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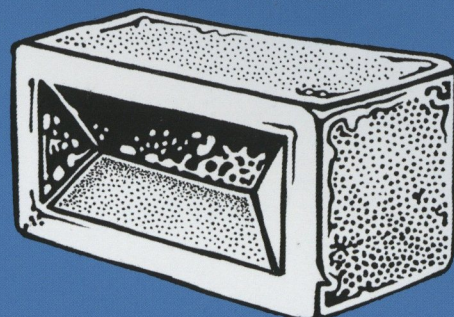
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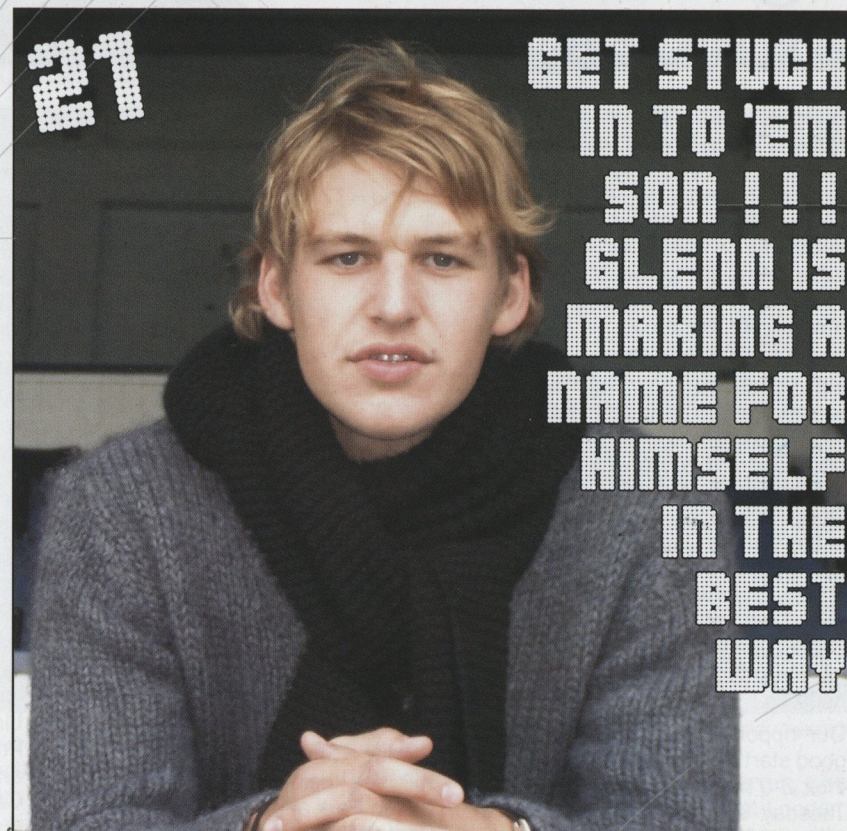
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ILLUSIONS OF WHAT
WILL BE A LONG
SEASON



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CAMERON JEROME
AS THE BLUEBIRDS
GET THREE OVER
THE POTTERS AT
THE BRITANNIA
STADIUM ON
TUESDAY NIGHT



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OUR HAPPY RAM
TRAVELLING FAN OF
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GO BY THE MISSUS
OF COURSE



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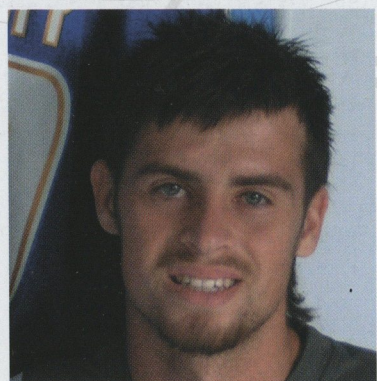
Welcome to Ninian Park for today's Coca Cola Championship match against the freshly promoted and high flying Luton Town. After a total of six goals between us midweek, we're set for a great game today with both looking to keep a good momentum running.

We're home again after consecutive trips to Millwall last Saturday and Stoke City on Tuesday that have brought four points with no goals conceded. We are now unbeaten in eight competitive games (six in the Coca-Cola Championship and two in the Carling Cup) and are tenth in the division. Can we keep it going against newly-promoted Luton Town, whom we last met in the 2002/03 season when we eventually went up through the play-offs? We hope so.

Our opponents have made a very good start to the current season and their 3-0 home win over Preston on Tuesday saw them in third place prior to last Wednesday's matches. It's a return to Ninian Park for ex-Bluebirds defender Russell Perrett – full details on Russell, his manager Mike Newell and the Luton squad will be found on pages 34-38 of today's edition.

BLANK WEEKEND

No game for us next Saturday as it is an International weekend and



BYRON ANTHONY
WALES UNDER-21 SQUAD

several of our players will be involved. The Wales senior squad for the World Cup qualifiers against Northern Ireland in Belfast (Oct. 8th) and at home to Azerbaijan (Oct. 12th) was named on Thursday, while the Under-21 squad to face Germany (away – Oct. 7th) and Azerbaijan (home at Newport Oct. 11th) includes Byron Anthony, Joe Ledley and Curtis McDonald, with Stuart Fleetwood on standby.

RESCHEDULED OWLS DATE CONFIRMED

Our internationally postponed away fixture against Sheffield Wednesday last August has now been set to a new date. The fixture will take place on Wednesday, 9th November at 7.45pm.

FOXES ARE RETURNING

The Draw for Third Round of the Carling Cup, made last Saturday, will see Leicester City return to Ninian Park after last being here on September 13th when we defeated them 1-0. The Third Round will be played in the week beginning Monday, 24th September, and at the time of writing we were still discussing with Leicester whether our tie would be on Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26th since Leicester have a Championship match the previous Sunday. The full draw:-

Aston Villa v. Burnley; Birmingham City v. Norwich City; Blackburn Rovers v. Leeds Utd.; Bolton Wanderers v. West Ham United; CARDIFF CITY v. LEICESTER CITY; Chelsea v. Charlton Athletic; Crystal Palace v. Liverpool; Doncaster Rovers v. Gillingham; Everton v. Middlesbrough; Fulham v. West Bromwich Albion; Grimsby Town v. Newcastle Utd.; Manchester Utd. v. Barnet; Mansfield Town v. Millwall; Reading v. Sheffield Utd.; Sunderland v. Arsenal; Wigan Athletic v. Watford.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

Just like Hafren and Woodies emporium, there are still opportunities to sponsor some of our junior Academy development sides – cheap as chips!! Please contact Suzanne Twamley on 029 2034 8002 and help our young players develop for the future.

ON THE BUSES

The Football Bus Specials are back starting this Saturday with Thomas Coaches of Barry. We have routes from all over South Wales coming to the ground and will no doubt have a pick-up point near you. The list of the pick-up points are listed below if you have any questions then please call Thomas Coaches on 01443 407000.

Routes: Barry and Cardiff West, Cynon Valley, Ebbw Vale and Llanbradach, Merthyr Valley, Pontypool and Newport, Maesteg and Bridgend, Senghenydd and Caerphilly, Pontypridd and North Cardiff, Tonyrefail, Ynysybwl, Rhondda Fach, Rhondda Fawr, Porthcawl, Rhymney Valley

BLUEBIRDS UNDER-17 INTERNATIONAL FOURSOME

Wales' latest group stage in the UEFA Under-17 Qualifying Tournament finished last Monday in North Wales, with Wales having reached the next stage by virtue of a favourable result elsewhere in the group. Four of our players took part in the stage – Carl Jones, Mark Jones, Mika Chunonsee and Chris Gunter. Wales drew 2-2 against Kazakhstan on September 23rd, one of the goals coming from Carl Jones, they defeated Estonia 2-0 on the 26th with Chris Gunter scoring from the penalty spot, and lost 3-0 against Switzerland last Monday.

AVERAGE AWAY FOLLOWING

How do our travelling support



RECORD PUT STRAIGHT TODAY FOR MARK LARGE

figures compare with those of away fans who come to Ninian Park with their respective clubs? Including last Tuesday's visit to Stoke City, we have taken an average of 780 fans to our five League Championship away fixtures. Meanwhile, our five home Championship matches had attracted an average 705 visiting supporters to each game.

LITTLE FOR LARGE

We today have to apologise on bended knee for incorrectly naming our previous 'You Bluebird' in the Macclesfield edition. For some unknown reason, despite a number of e-mails with Mark Large on the header, we eventually displayed the poor bloke as Mark Little. Sorry Mark – the record today is hopefully put straight.

MONDAY'S WELSH AWARDS

The Annual F.A. of Wales Awards Ceremony for 2004/05 takes place at the New Stadium, Swansea on Monday evening when John Toshack and his Welsh squad will be present prior to their match against Northern Ireland on October

8th. There are various awards to be made, and several of our players are in the running.

DOUBLE FOR JASON

A memorable few days recently for Welsh International Jason Koumas. On September 17th he played in our 1-0 home win over Crystal Palace, on September 19th he and his partner Stephanie celebrated the arrival of a son Lewis, and on September 20th he scored our winner in the 2-1 Carling Cup home victory over Macclesfield Town.

ALEX IS BACK

Following the completion of his commitments in the U.S.A., our Fitness and Conditioning Coach Alex Armstrong has returned to Ninian Park on a full-time basis after being here in the early part of the season. Alex, who is also assistant to our Physio Sean Connelly, was with the squad at Millwall seven days ago.

FAMILY LINKS

The Purse family came out even over last Saturday's 0-0 draw at

Millwall. Our defender Darren, who was born in Stepney, East London, was a Millwall fan as a boy, while his father and brother, who were at the game, are keen Millwall fans. So a draw seemed the best way out for the Purses.

LORD NINIAN CRICHTON-STUART

Tomorrow, October 2nd, is the ninetieth anniversary of the death in action of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart in 1915 during the First World War. Lord Ninian, younger son of the Third Marquis of Bute, was of major help to this Club when we turned professional in 1910 and a site for a suitable ground was being sought. As a result, the ground was named after him. His grand-daughter Marietta Crichton-Stuart will be laying a wreath at his statue in Gorsedd Gardens opposite the National Museum and Gallery tomorrow morning at 11.00am in a small ceremony at which we will be represented.

NO ONE HERE IS GETTING CARRIED AWAY BY OUR CURRENT RUN OF RESULTS BECAUSE, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE, WE ARE ONLY ON THE FIRST RUNG OF THE LADDER – WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD A STRONG CLUB BRICK BY BRICK, AND LAY A FOUNDATION THAT WILL STAND THE CLUB IN GOOD STEAD FOR HOPEFULLY MANY YEARS RATHER THAN IN THE SHORT TERM, AND THAT DOES TAKE A BIT OF TIME. PEOPLE NEED TO GET TO KNOW HOW MY STAFF AND I WORK – THE CLUB IS GOING THROUGH A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AT PRESENT, BUT THINGS ARE STARTING TO HEAD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

With recent results, there are two ways of looking at things in football terms – you can be playing very poorly and still win, or you can be playing really well and lose. So what would everyone rather have? It's a question of finding a happy medium, and I think that we are slowly getting better as the season progresses. We are only ten Championship matches in, so at present it's important to get points on the board and have confidence flowing through the Club. The only way you get that is to obtain good results.

ALL ABOUT OPINIONS

The last two matches illustrate what I am trying to say – our 0-0 draw at Millwall last Saturday followed by Tuesday's 3-0 win at Stoke City. Regarding that match at Millwall, I find it amazing that because somebody writes that it's a boring game, the general opinion is that it's a boring game. Football is all about opinions – my opinion, if it counts, was that we weren't firing on all cylinders at the New Den going forward, so we had to put up a defensive show, and that is what we did. So for me as a manager, it's a good performance as a defending team, but not the best as an attacking team. But on Tuesday night at Stoke, everything fell into place in one game. When you get matches like that, you have to enjoy them because they don't often come along like that, being 3-0 up away from home at half-time.

KEPT IT GOING AT STOKE

So what do you say to your players at half-time when the game looks as if it's won, though you can never be certain. You tell them that they have to keep doing what's got them into a 3-0 lead because you try and put yourself in their situation and what I would be saying to my players if we were 3-0 down at the interval. It has happened to me in the past because I remember at Wolves being 3-0 down after forty-five minutes against Leicester City – we came back and won 4-3! So we knew at half-time on Tuesday that Stoke would be getting a right hammering off their manager, and that they would come out and try to get at us. We had to keep doing what we'd been doing in the first half, we did that, and the game was dead and buried as far as the three points was concerned.

LUTON DESERVE THEIR POSITION

It should be a good contest this afternoon against Luton who have been doing really well after their promotion at the end of last season. Mike Newell has

done a fantastic job there, and you normally find that when you are able to keep a group of players together over a period of time and they gain a couple of promotions, as Luton have now done twice in four seasons, the confidence and momentum increases. Then you build a foundation – and that's what Mike has done. Luton are where they are in this division because they deserve to be there.

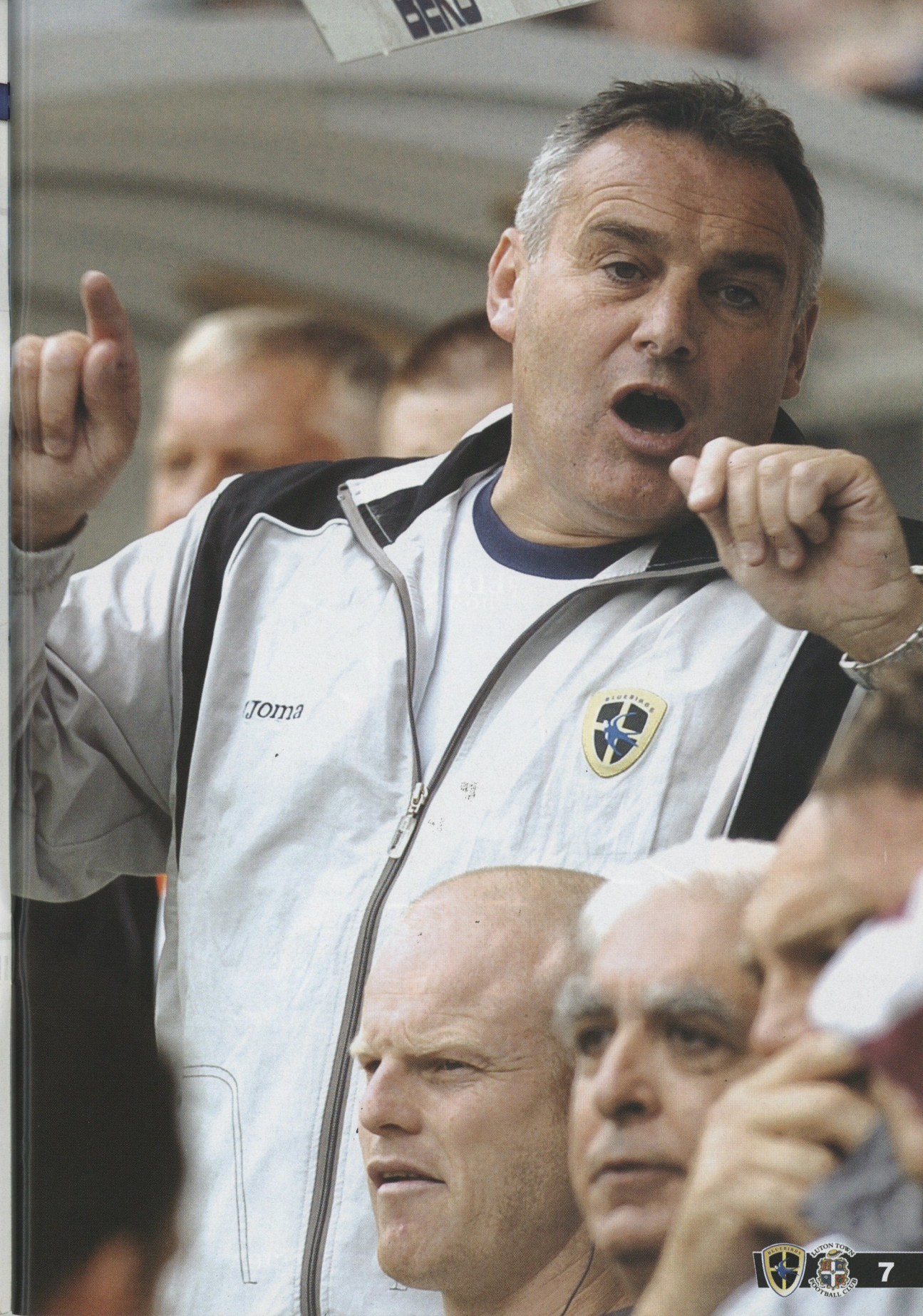
No Jeff Whitley for us this afternoon as he's on a one match suspension, so a chance for somebody else to make the most of their opportunity. You are always going to be short somewhere, either through suspension or injury, so we need someone to come in and do a good job for us today.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

With regard to our International representation for Wales at various levels at present and recently – Senior, Under-21 and Under-17 – I think it's important for the Club and the people of Wales that players from Welsh clubs get into the Welsh squad. The future of this Club will ultimately depend on the players that we get through the ranks, and that is something that we really have to look at. This is the second year of our Academy status, John Kerr is finding his feet as Academy Director, and in view of the financial problems that resulted in a number of players having to leave the Club, we have had to take stock, rebuild, and the Academy will be an important part of that.

