mansfield (3rd in D3) bottom and Cheltenham (4th in D3) second bottom. No one expected Huddersfield having finished sixth to tie third bottom in their magnificent stadium with relegation looking likely. The next two up Peterborough (17th last time) and Notts County (19th) might have been expected to struggle this time although Barnsley who finished 23rd in D1 are surprise relegation candidates. Swindon Town ended in 13th the previous term so seventh bottom might be expected. Stockport County had a nightmare in Division One ending bottom and 17th is a poor performance from the other Hatters. In 16th are Northampton Town improving on the previous 20th whilst Colchester ending 15th last time find themselves in the same position again as curiously enough do Port Vale. Wycombe hover around midtable, 13th this term and 11th previously. Third Division Champions Plymouth Argyle started strongly but have fallen away to 12th place. The Third Round of the FA Cup takes place on Saturday so let's hope that some Second Division sides appear in the draw for Round Four on Sunday. Good luck to Cheltenham at Sheffield United, Brentford at home to Derby and Blackpool against Crystal Palace. It will be interesting to see how Morecambe get on facing Ipswich for the second time in recent years. Up the Spireites!



Kenilworth Road Home of Cheltenham Town  
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### Today's Fixtures

- Blackpool v Huddersfield Town
- Barnsley v Northampton Town
- Brentford v Colchester United
- Cardiff City v Swindon Town
- Chesterfield v Luton Town**
- Crewe Alexandra v Mansfield Town
- Peterborough United v QPR
- Plymouth v Cheltenham Town
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## REEVES REJOINS THE SPIREITES



Striker David Reeves has rejoined Chesterfield on an 18 month contract after being made redundant by Oldham Athletic. The former Sheffield Wednesday, Bolton,

Carlisle and Preston striker was previously with Chesterfield for five years before joining Oldham last season. The experienced 35 year old completed a three month loan spell with the Spireites earlier this season.

David Reeves said: "It's fantastic to be back and I hope the fans make me welcome because I love Chesterfield and the fans have always been good to me. I am sure I can give a bit more this time as I was really apprehensive when I was on loan. I know how good the Chesterfield fans can be and hope they all get behind the team for the remainder of the season as it can be worth a goal start."

David Reeves added: "All I want for Christmas is some points in the bag for the fans, starting with the visit of my old club Oldham on Saturday."

David Reeves also added: "Rush and Rico are doing such a great job for the club that players now actually want to come to Chesterfield, believe it or believe it not."

Chesterfield manager Dave Rushbury said: "Reevsie if a bubbly character who brings a wealth of experience to the squad that can only help the younger lads on the pitch and behind the scenes."



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future. Local junior schools, youth organisations and junior football teams are all being approached with the chance to book a special cut-price deal at a future game that will also help boost their funds as well. The dual tickets in the new community section of the Compton Street stand are priced at just £9 for an adult with a youngster aged under 14, £1 per ticket will be retained by the school or youth group for its own funds. For more details, youth leaders and schools should contact Football in the Community officer Andy Morris direct on 01246 550930 or mobile 07718 748432.

## SPIREITES FIXTURE CHANGE

Chesterfield's home fixture against Queens Park Rangers scheduled for Saturday 1 February 2003 has been put back 24 hours following a request by the Derbyshire Constabulary. The game clashes with Derby County's home match against Rotherham United also scheduled for that day. To accommodate the request from the Police the Spireites game will now be played on Sunday 2 February 2003. Kick-off time 2.00pm.

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## DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR SWINDON

Chesterfield has been supplied with 350 tickets for sale in advance at a reduced price for the away game at Swindon next Saturday 4 January 2003. The tickets are for the Arkell's Stand, which is one of the main stands, all seated and covered. Bar facilities will be available and tickets are priced accordingly. If bought in advance prices are Adult £19 (£21 on the day), OAP/Students £12 (£13 on the day) and Juniors U16 £6 (£7 on the day).

## ALL TICKET FOR MANSFIELD

The local derby against Mansfield Town at Saltergate on Saturday 18 January 2003 is an all-ticket game and tickets go on sale on Wednesday 8 January 2003. A reminder that the kick-off time has been brought forward so this game kicks off at 12.15pm.

## COSTLY REFEREEING

The Spireites are expecting to be fined £2,500 (as per rule) for having at least six players booked or sent off in the recent, competitive but never dirty, pre-Christmas game at Brentford. Referee Clive Penton from Sussex brandished the yellow card at Chesterfield players six times during the game and brought out the red card twice. Following the game, the club put in a claim for what it considered to be the wrongful dismissal of Steve Blatherwick who received a straight red.

## ABBEY DECISION DUE NEXT WEEK



Chesterfield FC will next week find out the outcome of the Football League Disciplinary Commission which was set up to consider a contractual

dispute between the club and former goalkeeper Nathan Abbey. The special Football League hearing held in Sheffield before Christmas spent two days considering all the evidence from both parties but deferred a decision until next week.

The dispute is over an alleged non-payment of a new contract, which the club claim was never put into effect as negotiations had broken down and a signing deadline had passed. The player, who was released by the club last May, is seeking compensation reported in the press to be around £150,000.

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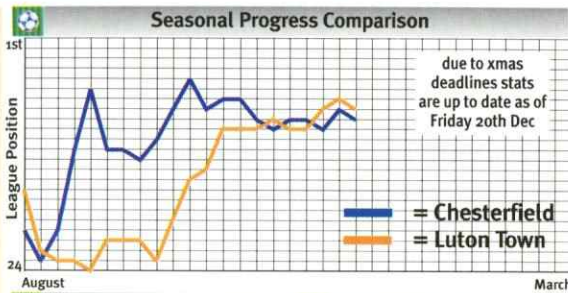
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0	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	4
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	2

### Lost from:

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

### Drawn from:

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

### Margins

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

### Misc stats

5	Highest Pos.	7
23	Lowest Pos.	24
3	Winning Run	5
5	Unbeaten Run	7
2	Losing Run	4
3	No Win Run	5

### Clubs Comparison

7	Goals Scored	19
1	Shots	7
6	Headers	3
2	Volleys	2
2	Penalties	0
2	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0



### Form Guide - Last 6

2	Won	2
0	Drawn	2
4	Lost	2
3	For	5
6	Against	6
6	Points	8
-3	Goal Difference	-1
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### Yellow & Red Cards

48	Yellow	40
2	Red	3

### 2002-2003 Attendances

40,592	Aggregate	74,293
4,676	Highest	9,477
3,189	Lowest	5,890
4,059	Average	6,754
58	% of Capacity	68

### 10 Year Record

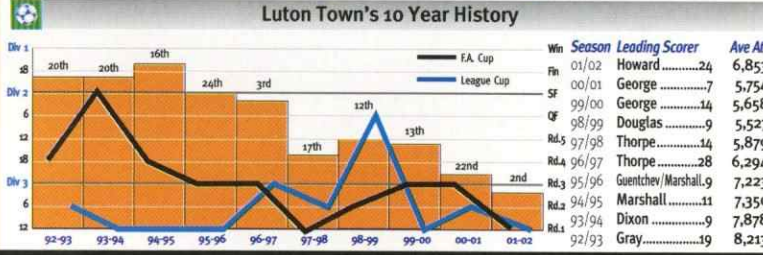
61.6	Avg Pos. among 92 clubs	53.3
3,141	Avg Att 1993	7,878
4,059	Avg Att 2002	6,754
29	+ / - %	-14

### Top League Scorers

Brandon	3 of 2 players on 4 goals	Howard
4	League Goals	9
19	Games Played	19
0.21	Lge Goals/Game	0.47
4	Points Gained	5
1	Scoring Run	4
0	Hat-Tricks	0
0	Close Range	4
4	Inside Area	4
4	Long Range	1
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0	Headers	4
2	Volleys	1
0	Penalties	0
0	Direct FKs	0

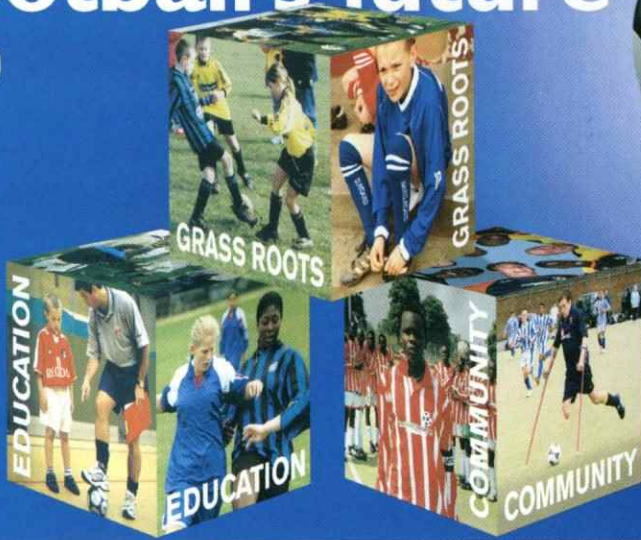
### 2002-2003 Figures

24	Players Used	33
11	Clean Sheets	8
9	Failed to Score	5
1	Goals scored from...	4
4	Free Kicks	2
2	Goals conceded from...	1
0	Corners	2
0	Free Kicks	1



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# Spireites News

## CFC RIOTING SOCCER THUGS BANNED



FOUR Chesterfield soccer hooligans have been jailed and 14 are given long match bans for violence and disorder before and after last season's Spireites-Cardiff City clash.

District Judge Richardson said their behaviour "gave football in general and Chesterfield in particular a bad name" and would not be tolerated.

He said a large number of Chesterfield fans were frustrated by successful police measures to keep rival supporters segregated after the March 30 match.

They threatened and abused police, threw bottles and a breakaway mob charged officers in a bid to reach visiting fans. Further scenes of disorder broke out in the town centre into the evening.

"The message has to go out that this type of behaviour by people who otherwise lead law-abiding lives cannot be tolerated," added Mr Richardson.

Clare Dolman, prosecuting, said police had seen messages posted on the internet before the game - and deployed more than 120 officers in full riot gear for the first time on a match day in Derbyshire.

