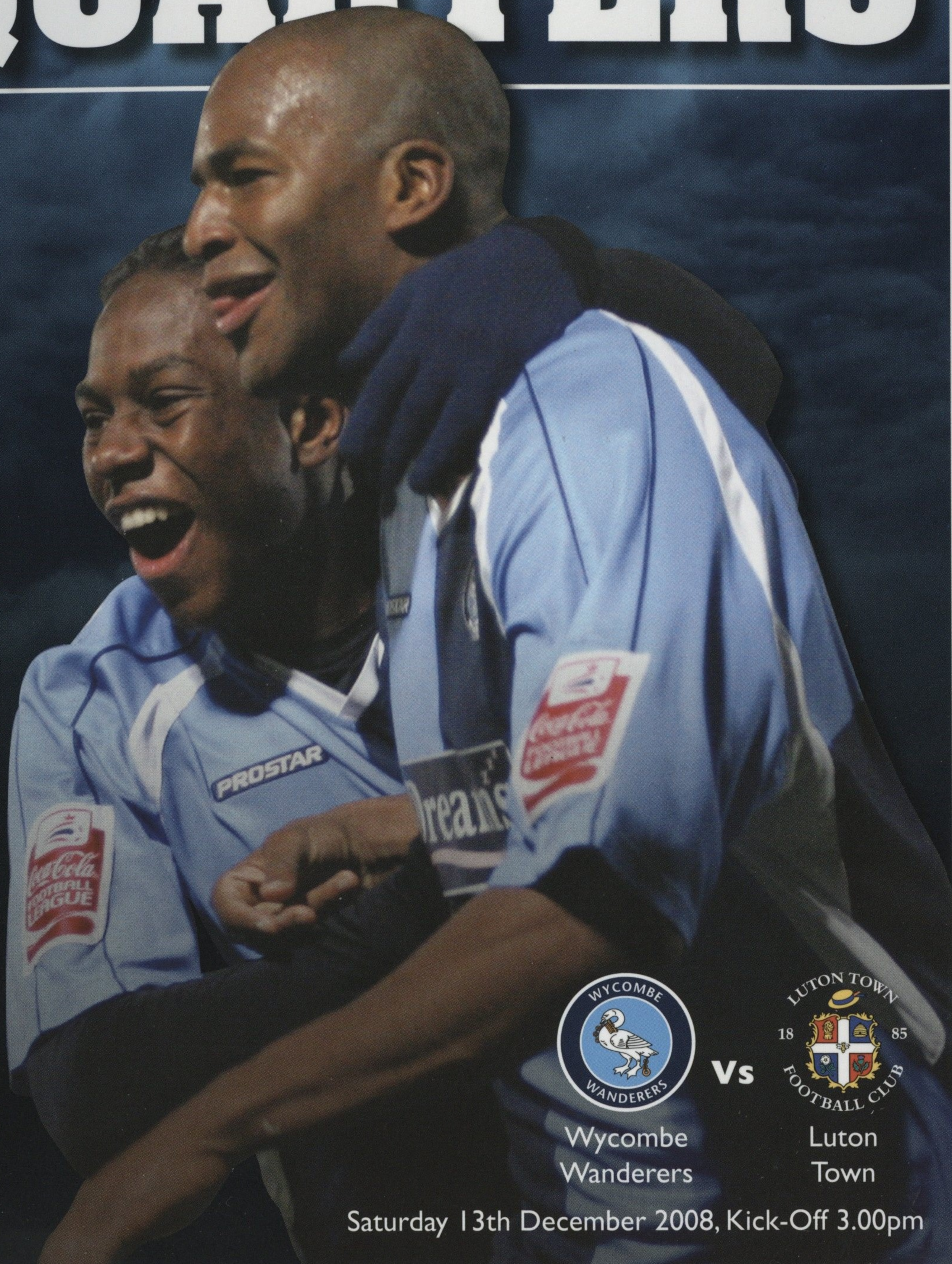


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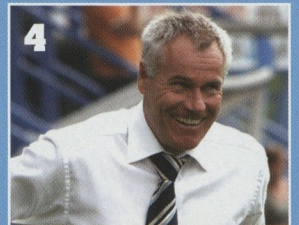
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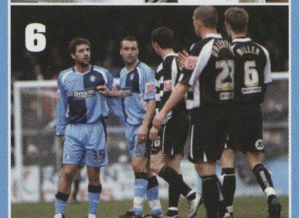
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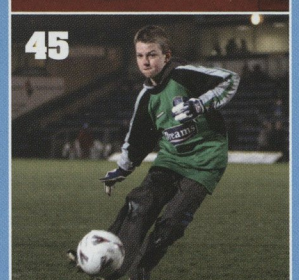


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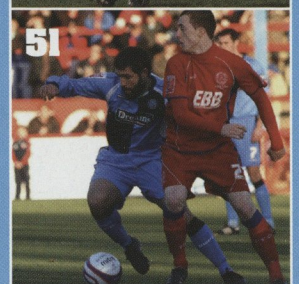
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THE GAFFER

We fell to our first defeat in the league last Saturday against Aldershot, but I can't praise the players enough for the way they played in the second half to battle back and try and take a point or even three back to Buckinghamshire.

We were deservedly behind at half-time, Aldershot never let us settle and really took the game to us. We showed glimpses towards the end of the first half but in the second half we really stepped up our performance. Angelo Balanta scored with 15 minutes left to bring us back to 2-1, but if we'd managed to get a goal with 30 minutes left I can't help but thinking that we could have played more patiently to try and get an equaliser.

Instead we found ourselves 3-1 down in the closing minutes as we went forward looking for the equaliser.

It was our first defeat in 19 games, it's been an outstanding achievement from the players, the start we've made must be one of the best points wise in the club's history and we will strive to continue this start and try and make it into a great finish.

The players have proved to themselves they can be a solid team and in that they've produced a run that I'm sure any team in the country would struggle to beat. But we know more runs are needed between now and May if we're to achieve promotion come the end of the season.

The week previous to the Aldershot game, we played our re-arranged game

with a much improving Macclesfield Town side at Adams Park.

It was a very good performance from ourselves and we showed immense character to come back from the defeat to Eastwood Town the previous Saturday. It was very important to bounce back from our FA Cup exit and we did it in some style. We scored four goals in front of our home fans, which I'm sure you all enjoyed, but in scoring the goals we also put on a very nice footballing display.

Magno marked his first League Two start with a brace and I was delighted with him on the night, his overall performance was good and for him to get off the mark was very pleasing. And the positives kept on coming from that night, with Matt Bloomfield returning to league action as a second half substitute. Matt has deserved his chance in the first team after all the hard work he has put in and he is getting closer and closer.

Going into today's game with Luton Town, we've been boosted by the news that Simon Church may be able to play. As you will know Simon has been out with a broken bone in his hand but he's been doing well in training this week and if he's been given the all-clear he will be back in contention for this afternoon's game.

As for our opposition, I've got the utmost respect for manager Mick Harford, I know him well and he's doing well with a very difficult job on his plate. To start with a points deficit makes the season even more difficult

and I'm not sure how I would have handled that situation. Mick is doing very well and we know they are a much better side than their position suggests. All managers know that Luton are as good as anything else in this division and you've only got to look at the team sheet to see what sort of quality players they possess.

The only reason they sit where they do is because of the points deficit they were handed at the start of the season – if they hadn't started on minus points I'm sure they would be challenging at the top end of the table.

This is our last game at home before the Christmas fixtures start, which is a very important time of the year for every club. There are a lot of games and we know we will need our whole squad of players.

Even though we need the squad, we've sent some of the younger members of the squad out on loan to gain experience. There's a lack of reserve games and for the likes of Jamie Turley, Scott Shulton, Lewis Christon and Darrell Ellams to get games can only help them progress. They play first team football, but more importantly they play in competitive games.

Peter Taylor

THE YEARLY REVIEW: PART ONE

IN A TWO PART SERIES, ROSS JEAVONS TAKES A LOOK AT AN EVENTFUL TWELVE MONTHS

A year is a very long time in professional football. Fans of any club in the country can claim to have experienced the dizzying highs and the sickening lows and whether you're a regular at Adams Park or Old Trafford, there's no escape.

Rollercoaster ride. It's one of those phrases that can easily be tacked onto the list of painfully overused footballing clichés, but surely in the case of the Chairboys – it's more than appropriate to describe the story of 2008.

Just two home games remain before the year is up – as good a time as any to have a sentimental look back at the past twelve months. Welcome to Part One.

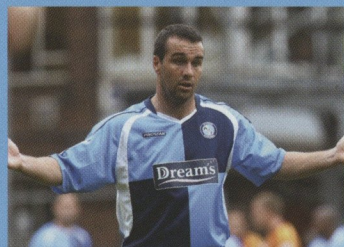
JANUARY

As Wanderers fans prepared for their New Year festivities, they would have done so with plenty to celebrate. The Blues geared up for their New Year's Day meeting with Barnet fresh off the back of four wins on the spin, a spectacular reaction to a club record 6-0 defeat at Stockport County.

A fairly drab affair saw Paul Lambert's side unable to break down a resilient Bee's backline, as both teams were forced to settle for a goalless draw.

Finding the net wouldn't be a problem a week later, as Scott McGleish's tremendous four-goal haul at a frosty Field Mill granted the Blues a 4-0 victory over Mansfield Town.

It was the first time a Chairboy had bagged more than three times in a game for almost fifteen years.



Scott McGleish began the year with four against Mansfield

That memorable victory also saw the debut of Leon Knight, who had made his ill-fated switch to the Wanderers just four days earlier.

Frustrating home defeats to Rochdale and struggling Dagenham & Redbridge led to an inconsistent finish to the month, with Wycombe left sitting one point and one place outside the play-offs.

There was still transfer drama to come, as Neil Lennon arrived at the club in a shock deadline day move.

FEBRUARY

The next month began with more home day frustration for the Chairboys, as the Stags exacted their revenge for Scott McGleish's heroic 30 days beforehand – with a 2-1 smash and grab win at Adams Park.

It seemed as though an immediate recovery was in order as the Wanderers raced into a 2-0 lead at Gigg Lane, but a nightmarish last twenty minutes saw the Shakers claw two goals back at the death. Manager Paul Lambert left his players in no doubt over his feelings on the matter, his anger was almost unparalleled.

Any teacups that were thrown in the dressing room at Bury that night would seemingly have the desired effect, and bouncebackability was an apt phrase – as consecutive 1-0 wins over Rochdale and Rotherham shot the Wanderers into the play-off spots.

MARCH

Spring came around with plenty to celebrate off the field, as the Football League Awards named the Blues as Family Club of the Year, and gave a special commendation to the Wanderers' much loved Community Scheme.

Sadly the team couldn't quite live up to the billing as they travelled to Lincoln, where a well-taken strike from Lewis Dodds ensured a hugely frustrating 1-0 defeat.

However in a season where two losses on the trot was positively unheard of,



A goalless draw with Stockport was played out in freezing conditions

a swift reaction was expected. No one was left disappointed, as a virtuoso performance from Leon Knight saw off promotion rivals Darlington by two goals to nil.

Aston Villa youngster Chris Herd joined on a short-term loan deal in time for the trip to Hereford United, as the Blues prepared for what was arguably their last chance to make an assault on the automatic promotion places.

An unfortunate own goal from the usually dependable Russell Martin all but ended those dreams, as the Bulls left the boys in the quarters ten points adrift of third place, with eight games remaining.

Days later the bad news just kept coming as fans learnt that key midfielder Matt Bloomfield would sit out the rest of the season, thanks to a knee ligament injury picked up against the Quakers.

Supporters also mourned the loss of Paul Bates, as the legendary striker passed away at the age of 73. He remains second only to Tony Horseman in the club's all time goalscoring list.

Four points from the final two games of the month, including a resolute draw in arctic conditions against Stockport County, gave the Chairboys a healthy cushion as they prepared for their toughest two games of the season.



The Blues were left heartbroken at Stockport

The month was completed as burly striker Delroy Facey signed a short-term loan deal from Gillingham.

APRIL

Consecutive fixtures against promotion certainties Peterborough and MK Dons threatened to put pressure on Paul Lambert's bid for the play-offs, but

two successive 2-2 draws saw a more than satisfying return as the Wanderers came closer to sealing their place in the top seven.

That spot was officially confirmed after a 1-0 victory at home to Chester City, as Scott McGleish rattled home his 26th goal of the campaign.

The success of the club's youth system was evident as April drew to a close, with an astonishing five members of the U18's side granted pro deals.

Darrell Ellams, Jamie Turley, Scott Shulton, Eddie Savage and Calum Botham all signed their first professional contracts in the game – in preparation for the 2008/2009 campaign.

MAY

The month began with the surprise retirement of midfielder Martin Bullock, who had joined the club from Macclesfield just ten months previously.

He left to spend more time with his family abroad, after a glittering career in the top four divisions.

Nevertheless the Blues went on to win their final game of the season, setting up a play-off tie with Stockport County thanks to a convincing 2-1 victory over Bradford City.

That game saw the full debut of 17-year-old sensation Matt Phillips, and gave the Wanderers a respectable seventh placed finish in League Two.