CAMARADERIE

We are not in first team action for a fortnight because of the International break and it would be good to go into it with a good result this afternoon – at the moment here, everyone is enjoying coming into work, everybody enjoys working hard and when results are going well it means that everyone is looking forward to the next game. For the players it means that they can go out in a relaxed frame of mind, they can be freer in their performances, and that all comes down to a camaraderie built up over the last couple of months. No matter how strong your squad, you can feel drained if you are losing regularly and just gaining the odd good result, so the best injection that you can have is to keep winning. It's a massive confidence booster for everybody – not just for the players, but also for the staff who work in the Club and the supporters of course. But you have to maintain the work-rate, otherwise it can quickly go wrong, and hopefully we can continue along recent lines.



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THE BIG ASK

EXCUSES FOR TURNING UP LATE FOR A TRAINING SESSION

We continue our feature of asking a question to the squad to give you that little extra insight into the man beneath the football exterior – sometimes football related, sometimes serious, but mainly a bit daft so far. Today we continue, though with a question that never really comes up in most interviews. . . we wonder why ?!

We ask, "what is the best excuse you've either heard or used for being late for training?" The replies from the lads are below – and remember, don't moan about the questions. You can influence the question that we ask by sending your suggestions in to us. It's easy, free and is a great way to kill five minutes and make us at the media department go ask something stupid !!

Send your suggestions in by post to the club care of Barrie McAuliffe in the Media Department or use the Interweb and send an email to questions@cardiffcityfc.co.uk

Q. WHAT IS THE BEST EXCUSE YOU'VE EITHER HEARD OR USED FOR BEING LATE FOR A TRAINING SESSION ?

FORMER BLUEBIRD - GARY BENNETT

The best excuse I saw was we were all out on the training field and this player came running on late. The gaffer shouted over to him asking where he'd been. He shouted back "my battery". The gaffer thought he was talking about his car but in fact he was talking about his watch.

CHRIS BARKER

If I'm late it's because I had to iron all my clothes. I have to iron my wife's stuff as well because she won't do it. (You asked for it Chris. You do know the opening times of the Heath hospital? You'll need to when your missus reads this).

WILLIE BOLAND

The best one I used was I had a flat tyre and I didn't have a spare. There was this one time though I had all four wheels nicked off my car. That's not an excuse though because it really did happen.



SAM WILLIAMS (Conditioning)

My best excuse was my hair strengtheners weren't working. A girl can't go out with frizzy hair can she!

PAUL PARRY

The best excuse is I got stuck in Radyr and if anyone travels that way in the morning then they'll know exactly what I mean.



SEAN (THE PHYSIO) CONNOLLY

Best excuse is there's a crisis at home and I had to take the kids to school.

SCOTT ALLISON

In the youth squad it's not good to be late. Sometimes the bus is late and that's all you can say.

JERMAINE DARLINGTON

I've never bothered with elaborate excuses. Keep it simple and it's more believable. I just use the one about being stuck in traffic.

JEFF WHITLEY

A player years ago said his grandmother had died but she died four times that year! (not the best). In the summer it was a red hot day he couldn't come in because he's been snowed in!

I MAY GET IN TROUBLE FOR THIS ONE



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MICHAEL RICKETTS' EARLY GOAL GIVES US THREE POINTS



TUESDAY 27th SEPT AT THE BRITANNIA STADIUM

7.45pm Attendance: 12,240

Cardiff pulled an excellent performance out of the bag on Tuesday night as they bounced back from Saturday's goalless Lions draw to bag three first half goals over old rivals Stoke at the Britannia Stadium. Cameron Jerome, like his maiden Britannia voyage the year before, managed to net another brace against the Potters. While in between his double, Darren Purse managed to round off the three goal first half with one of his own from open play – a header to beat the Potters' keeper Simonsen. The squad remained unchanged

form the eleven unbeaten in seven games prior to 'kick-off' – Dave Jones clearly happy with their progress as a unit, including Michael Ricketts who was available after a weekend virus. The first half treble all but killed off the game for the second forty five minutes, though time should be taken to reflect on what was a commanding performance from front to back.

Another clean sheet from the excellent back line also added to the confidence and bond in the Bluebirds camp – the City squad rounding off an excellent September in style.

DAVE'S VERDICT

We are building brick by brick – the foundations are coming along nicely but that is all we can say at the moment. This is a very tough division and there are many more tough tests to come, but for tonight, my players and I will enjoy the win. We thought Stoke would be eager to make amends for losing at home on Saturday and maybe we caught them cold as they pushed people forward. But this was a terrific team performance with everyone doing their jobs.

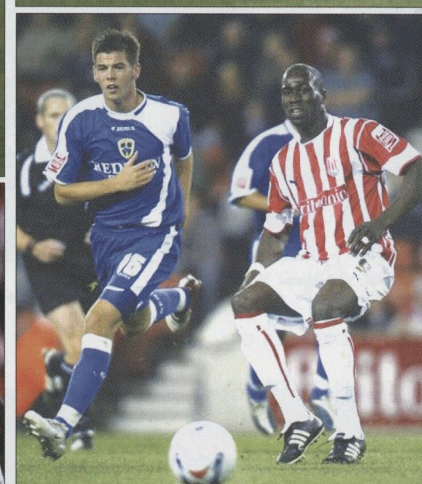
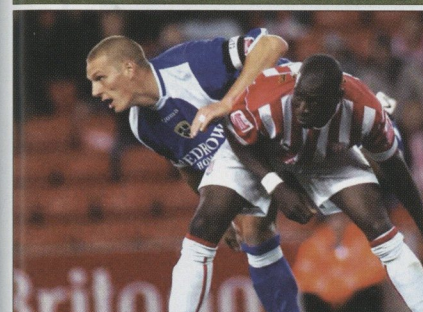
I will just keep pushing the players on to do even better because that is the only way forward. Being 3-0 up at half-time the game's really dead and buried as long as we do the right things in the second half. When you see the likes of Jason Koumas and Kevin Cooper – the two smallest players – throwing their bodies in the way you know that they care.

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Most Fouls	Buxton(2)	Whitley(4)
Yellow Cards	1	2
Red Cards	0	0

Stoke: Simonsen, Buxton, Hoefkens, Duberry, Broomes, Chadwick (Kolar 84), Mbuyi, Russell, Harper, Gallagher, Sidibe.
Subs not used: de Goey, Dyer, Halls, Henry.
Booked: Russell.

Cardiff: Alexander, Weston, Purse, Loovens, Barker, Koumas, Ledley, Whitley, Cooper (Parry 79), Jerome, Ricketts (Lee 72).

Subs not used: Margetson, Cox, Ardley.
Booked: Ledley, Jerome.



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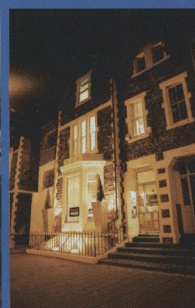
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A warm welcome to all the Hatters fans who have made it to Cardiff for this afternoon's game – it's great to see you all here and we at Cardiff City Supporters Club are sure you will do all you can to generate a good atmosphere at Ninian Park.



We would also like to welcome one of our ex-players Russell Perrett who joined us from Pompey for the 1999/2000 season. During that season Russell scored one goal for us at Chesterfield. We wish Russell all the best after 5pm today. Our first and last games at Ninian Park against Luton were on the 21st March, 1913 when City won 3-0 in the Southern League division 2 and on August Bank holiday Monday, 26th August, 2002 when both teams played out a goalless draw.

The Bluebirds will have to work hard today to claim any points from a Luton team who have had a fine start to the season.

STEADY PROGRESS

At the time of writing we have just returned from Millwall with a good point and it just goes to show that we are continuing to progress. After today we have a break for the internationals and we return to League action in a fortnight when we travel to Brighton. After that we return to the scenario of three home games in succession Preston on Tuesday 18th October, Crewe on the 22nd and Leicester in the Carling Cup on the 25th/26th of

October. Once again it is a lot of money for non season ticket holders to pay, especially if they have families, so is it worth considering a 3 ticket deal. Something along the lines of buy 2 get one free for adults and children can see all 3 games for £5 or something along those lines.

CARLING CUP

Well we wanted a trip to Anfield, Old Trafford or Stamford Bridge but instead we have Leicester at home. It was a tough match here just a few weeks ago and no doubt we can expect more of the same next time around, but it does give us a realistic chance for progression. One thing is for sure – the Foxes won't be looking forward to a Ninian return so soon after their last visit.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

This year's extravaganza will be held at the Coal Exchange in Mount Stuart Square in Cardiff Bay on Saturday, 22nd April, 2006. Places for this event go very quickly so book your place today. This season all who are going will receive a code of conduct that we fully expect to be complied with.

OVERNIGHT STOPS

It's a long way off yet but when we are away to Preston on 19th November we are thinking of running an overnight stop in Blackpool. If you are interested can you let us know so that we can see if there is enough interest to make it worthwhile. Also for the Southampton game on 1st April we are looking to stay in the Southsea area, let us know if you are interested.

NORTHERN IRELAND V WALES - 8TH OCTOBER

We are organising travel by coach and ferry on Thursday, 6th October and returning on Sunday, 9th October. We will stay in Dublin and be travelling by coach to Belfast on the day of the game. The cost is £155 per adult sharing a room, and £125 per child sharing a room with two adults. Single room supplements will apply. The cost is for travel and hotel only, match tickets are not guaranteed.

AWAY TRAVEL

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No doubt about the "Match of the Day" this afternoon as far as the Championship is concerned – the game at the Madejski Stadium where Reading, in second place, are at home to the leaders Sheffield United who are six points clear. A full house of nearly 26,000 is expected for the match which sees the Yorkshire team looking to extend their run of eight consecutive Championship victories. In fact the Blades have won ten and lost just one of their eleven matches to date, and have included on-loan forward Vincent Pericard from Portsmouth in their last two games when he has come on as substitute. As for Reading, who have been without left-back Nicky Shorey and midfielder Steve Sidwell through injuries since late-August, they are unbeaten since their opening-day home defeat by Plymouth since when they have won seven and drawn three of their last ten.

BURNLEY/WALES BLOW

As a result of a freak knee injury against Brighton at Turf Moor last Saturday, Burnley and Wales goalkeeper Danny Coyne is out for the season. He was replaced during last Saturday's 1-1 draw by Brian Jensen who was in the side for last night's game against Wolves at Molineux.

BRIGHTON WAITING

The Labour Party Conference that has been taking place in Brighton this week has focussed the attention of fans of Brighton & Hove Albion on the Club's efforts to find a suitable site for a new stadium. Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott is due to announce shortly whether or not the proposed development at

the Falmer site can go ahead, and between seven and ten thousand fans converged on the Brighton Centre a few days ago to show their support for the Club's efforts. That figure is more than can currently be accommodated at the Withdean Stadium where there will be another full house this afternoon for the visit of Norwich City. The Canaries, who won 2-1 at home to Hull City last Tuesday, will be hoping to make it two consecutive wins for the first time this season.

POOR RUN FOR DERBY

It is currently seven matches without victory for Derby County who face East Midlands rivals Leicester City at Pride Park this afternoon. Derby currently have five players on loan – midfielder Khalilou Fadiga from Bolton, full-back Peter Whittingham from Aston Villa, forward Stern John from Coventry, midfielder Johnnie Jackson from Tottenham, and forward Mounir El Hamadouli also from Tottenham.

LEEDS' LOW TURN-OUT

Only 18,353 fans turned out at Elland Road last Wednesday for Leeds United's 3-1 home win over Derby – their lowest attendance so far this season. It followed last Saturday's 2-0 home defeat by Ipswich when 3,000 more were present. Today Leeds go to Watford who have now collected just one point from their last three games after a run of five wins and a draw from six matches. Watford have recently been including two loan-forwards – Trevor Benjamin from Peterborough United and Gabriel Agbonlohor from Aston Villa.

PULIS FACES FORMER CLUB

Plymouth Argyle will be hoping for their first win under recently appointed manager Tony Pulis this afternoon when they play Stoke City at Home Park. And no doubt Tony would be happy with three points against the club who sacked him in the summer because they felt that he hadn't made sufficient use of the European transfer market. Since his appointment on September 23rd, Argyle have drawn 0-0 at Southampton while last week they lost 2-0 at Sheffield United. As for Stoke, they have won their last two away matches – 1-0 at Hull and 1-0 at Preston – and are once again without their captain Dave Brammer in midfield. Although he was out through injury last Tuesday against us, he was in fact also suspended and is again absent through suspension this afternoon.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Brighton & H.A. v. Norwich City
CARDIFF CITY v. LUTON TOWN
Derby County v. Leicester City
Ipswich Town v. Crewe Alexandra
Plymouth Argyle v. Stoke City
Preston NE v. Southampton
Reading v. Sheffield Utd.
Sheffield Wed. v. Coventry City
Watford v. Leeds Utd.



