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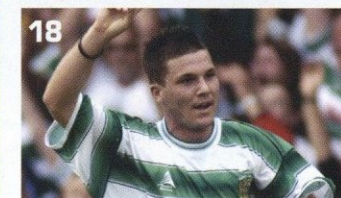
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### FROM THE EDITOR

Steve Coppel celebrated his 100th game as Reading manager in Saturday's meeting with Crewe, and this season's early games have shown clear signs that the Royals boss has now moulded very much his own team. When he arrived at Madejski Stadium, we were a 4-5-1 team based on counter-attacking football. The style is now completely different, with Coppel signings such as Ibrahima Sonko, Ivar Ingimarsson, Glen Little, Bobby Convey, Dave Kitson, Leroy Lita and Kevin Doyle forging a new-look side that is showing very promising signs. Congratulations on your ton, Steve, and here's to a successful second century!

Come on URZ!

Andy West, Editor



# STEVE COPPELL

## ROYALS BOSS ON THIS EVENING'S CUP TASK



**W**elcome to Madejski Stadium for this evening's Carling Cup tie with Luton Town.

It is amazing how the league has taken on such a priority now that cup football is seen by most clubs at this early stage as a secondary competition. But we are now at the stage where victory could lead to a big-money tie in the next round and a realistic chance of some glory, and we all very much want to be involved in that sort of occasion.

Cup games can be famous nights, and they can offer the sort of glory that football is still all about. League football is a grind over nine months, but cup football can provide instant glory or failure whatever the case may be. I know that our

opponents this evening, Luton Town, will certainly want to continue making a big name for themselves by causing a few upsets in this competition. Welcome to Mike Newell, his staff and players.

I've seen quite a bit of Luton over the last 12 months, and I am not at all surprised by their good start to the season. Their football is incisive, quick and with a purpose, and I am convinced that they will carry on their excellent early form throughout the remainder of the season. We also welcome back Dean Morgan, who has quickly grasped his opportunity at Luton and will be determined to do well tonight and show us what we are missing.

Team selection in games like tonight's is always a difficult balance. In the crazy programme of games at the moment it is inevitable that players pick up a few knocks, and as a manager you know that your team selection can be criticised either way – if you play your strongest team you're on a hiding to nothing if there are any injuries, but if you make changes you can be criticised for fielding a weakened line-up.

I've spoken to a couple of managers from the top end of the Championship, and their focus is very much on the league and they regard the cup as a hindrance. In our situation we don't have a big enough squad

to rest players, but we do have a couple who are carrying minor injuries so there will be some difficult decisions.

Saturday's game against Crewe was the brightest start we have made for a long time. We played some really good football which led to good opportunities, but after 15 minutes we hadn't converted any of those which allowed Crewe to gain in confidence. We were always aware they could play good football if given the opportunity, and

but Saturday was a different kind of game and needed a different mentality. Ourselves and Cardiff were the only two sides who won both their home games last week, which just shows how difficult it is in this division to get a consistent run of form – as soon as you start winning games, teams

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their brightness in possession became more of a factor.

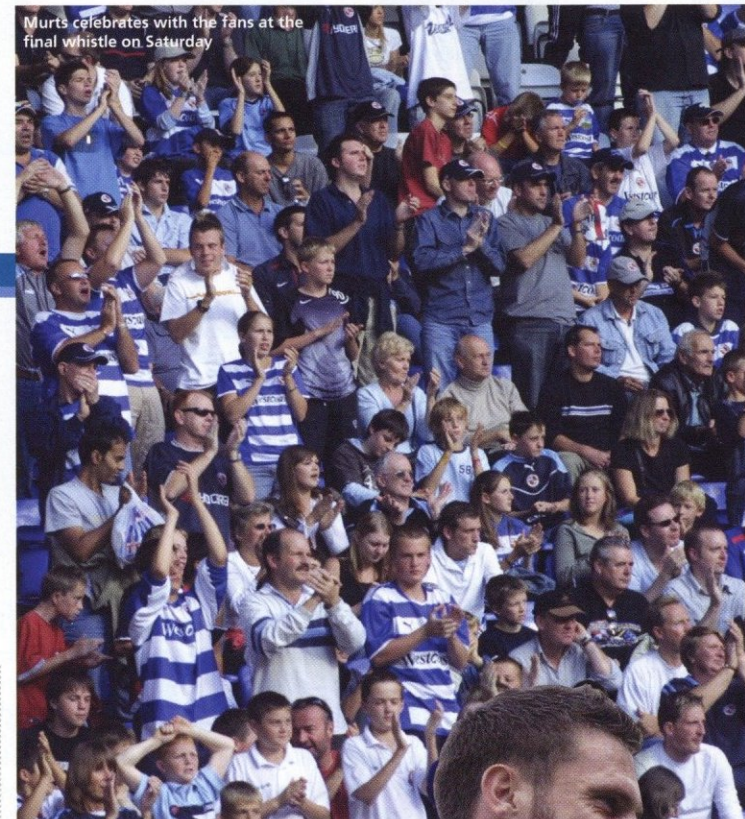
In the end it needed a defender, Ivar, to win it with a set-piece, which just shows that there is more than one way to win a game. It would be nice to win every game in the style we did against Palace,

do something about it.

Thanks for your support again on Saturday, and please get right behind the team tonight.

Best wishes,

**Steve**



Murts celebrates with the fans at the final whistle on Saturday



Dean Morgan will be looking to impress tonight





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## GRAEME MURTY



*"Harps often covers every blade of grass on the pitch, but I was especially pleased on Saturday that he was covering the grass just inside our near post when I attempted to notch my second goal in Reading Football Club colours!"*

**W**elcome to another cup tie at Madejski Stadium as we entertain Luton Town, which we are sure will be as difficult as the first round game against Swansea where the visitors put up a spirited defence and more than matched us for long periods. Luton have just joined our division and are going really well, so this will be a good opportunity to gauge their progress after their promotion last season.

Luton, of course, include in their number our old team-mate Dean Morgan, who left for Kenilworth Road in the summer. I'm still in touch with Deano and know he's enjoying the challenge at Luton, and has appeared in nearly every game so far. We wish Dean all the best with his new club but hope we can keep him quiet tonight.

The first thing I have to do from Saturday's game against Crewe is make a massive mention to my mate James Harps! Harps often covers every blade of grass on the pitch, but I was especially pleased on Saturday that he was covering the grass just inside our near post when I attempted to notch my second goal in Reading Football Club colours!

When the ball came back off the bar, I thought 'I'll put it high over the bar to safety,' but totally mistimed my jump and headed it when I was coming down from said jump, almost putting it in the top corner! In the space of a millisecond I went from total desolation to grinning like a loon as Harps came out of nowhere to clear it for me! Top man Harps, I owe you one (probably more than one!).

Moving onto the rest of the game, I thought

we started as well as we ever have in all the time I've been here. Our passing was crisp, our movement was good, and if we'd scored in the opening 20 minutes there could have been a repeat of the 4-0 scoreline from last season.

As it was, the goals didn't materialise and we had to rely on another centre-half to score our winner, as we had against Palace in previous game. Well done the big Viking! Ivar had been dying to get a goal, and this was his first since his late equaliser against Ipswich in January. It couldn't have been more timely, and got us another three points to take us where we want to go.

We are all delighted to be where we are in the league, but we know that we have to apply ourselves with the same attitude as last Tuesday against Palace, and Saturday against Crewe, in every match for us to realise the potential that we are showing. This of course includes tonight's cup tie.

The players have all commented (especially the new players) on what a difference it makes when the home fans at Madejski Stadium get into their stride and really get behind the team. The last couple of games have been fantastic, but in the same way that the players have high standards and can't afford to let them drop, we think that you have now set your own standards for support and we would love you to maintain them.

All the best,

Murts





# INGIMARSSON SEALS VICTORY

## DEFENDER BUNDLES HOME LATE WINNER

Saturday 17th September 2005  
Coca-Cola Championship  
Madejski Stadium, 17,668

 <b>READING</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>CREWE</b>	<b>0</b>

Ingimarsson 81

Ivar Ingimarsson scrambled home a late winner as the Royals extended their unbeaten run to nine matches.

The Icelandic defender's header from a John Oster cross was deemed to have just crossed the line despite Crewe keeper Ross Turnbull's desperate efforts to claw it away.

Reading had started very brightly but squandered their early opportunities to go ahead and the visitors gradually imposed themselves on the game. Steve Jones was perhaps unfortunate to have a goal disallowed for offside, while Michael Higdon hit the crossbar in the second half.

The Royals periodically threatened with Bobby Convey the main threat and Leroy Lita forcing an excellent save from Turnbull with a low header, but the points seemed destined to be shared until Ingimarsson's intervention.



Bobby Convey weaves through the Crewe defence



Ivar heads home the winner



Subs Used 29. Obinna (Lita), 11. Oster (Little), 10. Hunt (Convey)

Subs Used 17. Rivers (Vaughan), 31. Suhaj (Higdon), 10. Ugarte (S Jones)



John Oster shapes to shoot



Brynjar Gunnarsson in the thick of the action



Celebrations after Ingimarsson's goal

### KEY MOMENTS



**2 Mins:** Glen Little makes a great run down the right and clips a pass inside to the unmarked Kevin Doyle, but the striker misses his kick with the goal at his mercy.



