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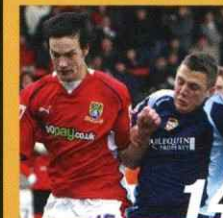
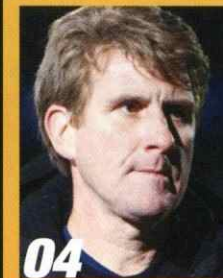
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opening Shot

manager **dean glover** talks to dave johnson

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Luton Town manager Mick Harford, his players, directors, staff and of course the Hatters' supporters who have made the journey to Vale Park for this afternoon's fixture.

These notes were prepared before our game at The Moss Rose on Wednesday evening and so I have no idea how we performed against Macclesfield Town, but hopefully we will have got something from the game.

Looking back at our previous match, the home game against Lincoln City, we are all obviously very disappointed with the way the game went and it hurts everybody concerned.

We were to blame for the goal we conceded and I have watched the DVD several times since last Saturday. We conceded too many set-pieces in the first half, which encouraged Lincoln to get the ball into our box, and that was perhaps the main difference and it helped them get the goal.

It is clear on the DVD that we had a lot of possession of the ball, but we didn't really hurt them as much as we would have liked. It was disappointing, because if you look at the whole game, they only had two shots on target and that is what is so frustrating.

They have got a big side, with a big presence, with pace in the right areas to run people into the channels. That's where we fall down, as we haven't got enough pace to hurt the opposition, so we have to try to pass the ball around people because there isn't enough pace

or presence to go forward. That was the big difference with the Lincoln game.

We dealt with the majority of their set-pieces well and it was just one of those things where we get frustrated and obviously the supporters get frustrated as well. This is understandable because we are the home side and we should be imposing ourselves more on the opposition, but we are not doing that enough at the moment.

Lincoln were strong and had experienced players. If you look at the sides at the top in this division, the likes of Bury, Wycombe, Bradford and Gillingham, they all have a fair amount of presence in the side, and with ours being a young outfit, our younger players are still growing and will fill out in time, but it is hard work at the moment. We just have to keep working and believing it will happen.

We missed Marc Richards because he is a good target man and our leading goal scorer. We missed Dave Brammer too because he is a leader and an experienced pro – if the pair of them were back in the team it might be a different story, but right now it's not happening for us.

Now we must try to get three points against Luton Town, who on paper are a very good side. If they hadn't had those

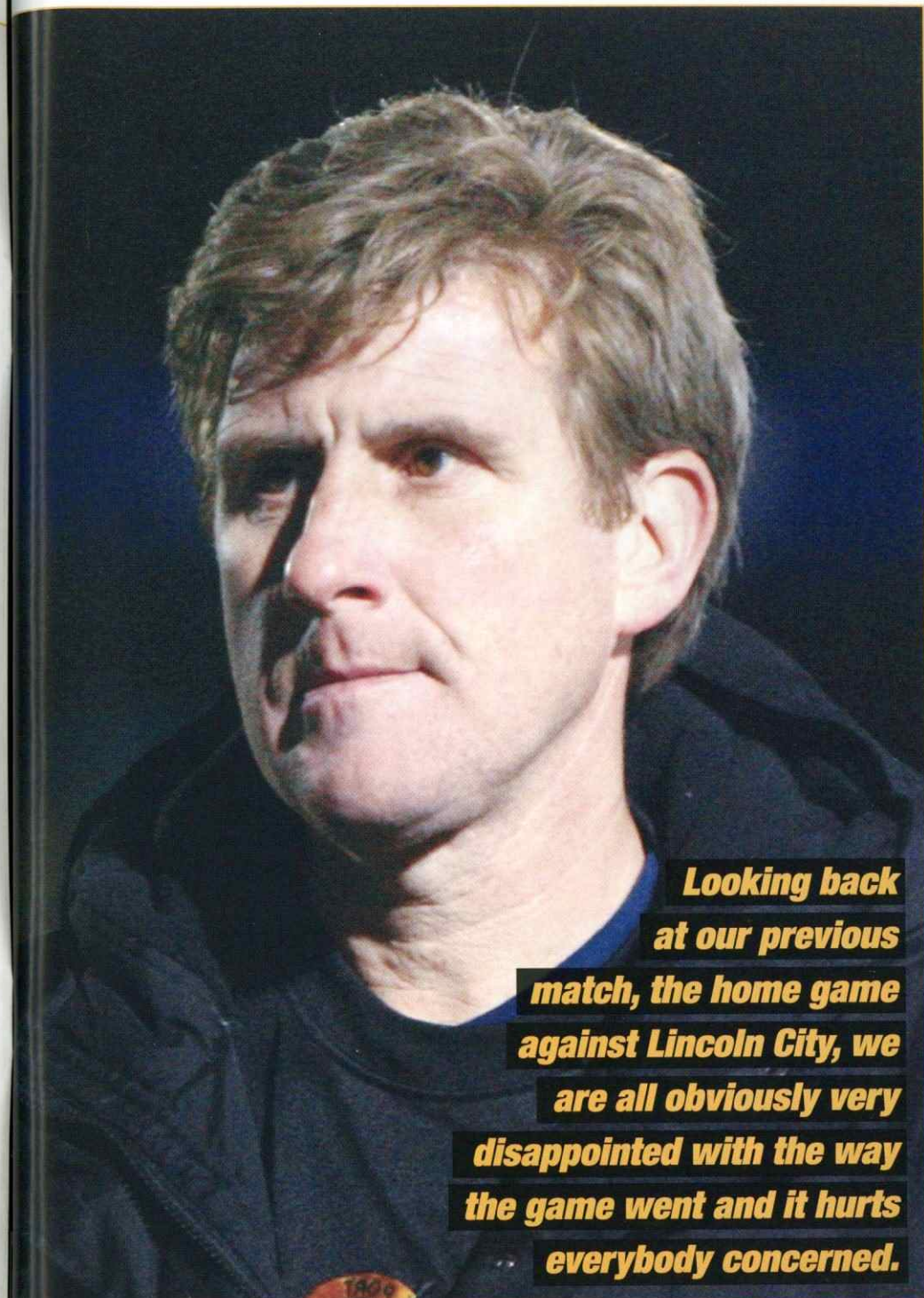
points taken from them they would be in the middle of the table. They have done extremely well considering they had a thirty point deduction. We can't worry about them though, we have to try to implement our own game and hope something falls for us and we get a bit of luck for a change.

At the moment these lads have the opportunity to have a career in football and it is only through hard work and a good work ethic, both as individuals and as a team, that they will get better and in time get stronger for it, mentally as well as physically.

There is no patience in football any more, the game is ruthless. Nobody has any intentions of letting people down in a game of football. Things go against you and there is a very fine line between doing alright and struggling.

I always knew coming into this position we were never going to be play-off contenders and we are fighting to get people on board again.

I haven't got a magic wand, and I am no miracle worker. I am just a lad who has had his heart in the club for eighteen years and I am just hoping I can be part of a consortium of people who can turn it around and take the club forward.



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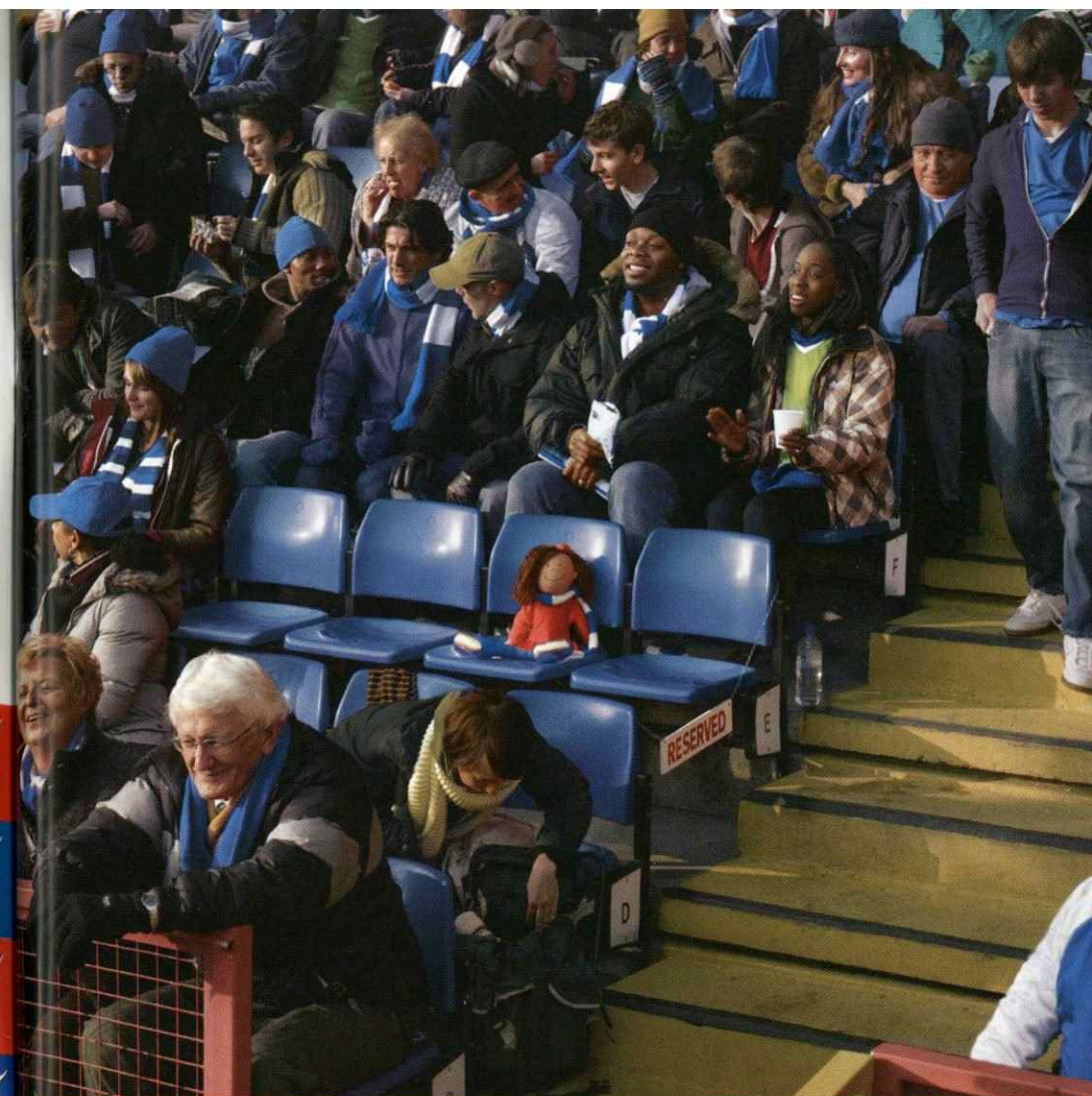
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kickoff

club captain **sam stockley** talks to simon humphreys

To lose at home against Lincoln was another body blow. If you look at the game they didn't create many chances but neither did we which was very disappointing. Once again, we are having the same problem as earlier in the season, conceding a goal from a set piece. At some point the penny has got to drop and we have to understand our responsibilities individually and as a team of what's required to try and keep clean sheets. If you can shut out the opposition you always have a chance of nicking the game one-nil and I can't remember us winning too many games by that score line this season. It's like winning and losing you can get in a habit and we need to do that with clean sheets. It's an aspect and a drill we need to keep doing day in, day out as tedious as it is for players to do it on the training ground, I think it's really important.

Figures show 85 per-cent of goals scored at this level are from set pieces or from the second ball from a set piece so it's vitally important at any level that players are switched on.

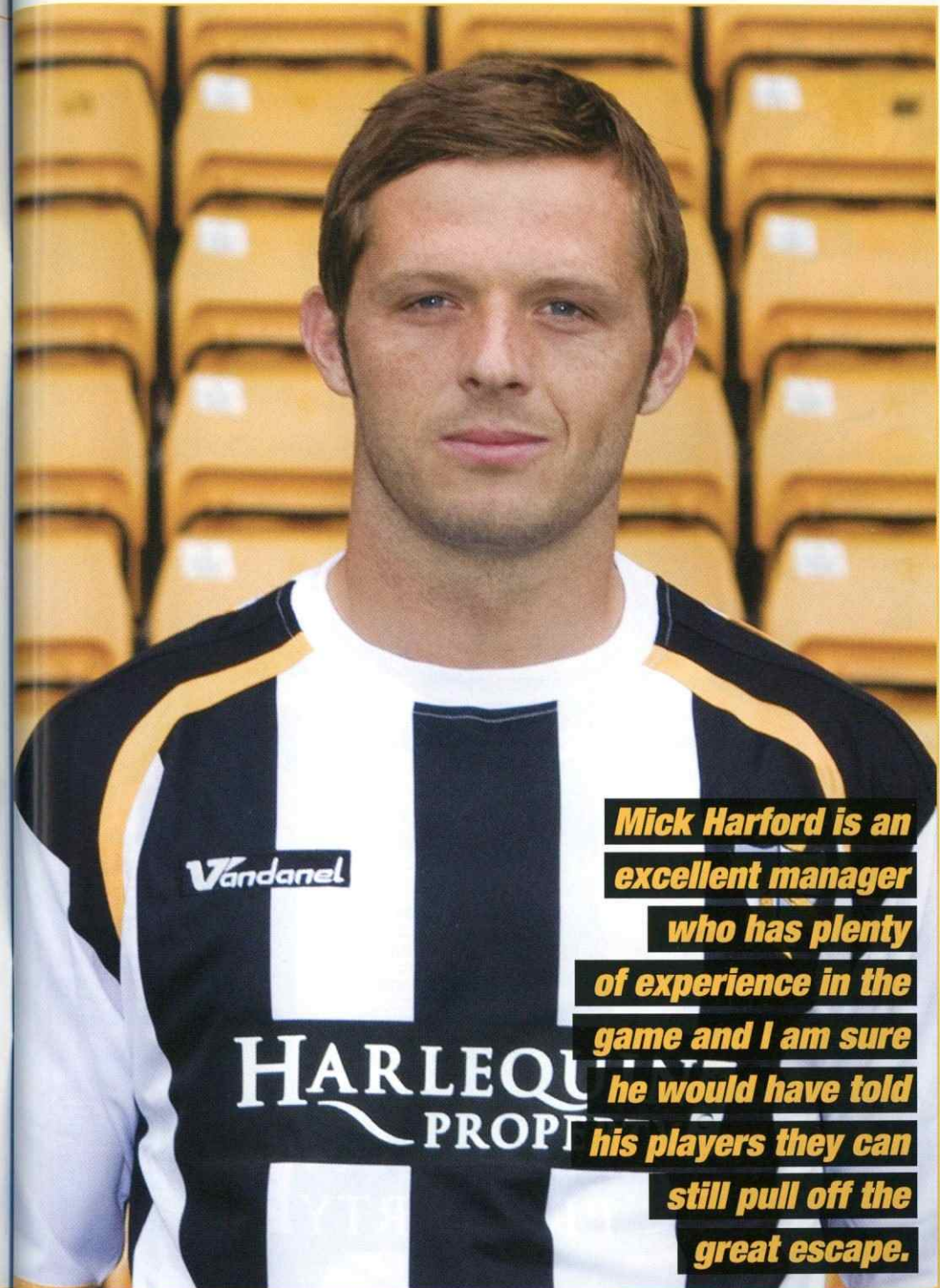
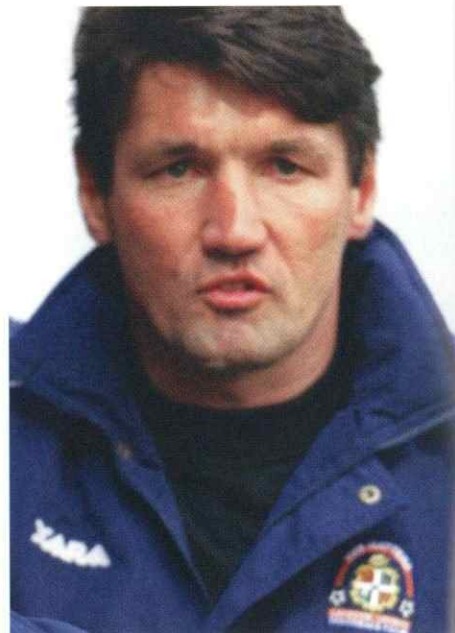
Luton Town arrive here fighting for their lives. They are one of the teams that have had an indifferent season after having points deducted but

they've got themselves back into positive points so it's going to be a very hard game. Mick Harford is an excellent manager who has plenty of experience in the game and I am sure he would have told his players they can still pull off the great escape. They will still be on a high after reaching Wembley in the Football League Trophy so we know if we treat them lightly, we do so at our own peril.