TONY PULIS – FACING HIS FORMER CLUB



Left: No Dr. Evil jokes please, he's a professional. Above: Real Radio HQ. Below: The new and subtle real Radio microphone up close. Bottom: Sam takes your call



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With the emphasis on interactivity this season, we're now trying bring you behind the scenes when and where ever possible. Not just at Ninian Park either. There are many satellite organisations that work in conjunction with the club, bringing you products, services and the latest news at Cardiff City FC.

Our first look at those associated with the club comes in the form of a visit to the Wales branch of Real Radio in Morganstown, Cardiff. As you no doubt know, along with their daily sports bulletins, Real Radio brings you the Real Sports Phone In show, weeknights between six and seven during the season. The show is hosted by Alex Feeney and Sam Fleet, who collect the nation's views on Welsh sport with the help of guests and pundits from the sporting world.

Naturally with the Bluebirds being the highest placed league and profile football club in the country, our name comes up quite frequently from the football fraternity eager to share their ideas. The show is a great way to present your thoughts on City's progress, or even let off a little steam from time to time.

Alex and Sam, with the assistance of their panel or Cardiff City guest interact with the callers on what they see to be the hot topic of the day. There's always a lot to cram in during the hour, with a busy schedule filled with talk of Championship Cardiff, League One Swansea and other things from the Welsh rugby, ice hockey and sporting scene in general.

Real Radio also covers the Bluebirds for our press conferences and broadcast goal flashes and incident updates from our live matches.

This week we were fortunate to be invited to one of the Real Sports Phone In shows, hosted by Sam Fleet in the hot seat. The guests answering your calls were none other than ex Cardiff City star (and all-round South Wales media darling) David Giles with former Wales, Pontypool and Rugby League star David Bishop – 'Gilo' talking things in the realm of the round ball, with 'Bish' covering matters egg-shaped.

Sam told us of his involvement and of how the show, like the radio station has blossomed over the last five years. "The phone in has now been running for as long as Real Radio has been on air, which will be our fifth year next week," he told us.

"I joined in the following June, so I've been there four and half years or so. I spent a couple of years on the news team. Alex then joined around three and a half years ago. Most of our callers are from South Wales, but we do get people listening on digital TV channel 896, phoning from England, so that's always quite interesting. Mainly though the calls are from listeners on FM. We cover-right from Chepstow across to Fishguard. It's quite a big patch really.

"The show is great. It's such a great platform for people to air their sporting views across South Wales. It's mainly football and rugby based but we do encourage people to call in about all other sports."

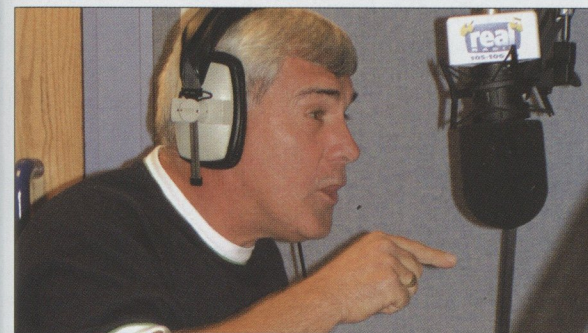
With the majority of us closet football managers who think we could do the best job ever, you can be assured that there are some interesting views shared also. The debate and differences of opinion, we suppose, are two things that make following football so interesting.

Sam agreed, saying, "We try to make it like a chat down the pub and cover the types of topics you would talk about with your mates and in quite a relaxed format. We do have a bit of a laugh and a joke. What's the saying? 'Half of Wales think they can do a better job than Toshack, and the other half know they can.' We've all got our views, and everyone thinks that they can pick the right team - we like to hear about what people have to say.

"We do get people phoning in saying good things about various teams and things, but mainly people like to phone in and have a good moan about things and get things off their chests. We have quite a few regular Cardiff fans phone in – Tony Jefferies phones in quite often to name one. Sometimes they phone in to put the world to rights but they also phone in with comments about things.

"We've also had some mad moments. The most famous one was with David Giles. We were in Russia covering the Wales

Gilo in Moscow. Gilo spent the afternoon drinking Russian vodka and having several pints bought for him. So by the time we got to go on air he was slightly merry should I say. I wouldn't say he kept breaking into song but he was full of the joys of spring. He had a bit of a reception back home because basically he was slightly under the affluence of incohol."



David Giles politely points out that he disagrees with caller four

And what did Sam assess the mood over the last few months, with the installation of the new City boss and his band of players at Ninian Park? "I think people are really willing to give Dave Jones a good chance," he said. "He's had a good response on the phone-in. Dave Jones was actually a guest on the show before the season started and came across well with the Cardiff fans. There's been very few negative calls about him. Judging by our calls he's pretty popular."

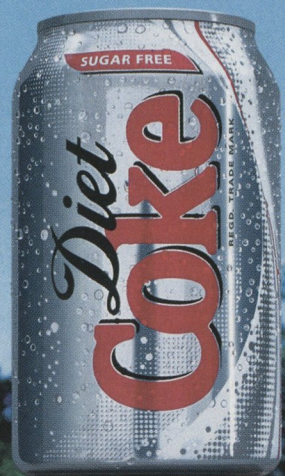
Finally for Sam was the chance to lay down a challenge to the Bluebirds fans present here today. He wants to get you lot more involved in matters, where the agenda is based purely on those who call, text or email in to set it. Like with most matters, there's no real point complaining about a lack of coverage if you're not willing to do something about it. So get calling !!!

"I'd tell every single Cardiff City fan that they are always welcome to come on to the show," he proclaimed. "If the topic isn't necessarily about Cardiff at that particular point, then don't think that they can't phone to talk about what they want to talk about. It's an open forum and we are always very happy to hear from Cardiff City fans. We realise the importance of the Bluebirds and we like to hear from as many Cardiff City fans as possible; new and regular callers are always welcome."

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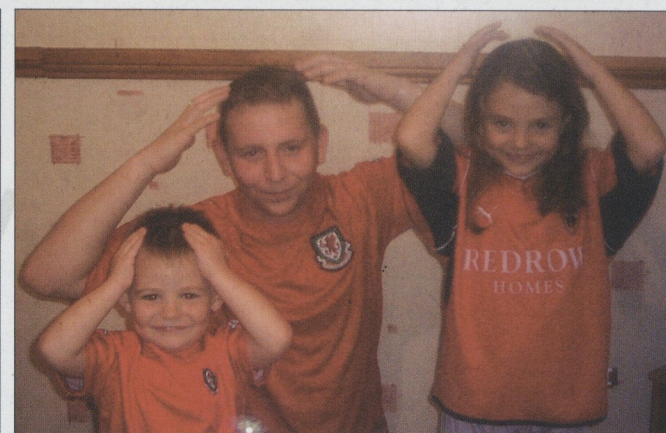
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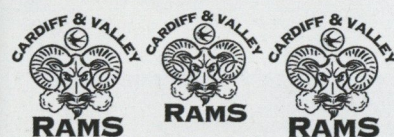
Q1. WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CARDIFF CITY MEMORY?



The first memory which gets in my head was when we beat Wrexham 2-0. I can remember Carl Dale coming off the bench after being out for a while and scoring a cracking goal.

Q2. DO YOU WATCH CITY HOME, AWAY OR BOTH?

Both. I can remember my fist away game in 2002 against Tranmere. I drove up with my mate and we beat them 1-0, which was good - Gary croft scored. Since then we travel with the Valley Rams. It's absolutely great travelling with them - it's like a family. Going down the M4 and over the bridge like an army of blue. Gwyn and Corky have done a fantastic job, but hats off to the reps as well - Big Ketty and Sam. They're top guys. I would like to go to more away games than I do, but the wife's string is attached to my belt and its only 2ft long...and the print of her thumb is stuck on my head!!!



Q3. WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER AND WHY?



Big Willie Bolland. Every time he steps on that pitch he gives 100% and works his socks off, which I love in a player - getting stuck into every challenge. You can see that he wants to win and that it means so much to him.

Q4. WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE ALL TIME PLAYER AND WHY?

I would have to say Andy Legg. What a legend. He was excellent every time he played. Still his name gets chanting around NP which makes the hair on my neck stand up. Ole ole ole ole ole ole ole ole ole ANDY LEGG LEGG LEGG!!!!

Q5. WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MATCH?

I know the playoff final stick out in most fans memories, me included. But the one which I can remember most is when it was a top of the league clash with Barnet. Chris Pike missed a penalty - they scored minutes before the end. Super sub Cohen Griffiths scores to a crowd of almost 17,000. Those were the days.

Q6. DO YOU HAVE A PRE MATCH RITUAL?

I didn't until about two and half years ago. The night before I kiss my wedding ring, then when the players come on to the pitch it gets kissed again. I'll do it ever more as well.



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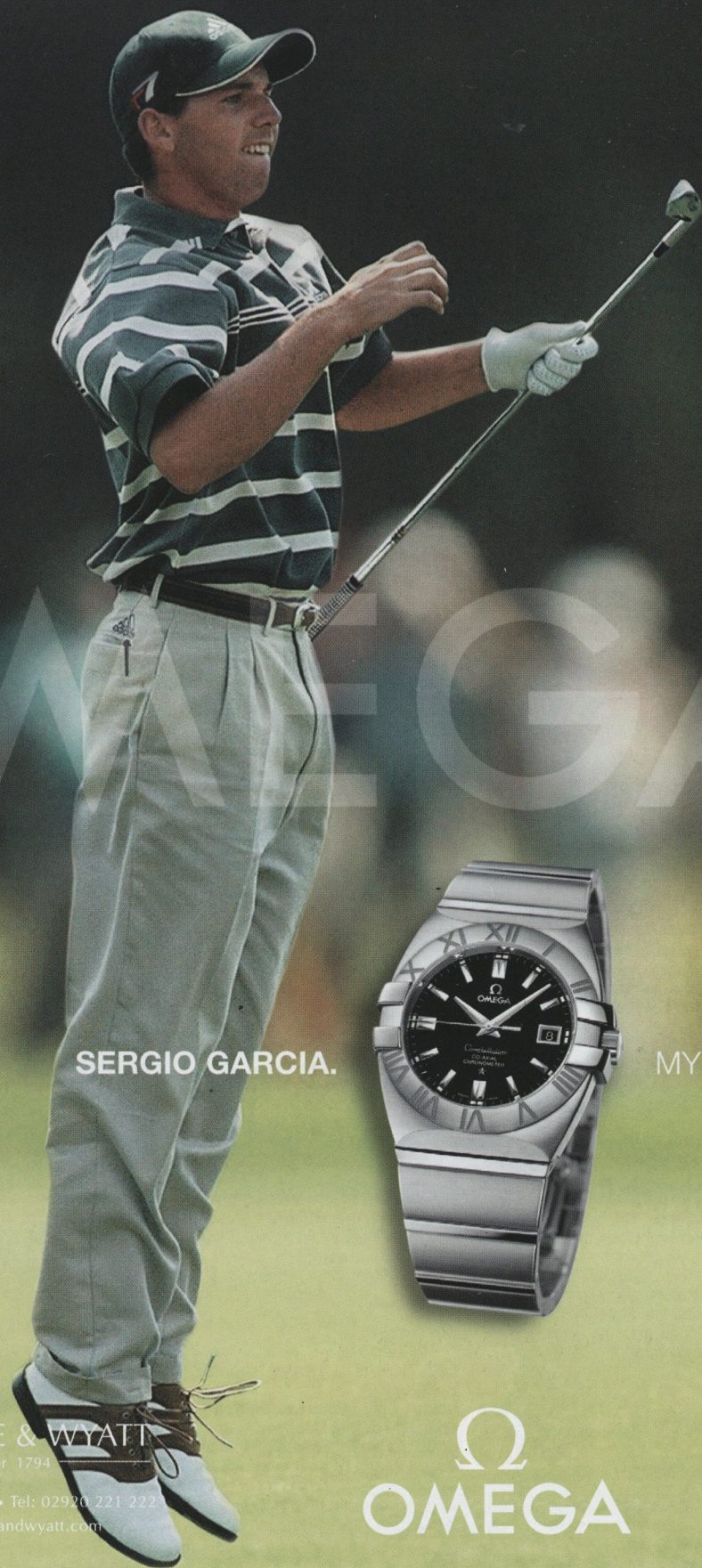
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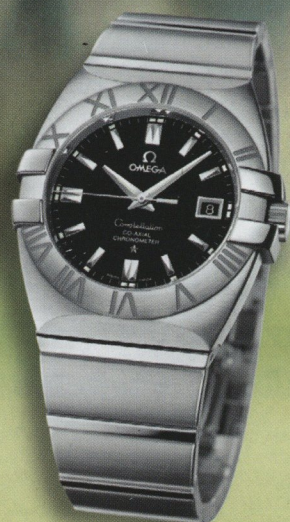
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GLENN LOOVENS

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Cardiff	15-07-2005		Loan	6 (1)	1 0 (0)	0 1 (0)	0 0 (0)
Feyenoord	18-02-2002			0 (0)	0 0 (0)	0 0 (0)	0 4 (0)
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goals / game				0.14	n/a	0	0
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IN PROFILE GLENN LOOVENS

The first-ever Dutch player to appear for Cardiff City, 21 year-old defender GLENN LOOVENS is gradually settling down at Ninian Park as his recent performances in our current unbeaten run have shown. But Glenn is not the first player to have joined us from a Dutch club – older City fans may recall Steve “Kalamazoo” Mokone, a South African who came to us from Heracles of Holland way back in the summer of 1959.

It was in mid-July 2005 that the Club confirmed that Glenn had joined us, and his first appearance was in our opening pre-season 3-1 win at Accrington Stanley on July 16th. He played in all of our pre-season matches except the late July game against West Bromwich Albion when he was non-playing substitute. After being on the bench in our opening four Championship matches and coming on in the 3-1 home defeat by Watford on August 12th, Glenn has since been ever-present in our starting line-up apart from the Carling Cup Second Round 2-1 home win over Macclesfield Town.

EFFECTIVE BARRIER

It was on September 10th that we conceded our last goals in the Championship – a 3-3 draw at Burnley, and with no goals conceded in our last four League matches, Glenn has proved an effective barrier at the back alongside skipper Darren Purse. And Glenn has shown that he can be effective in the opposition penalty-area, as that powerful header at Burnley showed when he scored a late-first-half equaliser to make it 2-2 from a Jason Koumas corner.

Glenn developed through the junior ranks of the Rotterdam club Feyenoord with whom he became a Dutch Under-21 International, but did not get many chances at first-team level last season when Feyenoord finished fourth in the Dutch Championship. He played in eight Championship matches for them last season during the first half of 2004/05, and went out on loan after Christmas to Graassthad for whom he played just over twenty matches. But there did not seem a first team opening for him on his return to Feyenoord, so he felt that it was time to move on, even if it was another loan “I like to play football and I wasn’t getting the opportunity, so I told my agent to look round and that’s how I signed for Cardiff City. Dave Jones invited my agent and I to come and see him, and we had a good conversation. The manager hadn’t seen me play, but he signed me, put his faith in me, and now I’m in the first-team. I want to do my best for Cardiff City and myself – I’m here on a one-season loan so I have to do well in the time that I’m here. I want to see the Club well up the table. I’ve enjoyed playing at Ninian Park so far, the fans are good and



very vocal.”