She said the first confrontation happened outside the Saltergate ground before the match. After the game, local fans were shepherd towards the town centre but about 50 suddenly broke away and outnumbered police in Spencer Street, where violence flared as they charged at officers.

Police forced them back towards the town centre, where disorder broke out outside Yates' bar. Later, a gang of local men confronted Cardiff fans inside Spa Lane Vaults bar, causing violence and damage before task force officers cleared the pub.

"It was the worst outbreak of widescale soccer violence Chesterfield has seen," said Miss Dolman. After the hearings, Chief Inspector Debbie Platt said: "this

case emphasises that we are taking football violence very seriously. "It is an act carried out by a minority that spoils football for the rest of the fans.

And it was the general public that helped us with identifying many of the people who have been dealt with by the courts.

"The fact they have all been given Football Banning Orders will make it easier for us to police football matches in Chesterfield in the future."

Jeremy McNeil, aged 42, of the Crown Et Anchor pub, Sheffield Road, was convicted of using threatening behaviour. Mr Richardson said McNeil had started the violence in the Spa Lane Vaults. He was jailed for four months and banned from matches for six years. Bail was refused pending an appeal against conviction.

Three month jail terms and six-year bans were imposed on Mark Shaw, 38, of Crown Road, Stonegravel; John Callaghan, 31, of Wenlock Crescent, Ashgate; and Simon Hudson, 30, of Mill Lane, Bolsover. Shaw and Hudson admitted assault and threatening behaviour, while Callaghan admitted threatening behaviour.

Four-year bans were handed to five defendants who admitted threatening behaviour: Adrian Jones, 38, of Rufford Close, Boythorpe, will be tagged under a three-month curfew order and must pay £175 costs. Gavin Treweek, 32, of Whitworth Road, Newbold, received 100 hours community punishment and a one-year community rehabilitation order. Peter Notley, 36, of Cambridge Crescent, Bramley Vale, got 240 hours punishment with £250 costs; Daniel O'Neill, 19, of Victoria Street, Newbold, received 240 hours punishment, with £175 costs; and Dale Stoneley, 41, of Taptown View Road, Newbold, was handed 150 hours punishment, with £175 costs.

Five men admitted causing harassment,

alarm or distress.

Karl White, 33, of Recreation Road, Langwith Junction, was fined £300, with £175 costs, and Scott Slater, 19, of Old School Lane, Calow, was fined £350, with £175 costs. John Sedgewick, 35, of Derby Road, Birdholme; Glenn Bloom, 28, of Haddon Close, Brampton; and Andrew Hibbert, 39, of Cordwell Avenue, Dunston, were each fined £100, with £100 costs.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Jamie Wood, 29, of North Crescent, Duckmanton, who failed to attend court after admitting the same offence.

Above article courtesy of The Sheffield Star

Note: Fans already sentenced and banned for their part in the trouble at a hearing in September, Darren Hirst (21) of Stillman Close, Hasland was jailed for three months and banned from professional matches for six years. Terrance Henman (38) of Cross London St, New Whittington was jailed for two months, Anthony Allston (28) of Darley Close Staveley, received six weeks imprisonment and Craig Revill (18) of Talbot Crescent, Hasland, was handed one month's youth custody. They were also banned from soccer matches for six years.

A four year match ban was imposed on Andrew Hargreaves (39) of Mansfield Road, Hasland who was also ordered to do 200 hours community punishment, with £50 costs.

Daniel Rose (18) of Chantry Avenue, Newbold received 120 hours community punishment and a three year ban with £50 costs. Stephen Revill (32) of Talbot Crescent, Hasland was fined £300 with £50 costs and banned for three years.

Three year bans were imposed on two men at an earlier hearing.

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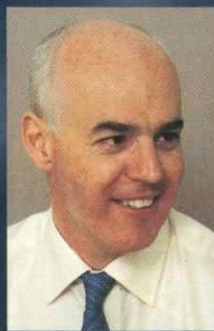
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## Today's Visitors Luton Town

### Visitors News

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. 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, who 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. It was too late to prevent the relegation that had looked nearly certain since the early days of that season, but on the day 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: 30 league victories, a run of 12 on the trot, 15 away wins and 97 points gathered.

Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won 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. Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold 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.

### Supporters Trusts

No Supporters Trust in place at Luton Town, there have been plans mooted for a long time, indeed Case Workers at Supporters Direct describe The Hatters fan's move towards a Trust as, "a slow burner", however there is a Supporters Representative on the Luton Town Board of Directors, Yvonne Fletcher, a representative of FLAG, the Friends of Luton Action Group, indeed Yvonne, like our own Phil Tooley, is also a Director of Supporters Direct, so at least the fans of the Kenilworth Road Club know their interests are being safeguarded. For more news about Supporters Direct, Log on to [www.supporters-direct.org](http://www.supporters-direct.org).

### The Manager - Joe Kinnear



Joe Kinnear (56) took over the managerial reins from Lil Fuccillo at Kenilworth Road in February 2001 after just a week as Luton Town's

Director of Football. The ex-Wimbledon manager returned to the game after a 20 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.

His last two years in charge proved to be less successful, despite having spent a club record £7.5 million on striker John Hartson, but Kinnear was not helped by problems with his health, which also had an adverse effect on his team's performance. His return to football with The Hatters came as something of a surprise, with the club languishing at the bottom end of Division Two.

His immediate aim was to save them from relegation to Division Three before attempting to transform their fortunes and lift them back to the top division in English football. However, after initial success, Kinnear could not prevent Luton 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, as in 2001-02, the team finished as runners-up in Division Three and secured an immediate promotion back to the Second Division.

# Luton Town

## DAVID BAYLISS

A horrendous illness and injury crisis, with 24 players unavailable, led to Luton making one of their best signings last season. Manager Joe Kinnear spent a week in November 2001 chasing players to try to plug the gaps, and discovered to his great delight that Rochdale were prepared to release their longest-serving player. Centre-half Bayliss jumped at the chance to join the Hatters, and played a full part in the promotion campaign that followed. An inch under six foot tall, he had been at Spottland since he was a trainee, and made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale before deciding not to accept a new contract with them.

## EMMERSON BOYCE

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

## AHMET BRKOVIC

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999, and he became a regular in their league squad. He was bitterly disappointed when they failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined Luton. He was right, playing a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.

## CHRIS COYNE

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.



## DEAN CROWE

The striker was signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut, at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal. His goals helped Luton win promotion last season. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but found it difficult to hold down a regular place in their league side after a change of management and an influx of Scandinavian players. He was made available by Stoke after loan spells at Northampton and Bury.

## TONY THORPE

Tony joined Cheltenham Town in the summer of 2001. His signing proved an inspiration as the Robins, who had struggled to score goals in their first two seasons as a Football League club, began to find the net regularly. He began his career in non-league football with Droylsden and was signed by Crewe manager Dario Gradi for £20,000 in 1990. It proved to be a sound investment as Tony hit 45 goals from 108 Football League starts and earned himself a £150,000 move to Port Vale in 1994.

## ADRIAN FORBES

After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add width to his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Kenilworth Road.

## ANDREW FOTIADIS

A local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed into an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique and power. But 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

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 totted up to well over £1 million, after starting as a trainee at Shrewsbury. His other clubs were Manchester City, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Wrexham, Port Vale and back to Orient for a second time.

## PETER HOLMES

A midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom – he is a product of the FA School of Excellence, from the same year as Michael Owen –

## The Hatters' Season So Far....

After promotion last season, Joe Kinnear recruited four full timers, **ALAN KIMBLE** from his old Club Wimbledon, **SOL DAVIS** (£60,000) from Swindon, **STEVE ROBINSON** cost £50,000 from Preston and regular scorer against us **TONY THORPE** returned for a fourth spell at Luton. Loan men have been two keepers, both now back at their parent Clubs, **BEN ROBERTS** (Charlton) and **CEDRIC BERTHELIN** (Lens, in France) mean four keepers have been used this term.

Leavers have been **JEAN-LOUIS VALOIS** (Hearts), **STUART DOUGLAS** (Boston) and **MATTHEW TAYLOR**, a £400,000 sale to Portsmouth. Freed players, of which there have been seven, include **ADAM LOCKE** and **STUART FRASER**.

Three consecutive defeats prior to the holiday fixtures, at home to Colchester, at home to Cambridge (LDV) and at Wigan followed a sound 3-1 win at Tranmere. Luton of course beat us 3-0 at Kenilworth Road back in August, a scoreline they repeated against Swindon and exceeded against Guiseley (4-0) in the FA Cup. Away, they've won at Watford (Worthington Cup), Huddersfield, Stockport, Oldham, Woking (LDV), Crewe, Stevenage (LDV), and Tranmere, so they're not afraid of unfamiliar territories. Their 10 match record to 20th December reads: LLLWDDWDLW.

## Hotshot

**19. Steve Howard**  
Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for £50,000, and the deal looks a bigger bargain with every game. Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. He helped Northampton win promotion to Division Two, and they grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard 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.

Holmes has had to fight to stay in pro 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.

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## MARVIN JOHNSON

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is probably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and fans alike, but he knows that his first team chances are likely to be limited this season as younger men make an impact. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 15th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, having been on the books since he was schoolboy. He is the only member of the staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton – he made his debut at Goodison Park in 1988 in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He signed yet another contract in the summer, but has also gained coaching qualifications which will be put to use part-time with Luton's youth squad.

## KEVIN NICHOLLS

The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. At the time Joe Kinnear, now manager of Luton, was in charge of Wimbledon, and made a note of the young Nicholls, and just before last season started he was surprised – and well pleased – to hear that Nicholls was available for

transfer. Charlton had 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 with Luton fans, although opponents did not always view his all-action style with similar relish.

## STEVE ROBINSON

Having rebuilt his side to win promotion from the Third Division, manager Joe Kinnear knew that an even stronger squad was needed for this season's challenge, and one of his first summer signings was midfielder Robinson, for £50,000 from Preston North End. Capped five times by Northern Ireland, the attacking midfielder had made his name at Bournemouth after joining the Cherries 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. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.