We welcome striker Kevin Gall who's arrived on loan from Carlisle. I've played against him a few times and he's bright and sharp around the penalty area and I am sure he will add a different dimension to the team's game. He will have a point to prove and his goals could prove key.

It's vital now at this stage of the season that everyone sticks together. The players do feel the frustration of the fans, which we can

understand, but we do have a young squad here and they need encouragement. This is another massive home game for us like the remaining games here so your support is vital now more than ever. There is no better feeling when you raise the roof at Vale Park because when you get behind the team like we know you can it does lift us out on the pitch.



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What colour is/are your...?

Toothbrush:	Blue
Car:	Silver
Bedroom curtains:	Brown
Favourite colour:	Blue
Underwear:	See Thru
Socks:	Holey (skin colour)
Eyes:	Sunflower
Front door:	White
Favourite item of clothing:	Vest
Toilet roll:	Brown

What is your favourite...?

Place in England:	Runcorn
Holiday Destination:	Dominican Republic
Meal:	Pan of scouse
Drink:	Still Fanta
TV Show:	Prison Break
Fruit:	Grapes
Vegetable:	Carrots
Time of year:	Christmas
Day of the week:	Saturday
Singer or Band:	Killers

How many...?

Brothers do you have:	Zilch
Sisters do you have:	One
Cars have you owned:	Six
Pro clubs have you been at:	Four
Miles do you live from Vale Park (approx):	40 miles
Hours a week you spend watching TV:	12 hours 29 minutes
Pets you have:	None
CDs you own (approx):	Loads
Pairs of shoes/boots etc you have:	20,000
People who live in the same building as you:	Three

cornered

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midfielder **scott brown** talks to mark weatherup

Although this season has been disappointing so far the players here are good enough. We just have to believe in ourselves more as we can beat anyone on our day. In this league there isn't much of a form guide - it's the winning mentality of a team which makes the difference and I think we're lacking in that department.

We simply need to string a couple of results together and taste the feeling of success over an extended period which I don't think many of the young players at the club have ever experienced.

When we went to Brentford the other week I was upset at the way we played. Towards the end of the first half I thought we were the better team as we were moving well and putting them under pressure, but we lacked the cutting edge. Unfortunately we conceded just before half time - which killed us - and subsequently in the second half we just didn't turn up.

I don't think Brentford are anything special, but they have a great team ethic and work hard to grind out results, which is what we need to try and implement into our game. I hate losing in any situation and I'm always trying to improve on aspects of my game that I feel need work. I think my strongest attributes on the pitch are my passing, creativity and never-say-die attitude.

I started my career at Everton aged 8 and went on to complete a YTS apprenticeship alongside Wayne Rooney, but left in 2004 when David Moyes was appointed manager. The highlight of my time at Everton was definitely the two-legged FA Cup youth final in 2002, which was my first real taste of a big game, and I scored the winner in the away fixture. When I was released from Everton I was gutted, but I knew a fresh challenge would do me good and I moved to Bristol City where I stayed for three years before joining Cheltenham.

As a youngster I also played for England from under-15 level right through to under-20 level. My most memorable match was against Brazil in 2001, which was covered by Sky Sports. We were beaten 2-0, but it was a quality game as they had some brilliant technical players on the park, like Diego.

On a personal level this season I still feel I haven't reached my best form

since my injury in 2007, which kept me out for 18 months. I fractured my tibia and fibula in a collision with a team mate whilst playing for Cheltenham and it was a complete nightmare.

Before I had the operation doctors were telling me that I would be lucky to play again so I feared for my future in football.

Thankfully the surgery went really well. I was told I would need to be patient and do everything by the book to give myself the best chance of getting back on the pitch. It was a long road back, but it worked, and now I want to play as many matches as possible to keep progressing in my career. I've missed a lot of football, so with each game I play things are slowly clicking into place and hopefully I'll return to the level of football I know I am capable of. I am grateful that Dean Glover brought me to the club and will do my very best to help the team climb the table.



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Starting XI

- 1 Barry Roche
- 2 Adam Yates
- 4 David Artell
- 5 Jim Bentley
- 25 Danny Adams
- 11 Neil Wainwright
- 15 Fraser McLachlan 82
- 6 Craig Stanley 1
- 16 Stuart Drummond
- 10 Rene Howe
- 7 Michael Twiss

Substitutes

- 17 Aaron Taylor
- 30 Scott Davies
- 8 Garry Hunter
- 14 Diarmuid O'Carroll 82
- 21 Matthew Blinkhorn

Attendance 62%
1,823 (373Away)



Possession	38%	Referee	
4	On Target	5	C. Webster
12	Off Target	6	
8	Corners	8	
4	Most Fouls	5	
Drummond	Glover		
19	Fouls	18	

M Sammy McIlroy

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Substitutes

- 17 Stephen Thompson
- 12 Chris Martin
- 21 James Lawrie
- 6 Luke Prosser
- 3 Robert Taylor 70

Starting XI

- 1 Joe Anyon
- 4 Anthony Griffith
- 25 Lee Collins
- 27 Gareth Owen
- 11 Paul Edwards
- 19 Simon Richman 1
- 14 Louis Dodds
- 15 Scott Brown
- 8 David Howland 70
- 18 Danny Glover
- 16 Kyle Perry

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goalkeepers						
1	Joe Anyon	29.12.86	Poulton-le-Fylde	6'2"	Aug 2004	Vale Youth, Blackburn (youth), England Youth Int
12	Chris Martin	21.07.90	Mansfield	6'0"	July 2005	Vale Youth, Nottingham Forest (youth)
defenders						
2	Sam Stockley	05.09.77	Tiverton	6'0"	May 2008	Wycombe Wanderers, Blackpool (L), Colchester Utd, Oxford Utd, Barnet, Southampton
3	Rob Taylor	16.01.85	Shrewsbury	6'0"	May 2008	Nuneaton Borough, Redditch Utd, Solihull Moors, Evesham Utd
5	John McCombe	07.05.85	Pontefract	6'2"	May 2008	Hereford Utd, Torquay Utd (L), Huddersfield Town
6	Luke Prosser	28.05.88	Enfield	6'3"	Aug 2005	Vale Youth, Tottenham Hotspur (youth)
24	Lee Collins	28.09.88	Telford	5'11"	Aug 2008	Wolves
midfielders						
4	Anthony Griffith	28.10.86	Huddersfield	6'0"	May 2008	Halifax Town (L), Stafford Rangers (L), Darlington (L), Oxford Utd (L), Doncaster Rovers
8	David Howland	17.09.86	Ballynahinch	5'11"	May 2008	Birmingham City, N Ireland U21 Int.
11	Paul Edwards	01.01.80	Manchester	5'10"	June 2007	Oldham Athletic, Blackpool, Wrexham, Swindon Town
15	Scott Brown	08.05.85	Runcorn	5'7"	Nov 2008	Everton, Bristol City, Cheltenham
19	Simon Richman	02.06.90	Ormskirk	5'10"	July 2005	Vale Youth
20	Ross Davidson	06.09.89	Burton	6'1"	July 2002	Vale Youth
22	Danny Edwards	24.04.91	Burton	5'9"	July 2001	Vale Youth
23	Luke Chapman	10.03.91	Cannock	6'1"	-	Vale Youth
26	Dave Brammer	28.02.75	Bromborough	5'8"	Oct 2008	Millwall, Stoke City, Crewe Alex, Port Vale, Wrexham
25	Adnan Ahmed	07.06.84	Burnley	5'10"	Feb 2009	On Loan from Tranmere Rovers, Huddersfield
27	Gareth Owen	21.09.82	Cheadle	6'1"	Jan 2009	Stockport, Oldham, Stoke, Welsh Youth Int.
29	Paul Dixon	09.12.90	Bolton	5'9"	-	Vale Youth
forwards						
7	Kevin Gall	04.02.82	Merthyr	5'9"	Feb 2009	On Loan from Carlisle United, Yeovil Town, Bristol Rovers, Newcastle United, Wales U21 Int.
9	Marc Richards	08.07.82	Wolverhampton	5'11"	May 2007	Barnsley, Rochdale (L), Northampton Town, Swansea City (L), Halifax Town (L), Oldham Ath. (L), Crewe Alex. (L), Blackburn Rovers, England Youth & U20
14	Louis Dodds	08.10.86	Leicester	5'10"	July 2008	Leicester City, Lincoln (L), Rochdale, Northwich Vic.
16	Kyle Perry	05.03.86	Wolverhampton	6'4"	Jan 2008	Chasetown, AFC Telford, Willenhall, Walsall Youth
17	Steve Thompson	15.04.89	Peterlee	5'7"	May 2008	Middlesbrough
18	Danny Glover	24.10.89	Crewe	6'0"	Nov 2006	Vale Youth, Liverpool (youth)
21	James Lawrie	18.12.90	Dundonal	6'0"	June 2000	Vale Youth. N Ireland Youth Int

under the floodlight

scott brown

Midfielder who was released by Everton and went on to join Bristol City, before eventually moving on to Cheltenham Town, where he unfortunately broke his leg, playing against Bristol City! Scott joined Port Vale on loan in November before signing until the end of the season in December.



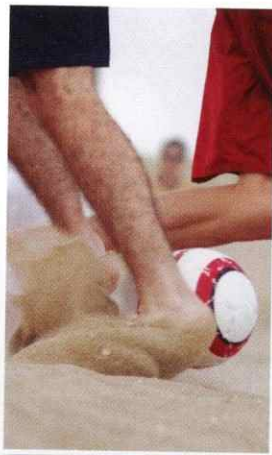
offside!

mark whitby and lauren watson

look at the funny side of the game

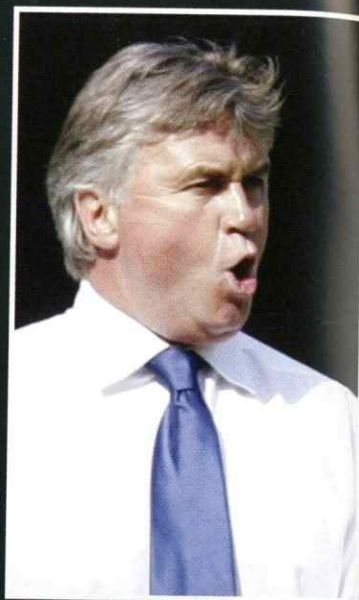
on the beach

Some of Manchester City's Brazilian contingent have found a new way of coping with the culture differences, importing sand! Robinho was that home sick at Manchester City that he took delivery of several tonnes of sand to his new Cheshire based home and had it spread across an area of his vast land. The reason for this is so that he, along with compatriots Elano, Glauber Berti and Jo, can all play beach football as they do back in his homeland. He hasn't yet said though how he will cope with something they don't have much back in Brazil - rain.



settling in nicely

Liverpool's scoring sensation Fernando Torres has managed to settle into British life straight away and puts this down to his love of British TV! Not only that, but while some footballers dream of being on TV as a pundit, Torres dreams of being on TV as a skater on ITV's Dancing on Ice! The Spaniard told the press: "It is very artistic and elegant to watch. The couples move very gracefully together." He also stated that "Sometimes the celebrity will fall over, which can be amusing", which is like watching some footballers as well! Maybe Mr Ronaldo is a fan of the programme too!

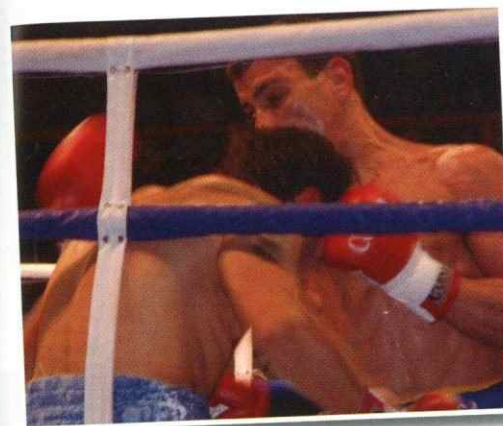


when I was just a little boy...

As a young boy, the last thing on new Chelsea manager Guus Hiddink's mind was being a football manager. His ambition was to be a "stront boer" in his native town of Varsseveld in rural Holland. For those who don't know, stront boer is a farmer who raises animals to sell the manure as fertiliser! However, as he progressed in school his ambitions moved to the beautiful game. I'm sure though many readers will insert their own football and manure gags here!

here's one we told earlier (or tried to!)

One story you won't have seen yet is about Fisher Athletic's new manager for the day Donna Powell who won an auction to manage the Blue Square South side in their game against Eastleigh. The story was due to appear in the Aldershot programme but that was postponed! The Fisher game was played, but sadly for Donna it didn't have a happy ending as the relegation battling side lost 2-1 with Eastleigh's Chief Executive calling it "a sideshow we could do without".



that's fighting talk

Most footballers dream of becoming a pundit or a manager when they retire. But Derby goalkeeper Stephen Bywater has decided that when he retires he isn't going to hang up his gloves, he's just going to put a new set on. The shot stopper has decided he wants to train for a career in cage fighting! The keeper has already started his training in the gym and is now trying to convince his teammates and his agent that he is serious.



sorry but my gates were broke!

Footballers come up with some weird excuses for being late for training, but none more so than one unnamed Notts County player! The player told his gaffer on his late arrival that the reason he was late was because he had got locked in. It wasn't his house though that he was got locked into, it was his drive. The electric gates to his house had failed to open and so he had to wait for a gardener to come and open the gates manually with a key! The poor excuse netted him though just a £10 fine.

commentary box



"The title race now is going to be between ourselves and Liverpool. However, I shall be keeping a wary eye on Aston Villa"

Sir Alex Ferguson playing his mind games again, ignoring Chelsea this time!

