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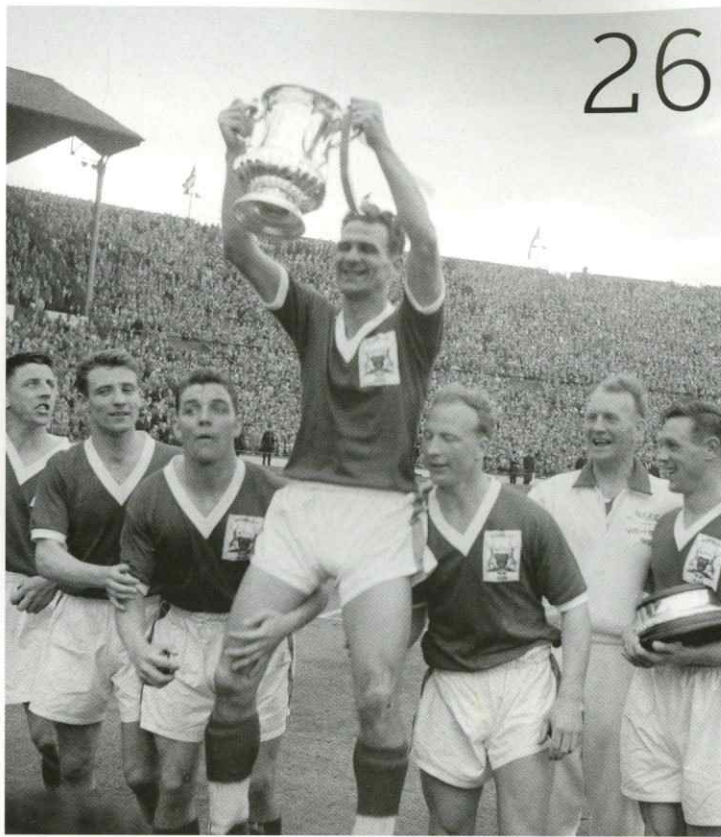
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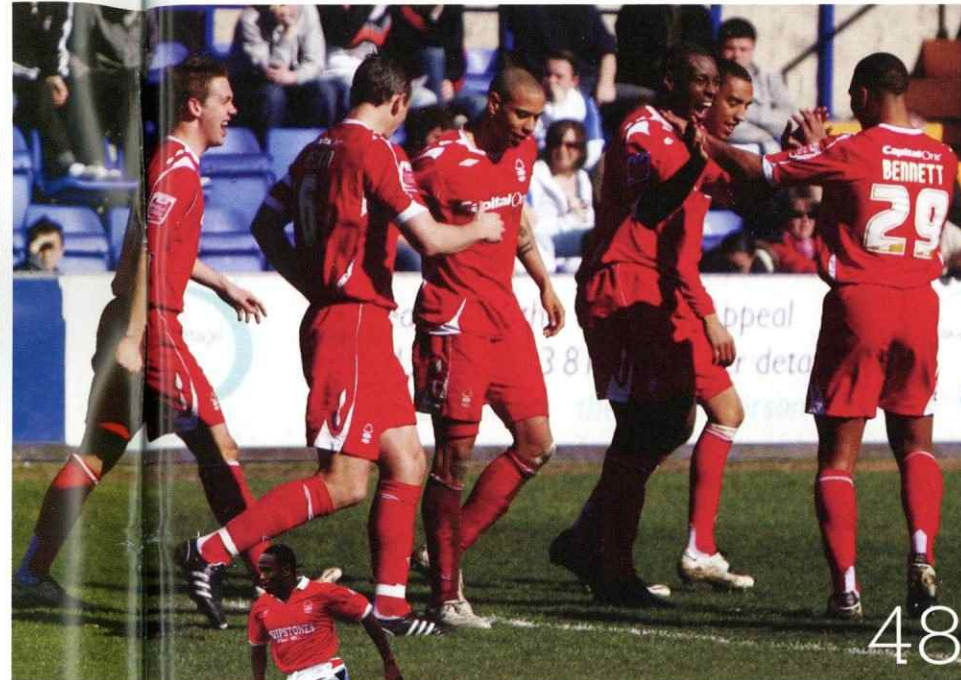
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colin the chair

CC's scouting report

Without all their financial problems that have piled up for Luton this season I'm sure they would have been in the promotion reckoning themselves.

But their troubles led to the club going into administration, which in itself led to a lot of their better players being shipped out to ease the cash situation.

It's not been a healthy situation but I know enough about Mick Harford to realise that they have a good man in charge who has the ability and the interests of the club close to his heart.

As a real tough centre forward you always knew you would be in for a rough ride against him and I'm sure he will

bring those qualities into his management of the club.

I'll also be meeting up with a former Scotland room-mate of mine in Don Hutchison, who has had a marvellous career in the game as a classy midfielder with some top clubs.

I hear that because of Luton's difficulties he's been playing as a centre half in recent weeks but he's always enjoyed playing the game and will put his lot into whatever role he's asked to fulfil.



I've been delighted with the way we have kept together as a group this season and it is something that bodes really well for us in the coming weeks.

There's been a tremendous spirit among the players whether they have been in the side or not but no one has allowed any personal disappointments to come before the interests of the team.

That's particularly the case where Ian Breckin is concerned.

He's club skipper and to all intents and purposes would have expected to have played more games than he has over the course of the season.

But the form of Kelvin Wilson and Wes Morgan is such that Ian has had to be satisfied with a lot of appearances on the bench.

When he has been called on, however, he has been absolutely superb – as was the case against Tranmere last weekend.

Kelvin dropped out but 'Brecks' slotted in alongside Wes and contributed hugely to us keeping another clean sheet and winning another match.

He did much the same when Wes had to leave the field against Carlisle at the beginning of the month but he went on and gave a really solid performance in another 2-0 victory.

His attitude has been spot-on and an example to any youngster. The benefits of having him around are immense for relatively young players like Kelvin and Wes because they just can't fail to learn from him.

'Brecks' won't mind me saying that he's coming to the end of his career but he's earned himself a new contract with the club and I've spoken to him about getting something from the remainder of his time at The City Ground.

CC's talking point

As a former Tottenham man you probably wouldn't expect me to be too sympathetic about the fact that for all their quality, Arsenal are set to end up with no silverware this season.

But I've got to say that every fair minded football person in the country cannot fail to appreciate the way they have played for much of the season. They have been so easy on the eye.

It is also an inescapable fact that they have had to accept a lot of knocks whether it be injuries to key players like Tomas Rosicky, Robin van Persie and Eduardo or some poor decisions that have gone against them.

If we do achieve our objective and win promotion, I don't think anyone in our dressing room will be more deserving of the success.

We were also able to welcome back Nathan Tyson at Tranmere and he made his mark with a goal that set us on the way to victory.

The frustrations he has had with his hamstring spasms have been well-documented this season but we really hope that we have got to the bottom of his problem once and for all.

We have had to be patient and cautious with him but our schedule of games will now be better for him and there is an optimism that we can keep him fit and in action in the coming weeks.

There is no doubt that a fit Nathan Tyson gives us an 'X' factor that opposition teams find difficult to handle. Certainly, our record with him in the side is very impressive and no one is any doubt what he can offer the team.

His goal was vital to us at Tranmere because we were under the cosh a bit at the start of the game and had to weather the pressure they applied.

But goals change football matches in dramatic ways and once we had taken the lead I felt fairly comfortable about going on and winning the game.

I would also like to say a big 'thank you' to the fans who travelled up to Birkenhead to watch us on the day.

The level of support we received was brilliant and it appeared to me that they were responding to seeing how much effort the players were putting into the game. Their backing was constant and contributed in no small way to us returning home with the three points.

I watched the first leg of their Champions League quarter final against Liverpool and they should certainly have had a penalty on the night – a crucial decision that could easily have tilted the tie their way.

There have been a lot of other incidents that have gone against them in recent times and those kind of things, plus the injuries have not helped them regain the flowing momentum they had over the first half of the season.

It will be interesting to see how they bounce back next season but they certainly have the talent to do so.





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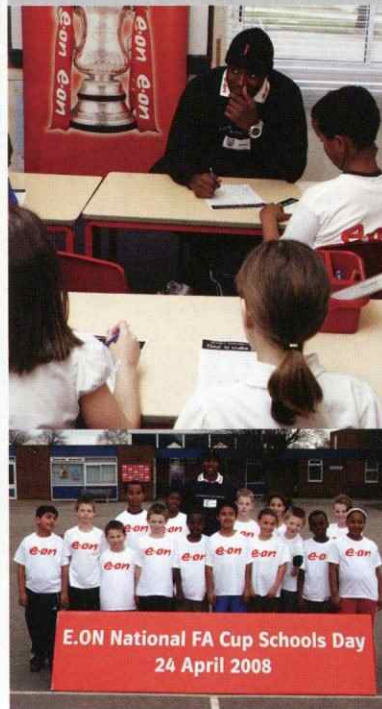
All the news from The City Ground

Lottery winner

Congratulations to Mrs Alisa Collins for scooping a £500 prize in the Forest Lottery.

Mrs Collins subscribes to the Lottery by direct debit and says this is the first thing she's ever won in her life.

She is pictured receiving her cheque from Arron Davies and Matt Lockwood before a recent game with husband and children, Rory (17), Suzy (15), Johnny (12) and Caroline (11) looking on.



Wes back at school

Wes Morgan took a step back in time last month to promote the E.ON National FA Cup Schools Day later this month.

The central defender went back to his old school, Welbeck Primary in Nottingham, to raise awareness of the event on April 24.

E.ON, sponsor of the FA Cup, hope more than 500,000 children will take part in the day and Wes's appearance was designed to encourage schools in Nottingham to sign up.

He said: "It was great going back to my old school and seeing a few familiar faces among the teaching staff. The E.ON National FA Cup Schools Day sounds like so much – it's a pity we didn't have anything like that when I was a kid."

Alan's 'thank you' to fans

Football doesn't hold too many surprises for Alan Wright after a career stretching back more than 20 years.

But he admits the backing he received from our supporters when he returned to The City Ground a fortnight ago was 'totally unexpected'.

The veteran defender, who had a spell on loan with us at the end of last season, was applauded off the pitch by both sets of fans as he was substituted 19 minutes from the end of our 3-1 win.

He was so moved that a few days later he contacted the club's programme department to ask whether he could express his gratitude in print.

Alan told us: "I cannot thank the Forest fans enough for the reception they gave me both before and during the game and when I was substituted towards the end.

"It was totally unexpected and just shows what a great set of supporters the club has. I would like to thank them for their backing and wish them and the club every success for the future."



E.ON – sponsor of the FA Cup – are looking to build on the huge success of last year when 300,000 children took part in FA Cup themed lessons.

This year, children from across the UK, will be treated to a series of themed activities, core subjects such as history, maths and English will be geared around the excitement, history and tradition of the Cup.

In addition, lessons will also include information on how children can help the environment with handy hints and tips from E.ON's carbonfootprint.com campaign, which aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the FA Cup.



Picturing the glory days

Paul Ellis, Chairman of our Supporters' Club, would love to see a little success before he stands down from his role

Around six years ago Paul Ellis slipped almost unnoticed and, by his own admission, somewhat unexpectedly into the chairmanship of our Supporters' Club.

It's not been the happiest time in our history, going so close to regaining our place in the Premiership in 2002-03 and then subsequently spilling into the third tier of English football.

But despite all the disappointments he's enjoyed the experience – even if he wouldn't mind tasting a little footballing success before he gives up his role.

He confesses: "It would be very nice to be associated with the Supporters' Club when we rise again because when you are doing this job you realise even more than ever what it means to people.

"I naturally hear a lot of stick because in times when things are not going well on the field, people want to have a moan.

"That's their prerogative, of course, but just occasionally I've got to remind some fans about our title – Supporters' Club. It means we are here to give our backing.

"I know it's hard for them to accept the fact that not so long ago we were a Premiership force and now we are in League One but it's vital that we all get behind the team to see if they can make it happen sooner rather than later."

A lifelong fan – he attended his first match against Wolves as an eight year old in 1958 – Paul and his wife Geraldine first got involved with the Supporters' Club about ten years ago 'because it was easier to get tickets for big games'.

Being a partner in the Nottingham firm of PKF accountants and business advisers, he was soon invited to be treasurer and when the Chairman decided he had had enough, Paul found his name being put forward for the job.

He settled into it fairly comfortably – not least because of the support he has received from long-serving committee members as well as enthusiastic newcomers.

He added: "To be honest, I'm just something of a figure head really because all the hard work is done by others.

"We are fortunate to have people like Rita Kirk and Joan Bakewell, who, won't mind me saying, have been around for years and know all there is to know about the Supporters' Club. We are really fortunate to have some stalwart people involved.

"They know what it is like to have 5,000 or more members when matches and trophies came thick and fast and everyone was very happy and content.

"The good thing that supporters have going for them in 2008 is that they probably have a better line of communication to the club than ever before.

"If someone feels they have a real grievance about something, there is a clear route to the club to ask the pertinent question and get an answer. The likes of Mark Arthur and Tim Farr have made sure that the Supporters' Club's voice will be heard.

"These days we have around 2,000 members in 25-plus branches world-wide and although every one of them would like us to be playing at a higher level, I think most of them realise that most things at the club are being run properly these days.

"You also get a lot of satisfaction in the time and effort people are willing to put into campaigns –

like trying to secure a knighthood for Brian Clough and then seeing the tremendous work and generosity people showed in raising £70,000 for Brian's Statue Fund. That has been quite humbling yet uplifting at the same time.

"I wasn't fortunate enough to get to know Brian but I fully realise what he meant to thousands and thousands of Forest people everywhere.

"On the sad day that he died I found myself in the car park at The City Ground talking to the world's media for three hours because journalists and broadcasters just wanted any comments they could lay their hands on.

"I was spouting on about a man I hadn't really met but as chairman of the Supporters' Club it was expected of me to speak."

Forest heroes are not in short supply for a man who has followed the club's fortunes for 40 years and he picks out three strikers from different generations as his favourites.

Joe Baker, Trevor Francis and Stan Collymore are the players whose flair and goalscoring ability he admired so much down the years.

He went on: "They are probably not the three best players who have played for the club in that time but they all mean something to me because of their ability to make the hair rise on the back of your neck.

"When they were in possession of the football, your heart upped a beat in anticipation of what might happen next. And a lot of the time they didn't disappoint!"



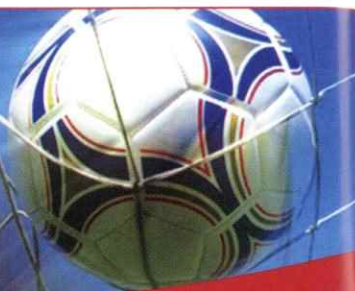
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Lillian Pownall

The Nottingham Forest Supporters Club were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Lillian Pownall. Lillian was a member of the Supporters Club for as many years as long-standing members can remember.

She was Chairman of the Pownall Branch, which was named in memory of her late husband Jim. Their lives were devoted to their family and Nottingham Forest and she will be greatly missed by everyone in the Supporters Club.

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Stat Pack

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Colin Calderwood	Mick Harford
Played 89 Won 42 Drawn 29 Lost 18	Played 19 Won 2 Drawn 4 Lost 13
For 124 Against 71	For 17 Against 32
Av Pts/game 1.74	Av Pts/game 0.53
Biggest Win(s) Nottm Forest 5 Huddersfield 1 (03/03/2007).	Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).
Biggest Loss(es) Oldham 5 Nottm Forest 0 (01/01/2007).	

