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Tuesday, September 22nd, 1987  
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**Wigan Athletic v. Luton Town**  
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# SPRINGFIELD SCENE

Vincent Tovey, 25 Birchall Grove, Levenshulme, Manchester, 13th September 1987  
Dear Mr. Fillingham,  
I recently phoned you with reference to sending us a few pictures of players to put on the record sleeve for the charity record, "Play the Game".

I would now like to ask one more favour of you. We are hoping to release the record on 21st September 1987 which is the anniversary of Jamie Baker's death. I have enclosed a press release which will, I hope, give you all the information you will need. I would be most grateful if you could possibly put something in one of your programmes, also mentioning that not only will it be available at record stores, but also by a mail ordering system from: Pauline Whitby, 52 Haig Road, Stretford, Manchester. (Tel. 865 4273).

On behalf of everyone involved, I would like to take this opportunity to thank yourself and Wigan Athletic for all your help. Yours sincerely, Vincent Tovey.

PRESS RELEASE - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12th, 1987

## WALK FOR LIFE - THE SINGLE

On July 26th, 1987, football fans and league clubs came together to help make money for cancer related charities. Under the title of the 'Walk for Life', thousands of ordinary people went on sponsored walks between local league grounds. Following the great financial success of this venture, the football world has joined forces, yet again, with the 'Walk for Life' single. Called 'Play the Game', this record follows in the tradition of such superb songs as 'You'll Never Walk Alone', which was a great moneymaker for the victims of the Bradford fire. 'Play the Game' goes further and gathers together some of the great names of football to sing for success and show the people of Britain that football has a heart and conscience.

Pauline Whitby, the North-Western organiser of the 'Walk for Life' and Guy Nottingham, her colleague in the Football Supporters Association and on that occasion, picked up the song and are doing their utmost to ensure that it becomes a hit. All profits made by the record will go to charity, especially those related to finding a cure for children afflicted with leukaemia. This is in memory of Jamie Baker, the young lad who died last year, a few hours after leading the United and Everton teams out at Goodison Park. If for nothing else, Pauline and Guy are doing it for him.

Bryan Robson, Gordon Hill, and many of the Manchester United squad have joined with stars like Mike Sweeney of Piccadilly Radio and the cast of 'Coronation Street' to make 'Play the Game' a song to take to our hearts. It celebrates the hold football has over the nation and the joy it can bring to men and women, young and old. It is typical of these lovers of football that they wish to let their love of the game help benefit the fight against cancer. In the words of the song, 'Give us your support; that's all you've got to do.'

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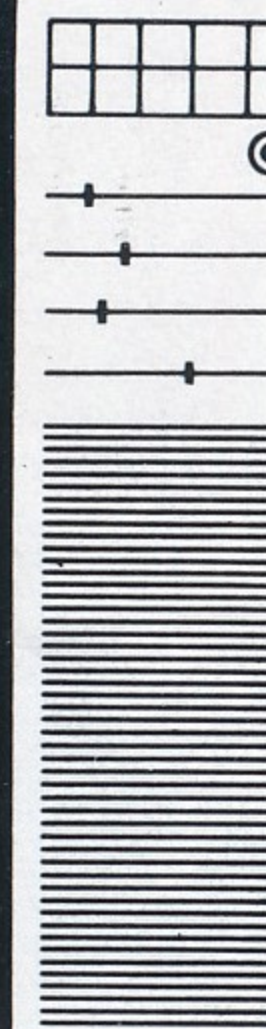
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On behalf of the chairman, Stuart Cooper who is holidaying in America I have been asked to write the programme notes so I am afraid it will be short but sweet.

We welcome tonight Jack from Gillingham who is on holiday in the north, he's team are playing at Stoke but has decided to watch Wigan Athletic, good choice Jack.

A good time was had by all on Sunday at the 3rd Open Day. Thanks to the committee for their help, and to the staff for the hard work.

The Supporters' Club is available for private functions, for further information, telephone Wigan 43512 and ask for Carol. Enjoy a drink after the game.

Carol Liptrot

## TOKEN SCHEME

Tokens will appear in each edition of the programme this season, to help keep your tokens safe you should have received a card with this programme, save your tokens on this card, these are of course, in case of priority ticket requirements later in the season.

We may not need to use them, although they will come in handy in the event of a Wembley Final.

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# Wigan Athletic

## BOARDROOM VIEWPOINT



WE are delighted to welcome our distinguished visitors from Luton for what we expect to be a hard fought game in this 2nd round Littlewoods Cup (1st Leg). Whilst there can be no doubt that our first priority this season is promotion to the Second Division. Especially with the start we have made, we shall not neglect the opportunity for national glory that comes from progress in the Littlewoods Cup.

We have no intention of taking sides in the controversy concerning Luton's artificial pitch and the banning of visiting spectators. They are conducting an interesting experiment in the fight against the hooligan element who have done so much harm to our game, they are entitled to the support and understanding of other clubs in their efforts. We are pleased that the ban on visitors to Luton has been raised for Littlewoods Cup games and we feel confident that any Wigan supporters travelling to Luton for the 2nd Leg will conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner.

Luton finished 7th in the First Division last season and they have again started in a reasonably well position, being in 12th position at the moment. Our boys need no extra motivation today and after our long run last season to the 6th round F.A. Cup, we need not be unduly worried about the higher status of our visitors. Everything points to an attractive game.

*Ray Mathias*

ONCE again history has been made for Wigan Athletic when at 4.45 pm last Saturday at Walsall we were positioned at the top of Division Three. We have worked hard to get ourselves in that position and it is vitally important, we maintain our consistency and determination to keep us at the top of the league.

Our last two away performances against two formidable sides in Mansfield and Walsall have rated the two best results away from Springfield Park since I have been associated with the club. Out of our seven games so far, five have been on opponents territory and two at Springfield Park, a lot of credit must go to the players for their will to win for no matter who the opposition have been they have applied themselves superbly.

Tonight we enter into the second round of the Littlewoods Cup with the added bonus of First Division opposition in Luton Town, and would like to welcome manager, directors, players and supporters to Springfield Park. It is important to Wigan Athletic to keep involved in all competitions not only for the chance of a glamour tie



against First Division opposition but as I have said before, an extended run brings much needed finances into the club.