"They [London's citizens] are very dirty, scruffy. London is a very dirty city. The women there don't care about themselves and what they look like."

Julia Arshavin isn't a fan of her husband Andrey's new home.

"Don't even think about Manchester United and Stoke in the same breath"

Tony Pulis getting a bit confused with his thinking and breathing

"I just congratulate them for getting a goal back and not losing big scores"

Fisher Athletic's caretaker manager Donna Powell had big ambitions

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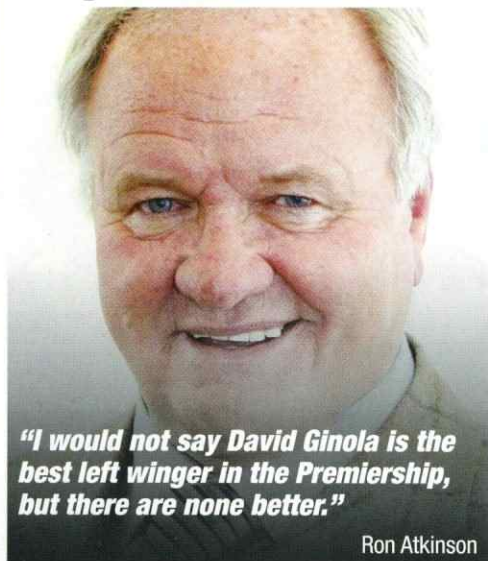
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they said what?



"I would not say David Ginola is the best left winger in the Premiership, but there are none better."

Ron Atkinson

He hit the post, and after the game people are going to say, well, he hit the post."

Jimmy Greaves

"Chelsea look like they've got a couple more gears left in the locker."

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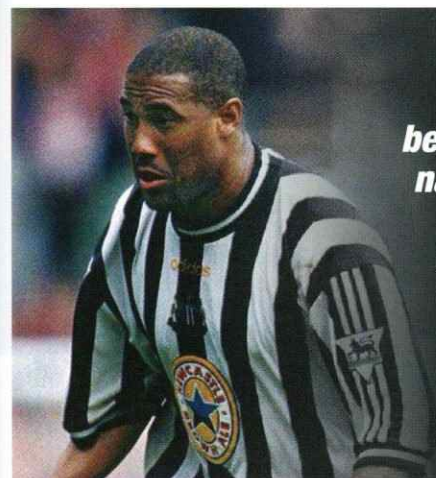
"It would be a nice scalp for Scunthorpe to put Wimbledon on our bottoms."

Dave Bassett



"I can count on the fingers of one hand ten games where we've caused our own downfall."

Joe Kinnear



"If Glenn Hoddle had been any other nationality, he would have had 70 or 80 caps for England."

John Barnes

that's odd

Gillingham fans were subjected to searches in 1996 after a craze had started for waving sticks of celery while chanting an obscene song. Anybody caught in possession of the vegetable was threatened with a life ban.

did you know?

The first team to lose all its away games in a complete season of League football was Northwich Victoria. They suffered 14 defeats in the Second Division in 1893-94. The first team to claim 20 draws in the top flight of English league football in any one season was Norwich City who shared the spoils no fewer than 23 times in 1978-79.

*Source: Football Firsts - Tony Matthews

i'll give it five

Third Division South outfit Watford made a big splash in the transfer market on 3rd January 1948 when they signed five players on the same day. That may or may not be all that unusual, but what was strange was that all five players came from the same club - Second Division Leicester City.



it's true - isn't it?

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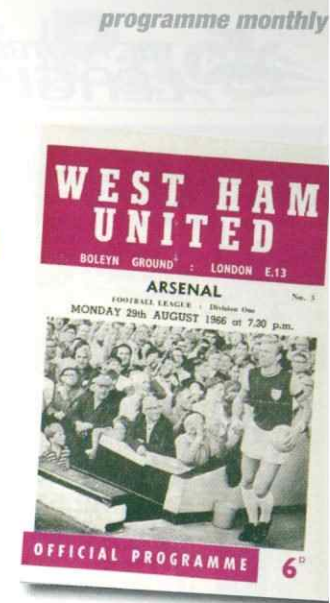
The editor of "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" magazine explains the joys – and financial rewards – of collecting football programmes.

Apart from the time-honoured and conventional sources – dealers' catalogues, programme fairs, eBay, "Programme Monthly", and those few remaining programme stalls at football grounds – football programmes can turn up in many other walks of life, often unexpectedly.

Most Car Boot sales will have some football programmes present, and collectors' shops (stamps, antiques etc) will invariably have a box of programmes, as will the antiques and collectors fairs which still operate in our major towns and cities on a weekly or monthly basis. Keen and experienced collectors live in the hope that the lack of specialist knowledge at such venues will mean that the occasional 'gem' is not recognised, and is put on sale at a fraction of its value.

Unfortunately, the opposite is likely to be true. The hobby is now well established, and several decades of publicity in the media of genuine rarities being sold at auction for substantial sums of money has made most antiques and collectables traders aware of the potential value of programmes. Accordingly, they tend to price programmes from famous games, or bearing famous names, as if they are genuine rarities.

The classic example is Manchester United programmes from the 1960s. There is undoubtedly something attractive about a programme which contains the names, and often photographs, of Best, Law and Charlton. If they are playing Tottenham, you will probably have Jennings, Mackay, Greaves and Gilzean in the opposition line-up; Liverpool will have Hunt, St John, Yeats and the other greats of the early Shankly era, and the Leeds team will contain Bremner, Giles, Gray and their esteemed colleagues in Don Revie's great side.



Such was the stellar quality of English football in those days that crowds flocked to the games, and thereby hangs the problem with the programmes, for they were printed in huge quantities, on better quality of paper than their predecessors, and they have survived to this day in prodigious quantities. They may be objects of desire, but they are extremely commonplace, and therefore worth a few pence, rather than several pounds.

The real rarities, and valuable items, from that and any era are programmes which had low print runs, from comparatively obscure matches. Friendly games, often abroad or at non-league grounds; reserve team matches; midweek cup replays; county cup ties – none of them guaranteed to be rare or valuable, but there is more chance of that happening than with a programme for a League match at Old Trafford which was watched by 60,000 spectators, most of whom will have bought, and retained, a programme.

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Dean Glover	Mick Harford
Played 21 Won 7 Drawn 3 Lost 11	Played 52 Won 10 Drawn 15 Lost 27
For 22 Against 33	For 59 Against 85
Av Pts/game 1.14	Av Pts/game 0.87
Biggest Win(s) Port Vale 3 Chester 0 (27/01/2009)	Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008)
Biggest Loss(es) Port Vale 0 Brentford 3 (15/11/2008)	Biggest Loss(es) Darlington 5 Luton 1 (17/01/2009)

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...0	Dean Glover0	Mick Harford0
Draws ...0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots	Marc Richards 59
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shots on target

Marc Richards 39	3 a win 0
6 an away win 10	1 a home win 0

shots off target

Marc Richards 20	0 a defeat 2
0 a home defeat 2	0 an away defeat 0

assists

Simon Richman 4	2 a no score draw 6
2 conceding a goal 0	2 scoring a goal 0

crosses

Louis Dodds 29	1 conceding > 1 2
3 scoring > 1 0	3 keeping a clean sheet 6

fouls

Marc Richards 47	0 failing to score 6
2 back to back wins 37	0 back to back defeats 2

free-kicks-won

Anthony Griffith 46	2 gaining a point 0
3 losing a point 1	3 win by > one 0
1 loss by > one 7	



GAMES SINCE

Player with the most...

shots	Chris Martin 46
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shots on target

Chris Martin 24	0 conceding a goal 0
2 scoring a goal 0	0 conceding > 1 2

shots off target

Asa Hall 23	0 an away defeat 0
0 an away defeat 0	0 conceding a goal 0

assists

Rossi Jarvis 9	13 a no score draw 6
2 conceding a goal 0	2 scoring a goal 0

crosses

Rossi Jarvis 67	1 conceding > 1 2
3 scoring > 1 0	3 keeping a clean sheet 6

fouls

Chris Martin 41	0 failing to score 6
2 back to back wins 37	0 back to back defeats 2

free-kicks-won

Chris Martin 40	2 gaining a point 0
3 losing a point 1	3 win by > one 0
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SHARP SHOOTERS

Port Vale	CCFL Cup Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup Tot
Marc Richards	9 1 10	Asa Hall	7 1 8
Louis Dodds	4 3 7	Chris Martin	7 1 8
Simon Richman	5 0 5	Tom Craddock	5 1 6

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...31	Port Vale wins11	Luton wins13
Draws7	Goals 34 (1.1 per game)	Goals 37 (1.2 per game)
0-0's2	Times failed to score 8	Times failed to score 10

Biggest League win at Port Vale for each team:
 04/03/1899 Port Vale 4-1 Luton
 08/02/2003 & 29/12/2007 & 30/10/1965 Port Vale 1-2 Luton



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS

17 Position	24
30 Played	30
9 Won	8
4 Drawn	11
17 Lost	11
32 Goals For	42
49 Goals Against	49
31 Points	5

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	2	11	19	6	4	7	7

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	2	6	18	2	7	4	22

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	1	2	16	8	7	1	13

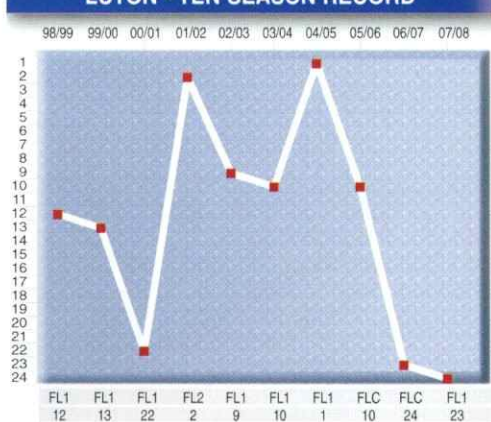
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	2	15	24	0	3	10	20

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[5], 3-0[1], 3-1[2],
Losses: 0-1[5], 0-2[3], 0-3[2], 1-2[2], 1-3[2], 1-4[1], 2-4[2], **Draws:** 0-0[1], 1-1[5], 1-1[3]
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LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 22/02/2009

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Grant Holt	Shrewsbury	14	8	22
Charlie MacDonald	Brentford	15	2	17
Paul Benson	Dag & Red	13	3	16
Jack Lester	Chesterfield	12	3	15
Simeon Jackson	Gillingham	13	1	14
Andy Bishop	Bury	13	1	14
Ryan Lowe	Chester	11	2	13
Adam Le Fondre	Rochdale	10	3	13
Scott Davies	Aldershot	11	1	12

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Kenilworth Road	Luton	15	52	3.47
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	16	51	3.19
L.B Barking & Dag Stad	Dag & Red	15	45	3.00
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	16	48	3.00
Recreation Ground	Chesterfield	14	42	3.00
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	15	44	2.93
KRBS Priestfield Stad	Gillingham	17	48	2.82
St James Park	Exeter	16	45	2.81
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	16	45	2.81
Prostar Stadium	Shrewsbury	17	46	2.71
Vale Park	Port Vale	16	43	2.69
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	14	37	2.64
Blundell Park	Grimsby	15	39	2.60
Darlington Arena	Darlington	15	39	2.60
Coral Windows Stadium	Bradford	17	43	2.53
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	15	37	2.47
The Deva Stadium	Chester	16	39	2.44
Gigg Lane	Bury	16	39	2.44
Christie Park	Morecambe	16	39	2.44
Griffin Park	Brentford	15	36	2.40
Don Valley Stadium	Rotherham	14	33	2.36
Adams Park	Wycombe	14	32	2.29
Meadow Lane	Notts County	16	36	2.25
Dean Court	Bournemouth	16	27	1.69

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
shots on target 210 Dag & Red. **shots off target** 218 Rochdale. **corners** 222 Dag & Red. **hit woodwork** 13 Bradford. **offsides** 147 Chester. **fouls** 449 Shrewsbury. **yellow cards** 56 Chester. **red cards** 7 Chester.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 91 Grant Holt (Shrewsbury). **Shots on target** 57 Andy Bishop (Bury). **Shots off target** 51 Grant Holt (Shrewsbury). **Assists** 11 Sam Saunders (Dag & Red). **Crosses** 112 Matthew Hamshaw (Notts County). **Offsides** 69 Andy Bishop (Bury). **Fouls** 89 Grant Holt (Shrewsbury). **Free-kicks won** 69 Grant Holt (Shrewsbury).



2008/09 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 986

RIGHT FOOT 547 goals



LEFT FOOT 229 goals



HEADERS 183 goals



Own goals 22 (2.2%), Other body part 5 (0.5%)

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



2.5 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match	
Jay Harris (Chester vs Brentford)	0:51
By a substitute after coming on	
Anwar Uddin (Luton vs Dag & Red)	1:33

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1642
Offsides2536
Corners4120
Shots Off Target3888

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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



RESULTS

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

0-0	23
0-1	34
0-2	14
0-3	3
0-4	2
0-5	-
0-6	1
1-0	35
1-1	60
1-2	25
1-3	16
1-4	2
1-5	-
1-6	1
2-0	26
2-1	33
2-2	20
2-3	1
2-4	2
2-5	-
3-0	14
3-1	19
3-2	6
3-3	7
3-4	1
3-5	-
4-0	8
4-1	6
4-2	3
4-3	-
4-4	1
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	4
6-0	1
6-1	2
7-0	1

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injury time

vale physio **john bower** looks
at different injuries throughout
the season.

dislocated shoulder injury explained

A Dislocated Shoulder is a common shoulder injury in contact sports such as rugby, football and martial arts. Shoulder dislocations are characterized by severe shoulder pain and hospital treatment is required to restore normal shoulder anatomy.

The shoulder is a ball-and-socket joint that has a large range of movement but not a lot of stability, which makes the shoulder joint prone to dislocation. The shoulder is particularly unstable when it is rotated outwards and the arm cocked back or 'abducted'. Any additional force in this position will cause the head of the Humerus (arm bone) to come out of the joint in a forward direction. This is referred to as an anterior dislocation.



The shoulder joint is enclosed by a fibrous capsule which is strengthened by ligaments that provide a reinforced thickening of the capsule. The joint also has a labrum - a fibrocartilage lip that increases the stability of the joint. In the case of a dislocation due to trauma (such as a fall or collision), the joint capsule and ligaments are usually torn, and the labrum may also be damaged.

dislocated shoulder signs & symptoms

The most obvious symptom is shoulder pain. A person with a dislocated shoulder will be unable to move the affected shoulder and will hold the arm protectively against the chest. The

normal rounded appearance of the shoulder will be replaced by a more squared-off edge because the head of the Humerus bone drops downwards. If a dislocation is suspected, an X-ray should be taken to confirm the damage.

dislocated shoulder treatment

It is important that a shoulder dislocation is seen quickly by a doctor who can put the joint back in place. This is because the position of the Humerus in a dislocated shoulder joint can cause damage to the Axillary nerve.