## ALAN NIELSEN

WITH Luton's promotion bid going well in February 2002, Joe Kinnear felt it was the right time to boost his squad for the run-in, and defender Neilsen, a former Welsh international, was signed on a free transfer after being released by Grimsby as part of a cost-cutting exercise. He brought with him plenty of top football experience. His international career began with appearances for

Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham, and established himself at right back for Luton in the closing stages of last season.



## The Hatter's Fact File

- Luton currently have 36 different players allocated with a first team squad number.
- Luton's first team coach is ex player Mick Harford, when he was appointed to the position in July 2001, the headlines read "The Legend Returns!". Had two successful playing spells at Kenilworth Road, from 1984-89 and 91-92. Coached under Joe Kinnear at Wimbledon.
- Joe Kinnear only ever scored three goals in his entire League playing career with Spurs and Brighton, for Spurs in a 3-2 win at Filbert Street, Leicester, on 17th August 1967, at St James' Park, Newcastle in a 1-0 win

on August 30th 1972 and his third and final goal was his only "losers" goal, a penalty on April 7th 1976, for Brighton, in a 2-1 loss at Saltergate! Malcolm Darling got our goals – also both penalties!

- Ex-Spireite favourite Danny Wilson played in and scored in the Final of the League Cup in 1988, won by Luton Town, 3-2 against Arsenal. He scored passed Chesterfield born keeper John Lukic.

## Creator



**4. Matthew Spring**  
There was relief all round when the competitive midfielder accepted a new contract at Kenilworth Road at the end of last season. Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side

which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and his first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20. He was influential in the Luton team that won promotion last season, and manager Joe Kinnear's determination to guide Luton to a second successive step up helped to persuade Spring to remain at his only club, rather than insist on leaving under freedom of contract.

## Stopper

### 24. Sol Davis

It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of last season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade him to sign a new deal, and Luton manager Joe Kinnear nipped in to add the tough-tackling left back to his squad. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

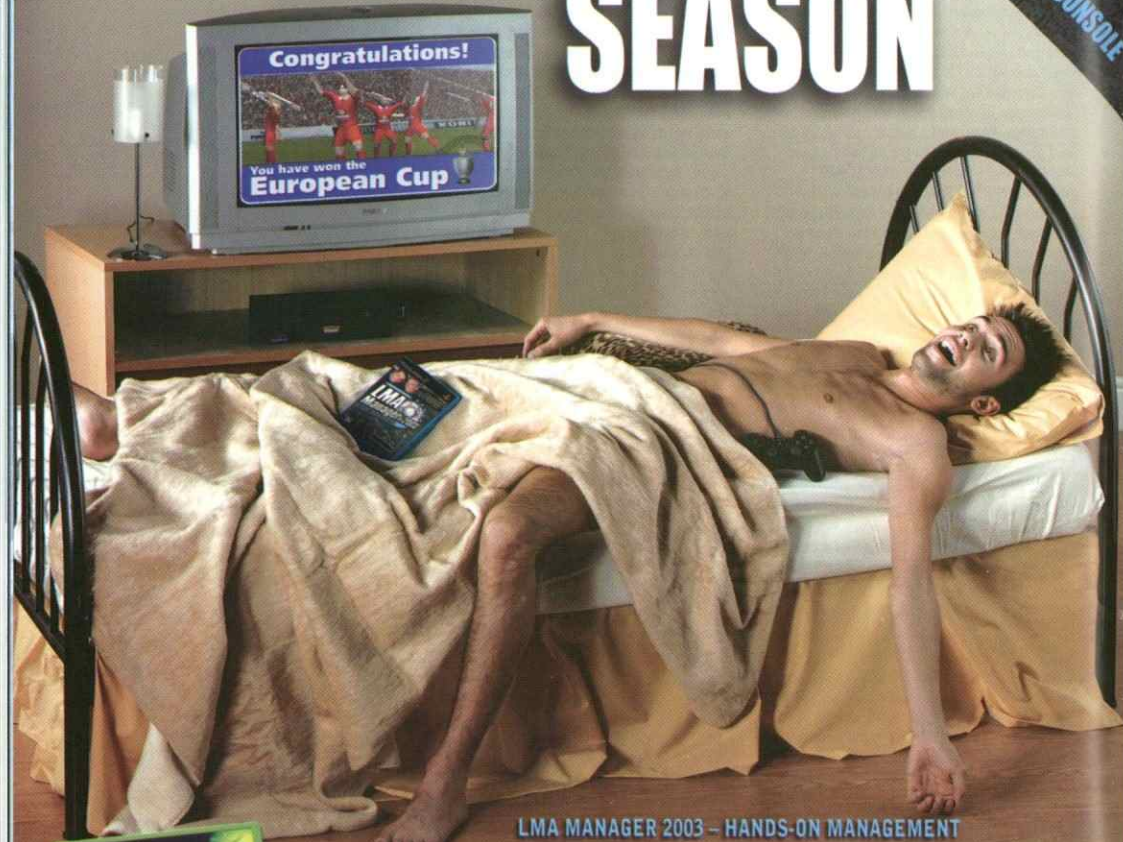
## Keeper

### 1. Mark Ovendale

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2000 enabled Luton to break a depressing pattern set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been great sellers of players, and very rarely buyers. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available to secure goalkeeper Ovendale from Bournemouth for £425,000, a Luton record fee for a goalkeeper. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton 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 to displace him.

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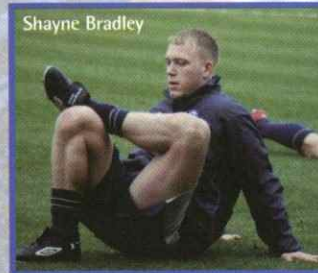
by Phil Tooley



Shaun Wilkinson

Two new faces in Chesterfield's squad for the festive fixtures are on loan attacking midfielder Shaun Wilkinson and striker Shayne Bradley, signed on until the end of the season.

Shaun (21), born in Portsmouth, is in the middle of a six week loan spell from Brighton & Hove Albion, his only previous League Club. He joined the Seagulls' Scholarship scheme and went on to make his debut as an 18 year old as sub for 21 minutes, replacing Ryan Palmer, against Swansea City on 18th December 1999. He played for 40 minutes against Plymouth that season, but for the next two seasons, he was restricted to just one first team run out for Brighton, as a sub against Barnet



Shayne Bradley

in March 2001.

The 2002-03 season saw Shaun start five times for a struggling Brighton side, after sub appearances against Burnley and Coventry, he made his first full start against Norwich City on 17th August, a 2-0 win for the visiting Canaries clipped The Seagulls' wings. He was subbed near the end of that game but completed his first 90 minutes in senior football in the 1-0 loss at Wimbledon. More sub appearances before a 120 minute game and his first senior goal, Brighton's 34th minute leveller at home to Exeter in

the Worthington Cup, a game Brighton won 2-1 after extra time. Starts against Gillingham and Stoke followed before a return to the bench, his last Albion appearance was in the infamous Brighton 2 Sheffield United 4 match on 19th October, he came on in the 85th minute with the scores at 2-2! Bradley (23), born in Gloucester, began at Southampton, making 4 appearances as a sub in the Premiership for them, his first on 12th December 1999, four days after his 19th birthday, an 87th minute replacement for James Beattie at Everton, who won 1-0. An even later sub appearance at Chelsea followed before 15 minutes were experienced at home to Newcastle.

Shayne then went on loan to Swindon Town, his first start was a bit of a nightmare, a 6-0 home defeat against Ipswich Town, Shayne was subbed at 5-0. That spell in April 1999 ( 7 games) was followed by his final Southampton sub game, again at Everton, a 4-1 loss.

On to Exeter, again on loan, and during his spell there, in the Autumn of 1999, he bagged his first goal, after 3 minutes of Shrewsbury 1 Exeter 4, and he tasted an early bath in the FA Cup win over Eastwood Town.

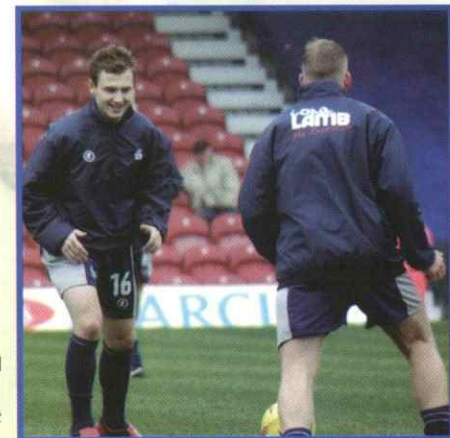
In the summer of 2000, a £150,000 fee took him to Mansfield Town, 8 goals came in his first season, including two against Barnet (Stags won 4-1), he played in both games against us that season, as an early sub for the badly injured ex Spireite James Lomas at Saltergate (4-0 to The

Spireites!) and in our 1-0 win at Field Mill.

With Chris Greenacre alongside, Bradley looked a good prospect, but 2001-02 saw injuries hamper his progress, just 3 goals and a last minute red card in the game against today's opponents Luton Town, a game Mansfield won 4-1,

His last game for The Stags was as a sub at home to Rushden & Diamonds last March, Stags lost 4-1, since then he's had his contract paid up by our neighbours who felt his ankle injury was unlikely to respond sufficiently to make his continued employment worthwhile. Let's hope they called that one wrong!

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with Dave Thompson

**CHESTERFIELD 1**  
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The first frost of the year put this game in doubt until the referee's inspection at 12:15.

After he gave the go ahead we used the game to give a run out for Jamie Burt and Gareth Davies returning from suspension. Shane Bradley and Jordan Lambert returning from injury and Andy Richmond, Alan O'Hare, Jon Howard and Sean Wilkinson to get ninety minutes under their belt. The remainder of the team being Stephen Warne and Loughborough students Neil O'Brien and James Collins.