Let me finish by giving our fans who have travelled away from home a big thank you for the tremendous vocal support and encouragement you have given the players, often out-shouting the home supporters which certainly gives our lads a lift during the game.

Enjoy tonight's game.

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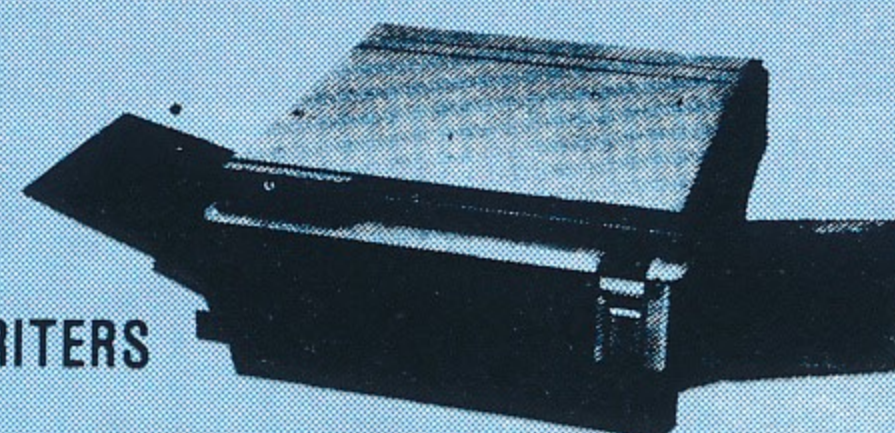
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## 3RD DIVISION SCENE

IT soon came home to Latics' inspirational skipper Alex Cribley after last Saturday's superb win at Walsall that professional football is still a funny old game.

The final whistle at Fellows Park, Walsall greeted Latics as clear leaders of Division Three — a proud milestone for manager Ray Mathias and his ambitious squad and an honour richly deserved.

Cribley, one of the side's many heroes at Walsall had been in the wars throughout. The star defender was kicked left, right and centre but still managed to display the grit and leadership qualities needed to guarantee promotion.

Skipper Cribley, Latics' longest-serving senior professional, cast aside his bumps and bruises and turned the clock back to this time last season. "We started very badly and lacked consistency," he recalled. "But eventually we got our act together and came good."

Despite early-season setbacks, Latics still managed to come within a whisker of Division Two. They are currently unbeaten in seven outings and form out of the blocks in 1987/88 brings a smile to Cribley's face.

"We have been under a great deal of pressure in our last two games at Mansfield and Walsall but still pulled through for vital victories," added Cribley. "Our confidence has been boosted and it helps us even more when we start considering what happened to us last season."

Like manager Mathias, Cribley is also staying tight-lipped on the club's promotion prospects. "Taking each game as it comes is a wise policy," says Mathias. "Our performances against Mansfield and Walsall have delighted me because

we have shown a lot of character when up against it."

Two well-taken goals from classy Paul Jewell helped the Division Three scene spotlight focus on Latics last Saturday. Cribley was quite simply brilliant and was still in there at the death saving Latics with some breath-taking cover tackles.

John Butler, Paul Cook and David Hamilton also impressed while Roy Tunks stood firm at the back and drilled his defence superbly. Mark Hilditch was a tireless tackler and timely touches from Stuart Storer and Paul Jewell rounded off a great day for Wigan.

Mathias and his men now look forward to tonight's clash with Luton. With so much going for Latics, it's now hoped that more people in the town start standing alongside the faithful who cheered their heroes at Walsall.

Ray Mathias is working wonders at Springfield and looks set for success from his modest approach. The Walsall win had to be seen to be believed because it was a plucky performance stamped with authority and the type of showing that promotion and surely cup glory is made of.

"Tonight's game is a bonus for us," says Mathias. "League success is our priority. I cannot complain so far because in the close season I told the lads what I expected of them. We are starting to tick and progressing nicely."

With manager Mathias at the helm, skipper Cribley pulling out the stops and his team-mates producing the aces, there seems a good chance of everyone associated with the club, looking back to this season and noting a year when things really did take off.

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Latics (1) 2 Ashton Town (0) 1. Wed. 20th Sept. 1972.  
(Oates (pen) 18, Rogers 83)(Fitzpatrick 72) Att: 838  
Lancs. Challenge Trophy 1st Rd.

Holders Athletic somewhat apologetically took the lead with their first shot of the game. Ashton winger John Smith handled in the box and Graham Oates slammed home the penalty. The Lancashire Combination side, though, treated Latics with scant respect and they equalised when ex-Wigan players Pat Dooney and Smith combined beautifully to give Fitzpatrick an easily taken goal. With the game looking destined for a replay, latest signing Phil Tinney, who was on a three month trial, came on as substitute and provided the one touch of subtlety that distinguished Wigan from their near but unsung neighbours. His delicate little chip on to the head of John Rogers seven minutes from time won the game for Latics. Tragedy struck Tinney minutes later when he was carried off with a broken leg.

Team: Reeves, Johnston, Sutherland, Taylor, Jackson, Gillibrand, Rogers, Oakes, Chadwick, King, Worswick.  
Sub. Tinney for Taylor 79 minutes.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Latics (1) 1 Mossley (1) 2 Wed. 21st Sept. 1977. Att: 873  
(Wilkie 16) (Skeete 35, Smith 80)

Two days after a prestige friendly with Man. City and despite being given the boost of a well taken goal from John Wilkie, Latics were never in the hunt. The home defence had no answer to the bustling Leo Skeete at centre forward who had a hand in both Mossley's goals. He scored the equaliser after turning on to a Moore pass, rounding Joe Hinnigan and then shooting past John Brown. Ten minutes from time, he made the final pass for Smith to shoot home the winner from twenty yards. Playing at right back for Mossley was a certain Eamon O'Keefe and also in their side was Peter Wilkey who turned out for Wigan later in the season against Runcorn (H 0-0).

Team: Brown, Gore, Styles, Ward, Hinnigan, Gillibrand, Worswick, Rimmer, Moore, Wilkie, Wright. Sub. Grundy for Worswick 58 mins.