Play-off fever was naturally gripping Buckinghamshire, as the Chairboys hoped and prayed for their first promotion in well over a decade.

Unfortunately for the second string the season didn't quite finish in such spectacular fashion, as an extremely youthful outfit were defeated 3-0 by Chesham United in the Berks & Bucks Cup Final.

That result will not have preyed on too many minds however, as the Hatters came to town for the second time in the season – and the biggest game of the campaign at Adams Park kicked off in front of almost 7,000 spectators.

Delroy Facey put the Wanderers support into dreamland in front of

the Sky Sports cameras as he bundled home a first half strike, but the Chairboys would be pegged back by a world class volley from Stockport's Stephen Gleeson.

Of course it would all end in tears. Another miserable trip to Edgeley Park, a ball given away in midfield and a clinical strike from Liam Dickinson. It all combined to leave the Blues heartbroken, left to pick up the pieces of their second play-off exit in the space of three seasons.

As if that wasn't enough May 20th sent the Wanderers support into further shock, as a beleaguered Paul Lambert handed in his resignation.



Paul Lambert's departure was soon confirmed

Russell Martin's departure to Peterborough added further misery to what had been a forgettable month for everyone involved with the club, though just hours later the Chairboys support would be given a rather impressive reason to be cheerful.

Peter Taylor, famous for taking charge of England and handing the captaincy to David Beckham, was unveiled as the new manger.

He took over a club arguably at its lowest ebb in some considerable time. Only time would tell if he could drag the Wanderers from their knees.

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The trip to Nottinghamshire the other week was eminently forgettable and we have already drawn a line under it and moved on, but the day was not without its lighter side, showing how far we have come since we played at that level.

About five minutes into a mist shrouded half-time, there was a sudden rush from behind the dugouts, with between forty & fifty children and young men running onto the pitch into the top goalmouth. They then proceeded to bash balls into the net from all parts of the penalty area past a hapless five-foot custodian, totally unsupervised and often several balls at a time.

On enquiring what was going on I was informed that it a penalty shoot out, although I am convinced none of the shots that bombarded the goalkeeper came from the penalty spot.

Then towards the end there was a one-man pitch invasion, by a steward (one of theirs not one of ours) who proceeded to pretend to be an aeroplane, before sliding on his stomach across the floor. The exasperated loudspeaker announcer twice asked him to get off the pitch, requests that were totally ignored, until a further more harassed announcement was heard to shout, "Frank, Frank, will you get off the pitch".

For my part I gave up on the unreserved seats in front of the Club House, which were quickly filled and watched the game with the fans from behind the bottom goal. In fact watching from behind the goal took me back to my schooldays, but any comparison between standing on the Holte End at Villa Park and Coronation Park was purely coincidental.

On the way up I went back in time to one of my previous lives, spending a nostalgic half-hour in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, a very pleasant Leicestershire market town.

From 1982 to 1987 I had the pleasure of running my own sports retail business in the town, the shop being situated on the corner of the main street and it provided a good living for some years. At one time I actually played cricket in the local Friday night league, in which one side batted one Friday and the other seven days later, you had to win the toss to have any chance as conditions could change a lot in a week.



Eastwood Town certainly provided an unusual atmosphere

Then all the local coal mines closed and three redundant miners each decided to spend their redundancy money opening three more sports shops, in a town barely big enough for one. At this point I saw the danger signs and sold up, leaving the sports retail business and investing what money I had in the construction industry... which was a great move and another story.

My old shop is now an internet café and the three rivals that opened up in 1987 have long since disappeared, but I did enjoy my short return to a town of which I have many happy memories.

It is to the eternal credit of the Manager, staff and players that they bounced back from the disappointments of that weekend in some style producing our best footballing display three days later. We were nothing short of magnificent on a freezing cold night at Adams Park and being only one other game that evening, we were watched by five Managers and representatives from twenty-two different clubs... I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did.

Mind you what a cold night it was for that game, the under-soil heating had been on overnight and all day, without it I seriously doubt the game would have been played to its conclusion.

At no time did the actual pitch temperature drop below five degrees, but late in the first half some leaf frost developed, that gave a slight white sheen to the surface. Beneath the leaf frost, the warm surface of the pitch was damp, the whole effect giving a surface that was not dangerous, but it was a little slippery particularly near the end.

After the final whistle, in search of a better understanding of the effects of under-soil heating on the playing surface, I took a close look and was amazed at the three different aspects. A comparatively warm pitch surface, the start of leaf frost, with a wet almost dewy layer in between... It was quite bizarre, but without the heating I suspect we would all have had another early night.

ENJOY THE GAME

Club Secretary, Keith Allen

THE ADAMS FAMILY



A ROUND UP OF WHAT'S GOING ON AT WANDERERS

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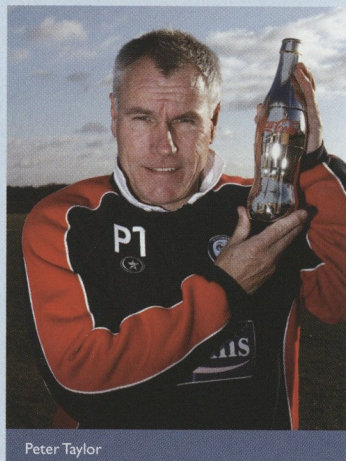
Wycombe Wanderers will play Didcot Town away in the second round of the Berks and Bucks Cup.

The Blues will take on the Southern League South and West Division side on Monday 2nd February at 7.45pm.

The Railwaymen currently sit second in their respective league and will be looking forward to hosting the League Two side at the NPower Loop Meadow Stadium in the new year.

The pair met at the quarter-final stage last year with the Blues running out 1-0 winners before they beat MK Dons 3-0 at Stadium:mk.

TAYLOR SCOOPS AWARD



Peter Taylor was named the League Two Manager of the Month at the third time of asking in November.

The Wycombe boss missed out on the award in both September and October to Bury boss Alan Knill and Chesterfield's Lee Richardson respectively but it was hard to overlook Taylor last month.

His side picked up ten points from a possible 12 in November after wins over Port Vale, Bradford City and Notts County with the draw coming away at Rotherham on the opening Saturday of the month.

He told Wanderers World: "It's nice, it means the team is doing well. The players have been superb, every day they're great to work with and they are working hard to improve.

"It's all down to the players, no manager would ever pick up an award like this if it wasn't for their players."

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Rena is in the Vere Suite entrance taking bookings for our away match to Shrewsbury on 20th December. The cost to members is £15 with a £3 surcharge to non members. All the usual concessions to senior citizens and students apply. At the time of going to print we do not have the time of departure.

The next coach will be away to Gillingham on December 28th which will be £13. The same surcharges and concessions apply. Again, there is no departure time at present. If you cannot catch Rena in the Vere Suite, please contact her on 01296 429307.

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Now that the new Trust has been formed from its two predecessors and a much strengthened Trust has been created we've been able to overcome a number of problems. Supporter representation was fragmented, there was confusion among fans about the roles and responsibilities of the two Trusts, and there was overlap in the membership, with some paying two fees.

WE NEED TO BUILD

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2. Ex-Sunderland manager Peter Reid has ruled himself out of the running for the Black Cats vacancy, but what side is he currently coaching?
3. Which two teams will contest the women's League Cup Final?
4. Which Arsenal midfielder has learned that his current injury layoff could stretch to 14 months?
5. Nicolas Anelka currently tops the Premier League scoring charts, but how many goals has he bagged so far?
6. Cristiano Ronaldo recently picked up the prestigious European Player of the Year award – but by what name is the trophy also known?
7. In what city was Brazilian striker Magno Vieira born?
8. Which ground can claim to be the highest in the Premiership, standing 542 ft above sea level?
9. Luton Town defender Claude Gnapka hails from which country?
10. Which famous Brazilian club side secured their third consecutive league title?

JOHN MOUSINHO:

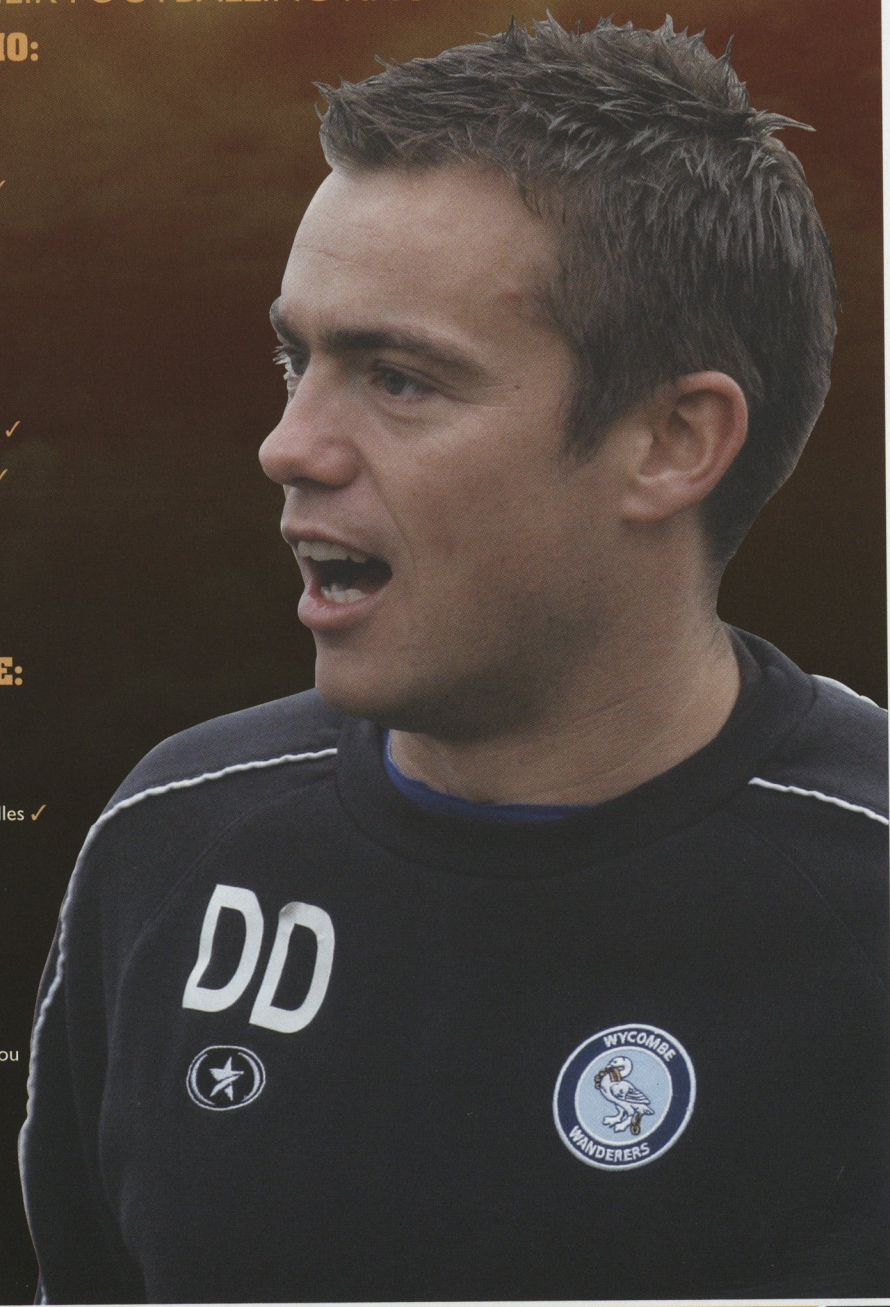
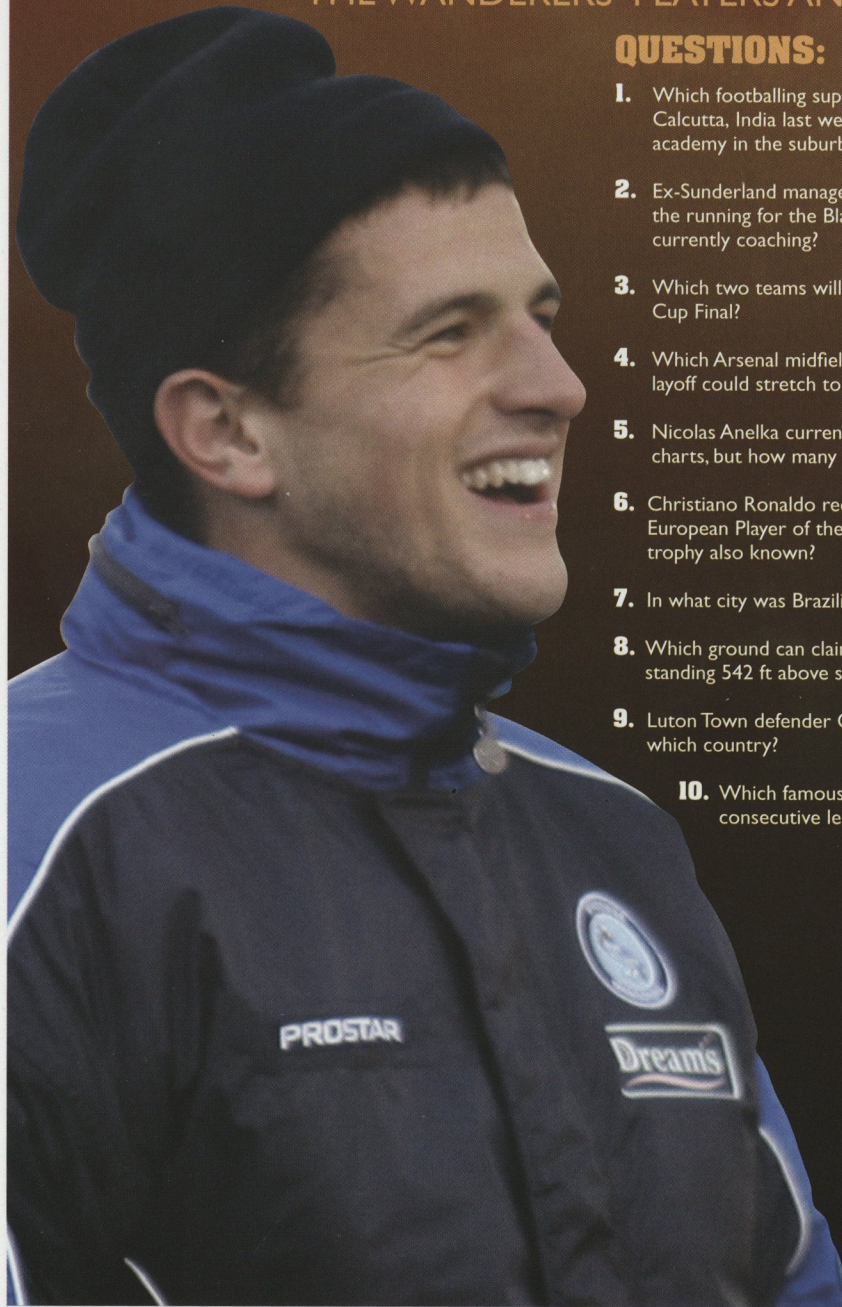
1. Diego Maradona ✓
2. Thailand ✓
3. Arsenal and Doncaster ✓
4. Thomas Rosicky ✓
5. Thirteen ✓
6. Ballon d'Or ✓
7. Brasilia ✓
8. West Brom, I'm guessing ✓
9. Pretty sure he's French ✓
10. Sao Paulo ✓