Jamie Burt created the first chance of the game with a typical run and his resulting experienced Stockport team punished us twice within the first ten minutes. We settled down after this and competed well with Mark Prudhoe being the busier of the two keepers. Then right on the stroke of half time Burgess got up well at the far post knocking the

ball across goal for Daly to bundle it over.

Second half saw us compete even better and were rewarded by Jon Howard scoring his fourth goal in four games to make the score 3-1. Not long after Jon was carried off with an injured ankle to be replaced by Adam Smith. A mix up between Richmond and Davies resulted in Stockport adding an undeserved fourth goal at this point. Then we gave first year Sam Lancaster his debut for the final twenty minutes and he added some steel to the central midfield his first contribution a crunching tackle to set us going forward. Jamie Burt got a few good crosses before being taken off as a precaution to be replaced by Craig Shaw. Wilkinson and Bradley went close a few times before a great diagonal ball by Shaw put Adam Smith for a shot at the goal.

After a shaky start we settled down and played some good football and matched a good Stockport team, overall we got in some good match practice for a number of players.



Gareth Davies returning from suspension



Jon Howard scored before being carried off with an injured ankle.



Shayne Bradley returning from injury

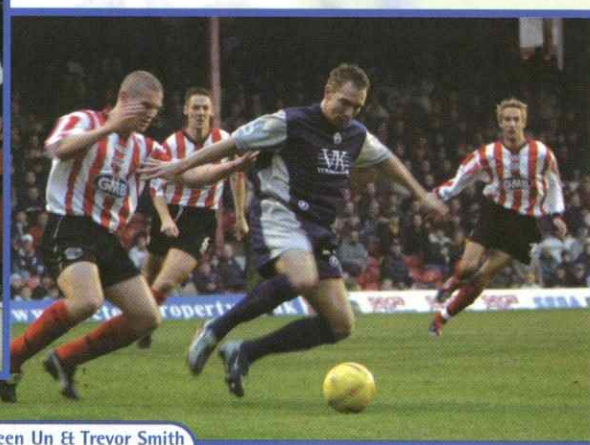
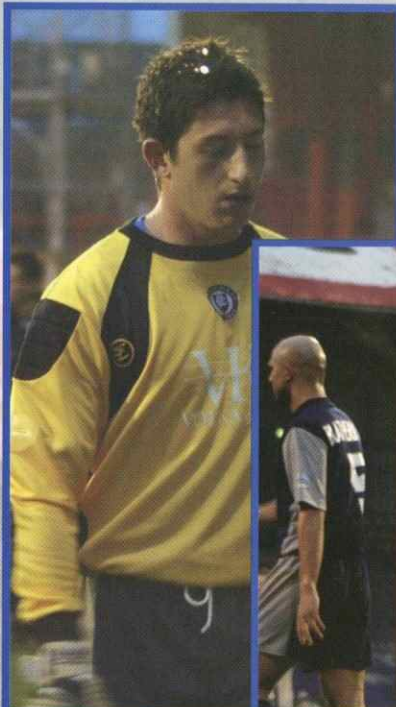
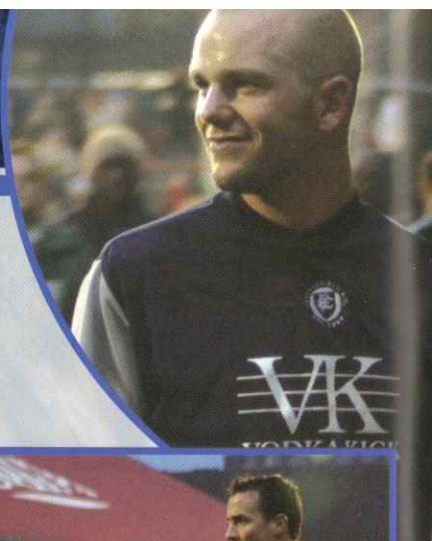
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The players union, the Professional Footballers' Association, has agreed to give Derby County a loan, reported to be worth £0.5m to aid its financial situation. The loan will be paid over the course of the season to the First Division club, whose debts are believed to total between £20m-£30m. "We are giving Derby financial assistance, but that is just one piece of the jigsaw," said PFA



deputy chief executive Mick Maguire. "The club will have to sell players in January, cut players' wages

and exercise a number of other financial strategies. Our loan is just the final piece of the jigsaw." Earlier in the week, Italian forward Fabrizio Ravanelli had agreed to take a deferral of around 25% on his salary, which is thought to be around £40,000 a week.

The Football League's acting chief executive, Peter Heard, has revealed that clubs promoted from the Conference to the Third Division will from next season be given a year to bring their stadiums up to FL standards. "If they win promotion and they don't have a grade 'A' ground then they will be given one year to put that right," Heard told media.

Meanwhile, FL spokesman Ian

Christon has confirmed to media that the FL is close to announcing a £20m loan to help its 92 clubs cope with the financial fallout caused by the collapse of ITV Digital earlier this year. "We are close to a deal that will be worth a similar amount to the package unveiled recently," he told media. Last Friday it was revealed that the FL clubs will be handed £20m - paid in two tranches, one this week and one next August - which has been diverted from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

Sheffield Wednesday finance director Bob Grierson has revealed that the First Division club's board has invested in over £2.85m themselves into club as part of an agreement with the Co-Op Bank. The agreement with the Co-Op has been extended until October 2004 and is reported to comprise a £17m loan, plus a £3.9m overdraft. Currently the club's overdraft stands at £18.4m, Grierson said. The news emerged at the club's AGM held on Monday, at which director Dave Allen also admitted that he had put in over £2m himself. Grierson confirmed the recent set of results for last season which showed a pre-tax profit of £840,000 for the year to 31 May 2002. He forecast, however, a loss of £7.6m for the current financial year, with a £6.5m trading loss. The change in fortune was put mainly down to the end of parachute TV payments from the Premier League, the termination of the deal with ITV Digital and player amortisations worth £1.1m. "I believe the bank would continue to support us because the board has put a credible alternative to administration," Grierson told

shareholders. He added that the club was looking for new directors willing to pay £500,000 in cash to join the board. Four potential candidates have already been approached including boxing promoter Dennis Hobson.

Sheffield United plc acting chairman Kevin McCabe has revealed that a shareholders' forum will take place at the end of the current season at which plans for the company's financial reorganisation will be discussed. Former chairman and major shareholder Mike McDonald will be asked to attend, McCabe said at the plc's AGM on Monday evening, to which around 300 shareholders went. In June, McDonald voted against proposals for an open share offer which could have raised up to £4.05m through the issue of 57,905,401 new shares - funding which the club estimated it needed to cope with the shortfall caused by the collapse of ITV Digital. This meant that it failed to gain the 75% shareholder approval required. If the share offer had been passed, a group of four directors of the club, along with several others (including



actor Sean Bean), would have underwritten £3.5m of the £4m to be raised from the offer. Of the £3.28m minimum net proceeds, £1.8m would have been used to repay bank loans and £1.5m to develop the club's academy. McCabe said he was sure that McDonald would be happy to come to the forum.



# Mid-Season Review

## The Season So Far.....

### October & November 2002

What a way to start off a month, a Premiership Club at home in the Cup, live on Sky TV giving the Club a £100,000 windfall and three sides of the ground full, only the Hammers fans having capacity in their section. However we got off to a bad start, Jermaine Defoe latched onto a long upfield punt and scored an early goal past Carl Muggleton. United had the best of the first half, but after Chris Brandon came on at half time, Chesterfield began to look dangerous and Brando himself, a few minutes after missing one, levelled affairs, rounding David James to make it 1-1. From then on the 7102 fans were treated to a humdinger of a match, Muggleton was playing well behind an inspired back line of Steve Blatherwick, Kevin Dawson and Stuart Howson, young Andy Rushbury played out of his skin whilst Gareth Davies was

magnificent and everyone else played their part through 90 minutes plus extra time.

Then came penalties. Di Canio (with a cheeky chip), Carrick, Minto, Lomas (slid under Muggis body) and

Sinclair all converted for The Hammers, Burt, Ebdon, Hudson and Brandon did likewise for The Spireites but Mark Allott (pictured), scorer of the goal at Grimsby that won the right to play West Ham, hit his 12 yarder inches wide and we were out of the Worthington Cup with pride in tact and a marvellous memory in the bank.

Bristol City (away) was always going to

be iAfter the Lord Mayor's Show and it was. Two goals down going into stoppage time, the scoreline ended up 4-0 to Danny Wilson's Bristol City, another defeat in the City where we've never won.

Tranmere came to Saltergate in the knowledge that their last excursion, to nearby Mansfield, had ended in a heavy defeat, they were leaking goals galore and put out a team designed at stemming that flow. Brando returned to the starting eleven after a couple of sub games and we dominated the game without really threatening to grab many goals, whilst Rovers spurned their best chances with some woeful finishing.



With just five minutes to go, Stuart Howson (pictured) latched on to Jamie Burt's cross to give us the win, the move being possible due to some Davies Reeves never say die spirit. We moved up to 7th but with only 4111 at Saltergate.

Colchester (away) on a Friday night, the players arrived a bit late, kept The Uis out in a dull first half between two off-the-pace sides, we were without the suspended Kevin Dawson for the first time, Davies was rested, so Martyn Booty played at the back and Jamie Burt up front. After the break, two Kem

lzett goals gave the hosts the points and the visiting fans an awful journey home. Alan O'Hare made his return, on loan again from Bolton, though his transfer is now a permanent one, he came on as a sub.

Midweek LDV Trophy action against Conference side Halifax Town saw Chesterfield win a tight match 2-0, though the winners were never in doubt, Mark Allott and a late magical run by Brandon grabbed the goal, Halifax lost Andy Farrell to a red card before half time. O'Hare played as did Assistant Boss Lee Richardson (pictured far left).

No goals scored in the next two games, a 0-0 home game with neighbours Notts County, who were reduced to 10 when Ian Richardson marched, and a midweek 2-0 loss at Wycombe Wanderers in another low key away day which saw Keith Rowland come on as a sub for a rare turnout.