## 5 YEARS AGO

Latics (0) 1 Bournemouth (2) 2 Sat. 18th Sept. 1982.  
(O'Keefe 54) (Funnell 9,12) Division Three Att: 4,866

A remarkable matching pair of blunders in the first twelve minutes combined to sink Athletic. The first came when Williams hoofed a hopeful ball up the field. Alex Cribley running back towards goal somehow completely missed his kick and Funnell nipped in and chipped Bournemouth's first away goal of the season. Three minutes later and it was Colin Methven who missed the back pass and Funnell this time slipped his shot under Roy Tunks's body into the net. An enforced reshuffle at half time heralded a transformation in Latics. They completely dominated the second half but their only reward came from an indirect free kick. Paul Lodge, playing his fifth and last game before returning to Everton tapped the kick to Eamon O'Keefe who hit it low into the corner of the net. This was Wigan's first home league defeat for over twelve months.

Team: Tunks, McMahon, Weston, O'Keefe, Cribley, Methven, Lodge, Langley, Bradd, Houghton, Butler.  
Sub. Rogers for Bradd H-T.

# IN DAYS GONE BY



## SUMMARY OF LATICS LEAGUE CUP RECORD

|       | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For-Ag'nt |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----------|
| Home  | 16     | 7   | 4*    | 5    | 24-19     |
| Away  | 15     | 3   | 4*    | 8    | 16-24     |
| Total | 31     | 10  | 8*    | 13   | 40-43     |

\*One Home draw was A.E.T. and was won 5-4 on pens.  
\*One Away draw was A.E.T. and was won on the away goals rule.

## LAST TIME WE MET

Luton Town (0) 2 Latics 0. Tues. 29th Aug. 1978.

(Stein 63, 85) Att: 6,618 League Cup 2nd Rnd.

Luton (2nd Div.) - Aleksic, Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Turner, Price, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss. Sub. Hill.

Latics (4th Div.) - Brown, Gore, Smart, Seddon, Ward, Gillibrand, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Wilkie, Purdie. Sub. Davids for Wilkie (83)

Stein's goals came from a low drive through a ruck of players and a header from a corner. Peter Houghton broke his wrist after colliding with an advertisement board and missed the next nine league games.

**WELCOME BACK** to Springfield Park our former player and local boy Danny Wilson who played 7 league and cup games (plus 2 subs) for us in our non-league days (season 76/77). He scored one goal which was a cracker in the 1-3 defeat at Stafford on 27th December. Since then, Danny (an Irish international) has played for Bury, Chesterfield, Nottm. Forest, Scunthorpe (loan) and Brighton before his £150,000 transfer to the Hatters.

Jeff Rourke





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matches and giving their vocal support to the lads on the field. It  
is worth noting the volume of support coming from the family  
enclosure, which incidentally has no obscene language unlike  
other sectors of the ground. It would be nice if parents could be  
sure that their children were able to stand anywhere on the  
ground in a pleasant family atmosphere, without being  
surrounded by obscenities which certain 'fans' use.  
Finally, a little reminder to those Junior Latics supporters  
who have not yet renewed their membership; they can do so at  
the caravan on match days or on Junior Latics Social Nights.  
Enjoy tonight's match.

Dave Cadman, Chairman

### MASCOT NOTES

Our mascot tonight is David Trencher, aged  
8. David is a keen fell walker and a member of  
the Orrell Post Boys Brigade. According to  
his father, who is a member of the Wigan  
Referees Society, David is *unfortunately*  
good at telling very corny jokes. David has  
chosen Paul Jewell as his favourite player.



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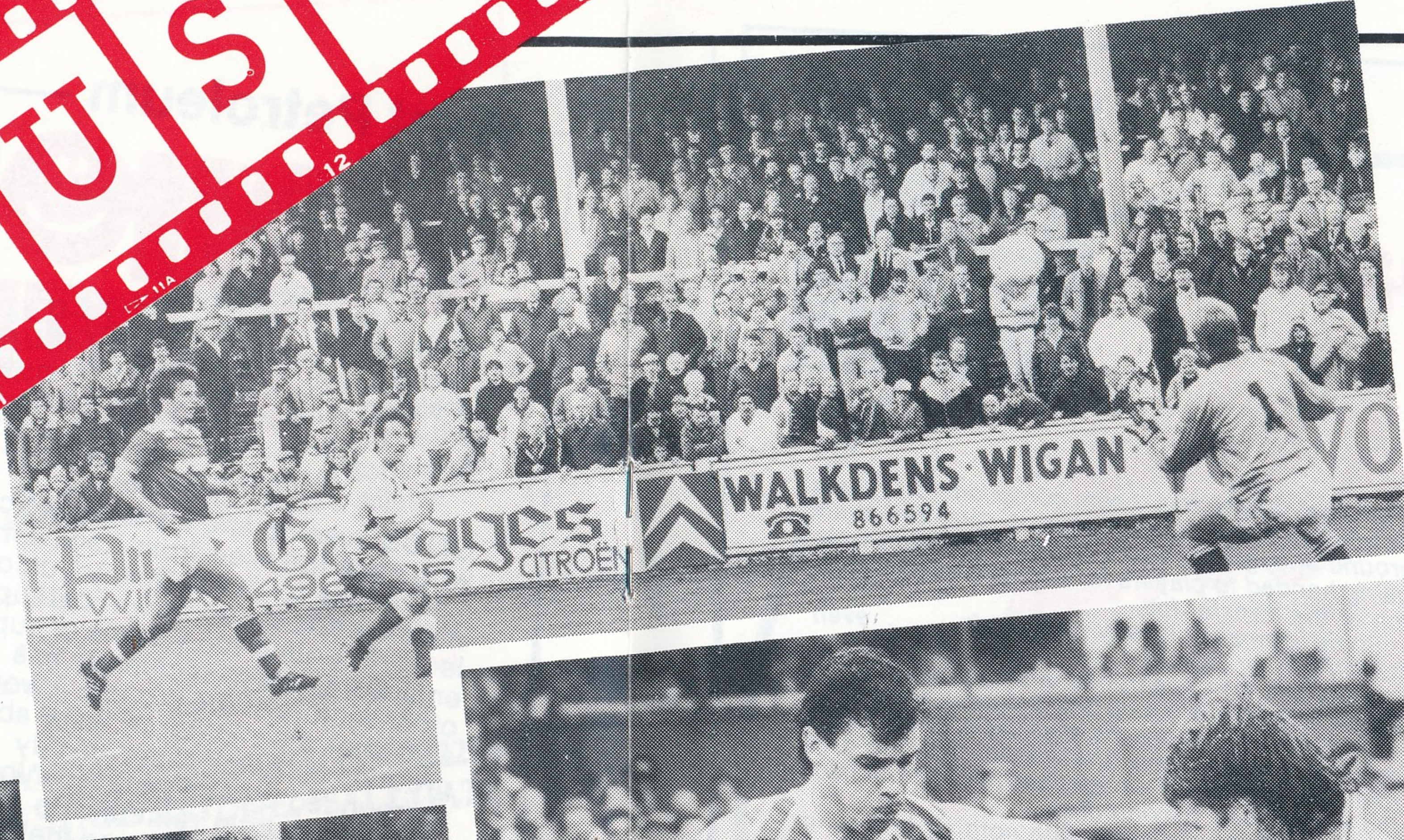
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TOP: Andy Ainscow cracks home our winner  
against Doncaster.  
LEFT: Bobby Campbell and Andy Rhodes  
both go for a 50-50 ball but the Rovers  
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Rovers full back.