This can lead to a loss of sensation and muscle strength in the affected arm. Pain relieving medication prescribed by a doctor can help to relieve the shoulder pain.



Ice Packs can be applied to the injured shoulder for 20 minutes every two hours (never apply ice directly to the skin). Ice can relieve pain and reduce bleeding in the damaged tissue.

Once the shoulder has been put back in place it is immobilised using a sling. The sling is kept on for about 2 to 3 weeks, during which time it is important that the elbow, wrist and fingers are kept moving to prevent them stiffening up.

Active rehabilitation is started as soon as possible but overhead arm movement and sporting activity should be avoided for at least 6 weeks. Gentle range of movement exercises under the supervision of a Chartered Physiotherapist can be started once the sling is removed. Strengthening exercises for the Rotator Cuff muscles should be started as soon as they can be done without pain. These can be

done at home using therabands (resistant bands)

Because of the damage to the structures surrounding the shoulder, there is a high chance of recurrent dislocation. Surgery on an unstable shoulder is usually required after four dislocations.

Following a shoulder dislocation and shoulder surgery, many people find that a Neoprene shoulder support helps to provide added reassurance. They also assist with shoulder stability by providing sensory input that improves shoulder proprioception.

dislocated shoulder prevention

Once there has been a dislocation of the shoulder, the joint will have a degree of instability and will be more likely to dislocate again, or become subluxed (where it moves slightly but not fully out of joint). This is because the ligaments, capsule and labrum are damaged and cannot restrain the humeral head and prevent dislocation. In order to prevent dislocation, the Rotator Cuff muscles that surround the humeral head should be strengthened.

The Rotator Cuff muscles (Subscapularis, Supraspinatus, Infraspinatus and Teres minor) are small muscles situated around the shoulder joint. Although they have individual actions, their main role is to work together to stabilise the humeral head (ball) in the shoulder socket. Exercises using a theraband can be very effective at strengthening the Rotator Cuff and maintaining shoulder stability.

a day in the life of...

scott brown

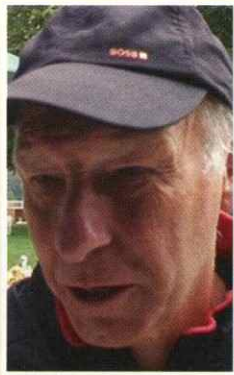
with phil sherwin

Midfielder Scott Brown was born on 8th May 1985 in Runcorn. At the time Vale were in the old Fourth Division and had one more league game to play that season. It took place two days later and Vale drew 3-3 at Scunthorpe United to finish in 12th place. Our goals were scored by Ally Brown, Colin Tartt and Oshor Williams in front of a crowd of just 1,867. Karl Austin was the Vale custodian that day, his only senior appearance for us.

On the day that Scott appeared into the world for the first time the then Vale manager John Rudge completed the signing of a striker for £3,000 from Rhyl by the name of Andy Jones. He went on score 37 goals for us in 1986/87, won international caps for Wales and was eventually sold for £350,000, so not a bad bit of business.

In more general football news, Everton, ironically Scott's first club, won the League Championship with a 2-0 home win over QPR. Stoke had been relegated from the top-flight ages before with a record low points total from a 42 game season, just 17.

On 11th May though, came one of the saddest events to ever occur in football, when a fire at Bradford City's Valley Parade ground killed 56 fans. They were playing



last week's visitors to Vale Park, Lincoln City, and the game was abandoned at half time and never replayed.

This afternoon's visitors Luton Town finished 17th in the Old First Division, staying up on goal difference on the last day of the season with a 3-2 win at Derby County whilst their relegation rivals Sheffield Wednesday lost 3-0 at home to Nottm Forest.

The number one single in the UK at the time was '19' by Paul Hardcastle. It gained its title as being the average age of American soldiers in Vietnam and was more of a rap record about that war, and it was his only number one.

In general news of the time, Arthur Scargill announced the end of a year long strike by the miners, the longest industrial dispute in British history, and also the most pointless. Mikhail Gorbachev became the new Soviet leader and English football clubs were banned from



Europe for 5 years after 39 people died following riots at the European Cup final in Belgium between Liverpool and Juventus.

Scott began his footballing career at Everton, and was in the same youth team as Wayne Rooney and Sean Doherty, who also later had a spell at the Vale. In the 2001/02 season Everton reached the final of the FA Youth Cup, losing 4-2 on aggregate to an Aston Villa side that contained two future Vale players in James O'Connor and Stefan Moore. Scott scored the only goal of the second leg at Villa Park.

Scott was highly rated enough to make 10 appearances for England under 17's in 2001/02 and his team mates included three future Vale players, the aforementioned Doherty (now Sligo), Ross Gardner (now Eastwood) and Adam Eckersley, who is now playing for Horsens in Denmark. Further international honours for the under 18's and under 19's followed but he couldn't break into the first team at Goodison Park and was released on a free transfer at the end of the 2003/04 campaign.

He actually joined the Vale on trial and played in a couple of pre season friendlies, but no firm contract was on offer and he joined Bristol City. He made his debut for them in Aug 2004 as a substitute in a 1-0 win over Peterborough in an LDV Vans Trophy tie. The Bristol side contained Clayton Fortune, and the Peterborough team had three more with Vale links, Danny Sonner, Leon Constantine and Andy Clarke.

He soon held down a regular place in the side, and appeared in a couple of home wins over the Vale before scoring his first senior goal in Oct 2005 in a 4-3 defeat at Oldham Athletic. He marked his first appearance at Vale Park with a goal in a 2-0 victory in Sept 2006 and won the PFA League One player of the month before sustaining a hamstring injury against Doncaster Rovers.

In Jan 2007 he was loaned out to Cheltenham and when the move was made a permanent one, ironically his first game was back at Ashton Gate. Cheltenham won 1-0 but the bad news for Scott was that he suffered a broken leg after only a quarter of an hour. That meant a long spell on the sidelines and he did not return to first team action until December 2007 as a sub at Tranmere. Adnan Ahmed was a sub for Tranmere that day.

The arrival of Martin Allen as manager of Cheltenham led to a spell out of the side, and in November 2008 he joined the Vale on loan. He made an impressive debut and scored a good goal in our 4-2 defeat at Wycombe Wanderers and has since settled in to be a regular member of the team.



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It is becoming increasingly difficult this season to write about football in general and Vale in particular in a positive manner. The team running away with the Premiership has turned from playing exciting, expansive football into little more than a well-organised outfit which grinds out 1-0 wins. The team which was running them closest for the title has proved to be a paper tiger without their charismatic captain. The artists from North London have trouble winning a raffle and the least said about the quality of football produced by the teams in the lower half of the table the better.

Closer to home, Vale have continued to struggle to put anything like a decent run of results together. Injuries and suspensions have taken their toll it's true, but we shouldn't hide from the fact that performances have been well below the standard we had hoped for this year.

The season began with such optimism. Supporters returned to Vale in their droves expecting to see a successful team but events on and off the pitch have meant that the gulf between expectation and reality has been enormous.

We have had a number of Vale players expressing their views on why this has happened and from some, negativity from the terraces has been held up as a reason why the team has not performed as well as they should have done. I have had concerns about the so-called "boo boys" myself in the past but I think this season would have tried the patience of a saint, so I can understand why some supporters have expressed their dissatisfaction with events in a rather vocal fashion.

What disappoints me, however, is that it seems to me the frustration of the crowd is being used by some as an excuse for poor performances. Yet on many occasions this season the supporters have been extremely patient and indeed, very supportive of the efforts of the players. At Bury, just as an example, the large Vale following sang virtually non-stop throughout the first hour of the game and were rewarded for their efforts with a performance that was little short of disgraceful.

Sadly, there seems to be a lack of unity, not just on the pitch but between players and fans which is contributing to our dire season. There is no sense of "we're in this together" at all – we simply have fans getting more and more frustrated and players blaming them in turn.

This has to stop. Events off the field are beyond the control of players or supporters but what happens on the pitch is down to manager, players and fans working together to achieve success. Whilst the fans continue (understandably it has to be said) to show their disappointment so forcefully and the players/management seek to blame them for their own deficiencies, we will not make progress. The Stoke-on-Trent coat of arms declares Vis Unita Fortior – united strength is stronger. Is it too much to hope that such a motto could be adopted by all connected with the club for the remainder of the season?

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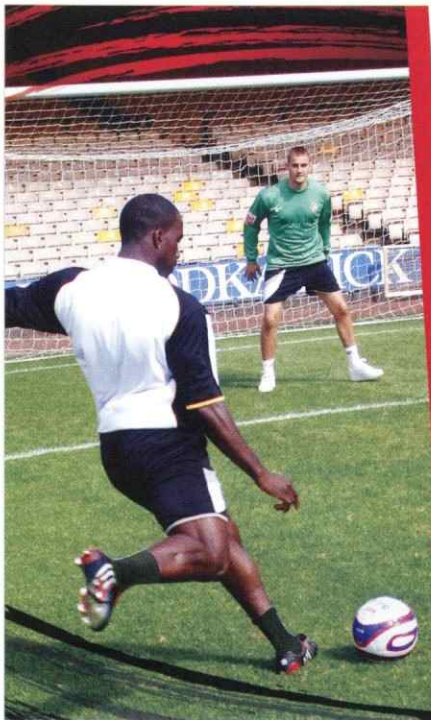


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Every supporter remembers different goals for different reasons, although some are so good that they stay in everyone's memory. Here is a look at some of my favourites.

Let's start with the absolute screamers - the goals that live in the memory simply for being such magnificent goals.

Two such strikes came in the same game during the promotion season of 1993/94 at Griffin Park, Brentford.

With the Vale having gone a goal down in what was a very tricky fixture, something special was required. In Robin Van Der Laan's thunderbolt equaliser, we certainly got it.

In my 16 years watching the Valiants it was the most powerfully struck goal of the lot; and directed perfectly into the bottom corner.

If a Bees defender had got in the way, it may well have killed him.

But as the home side took control again it seemed that the Dutchman's moment of brilliance would probably be in vain.

Brentford missed some gilt-edged chances and they were made to pay by a wonder-strike from Nicky Cross.

Struck from fully 30-yards and from an acute angle, it was probably the best goal of Vale's promotion season.

A Friday night left foot thunderbolt from Alan Tankard ran it close, however, securing a third round tie against Premier League Southampton.

A sledgehammer left peg was one of Tankard's trademarks, although it was perhaps a little underused.

His goal in the televised game against Tranmere the following season was also one to remember, not least because it came during an outstanding performance that showed the nation that Port Vale aren't so 'plucky' after all.

Another goal that deserves a mention for its sheer quality is Lee Matthews' 45-yarder in a 2-2 draw away at Hull.

The KC Stadium was certainly stunned and that moment was a frustrating reminder of how good the man we signed from Bristol City could be.

Unfortunately a string of injuries limited Matthews' 45-yarders to one and he, in fact, only managed ten goals in his Vale career.

It was a massive shame for a man whose brittle body just wasn't strong enough to match the talent at his disposal.

There is always, however, an element of luck about such a long distance strike. Smashing one from that kind of distance is always something of a hopeful punt.

There was nothing hopeful, however, about the exquisite lob scored by Marc Bridge-Wilkinson during a 5-1 mauling of Grimsby Town in January 2004.

I remember that goal fondly because Vale were outstanding that day. It was champagne football, epitomised by that goal.

Bridge-Wilkinson was the closest thing to a footballing genius we have had in recent years and he scored some sublime goals. That lob was the pick of them.

There are also the goals that, although they may not be the most amazing strikes, they remain in the memory because of the situation in which they arrived.

Adrian Littlejohn's long rangers home and away against Sheffield Wednesday in 2003/04 were special because they came in the face of supporters who were abusing him due to his previous affiliation with United.

Steve Brooker's winner at Hillsborough that year was also a fantastic moment because it gave us an away win at such a historic ground. It also came at a time in my life when I really needed cheering up. Boy did that goal do the trick.

Brooker's winning goal in the LDV Vans Trophy Final against Brentford will also live long in the memory for obvious reasons, but it is the goals against Stoke that meant the most.

How great it is that we can still see Ian Bogie latching onto Lee Glover's dummy and smashing home an opener within 12 seconds against our rivals and Robin Van Der Laan rising to power home that header at the Victoria Ground.

The great thing about Van Der Laan's goal was the fact that it came when Vale had been under the cosh and it brought a massive sense of relief as well as delight.

Michael Cummins' goal in our most recent meeting with the Potters was one of the scrappiest goals I've ever seen. It was still, in its own way, one of the best.

Then there is Steve McPhee's beautifully planted header at Vale Park that same season, Bogie squeezing one in at the front post at the Vic and Foyley sliding through the surface water in celebration after securing the FA Cup tie at Vale Park.

Memories like that can never be taken away. That's why we all love football.

*The views in this article are not necessarily the views of Port Vale Football Club

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As you will have noticed the club has been supporting the NHS with its various campaigns focused on making you healthier! The campaigns we have supported so far include Change4Life, SmokeFree, Alcohol: Know Your Limits and today it is Parent Direct. Full details on the campaigns will be highlighted in each match day programme or take a look at the advertising boards around the ground.

The club would also like to say a big thank you to local ASDA stores at Tunstall & Wolstanton for preparing the fruit bags ready for Boomer to give out to fans on a match day.

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You can also have your name in lights by having a personalised message shown on the scoreboard. What

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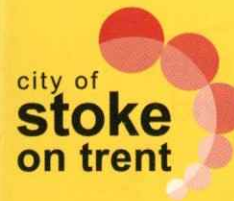
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Triple P Programme. Time 12:00 – 15:00
To help with the transitional
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Play & Stay in the centre Crèche. Time 9:30 – 11:00

Mums & Babes. Time 10:00 – 12:00
Together time for you and your Baby

ESOL English for speakers of other Languages - Course
Time 12:30 – 3:00

THURSDAY

Parent Group. Time 10:00 – 12:00
Informative group for parents with guest speakers
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(Please Book)

Health Visitors drop In. Time 9:30 – 11:30
Bring your baby to be weighed and have a chat with the
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FRIDAYS

Care & Connect Group. Time 10:00 – 12:00
This group runs every third Friday of the
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Start – Up Programme. Time 10:00 – 12:00

*Please note that Play & Stay and Mums
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snap shots



today's mascot

Name: Jack Melvin

Age: 9 years old on 28th February

From: Alsagers Bank

School: Ravensmead

Favourite Player(s): Joe Anyon, Louis Dodds

Hobbies: Football, Running & Reading

Additional Info: At Mark Goodlad's goalkeeping school



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hotshots

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league two games to be played on Saturday 28th February 2009

aldershot v accrington

While Accrington are a side that can pick up the odd useful point away from home, it'll be difficult to get anything from a resolute Aldershot side whose home form is exemplary.

Aldershot 2-0 Accrington



brentford v bury

A meeting of two in-form sides probably won't be as close as it looks on paper. Brentford are the better team and should beat their visitors.