Born in Dordrecht while his father was playing for Dutch side Graassthad, Glenn grew up in Rotterdam where he has lived for all his life. After playing in schools football, he joined Feyenoord’s junior sides at the age of 12 and came up through their various junior and reserve sides.

TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES

How does Glenn see the differences between Dutch and British football? “In Holland, the training is more about tactics and techniques. We do that of course here, but in Championship football there are more games than in the Dutch League where we play just thirty-four games in a season. It’s physically much stronger in the League Championship here and I feel that I am adjusting to it well. But in Holland I think that the game is technically better and there is a big difference. In this division, everyone can beat anyone and you have to be one hundred per cent focussed or you can lose a number of games. There are ex-Premiership teams in this division, and we have shown so far that we can compete with them.”

Glenn came into our starting line-up in late-August, taking over from summer signing Neil Cox who has

since been on the bench. So how does he get on with the player whose place he has taken? “I get on well with Neil and Darren Purse, they both help me. They are each more experienced than me, and Neil in particular has been very helpful which gives me confidence. They are both really good players, and Darren has a lot to offer me, having played in the Premiership. Neil is a really funny guy – he has a great sense of humour and is very dry.”

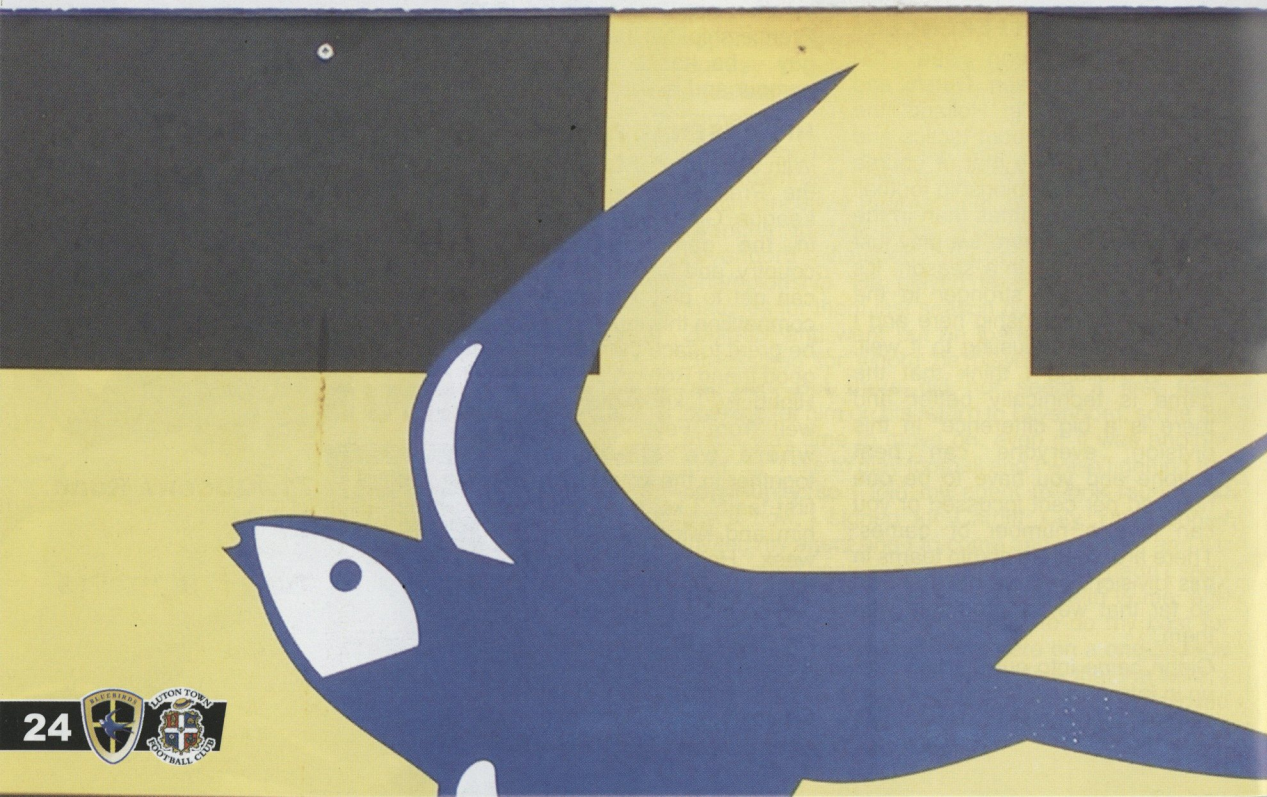
HIS ARSENAL FRIEND

With a number of Dutch players in the Premiership and Coca-Cola League, Glenn takes a big interest in the game throughout the country, and he is hoping that we can get to play Arsenal in a cup competition this season – “It would be great to face them because my good friend Robin Van Persie is at Highbury. I know him well from Feyenoord where we played together in the youth team and first team. I keep in contact with him and talk about once a week. He’s doing alright there though he has only scored once this season. He will have been disappointed not to have played last Tuesday in the Champions’ League against

Ajax who are Feyenoord’s rivals from Amsterdam rivals, but he was suspended for the game as he was sent off in Arsenal’s previous Champions League match against FC Thun.”

As for the immediate future at Ninian Park, Glenn is confident that we can do well against newly-promoted Luton Town this afternoon to keep our run going, and after four matches without conceding a goal, he’ll be all out to see that our defence isn’t breached today.

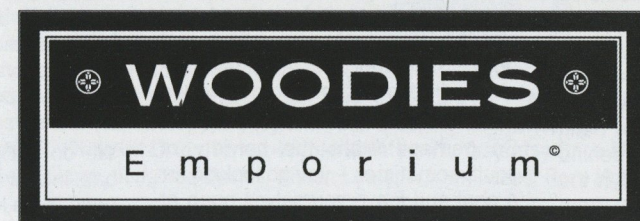




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UNDER-18s

JOHN KERR REPORTS

This morning's match at Coventry City will indicate whether or not we can maintain our progress from last Saturday when we beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-1 at home. It was important that we gained a good result against Spurs seven days ago, because on the previous Saturday – September 17th – we lost 2-0 at home to West Ham United.

We did not perform to the best of our ability against a good West Ham side a fortnight ago. Everyone did their best, but although we had a couple of chances to get back into the game, we had to accept being beaten by the better side. So the mood amongst players, and parents who watched the match, was a little subdued.

But we learned from it, and although against Tottenham we started off not too brightly against a hard-working side, we gradually came into it and caused them problems, scoring our goals at the right time. In fact, over the whole game, we might have had a few more. We led 2-0 at half-time with Michael Corcoran getting our first, and Scott McCoubrey our second.

I have asked our central midfield players Greg Coombes and Michael Corcoran to get forward more and get into opposition penalty-areas, and it was those two who were involved in our first goal – Greg hit the ball across the face of the Spurs goal, and it rebounded out off someone to give Michael a tap-in. Scott's goal came from a through ball after he'd pressured a defender, and he chipped the 'keeper from outside their area for our second.

They made it 2-1 midway through the second half and put us under some pressure, but we held out. Tottenham are a well-established Academy outfit with a wealth of experience behind them, but we settled the game in the last minute with another goal from Scott McCoubrey who latched on to a

through ball from Joe Jacobson. He still has some work to do on his all-round game, which he knows, but we are pleased with his current contribution.

We have had four players away with the Wales Under-17 squad recently for the latest round in their UEFA Under-17 Qualifying Tournament. Mika Chunuonsee, Chris Gunter, Carl Jones and Mark Jones have all been involved. Mika and Carl played in the final match at Wrexham last Monday when Wales lost 3-0 to Switzerland while Mark was on the bench. Wales have qualified for the next stage, so the boys will no doubt be with them again in March. So while they have been away on International duty, looking to progress through the various Wales age-groups, as several of our other players have done, it gave us the opportunity last week of including in our starting line-up a few of the younger players including Ian Robinson and Shane Dawe.

UNDER-16s

TERRY MOORE REPORTS

We were off early this morning for the game at Coventry City that kicked off at 11.00am and no doubt it will have been another difficult match for us, as was last Saturday's 4-0 home defeat by Tottenham who fielded a strong Under-16 line-up, including four England Internationals, whereas most of our side are Under-15s.

The score-line against Tottenham was not, I felt, a fair reflection of our efforts – Tottenham deserved to win, but we did make a fair amount of chances and it could have been a lot closer. Their first goal came just before half-time after they counter-attacked following our corner, so we went at half-time 1-0 down.

So perhaps that's the naivety of youth sometimes – you go looking for a goal and leave yourselves open at the back. They have to learn from that, and we had a talk at half-time,

telling them that they had been playing well, let's keep it going, let's be disciplined. We told them to use the ball well, and not give it away cheaply.

But soon after the start of the second half, we gave away a penalty – it was then 2-0 against us and we had a mountain to climb! As can happen with young lads, a couple of heads went down, and though we tried hard, the game became a little too much for them. I still feel that we are giving sides too much respect, but it's how they learn from it all with the aim of becoming stronger mentally.

I brought a new name into the squad in Elliott Thomas, one of our Under-15s who has been out for a year following a knee-operation, and he came on as substitute. He is a central midfield player from the Carmarthen area who has been with us for several years progressing through the various age-groups. So this level was new to him, but it was good for Elliott to experience it for twenty minutes. I'm sure that he found it quite demanding, which it can be when you first come into Academy football.

A week prior to that Tottenham defeat, we had lost 2-1 at home to West Ham United, and we have to accept that, with a squad as young as ours at this level, we are going to lose games. Of course we want to win matches, but it is all about development at this level, and if we produce several scholarship-trainees for John Kerr's squad by the end of the season, it won't matter how many games we have won or lost. So the message going out to our Under-16 squad is – don't be worried about being over-awed or making mistakes, because that is what you have to learn from, and the less mistakes we make will be reflected in our score-lines and results.

We do get good possession of the ball in our matches, but what we need to do is to score in those spells – if we can do that, then our results will improve.

U-18 LINE-UPS

September 10th

v. ARSENAL (A)

Drew 0-0 (h.t. 0-0)

Allison, Gunter, Smith, Blake (sub. Bowles), Evans, Corcoran, Morris (sub. Simpson), Coombes, Jones M., McCoubrey, Jones C. (sub. Dawe). Sub not used – Chunuonsee.

September 17th

v. WEST HAM UNITED (H)

Lost 0-2 (h.t. 0-1)

Allison, Gunter, Smith, Blake, Evans, Corcoran, Morris (sub. Chunuonsee (sub. Bowles)), Coombes, Jones M., McCoubrey (sub. Jones C.), McDonald. Sub not used – Dawe.

September 24th

v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (H)

Won 3-1 (h.t. 2-0)

Allison, Evans, Smith (sub. Jacobson), Jenkins, Bowles (sub. Blake), Corcoran (1), Simpson, Coombes, Robinson (sub. McDonald), McCoubrey (2), Dawe.

BLUEBIRDS ACADEMY

Date	Opponents	Venue	KO	U18 F-A	U16 F-A
Sat 20 Aug	Liverpool	H	11.00a.m.	1-2	–
Sat 27 Aug	Nottingham Forest	A	11.00a.m.	2-1	–
Fri 2 Sept	Charlton Athletic	A	2.00p.m.	1-0	1-2
Sat 10 Sept	Arsenal	A	10.45a.m.	0-0	1-3
Sat 17 Sept	West Ham United	H	11.00a.m.	0-2	1-2
Sat 24 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	H	11.00a.m.	3-1	0-4
Sat 1 Oct	Coventry City	A	11.00a.m.		
Sat 8 Oct	Milton Keynes Dons	H	11.00a.m.		
Sat 15 Oct	Aston Villa	A	11.00a.m.		
Sat 22 Oct	Watford	H	11.00a.m.		
Sat 5 Nov	Leicester City	A	12.00noon		
Sat 12 Nov	Reading	H	11.00a.m.		
Sat 19 Nov	Birmingham City	A	11.30a.m.		
Sat 3 Dec	Bristol City	H	11.00a.m.		
Sat 10 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	A3	11.00a.m.		

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WHO DID YOU LOOK UP TO IN FOOTBALL AS A CHILD?

Rob Davies, Rumney

I didn't really have just the one footballing idol as a child. There were so many players I liked.

YOU'VE SEEN CARDIFF PLAY EIGHT GAMES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP. HOW WOULD YOU SAY THE STANDARD OF THIS LEAGUE COMPARES TO ITS EQUIVALENT IN THE NETHERLANDS?

Mark Smith

The Championship is much higher, physically it's much

stronger. Technically in Holland it's better, but I think there's a big difference between the two. I'm more adept to the British style of play and I'm enjoying it here so far.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT BEING IN CARDIFF AS A CITY?

Deborah Longman, Season Ticket holder, Grandstand, Neath

I like living here, I live down the Bay and it's great down there. I also like the City centre and the castle. I have not had much of a chance to go sight seeing but the food and the shopping here is very good.

ALSO...

DO YOU GET TO SEE YOUR FAMILY MUCH, NOW THAT YOU LIVE IN SOUTH WALES?

My dad has been here for a week along with my brother. My mother will come here next and also my girlfriend will come here so I'm keeping in close touch. I talk to them on the phone as well every other day or so; we keep in touch.

IS THE TRAVELLING FOR AWAY GAMES MORE IN THIS COUNTRY THAN IN HOLLAND?

Julian Richards, Luton

In Holland the furthest you would have to travel is about 2½ hours so you never have to go the day before or stay in a hotel. Going to away games over here is a new experience for me. When we travel the day before we stay in a hotel overnight. Firstly I used to share with Toni Koskela and now I'm sharing with Darren Purse.

ALSO...

IT'S A BIG STEP MOVING COUNTRIES TO PLAY FOOTBALL FOR A LIVING, WHAT PERSUADED YOU TO

COME TO ENGLISH FOOTBALL, AND WHY CARDIFF CITY?

I like to play football and I wasn't getting the opportunity and I told my agent to look around and that's how I came to Cardiff. I came here with my agent and it was a good conversation with Dave Jones. He hadn't seen me play but he gave me the faith and now I'm in the first team.

WHO IS THE MOST FAMOUS PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST?

From Luke Thomas, age 8

Probably the most famous player I've played against is Ronaldo. I was only on the field for about two minutes but it was when Feyenoord played against Inter Milan. He's a very good player.



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MILLWALL 0 - 0 CARDIFF

THE UNBEATEN RUN STRETCHES TO SEVEN AS THE BLUEBIRDS AND LIONS CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT



SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER AT THE NEW DEN

7.45pm Attendance: 9,254

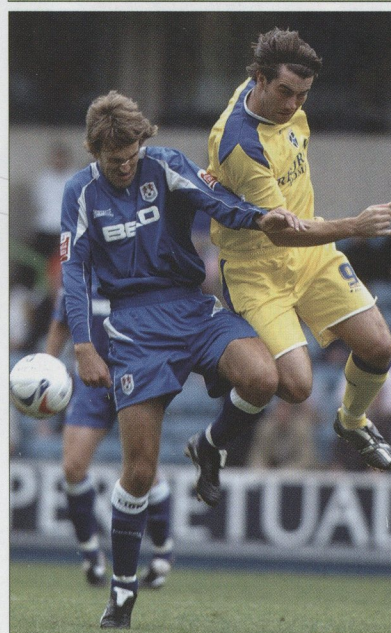
A late sending off and subsequent F.A. fine for Jody Morris was the talking point at the New Den as two of the Championship's form sides cancelled each other out. The abrasive Morris saw yellow for dissent in the first half, and an injury time foul on Koumas led to red. The draw stretched Cardiff's unbeaten run to seven games and Millwall's to four.