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DAMIEN DOYLE:

1. Maradona ✓
2. Thailand ✓
3. Arsenal v Doncaster Belles ✓
4. Rosicky ✓
5. 13 ✓
6. Ballon d'Or ✓
7. Brasilia ✓
8. What sort of nerd do you take me for????? X
9. France ✓
10. Sao Paulo ✓

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DREAMING OF A BLUE CHRISTMAS



All most Blues fans want for Christmas is three points, but with a whole host of new merchandise now available in both club shops in time for the festive season, there's a lot more to fill your stocking with!

The new club shop, based opposite Boots in the Eden Centre, opened in August on an initial six-week basis and has proved to be a great success with Wanderers fans, prompting the decision to keep the store open in the build-up to the festive period.

You'll be able to snap up a variety of products and leisurewear at great value for money, including Christmas cards and stocking fillers, goalkeeper gloves, shin pads and five new styles of t-shirts and polo shirts.

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LOYAL SUPPORTERS

LYNDEN FINCH GIVES THE LOWDOWN ON THE OFFICIAL WYCOMBE WANDERERS SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

The Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association has been in existence for many years in many different guises. It is run by a small committee of dedicated fans who hold meetings every six-eight weeks, and an Annual General Meeting in the Autumn. Membership currently stands at 263 of which 23 are juniors.

The success of any football club, along with the playing and management staff, begins and ends with its support. Wycombe Wanderers are no different in this respect. Arguably the main function of OWWSA is to offer fans travel to away games, and we run at least one coach to every league and cup match that takes place away from Adams Park. The prices for these trips are kept at a reasonable level, partly thanks to Motts Coaches who have helped the association by keeping their costs as low as possible. It just takes a glance at opposition programmes throughout the season to realise that our prices are amongst the lowest around. Travel is of course available to everyone, with a £3 reduction to every member that makes the trip. This means you only have to travel three times to pay for your membership. There are additional discounts for students, children, and senior citizens.

Success on the pitch normally means higher membership for the association and therefore more coach travel. The profits we make are utilised in two ways. Firstly, we try to help our football club. Pre-season 2007 a youth squad was sent to Norway to play in a tournament, with their air fares all fully paid by OWWSA. Last season we helped to purchase heart-monitoring

equipment for the club, and this year we have helped to purchase equipment which helps to reduce swelling in joints. It is a portable system that can be taken on away trips with the team so that if injuries are picked up then treatment can be started straight away. The equipment cost £4,800, and Wycombe are the only club in our division to have such a thing. It is thought that long term injuries can be reduced by approximately six weeks. Matt Bloomfield has actually received this treatment, and as we all know the speed of his comeback has been almost beyond belief.



The OWWSA prepare for last weekend's trip to Aldershot

At our recent annual general meeting, Chairman, Ivor Beeks asked if he could just enter and talk to the people attending. He thanked us for our wonderful contribution on behalf of the Directors and staff and it was a gesture that was not only greatly appreciated, but that showed just how much our effort and support is recognised by the club.

However it's not just the club itself that benefits from the funds we raise, many charitable organisations often see the fruits of our labour. The club charity is often a benefactor and just

a couple of seasons ago money was given to the Iain Rennie Association thanks to a sponsored bike ride from Chris Perrin, who peddled all the way to Torquay. You may also remember Adam Hayward's ride to Rotherham last year for 'Rob's Artt', a young persons cancer charity.

For the first time this season we have our own football team in the Sunday Combination. This is run by committee member Paul McCloud. Like our first team, they have started very well in the league and are still in the combination cup. They play their home games at Fernie Fields, Booker. Those of you that watch 'Soccer AM' may have seen them on there last week, which was a nice bit of publicity of the club.

Every season the association lends its name to a first team star, by sponsoring a player. We like it to be one of the younger players who has come through the youth system, and so this campaign we opted for the shirt of Matt Phillips. At the end of the season each member is asked to vote for their Player of the Year, last season it was Scott McGleish, and the committee also nominates a Young Player of the Year, which was Frankie Fielding.

Our campaign ends with the End of Season Dinner which is always a superb evening.

Help us to help your team by joining OWWSA. Ask Rena for a form, at the entrance to the Vere Suite. It will cost you just £9.50. Together, we can make a difference.

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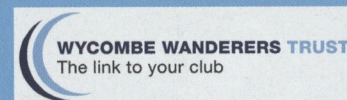
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TRUST IN US

SUPPORTERS DIRECTOR KEITH BLAGBROUGH TELLS OF THE LINK BETWEEN THE WYCOMBE WANDERERS TRUST AND THE FOOTBALL CLUB



Who are we? Where did we come from what are we up to, and why you should join us?

Like any birth there are two partners who have to get together to produce an offspring and the Trust is no exception. The Wycombe Wanderers Trust was formed with the two Trusts, the Founders Trust and Supporters Trust coming together to create one.

Firstly, the Supporters Trust, a quick - I promise you a very quick history lesson.

It started way back in 2000 with a couple of us going to a meeting in London which was Government sponsored. This explained how supporters could get involved with and hopefully influence their Football Club. This was under the umbrella of an organization called Supporters Direct. It was attractive because one of the objectives of this organization is to get representation for supporters on the Football Club Board of Directors, the suggested mechanism then was to purchase sufficient shares in the club to give a trust influence and hopefully to obtain a place on the Board.

The problem was how this principle of supporters representation applied to a Football Club which did not have shares and where all the Directors were elected by fans. While we were considering this, the Club decided to change its constitution. Whatever the rights and wrongs of this change, the upshot was a commitment that if the Trust bought 100,000 shares in the club (cost £100k) we could nominate a Director to serve on the Football Club Board. We did and we have.

This now brings me to the second partner in the saga. As part of the constitution change the Football Club also created the Founders Trust, giving those existing members of the Football Club certain enshrined rights over the club and its stadium, and also the right to nominate a Director to the Board of the Football Club.

Never in our wildest dreams did the two of us believe that there would be two Supporters Directors on the Board of Wycombe Wanderers, but it happened.



The Trust aims to look after the interests of the fans

From the start it became obvious that two supporters trusts with similar objectives was an anomaly, and although we worked together very successfully the only solution was to merge the two entities to form one Trust. This took quite a time, consuming a lot of effort, but it happened and here we are.

The merging of the two Trust Boards has created a strong multi-skilled entity, with experience in the legal, media and accounting professions, as well as in the fields of finance, manufacturing, construction, civil and local government. We are well able to protect those enshrined rights and move forward to meet any future challenges and there will be some. We can already see that there is Stadium Relocation, and the financial status of the Football Club.

We have a relatively small number of members compared to the number

of supporters, the more the Trust can speak for, the greater our influence.

One of our objectives is to encourage the Club to take proper account of the interests of its supporters, and the community it serves, and we can achieve this only by speaking for greater numbers.

We are a democratic organization. Whenever it is possible to do so we consult our members on important issues to determine their view on what action to take, and how to vote our 100,000 shares at all general meetings. We analyse Club issues so that our members can be kept fully in the picture.

But of course looking at the big issues does not mean that we neglect others, which are so important to all supporters and because we have two Directors elected to the Football Club Board working together, we are able to ensure that problems are quickly solved.

You need to be a part of all this because it is one way you can help to influence what goes on at the Football Club.

In conclusion I would like to borrow a quotation from the programme at Grimsby:- 'Wycombe Wanderers is a prime example of a club that is all the better for having its supporters at the heart of it and involved in shaping its future.'

Be involved - come and join us.

Keith Blagbrough
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STARS OF THE FUTURE

**YOUTH TEAM BOSS RICHARD
DOBSON REVEALS THE LATEST
NEWS FROM THE U18s**

Last weekend the youth team hosted Northampton Town following a two week break after our match against Brentford had been postponed the week previous. The break was a welcome one as we had looked jaded in the previous games and had not hit the standards that we had set earlier in the season. Rotation of players in order to rest them had been difficult as we had only had 13 fit players to choose from for the last month, so the break gave us an opportunity to nurture injured players back to fitness and give the other players a much needed rest.

Not surprisingly the players returned fresh from their weekend off and trained very well all week showing the sharpness that had been prevalent earlier in the season. I didn't have to wait long for their sharpness to show and we could have taken the lead in the first minute but an excellent save from their keeper stopped Pietro Palladino opening the scores after a lovely interchange between himself and Dan Fitchett.

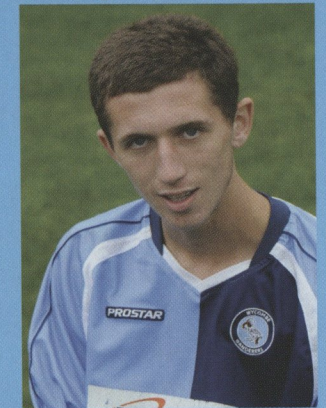
Within five minutes the Northampton keeper made another outstanding save to prevent Dean Wallace scoring from point blank range, however we did not have to wait long before Dan Fitchett put us ahead in the 12th minute racing clear to drive the ball easily past the goalkeeper. As the half progressed our attacking play was causing Northampton all sorts of problems with David Pearce shooting over with just the keeper to beat then Fitchett thundering a header against the bar from a corner. When half time arrived

I was disappointed that the scoreline was only 1-0 as I knew that the half time break would give Northampton a chance to reorganise and make the second half a closer contest.

As expected the second half was more evenly matched and a more scrappy affair was on show. Northampton started the second half brighter and created a couple of opportunities, however we always looked like we were capable of increasing our lead when attacking. In fact we should have increased our lead midway through the half when Pietro headed wide from underneath the bar when it looked easier to score. This miss did not deter him and he rounded a very good individual performance off by scoring twice late on, the first a header from a corner and the second a left foot half volley following a sweeping passing move and cross from David Pearce.

The 3-0 win was no more than the team deserved and Northampton could count themselves lucky that the scoreline was not bigger with us having missed several glaring chances throughout the game. The quality of our attacking play in the first half was very good but being the perfectionist that I am I felt we took our foot off the pedal for 20 minutes in the second half which on another day could have cost us. Once our substitutes were introduced they added an impetus to the team and we went on to gain a comfortable win. Pietro Palladino was bright throughout and thoroughly deserved his goals with Sam Grayley also having an excellent game at centre half.

**Introducing
George Daly**



In his second year as a scholar after joining Wycombe as an under 16. George is predominately a striker although has also been used as central midfielder on occasion this season. His pace and quick feet cause defenders problems and with an eye for goal he can be a real handful.

Last season after several injuries to first team strikers over the Christmas period George was called up by then Wycombe manager Paul Lambert and was involved with the first team in league fixtures against Brentford and Shrewsbury, coming off the bench on both occasions

This season has been a stop start season for George after picking up several niggly injuries. He is currently recovering from an ankle injury picked up in the FA Youth cup game against Burgess Hill that has kept him out for the last four weeks. Now back in training and looking to get back to match fitness George is hoping to push on over the remainder of the season and hopefully stay injury free.