Then came November and Barnsley, newly in Administration and with a bunch of sponsored walkers having to

Jamie Burt Attempted Somersault.



start off at midnight due to the 12.15 kick off time. Jamie Burt's early free kick goal won the day, his celebrations (pictured) captured the moment immediately after his first goal of the season in what was an entertaining local derby but watched by only 4676 fans, and it was so nearly missed by Carl Muggleton who kept a Club Record Breaking 7th home clean sheet in the League, he was ill with a stomach upset before the game but played valiantly on. We were 9th at the end of the day.

Peterborough away, lost 1-0, is best forgotten. Dave Rushbury was livid at the end after Jason Lee came on as sub to set up the goal which won it for under fire Posh Boss Barry Fry, Mark Hudson and David Reeves both ended their loan spells on a low note, Hudson having injured his wrist to boot!



Pride was partially restored in the ultimately disappointing LDV exit at Port Vale. Brando put us ahead, Vale levelled and we then witnessed one of the greatest goalkeeping displays seen by a Spireite in recent times, Muggs made at least 15 top drawer saves at the home of his ex Club Stoke City's deadly rivals. Early Vale boos turned begrudgingly to admiration as Carl pulled off save after save, through extra time and into penalties. He saved from Durnin, Brooker and Boyd, but misses from Payne, Dawson, Davies and O'Hare meant that Vale won the shoot out 4-3. Adam Smith and Stephen Warne made sub appearances for their debuts, 17 year old Adam even had the bottle to take one of

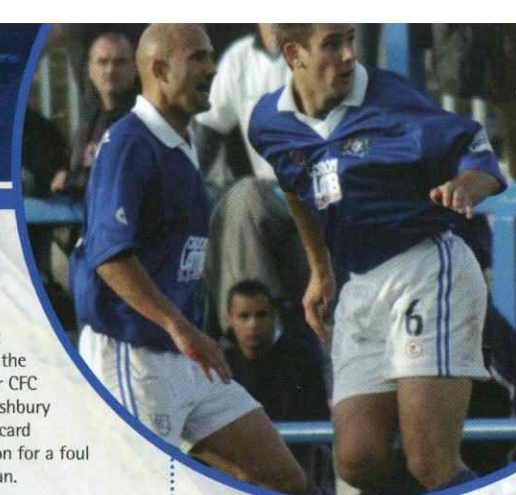
the first five penalties (pictured), coolly shooting home. Rowland started the game but limped off injured in the first half, his last ever CFC appearance. Andy Rushbury became our first red card recipient of the season for a foul and a three match ban.

Cup action 4 days later at Saltergate, Conference side Morecambe were meant to be the conduit for a £30,000 prize fund. Gareth Davies restored normality, equalising the non leaguers first half opener but in injury time with a replay looking certain, The Shrimps three playing subs combined, Thompson got the 93rd minute winner, Davies was sent off and we went home gutted. The only upside was Rob Edwards return from a second hamstring injury of the season.

Cardiff at Ninian Park is always a tough one, especially when form has deserted a team and particularly after the

Welshmen, on a real roll of form, scored after just 12 minutes in this Sunday game. But with a new back four line up replacing the normal three with Blathers and Payne together for the first time since the opening day, the rest of the game (equaliser apart) went well and we were unlucky not to grab at least a point.

At the opposite end of the form scale to The Bluebirds were our final opponents of the month, Huddersfield Town, they were down on their luck and we took advantage with a goal from Kevin Dawson, his first ever senior strike, giving us a 1-0 win and three points to take us to 8th spot, level on points with position



No 6. However we had to thank sub John Thorrington for the 3 points, the Terriers replacement had a late contender for a miss of the season from close in, he blazed wide of an open goal.

Dave Rushbury's pre season target had been to reach 30 points by the end of November, Kevis goal took us to 30 points on the 30th of that month. Most folks thought Rush was mad for predicting such a haul, most supporters still can't quite believe we got there. Well done all, here is to the New Year and reaching new targets.

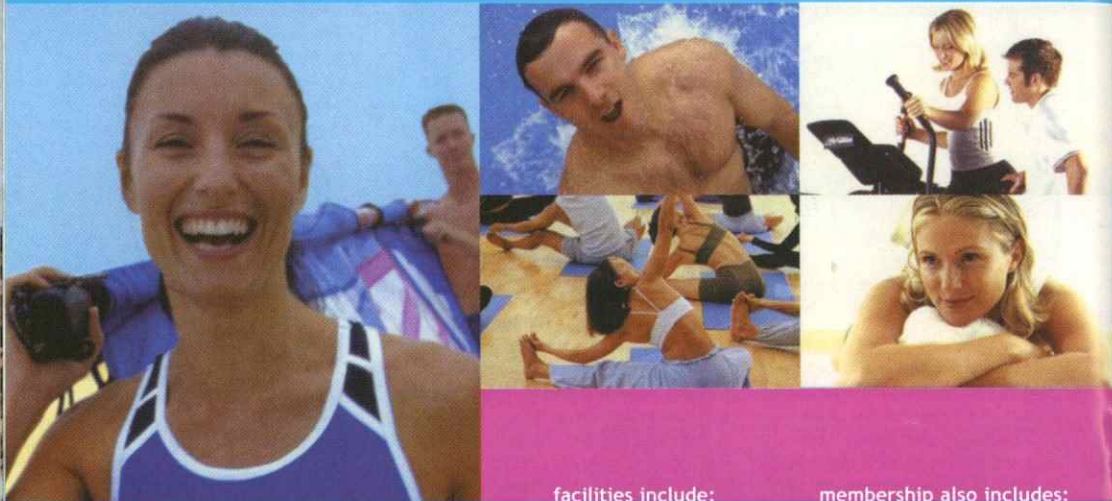


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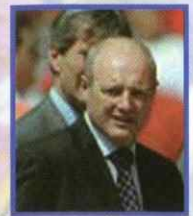
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# Football Matters

by Howard Borrell

## Let's aim for more than a happy new year



As we enter the new year football in the lower divisions is as unstable as it's ever been. Peter Kenyon's opinion may impress his fat cat Premiership counterparts but if we were to suggest to our visitors today that it was fine for Watford to stay in the League but at their expense we all know the answer. I suspect we'd even support Mansfield's right to exist even if we were to be the beneficiaries.

Not only do the guys at the top know virtually nothing about lower league football but just as importantly they've failed to understand the role a club should play in the local community. We have the not so benign Ron Roades showing no community inclination at all. He owns two grounds (Brentford and Selhurst Park) and is regularly displaying his avaricious intentions by looking to sell Griffin Park from the under the fans' noses. His ideas have ranged from shipping the Bees out to Woking or ground sharing with a number of clubs within a 50 mile radius. such is the pull of prime London building land. Just as frightening is the fact that Palace's lease is up in 7 year's time and

Uncle Ron will be looking to capitalise there too !  
 The Football League has consistently shown it's lack of gumption when it comes to sorting out its own house - don't forget there is still nothing to stop any person with villainous intent (who can I be referring to ?) taking over a Football League club. It bottled it on the Wimbledon issue because it was a Division 1 side and Koppel had convinced several other divisional chairmen to support his stance.

We now need it to be enshrined in the FL rules that a club represents it's locality and that persons becoming involved in a League club can not manipulate the rules and the law by creating new subsidiaries to gain personal windfalls (York City being a perfect example).

If the League can't police itself, what chance have the fans got when it comes to always picking up the pieces ? Across the channel in Belgium on the day I visited Mechelen last month the Belgian First division club, former winners of the European Cup Winners cup, went bankrupt. The owner had put in £1m, no-one else stepped forward - end of club. At the time of writing fans are trying to raise money to allow the team to complete its fixtures but they are not optimistic. Another Belgian Div 1 side, RWD Molenbeek became

extinct during the close season. Both clubs suffered from a lack of community involvement and a lack of local support because the more glamorous, easy-to-get-to Bruges, Anderlecht and Liege had captured large chunks of fans who should have been better embraced by their local clubs.

We've got to get the balance right - fans need to turn up in greater numbers and the clubs need to reward their loyalty. Football clubs may be businesses legally speaking but, as Dave Conn (the marvellous journalist who did so much to untangle the mystery behind our ruinous recent era) points out in *The Football Business*, that was an accident rather than by design. Football clubs are community assets that belong to their fans and their communities, who steward them from one generation to the next.

Football will only emerge stronger from its current crisis if the authorities take a stance and prevent the liquidators moving in to plunder and asset strip because, believe me, there are many people out there who still eye football clubs as financial opportunities.

We are so lucky here at Chesterfield - but probably don't realise how lucky - that we've got an opportunity to turn a nightmare situation, inherited by CFSS, into a modern day fairy story. The fans must play their part by being as patient as Crewe fans have been while we build on this season's solid progress to date and ensure that together we not only have a happy new year but a long and vibrant future too !



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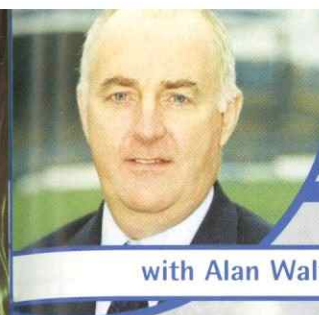
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with Alan Walters

## From the Top

# Disciplinary Procedures

The player was shown a yellow/red card ... unfortunately not an infrequent happening, but to answer what happens next, the Football Association have rules about all eventualities. If we concern ourselves with "Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences" in "First Team Competitive Matches" (F T C M) for Football League Clubs, the rules are covered on pages 194 - 200 of the Football Association Handbook Season 2003/03.

In summary, a yellow card equates to one caution and if a player receives five cautions from the start of the season to the last day in February, he will receive a one match suspension from F T C M. A player who has already been subject to disciplinary action over five cautions and then goes on to record five more during the same season before the second Sunday of April, will receive a two match suspension from F T C M. 15 cautions in a season

would mean automatic suspension for three F T C M, if a player manages 20 cautions he will be invited to a visit with the disciplinary commission. Any period of suspension commences on the 14th day after the last offence.