After an initial slow start, Jason Koumas was the first to test a 'keeper – his central run and deflected shot at Andy Marshall, after being presented by Whitley

though with the sting removed, was easily saved. Millwall had the better of the first half with Barry Hayles and Carl Asaba a continual threat to Cardiff's goal, without an ability to finish the job despite some good chances and better defending. Substitute Alan Lee gave the Bluebirds some impetus, but Marshall was on hand to deny our efforts. Jeff Whitley's late volley from thirty yards came with power and was dipping in until the Millwall 'keeper dived to tip over for a corner. The result saw City leave the New Den in fourteenth place with a game in hand on rivals.

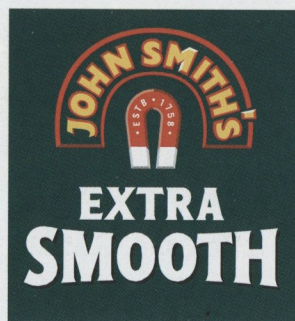
DAVE'S VERDICT

I have to admit I think that the game had 0-0 written all over it from about 15 minutes into the game. I think it would have been unfair had either side come away from this game with three points. But I feel that had we got at them a little bit more we would have come away with all three points. We did the ugly part of the game well. I thought our two centre-backs, Darren Purse and Glenn Loovens, were magnificent. Millwall played a lot of high balls and crosses and they headed everything. But we didn't attack with any great pace. If we upped the tempo, and if our forwards had got their shooting boots on, we might have come away with maximum points. We could have got at Millwall more – but this was a game in which both defences were on top.



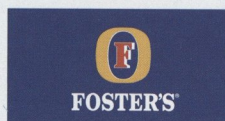
	MILLWALL	CARDIFF
Goals	0	0
Possession	50%	50%
Shots On Target	4	3
Shots Off Target	7	1
Corners	2	5
Fouls	14	20
Most Fouls	Asaba(4)	Jerome(5)
Yellow Cards	1	3
Red Cards	1	0

Millwall: Marshall, Vincent, Phillips (Lawrence 45), Williams, Ifil, Livermore, Wright, Morris, Dunne, Hayles, Asaba.
Subs Not Used: Hutchison, Braniff, Simpson, Jones. Sent Off: Morris (90). Booked: Morris.
Cardiff: Alexander, Weston, Purse, Loovens, Barker, Koumas, Whitley, Ledley, Cooper, Ricketts (Lee 72), Jerome.
Subs Not Used: Cox, Ardley, Parry, Margetson. Booked: Weston, Whitley, Ricketts.



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BRING IT ON... THE HATTERS

WE WELCOME LUTON TOWN TO NINIAN PARK



We today welcome Championship high flying Luton Town to Ninian Park, in what follows a goal packed midweek for both sides, and it should prove to be an exciting encounter.

Luton like the Bluebirds bagged a total of three goals on Tuesday, demolishing last year's play-off finalists Preston North End. The result lifted the Hatters to third in the table that night, and have managed to stay there going into the game today due to Watford being unable to take advantage over Coventry, losing 3-1 on Wednesday.

In a league that has thrown out more than it's fair share of early surprises – Luton fans will no doubt be satisfied with the League One Champions of last season. It's a fair assessment to say that the Hatters have continued where they left off as if no one had told them that they now reside in a tougher division.

The fans may be on cloud nine at the moment, but it's a case of feet firmly on the ground for Luton boss Mike Newell. After their first win in three games on Tuesday night he said, "People might get excited, but they need to take stock of what we've done for the first ten or eleven games here. There might have been a bit of a surprise factor at first, but now teams will work out how to stop us. Every successful team has to deal with that problem and we're no different." Luton's promotion to Championship level gave an immediate test when the fixtures were released. First on their schedule were two games against Premiership relegated Crystal Palace and Southampton. Despite the media concentrating on what was set to be a formality. The Hatters dug deep to notch both scalps to make the rest of the division stand up and take note. From that point on, their league form has been regularly consistent, notching a total of six wins, three drawn and only two losses – their defeats coming under QPR and our victims of last night, Stoke City.

Whatever happens today, the Bluebirds and Hatters connection in initially defying their underdog status has done enough to make the Championship a more interesting league. Let's hope the six goals between both don't equate to a nil-nil draw (though points are great to collect for both teams whenever possible).

HATTERS XI V PRESTON: Beresford, Coyne, Heikkinen, Davis, Edwards, Nicholls, Robinson (Holmes 75), Brkovic (Keane 86), Morgan (Showunmi 81), Feeney, Howard. Subs not used: Perrett, Brill.

BOSS WATCH

MIKE NEWELL

A well known striker for a host of clubs including Leicester, Luton, Everton, West Ham and Premiership winning Blackburn, Mike Newell was appointed as the Hatters boss in the summer of 2003. In November 2002 he was given his first job as a manager at Hartlepool, guiding them to promotion a few months later.

Surprisingly though his contract was not renewed, paving a return to Luton and a heroes welcome from the fans. After guiding the in administration Hatters to a top ten finish in the 2003/04 season, Mike went one better the following year. He secured Luton's place in the Championship as League One Champions, twelve points above closest rivals Hull. The Hatters fans will also be more than happy with their start this year, where they continue to flourish.

In total Newell played over five-hundred league games for fourteen clubs in a nineteen-year professional career that saw him compete at every level. He also gained international recognition at England's Under-21 and 'B' team level.



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YEAR FORMED: 1885

NICKNAME: "THE HATTERS"

HOME: KENILWORTH ROAD

ATTENDANCE: 30,069
VS BLACKPOOL
04/03/1959 FA CUP R6 REPLAY

BEST LEAGUE WIN: 12 - 0
VS BRISTOL ROVERS
13/04/1936 DIVISION 3S

WORST LEAGUE LOSS: 0 - 9
VS BIRMINGHAM
12/11/1898 DIVISION 2

MOST CAPPED PLAYER:
MAL DONAGHY
58, NORTHERN IRELAND

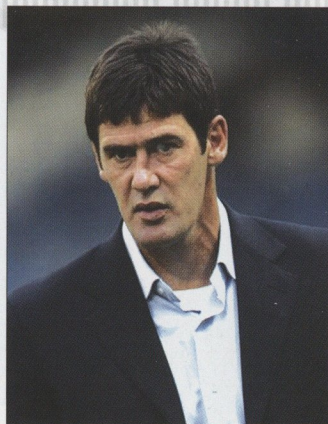
LEAGUE APPEARANCES:
BOB MORTON
494 1948/64

LEAGUE GOALS:
GORDON TURNER
243 1949/64

GOALS IN A SEASON:
JOE PAYNE
55 1936/37 DIVISION 3S

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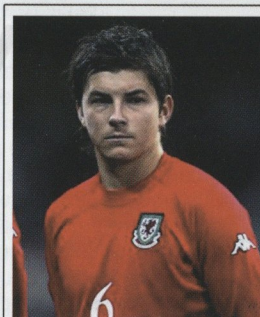
TUE 27 SEPTEMBER 2005
LUTON 3
PRESTON 0

Steve Howard set the seal on a comfortable win as they overcame Preston with a first-half blitz. Howard drilled across goalkeeper Carlo Nash and into the far corner with eight minutes of the opening period left for his 93rd goal in 193 appearances. Earlier he had teed up Northern Ireland international Warren Feeney for the opener before Ahmet Brkovic doubled the advantage with a headed second. Chris Sedgwick and Dickson Etuhu came closest for Preston.



FRI 23 SEPTEMBER 2005
LUTON TOWN 2
SHEFFIELD WED 2

Steve Howard grabbed a brace but Luton had to settle for a draw against Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road. Howard headed home his first in only the second minute, but Graeme Lee replied for the Owls 12 minutes later. The visitors took the lead after the break through a fine David Graham shot in the 66th minute. But the Hatters came straight back, with Howard rising to nod home his second from another Kevin Nicholls cross two minutes later.



TUE 20 SEPTEMBER 2005
READING 1
LUTON TOWN 0

John Oster scored the only goal of the game as Reading advanced to the Carling Cup third round at Luton's expense. The Royals found themselves under the cosh for much of the match. Dean Morgan fired over from the edge of the box and Warren Feeney was denied by Reading keeper Marcus Hahneemann. But the 26-year-old Oster fired home a free-kick from the edge of the box 10 minutes from time to snatch the victory for Steve Coppell's side.



SAT 17 SEPTEMBER 2005
HULL CITY 0
LUTON TOWN 1

Steve Howard's late strike helped Luton maintain their excellent early-season form with a narrow win at Hull. Howard rifled home a right-foot strike from inside the six-yard box, with only five minutes remaining. Luton keeper Marlon Beresford saved from Stuart Green and Chris Brown, while Hull's Bo Myhill thwarted Dean Morgan and Carlos Edwards. Hull's Nick Barmby and Luton's Ahmet Brkovic had first half efforts ruled out for offside.

OUR LAST ENCOUNTER

26TH DECEMBER 2002 LUTON TOWN 2-0 CARDIFF CITY
AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Two Boxing Day goals in the last ten minutes resulted in an unsuccessful Kenilworth Road return for ex Hatters boss Lennie Lawrence – the result continuing to hamper the Bluebirds automatic promotion chances, slipping to third in the table behind Bristol City. The game started evenly in terms of chances and possession, though not at the highest tempo in the Christmas fixture. Robert Earnshaw and Andy Campbell had a few half chances, but overall Cardiff were under par.

The second half led to more action, with Luton having a penalty claim rejected and Neil Alexander making some great saves before getting their opener - Howard played the ball forward, Spencer Prior botched his clearance, tapping into the path of Thorpe who buried it from 12 yards. Any chance City had of snatching a point evaporated a minute from the end. Crowe's corner was cleared but the ball fell to Howard who, unmarked inside the area, saw a sweetly-struck effort nestle into the top right-hand corner of the net.

Luton: Emberson, Coyne, Hillier, Boyce, Kimble, Robinson, Crowe, Brkovic, Hughes, Thorpe, Howard.

Subs not used: Ovendale, Fotiadis, Mansell, Osborn, Deeney.

Cardiff: Alexander, Weston, Prior, Fan Zhiyi (Bowen 85), Barker, Boland, Kavanagh, Legg, Campbell (Fortune-West 75), Earnshaw, Thorpe.

Subs not used: Croft, Maxwell, Margetson.

Booked: Barker, Boland, Kavanagh, Prior, Weston.

Attendance: 7,805

BRING IT ON . . . THE HATTERS KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

MIKE NEWELL'S DANGER BOYS IN DEPTH

TOP BOY: STEVE HOWARD [striker]

Steve has been one of Luton's biggest bargains, being signed for a £50,000 fee from Northampton Town on transfer-deadline day in March 2001. He has been the Club's top scorer for the past four seasons and is again leading the way so far this season – he scored against Preston on Tuesday night to make it five goals to date, with four in his last four games. Steve began his career with Tow Law in the North East before joining Hartlepool United in August 1995. He went to Northampton for a £120,000 fee in February 1999 and they had to accept much less than that for Steve from Luton, or see him go for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman Ruling. In last season's League One Championship success, he scored 22 goals (18 League, 4 Cup), and his only absences this season have been in late August when he had a three-match suspension following his dismissal at Stoke on August 20th.



THE LIKELY LADS



KEVIN NICHOLLS MIDFIELD

Turned professional when a trainee at Charlton, he played for England Youth at Under-18, Under-19 and Under-20 levels. He joined Wigan Athletic for an initial £250,000 in June 1999 and was transferred to Luton in August 2001. Soon appointed Club Captain, his midfield enthusiasm has been a major factor in the Club's success. Skipped the team to the League One Championship last season, scoring 14 League and Cup goals (eight of them penalties), he was named in the PFA League One Team of the Season, was the Supporters' Player of the Season, and website Player of the Season. Scored twice so far in 2005/06 and is ever-present.



RUSSELL PERRETT DEFENDER

A familiar name at Ninian Park, Russell joined Cardiff City from Portsmouth in July 1999 after having began his career with non-league Lymington before going to Fratton Park in September 1995. Russell made 35 League and Cup appearances for the Bluebirds before joining Luton on a free transfer in August 2001. Injuries have restricted him over the past two years . . . he has made five League and Cup appearances so far this season (two of them from the bench), and he was non-playing substitute last Tuesday against Preston.



AHMET BRKOVIC RIGHT MIDFIELD

Born in Croatia, he came into League football with Leyton Orient from his hometown club HNK Dubrovnik in October 1999. It was in October 2001 that he joined Luton after Leyton Orient had missed out in the Play-Offs at the end of the previous season. A regular in last season's promotion team, scoring 16 League and Cup goals, he plays mainly in a right-sided role. He has scored four times so far in 2005/06, including one against Preston in midweek, and he has started every game except the Carling Cup First Round tie against his former club Leyton Orient when he was non-playing substitute.

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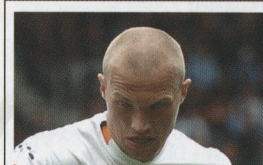
CARLOS EDWARDS

Born in Trinidad, he joined Wrexham for £125,000 from Trinidad side Defence Force in August 2000. A Trinidad & Tobago International, he was in the Wrexham line-up that won the LDV Vans Trophy last season. He was a free transfer at the start of this season, and can play in a right-back or right-midfield position. He came into this season's line-up in mid-August, and has been a regular in the starting eleven at right-back since mid-September.



MARLON BERESFORD

36 year-old Marlon is in his second spell with Luton whom he originally joined in October 2003 from Bradford City after being with a number of clubs. He moved to Barnsley in January 2004 and returned to Luton from them in early July 2004. Has made over 400 appearances during his long career which began at Sheffield Wednesday in the mid-1980s. He played in most of last season's matches, and though a foot injury kept him out of the opening three matches of 2005/06, he has since played in every game except the recent 1-0 Carling Cup defeat at Reading.



WARREN FEENEY

Belfast-born Warren joined Leeds from junior football in Northern Ireland in January 1998. Three years later he moved to AFC Bournemouth before going to Stockport County in July 2004. Although Stockport went down from League One, Warren did well to be their top scorer with 17 League and Cup goals, scoring a hat-trick on his final appearance against Huddersfield in a 5-3 defeat. Shortly afterwards, a £175,000 fee took him to Luton. Ever-present, he has scored three, including one against Preston four days ago. A current Northern Ireland International, he came on as substitute in the historic 1-0 win over England at Windsor Park.



CHRIS COYNE

A former Australian U-23 International, born in Brisbane, Chris was playing for Western Australian club Perth SC when West Ham signed him for £150,000 in January 1996. He had loan spells at Brentford and Southend before joining Dundee in March 2000, and Luton signed him for £50,000 in September 2001. Missed very few matches in last season's promotion success, while this season he was absent through injury for the opening four League matches. Scored against Leyton Orient in the Carling Cup in his opening first team appearance of 2005/06, played as substitute in the next two League matches and has since been a regular in the starting line-up.