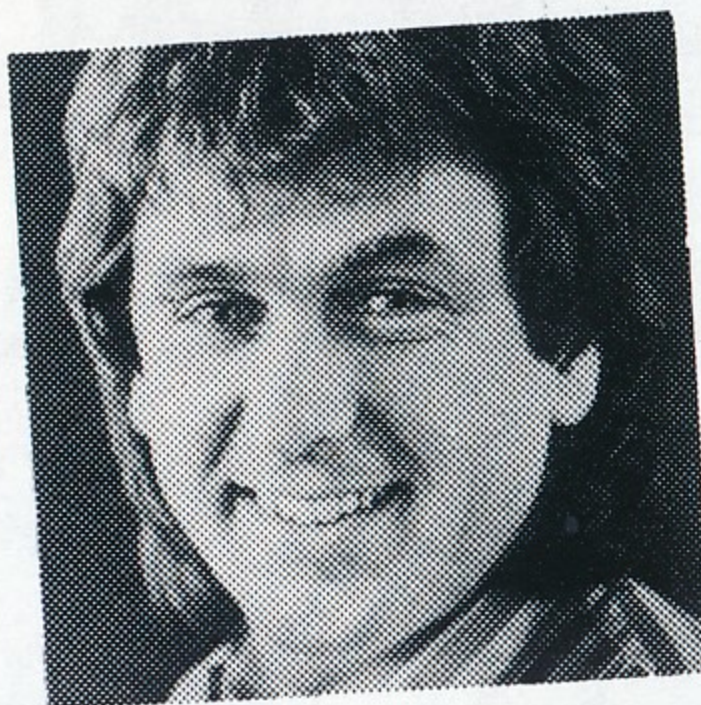
  
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FIDDLE-de-dee! Won't the taxman have a field day when he starts digging into soccer's shady transfer market?

And, after looking in horror at the deductions' column on my wage slip this weekend, I really hope he stings the grasping so-and-so's.

Talk about one law for the rich and another for the poor... why should any footballer get away with dodging thousands of pounds when PAYE mugs like you and me would be clapped in irons for a couple of quid?

The whole system of golden goodbyes, signing on fees, loyalty perks and testimonial hand-outs needs a thorough examination.

And if it nets some big fish there's no way they can carp.

Tommy Docherty was right this week when he trumpeted in a national newspaper: "There are a lot of greedy players around." But knowing The Doc, I bet he did his bit to help a crooked system flourish by forking out "extras" to the grabbers when he was a manager.

But, having said that, what alternative has any boss when players expect it as a matter of course these days and the boardrooms of British football are perfectly prepared to stump up the money?

Those beloved men at the Inland Revenue estimate soccer stars have ducked about £5m in tax by making use of clever fiddles.

And they may be right when you consider what

The Doc insists has been going on for years. According to the outspoken Scot - and he's been around enough to know - huge wads of notes are being handed to players for joining a new club on top of the transfer fee.

Some demand loyalty payments... even BEFORE they sign on.

Many ask for appearance money in addition to wages for just turning up on a Saturday afternoon.

And there are those, he says, who immediately demand a guaranteed testimonial match to give them the security of a huge tax-free pay-out near the end of their playing days.

"They want lump sums with nothing in writing and no questions asked," revealed Docherty.

"The taxman is going to ruffle a few feathers."

And why shouldn't he?

The players' union, the PFA, reckons it will drive more and more players abroad where they can earn far more cash. Well, if that happens, then so be it. Most would probably have gone anyway.

Trying to tempt a few already well-paid stars to stay loyal to British football is no reason at all to break the rules that millions of others have to abide by.

The Government wouldn't do it with film and pop stars, they wouldn't even do it to stem the brain drain of scientists and doctors. Why should they do it for footballers?

If they get the brass they should pay their dues like the rest of us.

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Portsmouth born Foster joined his local club as an apprentice breaking into the first team as a forward in 1975/76 — his home debut was actually against Luton. He moved to centre-back during the following season and after 135 League and Cup appearances was transferred to Brighton for £150,000 in 1979 following the Seagulls promotion to Division One.

During his spell at the Goldstone Ground he earned three England caps, played in the 1982 World Cup as well as appearing in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final.

He moved to Aston Villa for £200,000 after Brighton's relegation and from there joined Luton in December 1984 for a bargain £70,000.

Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 — Goals 8.

**MAL DONAGHY:** Luton's most capped International, with over 50 to his credit, he has now played in two World Cup campaigns for Northern Ireland.