Players sent off will receive a match ban depending upon the reason for dismissal. In summary the offences are (1) second yellow card in the same match - one F T C M (2) hand ball to deny goal/goal scoring opportunity - one F T C M (3) offensive or insulting language etc. - two F T C M (4) serious foul play/violent conduct - three F T C M.

Players sent off for a second time in the same season will be suspended for one extra match, a third red card in the same season will increase the suspension for two extra matches and so on. Outstanding

suspensions at the end of the season will be carried over to the next season.

An administration fee of £7.00 is payable by each player in connection with a yellow or red card offence. The responsibility for fining players for field offences is left with the club who have to report any fines imposed or even if 'no fine' is made on the player.

Clubs are punished if 6 or more players are cautioned or dismissed from the field of play in the same match and the fine for a Division Two Club is £2,500 for a first offence. For a second/third/fourth occasion in the same season the fines will be £5,000/£7,500/£10,000 respectively. The Football Association can impose further penalties on clubs whose disciplinary record is considered worse than average.



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# In the wings



by Dave Bentley

**Chesterfield** 1  
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In our last game before the Christmas break we travelled to Wrexham.

With a few players injured and going down with illness we fielded a fairly young team against a team who held academy status last year.

After only three minutes Adam Smith squandered a good chance after a good diagonal ball from Craig Shaw. We then continued to have the majority of possession and created chances but failed to score.

On 21 minutes Dougie Wade took an inswinging corner from the left and caused all sorts of problems for the Wrexham defence through not clearing properly and Adam Smith scored with a header to put us 1 - 0 in

front.

We continued to dominate from scoring to half - time.

The second half was very much the same with ourselves being the better team and Craig Shaw fired a 25 yard shot against the cross bar.

Some very good individual performances came out of this game and showed that we do have some bright young players at the club.

**Team:** DiGregorio, Wharton, Jenkinson, Shaw, Cressey, Wade, Lancaster, Lambert, Lund, Cooke, Smith (A)

**Subs:** Jubb, Francis not used.

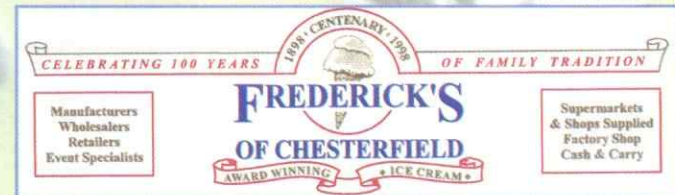
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The lads were all looking forward to test their skills against Premiership opposition West Bromwich Albion.

I was particularly interested to see how we compared to them not only in technical ability but physically.

In the past few weeks Dave and I have spent time finalising the budget for next year.

With my experience in working in academies in the past few years it is important that our youth policy strives to improve the standard of service we offer to our players.

However, I do realise that money is the biggest obstacle at this level.

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with Stuart Basson

# In Retrospect

Stuart basson looks back through history with todays opponets and connections between the two clubs.

## They served us both: Points from the past:

### A Hatter and a Spireite: Rodney Fern



With his prematurely receding hairline and 'Pancho Villa' moustache, Rod was one of the most easily-recognised players of the late '70s.

His acquisition for only £8,000 represented a fine piece of work on the part of Joe Shaw, who was alive to the fact that Rod was having a miserable time at Kenilworth Road and was desperate to get away. Rodney turned down a move to Brighton, choosing Chesterfield to be nearer to his Leicester home.

He took time to settle in and became the 'forgotten man' of Saltergate in his first season - playing out of position wide on the right when he did play, and taking a long time to recover from a back injury that had dogged his final year at Luton. When Joe Shaw finally moved him into the middle his Chesterfield career took off. He lost a stone in weight and the crowd's attitude changed as they saw a fitter and better Fern, his partnership with Malcolm Darling being particularly effective.

Shaw left during the next season, to be succeeded by Arthur Cox, and he and Rodney never really hit it off. Cox made Fern play through injuries that included a torn thigh muscle and a broken ankle. Despite being Cox's top scorer for three seasons, Fern felt undervalued and was not reluctant to leave when his contract came up for renewal in the summer of 1979. Rotherham came in with an offer which more or less doubled his wages and, under Jim McGuigan and, later, Ian Porterfield and Emlyn Hughes, Fern became an important member of the Millers' side that came within an ace of promotion to Division One, having won the Third Division championship in 1981.

### January 16th, 1875:

Queen's Park, of Glasgow, concede their first goal since their formation some seven and a half years earlier.

### January 2nd, 1930:

Jim Dyet, of King's Park FC (a now-defunct former Scottish League club) scored eight goals on his debut against Forfar Athletic.

### January 5th, 1957:

Burnley's Ian Lawson scored four goals on his debut against Chesterfield, in the FA Cup.

### January 8th, 1948:

Joe Spence junior signs professional forms for the Spireites. He is the son of another Joe Spence, a former Chesterfield player and coach, who made more League appearances between the wars than any other player. Joe doesn't make it to Chesterfield's first team but forges a good career with York, and is probably watching the game today!

### January 11th, 1978:

Ernie Moss rejoins Chesterfield from Mansfield Town for a fee of £33,333.

### January 12th, 1981:

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**1000** Craig Pattison  
**1400** Tim Disney  
**1800** Hot 6 at 6  
**1900** 70s at 7  
**2000** 80s at 8  
**2100** 90s at 9  
**2200** Late-night love songs  
**0000** Non-stop 50/50 hits

**Saturday**

**0600** Steve Myers  
**1000** Sean Goldsmith's Best of Breakfast  
**1400** The Match, with Pete Liggins and Phil Tooley  
**1800** Hot 6 at 6  
**1900** 70s at 7  
**2000** 80s at 8  
**2100** 90s at 9  
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**1200** Tim Haycock  
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In February we will be holding our Holiday fun club here at Saltergate. As before we will run Monday to Friday, the price will be £10.00 per day, start time 08:30 and finishing at 17:30, but you can pick your kids up anytime. If your child just wants to play football, then they need to be at the football ground for 10:00 with finishing time of 15:00. All this information will be sent to your home if you are on our mailing list and also be sent to your child's school. We can only accommodate 77 kids at the fun club, so you will need to book a place, the earlier the better, however, football spaces are un limited, so kids can just turn up and play.

Our Saturday morning club is back open after our weeks break. The price for the SMC has gone from £3.00 to £3.50, this is the first increase for a decade! This new price will of course include coaching, soccer skills, games and enjoyment from 10:00 till 13:00.

Lastly we are still on the lookout for a sponsor for a mini bus and for the Saturday morning club, I can be contacted as below.

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## Chesterfield v Luton Town

Tuesday 4th March 1997  
Nationwide Division 2 Kick-Off 7.45pm

### Duncan's Diary

"Everyone was very sad after the incidents that occurred late in the game and we take full responsibility for any wrong doing but it was very surprising for us to be so involved, as our disciplinary record over the last few seasons has been exceptional"

The Plymouth match was one to forget. We are able to adjust technically for different games but I chose the wrong options for the game against a very committed team. We over elaborated and tried to play the possession game that has been successful in recent Cup ties. Plymouth closed us down well and physically dominated the first half. We did however stay in the game and only two bad lapses in our defence put the game out of our reach when territorially we were on top. Everyone was very sad after the incidents that occurred late in the game and we take full responsibility for any wrong doing but it was very surprising for us to be so involved, as our disciplinary record over the last few seasons has been exceptional.

### Tonights Visitors with Dean Newman

Luton town are tonights visitors to Saltergate for the first time in thirty years and we meet for only the twenty-second time in our history. The Hatters currently occupy a promotion spot lying second in Division Two, nine points ahead of the Spireites.

Lennie Lawrence's



side has had a tremendous run recently which has seen them climb the table, indeed when the Spireites visited Kenilworth Road in September, Luton were languishing in the bottom half of the Division. That afternoon Chesterfield came out on top, thanks to a Tom Curtis penalty. Luton will be keen to regain their First Division status following last season's relegation, in fact it is only four years ago that Luton were playing in the Premier League. Many of the players from that era have been sold on including John Hartson, Scott Oakes, Mark Pembridge and Juergan Somner.

### Supporter Club News

Tonight's opponents Luton Town will be another stiff test for the Blues as they appear to be running away with the Division, hand in hand with Brentford. They seem to have improved a lot since we beat them 1-0 at Kenilworth Road in September and with Tony Thorpe the Division's top goalscorer in the side our defence will have to be at it's best.

Despite our fantastic efforts in the FA Cup we won only one league game in February and this is a situation we will have to turn around quickly if we are to stay on the promotion course.

Tonight sees voting once again for your Player of the Month for February and there are several candidates in the running this time. If you wish to vote for this Harry Smith Commercials sponsored trophy there should be voting slips and boxes in the Kop Shop, Saltergate Club and Executive Club. It is to be another Sean Dyeche benefit?

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## Pics & Presentation



Blues defender Steve Blatherwick presents an autographed football to the guests of Chatsworth House, match sponsors of our game against Huddersfield. His Grace The Duke of Devonshire has been a regular sponsor of the club and once again his support is very much appreciated.



Match mascots Matthew Swinn, Oliver Breeze pictured with 'Chester the Fieldmouse'



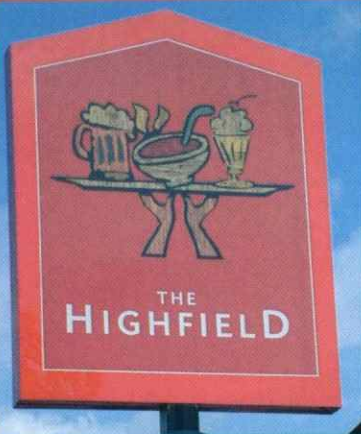
Huddersfield Town match mascots Matthew Swinn, Oliver Breeze, Jake Burdass and Daniel Hallett pictured with captains and officials before kick-off.