**NEXT HOME
YOUTH GAME**

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FIRST TEAM

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.. third Saturday lucky for Peter and the boys please, and get Blues fans to lose those extra Christmas pounds whilst helping Scannappeal



DAVID ANGLON

Players visit Wycombe Hospital

Scott Shearer, John Mousinho and first team coach Junior Lewis visited Wycombe Hospital last week and met consultant urologist Jonathan Greenland and patients recovering from surgery for prostate cancer. The players learnt that, according to current statistics, at least one member of their team will develop prostate cancer later in their life.

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PAST TIMES

ADRIAN WOOD LOOKS BACK AT A PREVIOUS MATCH DAY PROGRAMME FEATURING TODAY'S SIDES

Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town
Nationwide Football League Two
Adams Park,
Saturday, September 7th 1996

This was the first competitive fixture between the clubs, the Hatters having been relegated from Division One the previous May. The programme was our standard 40-page issue of the 1996/1997 campaign (£1.50). Two single sheet inserts were included on ticket arrangements for the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Nottingham Forest, Executive Boxes available in the new ServisPak stand, and the newly released book 'The Official History of Wycombe Wanderers F.C.'

The front cover showed Wycombe's young striker Damien Markman in action at Shrewsbury whilst Paul Dennis' colour photos inside featured the home draw with Gillingham. Understandably the programme contained plenty of references to the afternoon's official opening of the new ServisPak stand and the Bucks Free Press Family Enclosure. Director Alan Parry remembered that only six years previously we had been playing non-league football at Loakes Park – "If anyone had suggested then that we would soon be playing second division football in a state-of-the-art stadium with one of the best (and flattest!) pitches in the country, they would have been dismissed as dreamers."

Some four pages were devoted to our visitors including 'From the Archives' by Neil Smith that recalled the highs and lows of the Bedfordshire side. Dave Finch recalled the previous meeting between the sides – a 1-1 friendly at Loakes Park in November 1971. There was a full write up of our recent away trip to Blackpool and details of forthcoming trips to Walsall and Burnley.

Both sides had started the season poorly – each had just three points from their first four league fixtures. The game saw the one and only appearance in a Wycombe shirt of former England midfielder Ray Wilkins. The first half was fairly even. Desouza went closest for Wycombe, his shot being cleared off the line by Steve Davis. At the other end Alexander and Hughes forced Parkin into good saves. The winner arrived from the Hatters in the 52nd minute. Mitchell Thomas' cross was headed down by Fotiadis for David Oldfield to tap home. Luton generally controlled the game thereafter but McCarthy was denied a late equaliser when his shot hit the woodwork. The attendance that afternoon was a healthy 6,471.

Luton had a good season but it ended in bitter disappointment. They finished third, four points behind runners-up Stockport. With just the top two automatically

promoted, Town faced sixth placed Crewe Alexandra in the play-offs. After a 1-2 defeat at Gresty Road, they could only manage a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road. The Railwaymen went on to beat Brentford 1-0 at Wembley to take the third promotion place (they had finished the league season five points behind Luton). As for Wycombe, John Gregory replaced Alan Smith as manager and the Chairboys finished eighteenth.

Since then Luton have continued their good form at Adams Park being undefeated in a further six Division Two fixtures here plus an FA Cup meeting in December 2004.

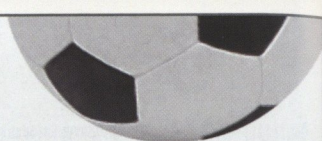


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AN OFF-BEAT LOOK AT THE THOUGHTS OF
OPPOSING FANS BY WEBWANDERER

Wycombe Wanderers 4
Macclesfield Town 0

Greetings Comrades,

Badgers are, according to David Attenborough, strong, tenacious and brave creatures. Mix in cold, foggy Eastwood weather, a sloping pitch and a goal-hungry prison officer and you have all the ingredients of a Cup upset. So, as we smarted about the Saturday result, counting the cost in two injured strikers and fearing a possible drop in morale, Macclesfield, unbeaten in six, must have been optimistic about this rescheduled potential banana skin for the Chairboys.

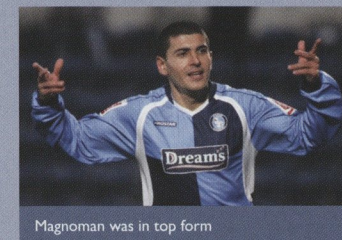
The perfect time then for mild-mannered substitute Vieira to reveal his true identity: MAGNOMAN (Taller than a leaping McGleish! Faster than a sloppy defence!), for Balanta to score the stunning goal he has been threatening for a while, for LJ to remind us that the defenders know where the goal is and for Scott Shearer to get another assist.

The official Town website report conceded that Wycombe were '...deserved winners...' with Macclesfield '...never really able to impose any real presence in the game, especially in the final third.' It went on: 'Whilst the endeavour was there, the Silkmen's play lacked any real quality...' and ended with praise for the very vocal 55 travelling fans.

Keith Alexander was at a loss to explain the performance. '...Last night was one of the most disappointing of my career,' he admitted. 'I've cancelled the day off for the players... as I think it is important for us to get to the bottom of why it happened.' He told the MACCLESFIELD EXPRESS that his team were '...second best from start to finish. We were outplayed by

a good team. We gave them so much room (that) I could still be playing! It was a ridiculous performance... As good as Wycombe are, they are not that good... but it could have been 6-0.'

The MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS report, however, saw the visitors as '...no match for Peter Taylor's side (and) if anything were lucky to get away with their four goal defeat.'



Magnoman was in top form

On the MACCFANS WEBSITE forum, 12thman shrugged: 'At least we can say we aren't the only ones to lose at Wycombe this season...' before adding that he '...saw Dunfield on the team sheet, but I haven't heard his name mentioned on the commentary.' Mikeb_mtfc explained '...sounds like the whole game was played in our box, he was probably having a brew in midfield.'

Mtfc_82 posted: 'Just on the way back. No passion or fight. Complete contrast to the last six games.' Feeling that blame lay squarely between the sticks, he ended with; 'Jonny Brain for England! Not!!!!'

Fooldude had been more optimistic at 1-0 until '...the unstoppable goal from Balanta killed it.' Paddysboyz was more critical. 'I thought we were very poor in all areas of the park this evening... against a very good team who thoroughly deserved their comprehensive victory,' although he felt the visiting faithful sang long and

loud '...against the backdrop of a very conservatively appreciative home crowd who would have been more at home at a ballet!!!' Macjon 10000 also singled out goalkeeper Brain: 'Not content with already being on the advert for Ricky Hatton's Football Cock-ups DVD, he is now getting his submissions ready for the sequel'

Mgriff was disappointed because '... Wycombe are a damned good League Two side... Unfortunately, we made them look like Brazil... It was almost as if the team and management started the game expecting to lose. Not nice to watch.' Hants-macc agreed: 'I have no problem getting beat... if we put in 110%... last night we just rolled over and let Wycombe get on with it.' RoyalMatt, a Reading fan visiting with a Silkman colleague gave a neutral view, praising the travelling fans as '...a credit to the club...' before adding that the Chairboys '...seemed quicker and more skilful in most areas... Macc didn't always seem to know what to do with the ball in the final third.'

Fooldude ended the evening's postings with: 'two shots on target? I must have missed one of them!'

On the bright side, the Macc faithful can look forward to a Cup meeting with Everton now.

Sadly, our unbeaten run, already longer than my second and sixth marriages, foundered against Aldershot (Luckily Away games are not within my remit) so the Luton game becomes even more important.

Coming soon to Adams Park – 'BANANA SKIN 2: When Hatters Attack!' No Slip ups please, gentlemen...

Onwards and Upwards!



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TOP 10 MANAGERS

STEVE WILSON TAKES A LOOK AT THE TOP TEN MANAGERS

No 10 Mike Keen (1980/1984)
The former Queens Park Rangers stalwart, and local lad made good, led Wycombe to an FA Trophy semi-final in 1982 and the following year took them to a seventh Isthmian League championship. Gave his son Kevin, a future Premier League star with West Ham United, his Blues debut aged 15 years and 209 days.

No 9 Peter Taylor (2008-present)
It is still early to be talking about our current manager in the same breath as the greats, but the 18-game unbeaten league run that kicked off Taylor's tenure – as well as some of the attractive football on display so far – suggests we may have another star on our bench. Only time will tell, but fingers crossed...

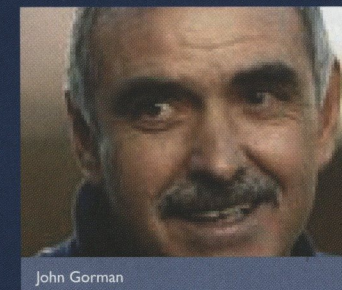
No 8 Lawrie Sanchez (1999/2003)
The FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool in 2001 remains Sanchez's legacy, but don't forget that on his arrival in February 1999 he steered the club to safety as relegation loomed. Two mid-table finishes followed before a poor start to the 2003/2004 season – seven defeats in 11 games – saw him sacked.

No 7 Paul Lambert (2006/2008)
A real opinion splitter, but in two seasons the Scottish manager led The Blues on a memorable League Cup adventure – claiming the scalps of Premier League sides Fulham and Charlton Athletic – that culminated in a semi-final against Chelsea, and also took us close to glory in a play-off semi-final with Stockport County.

No 6 Jim Kelman (1988/1990)
The man in charge as Wycombe teetered on the brink of league football. Appointed in 1988, his first season saw the team finish fourth in

the Conference. Was the man at the helm for the last game at Loakes Park and the first at Adams Park, and laid the groundwork for the legendary Martin O'Neill era that followed.

No 5 Alan Gane (1986/1987)
A single season in charge of the club, but immediately took Wycombe back into the Conference after their debut campaign at the top of the non-league pyramid ended in relegation. The 1987 Isthmian League title was The Chairboys eighth at that level and the last time they would play below the Conference.



John Gorman

No 4 John Gorman (2004/2006)
Arrived in November 2004, after a brief spell as caretaker in 2003, and steered the club back on course after the disappointing tenure of Tony Adams. A 21-game unbeaten run kicked off the 2005/2006 season but play-off heartbreak at Cheltenham Town ended a tragic year in which he also lost his wife to cancer.

No 3 Sid Cann (1952/1961)
In charge of Wycombe for almost a decade back in the 1950s and early 60s, Cann took the club to Wembley Stadium for the first time in its history, for the 1957 FA Amateur Cup Final against Bishop Auckland, and also oversaw consecutive Isthmian League

titles in 1956 and 1957. In 1957/1958 and 1959/1960 his team finished second in the division and, to date, no other man has been able to match his nine-year run as Coach of the first team.

No 2 Brian Lee (1969/1976)
The first officially recognised manager of the club – before his appointment in 1969 the team had been selected by committee. In his debut season The Wanderers were again runners-up in the Isthmian League, but it was only to be a temporary disappointment as championships followed in 1971, 1972, 1974 and 1975. Bowed out after seven years with another second place finish in 1976 and also was in charge for the famous FA Cup encounter with Middlesbrough in 1975.



Martin O'Neill

No 1 Martin O'Neill (1990/1995)
Arriving in February 1990, midway through the club's debut season at Adams Park, the Northern Irish tactician masterminded a revolution in South Bucks. A trip to Wembley – and an FA Trophy win – in his first full season, an FA Trophy and Conference championship double in 1993 and finally a Wembley play-off final victory in 1994, to secure promotion to England's third tier. The best we have ever seen and the benchmark for every manager who takes to The Chairboys bench.

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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Grant Holt	Shrewsbury	10	8	18
Paul Benson	Dag & Red	10	3	13
Jamie Ward	Chesterfield	11	1	12
Peter Thorne	Bradford	11	0	11
Andy Bishop	Bury	9	1	10
Jack Lester	Chesterfield	9	1	10
Ben Davies	Shrewsbury	8	1	9
Billy Clarke	Darlington	8	1	9
Simeon Jackson	Gillingham	9	0	9

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Coral Windows Stadium	Bradford	10	34	3.40
L.B Barking & Dag Stad	Dag & Red	9	30	3.33
Prostar Stadium	Shrewsbury	10	33	3.30
Kenilworth Road	Luton	10	32	3.20
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	10	32	3.20
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	9	27	3.00
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	10	30	3.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	10	29	2.90
Blundell Park	Grimsby	9	25	2.78
Don Valley Stadium	Rotherham	9	25	2.78
Recreation Ground	Chesterfield	9	25	2.78
The Deva Stadium	Chester	9	24	2.67
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	9	24	2.67
96.6 Darlington Arena	Darlington	9	24	2.67
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	9	24	2.67
St James Park	Exeter	10	26	2.60
KRBS Priestfield Stad	Gillingham	10	26	2.60
Adams Park	Wycombe	9	23	2.56
Christie Park	Morecambe	9	22	2.44
Gigg Lane	Bury	9	21	2.33
Griffin Park	Brentford	9	21	2.33
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	9	19	2.11
Meadow Lane	Notts County	10	20	2.00
Dean Court	Bournemouth	10	15	1.50

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 132 Dag & Red. **shots off target** 119 Chester. **corners** 142 Dag & Red. **hit woodwork** 9 Aldershot. **offsides** 87 Macclesfield. **fouls** 269 Chesterfield. **yellow cards** 37 Chesterfield. **red cards** 4 Chesterfield.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 65 Jamie Ward (Chesterfield). **Shots on target** 42 Jamie Ward (Chesterfield). **Shots off target** 30 Kevin Ellison (Chester). **Assists** 9 Ryan Lowe (Chester). **Crosses** 88 Warren Cummings (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 40 Andy Bishop (Bury). **Fouls** 49 Grant Holt (Shrewsbury). **Free-kicks won** 47 Sam Saunders (Dag & Red).