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Colin Calderwood	0	Mick Harford	0
Draws ..0				
	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...

shots

Kris Commons 83

shots on target

Kris Commons 42

shots off target

Kris Commons 41

assists

Nathan Tyson 6

crosses

Kris Commons 110

fouls

Junior Agogo 53

free-kicks-won

Sammy Clingan 45



GAMES SINCE

0	a win	3
1	a home win	1
0	an away win	10
4	a defeat	0
4	a home defeat	0
2	an away defeat	0
1	a score draw	5
5	a no score draw	4
1	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
15	conceding > 1	0
0	scoring > 1	3
0	keeping a clean sheet	4
4	failing to score	4
2	back to back wins	22
76	back to back defeats	0
0	gaining a point	3
1	losing a point	0
0	win by > one	6
15	loss by > one	8

Player with the most...

shots

Matthew Spring 72

shots on target

Matthew Spring 43

shots off target

Matthew Spring 29

assists

Darren Currie 8

crosses

Darren Currie 94

fouls

Matthew Spring 67

free-kicks-won

Paul Furlong 41

SHARP SHOOTERS

Nottm Forest	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Junior Agogo	13	0	13	Matthew Spring	9
Nathan Tyson	8	3	11	Paul Furlong	8
Kris Commons	8	1	9	Sam Parkin	5

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....55	Nottm Forest wins.....21	Luton wins.....	20
Draws.....14	Goals 84 (1.5 per game)	Goals 82 (1.5 per game)	
0-0's.....2	Times failed to score 10	Times failed to score 14	

Biggest League win at Nottm Forest for each team:
25/08/1973 Nottm Forest 4-0 Luton
18/12/1954 Nottm Forest 1-5 Luton



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

4	Position	24
43	Played	43
19	Won	11
16	Drawn	10
8	Lost	22
59	Goals For	43
30	Goals Against	59
73	Points	33

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
8	10	4	4	5	5	12	17

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	6	4	9	6	5	10	23

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
16	4	0	6	11	2	3	16

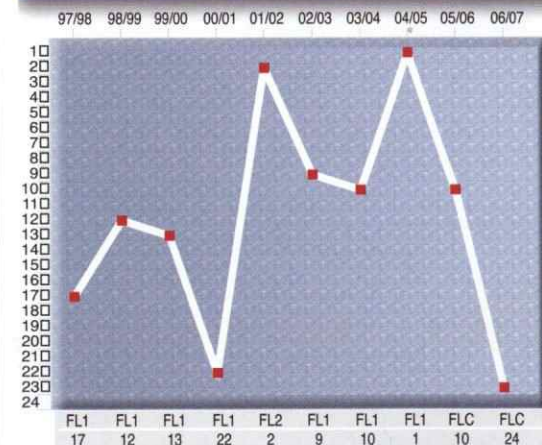
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	4	8	5	0	4	19	24

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[8], 2-1[3], 3-0[2], 3-1[1], 4-0[2], 4-1[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-2[3], 0-4[1], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], Draws: 0-0[8], 0-0[4], 1-1[6]

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No song and dance for Sammy

Sammy Clingan quietly goes about his business letting his teammates take the limelight



Sammy Clingan is perfectly content being one of the unsung members of our promotion-hungry squad. The Northern Ireland international is happy to let City Ground teammates claim headlines, plaudits and accolades as he quietly goes about his business at the heart of our midfield.

"It sounds boring but all I'm bothered about is training hard and trying to play as well as I can," the quietly-spoken star insists. "I just get on with what is asked of me.

"As a footballer, people will always say and write things about you – sometimes it will be positive and on other occasions it will be negative – but that's their prerogative.

"It comes with the territory but I don't take too much notice of what people on the outside of the club or those not close to me think. What matters as far as I'm concerned is how the manager rates my performances and trying to make my mum and sisters proud.

"Goalscorers always grab the headlines – and as anyone who follows Forest will know I don't score very often – and a classic example is one of my Northern Ireland teammates.

"David Healy is a fantastic player and although he doesn't go looking for plaudits, he deserves all the attention that comes his way because he's a national hero.

"He's the main focus of the media and supporters whenever we play an international game, which just allows the rest of us to get on with things in our own way.

"I'm not bothered about appearing in the press or speaking to the media. I know there are times when you have to do it as it's part and parcel of the job but I don't go chasing headlines."



His contribution to our fortunes may not be reflected in the newspaper column inches he has attracted but there's no doubting the 24 year old has been a model of consistency this season.

Only ever-present goalkeeper Paul Smith and defensive duo Kelvin Wilson and Luke Chambers have clocked-up more league and cup appearances than the former Wolves man this term.

It's a pleasing statistic for Clingan who, 12 months ago, was nursing a broken ankle and facing the prospect of the long haul back to full fitness.

He reveals: "This is the fittest I've ever been – we've got three League One games left but I feel as fresh as I did right back at the start of the season.

"My body doesn't feel at all tired, which is a credit to our sports scientist Ryland Morgans and the fitness programme he devised for us.

"I certainly feel as though I'm benefiting from the work we did way back in pre-season. It was incredibly hard but it was just what I needed at the time because I had had a tough summer emotionally.

"One of my cousins passed away and as we were really close his death hit me hard. It was tough to take but I threw myself into pre-season to take my mind off it and in a strange sort of way I enjoyed myself.

"I was returning from my broken ankle and really had to work hard to get myself back to full fitness but it took my mind off things that had happened back home in Belfast.

"None of us realised at the time that what we were doing would be so beneficial in April as the season draws towards a close... but it's certainly done the trick as far as I'm concerned."

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It's a source of immense pride to our current No.1 that he's in a role once filled by the man he idolised from a young age.

Paul Smith grew up admiring the goalkeeping exploits of Peter Shilton and has, unwittingly, found himself following in the footsteps of the great man.

'Shilts' had a spell with Southampton – from where Smith joined us in 2006 - but around these parts, of course, he's best remembered for the role he played in our twin European Cup triumphs, as well our title success.

"It's strange how things have worked out," says Smith. "Peter left Forest for Southampton while I've moved in the opposite direction.

"It's amazing to think that I'm doing the same job for Forest as Peter once did. I know times have moved on and we're not playing at the same sort of level as we were back then but it's still something I'm proud of.

"I would love to get the chance to meet him and have a chat about his career but I'm currently reading his autobiography, so I suppose that will have to do.

"The fact that he played more than 1,000 games and was capped 125 times by England says it all really – people get labelled as legends in football far too easily these days but he really was."

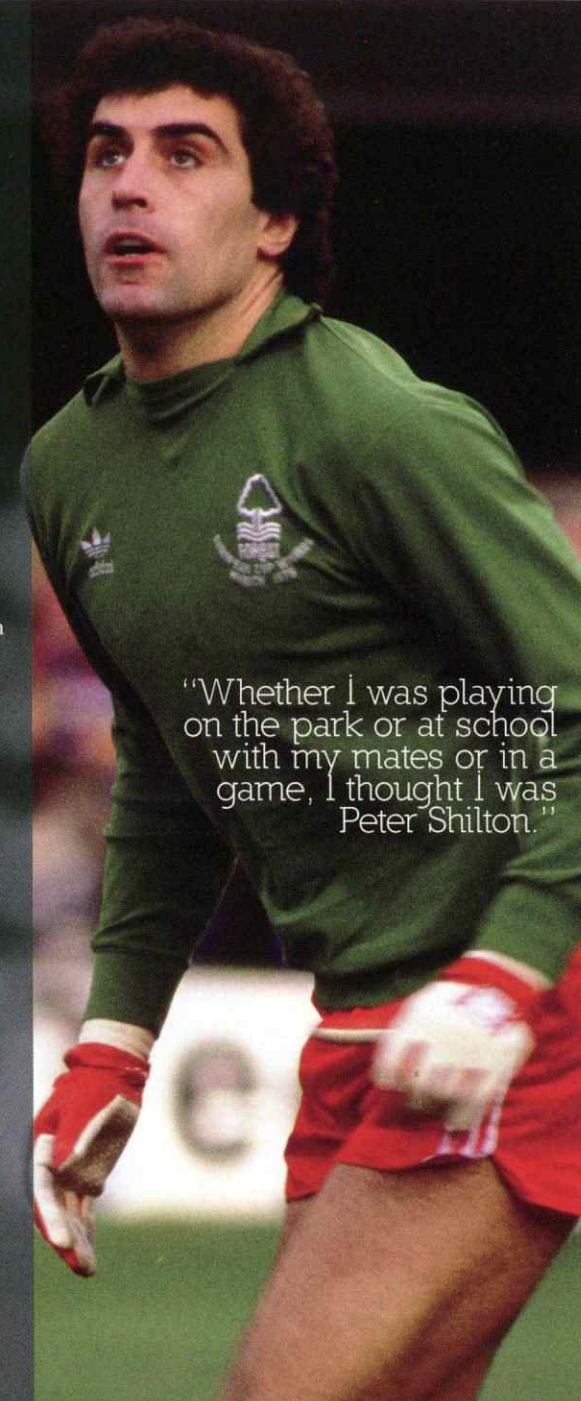
Smith adds: "I always wanted to be a goalkeeper - I played my first game as a five year old and from that day on Peter was the player I aspired to emulate.

"As I got older, and started out playing for Brentford, Peter Schmeichel was the 'keeper I tried to model myself on but when I was a kid Shilton was the best in the world and had a real aura about him.

"Whether I was playing on the park or at school with my mates or in a game, I thought I was Peter Shilton.

"I remember my dad taking my brother and I to watch him play for an England XI against a World Select XI at Wembley.

"My dad somehow managed to get to him to and asked whether there was anything he could possibly do for the two of us and soon afterwards a letter arrived from Peter with a signed photo, which I've still got."



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★ PETER SHILTON

Born: Leicester, September 18 1949
 Clubs: Leicester, Stoke, Forest, Southampton, Derby, Plymouth, Wimbledon, Bolton, Coventry, West Ham, Leyton Orient.
 International: England (125 caps)
 Extras: It's hard to believe that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor were the subject of some criticism when they paid Stoke £300,000 to land Shilton in 1977. The history books show it was money well spent.



Visiting today Luton Town

It's doubtful whether Luton Town have had a more traumatic season in their 123-year history. And their troubles, which included them going into administration and taking a ten point penalty, reached an almost inevitable conclusion last weekend when their relegation to League Two was confirmed.

The off the field drama that has now led to successive relegations has left die hard Luton fans wondering just what the future holds for a club that has been in utter turmoil.

They appear to have had more off-the-field battles than ones on the pitch but the hope is that under the new management of Mick Harford and Warren Neil, Luton can regroup and start the long climb back up the Football League ladder next season.

Harford took over in January following the departure of Kevin Blackwell and his management team of Sam Ellis and John Carver but it has been a helpless task for the man who was our former No. 2 in Joe Kinnear's days at the club.

The financial problems that have been so well documented led to the sale of a number of key players and the drain of talent from Kenilworth Road has continued since the turn of the year.

Club skipper Chris Coyne, who had been with the club since being signed by Kinnear in 2001, was sold to Colchester and the ever-popular Croatian midfielder Ahmet Brkovic was handed a free transfer and moved on to Millwall after making more than 200 appearances for Luton.

Midfielder Dean Morgan went on loan to Crewe, David Bell made the temporary switch to Leicester with a view to a permanent deal and highly-experienced defender Chris Perry moved on loan to Southampton.

The procession of players leaving the club has had totally understandable consequences on the field

with them winning just two of their last 22 league and cup games.

Those wins against Oldham and Crewe – both at Kenilworth Road – in March delayed the demotion that was always likely to happen once the club had gone into administration last November.

Before that the season had promised much for Luton. They had started impressively with four wins in the first five games, including a Carling Cup victory over Premiership Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

That victory was part of a highly-impressive home record that kept them more interested in the top half of the table than the relegation area and helped them to impress in cup competitions.

They defeated Championship Charlton at home before succumbing to Everton in the Carling Cup – but only after extra-time.

And in the F.A. Cup they accounted for Brentford and ourselves before taking Liverpool to an Anfield replay.

But it was always going to be difficult for them to cope with a ten-point penalty at a time when they were losing their best players.

In recent times their resources have been stretched to such an extent that players have been figuring out of position and youngsters have been drafted in to plug gaps in the first team squad.

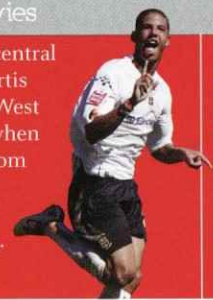
There is still an element of experience at Harford's disposal but it is an indication of Luton's plight that Don Hutchison, who made his name in the game as an attacking midfielder, has been figuring as a central defender in recent weeks.

But although relegation has hurt everyone connected with the club, the hope is that next season will see Luton in a new light and making news for exploits on the field.

The most...

Money received for a player
Curtis Davies

Aston Villa central defender Curtis Davies cost West Brom £3m when he moved from Kenilworth Road in August 2005.



Money paid for a player
Lars Elstrup

It was the £850,000 spent on taking Lars Elstrup to the club from Danish club Odense BK in August 1989. He made 60 appearances before returning to Odense.



Capped player
Mal Donaghy

Central defender Mal Donaghy won 58 of his 91 Northern Ireland caps during his Luton career that spanned 408 games between 1978-1988.



The Hatters

The visiting players and manager

1 DEAN BRILL

The 22 year old keeper was voted the club's Young Player of the Year last season. He joined Luton as a nine year old and made his way up through all the youth ranks at the club.



21 KEITH KEANE

The former Republic of Ireland schoolboy made his Luton debut as a 16 year old and has made an increasing impact at first team level. Regarded as a midfield player but has been utilised in the back four recently.



4 DON HUTCHINSON

The vastly experienced midfielder is now 36 and has enjoyed a long career in the game most prominently with West Ham. The former Scotland international has been pressed into action as an emergency defender in recent times

DEFENCE

35 MARLON BERESFORD

The hugely experienced goalkeeper was signed from Barnsley in the summer of 2004 after spending much of his earlier career with Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley and Middlesbrough.

38 ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

The 21 year old full back was given his first team chance under former manager Mike Newell and has gained experience in loan moves to Walton and Hershaw and Salisbury.

26 SOL DAVIS

The tough-tackling left back began his career with Swindon, where he made his debut ten seasons ago. But in 2002 he made the move to Luton and has figured prominently in the first team squad ever since.

37 GEORGE BEAVAN

Only just 18, he's highly regarded by the Kenilworth Road coaching staff following some impressive performances at youth level. He's already made his debut and looking to add to his experience before the end of the season.

3 ALAN GOODALL

He (right) began his career with Welsh club Bangor, where he enjoyed a taste of European football. He moved on to Rochdale in 2004 and made 131 appearances for them before his switch to Luton.



MIDFIELD

17 LEWIS EMANUEL

Started his football life as a defender but has since made the switch from full back to left side of midfield. He made over 150 appearances for Bradford City before his move to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006.

15 STEPHEN O'LEARY

A skilful operator in the centre of midfield, he has been with Luton all his career apart from an impressive spell on loan with Tranmere two seasons ago. He is a former Republic of Ireland schoolboy international.

20 CALVIN ANDREW

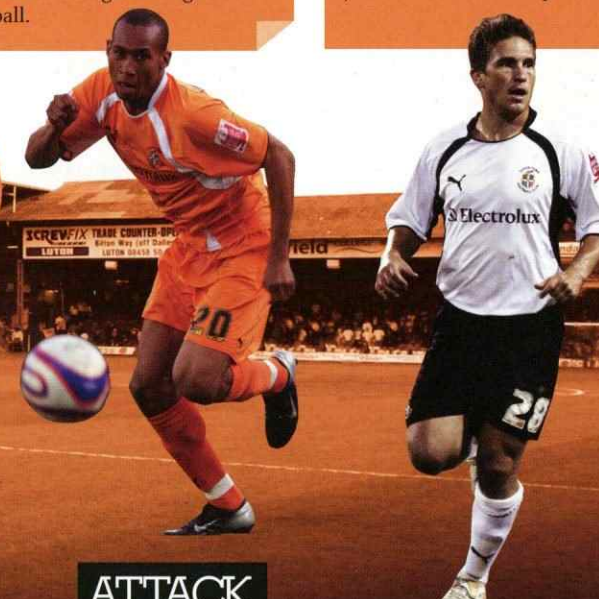
He's reappeared on the Luton first team scene over the last two seasons following loan moves to Grimsby and Bristol City. He scored a lot of goals at youth level and now looking to capitalise on his chance of regular league football.

28 PAUL McVEIGH

He's now 30 and made his name as a free-scoring striker in seven seasons with Norwich. Capped 20 times by Northern Ireland he brings great experience to what is a largely youthful first team squad.

25 MATTHEW SPRING

Now in his second spell at the club after leaving to join Leeds in 2004. He was so impressive in his first stint that he clocked up 100 appearances when he was only 20. Moved back to Kenilworth Road via a spell with Watford.