**15 Mins:** Bobby Convey speeds down the left wing and crosses dangerous but the ball flies narrowly too far ahead of Leroy Lita's outstretched boot.



**20 Mins:** Little's corner finds its way to Lita, who turns dangerously inside the box and fires a powerful effort just over the bar.



**21 Mins:** Little chips a great pass inside to Doyle, who controls on his chest and fires a powerful right-footed shot flashing across the face of goal.



**30 Mins:** Steve Jones does well down the right and crosses low for Michael Higdon, whose shot on the turn is deflected just wide of the left-hand post.



**44 Mins:** Jones advances down the left and plays a one-two with Kenny Lunt before netting from a narrow angle, but the goal is harshly chalked off for offside.



**55 Mins:** Convey makes a great run through the heart of the defence before releasing Doyle, whose left-footed shot is well blocked.



**60 Mins:** A deep cross from Darren Moss finds Higdon at the far post, but Marcus Hahnemann makes a great save to tip the ball over.



**68 Mins:** A Crewe corner is headed onto Higdon, who heads against the bar. The rebound falls to Graeme Murty, whose attempted clearance loops towards the top corner before James Harper makes an excellent goalline clearance.



**70 Mins:** Little's deep cross is met at the far post by Lita, whose low header is superbly saved by Ross Turnbull.



**81 Mins: GOAL!** Convey takes a short corner to sub John Oster, who turns well and delivers an excellent cross which Ingimarsson scrambles over the line despite Turnbull's desperate attempts to save. 1-0.



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### TEAM NEWS

Steve Coppell will still be without Steve Sidwell, Nicky Shorey (both knee) and Dave Kitson (ankle), who have been out of action since the 2-1 home win over Burnley in late August.

The Royals boss opted to use a number of his squad players in the first round victory over Swansea, and may decide to give players such as Graham Stack (below), John Oster and Stephen Hunt a run-out this evening. Recent signings Sekou Baradji and Eric Obinna may make their full debuts. Young midfielder Simon Cox has been added to the squad and may feature this evening, while

goalkeeper Adam Federici has been signed on a non-contract basis.

Luton are definitely without long-term virus victim Paul Hughes, striker Rowan Vine who has not played yet this season after suffering a back injury in pre-season, and defender Paul Underwood who has a hamstring injury. There are also doubts over Kevin Foley, Markus Heikkinen and Steve Robinson.

Mike Newell also rang the changes for his side's first round victory over Leyton Orient, and players such as young midfielders Keith Keane and Michael Leary may receive another starting chance this evening.



### STEVE'S CENTURY

Steve Coppell celebrated his 100th game in charge of the Royals with victory against Crewe Alexandra on Saturday.

Over the course of his first 100 League and Cup games, the Royals have gained 45 victories, 24 draws and 31 defeats – a total which equates to an average of 1.59 points per game, or 73 points over a 46-game season.

Steve's first game in charge was a 2-1 victory over Gillingham at Madejski Stadium on 14th October 2003, and the former England winger brought up his century with the team enjoying their best run of form since he took over.

### MAN IN THE MIDDLE

This evening's referee is Mick Fletcher, one of the longest-serving officials in the Football League.

In March 1998 Mr Fletcher refereed one of the lowest games of our recent history, a 3-0 defeat at Oxford United that led to Terry Bullivant's departure as manager. He also took charge of one of the first games at Madejski Stadium, a 1-0 win over York in November 1998.

He was in charge for Alan Pardew's first match as Royals boss in September 1999, and has remained a regular visitor to Madejski Stadium. He last reffed the Royals in our 2-0 Carling Cup win at Oxford last season, while his last Luton game was a 1-0 home win over Port Vale midway through last season.

### HEAD TO HEAD

The last meeting between the two sides also came in this competition, a first round tie at Madejski Stadium in August 2001.

The Royals won 4-0 and Nicky Shorey made his debut, with the goals coming from Darius Henderson (2), Phil Parkinson (below) and Alex Smith. We also met in this competition in 1980/1, when Luton gained a 3-1 aggregate success in the second round.

Luton were the first ever visitors to Madejski Stadium on 22nd August 1998, when the home side christened their new ground with a 3-0 victory thanks to goals from Grant Brebner, Jim McIntyre and Robert Fleck.



	READING	DRAWN	LUTON
League	18	7	17
FA Cup	0	0	1
League Cup	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>

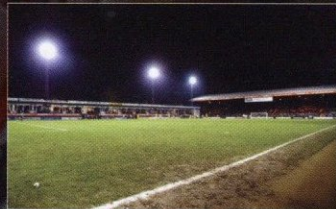
### CARLING CUP COMPETITION RULES

This evening's tie must be settled on the night, so if the scores are level at full-time, an additional 30 minutes will be played. If necessary, a penalty shoot-out will then take place. The draw for the third round will take place live on Saturday, with all remaining Premiership teams entering the competition in an open draw.



# Bearing

# CHAMPIONS



### Club Factfile

**Nickname:** .....Hatters  
**Ground:** .....Kenilworth Road  
**Capacity:** .....10,500  
**Record Gate:** .....  
 30,069 v Blackpool 4th March 1959  
**Biggest Win:** .....  
 12-0 v Bristol Rov. 13th April 1936  
**Most Capped Player:** .....  
 Mal Donaghy (58, N. Ireland)  
**Most Appearances:** .....  
 Bob Morton (494, 1948-64)  
**Top Goalscorer:** .....  
 Gordon Turner (243, 1949-64)  
**Most Goals in a season:** .....  
 Joe Payne (55, 1936/7)

### 2004/05 Factfile

**Highest Home Gate:** .....10,248  
**Lowest Home Gate:** .....8,220  
**Average Home Gate:** .....9,504  
**Biggest Win:** .....2-0 v Leicester  
**Biggest Loss:** .....1-2 v Stoke  
**Winning Sequence:** .....2 games  
**Unbeaten Sequence:** .....3 games  
**Losing Run:** .....1 games  
**Without a win:** .....2 games

# LUTON TOWN



**L**uton were crowned League One champions after a 2-1 win at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground in April 2005, topping the division just two short of 100 points and 12 points clear of second-placed Hull City. And the Hatters' start to the 2005/6 campaign began very promisingly.

In the space of four days, last season's League One champions beat two relegated Premiership outfits to claim six points from a possible six and sit alongside Sheffield United at the top of the Coca-Cola Championship. Goals from Stephen Howard and midfielder Ahmet Brkovic rendered England international Andy Johnson's goal a mere consolation for Crystal Palace on the opening day, before former Reading striker Dean Morgan scored a brilliant last minute winner to beat Harry

Redknapp's Southampton 3-2 at Kenilworth Road.

The following week Town remained unbeaten for the third successive game, drawing 0-0 against Leeds United, but a trip to Stoke produced Mike Newell's first taste of Championship defeat the following weekend. Morgan scored his second for his new club to open the scoring, but after Andy D'Urso had dismissed Howard in 26th minute, Stoke's Marlon Broomes and a fantastic late strike from Dave Brammer sent Luton home pointless.

A comfortable win at Leyton Orient in the Carling Cup returned the Hatters to winning ways and prompted two more League victories, taking Town level with the Royals in second place. Brkovic and Kevin Nicholls' penalty were enough to beat

Leicester, while Northern Ireland striker Warren Feeney and West Brom-bound Curtis Davies helped the Hatters beat Millwall at Kenilworth Road.

Wolves were the Hatters' next visitors and a 1-1 draw against Glenn Hoddle's men came courtesy of Kevin Nicholls' late equaliser, cancelling out Carl Cort's first half strike. All three points were dropped at Loftus Road last Tuesday though, with Lee Cook curling a low free-kick to claim the only goal of the game for QPR, despite the home side being reduced to 10 men after Tom Docherty's 81st minute dismissal.

At the weekend, Luton faced the long trip to Hull City and gained another three points with an impressive 1-0 victory thanks to a late strike by Steve Howard, climbing to fourth place in the table.

## Manager: Mike Newell

Newell began as a Liverpool junior before moves to Crewe and then Wigan in 1983. After 25 goals in 64 starts for the Latics, the striker signed for Luton in January 1986 and scored 18 more for the Hatters. He went on to continue his excellent goals to games ratio at Leicester and Everton, before making a £1.1m move to Blackburn, where he helped Kenny Dalglish's side reach and then conquer the Premier League.

The following season he set a new record in the Champions League, scoring the fastest ever hat-trick in the competition with a ten-minute treble against Rosenborg. Moves to Birmingham, Aberdeen and Doncaster saw the England under 21 and B international's 19 year-long and 14-club wide career end at Blackpool.

After managing Tranmere's reserves and coaching at Doncaster, Newell was given his managerial chance in November 2002 with an appointment at Hartlepool, and promptly guided the Pools to automatic promotion. He beat Joe Kinnear and Steve Cotterill to top an unprecedented fans' vote and become Luton boss on 22nd June 2003, and last season he clinched the League One title to win the League One Manager of the Year award.