2008/09 SEASON

GOAL COUNTER 611

RIGHT FOOT 343 goals
 56.1%

LEFT FOOT 130 goals
 21.3%

HEADERS 123 goals
 20.1%

Own goals 13 (2.1%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match	
John O'Flynn (Barnet vs Accrington S)	0:19
By a substitute after coming on	
Danny North (Grimsby vs Chester)	0:43

DISCIPLINARY



QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match	
Jay Harris (Chester vs Brentford)	0:51
By a substitute after coming on	
Drew Broughton (Exeter vs Rotherham)	-9:08

SUB TOTALS

Subs used	1009
Offsides	1513
Corners	2465
Shots Off Target	2317

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

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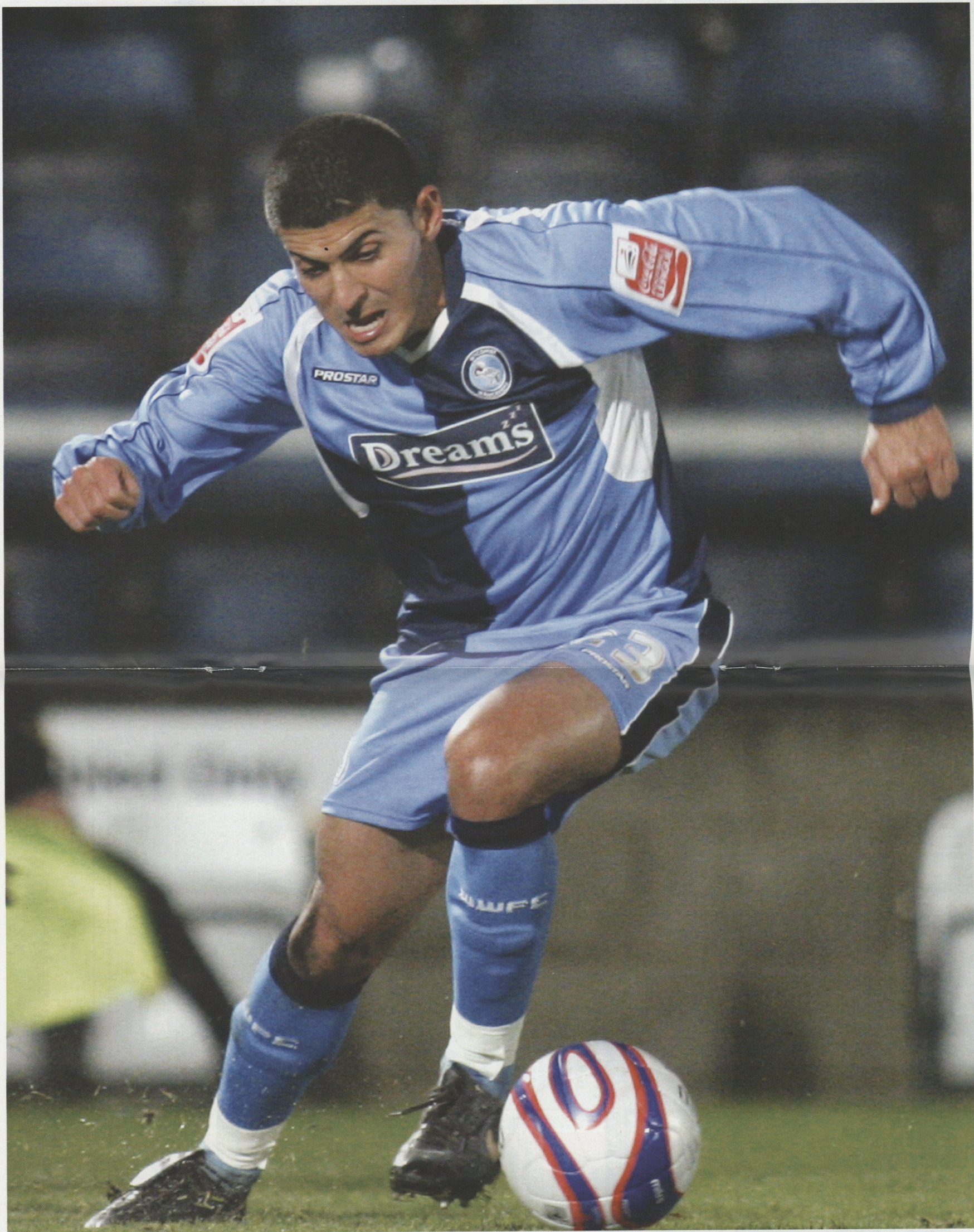
RESULTS

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

0-0	12
0-1	22
0-2	9
0-3	1
0-4	1
0-5	-
0-6	1
1-0	18
1-1	40
1-2	18
1-3	12
1-4	2
1-5	-
1-6	1
2-0	12
2-1	21
2-2	9
2-3	1
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	8
3-1	12
3-2	3
3-3	4
3-4	1
3-5	-
4-0	6
4-1	3
4-2	2
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	2
6-0	1
6-1	2
7-0	1

*up to and including 07/12/2008

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23: MAGNO SILVA VIEIRA



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Peter Taylor	Mick Harford
Played 19 Won 11 Drawn 7 Lost 1 For 28 Against 11 Av Pts/game 2.11 Biggest Win(s) Wycombe 4 Macclesfield 0 (02/12/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Aldershot 3 Wycombe 2 (06/12/2008).	Played 41 Won 8 Drawn 9 Lost 24 For 41 Against 64 Av Pts/game 0.80 Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Peter Taylor0	Mick Harford0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...

Player	Value
shots	
Chris Zebroski	43
shots on target	
Chris Zebroski	16
shots off target	
Chris Zebroski	27
assists	
Lewis Spence	3
crosses	
Craig Woodman	22
fouls	
Matt Harrold	29
free-kicks-won	
Mike Williamson	26



Player with the most...

Player	Value
shots	
Chris Martin	35
shots on target	
Chris Martin	17
shots off target	
Chris Martin	18
assists	
Rossi Jarvis	4
crosses	
Claude Gnakpa	40
fouls	
Claude Gnakpa	29
free-kicks-won	
Claude Gnakpa	28

GAMES SINCE

Player	Value
Chris Zebroski	1 a win
Chris Zebroski	0 a home win
Chris Zebroski	2 an away win
Chris Zebroski	0 a defeat
Chris Zebroski	4 a home defeat
Chris Zebroski	0 an away defeat
Lewis Spence	9 a score draw
Lewis Spence	7 a no score draw
Lewis Spence	0 conceding a goal
Craig Woodman	0 scoring a goal
Craig Woodman	0 conceding > 1
Craig Woodman	0 scoring > 1
Craig Woodman	1 keeping a clean sheet
Matt Harrold	2 failing to score
Matt Harrold	3 back to back wins
Matt Harrold	61 back to back defeats
Matt Harrold	1 gaining a point
Mike Williamson	0 losing a point
Mike Williamson	1 win by > one
Mike Williamson	2 loss by > one

SHARP SHOOTERS

Wycombe	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Matt Harrold	4	3	7	Asa Hall	3
Chris Zebroski	6	0	6	Chris Martin	3
Angelo Balanta	3	1	4	Paul McVeigh	3

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played14	Wycombe wins1	Luton wins7
Draws6	Goals 9 (0.6 per game)	Goals 17 (1.2 per game)
0-0's3	Times failed to score 7	Times failed to score 3

Biggest League win at Wycombe for each team:

No wins for Wycombe
28/12/2002 Wycombe 1-2 Luton



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS

	1 Position	24	
	19 Played	19	
	11 Won	6	
	7 Drawn	5	
	1 Lost	8	
	28 Goals For	24	
	11 Goals Against	28	
	40 Points	-7	

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	3	1	4	5	1	4	3

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	4	0	1	1	4	4	23

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	1	0	1	6	3	0	12

Record When Conceding First

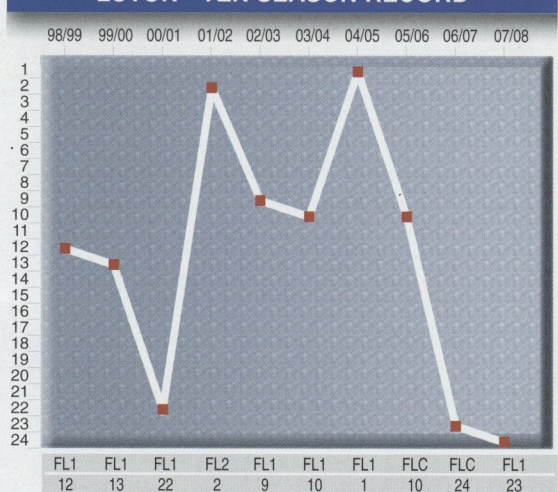
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	3	1	18	0	2	8	21

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[5], 2-0[2], 2-1[1], 3-1[1], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 2-3[1], Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[4]

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

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 07/12/2008

THE PUNDIT

MATT CECIL WELCOMES TODAY'S VISITORS

The table might show today's game to be a top versus bottom clash as Luton Town arrive at Adams Park for the first league encounter between the two sides in over four years, but the Blues will know better than to be complacent against a team who would be comfortably positioned in mid-table had it not been for a 30-point deduction in the summer.

A drop into non-league football looked to be on the cards when the Hatters were punished heavily for entering administration just 20 months after plying their trade in the Championship. The excitement of their successive promotions into the second tier of English football was soon forgotten as financial problems took their toll and they returned to League Two in the summer, but reaching a positive number of points by New Year is a realistic ambition for Mick Harford's men and they should then be able to look towards pulling off the greatest of all escapes from relegation.

The campaign began in the worst possible fashion with a 3-1 home defeat to Port Vale but it didn't take long for Town to start overcoming the 30-point deficit with an impressive 1-0 win at Gillingham, who have one of the strongest home records in the division. Sandwiched in between the two league fixtures was a fine 2-0 success over Plymouth in the Carling Cup, and although the Hatters were beaten 5-1 by Reading in the second stage, they had already shown that they weren't going to lie down and believe the doubters' claims that they

are destined for the Blue Square Premier.

Two further wins were collected against Exeter and Aldershot before a poor run of form starting in mid-September saw the club go seven matches without a victory and slip further behind the sides outside the relegation zone.

Fortunately for the Hatters, they were able to pick themselves up and a 2-1 victory at Bury sparked a sequence of just one defeat in six games, as well as progressing to the area semi-finals of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy where they will meet Paul Lambert's Colchester United on Tuesday.

Despite slipping out of the FA Cup to Southend United in the second round, Luton have found themselves involved in some entertaining clashes in recent weeks, scoring seven and conceding seven times in their last three games, while it seems the goals have been shared around the Hatters' squad with five players leading the scoring charts with three goals each so far.

With the financial problems forcing the club to sell a number of players over the summer, there was an influx of new faces at the start of the season and six signings were included in the opening day defeat to Port Vale. In total, the Hatters have used 31 players in all competitions so far and it really is a case of everybody pulling together to help drive the club to what would be an incredible achievement by surviving the drop.

Manager: Mick Harford



49-year-old Harford has become synonymous with Luton Town after joining the club for the fifth time in January 2008 to take the manager's post. As a player, he forged an excellent reputation up-front for a number of clubs including Lincoln, Birmingham and Luton (twice), where he helped win the Littlewoods Cup, save the club from relegation and, on a personal level, win two caps for England.

Harford finished his playing career at Wimbledon in 1998 after a four-year stint with the Selhurst Park club and moved into a coaching role before following ex-Dons manager Joe Kinnear to Luton, where the pair took the club into League One. After leaving the club following a dispute with the new owners, Harford returned as Director of Football shortly after but later became re-united with Kinnear at Nottingham Forest, although he left in 2005 after a short stint as caretaker boss.

After spending a few months at Swindon, Harford took the managerial role at Rotherham in 2005 but struggled to reverse the Millers' fortunes and parted company with the club in 2005, going on to work at Millwall, Colchester and QPR in various coaching roles.

Following the arrival of a new manager at QPR, Harford quit Loftus Road and was appointed manager of Luton at the start of this calendar year, where he has won ten and drawn 13 of his 49 games in charge.

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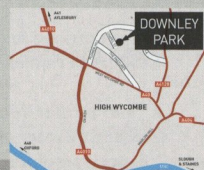


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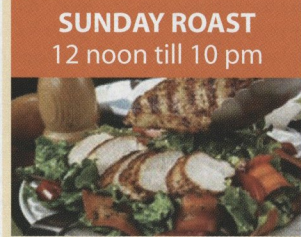


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HAVEN'T WE MET?