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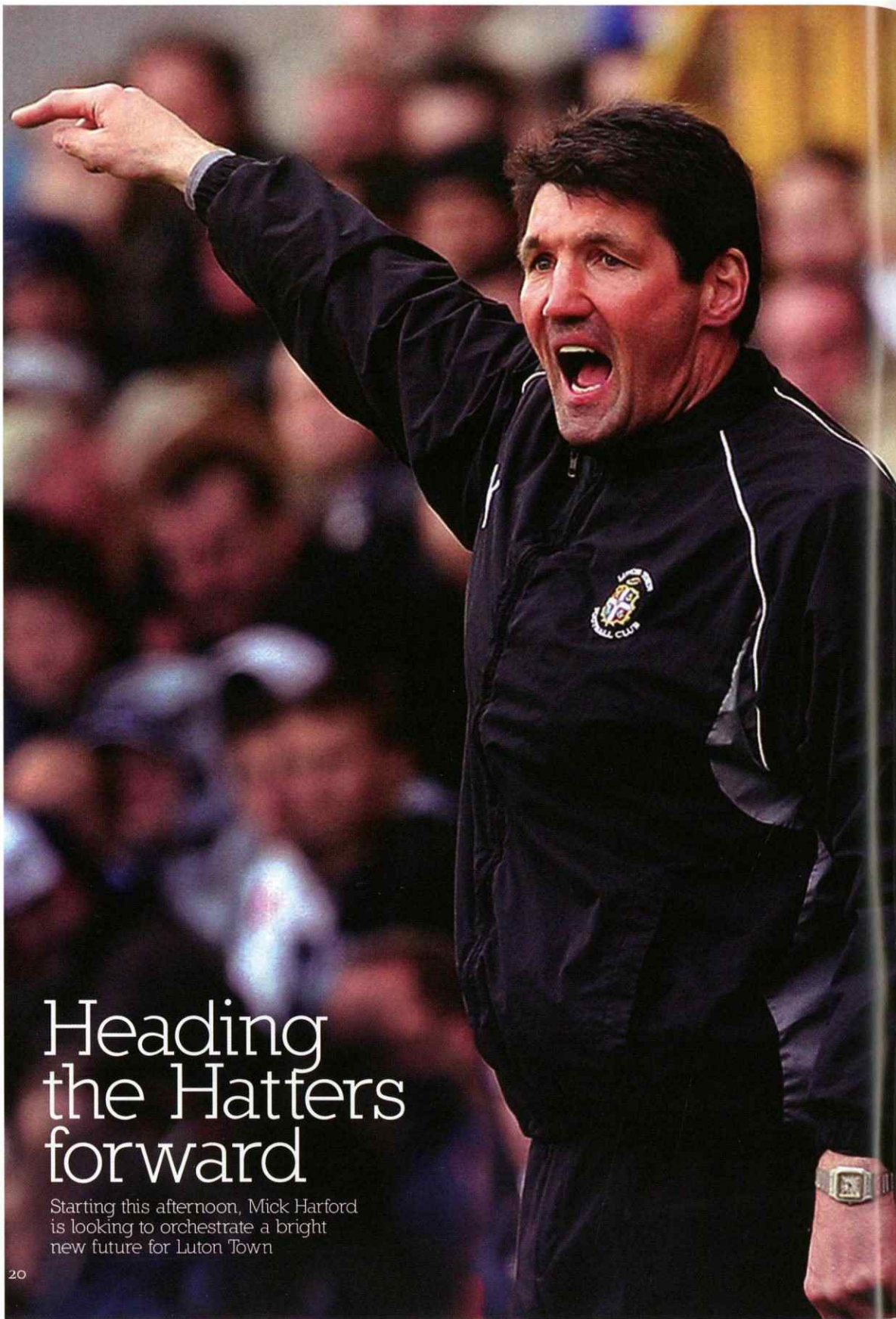
9 SAM PARKIN

He's been a prolific goalscorer throughout his career, particularly with Swindon, where he reached 20 goals in three successive seasons. His success brought him a move to Ipswich and he's now in his second year with Luton.

MICK HARFORD

A legendary figure at Kenilworth Road where he was a fearless striker for so many years, he returned to the club in January as manager following the departure of Kevin Blackwell. He had a spell with us as coach during Joe Kinnear's reign and took over as acting manager until the arrival of Gary Megson.





Heading the Hatters forward

Starting this afternoon, Mick Harford is looking to orchestrate a bright new future for Luton Town

It may only be a week since his side's relegation was confirmed but Luton manager Mick Harford has already spotted the first shoots of recovery at Kenilworth Road.

A turbulent season for The Hatters reached an almost inevitable conclusion last Saturday as a home defeat by Brighton confirmed their drop into the bottom tier of the Football League.

Harford has been in charge of the club he served with such distinction as a player since January, checking-in with Luton embroiled in a financial crisis that had resulted in a 10-point deduction and the loss of several key players.

Plotting a route clear of relegation trouble proved far too bigger a task even for a character as committed and passionate as Harford but he's convinced brighter times are ahead for Luton's supporters.

"Sometimes you have to take a step down to come back again stronger," he says. "The consortium who are about to take over the football club, headed by Nick Owen, have got a vision for the club which is transparent for the fans. It's a true vision that I believe in.

"We've got a good youth set-up at the club and a very good Centre of Excellence has been put in place. That is paramount to our future.

"There has been a bit of closure since we got relegated and I feel as though I can actually start managing now."

Harford was an iconic figure from Luton's glory years in the 1980s when they were a top flight outfit and Littlewoods Cup winners – all a far cry from the state in which he discovered the club when handed the managerial reigns earlier this year.

"It has been very traumatic in terms of every aspect on the footballing side," he reflects. "It's a massive challenge – Luton is a club that, in my opinion, has been mismanaged and it's not a good business module. We have a budget that we cannot afford to sustain due to the size of the stadium.

"I came in when the club was in administration and there was a massive imbalance within the squad in terms of not having centre-halves and being overloaded in other positions. My hands were tied and I felt like I was playing with half a deck because I couldn't bring anyone in.

"The Football League had put restraints on us signing players. We had to lose players to reduce the wage bill and make it more manageable.

"But I'm responsible for getting results and we haven't done that which has culminated in a horrible moment in Luton Town's history in being relegated to League Two."

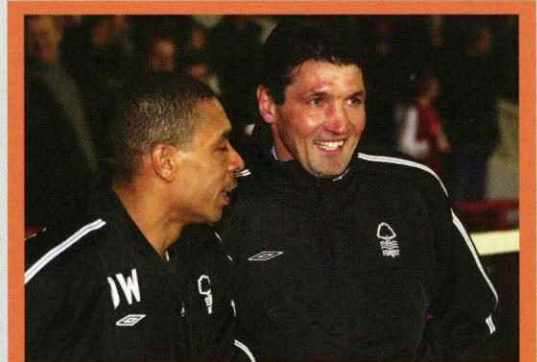
Despite the hurt of relegation, our former assistant boss and acting manager is at pains to point out that the future starts now for Luton and wants to see his players try and finish the campaign on some sort of high.

"I've told the players to go out and express themselves because there's no pressure on them," he says. "Our squad is pretty bare at the moment but we've got a few young lads who I want to give an opportunity to.

"We may have been relegated but we have a duty to every other club in the division to put on performances and try and win games because we're playing sides still with issues to resolve like relegation and promotion.

"That's the case this weekend, of course, and I'm looking forward to coming back to The City Ground. I've got fantastic memories of my time at Forest. I had a great rapport with the Chairman and Chief Executive and felt I was treated in a correct and proper manner.

"I honestly feel the spell I had on the staff at Forest was one of the best periods of my career – it's what I would call one of the great football clubs."



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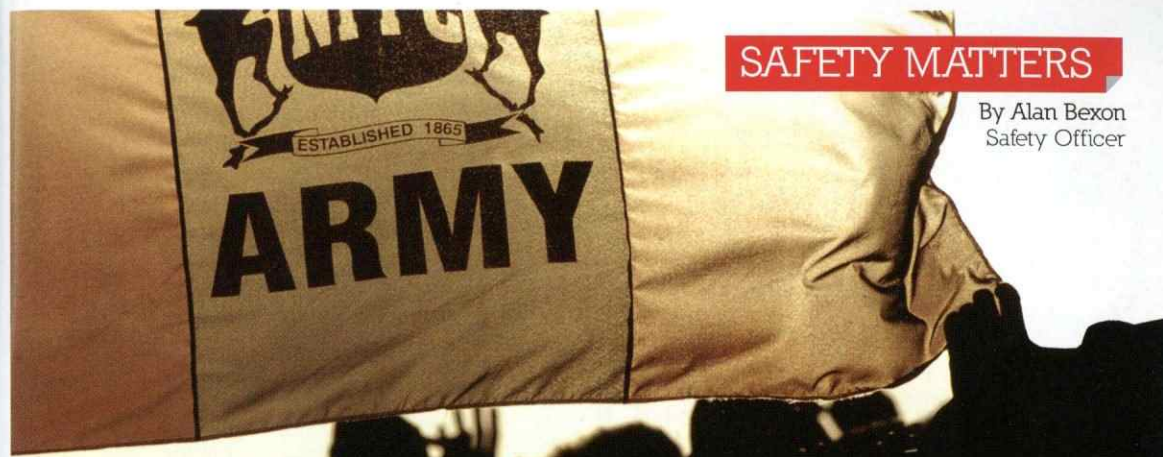


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SAFETY MATTERS

By Alan Bexon
Safety Officer

Away trip to Albania

You may have recently seen in the local media that four huge lorries loaded with items donated by local people and local companies left The City Ground destined for Albania. These included vital equipment for schools and hospitals, clothes, tools, toiletries, and children's toys to name just a few.

Albania is easily the poorest country in Europe and hopes to join the European Union in 2014. Joining the EU is dependant on them being a subscribing member of NATO for four years and the invitation to join NATO was issued on April 2 this year.

A huge explosion occurred at an old munitions site at Gerdec near Tirana the capital of Albania on March 17 and all hospital resources, including basic items like soap, were destroyed.

The team who left The City Ground recently will be focusing on that area and a further 15 volunteers flew out there last week to advise and assist distribution.

This latest 'send off' marked 15 years of operations by the NPAC. Last year they sent and delivered ten loads of aid to Albania, Bulgaria, Russia, and Zambia - this year there will be 12 lorry-loads despatched to various destinations.

Nottinghamshire Police Aid Convoys is a registered charity and all those involved are volunteers - everything they use is donated including the lorries and warehousing.

The convoys commenced their work in 1993 when a group of officers used their influence, networks and negotiating skills to procure and then deliver huge amounts of humanitarian aid

to the nightmarish refugee camps in Yugoslavia - "only two days' drive away"... they continued up to the end of the war in 2000 in Kosovo.

NPAC Chairman, David Scott is a retired Police Inspector and founder of the convoy and other volunteer members are serving and retired officers, lorry drivers and other skilled workers.

We were pleased to associate ourselves with the aid convoy and support those officers who are giving their time and effort for this cause, many of whom have in the past worked a match day here at The City Ground to ensure the safety of our supporters.



On this latest journey nine-year old Georgie Wharton from Worksop will be travelling with her dad, Andy (left), who will be keeping a blog and photo diary. You can keep up-to-date with their trip by viewing www.npactrip.blogspot.com



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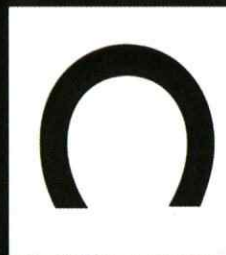
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Wheelchair disabled supporters are required to obtain tickets from Nottingham Forest. Wheelchair spaces are charged at the appropriate price for the adult and concessionary categories as stated previously with the carer free of charge.



Coach travel departs the Brian Clough Stand car park at 9.30am and is priced at £13.50.

Should any tickets remain for general sale they will be available now.



Yeovil Town

Saturday May 3 2008 Kick-off 3pm

Adults	£22.00	(£24.00)	Family Stand		
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Full time Students	£10.00	(£10.00)	Seniors	£11.00	(£13.00)
Under 18s	£10.00	(£10.00)	Under 18s	£8.00	(£8.00)
Under 12s	£5.00	(£5.00)	Under 12s	£4.00	(£4.00)

Tickets are on general sale as from today.



Play-off proposals

Provisional dates have now been released by the Coca-Cola Football League to the potential clubs involved in the League One play-offs.

We have had numerous requests from supporters for the proposed schedules and the latest information can now be revealed.

The first legs are planned for Friday May 9 and Monday May 12 with the return legs on Thursday May 15 and Friday May 16. At this stage the kick-offs are all scheduled for 7.45pm.

It must be stressed that the dates are still subject to League/club/police approval and final confirmation.

The final will be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday May 25 with a 3pm kick-off.



Forest v Luton Town, May 2 1959

What happened next?

Goals by Roy Dwight and Tommy Wilson (main picture) gave us a 2-1 victory over Luton Town in the F.A. Cup final at Wembley Stadium on 2nd May 1959. Football historian Leigh Edwards traces what happened to both teams:

TOMMY WILSON

Centre forward who featured in our 1956-57 promotion campaign and scored the winner in the 1959 final. He netted 75 goals in 191 League games prior to joining Walsall in November 1960, then Chelmsford, Cambridge City and Brentwood. He died in Brentwood in April 1996.



CHIC THOMSON

Scottish goalkeeper who joined us from Chelsea in August 1957 and took over from Harry Nicholson, making 121 First Division appearances while at The City Ground before moving to Rugby Town in July 1961. He later worked for GKN, then social services and has settled in Sandiacre.

THE HATTERS

RON BAYNHAM: England international goalkeeper who was a key figure as Luton reached the final. Also featuring in the Hatters' 1954-55 promotion success, he made 388 League appearances until injury ended his career in May 1965. He later worked as an interior decorator and now lives in Silsoe.

BRENDAN McNALLY: Republic of Ireland international right back who scored twice in 134 League games for Luton prior to joining Cambridge City in July 1963, then played for Dunstable before managing Chesham and Dunstable. He was an insulation manager for Zenith Windows and still lives in Dunstable.

KEN HAWKES: Reliable left back who played alongside his brother Barry while at Luton, scoring once in 90 League games before joining Peterborough United in June 1961. He later played for Bedford Town and St Neots, then spent 28 years as a sales rep for a wholesale food company and still lives in Luton.

JOHN GROVES: Long-serving right half who netted 16 goals in 218 League games for Luton prior to joining Bournemouth in September 1963. A back injury ended his playing career in June 1965 and he settled back in his native Derby, spending 30 years working for Courtaulds until retiring in December 1995.

BILL WHARE

Long-serving right back who starred in our 1950-51 Third Division (South) title triumph, also helping win promotion in 1956-57 and the FA Cup in 1959. He scored twice in 298 League outings while at The City Ground before retiring in May 1960, remaining local until his death in May 1995.

JOE McDONALD

Former Scotland international left back who joined us from Sunderland and made 109 League appearances prior to joining Wisbech Town in July 1961. He became Ramsgate's player-boss, then managed Yeovil Town before emigrating to Australia and died in September 2003.

SYD OWEN: England international centre half who skippered Luton to the final, then was manager the following season. Subsequently Leeds United's chief coach under Don Revie until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

DAVE PACEY: England Under 23 left half who scored Luton's goal in the final. He netted 16 goals in 246 League outings for his home town club before joining Kettering Town in July 1965, then worked for Electrolux until retirement and now lives in Newport Pagnell.



JACK BURKITT

Wing half who was ever-present in our 1956-57 promotion success and skipper of the 1959 side. He netted 14 goals in 463 League games before becoming our coach in May 1962, then managed Notts County and was Derby County's trainer. He died in Brighthouse in September 2003.

JEFF WHITEFOOT

Former England Under 23 wing half who was an experienced figure as we were League Championship runners-up in 1966-67, scoring five goals in 255 League games until injury ended his playing career in May 1968. He ran the Wheatsheaf Inn in Oakham and now lives in Burton Lazars.



ROY DWIGHT

Elton John's uncle scored and broke a leg during our 1959 F.A. Cup final triumph. He resurrected his playing career with Gravesend & Northfleet, then played for Coventry, Millwall and Detroit Cougars. Later managing several non-League clubs while a PE instructor, he died in Abbey Wood in 2002.

BILLY GRAY

England B international who scored 35 times in 201 League outings while at The City Ground before becoming Millwall's player-boss in November 1963. He guided them to promotion in two consecutive seasons, then managed Notts County and coached Fulham before rejoining us as groundsman.

JOHNNY QUIGLEY

Scottish inside forward who netted 51 goals in 236 League outings for us prior to joining Huddersfield Town in February 1965. He later played for Bristol City and Mansfield Town, then coached in the Middle East for several years. Settling back in Nottingham, he died in November 2004.



BILLY BINGHAM: Northern Ireland international winger who netted 27 goals in 87 League games for Luton prior to joining Everton in October 1960, then played for Port Vale. He managed Southport, Plymouth Argyle, Linfield, Everton and Mansfield Town as well as Northern Ireland for two spells.