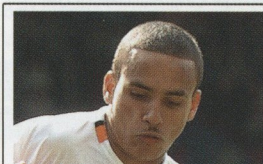
STEVE ROBINSON

Beginning his career as a trainee with Tottenham where he became a full professional, Steve joined AFC Bournemouth in October 1994 and spent nearly six seasons with them before going to Preston for £375,000 in May 2000. Luton signed him for £50,000 in June 2002 and he played in most of last season's promotion matches. A Northern Ireland International at every level, his only absences so far were for the two Carling Cup matches against Leyton Orient and Reading.



SOL DAVIS

Cheltenham-born Sol began with Swindon Town as a trainee before turning full professional in May 1998. Luton paid an initial £600,000 for him in May 1998 and has been a consistent member of the side since his arrival. He was the only ever-present in last season's League One Championship team. Injury kept him out of the first three matches of 2005/06, but since coming on as substitute against Leyton Orient in the First Round of the Carling Cup, he has been ever-present in the starting line-up.



DEAN MORGAN

A former Colchester United trainee and full professional, Dean joined Reading in November 2003. He made 18 League appearances for Reading last season and joined Luton in July 2005. Apart from two mid-September matches when he was on the bench, coming on in one of them, he has been ever-present in the starting line-up this season in his left-side role.



MARKUS HEIKKINEN

Although he was born in Sweden, Markus is a Finnish International and in August partnered Liverpool's Sami Hyypia in the World Cup Qualifying win over Macedonia. He was with Portsmouth before moving to Aberdeen from whom he was signed this summer. He played in seven of the first eight League and Cup matches this season before a groin-injury against Wolves on September 10th put him out for three matches. Coming on as substitute against Sheffield Wednesday eight days ago, he was in the starting line-up last Tuesday against Preston.

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LUTON STATS

SQUAD NUMBER - NAME - AGE - POSITION - BACKGROUND

29 - CALVIN ANDREW
Date of birth 19/12/86 - Luton
Position - Forward
Nationality - England
Ex-trainee, signed full pro
September 2004. Loan spell at
Grimsby Aug/Sept 2005.

45 - LEON BARNETT
Date of birth 30/11/85 -
Stevenage
Position - Defender
Nationality - England
Ex-trainee, signed full pro
September 2004.

1 - MARLON BERESFORD
Date of birth 2/9/69 - Lincoln
Position - Goalkeeper
Nationality - England
Ex-Sheffield Wed. trainee/full
pro, Bury (loan), Northampton
(loan), Crewe (loan),
Northampton (second loan),
Burnley, Middlesbrough, Sheffield
Wed. (loan), Burnley, York,
Burnley, Bradford City, Luton (first
spell), Barnsley.
Re-signed July 2004.

33 - DEAN BRILL
Date of birth 2/12/85 - Luton
Nationality - England
Ex-trainee, signed full pro 2003.

18 - AHMET BRKOVIC
Date of birth 23/9/74 - Dubrovnik
Position - Right Midfield
Nationality - Croatia
Ex-HNK Dubrovnik, Leyton
Orient. Signed free October
2001.

4 - CHRIS COYNE
Date of birth 20/12/78 -
Brisbane
Position - Defender
Nationality - Australia
Ex-Australian U-23 International
Ex-Perth SC, West Ham Utd.,
Brentford (loan), Southend (loan),
Dundee. Signed £50,000
September 2001.

3 - SOL DAVIS
Date of birth 4/9/79 -
Cheltenham
Position - Full-back
Nationality - England
Ex-Swindon Town trainee/full pro.
Signed initial £600,000 August
2002.

7 - CARLOS EDWARDS
Date of birth 24/10/78 - Port of
Spain, Trinidad.
Position - Right back
Nationality - Trinidad.
Trinidad & Tobago International
Ex-Defence Force, Wrexham
Signed August 2005.

10 - WARREN FEENEY
Date of birth 17/1/81 - Belfast
Position - Forward
Nationality - Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland Schools/
Youth/Under-21/Senior
International
Ex-Lees, AFC Bournemouth,

Stockport. Signed £175,000
March 2005.

2 - KEVIN FOLEY
Date of birth 1/11/84 - Luton
Position - Full-back
Nationality - Ireland
Republic of Ireland Under-21
International
Ex-trainee, signed full pro March
2004.

26 - MARKUS HEIKKINEN
Date of birth 13/10/78 - Finland
Position - Defender
Nationality - Finland
Finland International
Ex-HJK Helsinki, Portsmouth,
Aberdeen. Signed free July
2005.

27 - PETER HOLMES
Date of birth 18/11/80 - Bishop
Auckland
Position - Midfield
Nationality - England
Ex-England Schools/Youth
International
Ex-Sheffield Wednesday
trainee/full pro. Signed free
August 2000.

19 - STEVE HOWARD
Date of birth 10/5/76 - Durham
Position - Forward
Nationality - England
Ex-Tow Law, Hartlepool Utd.,
Northampton. Signed £50,000
March 2001.

21 - KEITH KEANE
Date of birth 20/11/86 - Luton
Position - Full-back
Nationality - England
Ex-trainee, signed full pro
August 2001. On loan to Bristol
Rovers for the past month.

23 - DEAN MORGAN
Date of birth 3/10/83 - Enfield.
Position - Left Midfield
Nationality - England
Ex-Colchester Utd. trainee/full
pro, Reading. Signed July 2005.

8 - KEVIN NICHOLLS
Date of birth 2/1/79 - Newham.
Position - Midfield
Nationality - England
Ex-England Youth International
Ex-Charlton trainee/full pro,
Brighton (loan), Wigan Athletic.
Signed initial £25,000 August
2001.

15 - STEVE O'LEARY
Date of birth 12/2/85 - Barnet
Position - Midfield
Nationality - Ireland
Ex-Republic of Ireland Youth
International
Ex-trainee, signed full pro
August 2004.

5 - RUSSELL PERRETT
Date of birth 18/6/73
- Barton-on-Sea
Position - Defender
Nationality - England
Ex-Lymington, Portsmouth,
Cardiff City (July 1999 - August
2001, 35 Lge/Cup apps).
Signed August 2001.

11 - STEVE ROBINSON
Date of birth 10/12/74
- Lisburn.
Position - Midfield
Nationality - Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland Schools/
Youth/U-21/B/Full International
AFC Bournemouth, Preston,
Bristol City (loan).
Signed £50,000 June 2002.

25 - DINO SEREMET
Date of birth 16/8/80 - Slovenia.
Position - Goalkeeper.
Nationality - Slovenia
Ex-Sheffield Wednesday
trainee/full pro. Signed July 2004.

16 - ENOCH SHOWUMNI
Date of birth 21/4/82
- Kilburn, London
Position - Forward
Nationality - England
Ex-Willesden Constantine FC.
Signed September 2003.

6 - PAUL UNDERWOOD
Date of birth 16/8/73 -
Wimbledon
Position - Left-back/midfield.
Nationality - England.
Ex-England semi-pro
International
Ex-Kingstonian, Molesey, Sutton
Utd., Carshalton, Enfield,
Rushden & Diamonds.
Signed free March 2004.

9 - ROWAN VINE
Date of birth 21/9/82 -
Basingstoke
Position - Forward
Nationality - England
Ex-Portsmouth trainee/full pro.,
Brentford (loan), Colchester
(loan), Luton (loan - 2004/05).
Signed July 2005 £250,000.

THEIR 2005-06 RECORD:

Date	Opponent	Venue	F-A	Att.
Aug 06	Crystal Palace (CCC)	A	2-1	21,166
Aug 09	Southampton (CCC)	H	3-2	9,447
Aug 13	Leeds United (CCC)	H	0-0	10,102
Aug 20	Stoke City (CCC)	A	1-2	8,653
Aug 23	Leyton Orient (CC1)	A	3-1	2,383
Aug 27	Leicester City (CCC)	A	2-0	22,048
Aug 29	Millwall (CCC)	H	2-1	8,220
Sept 10	Wolves (CCC)	H	1-1	10,248
Sept 13	Q.P.R. (CCC)	A	0-1	13,492
Sept 17	Hull City (CCC)	A	1-0	19,184
Sept 20	Reading (CC2)	A	0-1	6,941
Sept 23	Sheffield Wed. (CCC)	H	2-2	8,267
Sept 27	Preston N.E. (CCC)	H	3-0	7,815

THIS SEASON'S SCORERS (LEAGUE AND CUP):

Howard 5, Brkovic 4, Feeney 3, Nicholls 3 (1 pen.),
Morgan 2, Coyne 1, Davies (now West Bromwich
Albion) 1, Alexander (Leyton Orient) o.g.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

Date	Opponent	Venue
Oct 15	Crewe Alexandra (CCC)	A
Oct 18	Norwich City (CCC)	H
Oct 22	Plymouth Argyle (CCC)	H

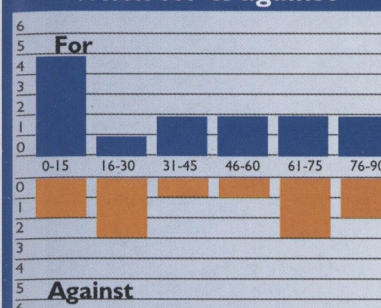
.... AND OUR VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD:

Tuesday, 14th February, 2006 (7.45 p.m.)

Cardiff City v. Luton Town



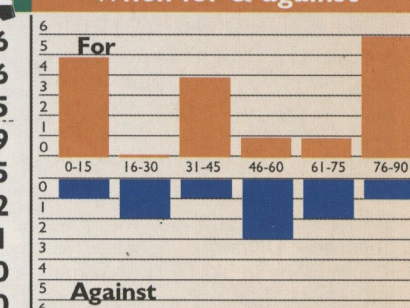
When for & against



Where & how scored

4	Close range	6
8	Inside 18yd box	6
2	Outside 18yd box	5
7	Shots	9
4	Headers	5
1	Volleys	2
2	Penalties	1
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0

When for & against



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Stoke	A	3-0
Millwall	A	0-0
Palace	H	1-0
Leicester	H	1-0
Burnley	A	3-3
Wolves	H	2-2

Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	2
Lost when Ahead	0

Discipline

Fouls committed	148
Average per game	14.8
Yellow cards	20
Red cards	0

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	4
Scored from corner	3
Conc from corner	0

Strike ratio

Shots on target	42
Goals scored	14
% shots scored	33.3
Divisional rating	1

Top scorer

Goals Scored	7
Games Played	10
Points Won	2

Cameron Jerome

Seasonal progress comparison

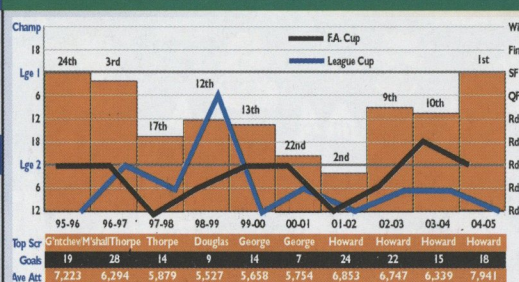


Best winning sequence	2	Best winning sequence	2
Worst losing sequence	2	Worst losing sequence	0

Last meeting at Ninian Park 26/8/02

	0-0	
Attendance	13,564	Referee Dansie
Alexander, Campbell (Boland), Croft, Fortune-West (Earnshaw), Gabbidon, Kavanagh (Maxwell), Legg, Prior, Thorne, Weston, Whalley	Boyce, Brkovic, Coyne, Crowe, Davis, Howard, Nicholls, Perrett, Roberts, Spring, Hughes (Robinson)	
Booked Campbell	Booked Davis, Howard,	Sent Off none
 Sent Off	 Sent Off	Sent Off Spring

Luton's Last 10 Years



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Preston	H	3-0
Sheff Wed	H	2-2
Hull	A	1-0
QPR	A	0-1
Wolves	H	1-1
Millwall	H	2-1

Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	2
Drawn when Ahead	1
Lost when Ahead	1

Discipline

Fouls committed	153
Average per game	13.91
Yellow cards	14
Red cards	1

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	5
Conc from free kick	1
Scored from corner	0
Conc from corner	3

Strike ratio

Shots on target	74
Goals scored	17
% shots scored	23
Divisional rating	8

Top scorer

Goals Scored	5
Games Played	9
Points Won	5

Steve Howard

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LUTON KNOCK US OUT OF THE CUP

STANT GOAL - BUT LUTON SCORE A CONTROVERSIAL F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND WINNER!

IT was the last occasion on which we reached the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, and we were knocked out by today's visitors Luton Town with a controversial goal that is still the subject of debate amongst our fans who were here that day.

The season was 1993/94 - we had won promotion from the former Division Three as Champions in '92/93, but in mid-February 1994 we were just two points off the Second Division relegation zone, though with several games in hand on the sides around us. Our Team Manager was Eddie May who had been upgraded from Youth Team Coach in July 1991 when he succeeded Len Ashurst, while Luton, then seventeenth in Division One (now the Coca-Cola Championship) were managed by David Pleat who was in his second spell in charge.

LONG HAUL

It had been a long haul for us to reach Round Five - our run started at non-league Enfield in the First Round when a 0-0 draw had been followed by a 1-0 replay win at Ninian Park with a

Nathan Blake goal. Then came a Second Round victory at Brentford (own goal, Phil Stant and Tony Bird) before we played First Division Middlesbrough at home in Round Three. They were managed by Lennie Lawrence, later to join us, and we drew 2-2 in front of 13,750. The replay took place at their former Ayresome Park ground with Graham Kavanagh coming into their line-up for the first time in several weeks. Phil Stant gave us the lead, but Graham equalised to take the match into extra time when Nathan Blake scored to give us a 2-1 victory.

Round Four saw Premiership Manchester City at Ninian Park. Their manager was Brian Horton, recently here with Macclesfield Town, and a near-capacity 20,486 saw Blake score a superb second-half winner. We survived a late penalty when 'keeper Mark Grew saved Keith Curle's spot-kick to give us a 1-0 win. So it was now Luton Town here in Round Five.

NATHAN HAD GONE

We had not reached the Sixth round since our F.A. Cup-winning year of 1927, but our fans were confident that we could at last



NATHAN BLAKE HAD SCORED AGAINST MANCHESTER CITY TO GIVE US A FIFTH ROUND TIE AGAINST LUTON IN '93/94

make it to the quarter-finals after a gap of sixty-seven years!. It was a Sunday afternoon game shown 'live' on BBC Wales TV, and we made one enforced change from the side that had played in the 2-0 League defeat at Burnley eight days earlier. Nathan Blake had been transferred to Premiership Sheffield United for £300,000 just three days before the Luton tie with the proviso that, if the Yorkshire side stayed up, then they would pay another

£200,000. At the time, The Blades looked to have no chance, but a gallant recovery left them needing just one point for safety when they went to Chelsea in their final game. A last-minute goal saw them lose 3-2 and go down - had they held on, they would have stayed up on goal difference. It was a Chelsea goal that cost Bluebirds Owner/Chairman Rick Wright £200,000!

So Carl Dale, well on the way to full fitness after being hampered by his knee-injury of mid-December 1992, came in for his first start of the season after three substitute appearances in the previous three matches. In the Luton line-up was 18 year-old John Hartson who had originally joined them as an apprentice. Already a Wales Under-21 International and in the Wales B squad, he was at the start of a goalscoring career which still continues with Celtic and Wales.