# HATTERS' SQUAD

## KEY PLAYERS

### Goalkeepers

	Apps	Goals
1 Marlon Beresford	6	0
25 Dino Seremet	0	0
33 Dean Brill	3	0

Luton-born 19 year-old keeper who began his career at Kenilworth Road at the age of nine.

47 Rob Beckwith	0	0
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### Defenders

	Apps	Goals
2 Kevin Foley	6	0
3 Sol Davis	3(+3)	0

Tough tackling left back who began as a trainee at Swindon before a £60,000 move to Luton in 2002.

4 Chris Coyne	3(+2)	0
5 Russell Perrett	2(+1)	0
6 Paul Underwood	8	0

Signed from Rushden in March 2004, having made over 200 starts for the Nene Park club.

26 Markus Heikkinen	7	0
45 Leon Barnett	0(+1)	0

### Midfielders

	Apps	Goals
7 Carlos Edwards	3(+4)	0
8 Kevin Nicholls	9	3
11 Steve Robinson	9	0

Northern-Irish capped former Tottenham trainee who scored 52 goals in 228 starts whilst at Bournemouth.

15 Steven O'Leary	0	0
17 Paul Hughes	0	0
18 Ahmet Brkovic	9	3
21 Keith Keane	0	0
23 Dean Morgan	7(+1)	2
27 Peter Holmes	0(+2)	0

### Strikers

	Apps	Goals
9 Rowan Vine	0	0
10 Warren Feeney	9	1
16 Enoch Showunmi	2(+6)	0

6'5" Nigerian frontman signed in September 2003 from non-League Willesden Constantine.

19 Steve Howard	7	2
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All stats are for Championship games during 2005/06.

### Warren Feeney Striker

Belfast-born striker who began as a trainee at Leeds. A loan spell at Bournemouth turned permanent after his release from Elland Road in 2001, and he scored 30 goals in 80 starts for the Cherries. A move to Stockport last summer saw him score 17 goals in 33 appearances for the struggling League One side and 24 year-old Feeney moved again in March this year, when Luton signed the frontman for £150,000.

He recently scored a penalty to help end Northern Ireland's four-year-long search for a competitive win in a 2-0 victory over Azerbaijan, and came on as a sub in the shock win against England.



### Marlon Beresford Goalkeeper

6'1" keeper who signed in July 2004 from Barnsley. The vastly experienced 34 year-old has amassed over 400 appearances, Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday and Burnley being among 11 different clubs he's served. After impressing during a successful three-month spell in 2003/4, he signed a two-year deal with Luton and was one of the six Hatters included in the PFA League One Team of the Season.



### Markus Heikkinen Defender

Commanding centre-back who signed for Luton in the summer from Aberdeen. Born in Sweden, the Finnish international spent two years at Pittodrie having first arrived in England for a short spell on loan with Portsmouth. The 26 year-old has made an excellent start to his Hatters' career and earlier this month played alongside Sami Hyppia for his country in a 5-1 demolition of Macedonia.



### Kevin Nicholls Midfielder

Tough-tackling midfielder who began as a Charlton trainee, where he captained England at Under-18, 19 and 20 levels. A loan spell at Brighton preceded a move to Wigan in 1999, but after 19 league starts for the Latics, Luton swooped for the transfer-listed midfielder. Appointed skipper, he lifted the League One trophy last season, contributing 14 goals from midfield, and was named in the PFA League One Team of 2004/5.



### Dean Morgan Midfielder

Pacy and creative forward or winger who moved to Kenilworth Road from Reading in the summer. 22 year-old Morgan joined the Royals from Colchester United in November 2003 and made 35 appearances for Steve Coppell's side before leaving for Luton. He scored his first Hatters goal in only their second game this season, placing a wonderful injury-time 25-yard curling shot to seal a 3-2 win against Southampton.



### Ahmet Brkovic Midfielder

Skilful Croatian midfielder, who agreed a new one-year contract in the summer. Arriving in England from HNK Dubrovnik in 1999, two successful seasons at Leyton Orient ended in 2001 after Third Division play-off final defeat to Blackpool prompted a free transfer to Luton in October. The right-sided midfielder played a valuable part in both promotion campaigns and has scored three goals this season already.



### Steve Howard Forward

Powerhouse centre-forward whose professional career began at Hartlepool before a £120,000 move to Northampton in 1999. Two years later he joined the Hatters for a bargain £50,000 and has been a huge success at Kenilworth Road, scoring 22 goals in last season's title-winning campaign. During the summer he rejected offers from bigger clubs to leave the Hatters, and scored his side's first goal of the Championship campaign.



### Did you Know ??

#### Hat-trick of hat-tricks

Luton legend Joe Payne was deployed as a 'wing-half' in his early days at Kenilworth Road, but on Easter Monday in 1936, Payne was handed the centre-forward shirt due to a spate of injuries up front. In a 12-0 win at home to Bristol Rovers, Payne scored a record 10 times. He went on to bag 55 goals the following season as the Hatters were crowned champions of Division Three (South).

#### League Cup lifters

Luton lifted the Littlewoods Cup under Ray Harford in 1988 with a 3-2 win over Arsenal. A Brian Stein brace and Danny Wilson strike cancelled out goals from Martin Hayes and Alan Smith to earn Town the only major silverware in their history. They reached the final again the following year, but goals from Nigel Clough and former Royals midfielder Neil Webb meant Mick Harford's strike wasn't enough to prevent Nottingham Forest winning the trophy.

#### Madejski curtain-raiser

Luton Town were the first ever visitors to the Madejski Stadium on the 22nd August 1998, losing 3-0 to the Royals in the Division Two clash. Grant Brebner, Jim McIntyre and Robert Fleck were the scorers in front of an 18,000-plus crowd.

#### Birth of the club

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## MIKE NEWELL



### INTERVIEW WITH HATTERS MANAGER

**L**uton boss Mike Newell was delighted with his team's 1-0 victory at Hull City's KC Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Steve Howard netted a late winner for the Hatters in an entertaining televised game which contained plenty of chances for both teams, and Newell said, "There are no easy games in this division and

to say that our goalkeeper Marlon Beresford did as well.

"I think we controlled the game in the second-half and we played the better football but Hull were always a threat from the knockdowns, and they have players who can hurt you. I am pleased with the way the lads played and regardless of the fact that we won the game 1-0, I would

and I think that the neutrals that saw us against Hull on the television would have been impressed."

Last season's top scorer Howard netted his second goal of the campaign to secure the points with just five minutes remaining, and his delighted manager noted, "I have always said that Howard has got goals in him, and that was a great finish today because it was always going to take something special to beat the Hull goalkeeper."

However, Newell left the game with added injury concerns after defender Russell Perrett was replaced with a head injury. Following the recent sale of Curtis Davies to West Brom, the Hatters have also lost Paul Underwood and Markus Heikinnen to injury, and Newell said, "We are hoping Russell hasn't suffered any concussion because we are getting down to the bare bones now. We have a lot of football coming up. We will have played seven games in 21 days before the next break and that will test us to the limit."

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Hull is certainly not an easy place to come and visit, so we are delighted with the three points.

"It could have been a very frustrating day for us and I think it tells you that we dominated the match when you see that their goalkeeper, Boaz Myhill, is named the man of the match. He made some terrific saves, but you have

have been happy with the way the our players performed."

Following their promotion last season, Newell's side have exceeded all expectations to gain 17 points from their opening nine Championship games, and the Hatters boss said, "Anybody who has watched us over the past 12 months knows that we are a decent side,





# LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD



Gerard Butler reviews the Carling Cup first round games, and previews this week's second round meetings...

**T**he first round brought together the 72 Football League clubs, and for fans of shocks there was plenty to enjoy, as no less than five Championship sides succumbed to League Two clubs.

**Grimsby Town** enjoyed a 1-0 win at **Derby County**, Gary Jones' goal in the eleventh minute ensuring the Mariners continued their blistering away form this campaign. **Lincoln City** made nonsense of the two division gap by hammering **Crewe Alexandra** 5-1 – Lee Beavers, Maheta Molango, Gary Birch (2), Marvin Robinson all on target in the rout. **Northampton Town** had home advantage against **Queens Park Rangers** and their stunning 3-0 win explained why the Cobblers are League Two favourites; Andy Kirk, Scott McGleish and former Ranger Eric Sabin getting in on the scoring act.

**Shrewsbury Town** enjoyed an extra time 3-2 win against **Brighton & Hove Albion**, who went ahead through Mark McCammon on 17 minutes, but were pegged back by Mark

Stallard. Jake Robinson appeared to have put the Seagulls through ten minutes from time, but Jay Denny rescued extra time and then scored the winner just a minute in for good measure. Completing the famous five were **Mansfield Town**. Gareth Jelleyman had made it 1-1 for the Stags five minutes after Dave Brammer had put visiting **Stoke City** ahead from the spot, but it stayed that way until the end of extra time, when penalties saw Town win 3-0.