ALLAN BROWN: Scotland international inside right who scored 51 times in 151 First Division games before moving to Portsmouth in March 1961 and later became Wigan Athletic's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as manager, then had spells in charge of Torquay, Bury, ourselves, Southport and Blackpool.

BOB MORTON: Long-serving England B international who starred as Luton won promotion in 1954-55, then reached the final. He netted 48 goals in 495 League games before becoming Bletchley Town's player-manager in July 1964, residing in Eaton Bray until his death in April 2002.

TONY GREGORY: Ex-England Youth outside left who scored 17 times in 59 League games for Luton prior to joining Watford in March 1960, then played for Bexley United, Toronto Steelers, Bedford Town, Hastings United, Dover and Stevenage. He was managing director of an aerosol manufacturing company.

GEORGE CUMMINS: Republic of Ireland international inside left (below) who netted 21 goals in 186 League outings prior to joining Cambridge City in July 1961, then returned to League action with Hull City. He settled on Merseyside and now lives in Newton-le-Willows.



BOB McKINLAY

Long-serving centre half who starred as we won promotion to the top-flight in 1956-57 and went on to win the F.A. Cup. He scored nine goals in a club record 614 League games before joining our backroom staff in May 1970. Later an officer at Lowdham Grange, he died locally in August 2002.

STEWART IMLACH

Scotland international winger who scored 43 times in 184 League games before joining Luton in June 1960. He later played for Coventry, Crystal Palace, Dover, Chelmsford and Palace again, then coached several clubs and worked at a sports club in Liverpool. He died in October 2001.



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ROBIN'S REDS



Hello and welcome to this afternoon's match against Luton Town. The season has nearly finished now with only one more home game to go against Yeovil, so I hope you enjoy the last few matches before we all go off on our summer holidays.

Unfortunately Luton were relegated last weekend so we'd like to offer a warm welcome to all the young fans who have made the trip up from Luton for the game.

Robin

A big thank you



As the season draws to a close I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my first season as the official mascot such an enjoyable one.

I have really enjoyed myself and have made so many new friends. Seeing everyone on a match day all decked out in their Reds gear really does help spur on the team.

There are a few Junior Reds who will be celebrating their birthdays this weekend. Daisy Mai Trussell and James Bishop will hopefully have enjoyed their day yesterday and I'm sure Morgan Jubb will have big plans today with Stephanie Gosling, Thomas Pownall and Michael Gamble all looking forward to their special day tomorrow. Let's hope the team can get three points this afternoon to make it happy birthdays all round!



A MASCOTS

Our mascots this afternoon are eight year old Sharnai Thomas, of Nottingham, and Elliot Hall, who is seven and lives in Bramcote Hills.



Sharnai (A) attends Southwold School, her hobbies are dancing, swimming and football and Julian Bennett is her favourite player.



Elliot (B) is a pupil at Bramcote Hills Primary School, his hobbies are football, Taekwondo, Beavers, computer games and trampolining. His favourite player is Paul Smith.

Luton also have a mascot and he is ten year old Lewis Baxter (C), who lives in Dunstable.

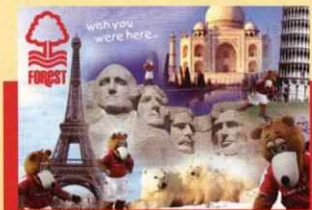
He attends Streetfield Middle School and his hobbies are football and cricket and playing on his PlayStation. Luton's Keith Keane is his favourite player.

Luton Town Quiz



1. What is Luton Town's nickname?
2. Which ex-Luton striker joined Derby County before moving to another of our rivals Leicester?
3. Which Premier League team did Luton take to a replay after beating us in the F.A. Cup earlier this season?
4. Which former Luton manager used to play for us?
5. Where do Luton town play their home games?

1. The Hatters 2. Steve Howard 3. Liverpool 4. David Pleat 5. Kenilworth Road



Holiday pictures

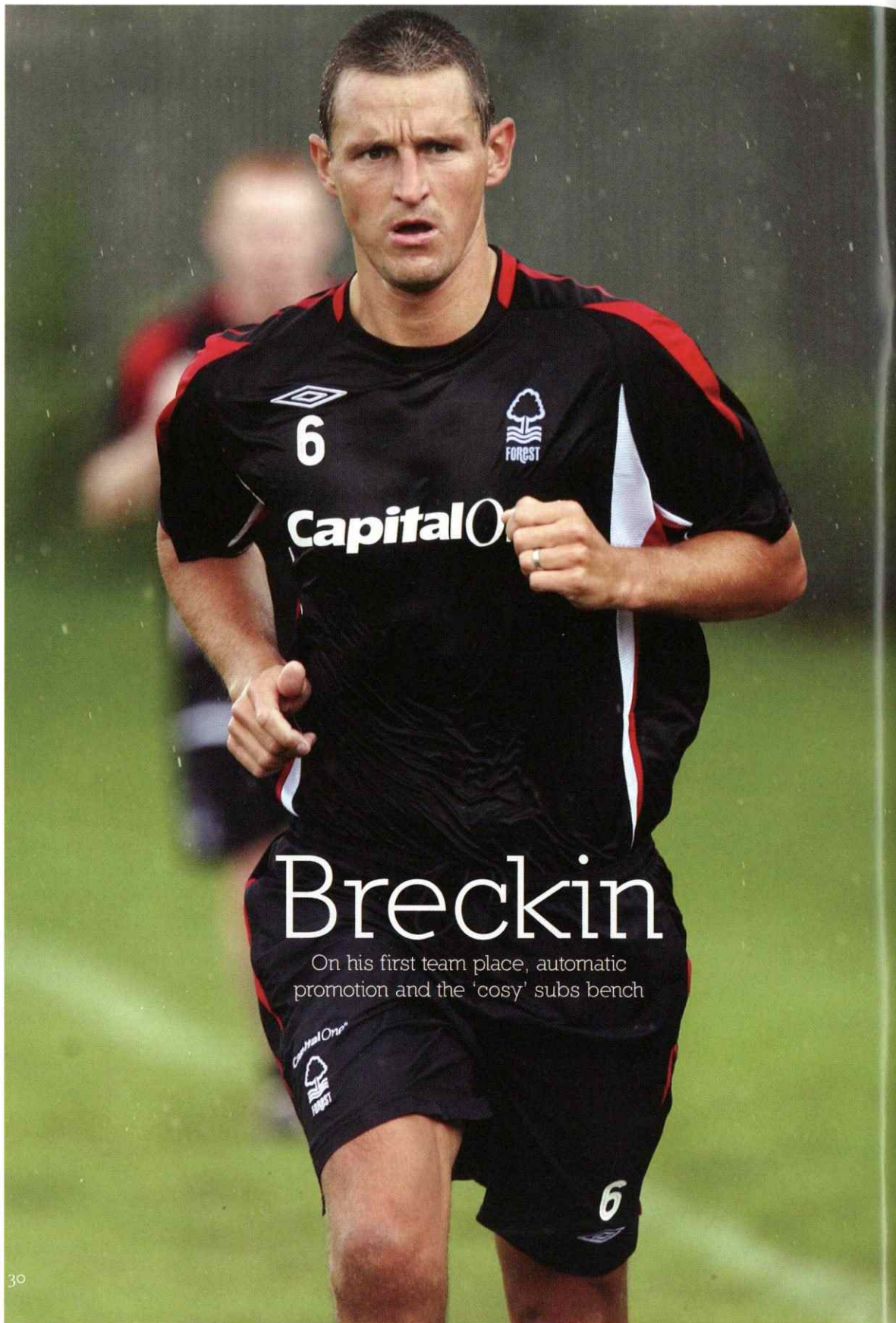
Last year Sherwood sent all you Junior Reds a postcard as he jetted off round the world to see some famous landmarks.

This year I'd love to see where you are all going on your summer holidays - but remember, wherever you are, make sure you wear your Forest shirt. Take a picture and then send it in to Robin's Reds Holiday Pictures, Nottingham Forest Football Club, The City Ground, Nottingham NG2 5FJ. You could also e-mail any pictures to robinsreds@nottinghamforest.co.uk.

I'll make sure that any pictures we receive will be in the programme next year and on the website throughout the summer months.

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Breckin

On his first team place, automatic promotion and the 'cosy' subs bench

It was good to be back in the thick of the action at Tranmere last Saturday after three matches sat trying to wrestle some space on the subs bench from Terry the kit man, which is a challenge in itself believe me.

I wouldn't wish an injury setback on anyone but Kelvin Wilson's thigh problem did at least present me with the opportunity to join forces with Wes Morgan again in the centre of defence.

Kelvin and Wes have been superb this season and although I would loved to have played on a more regular basis, it's hard even for me to argue against their selections.

It's just up to me to make the most of any opportunities that come my way, which is what I hope I did at Tranmere.

It proved to be a busy afternoon for Wes and I – as well as full backs Luke Chambers and Julian Bennett and goalkeeper Paul Smith – but we managed to stand firm and emerged with a clean sheet and a 2-0 win that sets things up nicely for our final three League One games of the season.

The league table makes interesting reading with a fortnight of the campaign left and anyone who thinks we're out of the automatic promotion reckoning needs their head looking at.

Pressure does strange things to sides and although the odds undoubtedly favour Carlisle, in particular, or Doncaster taking the direct route into the Championship, you just never know what might happen.

We cannot do any more than take maximum points from our remaining games... and then

see where that gets us. It might not be enough but it won't be for the want of trying on our part.

One thing is certain – we know there's a play-off spot waiting for us if the top two proves to be beyond our reach.

Walsall's midweek defeat at the hands of Bristol Rovers guaranteed us a place in the top six and a shot at righting the wrongs that our semi-final defeat at the hands of Yeovil last season threw up.

We'll cross that particular bridge when – or if – we come to it but in the meantime, it's a case of getting on with the job of overcoming Luton this afternoon.

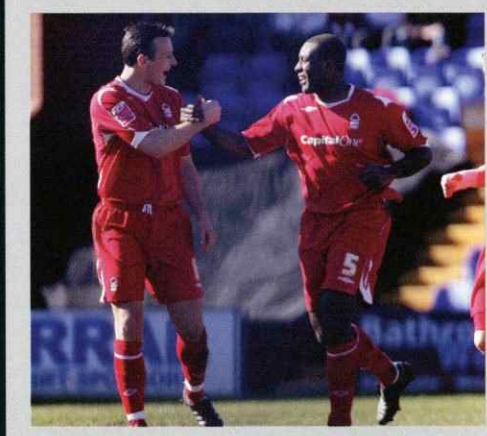
They have had a season that anyone connected with them will want to forget and had their relegation confirmed a week ago when they lost to Brighton.

That, in my opinion, makes them dangerous opposition because they've got nothing to play for and could mean they go out on to the pitch this afternoon with a degree of freedom and certainly without any pressure on them.

We've got to make sure we play to the best of our ability and give Luton no chance to establish a foothold in the game.

From a personal point of view, I hope to be involved again. Kelvin resumed training this week and will be eyeing-up a return to the side but what is it they say about possession being nine tenths of the law?

I hope that's the case... I just can't face the prospect of going into battle with Tel again for room to breathe on the bench!



It proved to be a busy afternoon for Wes and I – as well as full backs Luke Chambers and Julian Bennett and goalkeeper Paul Smith – but we managed to stand firm and emerged with a clean sheet



A revitalised Luke Chambers grabbed his second goal in as many games as we consolidated our play-off spot by beating Cheltenham at The City Ground. Chambers took his goal tally for the campaign to eight by firing us in front on the stroke of half-time after Junior Agogo had cancelled out Steven Gillespie's opener for the home side.

Leading scorer Agogo sealed our victory with his second of the afternoon early in the second half as we edged closer to a top six finish.

Chambers is enjoying his most productive ever season in front of goal and after a dip in fortunes he is closing in on his target of reaching double figures.

He admitted: "I have been trying to get further up the pitch, like I was earlier in the season.

"I have felt a bit fatigued recently and that might have shown in a few of my performances and I was not getting up and down as much as I was.

"But I feel a lot fresher now and have just been trying to get in the box as much as possible -

thankfully the chances have dropped to me and I have put them away."

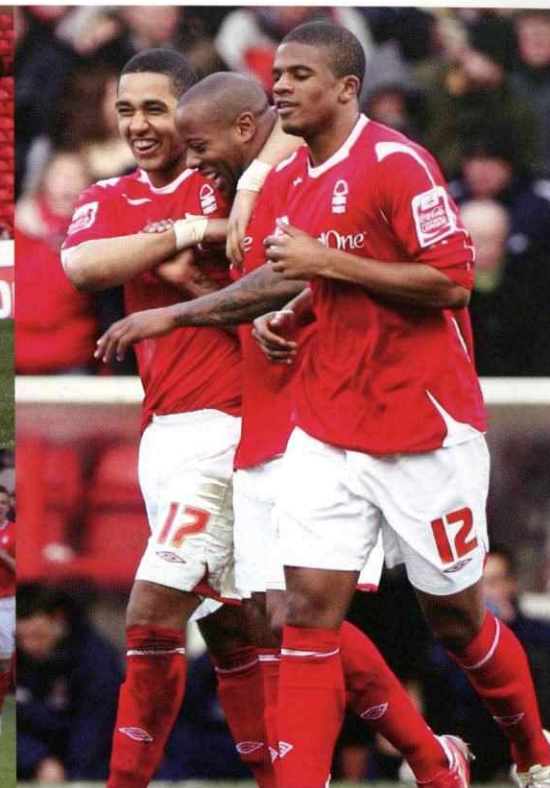
We could have established an early stranglehold on the game with Kelvin Wilson, Garath McCleary and Agogo going close to breaking the deadlock.

But it was Cheltenham who took the lead against the run of play after 20 minutes as Gillespie fired home with the aid of an upright.

Our response was swift with Agogo hauling us level just six minutes later, neatly controlling a Sammy Clingan cross and turning to unleash an unstoppable shot from close range.

Chambers edged us in front on the stroke of half-time, reacting quickest to volley home after McCleary, on his full debut, had struck the bar with a header.

It was effectively game over when Agogo grabbed his 13th goal of the season two minutes into the second half as he curled a left-foot shot from distance beyond the reach of Shane Higgs and in off a post.



TEAMS



FOREST: Smith, Wilson, Morgan, Bennett (Commons 42), Chambers, McGugan, Clingan, Cohen, McCleary (Byrne 70), Ormerod (Sinclair 81), Agogo. Subs not used: Breckin, Perch.

SCORERS: Agogo 26, 47, Chambers 44

CHELTHENHAM: Higgs, Gill, Duff, Gillespie, Connor, Brown (Lindegaard 74), Bird, Vincent (Spencer 74), Keogh, Wright (Connolly 71), Armstrong. Subs not used: Brown, Reid.