We were 1-0 down to a Scott Oakes goal after thirty-nine minutes, and in first-half injury-time our 'keeper Mark Grew was hurt in a collision with John Hartson. Phil Kite took over for the second half - his first appearance since late-October - and we equalised twenty minutes after the re-start when Phil Stant, who had come on for Carl Dale, scored with a fierce shot after Garry Thompson had headed down a Derek Brazil cross into his path.

OFFSIDE, OR NOT?

Five minutes later came the incident that Bluebirds fans still remember - a back-pass to Kite at the Grange End was cleared to the half-way line by Kite who was being closed down by a Luton opponent. As the Luton player jogged back, one of his team-mates hit a long ball to Dave Preece on their right. He wasn't offside, but the other Luton player jogging back was in an offside position in the middle of our half. Our defenders



PHIL STANT HITS AN EQUALISER AGAINST LUTON IN THAT FEBRUARY '94 CUP TIE, BUT LUTON WERE 2-1 WINNERS

stopped, expecting a linesman's flag that never came, Referee Roger Dilkes waved play on reckoning that the Luton player was not interfering with play. So Dave Preece went on unchallenged to score what proved the winner in their 2-1 victory.

So we were out of the F.A. Cup and eventually finished the season in nineteenth place, avoiding relegation by just two points! Luton went on to defeat West Ham United after a Sixth Round replay before losing 2-0 against Chelsea in the semi-final. But for us there was still the target of retaining the Welsh Senior Cup. We lost, however, to Barry Town 2-1 in the Final at the old National Stadium. The following season (1994/95) it was back to Round One of the F.A. Cup, and a return to Enfield where we had started out in the '93/94 competition. This time, though, there was no F.A. Cup run for us - Enfield were 1-0 winners!

February 20th 1994
F.A. Cup Fifth Round
CARDIFF CITY (0) 1
LUTON TOWN (1) 2
Attendance 17,296

Bluebirds

Mark Grew (sub. Phil Kite), Derek Brazil, Damon Searle, Paul Millar, Lee Baddeley, Jason Perry, Garry Thompson, Nick Richardson, Tony Bird, Carl Dale (sub. Phil Stant (1)), Cohen Griffith. Sub. not used - Darren Adams

Hatters

Juergen Sommer, Des Linton, Julian James, Alan Harper, Trevor Peake, John Dreyer, Paul Telfer, Scott Oakes (1), John Hartson (sub. Kerry Dixon), Dave Preece (1), Ceri Hughes. Subs not used - Andy Pettersen, Tony Thorpe.



OUR FIRST TEAM SQUAD IN FEBRUARY 1994 BACK (FROM LEFT) - GARRY THOMPSON, PAUL MILLAR, MARK AIZLEWOOD, NICK RICHARDSON. MIDDLE (FROM LEFT) - TONY BIRD, LEE BADDELEY, PHIL KITE, MARK GREW, STEVE WILLIAMS, PHIL STANT, DEREK BRAZIL. FRONT (FROM LEFT) - COHEN GRIFFITH, DAMON SEARLE, CARL DALE, ROGER GIBBINS (COACH), EDDIE MAY (TEAM-MANAGER), JASON PERRY (CAPTAIN), NATHAN WIGG, NATHAN BLAKE.

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FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY UPDATE WITH LEE ROBINSON



News today comes from the Rhondda Cynon Taf with Football Development officers Gary Wilmot and our very own Scott Young.

Schools Programme always growing

A number of new schools have signed up for both curriculum time coaching with the penalty shoot-out day, and non-contact teaching time sessions. This has not only involved normal coaching outside, but involved the Football in the Community staff delivering a number of school classroom sessions, which include:

Healthy Living Programme
Network Rail –rail safety lessons
FAW trust accreditation programme
Learning Through Football modules.

What's happening WITH GARY AND SCOTT!

Our U8 and U9 Coaching centre is now being held at Ystrad Rhondda Sports Centre on Mondays between 6-7p.m. We currently have 30 players now attending. The 5-7 years babes centre is held at Porth Comprehensive 4.30-6p.m. with 34 players receiving regular training on basic skills. The aim of the Coaching Centre is to give both boys and girls the opportunity for developing key skills in a fun, but safe environment.

New Goalkeepers session this will be commencing at Porth very soon. Any budding young goalkeepers interested between the ages of 7-14, should contact the number below to enrol. Goalkeeper training-02920348050 or 07980575442



SAM AND THE BOYS WITH THE RCT SOCCER SCHOOL

New Initiatives!

Our partnership with the local Authority has seen us link up with the regional FAW Trust Officer Tony Avo.

In partnership we will be working within schools in delivering the FAW Trust Schools accreditation award. The aim is for the schools to reach a required standard – gold, silver or bronze, which will recognise quality provision for the delivery of football within the school. We at the Football in the Community welcome such an initiative.

Recycling – an important message to deliver!

Cardiff City Football in the Community is pleased to announce a new partnership with R.C.T. Environmental services. Driven by Mr. Nigel Wheeler and Scott Young a partnership has been created where the recycling message will be delivered into schools within the borough. Children will learn all about the importance of recycling and the hazards of litter. We see this as an excellent link within RCT and are happy to join forces with the likes of Keith Cooper, Neil Jenkins and Dale Macintosh in delivering the message.

October Half-Term Soccer Camps:

Aberdare – Monday 24th October
Mountain Ash Astro Turf –
Standard Course 5-14 years

Pontypridd – Tuesday 25th October
Ynysyngharad Park –
Super Strikers Course 5-14 years

Community First Fun Days –
Darren Las – Wednesday 26th October
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A TWO GOAL CITY COMEBACK SECURES A THIRD ROUND SPOT



TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER AT NINIAN PARK

7:45pm Attendance: 3,849

Jason Koumas gave the Bluebirds a route into the third round of the Carling Cup under the Ninian Park floodlights and in front of just under four thousand fans.

His excellently taken eighty first minute free-kick into the top right corner, plus Joe Ledley's early second half drive were the difference between League Two's Macclesfield causing either extra time or an upset after taking an early lead due to an off par opening from the Bluebirds.

As expected, Dave Jones gave some of the Bluebirds a rest after a pretty hectic run of league games. Michael Ricketts was cup-tied after his run out with Leeds in round one, while Cameron Jerome was also rested.

This resulted in an up front pairing of Alan Lee and Stuart Fleetwood.

The formality of a Cup run was severely put to the test after only five minutes in a half that the Bluebirds looked out of sorts. Macclesfield star man Martin Bullock bagged the first after a break on the left. The Silkmen held out until the start of the second half, when City upped a gear to score their first via Joe Ledley.

Extra time seemed a possibility until the introduction of Jason Koumas from the bench and a superb free kick. With a tight angle to aim at over the wall, he somehow managed to hit the ball with a stunning right peg into the top corner to finally give City the win, plus a route into the third round where we are set to entertain Leicester City for a second time this season.

DAVE'S VERDICT

I feel sorry for Brian (Horton, Macclesfield manager), but we have played poorly and still gone through to the third round.

Macclesfield were up for the game, but we played at a tempo that wasn't going to hurt them in the first half. Some of my players thought it was a stroll and we had our backsides kicked during the first half.

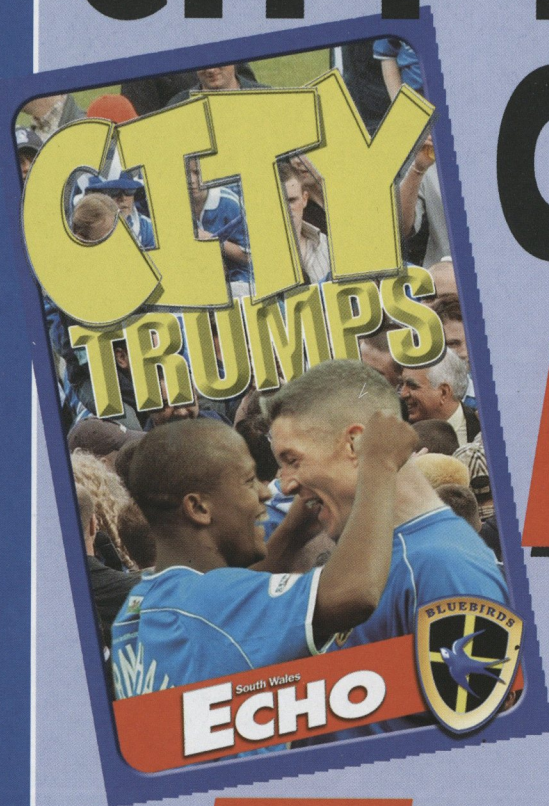
We made life difficult for ourselves, we got caught because we were sloppy and the lad (Martin Bullock) put it away well. We were better in the second half, but our tempo was far too low. But we squeezed them, got the equaliser and then Jason Koumas' goal is top draw - it was well worth the admission fee just for that.



	CARDIFF	SILKMEN
Goals	2	1
Possession	61%	39%
Shots On Target	2	0
Shots Off Target	9	5
Corners	6	4
Fouls	10	9
Most Fouls	Lee(4)	Barras(4)
Yellow Cards	1	1
Red Cards	0	0

Cardiff: Margetson, Weston, Purse, Cox, Barker, Ardley, Ledley, Whitley, Parry (Koumas 72), Lee, Fleetwood (Ferretti 62).
Subs Not Used: Alexander, Darlington, Mulryne.
Booked: Whitley.
Macclesfield: Fettis, Sandwith, Morley, Swailes, Barras (Beresford 83), Briscoe, Bullock, McIntyre, Whitaker, Harsley, Miles.
Subs Not Used: Townson, Deasy, Smart, Brightwell.
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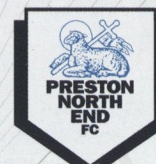


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MORGAN FILER celebrated his seventh birthday at the Crystal Palace game with family and friends. He attends Llanyrafon Primary School, his favourite player is Neil Alexander, his hobbies are Brazilian Soccer Schools, swimming, playing with Lego and Star Wars and playing football for Llanyrafon FC. He is pictured with his friends in the Birthday Box with Phil Mulryne and Jermaine Darlington.

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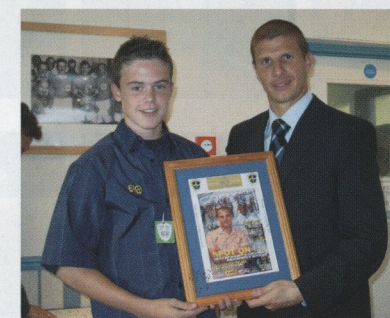


TODAYS MATCH SPONSOR THOMAS OF BARRY

Match sponsors for the Crystal Palace match were Thomas of Barry Coaches. They are seen here with their guests on the pitch prior to the game.



The matchball sponsors of the day were Davis Langdon. Neil Cox presents James Leighton with an autographed football.



ACJ Properties were programme sponsors. Gareth Durston is seen here being presented with the signed programme by Neil Cox



Man of the match, chosen by Thomas of Barry Coaches, was Michael Ricketts. Dave Evans presents Michael with a bottle of champagne.

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DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	LINE-UP	SCORERS
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Substitutes (if used) replaced Number in brackets ● Goalscorer ● Own Goal

Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A	Att.	(Away att.)	Pts.	Pos.
Sat 6 Aug	Ipswich Town (FLC)	3.00pm	A	0-1	24,292	(1,115)	0 -
Tue 9 Aug	Leeds United (FLC)	7.45pm	H	2-1	15,231	(541)	3 10
Fri 12 Aug	Watford (FLC)	7.45pm	H	1-3	9,256	(245)	3 18
Sat 20 Aug	Derby County (FLC)	3.00pm	A	1-2	23,152	(1,135)	3 21
Wed 24 Aug	Colchester United (CC1)	7.45pm	A	2-0	1,904	(250)	- -
Sat 27 Aug	Wolverhampton W. (FLC)	3.00pm	H	2-2	11,502	(1,378)	4 19
Sat 10 Sept	Burnley (FLC)	3.00pm	A	3-3	10,431	(501)	5 21
Tue 13 Sept	Leicester City (FLC)	7.45pm	H	1-0	9,159	(430)	8 16
Sat 17 Sept	Crystal Palace (FLC)	3.00pm	H	1-0	11,647	(930)	11 12
Tue 20 Sept	Macclesfield Town (CC2)	7.45pm	H	2-1	3,849	(25)	- -
Sat 24 Sept	Millwall (FLC)	3.00pm	A	0-0	9,254	(638)	12 14
Tue 27 Sept	Stoke City (FLC)	7.45pm	A	3-0	12,240	(525)	15 9
Sat 1 Oct	Luton Town (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 15 Oct	Brighton & Hove A. (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Tue 18 Oct	Preston North End (FLC)	7.45pm	H				
Sat 22 Oct	Crewe Alexandra (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Wed 26 Oct	Leicester City (CC3)	7.45pm	H				
Sat 29 Oct	Sheffield United (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Tue 1 Nov	Norwich City (FLC)	7.45pm	A				
Sun 6 Nov	Coventry City (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Wed 9 Nov	Sheffield Wednesday (FLC)	7.45pm	A				
Sat 19 Nov	Preston North End (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Tue 22 Nov	Brighton & Hove A. (FLC)	7.45pm	H				
Sun 27 Nov	Ipswich Town (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 3 Dec	Hull City (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 10 Dec	Leeds United (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 17 Dec	Derby County (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Mon 26 Dec	Plymouth Argyle (FLC)	1.00pm	H				
Wed 28 Dec	Queens Park Rangers (FLC)	7.45pm	A				
Sat 31 Dec	Southampton (FLC)	1.00pm	H				
Mon 2 Jan	Reading (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 7 Jan	F.A. Cup 3rd Round						
Sat 14 Jan	Burnley (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 21 Jan	Leicester City (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 28 Jan	F.A. Cup 4th Round						
Tue 31 Jan	Millwall (FLC)	7.45pm	H				
Sat 4 Feb	Crystal Palace (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 11 Feb	Stoke City (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Tue 14 Feb	Luton Town	7.45pm	A				
Sat 18 Feb	Hull City (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 25 Feb	Watford (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 4 Mar	Sheffield Wednesday (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 11 Mar	Wolverhampton W. (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 18 Mar	Plymouth Argyle (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 25 Mar	Queens Park Rangers (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 1 Apr	Southampton (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 8 Apr	Reading (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Mon 17 Apr	Crewe Alewandra (FLC)	3.00pm	A				
Sat 22 Apr	Norwich City (FLC)	3.00pm	H				
Sun 30 Apr	Coventry City (FLC)	3.00pm	A				

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
2005/06

(not including last night's match)