A further trio of Championship sides were eliminated by sides from the division below, the pick being **Ipswich Town**, humbled on their home ground by **Yeovil Town** who won 2-0 through Darren Way and Kevin Gall, whilst **Blackpool** overturned an early home deficit against **Hull City** to progress 2-1 courtesy of a Peter Clarke penalty and a Simon Grayson goal. **Barnsley** needed extra time to see off **Preston North End** at Deepdale. Danny Dichio put the Lilywhites in front on 77 minutes, but Jacob Burns earned extra time four minutes later, and then scored

again after 108 minutes. Graham Alexander's 119th minute spot-kick meant more penalties, but the visitors picked themselves up to win 5-4.

The news wasn't all good for League One sides, as a quartet of them were upset themselves by League Two opponents. **Cheltenham Town** were the most notable victors as they beat One leaders **Brentford** 5-0, through JJ Melligan, Gavin Calnes, Jamie Victory and a Grant McCann brace, whilst the **Swindon Town** and **Wycombe Wanderers** derby went the way of the visitors, thanks to Ian Stonebridge, former Royal Nathan Tyson and Jonny Dixon.

The elimination of struggling pair **Bristol City** and **Nottingham Forest**, albeit on their home grounds, was perhaps a little more predictable, but no less impressive by the winners. **Barnet** celebrated their first League Cup game since August 2000 by winning 4-2 at Ashton Gate as Dwane Lee's double and further goals from Nicky Bailey and Lee Roache meant goals from Scott Golbourne



Sheffield Wednesday progressed 4-2 at **Stockport County** after extra time.

Far Left: Yeovil's Kevin Gall, scorer against Ipswich; Above: Nathan Tyson helped Wycombe to victory over Swindon; Below: Dwane Lee of Barnet.

In normal time, at home, **Wolves** crushed **Chester City** 5-1, **Watford** beat **Notts County** 1-0, **Crystal Palace** saw off **Walsall** 2-0, **Millwall** beat **Bristol Rovers** by the same scoreline, **Plymouth** overcame **Peterborough United** 2-1, and **Sheffield United** squeezed past **Boston United** 1-0. The biggest crowd of the round, 14,970, saw **Leeds United** defeat **Oldham Athletic** 2-0 in a Trans-Pennine derby.

Wins on the road generally proved to

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and Michael Bridges were insufficient for the hosts, whilst **Macclesfield Town** won 3-2 at Forest as Danny Whittaker, Kevin Townson and Neil Mackenzie all hit the target.

Elsewhere, the games went to form, although some clubs got through easier than others. **Burnley** needed a stoppage time winner from Ade Akinbiyi to get past **Carlisle United** 2-1, **Norwich City's** Leon McKenzie struck in the last minute of extra time to win 1-0 at **Milton Keynes**, and

be more comfortable, as **Leicester City** triumphed 3-0 at ten-man **Bury**, **Southampton** got the same score at **Southend United**, as did **Coventry City** at **Rushden & Diamonds**, and **Luton Town** brushed aside **Leyton Orient's** challenge 3-1. **Cardiff City** won 2-0 at Phil Parkinson's **Colchester United**.

Eight other League One sides made it through, with the three games between league colleagues going the way of **Scunthorpe United**,







2-1 at home to **Tranmere Rovers**, **Rotherham United**, 3-1 at home to **Port Vale**, and **Huddersfield Town**, 4-2 at **Chesterfield**.

**Bradford City** hit five without reply, including a Dean Windass hat trick at ten man **Rochdale**, but **Doncaster Rovers** edged through 1-0 at **Wrexham**, whilst **AFC Bournemouth** needed penalties to get past League Two basement side **Torquay United**, following a 0-0 draw. Completing the picture were **Hartlepool United's** 3-1 home win in a local derby against **Darlington**, and **Gillingham's** single goal success at home to **Oxford United**.

So, looking ahead to the Second Round, the 36 winners from Round One rub shoulders with the dozen Premiership sides not involved in European competition. However, they will have to negotiate some potentially tricky ties first, as half of them are away.

Given the Gills pedigree in the cup competitions over the last several seasons, Pompey could be in for a tough evening.

**Aston Villa**, winners in 1996, travel to a **Wycombe Wanderers** side reinvigorated by former Reading coach John Gorman. Stuart Pearce takes his **Manchester City** side to **Doncaster Rovers** in a televised game which has banana skin written all over it, despite the hosts' struggles, but City's unbeaten run under their inspirational manager suggests they won't take Rovers lightly. Also featuring on television is **Grimsby Town** against **Tottenham Hotspur**. Town's League Cup record is one of the best in the lower divisions, and they famously eliminated holders Leicester City in 1997/8, before stunning Treble cup winners Liverpool at Anfield in 2001/2.

The other half-dozen Premiership sides enjoy home advantage. That should be a good point for **Charlton Athletic**, but the Addicks traditionally underachieve in knock-out football, and so victory against **Hartlepool United** is not a forgone conclusion. It's a similar verdict for the intriguing Lancs-Yorks derby between **Blackburn Rovers** and **Huddersfield Town** which is sure to be keenly fought given the visitors' good League One form.

**Fulham** entertain **Lincoln City**, and as their division's early draw specialists City are guaranteed to make their hosts work hard for progress. The remaining two games may well depend on the approach to selection taken by the home sides. **West Bromwich Albion** boss Bryan Robson may opt for changes against his former club **Bradford City**, for whom Dean Windass is in red hot form, and **Wigan Athletic** are in a similar position as **AFC Bournemouth** are welcomed to the JJB Stadium. Too many alterations and the League One pair could scent the chance of a memorable away victory. **Sunderland**, though, despite a weak showing in the

Alan Pardew's **West Ham United** have been handed an intriguing game at **Sheffield Wednesday**, and it is sure to be one the Hillsborough crowd will relish. Another potential 'upset' awaits an inconsistent **Birmingham City** side making the journey to **Scunthorpe United**, who have done well following promotion. It's much the same at **Gillingham**, as Neale Cooper's side entertain **Portsmouth**.

Top: Gary Birch scored a brace in Lincoln City's 5-1 defeat of Crewe Alexandra; Above: Leon McKenzie, Norwich City's match winner against MK Dons.



Premiership thus far, would expect to defeat a **Cheltenham Town** side who face one of the longest journeys in the round.

In games between Championship rivals, **Watford** have been in great form since the start of the season, and welcome a **Wolverhampton Wanderers** side who are virtual strangers to defeat under Glenn Hoddle. At Selhurst Park **Crystal Palace**, well into their rhythm now after a poor start, play a **Coventry City** side who are gradually improving as Micky Adams makes his mark.

The remaining nine Championship teams are spread between four home and five away games. **Sheffield United** will be hoping lightning doesn't strike twice at Gay Meadow as the Shrews look to follow up their win against **Brighton**. Given the Blades' good knock-out form of the last few seasons, they will hope not to follow the Seagulls' flight out of the competition. **Plymouth Argyle** have suffered a poor opening to the Championship which saw the departure of Bobby Williamson, and they travel to a **Barnet** side who have made a solid return to League life.

**Yeovil Town**, meanwhile, will be confident after vanquishing Ipswich

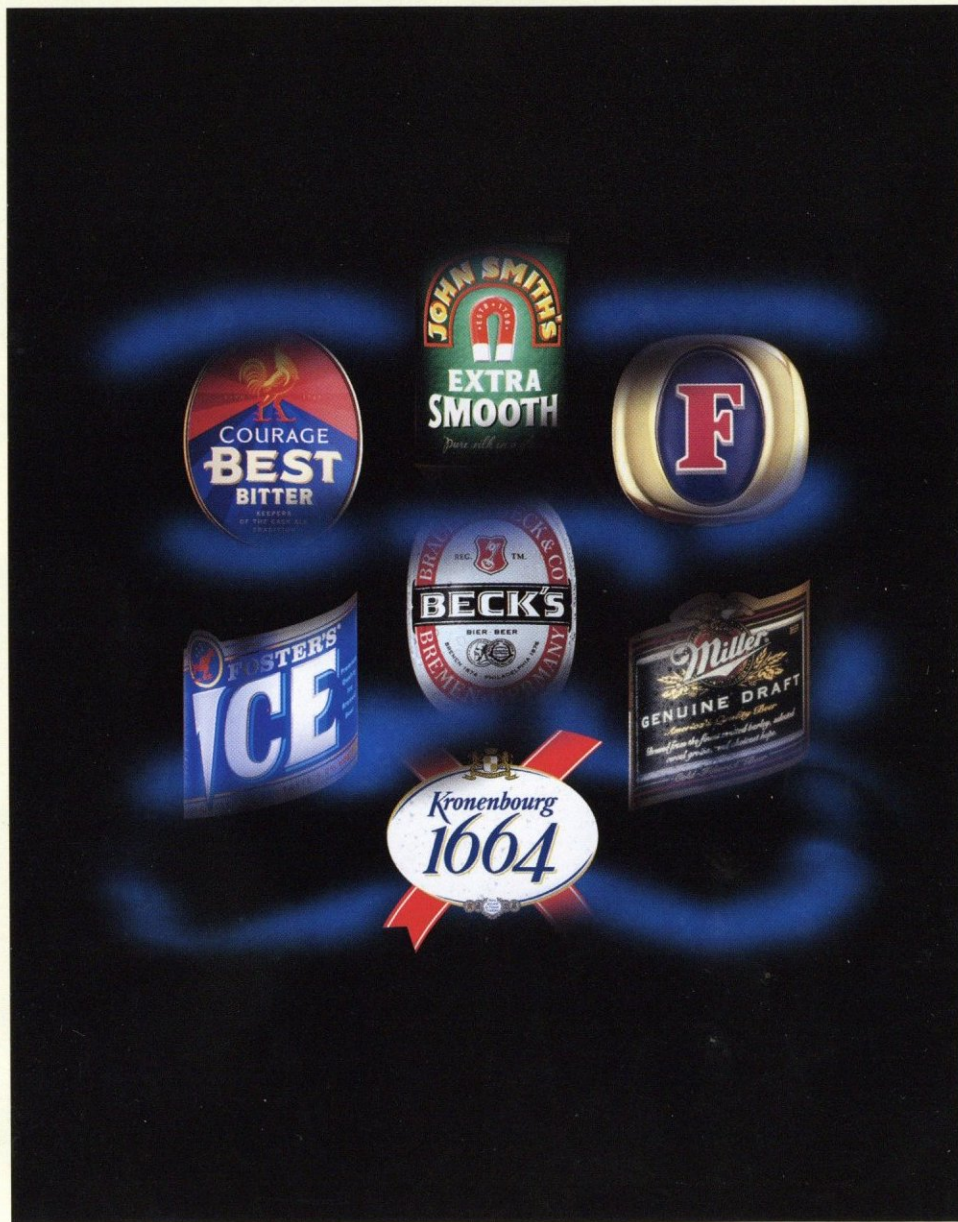
that they can defeat a struggling **Millwall** side, and **Mansfield Town** host **Southampton** who have adapted well to life at the lower level. Completing the quintet of away trips is a Yorkshire derby between **Rotherham United** and **Leeds United**. Last year the Millers' home win over Leeds was their highlight of a bitterly disappointing relegation season, but the visitors are made of stronger stuff this season.