SCORER: Gillespie 20

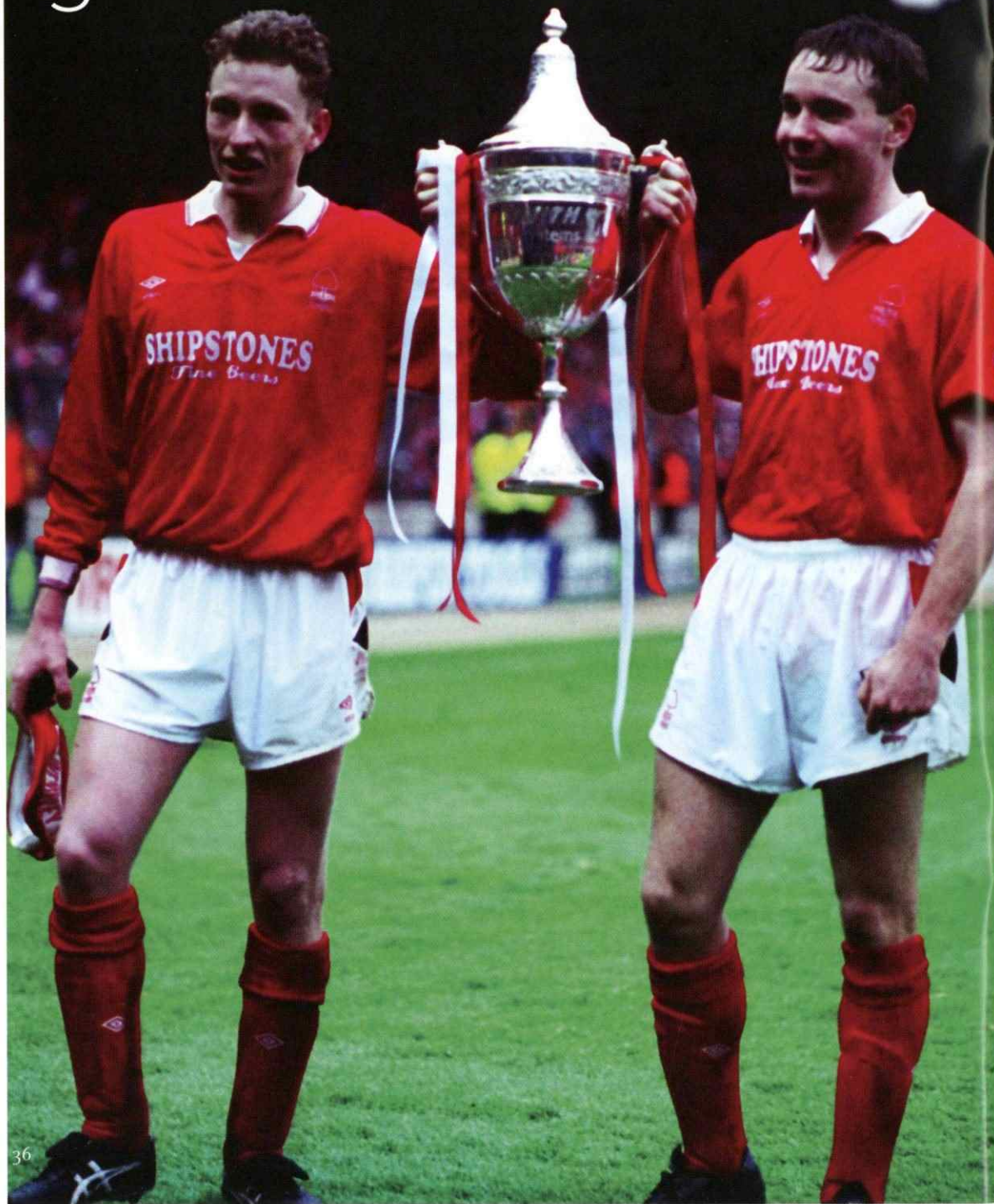
MATCH STATS

		
GOAL ATTEMPTS	20	6
ON TARGET	10	2
OFF TARGET	9	2
HIT WOODWORK	1	2
OFFSIDES	2	2
CORNERS	12	1
FOULS	6	7
POSSESSION	69%	31%

12
Garath
McCleary



All systems go for Scot



Wembley Stadium, March 29 1992

As trophies go, the Zenith Data Systems Cup didn't rank high on the list of achievements in the Brian Clough era.

But trying telling that to Scot Gemmill.

He was a Scotland Under 21 international at the time – in the infant days of a career that blossomed with us and Everton.

And he underlined his massive potential with two of the goals that saw us edge out Southampton 3-2 in front of a Wembley crowd of 67,688.

We suffered an early blow when skipper Stuart Pearce limped out of the action with a knee injury that kept him out for the remainder of the season.

But by that time we had opened the scoring through Gemmill and soon after Pearce's departure, Northern Ireland international Kingsley Black added a second. Gemmill shot home from the edge of the area and Black scored just before half-time after breaking through the middle of the Saints' defence.

Then Southampton got to work to retrieve the situation.

Goals in quick succession by Matthew Le Tissier and Kevin Moore took the game into extra-time at which point Gemmill stepped back onto centre stage to send a superb volley beyond Tim Flowers for the winner.

Gemmill scored 13 goals from midfield that season and when that was allied to his superb passing ability, there was no disguising his influence on the team.

He also had to live with the fact that he was following in the footsteps of his father Archie, who had joined our coaching staff by then, with both ourselves and Scotland.

Said the young Gemmill: "People had the tendency to think that I was in the team because my name was Gemmill. But as the season wore on, they must have realised I could play a bit."

"Goalscoring is a great thrill and I looked upon reaching double figures as a big achievement in my first full season. In all honesty I was just grateful to be in the side and picking up experience.

"I soon realised that if I could hold my place in the First Division, I couldn't be all that bad a player and it was nice to pick up the odd man of the match award and the Barclays Young Eagle award for the Midlands in December."

It was an emerging young team at that time but sadly we missed out on the chance of a Wembley double when we were beaten by a Brian McClair goal that sent the Rumbelows Cup back to Old Trafford.



1991-92 Who else was making the headlines?



Chris Waddle returned to England when he moved from Marseille to Sheffield Wednesday for £1m in June.

The world record transfer fee was raised to £11.5m when AC Milan brought Dejan Savicevic from Atletico Madrid.



Peter Shilton left Derby to become player-manager at Plymouth on March 2 alongside John McGovern.



After a 'second' chance

Fit-again Kelvin Wilson still believes we have a realistic chance of automatic promotion



Kelvin Wilson knows he may have to play a waiting game before reclaiming his place in Colin Calderwood's starting line-up.

The former Notts County and Preston man has established himself as such a key figure at the heart of our defence this season that club skipper Ian Breckin has found himself relegated down the manager's pecking order.

A thigh injury ruled Wilson out of last Saturday's trip to Tranmere, giving Breckin the opportunity to resume his partnership with Wes Morgan.

The pair produced outstanding displays to lay the foundation for a 2-0 victory that helped us secure a play-off spot and kept alive our slim hopes of gate-crashing the automatic promotion spots.

Wilson is convinced he will be in contention to face Luton this afternoon having resumed full training on Thursday but knows a return to the starting XI is no foregone conclusion.

"I'll definitely be fit but whether or not the gaffer wants to risk it with the play-offs possibly just around the corner is up to him," he says.

"Then there's the fact that 'Brecks' and Wes did so well at Tranmere. They helped us keep a clean sheet and as a defender myself I would be pretty miffed if I lost my place in the side for the next game after that.

"We'll have to wait and see what happens – I'm available if the manager wants me but I'll understand if he decides to leave things as they are."

Wilson's mature attitude belies the fact that he is still more than four months away from celebrating his 23rd birthday – a trait that has also made him such a success as stand-in skipper when Breckin has been absent.

But there's no disguising his boyish enthusiasm for the challenge facing us over the course of the next fortnight and possibly beyond.

He insists: "We still have a chance of securing an automatic promotion spot, so I suppose people would expect to hear me still talking up our hopes of finishing in the top two.

"But I'm not the sort of person who says things that I think people might want to hear. I genuinely believe we are still in there with a realistic chance – it's definitely achievable. Until I looked at the table the other day I didn't realise just how close we were to Carlisle.

"Six points sounds like a lot, especially at this stage of the season, but it's amazing how quickly that could be whittled away. It wouldn't surprise me if we found ourselves heading into the last game of the season with it all to play for.

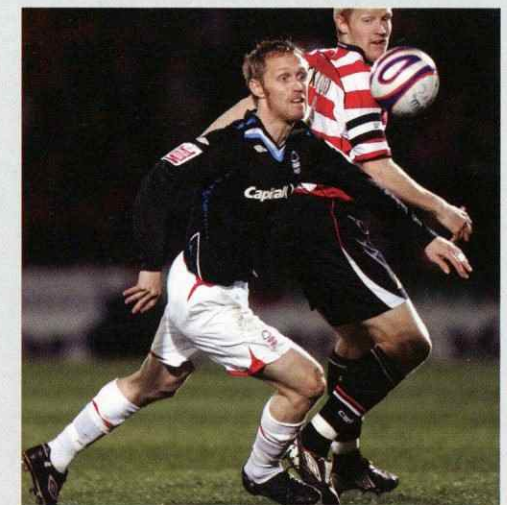
"But there's no point worrying about what Carlisle and Doncaster are up to. We've got to concentrate on getting things right ourselves in our final three games."

Wilson is confident we have the credentials to plot a path to promotion, via whatever route, and believes the experience of his former Preston teammate Brett Ormerod could prove crucial in the final shake-up.

Ormerod has scored twice since joining us on loan from the Deepdale outfit but it's his hard-working approach to the game that has impressed many observers – not least Wilson.

"You always know what you are going to get from Brett – he works incredibly hard for the team," he says. "He chases down balls that a lot of other players in the game would write-off as lost causes.

"But there's so much more to his game than running around making a nuisance of himself to the opposition. He has got a lot of nous and knowledge that really could be invaluable."



You always know what you are going to get from Brett – he works incredibly hard for the team

FOREST 1 BRISTOL ROVERS 1



Matt Lockwood shared the frustration of a section of our supporters after we had been held to a draw by Bristol Rovers at The City Ground.

We failed to capitalise on a first half lead given to us by Lewis McGugan and had to settle for a point after Steve Elliott hauled Rovers level after the break.

Lockwood, who made his first start in almost two months in place of the injured Julian Bennett, revealed: "You can accept and understand the frustrations of the fans because they want to win.

"I know the fans were not happy with the fact that we drew and neither were we. We were bitterly disappointed in the dressing room but have to concentrate, get ourselves right and improve.

"Once you go 1-0 up at home you expect to go on to win. The way their goal went in from a quick free kick where we switched off was disappointing."

We looked to be on course to record a third successive win for the first time this season once McGugan fired us in front in the 32nd minute with a superb free-kick from 25 yards.

Rovers' goalkeeper Steve Phillips had already been forced to make saves to deny Luke Chambers and Kris Commons by that stage, while Commons went close to doubling our lead before the break with a bicycle kick.

Rovers had started the game brightly, however, and after recovering from the shock of falling behind they clawed their way back into the contest in the second half.

Former Derby man Elliott capitalised on slack defensive work to head the visitors level in the 63rd minute from a Stuart Campbell free-kick.

Substitute Andy Williams went close to giving Paul Trollope's men the lead soon afterwards but the best chance of snatching a late winner fell to Commons, only for the midfielder to fire over the bar.



TEAMS



FOREST: Smith, Wilson, Lockwood, Chambers, Morgan, Commons, Cohen (Sinclair 80), Clingan, McGugan (Perch 76), Ormerod, Agogo (McCleary 45). Subs not used: Breckin, Thornhill.

SCORER: McGugan 33

BRISTOL ROVERS: Phillips, Jacobson, Hinton, Elliott, Campbell, Lambert, Pipe, Lines, Disley, Haldane (Williams 61), Lescott. Subs not used: Carruthers, Anthony, Rigg, Klein-Davies.

SCORER: Elliott 63

MATCH STATS

		
GOAL ATTEMPTS	15	8
ON TARGET	8	3
OFF TARGET	7	5
HIT WOODWORK	0	0
OFFSIDES	2	4
CORNERS	9	8
FOULS	2	7
POSSESSION	53%	47%

CARD GAMES

FOREST
 Morgan 67

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The Academy

by Nick Marshall

Mixed fortunes

We suffered a 4-1 home defeat against F.A. Youth Cup finalists Manchester City last weekend in a match where we didn't exactly help our own cause.

We knew we were up against a very strong and talented team but when we looked back on the game we knew we could have defended certain situations a lot better.

There was no denying that they were the better side on the day and in addition to our defending we also could have maximised the opportunities we managed to create.

City took the lead after about half an hour but we bounced back quickly with a well-worked goal.

James Reid did well in a positive run and produced a good ball through for Ryan Whitehurst to finish from about 12 yards.

We had chances either side of half-time but it was City who went in at the break ahead and they went on to score twice more in the second half.

We owed a debt of gratitude to goalkeeper Karl Darlow after beating Wolves a week earlier.

He produced a number of good saves to keep Wolves at bay and lay the foundations for a 2-0 win - our third successive victory in the F.A. Premier Academy League.

Aaron Mitchell and Adam Newbold scored on either side of half-time but we didn't play particularly well and didn't have enough possession for coach Chris Fairclough's liking.

We defended reasonably well and always looked threatening on the counter-attack but our retention of the ball was below-par.

We got off to a great start as Mitchell (right) capitalised on a goalkeeping mistake to put us ahead after just 10 minutes.

Newbold doubled our lead early in the second half with a fiercely struck shot that the 'keeper could not prevent from going in.



FOREST (v MAN CITY): Darlow, Tait, Hartmann, Wright, Mitchell, Diagne, Fairclough, Hook (McCashin 50), Newbold, Whitehurst, Reid (Staples 76) Subs: O'Brien, Rodney, Hopkinson.

FOREST (v WOLVES): Darlow, Tait, Mitchell, Diagne, Hartmann, B. Fairclough (Whitehurst 75), Hook, Wright, Reid, Rodney (McCashin 45), Newbold (Staples 80). Subs: O'Brien, Pearson.

MY GAME

Sean McCashin



I was playing for Glentoran Under 17s when I was spotted by Forest and invited over to The City Ground for a trial.

I was offered a contract by the club after my first visit to Nottingham and have been fortunate to play regularly for our Under 18 side this season, experiencing defeat just a couple of times in the F.A. Premier Academy League.

I've got a brother and sister but I'm the first member of my family to head down the professional football route. For that, I owe a great deal to my father who really encouraged me to play club football when I was younger.

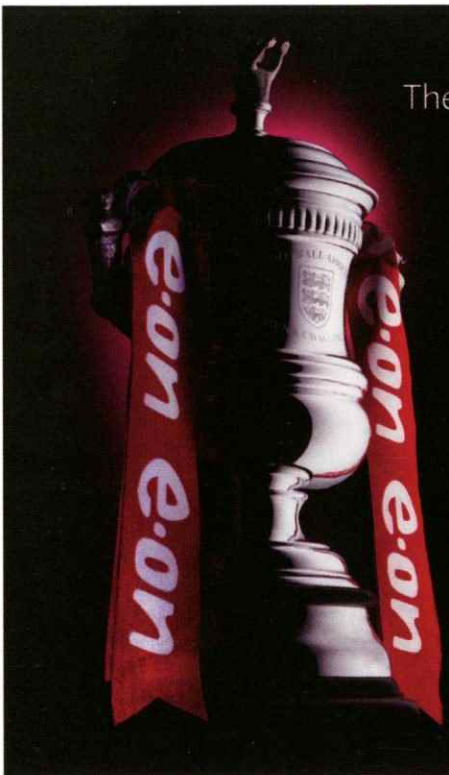
I'm on the Modern Apprenticeship programme at Forest and seem to be coping with my studies.

I know I'm still developing physically but feel mentally stronger and think I've improved not only the technical aspect of my game but also in terms of tactical awareness.

I'm about to start driving lessons and also enjoy reading, taking part in and watching all sports and getting back to Ireland to see my family as often as I can.

FA Premier Academy League Fixtures


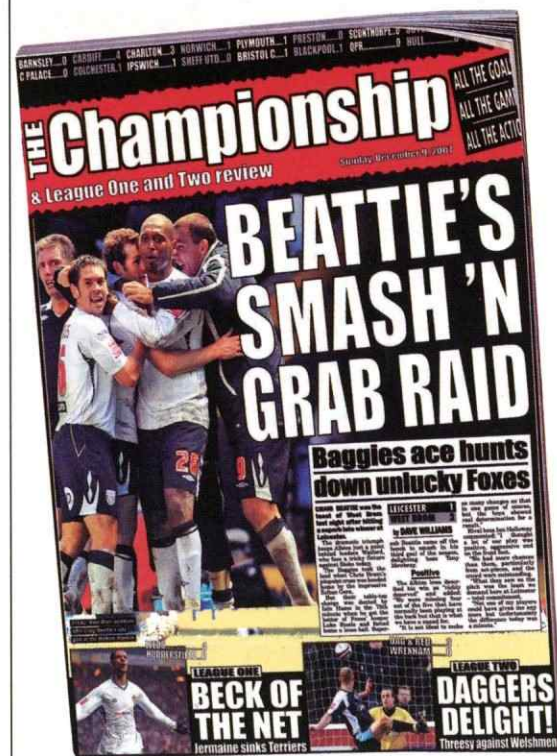
DATE	TEAM	H/A	TIME	RES
Sat 18 Aug	Cardiff City	H	11am	2-1
Sat 25 Aug	Bolton	A	12noon	2-2
Sat 1 Sept	Manchester Utd	A	12noon	0-1
Sat 8 Sept	Liverpool	H	12noon	0-3
Sat 15 Sept	Crewe	H		4-1
Sat 22 Sept	West Brom	A	12noon	4-2
Sat 29 Sept	Middlesbrough	H	1pm	3-1
Sat 6 Oct	Sheffield Wed	A		3-3
Sat 13 Oct	Sheffield Utd	H		3-0
Sat 20 Oct	Leeds United	A	12noon	1-0
Sat 27 Oct	Derby County	H		3-0
Sat 3 Nov	Huddersfield	A	11:30am	3-1
Sat 10 Nov	Barnsley	H		2-0
Sat 17 Nov	Sunderland	H	1pm	2-1
Sat 1 Dec	Newcastle	A	1pm	2-0
Sat 8 Dec	Leeds United	H	12noon	3-2
Sat 5 Jan	Barnsley	A		3-3
Sat 12 Jan	Huddersfield	H	11:30am	4-0
Sat 19 Jan	Newcastle	H	1pm	1-1
Sat 9 Feb	Middlesbrough	A	1pm	0-1
Sat 16 Feb	Sheffield Wed	H		1-1
Sat 23 Feb	Derby County	A		0-1
Sat 1 March	Sheffield Utd	A		2-4
Sat 15 March	Blackburn	A	12noon	4-2
Sat 29 March	Everton	H	11:30am	2-1
Sat 5 April	Wolves	A		2-0
Sat 12 April	Manchester City	H		1-4
Sat 19 April	Sunderland	A	12.30pm	



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The Reserves

by John Pemberton

Our unbeaten run finally comes to an end

We had more than enough chances to win several Pontin's League games against Coventry on Tuesday but instead had to settle for a point.