SKY SPORTS STATISTICIAN OLLIE FRANCIS FILLS IN THE MISSING LINKS

HEAD TO HEAD

Luton won the last meeting – 3-0 in the FA Cup second round at Adams Park in December 2004. Steve Howard (2) and Kevin Nicholls, now back at the club after two seasons away, scored. Mike Williamson played in that game while Matt Bloomfield came on as a sub.

This is the first League meeting in almost five years since a 0-0 draw at Adams Park in February 2004.

Wycombe have won only one of the total 15 games against Luton in all competitions (eight defeats).

The Chairboys only win against The Hatters was 2-1 in the then Division Two at Kenilworth Road in January 2001. Andy Rammell scored twice after Martin Taylor had given Luton the lead through an own goal.

Wycombe have scored one goal in the last four meetings – a Steve Brown penalty in a 3-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road in October 2003.

Wycombe have scored more than one goal in two of the 15 meetings – 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road in January 2001 and 2-2 draw at Adams Park in November 1997.

The Chairboys have not beaten Luton in eight meetings at Adams Park in all competitions – three draws, five defeats.

PLAYER LINKS

Tommy Doherty made his senior League debut, aged 18, as a sub in Bristol City's 3-0 home win against Luton in September 1997. However, he was also sent off in QPR's 1-0 home win against The Hatters in September 2005.

Franck Moussa made his first senior start in Southend's 3-1 home defeat against Luton in April 2007.

Matt Harrold has not scored in four career appearances against Luton – one win, one draw, two defeats.



Leon Johnson is a former teammate of Luton's goalie

Leon Johnson was a former Gillingham team-mate of Luton goalkeeper Dean Brill from December 2006 to January 2007 while Brill was on loan from The Hatters. Brill made his first senior start in Luton's 3-1 home win against Wycombe in October 2003.

Wayne Andrews scored in Colchester's 2-1 win at Adams Park in

September 2003 and in Oldham's 2-2 draw at Adams Park in January 2003. The striker has scored two goals in seven career appearances against The Chairboys – three wins, three draws, one defeat.

Kevin Gallen, currently on loan from MK Dons, scored in QPR's 2-2 draw at Adams Park in March 2004. In total, the 33-year-old striker has scored three goals in six career appearances against Wycombe – two wins, three draws, one defeat.

Keith Keane made his League debut in Luton's 0-0 draw against Wycombe at Adams Park in February 2004.

Sol Davis is unbeaten in five career appearances against Wycombe – three wins, two draws.

Goalkeeper Conrad Logan, currently on loan at The Hatters from Leicester, played twice against Wycombe while he was on loan at Stockport last season – in their 1-0 play-off semi-final second leg win at Edgeley Park on May 17 and in their 6-0 home win in December 2007.

Paul McVeigh played alongside Gary Holt at Norwich, 2001-05. They played together in the Premier League in 2004/2005.

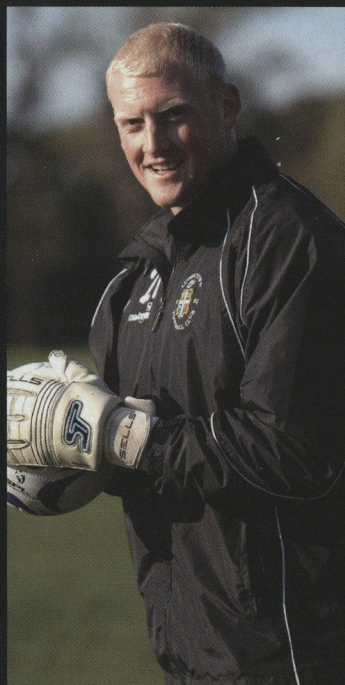
Lewis Emanuel was a former team-mate of John Mousinho at Brentford last season (Oct-Dec 2007) when Emanuel was on loan from Luton.

ONES TO WATCH



MATT CECIL INTRODUCES THE KEY PLAYERS IN TODAY'S OPPOSITION

BETWEEN THE POSTS



Conrad Logan

Town keeper **Conrad Logan** will have happy memories of playing against the Wanderers as a loanee in Stockport's play-off semi-final winning side in May, and the Irishman has been given the opportunity by parent club Leicester City to gain more first-team experience with Luton, where he has made 19 appearances and forced

promising youngster **Dean Brill** to settle for a place on the bench.

Logan began his career at Leicester and spent two loan spells with Boston United before switching on loan to Stockport for the 2007/2008 campaign, and moved to Luton on a six-month deal in August. Brill joined the Hatters at the age of nine and has progressed all the way through the academy into the first-team, where he has made almost 90 appearances since making his debut in 2003. Both goalkeepers are 22 years of age.

IN DEFENCE

If manager Mick Harford keeps faith with the same defence that helped beat Barnet 3-1 last weekend then veteran centre-back **Ian Roper** should once again be involved following his move from Walsall in the summer. Now 31, Roper started his career at the Bescot Stadium and made over 300 appearances for the Saddlers, helping them to three promotions before being released at the end of the last season.

Alongside him could be former Everton trainee **George Pilkington**, who left Goodison Park without having made a first-team appearance to join Port Vale in 2003. The defender became a huge hit at Vale Park, winning two player of the year awards and being named captain, but the 27-year-old left the club following their relegation in the summer and put pen

to paper at Kenilworth Road in time for the new season.



Ian Roper

One of the revelations of the season so far has been the form of 17-year-old left-back **Jake Nicholls**, who made his Luton debut on the final day of last season but has already made 15 appearances for the Hatters so far this campaign. Occupying the other full-back position should be Norwich City

loanee **Michael Spillane**, who arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer with experience of playing for Ireland U21s under his belt.

Other defensive options for Mick Harford include French full-back **Claude Gnapka**, who played for Peterborough United last season and ex-Bradford man **Lewis Emanuel**, while the Hatters also have left-back **Sol Davis** and youngster **Ed Asafu-Adjaye** on their books. Emanuel was absent from last weekend's win through injury while Gnapka had previously been in the side to cover for Spillane, who was serving a suspension for collecting five yellow cards so far this season.

Youngster **George Beavan** is another possibility for the Hatters' travelling squad after gaining experience from a loan spell with Salisbury City earlier this season, and he has made two appearances in cup matches for Luton.

IN MIDFIELD



Kevin Nicholls

Last weekend saw the Hatters opt for a three-man midfield but it could change once again this afternoon to accommodate fans' favourite **Kevin Nicholls** if the club captain has returned from injury in time. Now 29,

Nicholls endured an injury-plagued start to his career at Charlton and moved to Wigan in 1999 before returning south two years later to join Luton. During his five years at Kenilworth Road, the midfielder helped the club to two promotions and won a player of the season award before joining Leeds for £700,000 in 2006.

Injuries struck again whilst at Elland Road and he was unable to make the same impact he had done at Luton before moving to Preston the following summer. Despite being a regular at the start of the season, a change in manager saw Nicholls drop down the pecking order and he was allowed to leave to return to the Bedfordshire club in the summer.

The midfield three last weekend consisted of ex-Norwich and Tottenham man **Paul McVeigh** alongside another former Canaries youngster **Rossi Jarvis**, while Irish youngster **Keith Keane** completed the trio. McVeigh arrived at Kenilworth Road in 2007 with 20 Northern Ireland caps to his name while Keane has progressed through the youth ranks at Luton and has made over 100 starts for the club since his debut in 2003.

Mick Harford might be able to welcome back former Reading, Colchester and Rotherham man **Kevin Watson** from injury in time for today's clash while ex-Birmingham youngster **Asa Hall** might also be in with a chance of a starting place after coming on as a substitute against Barnet.

UP FRONT

Spearheading the Hatters' attack in recent weeks has been MK Dons loanee **Kevin Gallen**, who has built up a strong reputation throughout his career after spending time at a number of clubs.

Now 33, the striker started out at QPR in 1992 and stayed at Loftus Road for eight years before switching to Huddersfield and later Barnsley, but he returned to the London club in 2001 and scored more than 50 times in under 200 appearances during his six-year stint.

In 2007, he followed former Hoops boss Ian Holloway in a loan spell with

Plymouth Argyle and joined MK Dons that summer following his release from QPR, helping the club reach League One by scoring eight goals.



Kevin Gallen

Working alongside him in a front three last weekend were Norwich City loanee **Chris Martin** and ex-Sheffield Wednesday man **Drew Talbot**, while one-time Chesham United forward **Wayne Andrews** came on as a substitute after joining on a free transfer in October. Martin has four goals to his name in all competitions so far this campaign while Talbot, renowned for his incredible work rate, has often suffered with injuries and has yet to find the back of the net in his six appearances to date. The best form of Andrews' career came in stints with Oldham and Colchester between 2002 and 2004 and has most recently been with Championship side Coventry City.

With ex-Wycombe loanee **Sam Parkin** on loan at Leyton Orient, other attacking options are few and far between for the Hatters but youngsters **Ryan Charles**, **Jordan Patrick** and **Scott Sinclair** will all be looking for chances in the first-team in the near future, having tasted senior football already this season.

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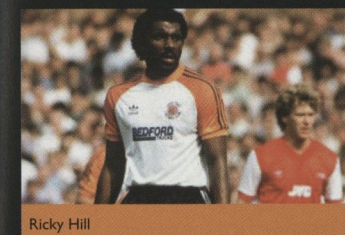
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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES SIX OF THE BIGGEST NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH LUTON TOWN

BRUCE RIOCH

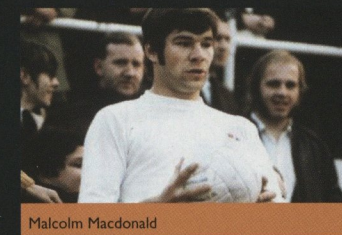
Influential midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967/1968 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971/1972 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974/1975. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

RICKY HILL

Ricky Hill

England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981/1982. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982/1983 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984/1985. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later

as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Malcolm Macdonald

Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969/1970 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and has since worked in the media.

BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981/1982 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984/1985 and 1987/1988. He joined French side Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991.

Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991/1992, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MICK HARFORD

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984/1985 and 1987/1988, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and now manager of Luton.

PAUL WALSH

England international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980/1981 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982/1983 and leading marksman in 1983/1984, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985/1986, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in May 1984. Later with Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career, he is now a football agent.

MY DREAM TEAM

LIFELONG FAN MATT CLARKE NAMES HIS PERFECT WYCOMBE WANDERERS XI

The third in our series 'My Dream Team', in which 'The Quarters' invites fans to pick their all time favourite Wanderers XI, features Matt Clarke, a 35-year-old from Kings Langley who has supported the Blues for 29 years.

Matt said: "I first came to Loakes Park aged six and fell in love with the game and the club. It has gone through a lot of changes but I am proud of my hometown team and enjoy the good times and endure the not so good times.

Thanks WWFC, you make a lot of my weeks a lot better! I have had a bit of help in this from WWFC's Suzie Clarke, so thanks go to her."

I've gone for a 4-3-3 formation,' so here it goes.

MY CHOICE

What a team! What a bench. Having supported Wycombe for 29 years, there is a mix of players but it is really difficult to choose. Each player has had their time and if out of all of these



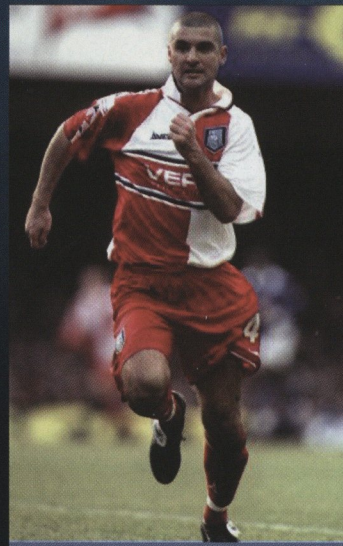
Matt with his son Jack and Sergio Torres

I had to choose a captain, Brownie would be it. Absolute legend.

My choice of keeper was between Paul Hyde, Martin Taylor and John Granville. Sadly John missed out but if instead of this dream team, I was selecting a squad, he would be there for sure. I met Paul Hyde many years ago when he played for us and not only was he a great keeper but he was an all round nice guy.

The defence was a tough choice and leaving out Andy Kerr was a tough decision. But, the aggression of Jason Cousins had to be part of the back four. I was telling my son how he got sent off in two games in a row for very similar two footed tackles. It was just the red mist coming down. After that, he seemed a lot calmer! Roger Johnson has gone on to show what a good player he is with Cardiff and he was outstanding for us. His partnership with Mike Williamson saw them both grow and once Roger left, Mike grew in stature and took over Roger's role. It was brilliant to see. I always liked watching Glyn Creaser play, he was passionate and made some excellent

tackles and he deserved his place in my dream team.



Jason Cousins

The midfield three would be the workhorse with Brownie and Rhino being the enforcers and Matt Bloomfield to create from the centre and make some surging runs upfield. As we all know, his work rate will also help out the defence.

The forward line was where I started this team off. Easy choices. I loved it when we had the oldest strikers in the league playing for us and scoring for us. It was excellent to watch, very entertaining and how football should be. The week always seems better when there is a game on a Saturday.