The remaining quartet of ties look to be reasonably comfortable for the Championship sides involved. **Cardiff City** have been handed a home tie with League Two strugglers **Macclesfield Town**, who have struggled to find their rhythm this time around after a successful last campaign. Our next opponents **Norwich City** are at home to **Northampton Town**, and the array of experience at the heart of the Cobblers side could make progress no easy task. **Leicester City** will hope to recapture past glories in the League Cup as they entertain **Blackpool**, but the Tangerines have been a decent side in the knock-outs over the last few seasons, whilst **Burnley** and **Barnsley** seem quite well matched despite the difference in divisions.

Above: Stuart Pearce will be hoping his Manchester City side can beat Doncaster; Below: Dean Windass is in great form for Bradford City.







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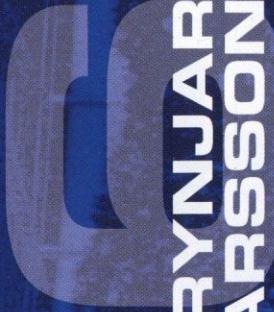
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## IVAR INGIMARSSON ROYALS DEFENDER ON TONIGHT'S CUP TEST



*"The game we had here against Chelsea a couple of years ago shows exactly why we want to do well. That was a great evening..."*

**R**oyals central defender Ivar Ingimarsson insists that the team are determined to progress to the third round of the Carling Cup this evening.

Although the Championship campaign is undoubtedly the Club's main priority this season, the Icelandic international wants cup glory as well. "Everybody wants to do well in cup competitions. It's very important for the club and the team to have a good cup run, and hopefully we will get into the next round.

"The game we had here against Chelsea a couple of years ago shows exactly why we want to do well. That was a great evening, and you always have a chance of getting a big team, which is brilliant for the players, exciting for the fans and financially very important for the Club. So there is loads at stake, and although the league is more important to us

than the cup, doing well in both is what everybody is aiming for."

We entertain fellow Championship pace-setters Luton Town in this evening's second round tie, and Ivar is expecting a tough challenge from an in-form team. "They have started very well and are just below us, so it will be a very exciting and even game.

"We will also be up against one of our former colleagues Dean Morgan, who will want to prove a point tonight. We all know that he is a good player, and maybe the move to Luton has done him good, he's been playing more games there and scoring some goals so his confidence must be high. It will be good to see him again but we'll need to keep him quiet."

Ivar admits that the Reading players will be keen to avoid extra time this evening, saying, "I think that's especially true because

of the number of games at the moment, this is the fourth in just ten days for both teams. We also have two very tough away games coming up at Norwich and Southampton, so hopefully we will finish it off in normal time."

So if we do make it through, who does Ivar fancy in the next round? "Any of the top teams at home would be great - Chelsea, Man U, Liverpool or Arsenal. The biggest team possible, because in football there can always be an upset - but let's get through this game first!"

Ivar notched his first goal of the season with Saturday's late winner against Crewe, although he admits there is some doubt whether he got the last touch! "I saw the goal on tape immediately after the game, and you can't really see much of it! But I've seen a picture on the club website [see inside back cover] which shows it was well over the line, so I was right all along!"





**GORDON BRICE**

**ADRIAN WILLIAMS**

by Alan Sedunary

**G**ordon Brice and Adie Williams rank as two of the best players ever to appear in a Reading shirt, and even though both will always be regarded as central defenders they were able to play elsewhere when needed.

## THE ROAD TO READING



Born in Bedford, **Gordon** played for his local youth club St Clements before signing for Luton in 1941. Called up to the Marines almost immediately, he had to wait five years for his League debut but it took just 13 impressive League performances for the Hatters to persuade Wolves to pay £11,000 for the centre half they saw as a natural successor to the legendary Stan Cullis. The move to Molineux didn't work out, so in March 1948 Gordon moved to Elm Park for a bargain £5,000.



**Adie** was born in the Royal Berks Hospital and first came to our attention while playing centre forward for Bracknell Boys Club. That team was coached by Steve Wood and he recommended Adie to Reading's Centre of Excellence in 1982, along with Scott Taylor. Adie also turned out for Wokingham's junior side, often playing on the right wing alongside Stuart Lovell and Darren Barnard. Signed as an apprentice in 1986, Adie became a full professional on 4th March 1989.

## READING RECORD



Having made his debut for the reserves, in front of a crowd of 8,241(!), Gordon played a handful of League games at the end of his first season. From the first match of 1948/9 he became a fixture at the centre of our defence and over the next four and a quarter seasons Gordon missed just two games out of a possible 207 first team matches. Included in that spell was a run of 148 consecutive League appearances, a record that has only been bettered by Steve Death. Strangely, for a player who had only scored twice up to that time, Gordon started 1950/1 at centre forward and scored twice on his debut in that position. He even kept record scorer Ron Blackman out of the side for 10 games but after that he returned to the defence. Dominant in the air and on the ground, Gordon was a classy defender and his displays at the heart of our defence earned



By the time Adie made his League debut for us, in October 1988, he had been switched to right back. Over the next couple of seasons he played in midfield and at centre forward before settling at centre half during 1991/2. He even played in goal on one occasion at Fulham, replacing the injured Steve Francis. It was during that season that Adie achieved his lifelong ambition when he became our first Reading-born captain for 30 years. 1993/4 was a memorable season for Adie – as well as winning a Division Two champions medal, he won a PFA Divisional award and received the first of 13 Welsh caps. He also set a League record when he wore the number 10 shirt against Wrexham, having already played in every other shirt for Reading. The following season saw Adie help the Royals to our highest-ever league position when his last minute header against

him a call up for the Football Combination against the Diable Rouge, the Belgium 'B' eleven. Those four full seasons coincided with one of Reading's best spells as we finished second twice and third once, but with only one promotion place available Gordon never got to play in the Second Division with Reading. In November 1952 Reading were beginning to suffer financial problems and so were forced to accept Fulham's sizeable fee for one of the fans' favourite players who had played 210 times for us, scoring 10 goals.

Charlton lifted us to second place in Division One. Adie scored another fine goal in the play-off final but it was to no avail and after another season with us he moved to Wolves for £750,000. It was to be an injury-hit spell and he only made 27 appearances before returning to Reading, at first on loan, in February 2000. Back home, Adie helped us to another play-off final in his first full season back, promotion in 2001/2 and the play-offs again the following season, ending his Reading career with a massive 380(+8) appearances, netting 24 times.

## AFTERLIFE



Gordon stayed at Fulham for four years during which time he made 93 first team appearances and earned the nickname 'Wizz'! In 1956 he moved to Scotland to run a hotel and played part-time for Ayr United before quitting the game for good. Since then he has sent up a number of businesses, both in England and Spain.



With his contract up for renewal Adie was given permission to speak to other clubs and a year ago he moved to Coventry on a free transfer. His return to the Mad Stad with City saw him receive a thoroughly well-deserved rapturous reception, and last week he joined Colin Lee's Millwall on a three-month loan.

## CLAIM TO FAME



Forget the descriptions of Shane Warne and Andrew Flintoff as all-rounders, that title really belongs to Gordon Brice! As well as being a top-class defender and centre forward, Gordon also played county cricket for Northants during his time at Reading. He took 72 wickets as a medium-fast bowler including a career-best of 6 for 84 against Nottinghamshire. Gordon was not quite up to Test standards with the bat, averaging 13.73 in 25 innings.