I was delighted with the way we played but it was one of those occasions when we failed to make the most of the opportunities that came our way, especially after Will Hoskins had given us the lead early in the second half.

I can't remember another occasion at reserve level this season when we've been guilty of squandering so many goalscoring opportunities... and we were duly punished by Coventry, who snatched a late equaliser.

A mistake by Brendan Moloney led to Chris Birchall levelling matters but no one should point an accusing finger at him because we could have been four or five up by that stage.

Moloney was otherwise excellent after being forced to switch from right back to the centre of defence when Hamza Bencherif went off with an injury after just a couple of minutes.

But the manner in which we went about our task as a team was particularly pleasing, especially when you consider it followed our first defeat of the season at Pontin's League level.

I always knew the players would respond to that setback in a positive manner and it's a mark of how well we did perform against Coventry that their coaches, Steve Ogrizovic and Frankie Bunn, were full of praise for us after the final whistle.

Our 19-match unbeaten run in the Pontin's League had come to an end the previous week against Huddersfield.

The feeling of disappointment among the players after the final whistle was palpable – they had, after all, made no secret of their desire to go unbeaten throughout the entire campaign.

To fall three matches short was hard for some of them to take... but it's to their immense credit that they got so close to achieving their target.

They found themselves up against a strong Huddersfield line-up, which included six genuine first team players, but I'm not using that as an excuse for our 2-0 defeat.

We had chances to score but unfortunately could not make the most of the opportunities that came our way.

I had a sneaking feeling that Huddersfield might just get something and two late goals sealed our fate – the second of which was the result of us changing formation and really going for it after falling behind.

Our central defenders Tom Sharpe and Bencherif did well and it was pleasing to see Hoskins (below) hit the comeback trail after almost two months out with a back problem. He played for 70 minutes.

FOREST: (v COVENTRY): Redmond, Moloney, Lockwood, Power, Sharpe, Bencherif (Tait 4), Byrne, Thornhill, Sinclair, Hoskins (B. Fairclough 70), Bastians. Subs not used: Richardson, Heath, Whitehurst.

FOREST: (v HUDDERSFIELD): Richardson, Moloney, Bencherif, Sharpe, Heath (Kavanagh 83), Power, Byrne, Bastians, Thornhill, Hoskins (Reid 70), B. Fairclough (Newbold 88). Subs not used: Tait, Redmond.



Pontin's Holiday League Division One Central Fixtures

DATE	TEAM	H/A	TIME	RES
Mon 20 Aug	Leicester City	A	7pm	2-1
Weds 29 Aug	West Brom	H	7pm	2-0
Tues 11 Sept	Huddersfield Town	H	7pm	2-1
Mon 17 Sept	Port Vale	A	7pm	1-0
Tues 25 Sept	Walsall	H	7pm	2-0
Tues 9 Oct	Bradford City	A	7pm	0-0
Tues 23 Oct	Shrewsbury	H	2pm	3-2
Mon 29 Oct	Coventry City	A	7pm	2-1
Tues 13 Nov	Stoke City	H	2pm	8-0
Wed 5 Dec	Wolves	H	7pm	2-0
Tues 18 Dec	Leicester City	H	2pm	4-0
Mon 7 Jan	West Brom (Kidderminster Har)	A	7pm	5-1
Mon 4 Feb	Shrewsbury Town	A	7pm	3-2
Wed 27 Feb	Stoke City (Newcastle Town)	A	2pm	4-3
Tues 4 March	Walsall	A	2pm	3-0
Thur 13 March	Bradford City	H	2pm	4-0
Wed 19 March	Oldham	H	7pm	6-2
Tues 25 March	Wolves (AFC Telford)	A	7pm	3-2
Wed 2 April	Oldham	A	7pm	6-1
Wed 9 April	Huddersfield Town	A	7pm	0-2
Tue 15 April	Coventry City	H	2pm	1-1
Tues 22 April	Port Vale	H	7pm	
Wed 30 April	Play-off Semi			

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	23	5	28
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	20	0	20
Nicky Forster	Brighton	15	4	19
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	11	6	17
Danny Graham	Carlisle	14	2	16
Adam Boyd	L Orient	13	3	16
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	22	65	2.95
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	22	65	2.95
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	21	58	2.76
County Ground	Swindon	21	56	2.67
Vale Park	Port Vale	22	57	2.59
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	21	54	2.57
Elland Road	Leeds	22	56	2.55
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	20	50	2.50
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	21	51	2.43
The Den	Millwall	21	51	2.43
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	21	51	2.43
Roots Hall	Southend	22	53	2.41
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	22	53	2.41
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	21	50	2.38
Brunton Park	Carlisle	21	50	2.38
The Galpham Stadium	Huddersfield	20	47	2.35
Boundary Park	Oldham	22	50	2.27
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	22	50	2.27
Prenton Park	Tranmere	22	49	2.23
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	20	44	2.20
City Ground	Nottm Forest	21	44	2.10
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	22	46	2.09
Huish Park	Yeovil	22	45	2.05
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	22	41	1.86

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 312 Swansea. shots off target 270
Doncaster. corners 295 Swansea. hit woodwork 15
Port Vale. offsides 153 Huddersfield. fouls 572 Yeovil.
yellow cards 75 Northampton. red cards 8 Gillingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 131 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots on
target 65 Andy Robinson (Swansea). Shots off target
71 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Assists 11 Paul
McLaren (Tranmere). Crosses 185 Max-Alain Gradel
(Bournemouth). Offsides 69 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale).
Fouls 87 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Free-kicks won 107
Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER

1236

RIGHT FOOT 696 goals

56.3%

LEFT FOOT 264 goals

21.4%

HEADERS 250 goals

20.2%

Own goals 22 (1.8%), Other body part 4 (0.4%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
Gary Liddle (Hartlepool vs Swansea) 0:26

By a substitute after coming on
Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.4 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
Sean Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on
Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used2452

Offsides3037

Corners5758

Shots Off Target5538

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you
would have missed by leaving
every match ten minutes early

2 1 3

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there have been
5599 shots on
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19). There have
been 130
penalties
awarded this
season and of
those 107 have
been scored (a
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Swansea have
been awarded
most penalties -
13. Southend
have given most
penalties away 9.
The team to
score the most
penalties is
Swansea 10.
Swansea missed
3 penalties in the
Coca Cola
Football League
One this season.

RESULTS

How many
times each
result has
occurred this
season -
home sides
score shown
first

0-0	38
0-1	50
0-2	25
0-3	13
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	51
1-1	72
1-2	30
1-3	10
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	47
2-1	63
2-2	22
2-3	7
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	23
3-1	16
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*up to and including 13/04/2008

High fives in Carlton

Nottingham Forest supporters from all parts of the globe arrived at Carlton Town's Stoke Lane ground for their annual five-a-side football tournament.

It was the first time the event had been held at Carlton Town and tournament chief Mark Steggles was delighted with the way the event went. He revealed: "No bookings, no sending offs... a tournament played in the right spirit from start to finish."

In between games, everyone was able to watch televised matches in the clubhouse sports bar on five screens and it was there that the Belgium branch set the pace by warming up with a pint of Guinness or two. The Irish branch turned up a little late – somewhat worse for wear following a night enjoying Nottingham's excellent nightlife... ideal preparation then.

The West Yorkshire boys, however, were early and got in some good preparation.

They entered two teams – as did the Thames Valley branch and with two teams also entering from Nottingham, South Notts and Gedling, the scene was set for an exciting afternoon's football.

While the Belgium boys were struggling to overcome the language barrier with referee Tim Bee, South Notts were making waves, winning all of their games without conceding a goal. The Irish too were making early impressions and reached the semi finals.

Belgium were improving as the tournament rolled on and after beating Thames Valley B 3-1 they had an outside chance of making the semis but it was the AFC Yorkshire A branch who went through along with Gedling, who won all three games, scoring 11 goals in the process.

The Irish lads came apart in the semis as Gedling continued their good form with the Irish going down 4-1 and South Notts made it a Nottinghamshire double in the final beating AFC Yorkshire A 5-0 in their semi final.

So the final was between two Nottinghamshire sides and it was South Notts who came out on top with a comprehensive 3-0 win over Gedling.

Carlton Town Chairman Mick Garton was impressed with the turnout and delighted to be given the chance to stage this prestigious competition. "It was a cracking day with some cracking people," he enthused.

"We were just glad the snow stayed away, particularly after people had travelled so far to take part. We were honoured to stage the competition and hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day."

Forest Supporters Club spokesperson Joan Bakewell praised the Carlton staff. She said: "I would like to thank everyone at Carlton for making us so welcome and looking after us so well. The feedback has all been positive and we will certainly be re-booking the event at Carlton next year."

There was also unequivocal praise for our supporters from Carlton Town bar manager Jenny Doors. She said: "The Forest supporters were a credit to their club throughout the whole competition and afterwards in the bar.

"They were respectful, courteous and seemed to really enjoy the day. It was a pleasure to have them here and we will certainly be delighted to welcome them back next year."



Tournament winners - South Notts

"No bookings, no sending offs – a tournament played in the right spirit from start to finish."

Tournament chief Mark Steggles



Nathan Tyson returned after a two-match lay-off to point us in the direction of victory in a hard-fought clash against Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park last weekend.

Although Tranmere had the better of the first half, we took the lead when Tyson sped onto a through ball from Chris Cohen and rounded goalkeeper Danny Coyne before scoring in the 34th minute.

Tranmere had other chances as they pressed forward in search of an equaliser but six minutes after the break Cohen again turned provided with a cross that Wes Morgan powered home for his first goal of the campaign.

Said Tyson: "It was good to be back, great to get a goal and even better to get the three points.

"It might now have been the best game to watch. It was a bit scrappy, the pitch was atrocious but you have to accept that at this time of year.

"The important thing was that we coped very well with the pressure they put on us and if we work

hard and stay solid we know we are capable of getting goals.

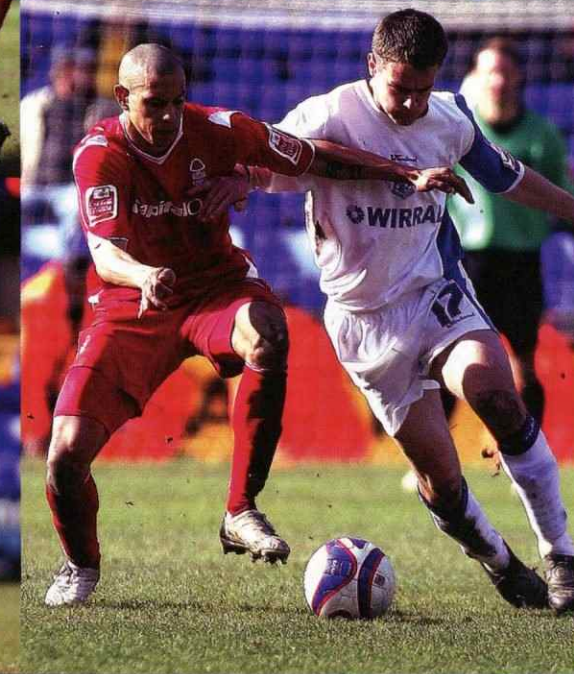
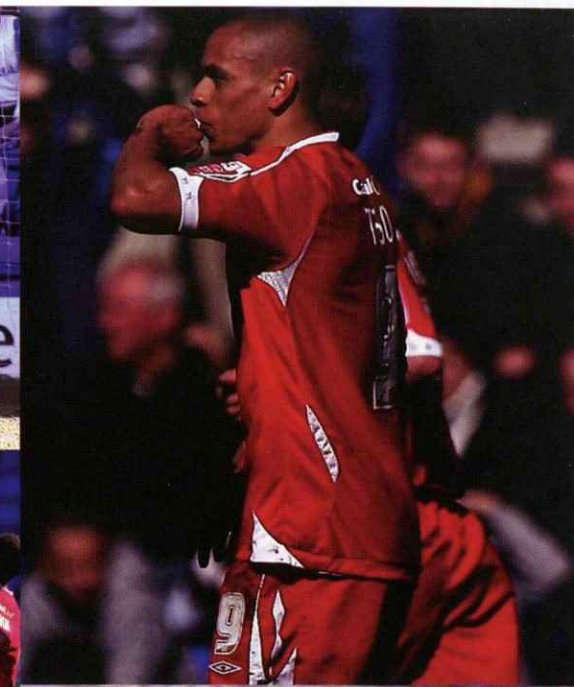
"It's not always about playing pretty football. We want to keep on winning and finish the season as well as we can."

And as for his 11th goal of a stop-start season for him, Tyson added: "I was really pleased with it.

"I said to Chris Cohen afterwards that it was just about the perfect ball for me. I'm always looking to get beyond defenders and it was the kind of ball that made it possible to do that."

Tranmere had started the game looking the better side and thought they had opened the scoring when Chris Greenacre prodded the ball home only for it to be ruled out for offside.

But Greenacre and our former striker Ian Moore continued to be thwarted and after Morgan's thumping header we defended fairly comfortably in the last half hour of the game.





TEAMS

FOREST: Smith, Chambers, Morgan, Breckin, Bennett, Perch, Cohen, Clingan, Tyson, McCleary (Commons 67), Ormerod (Thornhill 82). Subs not used: Sinclair, McGugan, Hoskins.

SCORERS: Tyson 34, Morgan 52

TRANMERE: Coyne, Stockdale, Kay, Goodison, Taylor, Shuker (Curran 67), McLaren, Jennings, Sherriff (Davies 66), Moore, Greenacre. Subs not used: Achterberg, Mullin, Ahmed.

MATCH STATS

		
GOAL ATTEMPTS	9	4
ON TARGET	3	2
OFF TARGET	6	2
HIT WOODWORK	0	0
OFFSIDES	4	3
CORNERS	13	4
FOULS	11	11
POSSESSION	60%	40%

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Keith Gordon, a Forest supporter of 62 years standing, continues his regular match-day column, giving a supporter's eye view of events, games and personalities that have stood out for him.



As someone who has come to grips with information technology relatively late in life, I have been pleasantly surprised by some of the benefits that it has brought to football followers like myself.

An obvious example is the Forest official website, a source of free, up-to-the-minute news and information about not just our first team, but reserves and Academy as well.

Additionally, for a relatively small financial outlay, subscription to 'Forest World' brings not only match commentaries but video interviews with members of the management team and individual players, together with recorded highlights of first team and reserve games – particularly welcome if one misses games for any reason and especially for the many Forest 'exiles', living or working overseas.

For those of us avid for statistics, it is possible to obtain a wealth of information about both our own team and our rivals from the weekly 'League Leader' magazines, or BBC 606, to name but two of the free websites that can be accessed.

As a boy, publications like 'Charles Buchan's Football Weekly', or the 'Playfair Football Annual' were what I spent my pocket money on, poring over them for hours. Now, detailed material can be obtained instantly, up-dated as any news occurs.

However, part of the life blood of football is having the opportunity for supporters to exchange views about their team, its management and players.

In the past, as well as the match itself, at work, at home or at the pub, it was also through the readers' letters pages of papers like the 'Football Post'. Today, such correspondence rarely appears as it is argued that, because of the internet, instantaneous discussion and speculation, argument and counter

argument can take place on any of the large number of websites devoted to football generally or our own club specifically.