Within months of making his debut for Larne he was being chased by many English First Division sides and it was regarded as an astute piece of business by former Manager David Pleat when Donaghy was 'stolen' for £20,000 in June 1978. Solid dependable he forms, with Steve Foster, arguably the best central defensive partnership in the country. Ever present last season as he has been for six out of the last nine.

Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 426 — Goals 20.

**ASHLEY GRIMES:** Now 30, Dublin born Grimes enjoyed his longest spell in the Luton first team in 1986/87 after almost being transferred to Swindon during the previous close season. He played the early part of his career with Manchester United where he had 90 League games and appeared regularly for Eire. Transferred to Coventry in August 1983 he joined Luton a year later in a straight swop for Kirk Stephens but was then plagued with injuries during his first two seasons at Kenilworth Road.

Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 52 — Goals 2.



**Back row:** David Preece, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Stacey North, Darron McDonough, Robert Wilson, Mark Stein. **Middle row:** Jim Ryan (Res. Team coach), John Faulkner (Youth Team coach), Emeka Nwajiobi, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, Danny Wilson, Dave Kirby (Physio). **Front row:** Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Steve Forster (Player/Coach), Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.

**TIM BREACKER:** Bicester born Breacker has been a regular member of the first team since his debut at Ipswich in 1984. This England Under 21 International can perform in midfield but his normal position is right back where his surging runs on the overlap have become a strong feature of his play. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 121 — Goals 1.

**ROB JOHNSON:** Born in Bedford and turning professional for the Town in August 1979 his career was almost over before it started. He suffered two extremely serious knee injuries which would have put most players out of the game but he fought back to make his debut against Birmingham in November 1983. He played most of last season at left-back but prefers the right-side. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 62 — Goals 0.

**MICK HARFORD:** Luton Town's record cash signing, at £250,000, from Birmingham in December 1984. Sunderland born, Harford commenced his League career with Lincoln where 46 goals in 126 appearances encouraged Newcastle to pay £180,000 for his services in December 1980. He never really settled at St. James Park and the following close season Bristol City took him to Ashton Gate. City were in a parlous financial state and were unable to fully pay the fee so six months later he was re-signed by Newcastle and promptly transferred to Birmingham. He was therefore on the books of three clubs on the same day! He enjoyed some success with Birmingham in a struggling side but was prised away by Luton where he has played the best football of his career and can count himself unlucky not to have won England recognition. He missed the first half of last season following knee operations. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 99 — Goals 48.

**RICKY HILL:** He joined Luton straight from school and is currently enjoying his 12th full season. H made his

League debut at home to Bristol Rovers over Easter 1976 coming on as substitute for current Town coach John Faulkner. Layed on a goal with his first touch and scored with his second. Was included in Bobby Robson's first equal in 1982 and made his England debut against Denmark. Still in Robson's thoughts as proved by his call-up against Egypt last season. An Ambassador for the game who enjoyed a successful testimonial in 1986. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 445 — Goals 57.

**EMEKA NWAJOBI:** Unpredictable Nigerian International who burst on the scene with a scoring debut against Nottingham Forest on 2nd January 1984 only weeks after transferring from Dulwich Hamlet. On his day a matchwinner who makes goalscoring look easy. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 71 — Goals 17.

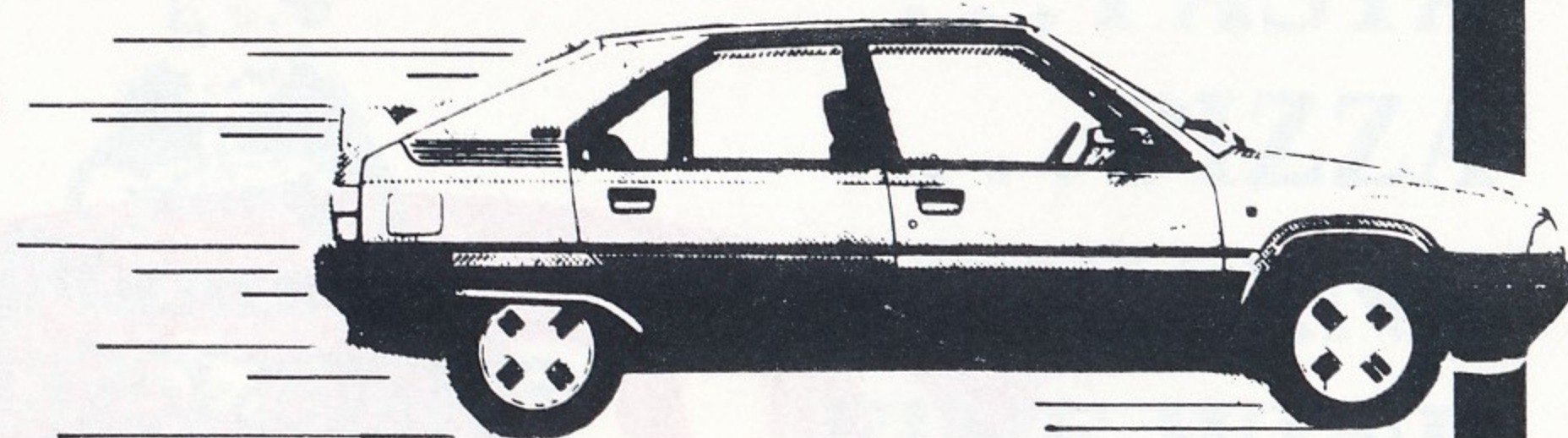
**DAVID PREECE:** Bridgnorth born Preece signed professional forms for Walsall in July 1980 and made 134 appearances from the "Saddlers" before Luton paid £150,000 for his services in December 1984. He made a scoring debut htat same month at home to Aston Villa and has since become a firm crowd favourite because of his busy style of play. He appeared in only 15 League and Cup games last term through injury. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 86 — Goals 6.

**LES SEALEY:** Although born and raised in the East End of London Sealey made his League bow with Coventry for whom he signed in March 1976. Played 178 times for the 'Sky Blues' before transferring to Luton in August 1983 for £100,000. Has found himself out of favour on more than one occasion but has fought back with many superlative displays to become the acknowledged number one. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton end 1986/87 171 — Goals 0.