Brentford 2-0 Bury



chester dag & red

Chester must feel lucky Bournemouth and Luton are still in arrears, otherwise they would be in serious trouble at the bottom of the league. Their misery will probably continue with the visit of Dagenham.

Chester 0-3 Dag & Red



chesterfield v barnet

Despite Barnet's morale boosting win over Bradford, they still lack the sufficient quality to grind out results against the better sides in League Two. Chesterfield can do that and should beat Barnet.

Chesterfield 1-0 Barnet



exeter v darlington

While Exeter have performed admirably in their first season back in the league, Darlington pose a significant threat to their good home record. It's difficult to see how they can pull off a positive result.

Exeter 1-2 Darlington



gillingham v bournemouth

Bournemouth might have had a spiritual nail put in their coffin with their defeat at Chesterfield the other week, and that may weigh heavily on their minds as they approach this match. Gillingham could capitalise.

Gillingham 3-1 Bournemouth



lincoln city v rotherham

Lincoln's combination of pace and power proved too much for Vale last week, but they may well meet their match in Rotherham, who can counter fire with fire. Expect a lively game.

Lincoln 2-2 Rotherham



morecambe v wycombe

Wycombe have seen their seemingly unassailable lead at the top whittled away in recent weeks, and it's apparent that they have had trouble against the weaker teams. This could be no different, especially considering Morecambe's new found resilience.

Morecambe 1-1 Wycombe



port vale v luton town

Vale desperately need three points, and while Luton are still adrift at the bottom, they are no mugs, and only a fool would think they wouldn't fancy their chances coming to Vale Park. The problem is, do Vale fancy theirs?

Port Vale 1-1 Luton



macclesfield v shrewsbury

Shrewsbury's awful away record is surprising for a side mounting a serious promotion challenge, and Macclesfield are the type of inconsistent side who could exploit that. Might be a coupon buster.

Macclesfield 1-0 Shrewsbury



notts county v bradford

Bradford have been dealt a blow with the news that Omar Daley is out for the rest of the season, but they still have enough quality throughout to see off the challenge of the home side.

Notts County 0-2 Bradford



rochdale v grimsby

Grimsby's revival seems to have hit the skids and it's hard to see where their next point will come from. It shouldn't be at Rochdale, but it's bound to be a tough affair.

Rochdale 2-1 Grimsby



league two statistics

up to games played 21.02.09

other fixtures

- Aldershot v Accrington Stanley
- Brentford v Bury
- Chester v Dag & Red
- Chesterfield v Barnet
- Exeter v Darlington
- Gillingham v Bournemouth
- Lincoln City v Rotherham
- Macclesfield v Shrewsbury
- Morecambe v Wycombe
- Notts County v Bradford
- Port Vale v Luton
- Rochdale v Grimsby

leadingscorers

Player	Club	Goals
Charlie MacDonald	Brentford	15
Paul Benson	Dag & Red	14
Grant Holt	Shrewsbury	14
Andy Bishop	Bury	13
Simeon Jackson	Gillingham	13
Jack Lester	Chesterfield	12
Scott Davies	Aldershot	11
Michael Boulding	Bradford City	11
Peter Thorne	Bradford City	11
Ryan Lowe	Chester City	11
John O'Flynn	Barnet	10
Ben Strevens	Dag & Red	10
Adam Le Fondre	Rochdale	10
Ben Davies	Shrewsbury	10
Marc Richards	Port Vale	9

assists

Player	Club	Assists
Sam Saunders	Dag & Red	11
Ryan Lowe	Chester City	9
Rossi Jarvis	Luton Town	9
John Nutter	Gillingham	8
Nicky Southall	Gillingham	8
John Miles	Accrington	7
Matthew Hamshaw	Notts County	7
Joe Colbeck	Bradford City	7
Andy Bishop	Bury	7
Elliott Bennett	Bury	7

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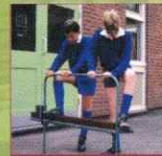
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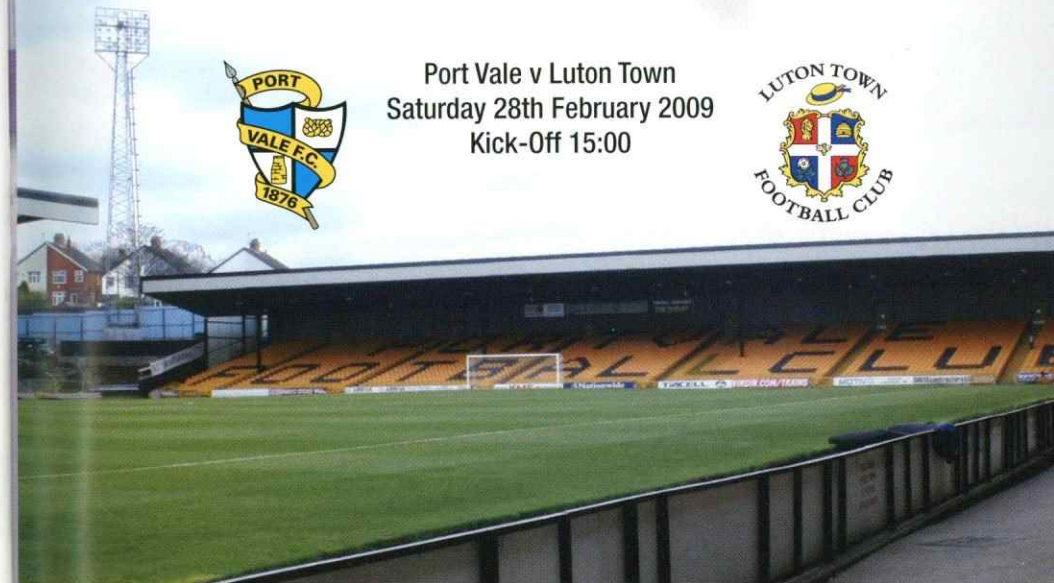
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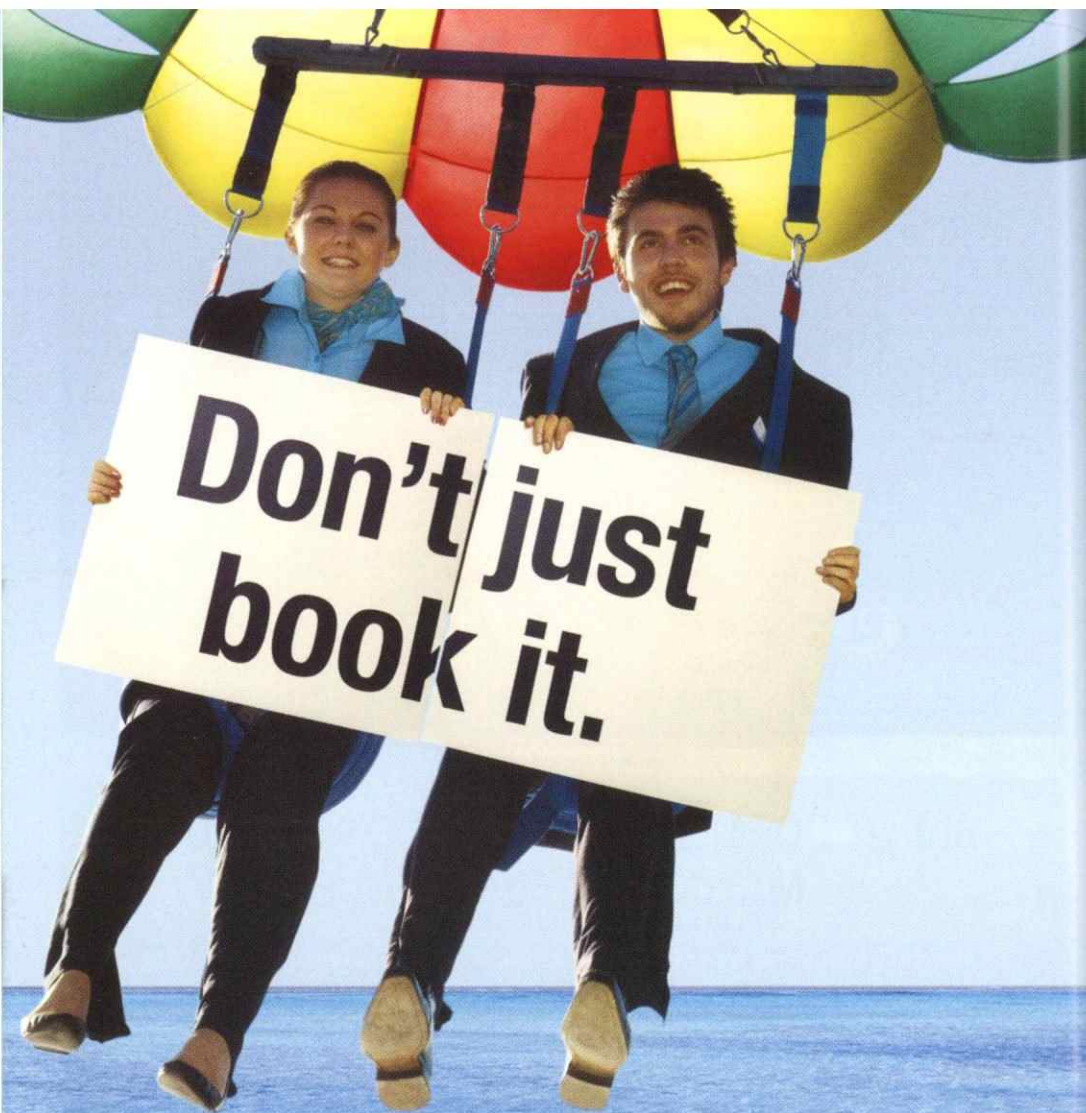


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Name: Doreen Robbins
Age: 69
From: Smallthorne

How long have you followed the Vale?

A long, long time (50 years plus). I queued for Cup tickets for the Vale v Blackpool game – I was a bridesmaid that day and almost missed the wedding. My Mum fell out with my Dad over it.

Why Vale?

I just followed my Dad's footsteps.

What was the first Vale game you attended?

I can't remember the game but I stood under that old wooden stand thing in the Bycars.

In which part of the ground do you sit, and why?

Lorne Street. I sit there because my Dad used to stand on Lorne Street (the old Lorne Street).

Who do you usually attend games with?

My sister, my nephew, my grandson and my great niece.

How often do you attend matches at Vale Park?

I attend every first team game. I look forward to seeing people who sit around me. We all eat Herbal sweets (that's a long story).

How many away games do you intend to go to this season?

I go to all away games – I love latte coffee on the motorway services.

What is your favourite league ground away from Vale Park?

That's a tough one! There are a few, but I think Doncaster for the stadium, and Darlington for the match day food choice.

Do you have any match day superstitions? If so, what are they?

Yes I do – I must see two magpies and me and my sister must find a penny on our way to the ground – we usually do, outside the off-licence.



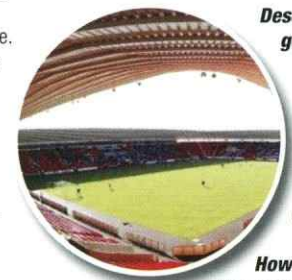
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focus on a vale fan with **dave johnson**

Who is your favourite Vale player of all time?

Dickie Cuncliffe.



Describe the best Vale goal you can recall.

Ian Bogie's late equaliser at Goodison Park – it left me speechless, and that takes some doing!

How do you rate the Vale programme?

Wonderful value – always buy one from Kev on the Hamil – a superb read, varied and interesting articles.

How could the club improve your match day experience?

They can't – I love the place and I sit with really nice people.



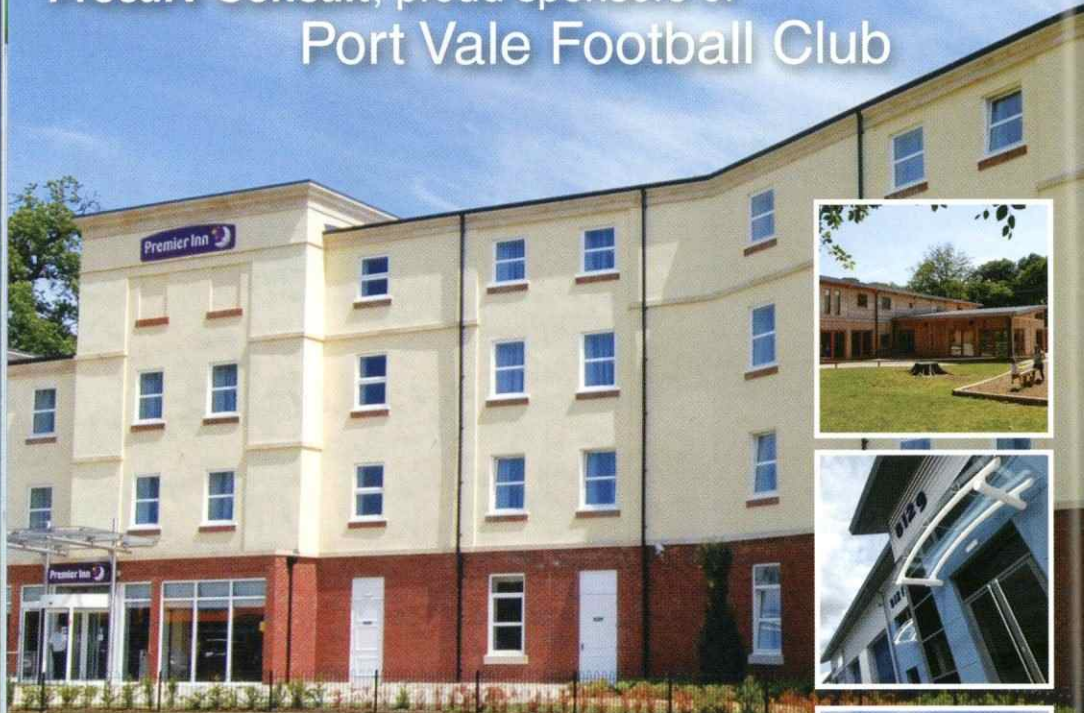
Name your all-time Vale Eleven.

Ray King, Turner, Potts, Mullard, Cheadle, Sproson, Askey, Griffiths, Hayward, Leake, Cuncliffe – What a dream team!