TEAM	HOME						AWAY						(GD) Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1. Sheffield United .	11	6	0	0	14-4		4	0	1	10-6		(+14) 30	
2. Reading	11	4	0	1	12-5		3	3	0	7-1		(+13) 24	
3. Luton Town . . .	11	3	3	0	11-6		3	0	2	6-4		(+7) 21	
4. Wolverhampton W.	11	3	1	1	7-4		2	3	1	10-6		(+7) 19	
5. Watford	11	2	1	2	8-7		3	2	1	12-8		(+5) 18	
6. Leeds United	10	3	1	1	10-7		2	1	2	3-3		(+3) 17	
7. Southampton . .	11	2	4	0	4-1		1	3	1	8-8		(+3) 16	
8. Q.P.R.	11	3	1	1	5-3		1	3	2	5-9		(-2) 16	
9. Stoke City	11	2	1	3	6-11		3	0	2	5-6		(-6) 16	
10. CARDIFF CITY	10	3	1	1	7-6		1	2	2	7-6		(+2) 15	
11. Crystal Palace . .	10	4	1	1	9-3		0	1	3	4-7		(+3) 14	
12. Ipswich Town . .	11	2	1	2	5-8		2	1	3	5-8		(-6) 14	
13. Preston North End	11	0	3	2	1-5		3	1	2	10-8		(-2) 13	
14. Derby County . .	11	1	3	1	7-7		1	3	2	8-9		(-1) 12	
15. Hull City	11	1	2	2	3-3		2	1	3	5-6		(-1) 12	
16. Coventry City . .	11	2	2	1	8-5		0	4	2	5-10		(-2) 12	
17. Norwich City . . .	11	2	3	2	7-6		1	0	3	3-6		(-2) 12	
18. Leicester City . .	11	2	2	2	7-6		0	3	2	4-8		(-3) 11	
19. Burnley	11	2	3	1	14-8		0	1	4	3-8		(+1) 10	
20. Brighton & Hove A.	11	1	2	2	6-7		0	5	1	5-7		(-3) 10	
21. Crewe Alexandra	11	1	3	2	6-11		0	3	2	4-7		(-8) 9	
22. Millwall	11	0	3	3	3-6		2	0	3	6-11		(-8) 9	
23. Plymouth Argyle	11	1	2	2	5-7		1	1	4	2-6		(-8) 9	
24. Sheffield Wed. . .	10	1	1	2	3-4		0	3	3	3-8		(-6) 7	

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	S	S
Cox	Ardley	Boland	Jerome	Parry	Cooper	Warner	Weston	Loovens	Mulryne (8)	Lee (10)
Cox	Ardley	Boland	Jerome	Parry	Cooper	Warner	Loovens	Koumas (8)	Mulryne (11)	Lee (10)
Cox	Cooper	Mulryne	Jerome	Parry	Ardley	Margetson	Loovens (6)	Weston	Koumas (8)	Lee (10)
Cox	Ardley	Koumas	Jerome	Parry	Cooper	Margetson	Loovens	Boland (11)	Mulryne	Lee (10)
Loovens	Boland	Koumas	Jerome	Lee	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Mulryne	Parry (3)	Ferretti (9)
Loovens	Boland	Koumas	Jerome	Lee	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Darlington	Ardley (11)	Ferretti (10)
Loovens	Koumas	Ledley	Jerome	Ricketts	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Ardley	Parry (11)	Lee (10)
Loovens	Koumas	Ledley	Jerome	Ricketts	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Ardley (7)	Parry (11)	Lee (10)
Loovens	Koumas	Ledley	Jerome	Ricketts	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Ardley	Parry (11)	Lee
Cox	Ardley	Fleetwood	Lee	Ledley	Parry	Alexander	Darlington	Koumas (11)	Mulryne	Ferretti (8)
Loovens	Koumas	Jerome	Ricketts	Ledley	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Ardley	Parry	Lee (9)
Loovens	Koumas	Ricketts	Jerome	Ledley	Cooper	Margetson	Cox	Ardley	Parry (11)	Lee (8)

GAMES/GOALS 2005/06

(including last Tuesday's game against Stoke City)

PLAYER	GAMES			GOALS		
	Lge	Cup	(Total)	Lge	Cup	(Total)
Neil ALEXANDER	10 + 0s	1 + 0s	(11)	0	0	(0)
Neal ARDLEY	4 + 2s	1 + 0s	(7)	0	0	(0)
Chris BARKER	9 + 0s	2 + 0s	(11)	0	0	(0)
Willie BOLAND	3 + 1s	1 + 0s	(5)	0	0	(0)
Kevin COOPER	10 + 0s	1 + 0s	(11)	0	0	(0)
Neil COX	4 + 0s	1 + 0s	(5)	0	0	(0)
Jermaine DARLINGTON	4 + 0s	0 + 0s	(4)	0	0	(0)
Andrea FERRETTI	0 + 1s	0 + 2s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Stuart FLEETWOOD	0 + 0s	1 + 0s	(1)	0	0	(0)
Cameron JEROME	10 + 0s	1 + 0s	(11)	7	1	(8)
Jason KOUMAS	7 + 2s	1 + 1s	(11)	1	1	(2)
Joe LEDLEY	6 + 0s	1 + 0s	(7)	0	0	(0)
Alan LEE	1 + 8s	2 + 0s	(11)	0	0	(0)
Glen LOOVENS	6 + 1s	1 + 0s	(8)	1	0	(1)
Martyn MARGETSON	0 + 0s	1 + 0s	(1)	0	0	(0)
Phil MULRYNE	1 + 2s	0 + 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Paul PARRY	4 + 4s	1 + 1s	(10)	0	0	(0)
Darren PURSE	10 + 0s	2 + 0s	(12)	32P	1P	(4)
Michael RICKETTS	5 + 0s	0 + 0s	(5)	2	0	(2)
Rhys WESTON	6 + 0s	2 + 0s	(8)	0	0	(0)
Jeff WHITLEY	10 + 0s	2 + 0s	(12)	0	0	(0)

Maximum 10 Lge, 2 Cup
+ Substitute Appearance (if used) P Penalty

NINIAN PARK SAFETY GUIDE



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DATE OPPOSITION RESULT LINE-UP SCORERS

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Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A	Pts.	Pos.
Tue 16 Aug	Luton Town (CPO)	2.00pm	A	4-1	-
Wed 7 Sept	Yeovil Town (PHC)	2.00pm	H	2-0	3
Wed 5 Oct	Plymouth Argyle (PHC)	7.00pm	A		
Wed 12 Oct	Plymouth Argyle (Cup)	2.00pm	H		
Wed 26 Oct	Cheltenham Town (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Wed 2 Nov	Yeovil Town (Cup)	7.00pm	A		
Wed 9 Nov	Bristol Rovers (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Tue 15 Nov	Swindon Town (PHC)	2.00pm	A		
Wed 30 Nov	Bristol City (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Wed 11 Jan	Yeovil Town (PHC)	7.00pm	A		
Wed 18 Jan	Bristol City (Cup)	2.00pm	A		
Wed 25 Jan	AFC Bournemouth (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Wed 8 Feb	Bristol City (PHC)	2.00pm	A		
Wed 22 Feb	Swansea City (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Wed 8 Mar	Plymouth Argyle (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
Tue 14 Mar	AFC Bournemouth (PHC)	2.00pm	A		
Wed 22 Mar	Cheltenham Town (Cup)	2.00pm	H		
Tue 28 Mar	Cheltenham Town (PHC)	7.00pm	A		
Mon 3 Apr	Bristol Rovers (PHC)	7.00pm	A		
Wed 19 Apr	Swindon Town (PHC)	2.00pm	H		
TBA	Swansea City (PHC)	7.00pm	A		

1 Allison	2 Taylor	3 Jacobson	4 Ledley ●	5 Anthony ●	6 Parslow	7 Kift ●	8 Fish	9 Fleetwood	10 Campbell	11 McDonald	12 Robinson	13 Morgan R.	14 Jenkins	15 Coombes (4)	16 Khalil (7)
17 Allison	18 Morgan R.	19 Jacobson	20 Fish	21 Parslow	22 Jenkins	23 Khalil ●	24 Koskela	25 Taylor	26 McCoubrey	27 Kift	28 Dawe (11)	29 Coombes	30 Blake	31 Jones C. (7)	32 Jones M. (10) ●

CPO – Championship Play-Off H – Home Match A – Away Match PHC – Pontins Holidays Combination Wales & West Divisions Cup – Pontins Holidays Combination Cup

PLYMOUTH TWICE IN A WEEK

We are next in action at Plymouth Argyle this coming Wednesday, 5th October in what is the first of two consecutive matches against Argyle since we play them again at Ninian Park a week later, the first game being in the league, the second one in the league cup.

But we have not been in action since our last league match at home to Yeovil Town on September 7th when we were 2-0 winners. We had a 2-1 win in a friendly match against Wycombe Wanderers at their training ground ten days ago, while last Wednesday

we drew 2-2 against Team Bath at Treforest with two first half goals from Andrea Ferretti before Team Bath pulled it back in the second half. We played them in pre-season when it was a good game, and they are always useful opponents. They are a student side from Bath University and are always very fit.

BIG SQUAD AT WYCOMBE

That victory over Wycombe was a very good performance – we took a big squad of players, with the older boys in the starting line-up. We were 1-0 up at half-time through Joe Jacobson who showed a great piece of skill to beat a defender and set himself up for a shot which the 'keeper blocked, and Joe put the rebound away. Jon Kift scored in the second half after a good piece of work by Andrea Ferretti.

For the last twenty minutes we introduced eight or nine of the younger lads which was good experience for them, and although Wycombe pulled one back, we were deserved winners. That match gave us the opportunity of playing against different opponents because in the Pontins Holidays Combination we are playing the same opponents regularly in league or cup competition, and over the next couple of months we are trying to arrange friendly fixtures against reserve sides of



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A DAY AT THE RACES

After our success of last season in winning our section of the league, followed by our Championship play-off win against Luton, the manager was in full agreement with my suggestion that we take the squad on an outing last Monday, and we went to Bath Races. It's important that we create a sense of togetherness amongst the young lads – it wasn't so much a reward, though winning the league and the play-off was a good achievement. We had a good day – some of us won, some of us lost – but we enjoyed it, and that was the main thing.



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Fe allen ni fynd 'mlaen a rhoi tipyn o hanes teulu'r Herberts a briododd i fewn i deulu'r Stuarts, a ddaeth yn leirll Bute ac a gomisiynodd Capability Brown ('na chi enw od i rhoi i blentyn) i adeiladu gerddi ond bydde neb a lot o ddiddordeb mewn rhyw hanes sych, bydde fe?

Well gen i fwydro am amser ar lysenw ein gwrthwynebwyr heddiw, "Yr Hetwyr".

"Hetiw'r", yn ôl Geiriadur Saesneg Rhydychen, yw "un sy'n cyflenwi anghenion penwisg dynion". A wyddoch chi beth yw'r enw am un sy'n cyflenwi anghenion cyffelyb i fenywod? "Hetwraig", neu "milliner" yn Saesneg. Beth yw'r gwahaniaeth rhwng cynhyrchu a gwerthu hetiau i ddynion a menywod? Pam y gwahanol enwau? Heno, fe fyddaf yn mynd i'r Siop sgloodion. Fe fyddaf yn prynu pastai (neu i fod yn fanwl gywir, pastai Clarkies) a sgloods i fy mab a fy merch. A fydd y person sy'n gwerthu'r bwyd i mi yn "Sgloodwr" pan yn paratoi bwyd fy mab, ond yn troi'n "Sgloodwraig" pan yn dosranni bwyd fy merch? Pam felly dewis llysenw sydd yn gwahaniaethu rhwng dynion a menywod? Dewch, bobl dda Luton, sortiwrch eich llysenw allan!

Mae'r broblem ddyrys yma, wrth gwrs, wedi codi chwant bwyd arna'i - ond am y tro, y gorau y galla'i wneud yw eich cyfeirio at yr erthygl fendigedig yma ar y basteien Glarkasaidd:

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Diolch i Peter Ugarte am ganiatau defnydd o'i Wêfan - ac wedi mwynhau pastai gore'r byd, dim ond un peth sydd i'w wneud - le - "Cefnogwch yr Adar Glâs drwy ganu mâs yn frâs!"

Y Bugail

Beth yw eich hoff bastai? A oes gennych chi dueddiadau mwy esoterig, neu a yw'r Clarkesie yn ennill bob tro i chi? Cyfaddefwch drwy e-bost i; Bugail@cc4web.tv, neu cysylltwch drwy'r post at Creu Cynnwys i'r We, Siambrau Gogleddol, Arcêd y Castell, Caerdydd CF10 1BX.

Welcome to Luton today - we could mention the fact that the historical Luton Hoo house in Bedfordshire was built by the same family who built a couple of castles around Cardiff in the 18th Century - but any landscape gardeners, historians and architects can get their excitement elsewhere frankly - this is a football programme! So instead we look at why some hatmakers are called "Hatters" and others are called "Milliners" - and realize that the concept simply doesn't translate into Welsh at all - it doesn't work with chips and pies at least which gives us the perfect excuse to talk about a Cardiff institution, the Clarkesie, with thanks to Blue Madness for allowing us to use his website as excellent illustration - now that's the sort of history lesson I enjoy!

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NEIL ALEXANDER	1			1	MARLON BERESFORD
JERMAINE DARLINGTON	2			2	KEVIN FOLEY
CHRIS BARKER	3			3	SOL DAVIS
JEFF WHITLEY	4			4	CHRIS COYNE
DARREN PURSE	5			5	RUSSELL PERRETT
NEIL COX	6			6	PAUL UNDERWOOD
NEAL ARDLEY	7			7	CARLOS EDWARDS
JASON KOUMAS	8			8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
ALAN LEE	9			9	ROWAN VINE
CAMERON JEROME	10			10	WARREN FEENEY
PAUL PARRY	11			11	STEVE ROBINSON
RHYS WESTON	12			12	
TONY WARNER	13			13	
WILLIE BOLAND	14			14	MICHAEL LEARY
GLENN LOOVENS	15			15	STEVEN O'LEARY
JOE LEDLEY	16			16	ENOCH SHOWUNMI
KEVIN COOPER	17			17	PAUL HUGHES
PHIL MULRYNE	18			18	AHMET BRKOVIC
TONI KOSKELA	19			19	STEVE HOWARD
BYRON ANTHONY	20			20	
DANIEL PARSLow	21			21	KEITH KEANE
STUART FLEETWOOD	22			22	DANNY STEVENS
MARTYN MARGETSON	23			23	DEAN MORGAN
MICHAEL RICKETTS	24			24	
ANDY CAMPBELL	25			25	DINO SEREMET
ANDREA FERRETTI	26			26	MARKUS HEIKKINEN
NICKY FISH	27			27	PETER HOLMES
JONATHAN KIFT	28			28	
ANTHONY TAYLOR	29			29	CALVIN ANDREW
	30			30	
	31			33	DEAN BRILL
	32			45	LEON BARNETT
	33			47	ROB BECKWITH
	34				
	35				

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RESULT HT FT

CARDIFF CITY

LUTON TOWN

BLUEBIRDS GOALS

HATTERS GOALS

ATTENDANCE

BLUEBIRDS MAN OF THE MATCH

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE

■ M. JONES

ASSISTANTS

■ A. PERLEJEWSKI

■ S. SNARTT

FOURTH OFFICIAL

■ P. N. GIBBS

NEXT HOME GAMES

PRESTON NORTH END

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
TUE., 18th OCT. 7.45PM

CREWE ALEXANDRA

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT., 22nd OCT. 3.00PM



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