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Player in bold - Goalscorer; P - Penalty;  
\* - Substitute

## AUGUST

|    |                       |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 15 | Notts County          | A |
| 18 | BOLTON WANDERERS (LC) | H |
| 25 | Bolton Wanderers (LC) | A |
| 29 | Preston North End     | A |
| 31 | GILLINGHAM            | H |

## SEPTEMBER

|    |                  |   |
|----|------------------|---|
| 5  | Bristol Rovers   | A |
| 12 | DONCASTER ROVERS | H |
| 15 | Mansfield Town   | A |
| 19 | Walsall          | A |
| 22 | LUTON TOWN (LC)  | H |
| 26 | BURY             | H |
| 29 | Aldershot        | A |

## OCTOBER

|    |                      |   |
|----|----------------------|---|
| 3  | YORK CITY            | H |
| 6  | Luton Town (LC)      | A |
| 10 | Sunderland           | A |
| 13 | CREWE ALEX.          | H |
| 17 | FULHAM               | H |
| 20 | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB. | H |
| 24 | Blackpool            | A |
| 31 | ROTHERHAM UNITED     | H |

## NOVEMBER

|    |                 |   |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 3  | Chesterfield    | A |
| 7  | SOUTHEND UNITED | H |
| 14 | F.A. Cup 1      |   |
| 21 | Brentford       | A |
| 24 | Bury (FRT)      | A |
| 28 | BRISTOL CITY    | H |

## DECEMBER

|    |                  |   |
|----|------------------|---|
| 5  | F.A. Cup 2       |   |
| 12 | Grimsby Town     | A |
| 15 | PORT VALE        | H |
| 19 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | H |
| 26 | Bury             | A |
| 28 | CHESTER CITY     | H |

## JANUARY 1988

|    |                             |   |
|----|-----------------------------|---|
| 1  | PRESTON NORTH END           | H |
| 2  | Doncaster Rovers            | A |
| 9  | Port Vale (F.A. Cup 3)      | A |
| 16 | WALSALL                     | H |
| 23 | Gillingham                  | A |
| 30 | MANSFIELD TOWN (F.A. CUP 4) | H |

## FEBRUARY

|    |                            |   |
|----|----------------------------|---|
| 6  | BRISTOL ROVERS             | H |
| 13 | Chester City               | A |
| 20 | NOTTS. COUNTY (F.A. CUP 5) | H |
| 27 | York City                  | A |

## MARCH

|    |                  |   |
|----|------------------|---|
| 1  | ALDERSHOT        | H |
| 5  | Fulham           | A |
| 12 | SUNDERLAND       | H |
| 19 | Rotherham United | A |
| 25 | BLACKPOOL        | H |

## APRIL

|    |                                    |   |
|----|------------------------------------|---|
| 1  | Southend United                    | A |
| 4  | BRENTFORD                          | H |
| 9  | Brighton & Hove Alb. (F.A. Cup SF) | A |
| 20 | Northampton Town                   | A |
| 23 | CHESTERFIELD                       | H |
| 30 | Bristol City                       | A |

## MAY

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| 2 | GRIMSBY TOWN | H |
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| F-A | ATT.  | 1     | 2      | 3              | 4               | 5                | 6              | 7        | 8                |
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| 4-4 | 6,344 | Tunks | Butler | <b>Knowles</b> | Hamilton        | <b>Cribley P</b> | Beesley        | Storer*  | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 2-3 | 4,115 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | Griffiths*       | Beesley        | Storer   | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 3-1 | 5,847 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | Cribley          | Beesley        | Storer*  | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 1-0 | 7,057 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | Cribley          | Beesley        | Hilditch | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 1-1 | 3,412 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | <b>Cribley p</b> | Beesley        | Hilditch | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 3-2 | 3,168 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | <b>Hamilton</b> | Cribley          | <b>Beesley</b> | Storer*  | <b>Thompson</b>  |
| 2-1 | 2,764 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | Cribley          | Beesley        | Storer   | <b>Thompson*</b> |
| 1-0 | 3,261 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | <b>Cribley P</b> | Beesley        | Storer   | Hilditch         |
| 2-1 | 5,353 | Tunks | Butler | Knowles        | Hamilton        | Cribley          | Beesley        | Storer   | Hilditch         |

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| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | Cook        | Griffiths  | Hilditch*       |
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| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | Cook*       | Griffiths* | Hilditch*       |
| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | <b>Cook</b> | Storer     | Ainscow         |
| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | *Cook       | Storer*    | Ainscow         |
| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | Cook        | Hilditch*  | Ainscow         |
| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | Cook*       | Hilditch*  | <b>Ainscow*</b> |
| <b>Campbell</b> | Jewell                     | Cook        | Griffiths  | Ainscow         |
| <b>Campbell</b> | <b>Jewell</b> <sup>2</sup> | Cook        | Griffiths  | Ainscow         |

## THIRD DIVISION

| WIGAN ATH...   | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3  | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 7  | 17 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Gillingham     | 8 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 3  | 15 |
| Notts. County  | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 6  | 3  |
| Brighton       | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8  | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5  | 2  | 15 |
| Bristol City   | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 4  | 15 |
| Northampton    | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9  | 1  | 14 |
| Port Vale      | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3  | 2  | 14 |
| Fulham         | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 4  | 14 |
| Walsall        | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5  | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 2  | 14 |
| Sunderland     | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6  | 5  | 13 |
| Brentford      | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 4  | 13 |
| Chester        | 8 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 7  | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5  | 7  | 13 |
| Bury           | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 12 |
| Bristol Rovers | 8 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 12 |
| Grimsby        | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 3  | 10 |
| Chesterfield   | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2  | 13 | 10 |
| Mansfield      | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 6  | 9  |
| Doncaster      | 8 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2  | 8  | 9  |
| Rotherham      | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5  | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3  | 5  | 7  |
| Blackpool      | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 8  | 7  |
| Preston        | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1  | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| Aldershot      | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5  | 14 | 3  |
| Southend       | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6  | 21 | 2  |
| York           | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5  | 9 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3  | 9  | 1  |

## COMING UP NEXT:

Saturday, Sept., 26th 1987, Kick off 3 pm  
**WIGAN ATHLETIC v BURY**  
Barclay League - Division Three

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Tues., Sept. 29th, 1987, Kick off 7.30 pm  
**ALDERSHOT v WIGAN ATHLETIC**  
Barclay League - Division Three

## TODAY'S THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES:

Blackpool v. Preston; Bristol City v. Gillingham; Chesterfield v. Notts. Co.; Fulham v. Bristol Rovers; Grimsby v. Walsall; Northampton v. Port Vale; Rotherham v. Mansfield; Southend v. Brighton; Sunderland v. Chester; Wigan Athletic v. Bury; York City v. Doncaster; Aldershot v. Brentford.