Adie played under a remarkable 11 Reading managers, 13 if you count joint managers (we can all remember the Quinn/Gooding duo but can you name our other managerial pair? The answer is at the foot of the page.) About the only manager Adie hasn't played for is himself! As part of our five-man managerial committee for THE Wolves game in December 1994, Adie was only four months beyond his 23rd birthday and so is the League's youngest-ever manager.

## STRAP'S STATS

- Four goals in a season was the best that both Gordon and Adie managed, although Adie hit this total twice – in 1991/2 and the following season.
- Both Adie and Gordon were watched by more than three million spectators during their Reading careers. Although Adie has the highest total, Gordon's average of 14,928 is our best for a player with over 100 appearances whilst at Elm Park.
- Adie had 139 different teammates during his two spells with us, compared to Gordon's 52. As befits a Welsh Englishman, Adie shared the pitch with 17 different nationalities. In addition to the four home countries and the Republic of Ireland, Adie's colleagues have come from Australia, USA, Malta, Nigeria, Poland, Trinidad, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Germany, Iceland, Jamaica and India. But can you name a player for each country?
- Did I say Adie's two spells with Reading? Because Adie's loan spell prior to his permanent return consisted of two periods, Adie actually signed for Reading four times!

## VERDICT

Gordon and Adie were very similar players, physically imposing, dominant in the air yet skilful as well. Equally, they were held in the highest esteem by teammates and fans alike so any decision is going to be unpopular with a lot of supporters. Clearly Gordon had the edge on consistency in that he was able to play four seasons without injury problems. Adie had more than his fair share of injuries so just think what his career total would have been if he had not been so unlucky in that respect. Fine player and clubman though Gordon was, Adie was a class act who led Reading in three of our four highest League finishes. A great organiser at the back, Adie gets my vote but, as always, it was a close call.

Answer: Our other managerial 'duo' was none other than Nick Hammond and Brian McDermott, who took charge of the Bradford City home game prior to Steve Coppell's appointment.





## STAR PHIL CULLIMORE ON STAR'S LATEST ACTIVITIES



**F**or the first few minutes on Saturday I thought that we were going to see another super show, but Crewe had other ideas and, although the game was still entertaining, we had to grind out a result. However, it is three more points in our quest to get out of this division and sometimes you have to win ugly.

Tonight we entertain Luton in the Carling Cup, and I'm sure both managers will use the opportunity to give some squad players a run out. With the pressure to succeed in the league now, many clubs view this competition as a distraction and field what can be perceived to be weakened sides, and I was interested to read the mixed thoughts of some of our fans. I personally feel that the more games we win the better, whether league, cup or friendly. Winning is a habit and a good one at that!

### WHAT ARE STAR UP TO?

#### Kid for a quid

Saturday was also kid for a quid day, and it was great to see so many youngsters enjoying the game and mobbing the players for autographs after the game. Full credit to the players for their patience in signing as many as they did when I am sure they were looking forward to going home and resting.

Amongst the crowd were a group of children from Reading United, who were able to attend the match after STAR provided their tickets, whilst Reading Football Club provided the tickets for the adult helpers.

#### Supporters Day Out

The trip to Coventry the previous week had been picked as a 'Supporters Day Out' and STAR were delighted to lend their support by supplying balloons and face paints. Board Member Michele Law was prime mover in this and her hard work helped to generate a great atmosphere.

#### STAR 'Shop'

As you know, because of ever-increasing crowds and the need to feed and water them, we had to vacate our shop in the East Stand concourse. I'm pleased to tell you that we have reached an agreement with the Club about a new site outside the Stadium, and we have ordered our new prefabricated unit. We hope to have this installed, decorated and stocked up, ready to go soon, and I will keep you informed of the time scales.

#### STAR Travel

We had an excellent trip to Coventry, taking five coaches, and we are currently taking bookings for the next two trips. With the current threat of fuel blockades and the rising costs of petrol and diesel, it makes sense to consider our service. You have no worries about finding parking spaces as you are delivered to and collected from the stadium and the great deal that Colin has struck with Horseman's Coaches offers you great value for money.

The details are:

Saturday 24th September, Norwich City, departs from Station Hill at

09:15am and Madejski Stadium at 09:30am, price £16:00.

Wednesday 28th September, Southampton, departs from Station Hill at 16:30pm and Madejski Stadium at 16:45pm, price £10:00.

A condition of using STAR travel is that you must be a member of STAR and you must bring your membership card with you. Bookings can be made at the temporary shop, or at the Stadium Sales Centre in person or by phone (0870 999 1871) with payment by cash or credit card.

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#### The Exiles

The West Country branch is considering running a coach to the Southampton match, and possibly others if the demand is there. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact [exiles@star-reading.org](mailto:exiles@star-reading.org) as soon as possible.

#### Membership

Fees are unchanged from last year, at £10 for adults and £5 for concessions, and your membership package will include a discount voucher for the Megastore and various STAR goodies. You can join or renew your membership by visiting the STAR temporary shop or the Sales Centre, or visit [www.star-reading.org](http://www.star-reading.org) and download an application form.





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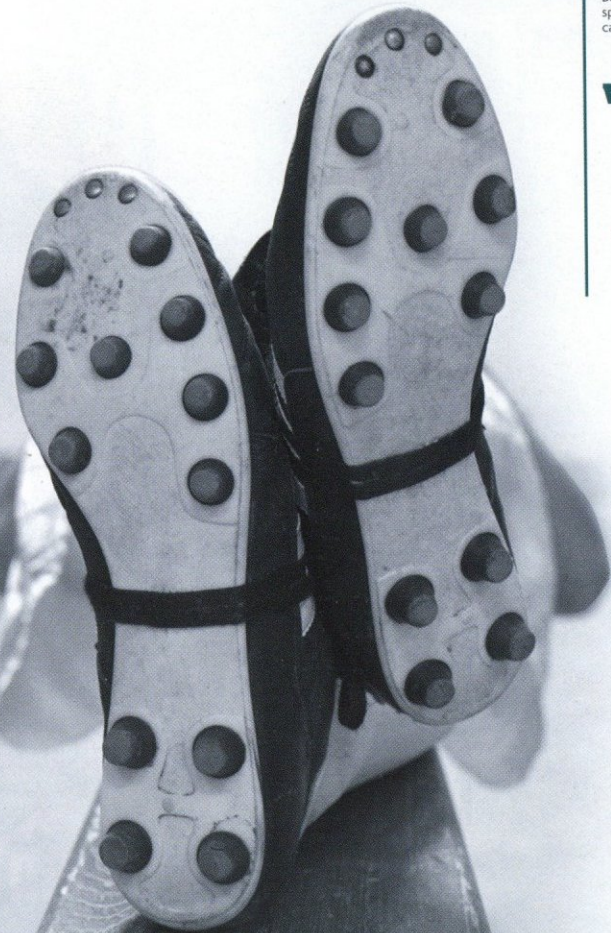
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## RFC NEWS LATEST FROM MADEJSKI STADIUM



### ACADEMY STARS HELD

The Royals under 18s surrendered a 3-1 lead to draw 3-3 in their National Academy League game with Crystal Palace at Hogwood Park on Saturday afternoon. Our goals were scored by Scott Davies (2) and Shane Long, but the game was marred by a first half injury to midfielder Jem Karacan.

### FUND-RAISING POKER NIGHT

The Royals Academy will be holding a Poker Night at Madejski Stadium on Friday 7th October to raise funds for a forthcoming trip to the north-east. Our under 18s will play Newcastle United on Monday 24th October, with our under 16s taking on the Magpies on the same day and Middlesbrough the following day.

Tickets for the fun Texas Holdem night will cost £20 with £10 rebuys, starting at 7pm. Food, bar and fantastic prizes will be available, and spaces are limited so register with the organisers online now at [www.phatdogs.co.uk](http://www.phatdogs.co.uk) or via the Club's official website.

### GIRLS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Royals Girls Centre of Excellence fixture programme kicked off on Saturday against Gillingham at Cantley, Wokingham.

Gillingham only have under 12s and under 14s so it meant a free weekend for our under 10s

and 16s. Both our teams played well and got off to a fine start with victories, and there was an especially impressive display from the under 14s who won 7-1! This weekend all the teams will be in action against Arsenal.

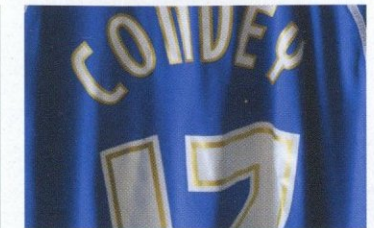
### RESERVES SWITCH

The Royals reserves are back in action tomorrow afternoon, and there has been a change in venue for the home meeting with Gillingham in the Pontin's League as Brian McDermott's side aim to extend their two-match winning run.

The game was initially scheduled to take place at Madejski Stadium, but has now been moved to Didcot Town's Loop Meadow ground, kicking off at 2pm. Admission is free to season ticket holders and Member Card holders aged 16 or under, otherwise £4 for adults and £2 for concessions.