Some may be surprised to see Kevin Betsy in a dream team but the majority of the time, his work rate was second to none and this was not always seen by all our fans. Some people currently think this about one of our current players and call for him to be substituted after ten minutes or if he makes a mistake. These players are not

perfect, otherwise they wouldn't play for us. They are good and work hard and hopefully playing for us is a pleasure for them as it should be for us.



Nathan Tyson

Russell Martin is someone who I rated and was sorry to see him go but he is doing well and is another example of players playing well at a lower level and earning themselves a move up the divisions.

It's difficult to put Sergio on the bench but he needed to be in the team, great player and a general all round nice guy. One match when he was not playing, he walked past my son and I and stopped and said "Hi Jack, how are you doing?" then gave him a kiss and a cuddle. How many players anywhere would do this. It made both of us feel great and Jack still remembers it now.

Oldest combined strike force in the country but effective! When Garner needs to stop for a cigarette, Jocky can come on and add some pace.

If you would like to choose your Wanderers 'Dream Team', all you have to do is email media@wwfc.com with your best XI and subs giving the reasons for your selections. Tell us a bit about yourself, how you came to be a Blues fan and send us a photo of yourself.



Matt Bloomfield



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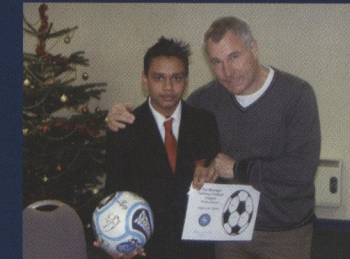
Most of the people in the ground today will be football fanatics, so I'm sure that they'll enjoy the thought of gaining an education in an environment heavily influenced by the beautiful game.

That's exactly what Wycombe Wanderers' brand new "Learn Centre" aims to do, and since its opening in October it has been a roaring success.

Last week Adams Park hosted a presentation evening to signal the end of the first pilot of the scheme, a ten-week project including children from Millbrook, Book Hill and Highcrest.

The kids have been in for two hours of

lessons every week, giving them a total of twenty hours training.



Peter Taylor was present at the Learn Centre Awards Evening

They have furthered their numeracy and literacy skills but in some unusual ways, taking part in fantasy football tournaments, helping to narrate their own video blogs and even commentating over football matches.

We've had terrific help from the members of our own youth team, who

mentored the kids throughout the project and got heavily involved in the scheme.

They were all present at the evening, and were delighted to see some of the kids get their rewards – which were handed out by manager Peter Taylor.

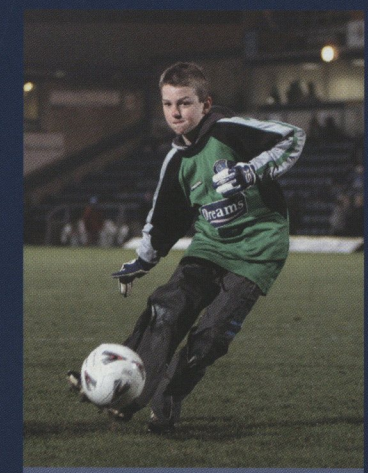
Julie Sadler, who has fronted up the running of the project, gave prizes to the kids who had excelled in each individual discipline – including the winner of the much coveted 'Fantasy Football' prize.

Today's penalty shoot out teams will be Kings Church Amersham Dynamos, all of whom are wearing special "Scannappeal" t-shirts in aid of our Charity of the Season.

We wish them the best of luck and I hope everyone at Adams Park today enjoys the game.



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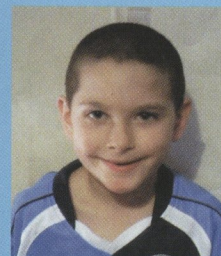
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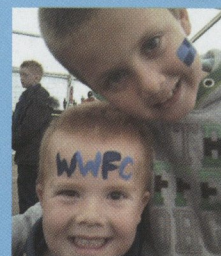
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a) Kenilworth Stadium
b) Loftus Road c) Selhurst Park
2. Who is their Manager?
a) Martin Allen b) Paul Lambert
c) Mick Harford
3. Who is their Club Captain?
a) Kevin Nicholls b) Dean Brill
c) Sol Davis

Answers: 1.a; 2.c; 3.a

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BOSS SCOOPS AWARD

Chairboys manager Peter Taylor was named League Two Coca-Cola manager of the month for November after guiding the leaders to four wins and a draw from five league games during the month. The other contenders were Aldershot boss Gary Waddock, Bury's Alan Knill and Rochdale's Keith Hill. Taylor has now won manager of the month awards at five clubs – having previously done so at Gillingham, Leicester, Brighton and Hull. Previous League Two winners this season have been Mark Robins (Rotherham), Knill, and Peter Jackson (Lincoln). Interestingly none of the winners have gone on to win their first game of the following month.

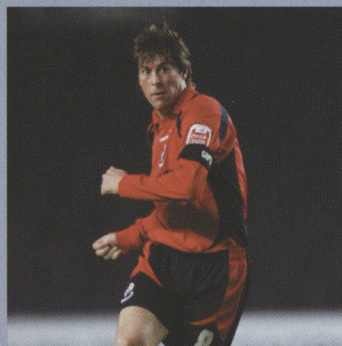
FORM GUIDE

Frozen pitches last weekend saw two League Two games postponed including the meeting between in form sides Darlington and Rochdale. Looking at performance over the last eight league games, Rochdale lead the way with a possible 18 out of 24 points (2.25 per game). Second come the Chairboys and Darlington with 17 (2.12) followed by Aldershot with 15 (1.87). The Shots have now won their last four league fixtures. At the other end of the table, Barnet have taken just four points from their last eight fixtures – an average of just 0.5 per game.

SHREWS TAKE ADVANTAGE

With Bradford City held at home by Dagenham & Redbridge, and Darlington's fixture being postponed, Shrewsbury moved into second place courtesy of a 1-0 home win over Rotherham. The Millers, now without a win in their last seven outings, finished with nine players following the dismissals of Drewe Broughton and keeper David Stockdale (on loan from Fulham). Grant Holt netted the winner from the penalty spot.

ANDERTON FINISHES IN STYLE



Darren Anderton

Bournemouth's Darren Anderton has retired having made 569 club appearances for Portsmouth, Spurs, Birmingham, Wolves and Bournemouth, as well as winning 30 England caps. In his farewell appearance against Chester last weekend he fittingly he came off the bench to score the winner. As well as being Anderton's curtain call, the game was also symbolic as it lifted Bournemouth to plus three points – having begun the season on minus 17 following their exit from administration. The Cherries now trail Rotherham and Grimsby by seven points.

BLACK WEEKEND

FA Cup second round weekend was certainly a bad one for League Two clubs. Of the 14 in action, there was just one winner – Macclesfield winning 3-1 at Port Vale. Brentford and Rochdale joined the Chairboys in losing to non-league opponents, while Bournemouth and Notts County could only manage home draws against non-league sides. Meanwhile fog aided Chesterfield who were trailing 0-1 to Droylsden when the tie was abandoned at half time. Macclesfield's reward is a plum third round home draw against Everton.

LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS (LEAGUE AND CUP)

In form striker at the moment is Jack Lester who has netted in Chesterfield's last three league fixtures – the striker hit 23 last season. Holt's winner against Rotherham took his league total to ten, just one behind current leaders Ward and Thorne.

Grant Holt (Shrewsbury), 18 (10 and 8)
Paul Benson (Dag & Red), 13 (10 and 3)
Jamie Ward (Chesterfield), 12 (11 and 1)
Peter Thorne (Bradford City), 11 (11 and 0)
Jack Lester (Chesterfield), 10 (9 and 1)
Andy Bishop (Bury), 10 (9 and 1)

(There are currently seven players with a total of nine)

LAST WYCOMBE GAME ON THIS DATE:

Notts County 1-1 Wycombe – Division Two, December 13, 2003

Wycombe team:

Williams; Taylor, Rogers, Johnson, Vinnicombe; Bulman (Faulconbridge 82), Simpson, Mapes (Ryan 62), Currie; McSporry, Moore (Dixon 90).
Unused subs: Talia, Brown.
Goal: Simpson 45

League results against Luton:

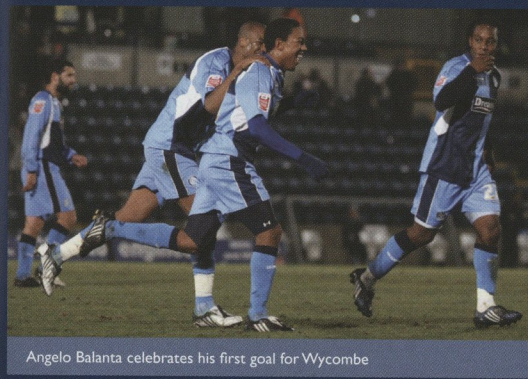
14.02.04 Wycombe 0-0 Luton
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12.01.01 Luton 1-2 Wycombe
28.08.00 Wycombe 1-1 Luton
29.04.00 Wycombe 0-1 Luton
19.10.99 Luton 1-1 Wycombe
09.01.99 Luton 3-1 Wycombe
08.08.98 Wycombe 0-1 Luton
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07.09.96 Wycombe 0-1 Luton



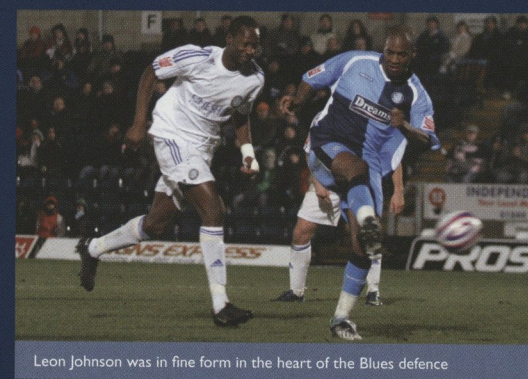
Matty Phillips was a menace after coming on as a second half substitute



Franck Moussa had arguably his best game in a Wanderers shirt



Angelo Balanta celebrates his first goal for Wycombe



Leon Johnson was in fine form in the heart of the Blues defence

TUESDAY
2nd DECEMBER
ADAMS PARK

WYCOMBE 4
MACCLESFIELD 0

ACTION REPLAY



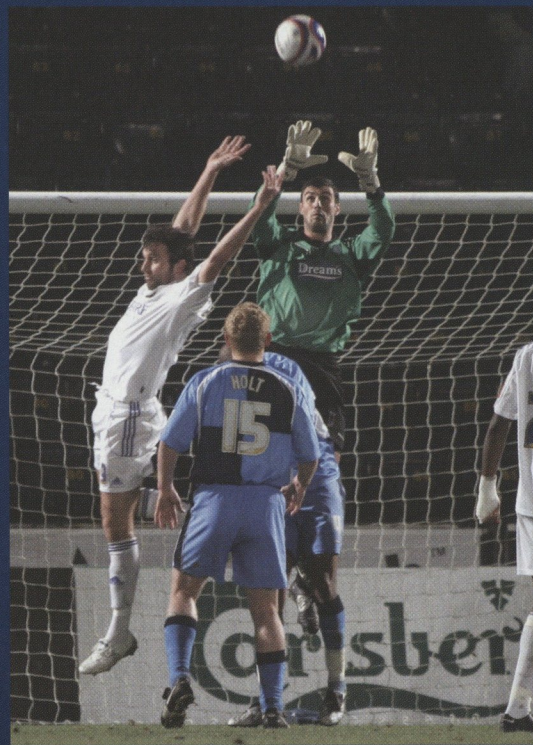
Tommy Doherty was his usual imperious self



Lewwis Spence was back to his best



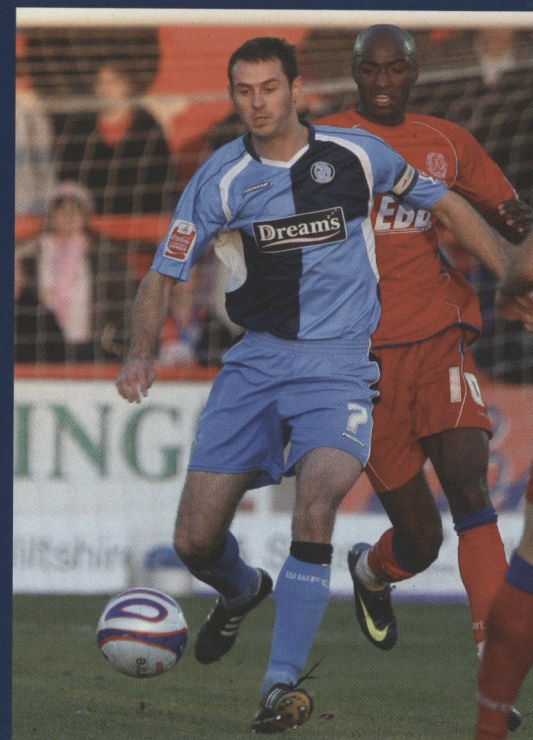
Magno Silva Vieira bagged his first goals of the League Two season