# FACTS AND FIGS



## CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

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| <b>AUGUST</b>       |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 17                  | Notts County         | A | 1-2 | Williams | Parkinson | Hall | Atherton | Green   | Pilling   | Crompton | Hilditch | Smith  | Lysons | Ainscow P | Fallon Johnson   |
| 25                  | DONCASTER ROVERS     | H | 1-0 | Williams | Parkinson | Hall | Atherton | Johnson | Pilling   | Crompton | Hilditch | Smith  | Lysons | Ainscow   | Green Litherland |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>    |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 1                   | MANSFIELD TOWN       | H | 0-1 | Williams | Parkinson | Hall | Atherton | Johnson | Pilling   | Storer   | Fallon   | Smith  | Lysons | Ainscow   | Crompton Green   |
| 9                   | Scunthorpe United    | A | 1-0 | Adkins   | Atherton  | Hall | Gore     | Johnson | Pilling   | Crompton | Hilditch | Smith  | Wilson | Ainscow   | Lysons Parkinson |
| 16                  | BARNSELY             | H | 2-3 | Adkins   | Parkinson | Hall | Gore     | Finley  | Griffiths | Crompton | Pilling  | Wilson | Caine  | Ainscow   | Johnson Lysons   |
| 23                  | Newcastle United     | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>      |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 6                   | WEST BROMWICH ALBION | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 14                  | York City            | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 21                  | PRESTON NORTH END    | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 28                  | Darlington           | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>     |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 11                  | Blackburn Rovers     | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 17                  | STOKE CITY           | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 24                  | OLDHAM ATHLETIC      | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>     |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 2                   | Port Vale            | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 8                   | BOLTON WANDERERS     | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 15                  | Middlesbrough        | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>JANUARY 1988</b> |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 5                   | ROTHERHAM UNITED     | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 13                  | Doncaster Rovers     | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 19                  | NOTTS. COUNTY        | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 26                  | SCUNTHORPE UNITED    | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>     |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 1                   | Mansfield Town       | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 9                   | NEWCASTLE UNITED     | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 17                  | Barnsley             | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 23                  | YORK CITY            | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>MARCH</b>        |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 2                   | West Bromwich Albion | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 8                   | Preston North End    | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 15                  | DARLINGTON           | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 23                  | Stoke City           | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 29                  | BLACKBURN ROVERS     | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>APRIL</b>        |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 5                   | Oldham Athletic      | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 12                  | Rotherham United     | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 19                  | Bolton Wanderers     | A |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 26                  | MIDDLESBROUGH        | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| <b>MAY</b>          |                      |   |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |
| 3                   | PORT VALE            | H |     |          |           |      |          |         |           |          |          |        |        |           |                  |

Play in bold - Goalscorer;  
P - Penalty;  
\* - Player substituted  
All home games kick off at 7 p.m.

## YOUTH YOUTH YOUTH Team

Manager Ray Mathias used our 'A' team to give injured stars Ian Griffiths and Nigel Adkins a run-out in our latest Lancashire League fixture. Setting an excellent example to a side which included three 15 year olds, Ian and Nigel came through the match against Preston North End without any ill-effects and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in our emphatic 3-0 win. 15 year old John Smith, an ex-Wigan Boys and Greater Manchester player, set us on the road with a fine header. Ian Griffiths fired home another with

machine-like precision whilst Shaun Fallon also got into the act with our third goal. There was much to admire in our play — crisp, first-time passing and a lot of flair with Roy Litherland showing good form in mid-field. Three goals up at half time, Robert Lysons missed a penalty after being brought down in full cry for goal. Joe Parkinson and Colin Blakemore both went close as our youngsters ran out convincing winners.

Meanwhile, Wigan Boys U15s crushed a highly-rated Bradford side by 5-0 with England Boys trialist and Latics Schoolboy Stephen Nugent notching two fine goals. A few days later, Wigan went down very unluckily by a single goal margin to arch rivals Liverpool at Robin Park Stadium.

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# Wigan the tops

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**Walsall 1, Wigan Athletic 2**  
Wigan went to the top of the Third Division with this win at Fellows Park. Walsall have won all their away games yet managed only one victory at home.

Early in the second half Paul Jones, who worked tirelessly in midfield, smashed a great drive against a turning point.

Wigan, unbeaten this season in the league, were advancing to a one goal lead when they cashed in on that escape.

Walsall could not crack a resolute defence in which skipper Alex Cribb and John Butler were outstanding.

Wigan took the lead in the 26th minute when Paul Jewell, the season driving in a pass from Bobby Campbell after Stuart Storer's centre.

**Flat-footed**  
Walsall were caught flat-footed at the back again in the 71st minute following a right wing corner by Paul Cook.

Storer headed into the box where the alert Jewell dived to head a smart goal.

Wigan's Roy Tunks, Cook and Jewell were all booked for time-wasting in the last 15 minutes, and Walsall's James Entwistle for fouls.

Walsall's consolation goal came in the last minute, transferred David Kelly heading in a cross from Mark Taylor.

## Walwyn's effort not enough

**Brentford 2, Blackpool 1**

BLACKPOOL's sweeper system and some strong arm tactics failed to thwart the Brentford strike Andy Sinton.

He struck first in the 15th minute with a crisp, 10-yard left-foot drive.

It was an altogether unhappy afternoon for Blackpool who had Steve Marjan and Michael Davies booked and lost central through Colin Methven.

But they equalised in the 50th minute after a darting Cunningham. A pass into the path of Keith Walwyn and the busy striker beat hesitant Gary Phillips.