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who are yer? with nicki jones & joan stanley

Name: Luton Town
Address: Kenilworth Stadium,
1 Maple Road, Luton,
Bedfordshire, LU4 8AW
Tel No: 01582 411622
Ground capacity: 10,260
Year formed: 1885
Nickname: The Hatters
Grounds:
1885 - Excelsior, Dallow Lane;
1897 - Dunstable Road
1905 - Kenilworth Road

Club Honours

Football League:
Championship 1 – Winners 2004-05; Division 1 best season: 7th, 1986-87; Division 2 – Champions 1981-82; Runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74; Division 3 – Runners-up 1969-70, 2001-02; Division 4 – Champions 1967-68; Division 3 (S) – Champions 1936-37; Runners-up 1935-36
FA Cup:
Runners-up 1959
League Cup:
Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

Record Home Attendance:
30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th rd replay, 4 March 1959

Record Wins:
League: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 April 1936
Cup: 9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup 1st rd, 30 November 1927

Record League Defeat:
0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12 November 1898

Most League goals in a season:
103, Division 3 (S), 1936-37

Most League goals in aggregate:
Gordon Turner, 243, 1949-64

Most League Goals in One Match:
10, Joe Payne v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 April 1936

Most League Appearances:
Bob Morton, 495, 1948-64

Most Capped player:
Mal Donaghy, 58 (91), Northern Ireland

luton town snapshots:

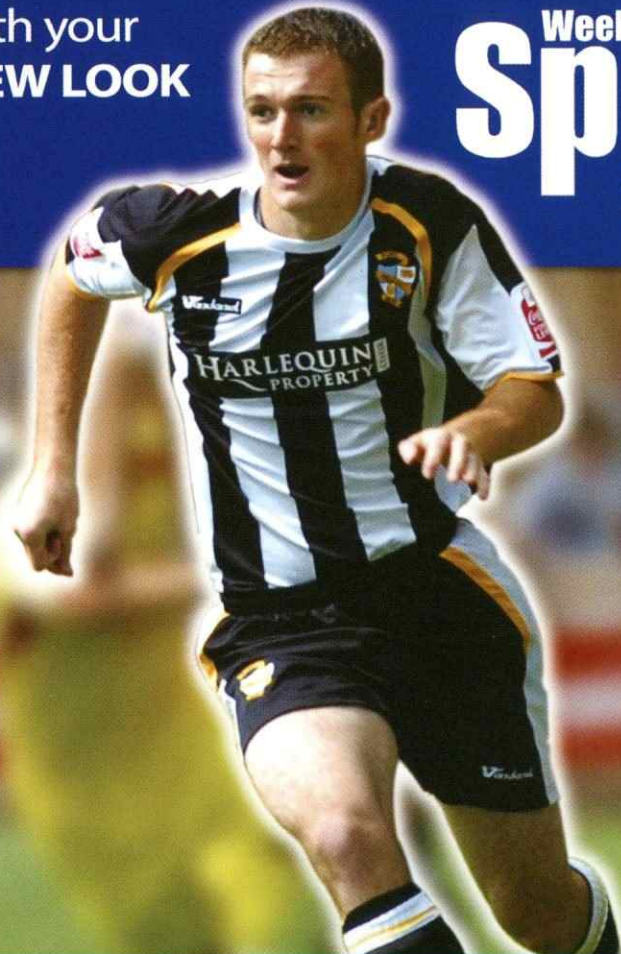
- In the 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers in April 1936 Joe Payne scored 10 goals
- When Luton went into administrative receivership the supporters formed FLAG (Friends of Luton Action Group)



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kevin gallen

Gallen is another member of League Two's impressive band of experienced strikers.

The 33-year-old was considered a prestigious talent when he blazed his way through QPR's youth system.

While playing in the youth ranks Gallen notched 153 goals in 110 appearances for the R's, which broke Jimmy Greaves's long-standing record at that level.

He didn't do too badly for QPR's first team in scoring nearly 100 times for the club in more than 400 appearances. His exploits at Loftus Road were achieved during two stints over a 14-year period.

He also went on to earn three England under-21 caps after signing professional terms with the club.

After scoring three goals in two games at the start of the 1996/97 season his progress was stunted when he suffered a serious knee injury after scoring the winning goal against Championship rivals Portsmouth.

The injury, sustained in August 1996, ruled him out for the rest of the campaign.

Gallen eventually left QPR to sign for Huddersfield Town in the summer of 2000, before a free transfer to Barnsley beckoned a year later.

However, he found himself back at Loftus Road just a few months later in November 2001.

On his second debut for his boyhood club he scored one goal and set another one up in QPR's emphatic 4-0 triumph over Swindon Town.

Nationality:	English
Date of Birth:	21/09/1975
Height:	5' 11" (180cm)
Weight:	12st 10lbs (80.81kg)
Previous Clubs:	Barnsley (L), Huddersfield (L), Plymouth (L), MK Dons, QPR
Position:	Striker

on the spot

with *steve shaw*

Gallen was back on the up and went on to make another 200-plus appearances for the R's including a further 57 goals.

He also earned the club captaincy and helped guide QPR back to the second tier of English football.

He switched to Plymouth in January 2007, before linking up with Paul Ince at MK Dons in the summer of the same year.

Gallen joined the Hatters on an initial one-month loan spell in November last year and scored a solitary goal in nine league appearances.

His impressive link-up play prompted Luton boss Mick Harford to sign him up on a permanent basis in January.



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NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	D.O.B	HEIGHT	CAREER TO DATE
goalkeepers				
1. DEAN BRILL	LUTON	02.12.85	6'2"	LUTON TOWN YOUTH
21. Conrad Logan	Letterkenny	18.04.86	6'2"	On loan from Leicester City
26. Lewis Price	Bournemouth	19.07.84	6'3"	On loan from Derby County. Ipswich Town. Wales Int.
defenders				
2. CLAUDE GNAKPA	MARSEILLE	09.06.83	6'0"	PETERBOROUGH UTD, SWINDON TOWN, FC VADUZ, SANTANDER, ALAVES, MONTPELIER
3. SOL DAVIS	CHELTENHAM	04.09.79	5'8"	SWINDON TOWN
5. Ian Roper	Nuneaton	20.06.77	6'3"	Walsall
6. George Pilkington	Rugeley	07.11.81	6'0"	Port Vale, Everton
11. Lewis Emanuel	Bradford	04.10.83	5'8"	Luton Town Youth
15. ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	SOUTHWARK	22.12.88	5'11"	LUTON TOWN YOUTH
20. Michael Spillane	Cambridge	23.03.89	6'2"	On loan from Norwich City. Eire U21 Int.
22. MARK BOWER	BRADFORD	23.01.80	5'10"	ON LOAN FROM BRADFORD CITY.
33. Jake Howells	St Albans	18.04.88	5'9"	Luton Town Youth
midfielders				
4. KEITH KEANE	LUTON	20.11.86	5'9"	LUTON TOWN YOUTH. EIRE U21 INT.
8. Kevin Nicholls	Newham	02.01.79	5'11"	Preston North End, Leeds Utd, Luton Town, Wigan Athletic, Charlton Athletic
14. ASA HALL	SANDWELL	29.11.86	6'2"	BIRMINGHAM CITY. ENGLAND U20 INT.
16. ROSSI JARVIS	FAKENHAM	11.03.88	5'11"	NORWICH CITY
forwards				
7. Ian Henderson	Thetford	24.01.85	5'10"	Northampton Town, Norwich City. England U20 Int.
9. SAM PARKIN	ROEHAMPTON	14.03.81	6'2"	IPSWICH TOWN, SWINDON TOWN, CHELSEA
10. Ryan Charles	Enfield	30.09.89	6'0"	Luton Town Youth
12. Akanni-Sunday Wasiu	Nigeria	18.03.84	6'1"	On loan from Colchester Utd
18. CHRIS MARTIN	BECCLES	04.11.88	5'10"	ON LOAN FROM NORWICH CITY. ENGLAND U19 INT.
23. Wayne Andrews	Paddington	25.11.77	5'10"	Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Colchester Utd, Oldham Athletic, Chesham Utd, Aldershot Town, Watford
24. TOM CRADDOCK	DARLINGTON	14.10.86	5'11"	MIDDLESBROUGH
28. Paul McVeigh	Belfast	06.12.77	5'6"	Norwich City, Tottenham Hotspur. N Ireland Full Int.
32. Kevin Gallen	Hammersmith	21.09.75	5'11"	MK Dons, QPR, Barnsley, Huddersfield Town, QPR. England U21 Int.

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managing to succeed



Football historian *leigh edwards* selects ten post-war *luton town* 'Classic Campaigns'.

ned liddell

Ned Liddell managed Luton Town to the Third Division (South) title in 1936-37. A former centre-half, he played for Whitburn, Southampton, Gainsborough, Clapton Orient, Southend United and Arsenal before rejoining Southend as manager in April 1919. He was appointed QPR's boss in April 1920 and guided them to the FA Cup quarter-finals in 1922-23, then scouted for Fulham before becoming their manager for two years in May 1929. After a period scouting for West Ham, he managed Luton from August 1936 until February 1938, then scouted for Chelsea, Portsmouth, Brentford and Spurs. He died in November 1969.

dally duncan

Former Scotland international winger Dally Duncan managed Luton Town to the top-flight in 1954-55. Signing professional for Hull City in August 1928, he moved to Derby County in March 1932 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup final success. He became Luton's player-boss in October 1946 and steered them to eighth place in the top-flight in 1957-58. Appointed Blackburn Rovers' manager in October 1958, he led them to the 1960 FA Cup final and remained in charge at Ewood Park until sacked in June 1960. He later scouted for Luton and ran a guest-house in Brighton, residing there until his death in January 1990.

syd owen

Long-serving England international centre-half Syd Owen was both a player and manager at Luton Town. Signing professional for Birmingham City in October 1945, he moved to Luton in June 1947 and starred in their 1951-52 FA Cup run, 1952-53 promotion near-miss and 1954-55 promotion success. He was voted 'Footballer of the Year' as Luton were FA Cup finalists in 1959 and netted three goals in 388 League games

before becoming manager for a year in May 1959. Later Leeds United's chief coach under Don Revie until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

allan brown

Ex-Scotland international inside-forward Allan Brown managed Luton Town to the Fourth Division title in 1967-68. He was a Scottish Cup finalist with East Fife shortly before joining Blackpool in December 1950 and moved to Luton in February 1957. Appearing in the 1959 FA Cup final, he netted 51 goals in 151 League games for the Hatters prior to joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He helped win the Third Division title in 1961-62, then had a spell as Wigan Athletic's player-boss and was Luton's manager from November 1966 until December 1968, later managing Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool.

alec stock

Alec Stock managed Luton Town to promotion in 1969-70. He was a forward with Charlton and QPR before becoming Yeovil Town's player-boss, plotting their epic 1948-49 FA Cup run. Appointed Leyton Orient's boss in August 1949, he led them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1953-54 and Third Division (South) title in 1955-56, returning from spells at Arsenal and Roma. He became QPR's boss in August 1959, taking them to the top-flight and League Cup glory, then managed Luton from December 1968 until April 1972. Guiding Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final, he later managed AFC Bournemouth and died in April 2001.

harry haslam

Popular manager Harry Haslam guided Luton Town back to the top-flight in 1973-74. Starting with Rochdale, the full-back played for Oldham Athletic, Brighton, Leyton

Orient, Guildford City and Hastings United, then managed Eastbourne United, Barry Town and Tonbridge before becoming Fulham's chief scout. He assisted Alec Stock at Luton prior to succeeding him as manager in May 1972, remaining in charge of the Hatters until leaving in January 1978 to manage Sheffield United. He scouted for England under Bobby Robson and died in September 1986. His son Keith was Mansfield's managing director.

david pleat

Articulate manager David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

ray harford

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. Becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup Final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final. Sacked in January 1990, he later managed Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR. He died in August 2003.

joie kinnear

Former Republic of Ireland international right-back Joe Kinnear plotted Luton Town's 2001-02 promotion success. Initially with Spurs, he helped them win the FA Cup in 1967, League Cup twice and UEFA Cup in 1972. He moved to Brighton in August 1975, then coached overseas before assisting Dave Mackay at Doncaster. Joining Wimbledon as coach in September 1989, he became manager in January 1992 and led them to the semi-finals of both the FA Cup and League Cup in 1996-97. He left after a heart-attack, then managed Luton from January 2001 until June 2003, Nottingham Forest and now Newcastle United.

mike newell

Ex-England U-21 striker Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. Initially with Liverpool, he moved via Crewe to Wigan Athletic in October 1983 and scored in their 1985 Freight Rover trophy final triumph. He played for Luton, Leicester City and Everton prior to joining Blackburn Rovers in November 1991, helping win promotion in 1991-92 and the Premiership title in 1994-95. Later with Birmingham City, he became Hartlepool's boss in November 2002, plotting their 2002-03 promotion success. He rejoined Luton as manager from June 2003 until March 2007 and is now managing Grimsby.





shooting stars

Football historian *leigh edwards* profiles ten post-war *luton town* goalscoring favourites.

gordon turner

Long-serving inside-forward Gordon Turner holds Luton Town's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in March 1950, he featured in Luton's 1951-52 FA Cup run and 1952-53 promotion near-miss. He was leading marksman seven times, including 1954-55 when ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight, also representing the Football League. Netting 243 goals in 406 League outings for the Hatters, he briefly reunited with Jesse Pye at Wisbech Town in July 1964, then played for Kettering Town, Dunstable and Bletchley. He lived and worked locally until his death in December 1976.

ron davies

Welsh international striker Ron Davies was Luton Town's leading marksman in 1962-63. Initially with Chester, he twice topped their goalscoring charts and moved to Kenilworth Road in October 1962. He impressed with his aerial strength in a struggling side, netting 21 goals in 32 League games for Luton before joining Norwich City in September 1963. Moving to Southampton in August 1966, he was top scorer three times prior to joining Portsmouth in April 1973. He played for Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, LA Aztecs, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, becoming a soccer coach in Florida.

john o'rourke

England U-23 striker John O'Rourke was Luton Town's top scorer in three successive seasons. Initially with Arsenal, he moved via Chelsea to Luton in December 1963 and netted 64 goals in 84 League games while at Kenilworth Road before joining Middlesbrough in July 1966. He starred as they regained Second Division status at the first attempt in

1966-67, then had spells with Ipswich Town, Coventry City and QPR in the top-flight, moving to AFC Bournemouth in January 1974. Later with Poole Town, Johannesburg Rangers, Weymouth, Dorchester Town and Poole again, he has since been a newsagent in Highcliffe.

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 their 1969-70 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 £330,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and now works in the media.

barry butlin

Striker Barry Butlin was leading marksman as Luton Town regained top-flight status in 1973-74. Signing professional for Derby County in January 1967, he had limited opportunities under Brian Clough and was loaned to Notts County prior to joining Luton for £50,000 in November 1972. He netted 24 goals in 57 League games while at Kenilworth Road before moving to Nottingham Forest for £122,000 in October 1974. Reunited with Clough, he featured in their 1976-77 promotion campaign and joined Peterborough United in August 1977, then played for Sheffield United. He is a financial adviser, living in Chellaston.

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 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted their 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992, helping win promotion in 1992-93. His brother Mark also played for 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 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, 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 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. Later with Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career, he is now a football agent.