Unfortunately, after accessing many of these sites, I have mixed feelings about them. When local press was the only outlet, although editorial control might mean your letter was overlooked, or its content reduced, it also ensured that any items published were relevant to topics of real football interest.

By contrast, a significant number of website contributions seem little better than childish 'name calling' about rival clubs, or a way for a small clique of friends to send messages to each other, while although 'moderators' exist to eliminate obscenities etc., words containing a series of asterisks, frequently leave little to the imagination.

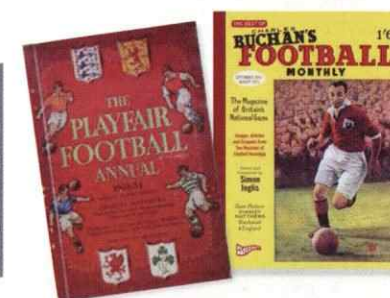
Another detraction is the way in which topics are sometimes side-tracked into individuals' own agendas.

For much of this season, a small number of fans, with a purely personal dislike of our manager, have diverted virtually every topic under discussion on a well-regarded website, into an attack upon him.

Whereas a paper's editor would ensure that only views connected to the topic under discussion were published, or a radio 'phone-in host would cut off people not sticking to the point, provided the rules of obscenity are not transgressed, these boringly repetitive 'red herrings' can proliferate ad nauseam.

I don't want to sound like a Luddite – after all, I am delighted to use the internet to transmit my articles without worrying about postal delays etc. – but I must confess that I sometimes miss those passionately argued, well-written letters that were once a feature of our local press.

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1977-78

Thirty years ago we clinched the First Division title. This feature looks back at that memorable season.

Sent to Coventry to win the title



Thirty years ago we needed just one more point to make sure of the First Division title.

And on April 22, 1978, Peter Shilton and his co-defenders duly obliged by performing a shut-out of Coventry City at Highfield Road to make sure the Championship was on its way to The City Ground.

It wasn't our best performance of a memorable season by any stretch of the imagination but when a job had to be done in that era, we had the personnel more than capable of carrying out the task.

Shilton was superb, highlighting his display with a blinding, instinctive save to deny big Mick Ferguson spoiling our party with what looked a goal-bound header (above).

Even without the suspended Larry Lloyd – David Needham did his customary excellent job as his replacement – we were solid in defence and only rarely threatened to mark the occasion with another win.

Tony Woodcock was missing through injury and the vibrancy he brought to our attacking play was absent on the day.

But the point was good enough to lift the crown and Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, who had masterminded the success, celebrated the moment with a cup of tea in the visitors' dressing room.

For once, the press were invited into the 'inner sanctum' as Clough extolled the qualities that had helped us wrest the title from Liverpool's grasp.

He argued: "I don't think anybody gave us a minute's thought as title candidates when we came up from the Second Division.

"And even when we started the season so well, I think a lot of people in the game kept thinking it was only a matter of time before one mighty bubble would burst.

"But we proved a lot of doubters wrong and it was very satisfying for us to lead from the front and take every challenge that was put in front of us as the season unfolded.



"We used so few players during the course of the season they were understandably knackered but there were no complaints. I think the players realised that we were onto something a little bit special and they all wanted to be part of it.

"It's been an amazing season. If we hadn't been going on holiday I was thinking of asking the doctor if he would give me an injection to knock me out for a couple of weeks – just to get some rest!

"What is important to Peter and I is that whatever our critics think – and I suppose we might still have a few – we know that we can go home at night and tell ourselves that we have put our lot into football."

Four games remained and, not having experienced defeat in the League since losing at Leeds in November, the players were determined to try and finish the season unbeaten.

Our next match was away at Ipswich – and it turned out to be quite a match in the career of Frank Clark.

He replaced Peter Withe in the second half and although thinking he would play in defence with another player moved into a forward position, he was told by Clough 'to go and play centre forward'.

We had taken the lead with an own goal from Paul Mariner when Clark's magical moment came, pouncing on a rebound to score his one and only league goal after 14 years in the game with Newcastle and ourselves.

His only other previous goals were for Newcastle in the Texaco Cup and League Cup against Birmingham and Doncaster respectively.

But there was no disguising his joy at registering his first league goal in the twilight of his career.

Elsewhere thirty years ago...

As we were clinching the title at Coventry, Liverpool were stepping up their bid to take runners-up spot by beating Norwich 3-0 at Anfield. A John Ryan own goal set them on their way and David Fairclough, (right) normally cast in the role of super sub, got the other two goals.



Everton, who were rivalling Liverpool for second spot, were held to a goalless draw by Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park.

Arsenal maintained their impressive form with a 3-1 win at Elland Road. Frank Stapleton, a Paul Hart own goal and Malcolm Macdonald struck for the Gunners and Leeds' effort came from Tony Currie.

Manchester City romped to a 4-1 win over Birmingham at St. Andrews. Brian Kidd scored twice and Gary Owen (penalty) and Paul Power added their others with Ricky Sbragia replying for the Blues.

Manchester United also had a comfortable win, beating West Ham 3-0 at Old Trafford with goals by Ashley Grimes (penalty), Sammy McLroy and Stuart Pearson.

Aston Villa enjoyed a 3-0 away win over West Brom with goals by John Deehan, Gordon Cowans and Dennis Mortimer and a single goal by Mick Mills was enough for Ipswich to beat Bristol City at Portman Road.

At the bottom, Newcastle slumped to another heavy defeat, losing 3-0 at home to Queens Park Rangers – their first away win of the season. Their scorers were Don Givens, Paul McGee and John Hollins.

Leicester, who were also relegated, suffered their fifth successive defeat at the hands of Derby at the Baseball Ground. The Rams came out 4-1 winners in the East Midlands derby with Charlie George scoring twice and Bruce Rioch and Steve Buckley also making their mark. Former Rams star Roger Davies was Leicester's scorer.

In Division Two, already relegated Mansfield won 2-1 at Blackpool and although Mick Vinter scored his 18th league goal of the season, Notts County went down 2-1 at home to Sheffield United.

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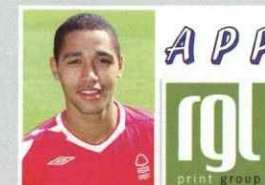
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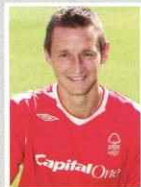


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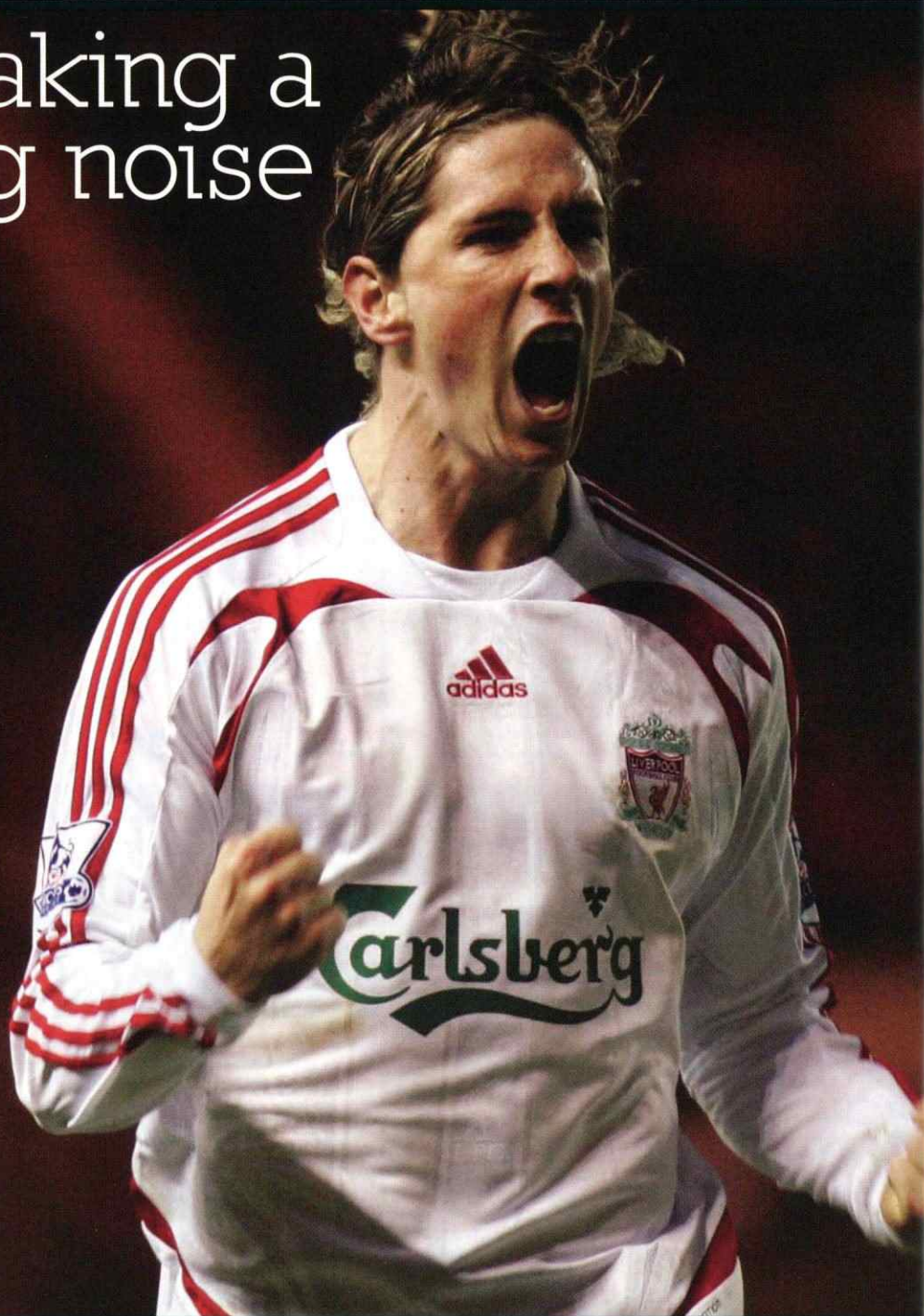
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Our former player James Beaumont is looking to forge a new career for himself in the world of journalism.

And we are delighted to say that he is cutting his writing teeth in the programme this season.

Making a big noise



It's a shame that the absence of Jose Mourinho will dampen the pre-match atmosphere somewhat. His mind games before big games made for brilliant entertainment



Don't the Champions League semi finals look like being absolute belters? Whoever gets the title this year will have certainly deserved the glory – the competition has had so much quality.

The Manchester United-Barcelona game has the potential to be a classic. As a spectacle, this would have made a great final, although the Chelsea-Liverpool tie sounds like a tasty encounter as well.

It's a shame that the absence of Jose Mourinho will dampen the pre-match atmosphere somewhat. His mind games before big games made for brilliant entertainment. He was like the Don King of football, getting everybody wound up for the action.

As was proved last week against Arsenal, Anfield is a fortress on Champions League nights. The atmosphere rumbling from the Kop just seems to have a magic spell on the Reds in Europe – it's unbelievable.

How they got through that tie is a miracle. Well, a certain Fernando Torres had something to do with it. He is the real deal and looks a bargain at £21 million (strange may it sound).

It would have been nice to see Arsenal win it though. They play the most fantastic football and deserve something out of the season but following their defeat at Old Trafford last weekend that now seems well beyond them.

But any young lad should just take a look at them and watch the way they play. They are so silky and zip the ball about so well. Although Arsene Wenger's bitter moaning won't be missed - he is so predictable and boring for such an intelligent man!

Either way, the wives and girlfriends will have to entertain themselves while these matches are on – the boys can't miss games like these.

The credit crunch may be hitting the pockets of the public hard but football continues to persuade people to part with their money.

For some – and I mean a select few – it is more important than keeping the house warm and feeding the kids!

I found myself commentating for the Press Association at Carlisle, Darlington and Hartlepool last week. These are down to earth, working class clubs, a far cry from the millionaire playgrounds of Old Trafford and the Emirates. These fans love their clubs, whole families come out in force to support the lads. They must be mad!

The game at Darlington was a shocker. The 4,000 or so who paid to watch must have been questioning whether their money could have been used a little more productively elsewhere.

The only highlight was a short glimpse of the sun in between the hail, snow, wind and sleet. But, the fans will no doubt turn out in force next week. Football just has that affect on people. The die hard 'footy nuts' think about who is going to be up front for the next game, not the minor issues of the price of petrol or the housing market.

There appears to be far less transfer talk and rumours about who is going where in the summer at the moment.

Usually at this time of year the papers are flooded with gossip. Maybe the chairmen around the country are being a little less frivolous with their money and are being more cautious when handing the cash over to the managers.

A few years ago the board were dishing out the cheques at some clubs, a scenario that rarely happens outside the elite of the 'big' four. It just shows the importance of having a well structured academy system.

Long term, those who have invested in their academies will survive any crash in the financial market or change in fortunes on the field because the team will always have a supply line of players.

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Hucknall Warriors Under 8s football team were our 'Team of the Week' for a recent game at The City Ground and they are pictured below with our full back Matt Lockwood.

Birthday treats

Birthday Boys Owen and Ben Summers, Morgan Hume and Ryan Whelan have all celebrated their special days by bringing their family and friends on a visit to The City Ground. We are delighted to mark their special occasion by presenting each youngster with a Nottingham Forest football personally signed by the players.

Half-term courses

The 'full' notices were up for a two-day course at Wilsthorpe School, Long Eaton, on Thursday and Friday. As usual, it was a huge success and we are now planning further courses for the end of May. The courses we have set up are at the following venues:

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- 27/28 May Mill Hill School, Ripley
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Tue 14 Chester City Carling Cup Rd1	0-0*	2,720	475	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett*	Bastians ¹	Lennon	Clingan	Commons	Holt ²																						
Sat 18 Swansea City	0-0	17,220	538	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett	Moloney ¹	Lennon*	Clingan	Commons ²	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Sat 25 Leeds United	1-2	25,237	3,483	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett*	Perch	Lennon	Clingan	Commons ²	Holt	Agogo ³																					
SEPTEMBER																																			
Sat 1 Bristol Rovers	2-2	9,080	1,191	Smith	Chambers	Morgan*	Wilson	Bennett	Perch ²	Lennon*	Clingan*	Commons ¹	Holt*	Agogo ³																					
Tue 4 Peterborough Carling Cup Rd1	2-3	3,102	490	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Breckin	Bennett	Perch	Power ¹	Bastians	Commons	Tyson	Agogo ³																					
Sat 15 Port Vale	2-0	6,521	2,003	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson*	Bennett	Perch	Tyson ¹	Cohen	Tyson ¹	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Tue 18 Leicester City Carling Cup Rd2	2-3	15,519	4,974	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	Lennon ¹	Cohen	Commons	Tyson ²	Agogo ³																					
Sat 22 Gillingham	4-0	16,330	361	Smith	Chambers ³	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	Lennon ²	Cohen	Holt	Tyson	Agogo ³																					
Sat 29 Yeovil Town	3-0	6,818	1,027	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	Lennon	Cohen*	Holt	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
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Tue 2 Huddersfield Town	1-1	10,994	1,195	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett ²	Clingan	Lennon	Cohen	Holt	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
Sat 6 Hartlepool United	2-1	17,520	1,241	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	Lennon	Cohen	Commons	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
Sat 13 Cheltenham Town	3-0	5,012	1,415	Smith	Chambers	Morgan*	Wilson	Bennett*	Clingan	Lennon	Cohen	Commons ²	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Sat 20 Doncaster Rovers	0-0	23,108	1,729	Smith	Chambers	Breckin*	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	Lennon*	Cohen	Commons	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
Sat 27 Luton Town	1-2	8,524	1,800	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson*	Bennett	Clingan ²	Lennon ¹	Cohen	Commons	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Tue 30 Oldham Athletic	0-0	16,423	371	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	McGugan ²	Cohen	Commons	Holt ¹	Agogo ³																					
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Sat 3 Tranmere Rovers	2-0	16,825	1,025	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan*	McGugan*	Cohen	Commons ¹	Davies ²	Agogo ³																					
Tue 6 Southend United	4-1	26,094	830	Smith	Chambers	Breckin*	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	McGugan	Cohen	Commons ²	Davies ¹	Agogo ³																					
Sat 10 Lincoln City Carling Cup Rd1	1-1	7,361	2,491	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson*	Bennett	Clingan	McGugan ²	Cohen	Commons	Tyson	Agogo ³																					
Sat 24 Crewe Alexandra	2-0	16,650	457	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Bennett	Clingan	McGugan ²	Cohen	Commons	Tyson	Davies ¹																					
Tue 27 Lincoln City Carling Cup Rd1R	3-1	6,783	2,229	Smith	Chambers	Morgan	Wilson	Bennett ¹	Clingan	McGugan*	Cohen	Commons ²	Tyson	Davies																					
DECEMBER																																			
Tue 4 Walsall	0-1	6,605	1,573	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Lockwood ²	Clingan*	McGugan	Cohen	Commons ¹	Tyson	Davies																					
Fri 7 Brighton	2-0	6,536	749	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Lockwood	Clingan*	McGugan ³	Cohen	Holt	Tyson ²	Agogo ³																					
Tue 11 Luton Town Carling Cup Rd2	0-1	5,758	1,030	Smith	Chambers ³	Breckin	Wilson	Lockwood	Lennon	McGugan ¹	Cohen	Perch	Holt*	Tyson ²																					
Sat 15 Northampton Town	2-2	17,081	1,291	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Wilson	Lockwood ³	Perch	McGugan	Cohen	Commons ¹	Davies ²	Tyson																					
Sat 22 Port Vale	2-0	21,407	549	Smith	Chambers	Breckin*	Morgan	Lockwood ²	Lennon	McGugan ³	Cohen*	Commons	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
Wed 26 Oldham Athletic	0-0	8,140	1,678	Smith	Chambers	Breckin*	Morgan	Perch	Lennon ²	McGugan	Cohen ¹	Clingan	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Sat 29 Gillingham	0-3	7,712	1,135	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Morgan	Wilson	Clingan	McGugan ¹	Cohen	Commons	Holt	Agogo ³																					
JANUARY																																			
Tue 1 Huddersfield Town	2-1	18,762	920	Smith	Wilson*	Breckin	Morgan	Lockwood	Clingan	McGugan	Lennon ¹	Commons ³	Holt ²	Agogo ³																					
Sat 12 Leyton Orient	4-0	17,805	1,334	Smith	Perch ³	Breckin	Morgan	Lockwood	Clingan	McGugan	Cohen ¹	Commons	Holt	Davies ²																					
Sat 19 Swindon Town	1-2	9,815	1,975	Smith	Chambers	Breckin	Morgan	Lockwood ²	Perch	McGugan	Cohen	Commons ¹	Holt*	Davies																					
Wed 23 Millwall	2-2	8,436	801	Smith	Chambers ³	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	Perch ¹	McGugan ²	Cohen	Clingan	Holt*	Tyson																					
Tue 29 Swansea City	0-0	21,065	1,159	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	Thornhill ¹	McGugan ²	Clingan	Commons	Holt	Tyson																					
FEBRUARY																																			
Sat 2 Bournemouth	0-2	7,251	1,547	Smith	Chambers ²	Wilson*	Morgan	Bennett	Cohen	Perch	Clingan	Davies	Holt ¹	Tyson*																					
Sat 9 Millwall	2-0	17,046	637	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett*	Cohen	McGugan ³	Clingan	Commons ²	Hoskins ¹	Tyson																					
Tue 12 Leeds United	1-1	29,552	2,902	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan	Breckin	Bennett	McGugan ¹	Cohen	Commons ³	Hoskins ²	Tyson																					
Sat 16 Swindon Town	1-0	23,439	1,264	Smith	Chambers*	Wilson	Morgan*	Lockwood	Cohen	McGugan ³	Clingan	Commons	Tyson ¹	Agogo ³																					
Sat 23 Leyton Orient	1-0	7,136	2,132	Smith	Chambers ³	Wilson	Morgan	Breckin*	Bennett	Cohen	Clingan	Commons ²	Holt	Agogo ³																					
MARCH																																			
Mon 3 Carlisle United	0-1	28,487	822	Smith	Perch ²	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	McGugan ¹	Cohen	Clingan	Commons	Holt	Agogo ³																					
Sat 8 Crewe Alexandra	0-0	6,314	2,246	Smith	Wilson	Breckin ³	Morgan	Bennett*	Perch	Cohen*	Clingan	Davies ²	Ormerod ¹	Agogo ³																					
Tue 11 Southend United	1-1	8,376	716	Smith	Wilson	Breckin*	Morgan	Bennett	Perch	Cohen	Clingan*	Holt ²	Ormerod ³	Agogo ³																					
Sat 15 Walsall	1-1	17,177	1,357	Smith	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	Perch ¹	Thornhill ³	Cohen ²	Clingan	McGugan	Ormerod ³	Tyson																					
Fri 21 Northampton Town	2-1	7,244	1,304	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	Thornhill ³	Perch*	Clingan*	Cohen*	Ormerod ¹	Tyson ²																					
Mon 24 Brighton	0-0	18,165	1,189	Smith	Chambers ¹	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett	Thornhill ²	Cohen ³	Clingan	Commons	Ormerod	Tyson																					
Fri 28 Doncaster Rovers	0-1	12,508	3,101	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan	Bennett*	Breckin	Cohen ¹	Clingan	Thornhill ²	Ormerod ³	Tyson																					
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Tue 1 Carlisle United	2-0	9,979	602	Smith	Chambers	Wilson	Morgan ²	Bennett	McGugan	Cohen																									



Off the pitch

Commercial & Hospitality

By Steve Prescott, Corporate Sales Manager

Franz in the wings

I'm delighted to welcome Franz Carr back to The City Ground this afternoon as our corporate guest.

Franz joined the club from Blackburn Rovers in 1982 and made 159 appearances for us before moving to Newcastle in the summer of 1991.

He helped us win the League Cup in 1990 and the Simod Cup the year before and during his time here was capped nine times by England at Under 21 level.

Franz will be visiting all our corporate areas during the course of the afternoon but in a slight change to our normal schedule, he is now visiting the Executive Box area at 2.30pm.

Our corporate guests for the last two home games were George Lyall and Nigel Jemson, who stepped in at the last minute when Peter Davenport was unable to attend.

George and Nigel are pictured being greeted by the crowd before the games against Cheltenham and Bristol Rovers.



Man of the match sponsored by **Chino Latino**



Garath McCleary won his first Man of the Match award for his eye-catching performance in our 3-1 win over Cheltenham Town recently.

He is pictured receiving his prize, sponsored by Chino Latino, from Paul Henton, of HAC Technical Gas, who were our Big Match Sponsors on the day.

Corporate Golf Day



As I have already reported, our Corporate Golf Day at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell on May 19 has sold out.

It promises to be a great day out and we are delighted to have a Forest Legends team, including Henry Newton, Ian Bowyer and Colin Barrett taking part.

I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking the following sponsors for helping us to stage the event:

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Although you can no longer book for the Corporate Day, don't forget we still have places in the Annual Golf Day at Radcliffe-on-Trent Golf Club on Wednesday July 2 and the Academy Golf Day at Springwater Golf Club on Monday September 8.

For more details call us on 0115 982 4450.

Diary cash for Danielle Fund

I'm delighted to say we have raised £355 for the Danielle Beccan Memorial Trust Fund following the sale of desk diaries for 2008.

We ordered a supply of diaries for our corporate clients and after they had been distributed we found that there were a few boxes left.

Our Castle Club and Legends Lounge members were given the opportunity to buy up the remaining copies for just £5 each with the proceeds going to the club's nominated charity for 2007.

The cheque has now gone off to the Trust Fund and I would like to thank everyone for purchasing a diary for this worthy cause.



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Clive Bevan is a big supporter of the club and I would like to thank him for his continued backing and hope that he and his party have an excellent time with us.

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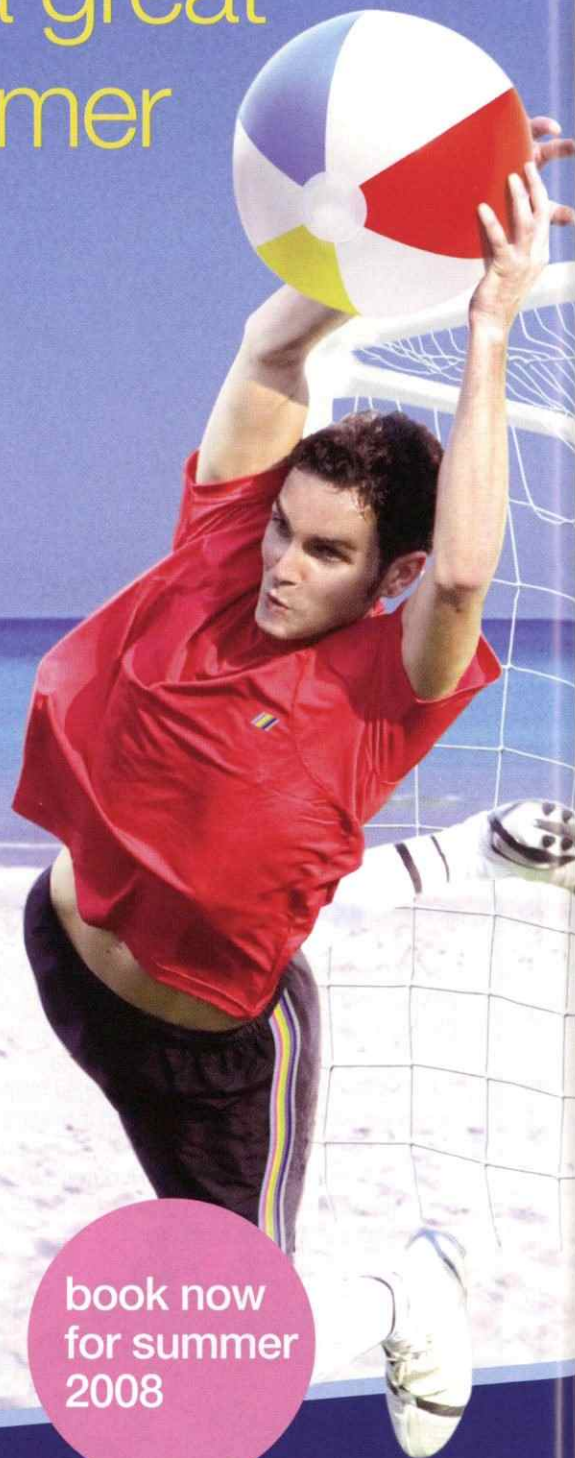
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NEXT HOME GAME

Saturday May 3 2008 Kick-off 3pm

Yeovil Town



Who's in charge?

Former Notts County caretaker boss Russell Slade is in his second season at Huish Park and enjoyed a remarkable first year with the club.

It culminated in them winning a place in the play-off final after an epic victory over ourselves in the semi final.

But it turned out to be one match too far for Yeovil as they lost 2-0 to Blackpool in the Wembley showdown.

Slade is no stranger to success, however, having taken previous

club Grimsby to the League Two play-off final in 2006, where they lost 1-0 to Cheltenham.

He has also been caretaker manager of Sheffield United in two different spells and was in charge of Scarborough when they had a memorable F.A. Cup run that was only halted by Chelsea.



last five



29.09.07	Yeovil 0 Forest 3 (Chambers, Agogo, Commons)
18.05.07	Forest 2 (Dobie, Holt), Yeovil 5 (Davies 2, Wright og, Stewart, Morris) – Play-off
11.05.07	Yeovil 0 Forest 2 (Commons pen, Perch pen) – Play-off
13.01.07	Forest 1 (Holt) Yeovil 0
09.09.06	Yeovil 0 Forest 1 (Holt)

What's happened since last season?

We were responsible for two of the big changes at Huish Park at the end of last season when Chris Cohen and Arron Davies joined us in a substantial deal.

Yeovil, of course, had just been beaten by Blackpool in the League One play-off final following their dramatic victory over us in the second leg of the semi final.

There were other departures from Yeovil in the wake of the Wembley final but manager Russell Slade acted immediately to bring in new faces.

Before the season started he had signed Lloyd Owusu, Gary Dempsey, Paul Warne, Marvin Williams and persuaded Liverpool to allow midfielder Lee Peltier to join them on a long term loan.

But it's been something of a season-long struggle for Yeovil to reach anything like the standards of 2006-07 and they find themselves going into the last three games of the season still needing points to make sure of their League One survival.

Players to keep an eye on

Ghanaian striker Lloyd Owusu was one of Yeovil's major signings last summer and he's not disappointed over the last nine months.

Since making the move from Brentford a month before the start of the season, Owusu (below) has taken his goal tally into double figures – something he regularly achieved during his days at Griffin Park.

The evergreen Marcus Stewart is still a major threat even though his goal ratio this season is surprisingly low for a player who has been a prolific scorer throughout his long career.

And manager Russell Slade boosted his goal potential by signing Northern Ireland international Andy Kirk from Northampton in the January transfer window.

Jaime Peters was also signed on loan from Ipswich and the Canadian-born midfielder has been a key figure in recent weeks.





NOTTINGHAM FOREST Study Support Centre



Pupil Power Graduation

Nottingham Forest Study Centre hosted the 'Spring Playing for Success' celebration evening to mark the end of pupils' achievements over 10 weeks. Parents, teachers and sponsors recognised their progress and enjoyed presentations demonstrating the pupils various skills.

This celebration was the first time the pupils actually planned and delivered the event which was a huge success. Seventy 10-14 year olds came from Fernwood Comprehensive School, Highbank Primary, Northgate Primary and Sycamore Juniors.

A pupil representative from each school sat on the top table along with volunteer mentor, Jake Turner, a student at Nottingham Trent University and Academy player Tim Hopkinson. Each spoke confidently about their time at the centre and the positives to come out of their experience.

We then watched a healthy eating powerpoint presentation, which was the work of Sam Warren, a year 8 pupil from Fernwood Comprehensive School. This was followed

by a dance performed by Jatinder Grewal and Daniel Singh also from Fernwood. Northgate pupils demonstrated speed stacking and pupils from Sycamore read some of their articles they had written which were included in one of the match day programmes. Highbank pupils demonstrated a press interview, taking questions from the floor! They coped fantastically with the pressure!

Tim Hopkinson, who is one of several regular Academy mentors, presented the pupils with their certificates. He emphasised to the audience how much he enjoys his time at the Study Centre and how rewarding it is to see the pupils' progress. We wish to thank Tim and his colleagues for being such positive role models.

Luke Chambers and Lewis McGugan handed out tickets for the Cheltenham home game and signed items from the pupils' goody bags.

A special mention goes to McDonald's who very kindly continue to provide fruit bags for the sessions and also gave out healthy drinks at the end of the evening.



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- 2 KELVIN WILSON
- 3 MATT LOCKWOOD
- 4 LUKE CHAMBERS
- 5 WES MORGAN
- 6 IAN BRECKIN
- 7 JAMES PERCH
- 8 KRIS COMMONS
- 9 NATHAN TYSON
- 10 GRANT HOLT
- 11 WILL HOSKINS
- 12 GARATH McCLEARY
- 13 FELIX BASTIANS
- 14 ARRON DAVIES
- 15 CHRIS COHEN
- 16 SAMMY CLINGAN
- 17 LEWIS McGUGAN
- 18 BRETT ORMEROD
- 23 JUNIOR AGOGO
- 24 EMILE SINCLAIR
- 25 ALAN POWER
- 26 MATT THORNHILL
- 28 JOE HEATH
- 29 JULIAN BENNETT
- 31 MARK BYRNE
- 32 SHANE REDMOND
- 38 BARRY RICHARDSON

11 SUB GLS

Luton Town

- 1 DEAN BRILL
- 3 ALAN GOODALL
- 4 DON HUTCHISON
- 9 SAM PARKIN
- 10 DARREN CURRIE
- 11 PAUL PESCHISOLIDO
- 12 RICHARD JACKSON
- 14 STEVE ROBINSON
- 15 STEPHEN O'LEARY
- 17 LEWIS EMANUEL
- 19 DREW TALBOT
- 20 CALVIN ANDREW
- 21 KEITH KEANE
- 22 RICHARD LANGLEY
- 24 PAUL UNDERWOOD
- 25 MATTHEW SPRING
- 26 SOL DAVIS
- 28 PAUL McVEIGH
- 29 PAUL FURLONG
- 32 RYAN CHARLES
- 35 MARLON BERESFORD
- 37 GEORGE BEAVAN
- 38 ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

11 SUB GLS

11 Starting Eleven SUB Substitute GLS Goals Scored

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- Millwall v Leeds
- Northampton v Oldham
- Swansea v Yeovil
- Swindon v Port Vale
- Walsall v Bournemouth

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