Brentford's winner came in the 67th minute when Sinton had a snap shot from the edge of the area. Sinton palmed the ball aside and Paul Smith was on hand to tap home.

## Jewell in the crown for smooth Wigan!

Walsall 1 Wigan 2

THE Saddlers fell at the first hurdle — as Wigan's smooth football asserted them a deserved lead.

Striker Paul Jewell missed an easy sixth minute chance after a mistake by Graeme Forbes. But he was on target 20 minutes later to net neatly Stuart Storer's cross.

### Unlucky

However, Walsall picked themselves up and Mark Goodwin had a close range shot blocked by defender John Butler. And their man of the match Paul Jones was unlucky.

Trevor Christie saw his post seven minutes after the interval.

Walsall caught the pressure but Wigan soaked it up gamely. Then Jewell put the game in the bag after heading his second goal from Paul Cook's cross after 71 minutes.

Mark Taylor then set up the header from which David Kelly reduced Walsall's arrears after 89 minutes — but it was all too late.

## Jewell doubles Wigan to top!

By WILLIE BLACK

Walsall ..... 1  
Wigan ..... 2

TWO-GOAL Paul Jewell shot Wigan to the top of the Third Division table and ended Walsall's eight-match unbeaten run.

The Wigan striker should have opened his motion battle after only six minutes.

But after robbing defender Graeme Forbes, and having a clear run at goal, he put his shot over the bar.

But Jewell made amends 20 minutes later when he struck home a low shot from ten yards after a fine move by impressive Wigan.

Walsall were unlucky not to equalise in the 52nd minute when a tremendous 20-yard drive by Paul Jones struck the post.

### Tempers

But it was Wigan who increased their lead with their first genuine attack of the second half, Jewell heading in at the far post from Cook's cross.

Tempers became frayed in the closing 10 minutes and five players were booked — Jones and Cross for Walsall and Jewell, Tunks and Cook for Wigan.

The home side's persistence finally brought them a goal in the last minute, Kelly scoring with a close range header.

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## PRECIOUS PAUL!

Walsall 1 Wigan 2

WIGAN were fired to the top of the Third Division by a couple of gems from Paul Jewell.

He caused Walsall all sorts of problems as Wigan dominated right from the off. And he even enjoyed the luxury of missing one great chance in the sixth minute before he finally struck gold 20 minutes later.

Walsall were reeling from almost continual Wigan pressure when Jewell took advantage of some slack defending to blaze home an unstoppable shot from 10 yards.

Walsall pulled themselves together after the break and were unlucky to see a fine long range drive from Paul Jones hit the post in the 52nd minute.

But any hope that effort gave them was killed off by Jewell's second strike 19 minutes later after another fine attacking move by Wigan.

Walsall grabbed some consolation with a last minute goal by David Kelly.

A double blunder by Peter Daniel and Steve Gardner was punished by Jon Lecky in the ninth minute.

Then, when the home defence went walkabout half an hour later, David Cross strided through to pick his spot.

Between times, Steve Taylor and George Ochanal managed to make a hash of better openings than these.

Burnley threw caution to the wind later on, without success.

In fact, Cross was able to romp clear again and wallop the underside of the bar.

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## Marvel

Preston 0 Rotherham 0

GOLDEN oldie Frank Worthington can still conjure up the magic.

The former England star turned the clock back with his silky skills.

The ageing magician, always looking to produce the unexpected, dug deep into a bagful of tricks to thrill the Preston fans.

It was vintage Worthington. There were fantastic flicks, there were blinding backheels, and there were classic chips.

Burnley 0 Cambridge 2

BURNLEY were toppled off their perch by a mid-table side who gave them an object lesson in how to make the most of your chances.

Cambridge had just three in the rain-lashed battle.

They scored from two of them and hit the bar with the other.

A double blunder by Peter Daniel and Steve Gardner was punished by Jon Lecky in the ninth minute.

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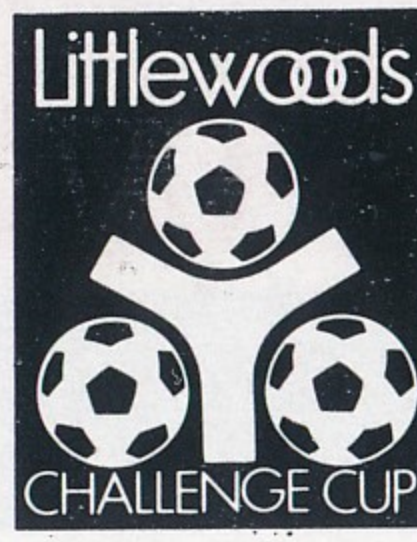
# FACING THE CHALLENGE

The Littlewoods Challenge Cup is not just a challenge to the teams competing for this magnificent trophy, but is a challenge to us all.

It is the same challenge that Littlewoods put to itself when it took on the sponsorship of the cup in 1985. That challenge is to restore football to its rightful place in British Society as the traditional family game.

Littlewoods has always kept the family at heart, with its values being reflected in all our three main divisions; Home Shopping, Stores and Pools. We are, therefore, delighted with the progress of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup. We have seen high family attendances at many matches, and the excitement and interest generated by the Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup, in conjunction with the National Association of Boys Clubs, has been tremendous.

So join Littlewoods in this challenge and help restore the traditions to Football — our National game.



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# « TEAMS & OFFICIALS »

## WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Blue and White)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John Butler
- 3 Barry Knowles
- 4 David Hamilton
- 5 Alex Cribbley
- 6 Paul Beesley
- 7 Stuart Storer
- 8 Chris Thompson
- 9 Bobby Campbell
- 10 Paul Jewell
- 11 Paul Cook
- 12 Mark Hilditch
- 14 Ian Griffiths

## LUTON TOWN

(Orange)

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Tim Breaker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Ricky Hill
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Doneghy
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Emeka Nwajiobi
- 11 David Preece
- 12 Rob Johnson
- 14 Mark Stein

## REFEREE

Mr. Keith Hackett  
(Sheffield)

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Yellow Trim: J. Hilditch

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**WIGAN ATHLETIC v BURY**  
Barclay League - Division Three