### TONIGHTS MASCOTS

Lucky mascots for tonight's game are Jennifer Murray and Peter Sheild. Enjoy the match!



### NEW SHIRTS ON PRE-ORDER NOW

Royals supporters can pre-order our new home shirt now. You can order online at [readingfc.co.uk](http://readingfc.co.uk), in person at the Megastore or by telephone on 0118 968 1234.

The shirt will officially be launched on 1st October for our home game with Sheffield United, but pre-orders will be sent out before that date. Prices for the short sleeved shirt are just £28 for children, £32 ladies and £38 mens. You can see the shirt for yourself in the Megastore now.

Players' names and number can now be printed on matchdays, while our sale unit is also open outside the North Stand with lots of bargains!

### GOLDEN GAMBLE

Every matchday at Madejski Stadium you have a chance to win hundreds of pounds with our half-time Golden Gamble prize draw! It's simple to enter – just buy a ticket for £1 from one of our sellers around the ground, and listen out for the winning numbers at half-time!

The winner on Saturday was Kevin Smith from Tilehurst who walked home with the £1100 jackpot, and the runners-up prize of a signed football has not yet been claimed – ticket number 3670. Another big cash prize will be available again today so don't forget your £1 Golden Gamble ticket!



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While that Swansea win was only our second extra time triumph in the League Cup, on the other hand we are yet to lose a home game in extra time (yes, we did go out of the FA Cup on penalties to Walsall a couple of seasons ago but that was AFTER extra time!).

That Swansea game also saw Glen Little become only the 10th Reading substitute to be replaced since two subs were allowed in 1987. Our first subbed sub was the exotically named Aaron Pietro Giamettei back in 1992, and his 21 minutes at Bradford represented almost 50% of his Reading career! Glen should feel no embarrassment in his early exit – his 62 minutes

is by far the best achieved by a 'double sub'. Of the other nine only Robert Fleck lasted over half an hour while Michael Meaker (right) and Jim McIntyre both only managed five minutes each!

But the most important statistic from our first round tie was that Dave Kitson's brilliant second goal (as opposed to his brilliant first goal) was our 200th in the competition.

If Dave was hoping to complete his hat-trick with a penalty he should have known that we seem to suffer from a shortage of spot-kicks in this competition. So far our 139 League Cup games have seen us score just 10 penalties, with Darren Caskey leading the way with three, which also makes him the only player to have netted a League Cup penalty at Madejski Stadium so far.

And to end with a few less obvious League Cup stats:

- Most League Cup goals – Trevor Senior (now there's a surprise!) with 14 from 16(+1) games,

although Jimmy Quinn is close behind with 11 goals from 12 starts plus one more from his four sub appearances.

- Martin Hicks has the most League Cup appearances by far, having played 38 times for us in this competition.

- Watford and Peterborough lead the way as our most frequent opponents, both having featured in 11 ties each.







## OPENING HOURS AND PRICES

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## NORWICH CITY 24.09.05

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**Sat 24th September '05**  
**Kick-off 3pm**

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### Match Preview

Andy Hughes will be hoping to meet his former club after recovering from a recent hamstring injury, and his tussle with good friend James Harper will be intriguing.

It will be a tough game against Nigel Worthington's side, who are hoping to make a swift return to the Premiership despite a surprisingly poor start to life at Championship level. Dean Ashton is the main man at Carrow Road, and with Darren Huckerby, Peter Thorne and Kevin Lisbie also onboard, they remain very dangerous opponents.



## TICKET ALLOCATION

Tickets are on general sale now, priced at **£21** for adults, **£15** for under 16s, students and over 60s and **£10** for under 12s. Disabled supporters pay according to their price band and receive a free ticket for a helper.

Tickets will be taken off sale at midday on Friday 23rd September. Please note all tickets purchased must be collected prior to travelling and we will not allow any collections from the away ground on matchday.

STAR coach travel costs **£16** and the bus departs Station Hill at 9.15am and Madejski Stadium at 9.30am. The Young Royals coach departs Madejski Stadium at 9.30am and price including match ticket is **£25** for non-members and **£20** for members.



## SOUTHAMPTON 28.09.05

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**Wed 28th September '05**  
**Kick-off 7.45pm**

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### Match Preview

Our first ever trip to the St Mary's Stadium comes with this mouthwatering midweek clash against one of the Championship's promotion favourites.

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## TICKET ALLOCATION

Tickets are on general sale now priced at **£26** for adults, **£19** for teenagers and senior citizens, **£13** for under 12s and **£26** for disabled & helper.

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STAR coach travel costs **£10** and the bus departs Station Hill at 4.30pm and Madejski Stadium at 4.45pm. The Young Royals coach departs Madejski Stadium at 4.45pm and price including match ticket is **£36** for adults, **£23** for under 12s, **£29** for teenagers and senior citizens.





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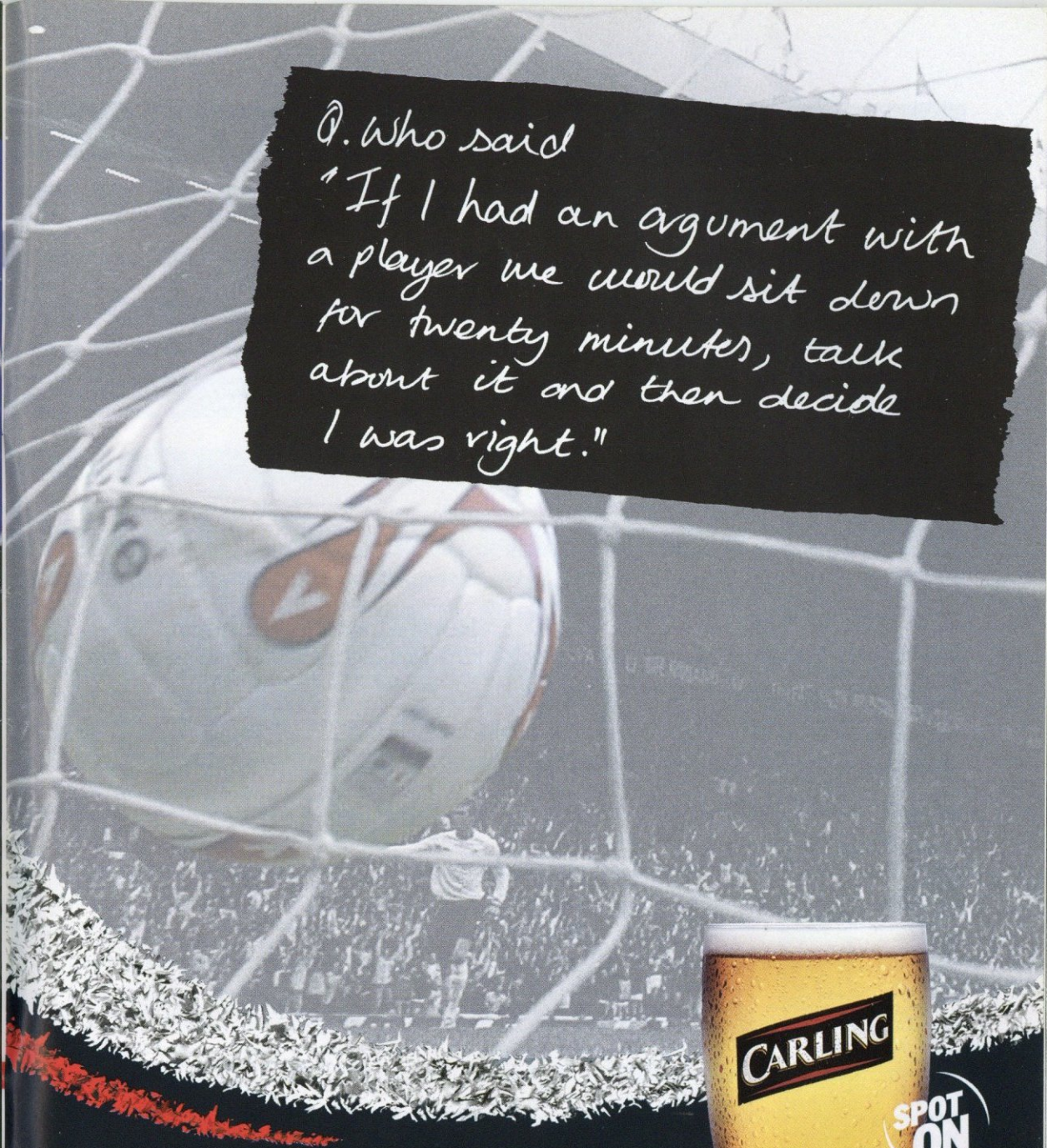
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DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULTS - ATT
SAT AUG 6	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1-2 16,836 A:3,979
TUE AUG 9	BRIGHTON	2-0 6,676 A:538
SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	3-0 13,154 A:497
SAT AUG 20	MILLWALL	5-0 14,225 A:679
TUE AUG 23	SWANSEA CITY (CC1)	3-1 7,603 A:540
SAT AUG 27	WATFORD	0-0 12,152 A:979
MON AUG 29	BURNLEY	2-1 14,027 A:890
SAT SEP 10	COVENTRY CITY	1-1 22,074 A:1,896
TUE SEP 13	CRYSTAL PALACE	3-2 17,562 A:3,777
SAT SEP 17	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-0 17,668 A:353
TUE SEP 20	LUTON TOWN (CC2)	8PM
SAT SEP 24	NORWICH CITY	3PM
WED SEP 28	SOUTHAMPTON	7.45PM
SAT OCT 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	3PM
SUN OCT 16	IPSWICH TOWN	1.30PM
TUE OCT 18	HULL CITY	7.45PM
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WED OCT 26	CARLING CUP 3	
SAT OCT 29	LEEDS UNITED	3PM
TUE NOV 1	SHEFFIELD WED	8PM
SAT NOV 5	Q.P.R.	3PM
SAT NOV 19	HULL CITY	3PM
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WED NOV 30	CARLING CUP 4	
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SAT DEC 3	LUTON TOWN	3PM
SAT DEC 10	BRIGHTON	3PM
SAT DEC 17	MILLWALL	3PM
WED DEC 21	CARLING CUP 5	
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WED JAN 11	CARLING CUP SF1	
SAT JAN 14	COVENTRY CITY	3PM
SAT JAN 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	3PM
WED 25 JAN	CARLING CUP SF2	
SAT 28 JAN	FA CUP 4	
TUE JAN 31	NORWICH CITY	8PM
SAT FEB 4	CREWE	3PM
SAT FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	3PM
TUE FEB 14	SHEFFIELD UNITED	7.45PM
SAT FEB 18	LUTON TOWN	3PM
SAT FEB 18	FA CUP 5	
SAT FEB 25	PRESTON NORTH END	3PM
SUN FEB 26	CARLING CUP FINAL	
SAT MAR 4	BURNLEY	3PM
SAT MAR 11	WATFORD	3PM
SAT MAR 18	WOLVES	3PM
WED MAR 22	FA CUP 6	
SAT MAR 25	LEICESTER CITY	3PM
SAT APR 1	DERBY COUNTY	3PM
SAT APR 8	CARDIFF CITY	3PM
SAT APR 15	LEEDS UNITED	3PM
MON APR 17	STOKE CITY	3PM
SAT APR 22	SHEFFIELD WED	3PM
SAT APR 22	FA CUP SEMI FINAL	
SUN APR 30	Q.P.R.	3PM
SAT MAY 13	FA CUP FINAL	



## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
SHEFF UTD	9	8	0	1	20	9	24	+11
READING	9	6	2	1	18	6	20	+12
WATFORD	9	5	2	2	19	12	17	+7
LUTON	9	5	2	2	12	8	17	+4
STOKE	9	5	1	3	10	11	16	-1
SOUTHAMPTON	9	3	5	1	12	9	14	+3
LEEDS	8	4	2	2	10	7	14	+3
WOLVES	9	3	4	2	10	9	13	+1
DERBY	9	2	6	1	13	11	12	+2
PRESTON	9	3	3	3	10	9	12	+1
QPR	9	3	3	3	7	10	12	-3
CARDIFF	8	3	2	3	11	12	11	-1
IPSWICH	9	3	2	4	8	13	11	-5
C PALACE	8	3	1	4	10	9	10	+1
LEICESTER	9	2	4	3	10	12	10	-2
COVENTRY	9	1	6	2	10	12	9	-2
NORWICH	9	2	3	4	8	10	9	-2
HULL CITY	9	2	3	4	5	7	9	-2
BRIGHTON	9	1	5	3	10	13	8	-3
CREWE	9	1	5	3	10	14	8	-4
PLYMOUTH	9	2	2	5	7	13	8	-6
MILLWALL	9	2	1	6	8	16	7	-8
BURNLEY	9	1	3	5	13	15	6	-2
SHEFF WED	8	1	3	4	4	8	6	-4

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## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

PLAYER NAME	2005/2006 SEASON			ROYALS CAREER		TOTAL OVERALL UK CAREER	
	LGE APP	CUP APP	TOTAL GLS	TOTAL APP	TOTAL GLS	TOTAL APP	TOTAL GLS
SEKOU BARADJI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOBBY CONVEY	9	-	2	16(+15)	2	16(+15)	2
KEVIN DOYLE	4(+4)	1	3	5(+4)	3	5(+4)	3
BRYN GUNNARSSON	3	(+1)	-	3(+1)	-	208(+14)	22
MARCUS HAHNEMANN	9	-	-	154	-	165	-
JAMES HARPER	9	1	1	161(+21)	10	164(+21)	10
SIMEON HOWELL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEPHEN HUNT	(+6)	1	-	1(+6)	-	146(+34)	29
IVAR INGIMARSSON	9	1	1	84(+2)	6	247(+9)	20
DAVE KITSON	5(+1)	1	4	54(+8)	29	171(+14)	76
LEROY LITA	9	(+1)	6	9(+1)	6	60(+50)	44
GLEN LITTLE	9	(+1)	2	49(+7)	3	286(+56)	39
CHRIS MAKIN	3(+1)	1	-	4(+1)	-	394(+12)	8
JOHNNY MULLINS	-	-	-	-	-	21	2
GRAEME MURTY	9	-	-	237(+14)	1	368(+26)	10
ERIC OBINNA	(+2)	-	-	(+2)	-	(+2)	-
JOHN OSTER	(+5)	1	-	1(+5)	-	157(+60)	21
STEVE SIDWELL	6	1	1	116(+1)	17	161(+3)	26
GRAHAM STACK	-	1	-	1	-	35(+1)	-
NICKY SHOREY	6	1	-	181	7	194(+3)	7
IBRAHIMA SONKO	9	1	1	48(+4)	2	138(+4)	11
JAMIE YOUNG	-	-	-	(+1)	-	4(+1)	-

### 05/06 TOP GOALSCORERS

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
LEROY LITA	5	1	6
DAVE KITSON	2	2	4
KEVIN DOYLE	3	0	3

### 05/06 TOP HOME GATES

DATE	OPPONENTS	ATTENDANCE
SAT 17 SEPT	CREWE	17,668
TUE 13 SEPT	C PALACE	17,562
SAT 6 AUG	PLYMOUTH	16,836

### LAST THREE GAMES

OPPONENTS	RESULT
CREWE (H)	1-0
C PALACE (H)	3-2
COVENTRY (A)	1-1

### 05/06 STARTING RECORD

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE	CUP
JAMES HARPER	9	1
IVAR INGIMARSSON	9	1
IBRAHIMA SONKO	9	1

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CLAYPOLE, GARY HYNARD,  
EMPICS, GARETH DAVIES



**MATCH OFFICIALS**

-  **M Fletcher**  
• Referee
-  **L F Bentley**  
• Assistant 1
-  **A J Horton**  
• Assistant 2
-  **M T McCoy**  
• 4th Official

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**TONIGHT'S FIXTURES**

- Crystal Palace v Coventry
- Grimsby v Tottenham
- Mansfield v Southampton
- Norwich v Northampton
- Rotherham v Leeds
- Sheff Wed v West Ham
- Shrewsbury v Sheff Utd
- Watford v Wolves
- West Brom v Bradford
- Wigan v Bournemouth
- Wycombe v Aston Villa
- Yeovil v Millwall

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**READING vs Luton Town**  
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**READING**

- 1 Marcus HAHNEMANN
- 2 Graeme MURTY
- 3 Nicky SHOREY
- 4 Steve SIDWELL
- 5 Ibrahima SONKO
- 6 Brynjar GUNNARSSON
- 7 Glen LITTLE
- 8 Leroy LITA
- 10 Stephen HUNT
- 11 John OSTER
- 12 Dave KITSON
- 13 Reading FANS
- 14 Simeon HOWELL
- 15 James HARPER
- 16 Ivar INGIMARSSON
- 17 Bobby CONVEY
- 18 Darren CAMPBELL
- 19 Kevin DOYLE
- 20 Jonathan HAYES
- 21 Graham STACK
- 22 Peter CASTLE
- 23 Chris MAKIN
- 24 Shane LONG
- 25 Johnny MULLINS
- 26 Curtis OSANO
- 27 Ryan CATNEY
- 28 Jamie YOUNG
- 29 Eric OBINNA
- 30 Sekou BARADJI
- 31 Simon COX
- 32 Adam FEDERICI



**LUTON**

- 1 Marlon BERESFORD
- 2 Kevin FOLEY
- 3 Sol DAVIS
- 4 Chris COYNE
- 5 Russell PERRETT
- 6 Paul UNDERWOOD
- 7 Carlos EDWARDS
- 8 Kevin NICHOLLS
- 9 Rowan VINE
- 10 Warren FEENEY
- 11 Steve ROBINSON
- 14 Michael LEARY
- 15 Steven O'LEARY
- 16 Enoch SHOWUNMI
- 17 Paul HUGHES
- 18 Ahmet BRKOVIC
- 19 Steve HOWARD
- 21 Keith KEANE
- 23 Dean MORGAN
- 25 Dino SEREMET
- 26 Markus HEIKKINEN
- 27 Peter HOLMES
- 29 Calvin ANDREW
- 33 Dean BRILL
- 45 Leon BARNETT
- 47 Rob BECKWITH



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