Stuart Howson presents an autographed football to Brendan Selley from Huddersfield Town matchball sponsors Dapet Textiles. Brendan and his dad David regularly support the club through sponsorship and their help is much appreciated.



(Left) Polar Windows Managing Director Alan Crowe presents the Huddersfield match 50/50 winner Mr Richard Coates from North Wingfield with his £487 cash prize.



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## CFSS News & Views



### Ground Debate Meeting – ESSENTIAL!



The Great Ground Debate will begin to come to a head this month, Saltergate or Wheeldon Mill, an historic decision which falls on the shoulders of CFSS members to decide. To ensure you are able to get as much information as possible prior to the vote, which will be independently monitored and will be a secret postal ballot, we will be holding a MEMBERS ONLY meeting at The Winding Wheel on Monday 20th January 2003 (two days after the Mansfield match), doors open at 7pm, meeting starts at 7.45. Information on both options will be put to members and questions can be asked. There will be no ballot on the night and there will be a full information pack sent with the voting slips and it will be posted on [www.cfssweb.co.uk](http://www.cfssweb.co.uk) a little nearer the time of the decision making. Get there early to ensure a seat, we've got use of the stalls and balcony, but capacity is less than our total membership of well over 2,000, so to guarantee not getting locked out, get there early!

### Welcome to 2003

2001 saw Chesterfield Football Club run into the ground by appalling financial mismanagement culminating in CFSS's unplanned but subsequently essential acquisition of the Club, and of course promotion!

2002 saw the exiting of administration and the entering of a brave new World before ITV Digital disappeared and plunged many Clubs into or back into crisis, our Club's appointment of the new Board last Spring helped to avert further potential killer problems. And we stayed in Division Two against the odds.

So what will 2003 bring other than the most important decision any supporters of this Club have ever had to make, about the future home of... Chesterfield FC? For sure, the financial targets will be tough ones and the possibility of a wage cap, based on Club turnover, will again put massive emphasis on the ordinary fan, for if the 60% of turnover cap is indeed applied, the Clubs with highest earnings will be able to attract better (or more) players. At present we sit in 23rd position in the Division Two crowd League with only Colchester United below us. Indeed eight teams in Division Three also have higher average crowds than us, so long term, without attendance increases here at Saltergate, we can anticipate being in the lower reaches of the top half of the basement Division.

Therefore, ground decision apart, CFSS's main missions in 2003 will be to ensure as much money flows into the Club as possible. The Fraser Eagle deal outlined before Christmas will have a major impact, but we need to keep up the good work on fund raising but most important of all are attendances, easily our biggest income earner. Building a solid platform in the schools and with sporting organisations in the area, getting a sound base of season ticket

holders and ensuring people feel the Club is worth supporting week in, week out, by making it a more integral part of the Community will be the cornerstone of our efforts.

We often preach to the converted in these notes and at our meetings, we need the converted to assist us in converting others to becoming passionate about our Club and we need our long term home to be able to support these initiatives.

2003 will be a year that goes down in the History of our proud old Club, and right at the heart of the History making ideals are our loyal members, the true owners of Chesterfield Football Club. Follow your heart on a Saturday afternoon, follow your head at all other times and make 2003 another year to be proud of.

### Barnsley Building Society

Everyone needs a Building Society account to save for that special holiday, a new car or just for a rainy day. Barnsley Building Society have linked up with CFSS and the Football Club to offer Spireite fans the best deal in town when it comes to saving and what's even better is that an annual payment, equivalent to 1% of the total balance, is made to the Football Club based on the total invested. All you need to do is pop along to your nearest Barnsley branch and take some proof of support e.g. CFSS membership card/season ticket and open up your account. For adults the minimum required to open the account with is £100 but for juniors just £10 is needed (must be the ideal place to put that Christmas money). You can access the BBS web site via our own [www.cfssweb.co.uk](http://www.cfssweb.co.uk) site, just click on the logo and away you go!

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A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine describing the different varieties of programmes that can form a collection

### 11. First and Last

Collectors of the programmes issued by clubs in their last season of membership of the Football League invariably feel like spectres at the feast. The last League programme before failing to be re-elected, or resigning from the League in financial ruin, is hardly a celebratory document. Far happier are the first League match programmes issued by clubs who replace the departed, and both types are extremely collectable as well as being of some football historical significance. In general, programmes throughout the first or last season of League clubs are of greater interest to collectors, and therefore more valuable, than ordinary League issues.

Taking the dear departed first of all (those who replaced them will be considered in the next match programme), one has to have a great deal of luck - and deep pockets - to be in possession of pre-war issues from Thames, Merthyr, Aberdeen and so forth. They do exist - but in single numbers only, some seventy years after their clubs drew their last League breath. First to fall after the war were New Brighton, replaced by Workington in 1951, and their red and white issues still appear on the market, albeit fetching offers in excess of £20.

Gateshead and Accrington were next to leave the League, and remain reasonably plentiful, albeit home programmes now appearing only on offer; which in any case they would warrant by their age, irrespective of their significance in terms of League membership. Accrington issues were never the hardest to come by in the 1950s and have survived well. They were reasonably substantial items of 20 or 24 pages - albeit completely dominated by advertisements. Gateshead programmes were smaller in page number, but often appear on superior quality paper, so they too have survived the passing decades.

More northern clubs fell at the end of the 1960s and early 1970s - Bradford Park Avenue, Barrow, Southport and Workington. Their home programmes remain reasonably plentiful and are sold at roughly double the value of contemporary league programmes. Collectors have been sweeping up these issues in recent years, and their value will certainly appreciate in the near future, as demand for them continues. While the dwindling home support for these ex-league clubs will collect fewer programmes as they suffer non-league football, new generations of collectors of the League teams they played maintain the demand for these programmes.

For more than a decade, there were no new instances of "Last Season League programmes", despite annual scare stories about the perilous financial position of lowly clubs. Eventually, however, Aldershot and Maidstone United succumbed. The introduction of promotion and relegation from and to the Conference also increased the collecting set. Darlington, Colchester United and Lincoln City fell, happily to return after only one season; Halifax Town still languish.

Only the legislators have saved Torquay United, Northampton Town and Exeter City in recent seasons, although doubts about their ability to beat the drop result in a disproportionate interest in their current season programmes from collectors anxious to steal a march - and beat the increased prices - of "Last Season" league programmes.



\* "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" contains at least 150 pages each month on all aspects of football collecting. The current edition is available priced £2.50 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL; or send 9 x 1st class stamps.

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with Jason Elliott

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### Spireites launch new online betting bonanza

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The club's betting partner, Bet365, has responded to the huge popularity of betting on the Spireites official website with a service that caters not just for the regular punters but also for the increasing number of recreational betters attracted to the wide variety of prices and sports that Bet365 can offer them.

The new look is specifically designed to be as user friendly as possible and as an added incentive to newcomers, Bet365 is offering a £20 free bet and a \$25 free 'chip' on the Casino365 product.\*

24 hours telephone betting means those registered online club account holders can make bets wherever they are; and with Bet365's ability to offer up to the minute prices on

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Chesterfield director Jason Elliott said:

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Bristol City	21	8	1	1	23 7	6	1	4	22 18	+20	44	
Cardiff City	21	8	1	2	19 7	5	3	2	16 10	+18	43	
Oldham Athletic	21	6	1	4	21 9	5	5	0	13 7	+18	39	
Crewe Alex.	21	7	1	3	14 6	4	4	2	18 11	+15	38	
Brentford	21	5	4	2	14 6	4	1	5	13 18	+3	32	
QPR	21	6	1	3	17 11	2	5	4	11 14	+3	30	
Luton Town	21	3	4	4	18 15	5	2	3	13 14	+2	30	
Chesterfield	21	7	2	1	13 5	2	1	8	5 18	-5	30	
Tranmere	21	6	2	2	13 10	3	1	7	13 23	-7	30	
Blackpool	21	5	3	2	17 11	3	1	7	8 21	-7	28	
Plymouth	21	4	4	3	17 15	2	4	4	11 14	-1	26	
Wycombe	21	5	2	4	23 19	2	3	5	6 12	-2	26	
Port Vale	21	4	2	4	14 15	3	3	5	12 18	-7	26	
Colchester	21	3	4	3	8 7	3	3	5	13 20	-6	25	
Northampton	21	5	2	4	16 11	2	2	6	5 18	-8	25	
Stockport Co.	21	4	3	3	17 15	3	0	8	9 16	-5	24	
Swindon Town	21	3	3	4	12 11	3	3	5	13 20	-6	24	
Barnsley	21	3	5	2	13 15	3	1	7	11 18	-9	24	
Notts County	21	2	5	4	16 18	2	5	3	14 13	-1	22	
Peterborough	21	4	2	5	14 11	1	4	5	12 19	-4	21	
Huddersfield	21	3	5	3	12 11	2	1	7	5 14	-8	21	
Cheltenham	21	3	2	5	10 14	2	4	5	10 15	-9	21	
Mansfield Town	21	4	0	7	22 27	1	3	6	14 26	-17	18	

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DATE	OPPONENTS	Result	Crowd
Sat 10 Aug	QPR	L 1-3	12,603
1 TUE 13 AUG	SWINDON TOWN	L 2-4	3,189
2 SAT 17 AUG	PORT VALE	W 2-1	3,598
Sat 24 Aug	Mansfield Town	W 2-0	7,258
3 TUE 27 AUG	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	W 4-0	3,585
Sat 31 Aug	Luton Town	L 0-3	6,060
Sat 07 Sept	Crewe Alexandra	D 0-0	5,837
Tue 10 Sep	Grimsby Town WC 1	W 1-0	3,248
4 SAT 14 SEPT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	D 0-0	4,124
5 TUE 17 SEPT	STOCKPORT COUNTY	W 1-0	4,088
Sat 21 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	8,547
6 SAT 28 SEPT	BLACKPOOL	W 1-0	4,448
Tue 1 Oct	WEST HAM UNITED WC 2*	D 1-1	7,102
Sat 05 Oct	Bristol City	L 0-4	10,107
7 SAT 12 OCT	TRANMERE ROVERS	W 1-0	4,111
Sat 19 Oct	Colchester United	L 0-2	3,211
TUE 22 OCT	HALIFAX TOWN LDV 1	W 2-0	1,382
8 SAT 26 OCT	NOTTS COUNTY	D 0-0	4,539
Tue 29 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	L 0-2	4,897
9 SAT 02 NOV	BARNSELY	W 1-0	4,676
Sat 09 Nov	Peterborough United	L 0-1	4,359
Tue 12 Nov	Port Vale LDV 2**	D 1-1	2,222
SAT 16 DEC	MORECAMBE FAC 1	L 1-2	3,703
Sun 24 Nov	Cardiff City	L 1-0	13,331
10 SAT 30 NOV	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	W 1-0	4,194
Sat 14 Dec	Brentford	L 1-2	5,151