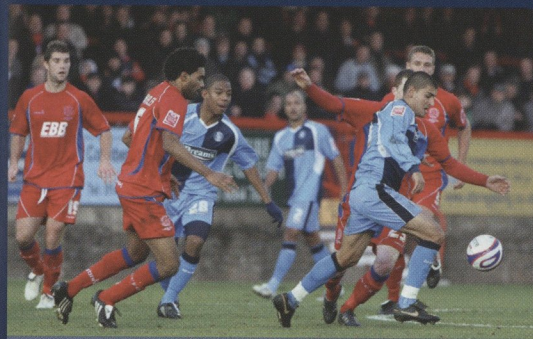
Scott Shearer claimed well on the rare occasions he was called into action



Mike Williamson and co were under pressure in the opening 30 minutes



Skipper Dave McCracken meets the ball in front of Marvin Morgan



Magno tries to escape the attentions of the Shots' defence



Aldershot's Nikki Bull punches clear as the Blues turn up the heat late on

SATURDAY
6th DECEMBER
THE RECREATION
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ALDERSHOT TOWN 3
WYCOMBE 2

PAUL DENNIS
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ACTION FROM
RECENT MATCHES

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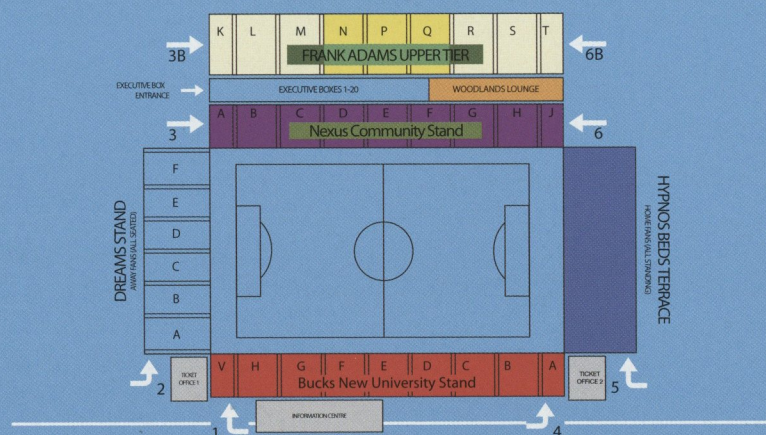
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THE LATEST NEWS FROM ADAMS PARK

TICKET PRICES AND STADIUM PLAN

	Match Day Adult	Match Day Senior Citizen	Match Day Student	Match Day Junior
Frank Adams Stand Upper - Centre	£21	£17	£15	£15
Upper - Wings	£19	£16	£14	£14
Bucks New University Stand	£21	£17	£16	£14
Nexus Community Stand	£17	£15	£14	£6
Hypnos Valley Terrace	£15	£13	£11	£6
Dreams Stand (Away Supporters Only)	£18	£15	£15	£6

Disabled Supporter Tickets available within the Dreams & Nexus Community Stand (Disabled personal assistants free of charge)



AWAY

Coca Cola League Two
Shrewsbury Town v Wycombe Wanderers
Saturday 20th December, Kick-Off 3pm

Ticket Prices:

Seating: Adults £16, Over 65's £11, Students with ID £11, Child 12-16 £9, 11 and under £3, Disabled £11 and carer free.

Tickets are now on sale.



HOME

Coca Cola League Two
Wycombe Wanderers v Exeter City
Friday 26th December, Kick-Off 3.00pm

Tickets now on sale: From £4 Juniors, £11 Students, £9 Senior Citizens & £13 Adults. **Away Ticket Prices:** Pre-purchased - £4 Juniors, £13 Students & Senior Citizens & £16 Adults. Match Day - £6 Juniors, £15 Students & Senior Citizens & £18 Adults

By Telephone: 01494 441118

Online: www.wwfc.com

In person: Monday to Friday 9.15am - 5.15pm from the Ticket Office alternatively Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm from our Club Shop in Eden.



AWAY

Coca Cola League Two
Gillingham v Wycombe Wanderers
Sunday 28th December, Kick-Off 3pm

Ticket Prices:

Seating: Adults £17 (£3 extra on Match Day), Senior (over 65) £12 (£3 extra on Match Day), Young Adult (16-21) £11 (£3 extra on Match Day), Juvenile (under 16) £8 (£2 extra on Match Day), Under 12 £5 (£1 extra on Match Day), Wheelchair and Helper (Sold as pair) £17 (£3 extra on Match Day).

Check wwfc.com for on-sale dates.



HOME

Coca Cola League Two
Wycombe Wanderers v Bury
Saturday 3rd December, Kick-Off 3.00pm

Tickets now on sale: From £4 Juniors, £11 Students, £9 Senior Citizens & £13 Adults. **Away Ticket Prices:** Pre-purchased - £4 Juniors, £13 Students & Senior Citizens & £16 Adults. Match Day - £6 Juniors, £15 Students & Senior Citizens & £18 Adults

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ON THE ROAD

ADRIAN WOOD'S GUIDE FOR OUR NEXT AWAY GAME – PLUS A BRIEF LOOK AT OUR NEXT ADAMS PARK FIXTURE.

Consecutive home wins over Dagenham & Redbridge and Rotherham have lifted the Shrews into second place – six points behind the Chairboys. Paul Simpson's side have an impressive home record in their Prostar Stadium with eight wins, one draw, and one defeat (v Port Vale). Their goal difference of plus 20 is the best in League Two. Grant Holt's winner against Rotherham was his eighteenth of the season (ten in the league) while Ben Davies has nine. Average home attendance this season is 5,722 with a best of 7,162 for the Port Vale fixture.

Shrewsbury Town, Away, Saturday December 20th, Kick-Off 3pm

Going by road? (Satellite navigation coordinates SY2 6ST)

Take the usual route to the northbound M6 (M40 and M42). At junction 10a, branch left (signposted Telford) to join the M54. At the end of the M54 continue onto the A5. After about seven miles, there is a traffic island which is at the junction with the A49. Bear left at this island still following the A5. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the B4380 (Thieves Lane). Continue along Thieves Lane going straight over two roundabouts and this will lead you into Oteley Road. You will reach the stadium down further down Oteley Road on the left. Mileage from High Wycombe = 142

Parking is prohibited in the nearby Retail Park but restrictions on street parking in nearby residential streets have now been lifted. One possible area is the residential area off to the right of Oteley Road. Expect a 15min walk. The large car park at the ground is for Permit Holders only.

GOING BY TRAIN?

Shrewsbury station is two miles from

the stadium (c.40 mins walking). You can take a bus from the town centre bus station – service numbers 8, 16, 23, 25 & 544/546 all stop near the stadium. Some possible rail timings:

Outward leg

High Wycombe departing:				
08:10	09:14	09:51	10:15	

Shrewsbury arriving:				
11:20	12:19	13:15	13:20	

Return leg

Shrewsbury departing:				
17:31	17:47	18:40	19:22	

High Wycombe arriving:				
20:59	21:32	22:01	23:03	

Most services involve walking between Moor Street and New Street stations in Birmingham. Check all details at time of booking.

FANCY A PINT?

Alcohol is available at the ground. There's not a lot outside the stadium as it's right on the edge of the town. There is the 'Brooklands Hotel' in Mill Street, just off Meole Brace Island – about five minutes walk away. Last season I found the 'Charles Darwin' Public House that is on Sutton Road (off to the right of Oteley Road). If you use the Public House, you can park there (it's about a ten minute walk away). There's an excellent chippy nearby and fans last season were welcome to eat their fish and chips in the pub!

ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS

Ground capacity is 9,875 (all seated). Away fans are located in the North Stand at one end of the ground. Leg room is good and the stands are quite steep keeping you fans close to the

action. See 'Ticket Office' on page 55 for further details – we will be wearing the red and white quarters strip on the day.

LAST TIME OUT AT THE PROSTAR STADIUM

League Division Two, December 29th 2007 – Won 1-0 (Sutton 8), Att. 6,208

NEXT AT ADAMS PARK

Exeter City, our guests here on Boxing Day (Kick-Off 3pm), are enjoying a successful first season back in the Football League. Managed by 35-year old Paul Tisdale they are currently in sixth place. The Grecians have a good away record with wins at Bournemouth, Macclesfield, Bury, Port Vale and Barnet. Their only defeats on the road have come at Bradford City and Aldershot. However they exited the three senior cup competitions at the first stage due to defeats to Southampton, Shrewsbury and Curzon Athletic.

ONES TO WATCH

Leading the City goal scoring charts with six league goals apiece are Matthew Gill and Adam Stansfield. Midfielder Gill was formerly with Peterborough and Notts County while Stansfield previously served Yeovil and Hereford.

FIRST LEAGUE MEETING

This will be the first ever Football League meeting between the sides. City were relegated to Division Three in 1994 with Wycombe going the other way. In 2003 City slipped into the Conference returning last May via the play-offs. Exeter did visit Adams Park in December 2000 for an LDV Vans Trophy 1st round fixture. In front of a crowd of 1,022 a late Niall Thompson goal gave the Chairboys a 1-0 victory.



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Saturday

13th December 2008

Kick-Off 3.00pm

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

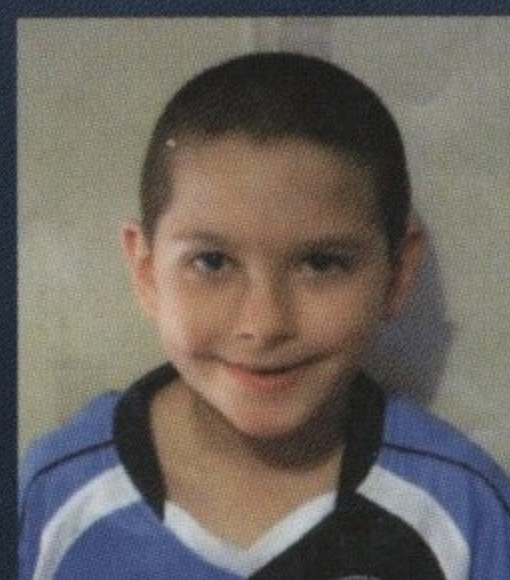
Referee: S. Tanner

Assistant Referee: S. Rubery

Assistant Referee: A. Williams

Fourth Official: P. Taylor

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Barrie Washington-Childs



Max & Zack Schofield



Oliver Murtagh

TODAY'S MATCH PROGRAMME SPONSOR



NEXT MATCH AT ADAMS PARK

Coca-Cola League Two

Wycombe Wanderers

Vs Exeter City

Friday 26th December 2008

Kick-Off 3.00pm



Manager PETER TAYLOR

SCOTT SHEARER	1	█
LEWIS HUNT	2	█
CRAIG WOODMAN	3	█
LEON JOHNSON	4	█
WILL ANTWI	5	█
MIKE WILLIAMSON	6	█
DAVID MCCRACKEN	7	█
TOMMY DOHERTY	8	█
MATT HARROLD	9	█
MATT BLOOMFIELD	10	█
CHRIS ZEBROSKI	11	█
JAMIE YOUNG	12	█
GARY HOLT	15	█
SIMON CHURCH	16	█
SCOTT MCGLEISH	17	█
GAVIN GRANT	18	█
LEWWIS SPENCE	19	█
JOHN MOUSINHO	20	█
ROBBIE RICE	21	█
NATHAN ASHTON	22	█
MAGNO SILVA VIEIRA	23	█
DEREK DUNCAN	24	█
LEWIS CHRISTON	25	█
LEON CROOKS	26	█
FRANCK MOUSSA	27	█
ANGELO BALANTA	28	█
CRAIG DOBSON	29	█
DARRELL ELLAMS	33	█
SCOTT SHULTON	34	█
EDDIE SAVAGE	35	█
JAMIE TURLEY	36	█
CALUM BOTHAM	37	█
MATT PHILLIPS	38	█



MICK HARFORD Manager

█	1	DEAN BRILL
█	2	CLAUDE GNAKPA
█	3	SOL DAVIS
█	4	KEITH KEANE
█	5	IAN ROPER
█	6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
█	7	GARRETH O'CONNOR
█	8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
█	9	SAM PARKIN
█	10	RYAN CHARLES
█	11	LEWIS EMANUEL
█	12	HARRY WORLEY
█	14	ASA HALL
█	15	ED ASAFU-ADJAYE
█	16	ROSSI JARVIS
█	17	KEVIN WATSON
█	18	CHRIS MARTIN
█	19	DREW TALBOT
█	20	MICHAEL SPILLANE
█	21	CONRAD LOGAN
█	23	WAYNE ANDREWS
█	24	TOM CRADDOCK
█	25	GEORGE BEAVAN
█	27	DEAN MORGAN
█	28	PAUL MCVEIGH
█	29	JORDAN PATRICK
█	30	MARK FARTHING
█	32	KEVIN GALLEN
█	33	JAKE HOWELLS
█	36	AARON FLETCHER
█	40	SCOTT SINCLAIR

FORTHCOMING EVENT AT ADAMS PARK SPORTSMAN'S DINNER WITH PAUL MERSON THURSDAY 29th JANUARY



Come along to an entertaining evening with Arsenal and England legend Paul Merson, set to be hosted in the Vere Suite at Adams Park.

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