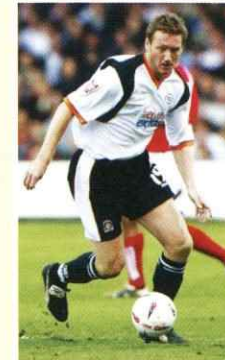
mick harford

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including their 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 1984-85 and 1987-88, 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 and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and now manager back at Luton.

tony thorpe

Striker Tony Thorpe was leading marksman as Luton Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. A former Leicester City trainee, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton

in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Fulham for £800,000 in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1,000,000 in June 1998, he was top scorer three times prior to rejoining Luton in July 2002 after two loan spells. He netted 70 goals in 164 League games overall before moving to QPR in August 2003, then Swindon, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Tamworth.



steve howard

Striker Steve Howard topped Luton Town's goalscoring charts in five successive seasons. Initially with Tow Law, he joined Hartlepool United in August 1995 and moved to Northampton Town for £120,000 in February 1999. He starred in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign, joining Luton

for £50,000 in March 2001. A key figure as the Hatters won promotion in 2001-02, then the League One title in 2004-05, he scored 95 goals in 212 League outings before being sold to Derby County for £1,000,000 in July 2006. He helped them win promotion in 2006-07 and joined Leicester City for £1,500,000 in January 2008.





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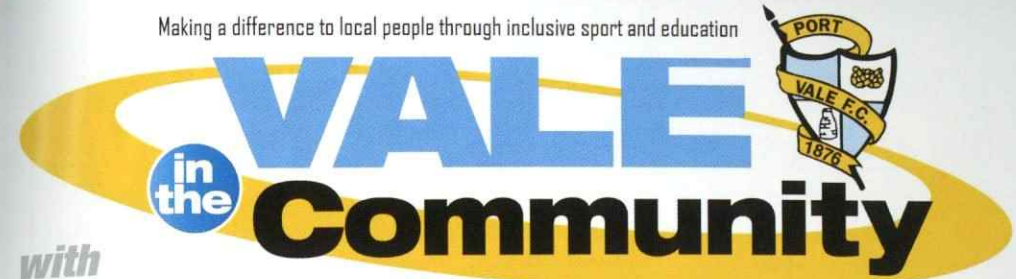
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Welcome back to Vale Park for this afternoon's visit of Luton Town. The fight for more league points went up a notch following our 1-0 loss to a well organised Lincoln City side. We are looking over our shoulders at the moment hoping that Bournemouth, Grimsby, Chester and the like don't gain any more ground on us. Suffice to say, it is a worrying time. However we are not alone in our current predicament and although we're finding the going tough right now, spare a thought for today's opponents. After a massive 30 points deduction they really have been on borrowed time in the football league. I can remember Luton Town competing in the old First Division as it was then, in the late 80's playing on an artificial surface & it's hard to contemplate not having a club like Luton Town in the Football League at all. The club's supporters have been given some light at the end of the tunnel though with the recent progress made into the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Former Vale old boy Chris Birchall had his spot kick saved to send the Hatters to Wembley.

Enjoy the game.

girls community cup

Joining us today, are Painsley High School who represented Port Vale at the finals held at Shrewsbury Town FC. After holding Macclesfield to a draw in their opening fixture they were subsequently beaten by Coventry & Crewe. The girls however enjoyed their day & did the club proud. At



half time today they will be presented to you as part of a lap of honour. Please show your appreciation for their efforts.

boys community cup

The preliminary stages of the boys' competition are about to get underway this week at Dimensions Leisure Centre on Tuesday & Wednesday.

exercise in the community

Free match day health checks and gentle exercise!

The Workers Education Association (WEA) is offering free 1 hour fitness sessions at the Port Vale Community gym which is situated on the Hamil Road car park (Gate C). The first session will commence today at 12:30 prior to the game and will run before every Saturday home fixture at the same time and venue. Sessions include:

- Checks on blood pressure, weight, BMI and heart rate
- Advice on diet & healthy living
- Mobility and light exercise.
- Sessions are completely free!!

soccer schools

As previously reported our February Soccer Schools were a resounding success & visits



to Aston Villa & Liverpool were key features. We are now taking bookings for our Easter programme which will run from Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April & Tuesday 14th April to Friday 17th April. The Soccer School attractions are Manchester City & Manchester United stadium tours. Prices are £35 per week or you have the option of buying a week & getting the other half price. Individual Soccer School days are priced at £9 & the trips alone are priced at £15. To take advantage of these fantastic offers or for more information please call the team on 01782 575594 or email leepvc@myguide.net



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Wednesday 18 February 2009

Port Vale: Lloyd-Weston, Stockley, McCombe, Elwell (Morsy 80), Copeland, Howland (Pike 59), D. Edwards, Taylor Thompson, (Lovatt 59), Perry, Chapman.

Subs not used: Watson, Beeston.

Vale put out a Reserve side with plenty of first team experience and a sprinkling of the U18s who are being looked at for contracts for next season. The incident of note was the accidental kick in the face received by Jamie Elwell with 10 minutes of the game to go that saw him being stretchered off and visiting the Haywood for treatment for a fractured cheekbone.

Vale had chances in the first half but poor finishing resulted in a goalless half and a quality strike from the edge of the box by the Owls' Boden after 72 minutes decided the game in the visitors favour.

Round-up

Nottingham Forest won again to go back to the top of the table with a game in hand but they are being pushed by Shrewsbury. Walsall have won three on the bounce to start to catch the leading group.

Results 17 - 18 February 2009

Nottingham Forest	2	Mansfield Town	0
Port Vale	0	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Walsall	2	Sheffield United	0

Division One Central 19.02.09

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Nottingham Forest	8	6	2	0	25	5	20	20
2 Shrewsbury Town	9	6	2	1	29	11	18	20
3 Sheffield United	9	5	2	2	21	10	11	17
4 Lincoln City	10	5	2	3	26	25	1	17
5 Walsall	11	5	2	4	18	24	-6	17
6 Port Vale	10	4	1	5	20	20	0	13
7 Sheffield Wed.	11	4	1	6	18	23	-5	13
8 Mansfield Town	9	1	0	8	9	26	-17	3
9 Macclesfield Town	8	1	0	7	10	32	-22	3

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Puma Youth Alliance U-18 North West

Results 21 February 2009

Accrington Stanley	0	Shrewsbury Town	1
Burnley	2	Tranmere Rovers	1
Bury	2	Walsall	2
Carlisle United	0	Wigan Athletic	2
Morecambe	1	Wrexham	2
Oldham Athletic	4	Chester City	0
Preston NE	2	Macclesfield Town	0
Rochdale	1	Port Vale	0

Vale's high scoring run came to end at Rochdale when they went down to the only goal of the game. Rochdale had conceded a significant number of goals this season so it was surprising that Vale did not get on the score sheet. Vale stay in 4th place but the 4 teams below all caught up with either wins or draws.

The surprise at the top of the table was Carlisle losing at home to Wigan for only their second defeat of the season, so allowing Wrexham to extend their lead and also for Burnley to close the gap and still have a significant number of games in hand. At the bottom Accrington had their regular defeat but at least kept it to a single goal loss.

Puma Alliance NW Section 23.02.09

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wrexham	20	15	4	1	45	22	23	49
2 Carlisle United	18	14	2	2	50	16	34	44
3 Burnley	15	13	1	1	52	21	31	40
4 Port Vale	20	11	1	8	51	37	14	34
5 Preston NE	16	9	2	5	45	24	21	29
6 Oldham Athletic	17	9	2	6	39	21	18	29
7 Wigan Athletic	19	8	4	6	24	23	1	28
8 Walsall	19	8	3	8	39	39	0	27
9 Tranmere Rovers	17	6	5	6	31	27	4	23
10 Stockport County	17	7	2	8	23	30	-7	23
11 Macclesfield Town	17	6	4	7	22	24	-2	22
12 Shrewsbury Town	18	7	1	10	20	26	-6	22
13 Chester City	21	6	2	13	30	42	-12	20
14 Rochdale	18	6	2	10	26	46	-20	20
15 Bury	17	5	4	8	32	34	-2	19
16 Blackpool	18	5	1	12	19	50	-31	16
17 Morecambe	15	2	3	10	18	45	-27	9
18 Accrington	17	0	1	16	10	49	-39	1

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obituary

TRACEY RAINBIRD - R.I.P

The club would like to offer their condolences to the family of the late Tracey Rainbird, who sadly passed away recently at the age of 36. Tracey, along with Mum & Dad, Eric and Norma, was a matchday seller in Lorne Street. A Vale fanatic, she will be sadly missed by her family and friends and everybody at Vale Park.

HAROLD PRINCE

04.12.1921 to 17.02.2009

Harold graduated from Vale juniors to sign as a professional in September 1941, having a brief spell for Wolves in 1943 returned to Vale in August 1944. He made his debut in a 3-0 home win against Birmingham on 26th August 1944 and became a regular 'between the sticks' making 50 appearances before moving to Stafford Rangers in April 1949. Harold worked for the National Coal Board at Hem Heath Colliery and after his retirement became treasurer of Ubbertley & Bentilee Workingmen's Club for many years. He passed away on Tuesday 17th February at the age of 87 surrounded by his loving family. He will be sadly missed by his wife Rose and his children Jean, Chris, Maureen, Mick, Susan, Linda, Stephen, Terry and Tony, sons and daughters in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren and everybody who knew him.

midland youth cup semi-final

Port Vale v Grimsby Town

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paws in play

with joan stanley



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tail wagging trivia

1. When you go 2-0 down, you'd sell your granny for a point." (Sean O'Driscoll)
2. "Mentally, John Terry is as strong as an ox." (Michael Owen)
3. "A penalty is a cowardly way to score." (Pele)
4. "The good news for Nigeria is that they are 2-0 down very early in the game." (Kevin Keegan)
5. "If he gets a yard ahead of himself, nobody will catch him." (Bobby Robson)

shaggy dog stories

1. How does an alien count to 35? *On its fingers.*
2. What do you get if you cross an aircraft with an accountant? *A boring 707.*
3. Why did the robber take a bath? *He wanted to make a clean get away.*
4. Why did the toilet paper run down the hill? *To get to the bottom.*
5. What do women and police cars have in common?
Both make a lot of noise to let you know you have done something wrong.
6. Why are men like pasta?
They're always in hot water, lack taste and need dough.
7. What is a man's seven course meal? *A hot dog and a six pack.*
8. How do you make a man's eyes light up?
Shine a light in his ears.
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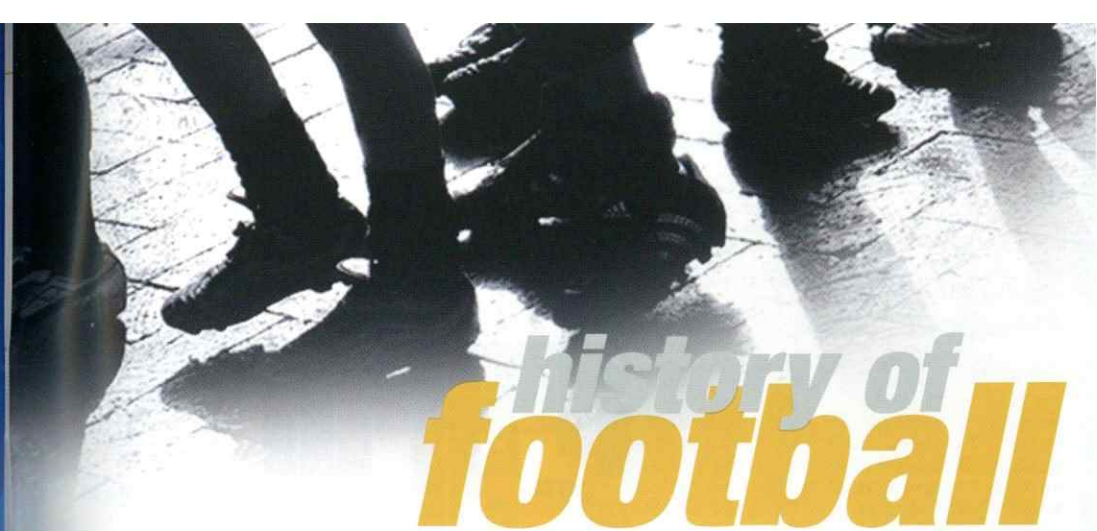


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history of football

1860 to 1970 part eighteen
with dave johnson

Chelsea's refusal to take part in the first European Cup competition after winning the League in 1954-55 meant that the honour of being England's first representative in the competition fell to Manchester United after they won the League the following season. United had won the title in style, finishing 11 points ahead of Blackpool and Wolves and managed to get as far as the semi-finals of the European Cup before losing out to Real Madrid over two legs.

With a youthful side at his disposal, United boss Matt Busby was soon to have another crack at the competition after topping the table again the following season.

Players such as Bobby Charlton, Tommy Taylor, David Pegg, Eddie Coleman and Duncan Edwards were developing nicely and the future was looking bright for United.

Edwards was an extremely talented young man with the world at his feet. He made his United debut at the tender age of 16 and soon had two Championship medals in his possession with his first England cap in the bag by the age of 18.

Edwards was seen by many as United's jewel in the crown. Tragically, he and many of his team-mates were to lose their lives following an accident on a Munich runway after their plane had stopped to refuel.

A 5-4 victory at Highbury kept them in contention as they sat second in the League and a hat-trick of Championship successes was realistically on the cards.

United took a break from domestic football when they travelled to Belgrade a few days later to face Red Star, protecting a 2-1 first-leg lead. A 3-3 draw ensured a semi-final place for the 'Busby babes'.

On the way home the plane touched down in Munich to refuel. In atrocious conditions two take off attempts were thwarted and it was decided to try for a third time. The decision was to prove fatal and 23 people lost their lives as a result.

Seven United players were

included in those who died and two weeks later, Edwards himself lost his battle to survive. Busby eventually recovered after weeks in hospital, but the mental scars that stayed with the survivors would never go away.

Despite everything, a patched up United went on to reach the F.A. Cup Final that season but were beaten by two Nat Lofthouse goals for Bolton.