DATE	OPPONENTS	Result	Crowd
11 SAT 21 DEC	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		
Thu 26 Dec	Northampton Town		
12 SAT 28 DEC	CHELTENHAM TOWN		
13 WED 01 JAN	LUTON TOWN		
Sat 04 Jan	Swindon Town (FA Cup 3rd)		
Sat 11 Jan	Port Vale		
14 SAT 18 JAN	MANSFIELD TOWN		
Sat 25 Jan	Cheltenham Town (FA Cup 4th)		
15 SUN 02 FEB	QPR		
16 SAT 08 FEB	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		
Sat 15 Feb	Barnsley (FA Cup 5th Round)		
17 SAT 22 FEB	CREWE ALEXANDRA		
Sat 01 Mar	Wigan Athletic		
Tue 04 Mar	Stockport County		
18 SAT 08 MAR	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		
Sat 15 Mar	Notts County		
19 TUE 18 MAR	COLCHESTER UNITED		
20 SAT 22 MAR	WYCOMBE WANDERERS		
Sat 29 Mar	Tranmere Rovers		
Sat 05 Apr	Huddersfield Town		
21 SAT 12 APR	CARDIFF CITY		
Sat 19 Apr	Oldham Athletic		
22 MON 21 APR	BRENTFORD		
23 SAT 26 APR	BRISTOL CITY		
Sat 03 May	Blackpool		

\* lost 5-4 on pens \*\* lost 4-3 on pens

Home Games in BOLD CAPITALS

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	30	33
Carl MUGGLETON					S																				
Martyn BOOTY																									
Rob EDWARDS																									
Kevin DAWSON																									
Steve BLATHERWICK																									
Stuart HOWSON																									
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Glynn HURST																									
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26 Alan O'HARE																									
30 Stephen WARNE																									
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## Player Stats 2002/03

Player	D.O.B.	Age	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	Total Apps	Total Goals
Carl MUGGLETON	13.9.68	34	21	0	5	0	26	0
Martyn BOOTY	30.5.71	31	20	0	3	0	23	0
Rob EDWARDS	23.2.70	32	11	1	3	0	14	1
Kevin DAWSON	18.6.81	21	20	1	5	0	25	1
Steve BLATHERWICK	20.9.73	29	9	0	1	0	10	0
Stuart HOWSON	30.9.81	21	21	1	5	0	26	1
Steve PAYNE	1.8.75	27	17	1	4	0	21	1
Jamie BURT	27.9.79	23	14	1	5	0	19	1
Glynn HURST	17.1.76	26	9	4	1	0	10	4
Marcus EBDON	17.10.70	32	10	2	3	0	13	2
Mark INNES	27.9.78	24	5	0	0	0	5	0
Chris BRANDON	7.4.76	26	19	4	5	3	24	7
Keith ROWLAND	1.9.71	31	3	0	1	0	4	0
Shayne BRADLEY	8.12.79	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shaun WILKINSON	12.9.81	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy RICHMOND	9.1.83	19	1	0	0	0	1	0
Andy RUSHBURY	7.3.83	19	13	0	4	0	17	0
Gareth DAVIES	4.2.83	19	17	1	5	1	22	2
Jonathan HOWARD	7.10.71	31	8	0	3	0	11	0
Mark ALLOTT	16.3.78	24	14	0	5	2	19	2
Mark HUDSON	24.10.80	22	16	1	3	0	19	1
David REEVES	19.11.67	35	16	1	2	0	18	1
Alan O'HARE	31.7.82	20	3	0	2	0	5	0
Lee RICHARDSON	12.3.69	33	0	0	2	0	2	0
Adam SMITH	-	17	0	0	1	0	1	0
Stephen WARNE	-	18	0	0	1	0	1	0

# Forever Blue

# Away Travel

Welcome to Saltergate for this afternoon's game with Luton Town. The Hatters are doing well in the league and at the time of writing (15th December) are one place above us on the same points.

If we're honest we didn't play well when we went down to Kenilworth Road at the end of August so a change in fortunes is due today! Let's look forward to a fair and competitive game this afternoon.

Voting will take place today for the Supporters' Club Autoworld sponsored Player of the Month for December. You can find voting slips in the usual places:- Club Shop on St. Margaret's Drive, Executive Club, Kop Shop, on the Kop, on Compton Street and around the Disabled enclosure.

Now available in the Blues in Town Shop and in the Kop Shop we have the latest edition of the Supporters' Club "Goals of the Season - Part 1" video for Season 2002-3. It shows all goals from August to the end of November and includes interviews, reasonably priced at £14.99 it's a 'must have' for any avid Chesterfield FC Supporter!

As we are now literally mid-way through the season the Supporters' Club are offering 'half-season membership' at the special price of £4 for Adults and £2 for Juniors. You can pick up a membership form from the Commercial Office, Kop shop, Club Shop on St. Margaret's Drive and from the Blues in Town store, situated within the basement of the Midlands Co-op. As well as receiving £2 discount on away travel you also receive regular

copies of our popular Forever Blue magazine.

I normally write a little snippet about our travels to the away games but our trip to Griffin Park on Saturday 14th December was unreal. We didn't see a game because it was a farce! The referee, whose name shall remain anonymous, was our Man of the Match as he had a field day dishing out an array of yellow and red cards to our players - with only one yellow going to Brentford - and made the complete match laughable. In the end we were worried for our players going for the ball in case he reached into his pocket once more. It's easy to blame a referee for bad decision-making when your team aren't playing well but that wasn't the case and had we been playing 11 v 11, instead of 9 v 12, for the full 90 minutes we would have come away with at least a point. I don't normally use this page to have a moan and I may sound biased but if you were at the 'game' you know I'm not being controversial!

On behalf of the Supporters' Club Committee I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year - it would start the New Year off nicely with a win this afternoon so I'm sure we'll all be cheering the lads on. Let's make plenty of noise and get behind our team.

Keep the Blues Flag Flying High!

Lorraine Mullins

## SWINDON TOWN

The County Ground  
Saturday 4th January 2003  
Kick-off 3.00pm

### Away Coach Travel:

Leave Cross Street 10.00am

Adults:	£12.00
Concessions:	£7.00
<b>Admission: Seated:</b>	
Adults	£21.00
OAP/Students	£13.00
Juniors	£7.00



## PORT VALE

Vale Park  
Saturday 11th January 2003  
Kick-off 3.00pm

### Away Coach Travel:

Leave Cross Street 12 noon

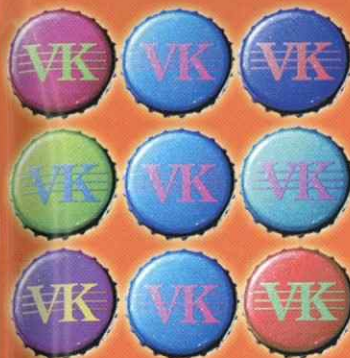
Adults:	£7.50
Concessions:	£4.00
<b>Admission: Seated:</b>	
Adults	£17.00
Students/OAP's	£12.00
Juniors	£10.00



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All coaches leave from Cross Street at the back of the Football Club. Please book your away travel at your earliest convenience through the Blues in Town shop.

This is now in the basement of Midland's Co-op - if you ring 01246 220200 and ask for CFC Club Shop they will put you through. Remember you must produce your membership card when you purchase your ticket and all money must be paid in full prior to day of travel. Non-members pay £2 extra.



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# Today's Squads

Chesterfield v Luton Town

Saturday 1st January 2003 Saltergate Kick-off 3.00pm

1 Carl MUGGLETON	1 Mark OVENDALE
2 Martyn BOOTY	2 Aaron SKELTON
3 Rob EDWARDS	3 Alan NEILSON
4 Kevin DAWSON	4 Matthew SPRING
5 Steve BLATHERWICK	5 Russell PERRETT
6 Stuart HOWSON	6 Marvin JOHNSON
7 Steve PAYNE	7 Adrian FORBES
8 Jamie BURT	8 Kevin NICHOLLS
9 Glynn HURST	9 Tony THORPE
10 Marcus EBDON	10 Carl GRIFFITHS
11 Mark INNES	11 Steve ROBINSON
12 Carl HADFIELD	12 Chris COYNE
14 Chris BRANDON	14 Andrew FOTIADES
15 Keith ROWLAND	15 Dean CROWE
17 Andy RICHMOND	16 Carl EMBERSON
18 Andy RUSHBURY	17 Emmerson BOYCE
19 Gareth DAVIES	18 Ahmet BRKOVIC
20 Jon HOWARD	19 Steve HOWARD
21 Mark ALLOTT	20 Peter HOLMES
22 Mark HUDSON	21 Paul HUGHES
23 David REEVES	22 David BAYLISS
24 John WILKINSON	23 Ian HILLIER
25 Adam SMITH	24 Sol DAVIS
26 Alan O'HARE	31 Alan KIMBLE
30 Stephen WARNE	
33 Lee RICHARDSON	

## Today's Officials

### Referee:

M. Ryan

### Red Flag:

S. M. Hutchinson

### Red/Yellow Flag:

D. Unsworth

### 4th Official:

A. P. Deniff

## Today's Sponsors

### Match Sponsors:

Corporate Coaching

### Matchball Sponsors:

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