They were forced to play a European Cup semi-final match against AC Milan, but went out of the competition 5-2 on aggregate – they would be back!



fixtures & stats



Date	Opposition	Comp	F-A	ATT
Sat Aug 9	A Luton Town	FL2	3-1	7,149
Wed Aug 13	A Sheffield Utd	CC1	1-3	7,694
Sat Aug 16	H Accrington	FL2	0-2	6,643
Sat Aug 23	A Dagenham & Red	FL2	1-1	1,843
Sat Aug 30	H Bournemouth	FL2	3-1	6,048
Tue Sept 2	A Stockport County	JPT1	0-1	2,290
Sat Sept 6	H Bradford City	FL2	0-2	7,273
Sat Sept 13	A Darlington	FL2	1-2	3,040
Sat Sept 20	H Macclesfield	FL2	1-4	6,986
Sat Sept 27	A Gillingham	FL2	0-1	4,986
Sat Oct 4	H Notts County	FL2	1-2	6,247
Sat Oct 11	A Shrewsbury	FL2	2-1	7,162
Sun Oct 19	A Chester City	FL2	2-1	3,102
Tue Oct 21	H Exeter City	FL2	1-3	5,493
Sat Oct 25	H Morecambe	FL2	2-1	5,629
Tue Oct 28	A Aldershot Town	FL2	0-1	3,039
Sat Nov 1	A Lincoln City	FL2	1-0	4,793
Sat Nov 8	A Huddersfield	FAC1	4-3	6,942
Sat Nov 15	H Brentford	FL2	0-3	6,085
Sat Nov 22	A Wycombe	FL2	2-4	4,521
Tue Nov 25	H Barnet	FL2	0-0	4,617
Fri Nov 28	H Macclesfield Town	FAC2	1-3	4,684
Sat Dec 6	H Grimsby Town	FL2	2-1	5,058
Sat Dec 13	A Bury	FL2	0-3	2,651
Sat Dec 20	H Chesterfield	FL2	0-1	5,011
Fri Dec 26	A Rotherham	FL2	0-1	4,350
Sun Dec 28	H Rochdale	FL2	2-1	5,720
Sat Jan 17	H Shrewsbury	FL2	1-1	7,068
Tue Jan 20	H Gillingham	FL2	1-3	4,539
Sat Jan 24	A Notts County	FL2	2-4	4,447
Tue Jan 27	H Chester City	FL2	3-0	4,448
Sat Jan 31	A Morecambe	FL2	1-1	1,823
Sat Feb 14	A Brentford	FL2	0-2	4,702
Fri Feb 20	H Lincoln City	FL2	0-1	5,097
Wed Feb 25	A Macclesfield Town	FL2	2-0	2,267
Sat Feb 28	H Luton Town	FL2	15:00	
Tue Mar 3	A Accrington	FL2	19:45	
Sat Mar 7	A Bournemouth	FL2	15:00	
Tue Mar 10	H Dagenham & Red	FL2	19:45	
Sat Mar 14	H Darlington	FL2	15:00	
Sat Mar 21	A Bradford City	FL2	15:00	
Sat Mar 28	A Chesterfield	FL2	15:00	
Tue 31 Mar	A Exeter City	FL2	19:45	
Sat Apr 4	H Bury	FL2	15:00	
Tue Apr 7	H Aldershot Town	FL2	19:45	
Sat Apr 11	A Rochdale	FL2	15:00	
Mon Apr 13	H Rotherham	FL2	15:00	
Sat Apr 18	A Grimsby Town	FL2	15:00	
Sat Apr 25	H Wycombe	FL2	15:00	
Sat May 2	A Barnet	FL2	15:00	

Player	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18
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Sam Stockley																	
Robert Taylor			S2 1														
Anthony Griffith			S1														
John McCombe				S3													
Luke Prosser					S3												
Shane Tudor																	
David Howland																	
Marc Richards																	
Luke Rodgers/Kevin Gall																	
Paul Edwards																	
Chris Martin																	
Louis Doods																	
Chris Slater/Scott Brown																	
Kyle Perry																	
Stephen Thompson																	
Danny Glover																	

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■ Started Game
■ Playing Sub
■ Non Playing Sub
■ Booked
■ Sent Off
S1 Subbed Player
1 Goals Scored

Player	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	25	25	26	27	28	28	29	33
Simon Richman															
Ross Davidson															
James Lavrie															
Danny Edwards															
Luke Chapman															
Lee Collins															
Tom Taiwo															
Damien McCrory															
Adnan Ahmed															
David Brammer															
Garreth Owen															
Neil Mackenzie															
Paul Dixon															

Coca-Cola League Two Table 2008/09

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Brentford	32	9	5	1	27	9	7	6	4	19	16	21	59
2 Wycombe	31	8	6	1	22	10	7	6	3	15	10	17	57
3 Bury	32	9	3	4	25	14	7	5	4	22	18	15	56
4 Rochdale	32	8	5	3	31	17	7	5	4	25	22	17	55
5 Shrewsbury	33	13	1	3	35	11	1	9	6	12	18	18	52
6 Bradford	32	8	8	1	28	15	6	2	7	22	21	14	52
7 Exeter	32	8	4	4	26	19	6	5	5	20	18	9	51
8 Gillingham	32	9	5	3	32	16	5	3	7	14	29	1	50
9 Dag & Red	33	8	3	5	32	14	5	6	6	24	22	20	48
10 Morecambe	33	6	7	3	23	16	4	6	7	17	27	-3	43
11 Darlington	30	9	4	3	28	14	5	5	4	18	13	19	41
12 Lincoln City	30	4	8	2	22	15	6	3	7	17	20	4	41
13 Chesterfield	29	5	4	5	22	20	6	3	6	24	21	5	40
14 Aldershot	30	7	6	3	27	24	3	1	10	18	32	-11	37
15 Notts County	32	5	5	6	17	19	3	7	6	20	29	-11	36
16 Port Vale	31	5	2	9	17	26	5	2	8	17	23	-15	34
17 Macclesfield	32	5	3	9	17	30	4	3	8	17	31	-27	33
18 Rotherham	29	8	3	3	21	12	5	5	5	15	16	8	30
19 Accrington	32	5	5	6	19	18	2	4	10	12	27	-14	30
20 Barnet	31	2	6	7	17	27	3	5	8	19	31	-22	26
21 Chester	33	4	4	8	19	20	2	4	11	12	38	-27	26
22 Grimsby	32	2	6	8	19	25	2	5	9	13	31	-24	23
23 Bournemouth	32	7	5	4	16	11	2	6	8	20	32	-7	21
24 Luton	31	5	5	5	27	25	3	7	6	15	24	-7	6

Luton deducted 30 pts, Rotherham & Bournemouth 17 pts, Darlington 10 pts



Vale Park Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency at Vale Park you will hear a Police message over the public address system providing information and directions to spectators.

We ask all spectators to remain where they are and to listen very carefully to the message. If it affects your area, please comply with instructions immediately.

Please do not move unless the area announcement concerns your area.

Stewards, Police Officers and Officials will direct you to safe areas which may be through exit doors/gates or on to the playing area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, remain where you are until stewards assist you.

Please respond quickly but calmly to ensure a safe evacuation of the stadium.

Football League Regulations

No 12. Football League Stadia are smoke-free and smoking is not permitted inside the ground.
 Port Vale Football Club fully support the non-smoking policy and will enforce Rule 12 inside Vale Park.

going to ground

away travel news with joan stanley

accrington stanley fact file

Ground name: Fraser Eagle Stadium (Crown Ground)
Capacity: 5,057 (1,200 seated)
Address: Livingston Road, Accrington, BB5 5BX
Tel no: 01254 356950
Nickname: The Reds
Pitch size: 111yds x 72yds
Website: www.accringtonstanley.co.uk



ticket information:

Adults: £13.00
 Concessions*: £8.00

*Seniors over 65 & Juniors Under 16



coach travel information:

Coaches leave Vale Park 4.30pm
 Adults £10.00
 Concessions £8.50



directions:

Distance: 64.0 miles
Travelling Time: 1 hr 23 min
 Take the M6 (N) to J29 and join M65 towards Blackburn. Leave at J7 and take left hand exit at the roundabout onto A6185 towards Clitheroe. At first set of traffic lights turn R onto A678 and then at the next set of lights turn R again onto the A680 towards Accrington. After about half a mile you will pass the



v accrington stanley

Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2009 | **Kick-off:** 19:45 | **Venue:** fraser eagle stadium

Crown pub on your left. Take the next left into Livingston Road.



sat nav info:

BB5 5BX



where to park:

As you turn left into Livingston Road there is a small club car park. Otherwise it is street parking.



overview of the stadium:

The ground is quite small, set in a picturesque area with views over fields and hills behind the Coppice Terrace at one end of the ground. The Main and Thwaites Stand is along one side of the ground, sitting each side of the halfway line, with a gap between the two. They are both seated and covered and have a row of flood lights at the back. Because of the slope of the pitch there are less seats in the Thwaites Stand than the main Stand!

The opposite side of the pitch has the very small covered terrace called the Whinney Hill Terrace, just 3 rows of terracing.

Behind one goal is the home end, called the Clayton End, a covered Terrace



where the valiants will be housed:

Away Fans are housed in the Coppice Terrace which is open to the elements and as the ground is pretty exposed be advised and wrap up!



where to drink:

The nearest pub is the Crown, just behind the ground on the main Whalley Road, where all fans are welcome. It has memorabilia donated by fans of many clubs, a beer garden, and sports screen TV. The Oaklea Tavern, 2 minutes from the ground towards the town centre, serves freshly cooked food and has plasma screen TV, but no track suits or base ball caps are allowed.



where to eat:

Burgers and Holland Pies are served at the ground. Tracy's fish and chip shop is next to the Oakley Pub, two minutes walk from the ground.

afc bournemouth fact file

Ground name: Fitness First
Capacity: 10,700 (all seated)
Address: Dean Court, Kings Park, Bournemouth, BH7 7AF
Tel no: 01202 726 300
Nickname: The Cherries
Pitch size: 115 x 74yds
Website: www.afcb.co.uk



ticket information:

Adults: £16.00
 Concessions*: £7.00

(Over 65s & U16 and Students with ID)
 Disabled – call Philip Tyrell on 078703090047



coach travel information:

Coaches leave Vale Park 8.00am
 Adults £17.50
 Concessions £16.00



directions:

Distance: 213.0 miles
Travelling Time: 3 hr 53 min
 Join the M6 (S) and at J4 join M42 south. At J 13A join M40 S. At J 9 leave M40 and join A 34. Continue until joining M3 and at J14 join M27. At J1 join the A31 then turn off onto A338. Turn left at the King's Park turning. Go straight on at the mini roundabout into King's Park Drive.



sat nav info:

BH7 7AF



v afc bournemouth

Date: Saturday 7th March 2009 | **Kick-off:** 15:00 | **Venue:** fitness first



where to park:

There is a large car park at the ground, but the council one on the other side of the dual carriageway offers a quicker get away.



overview of the stadium:

The Dean Court site opened in 1910 and has seen much redevelopment since then. The Stadium now has three new permanent stands with the fourth a temporary stand behind one goal which ingeniously can be removed to allow for a stage and all the paraphernalia of a pop concert. This stand is used by youngsters admitted on promotion schemes.

To the left of the open 1,100 seater stand is the Spire (Main) Stand which has the executive boxes and dugouts. Behind the other goal is the Fleet (North) Personnel stand - neat single tiered, used by the home fans. Finally the East Stand, which reflects the other two stands, accommodates both home and visiting fans.



where the valiants will be housed:

The Valiants who make the journey to the south coast will be seated in the East Stand, in the section nearest the open end, with space for 1,500 fans – all seats having an excellent view of the

pitch. As would be expected of a new stand there are adequate refreshments available. A kiosk outside the away turnstile is now available to purchase tickets.



where to drink:

If you prefer an alcoholic drink to a trip to the chippy there is a pub, called the Queen's Park, close by. Walk past the main stand out to the road, turn left - travel to the end - where you will see the pub. A pub called The Cherry Tree, behind the main stand is reserved for the home fans.



where to eat:

The usual food is offered at kiosks at the ground. But for those wanting more choice there are alternatives near by. To reach the Frying Squad, the closest chippy to the ground, leave the ground by Kings Park Drive and turn right onto Ashley Road, right onto Tower Road and finally left into Palmerston Road where you will find the chippy. Alternatively if you take the track that runs past the ground and the car parks, a few minutes walk will get you to the main road, turn right and another few minutes walk will take you to Boscombe town centre where most Saturdays there is a street market and plenty of choice of food outlets.



ahead of the game

with eddie jackson

port vale v dagenham & redbridge

tuesday 10th march 2009 kick-off 7.45pm



Focus winning a Formula One Grand Prix!!

Following promotion from the non-league ranks the season before, survival was the main aim for the Daggers at the start of last season. The season proved to be one endless struggle with relegation more than just a possibility up until the dying embers of the season. The first nine games produced three wins, three draws and three defeats, representing a solid start to the campaign at the higher level.

Unfortunately, the next nine games were to yield only two points, leaving them in 21st spot. The low point of the season in terms of league position came on 9th February when the Daggers lost 4-1 at Hereford which left them in 23rd place. The next five results were astonishing and inexplicable: 6-2, 4-1, 2-0, 1-0 and 2-0, all of them victories, pushing them to the relative security of 18th place.

Just to demonstrate their inconsistency they promptly went the next nine games without a win. Finally, a win at Darlington in the penultimate game secured their status for another season. They also won the final game and ended in 20th position. Stevens found the net fifteen times in league games and added another five in cup competitions. Manager John Still likened their retention of league status to a Ford

This season the Daggers have surprised everyone, themselves and the bookies included. The fact that their promotion odds were 50-1 in August and are currently 4-1 speaks volumes about their achievements this season. Manager John Still, in charge in this (his second) spell since April 2004, has done a fine job on a low budget with average gates of just under 2000. So far at home they have beaten Barnet 2-0, Chester 6-0, Chesterfield 3-0, Gillingham 2-0, Grimsby 4-0, Luton 2-1, and Rochdale 3-2. They have drawn with Accrington 0-0, Vale 1-1 and Rotherham 1-1. They have lost to Bury 1-3, Darlington 0-1, Exeter 1-2, Notts County 0-1 and Wycombe 0-1. Away they have won at Aldershot 2-1, Lincoln 3-1, Macclesfield 4-0, Morecambe 2-1 and Rochdale 2-0. They drew at Barnet 1-1, Bradford 1-1, Bury 2-2, Grimsby 1-1 and Rotherham

1-1. They lost at Bournemouth 1-2, Brentford 1-2, Darlington 0-3, Luton 1-2, Shrewsbury 1-2 and Wycombe 1-2. In the Carling Cup they fell at the first hurdle, by 1-2 at home to Reading. In the Football League Trophy (JPT) they beat Barnet 4-2, then won at Peterborough 1-0 before bowing out by 0-5 at Shrewsbury. In the FA Cup they drew 0-0 at Hereford, won the replay 2-1 but lost at Leicester by 2-3 in Round Three. The leading scorers are Paul Benson with fourteen in the league plus three in cup competitions while Ben Stevens has followed up last season's goalscoring exploits with another ten league goals and one in cup competitions.

Two other points are a little unusual about the Daggers. Firstly, their ground has the long-winded name of The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Stadium. Secondly, their shirt sponsor is West and Coe, who just happen to be funeral directors!!

This is the first league encounter between the two clubs at Vale Park. When the two teams met in Essex last August I don't think Vale fans would have expected to be so far behind the Daggers at this present stage of the season. A win is essential for Vale if the poor home record is not to continue while Dagenham will be seeking valuable points to help them reach the play-offs.

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match officials



Referee: Mr R. East



Assistants:

Mr P. W. Barnes

Mr D. J. H. England



Fourth Official:

Mr C. Dunn

other fixtures

Aldershot v Accrington Stanley

Brentford v Bury

Chester v Dag & Red

Chesterfield v Barnet

Exeter v Darlington

Gillingham v Bournemouth

Lincoln City v Rotherham

Macclesfield v Shrewsbury

Morecambe v Wycombe

Notts County v Bradford

Port Vale v Luton

Rochdale v Grimsby

forthcoming games

accrington stanley v port vale

tuesday 3rd mar 2009

Kick-Off 19:45

fraser eagle stadium



bournemouth v port vale

saturday 7th mar 2009

Kick-Off 15:00

dean court



port vale v dag & red

tuesday 10th mar 2009

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