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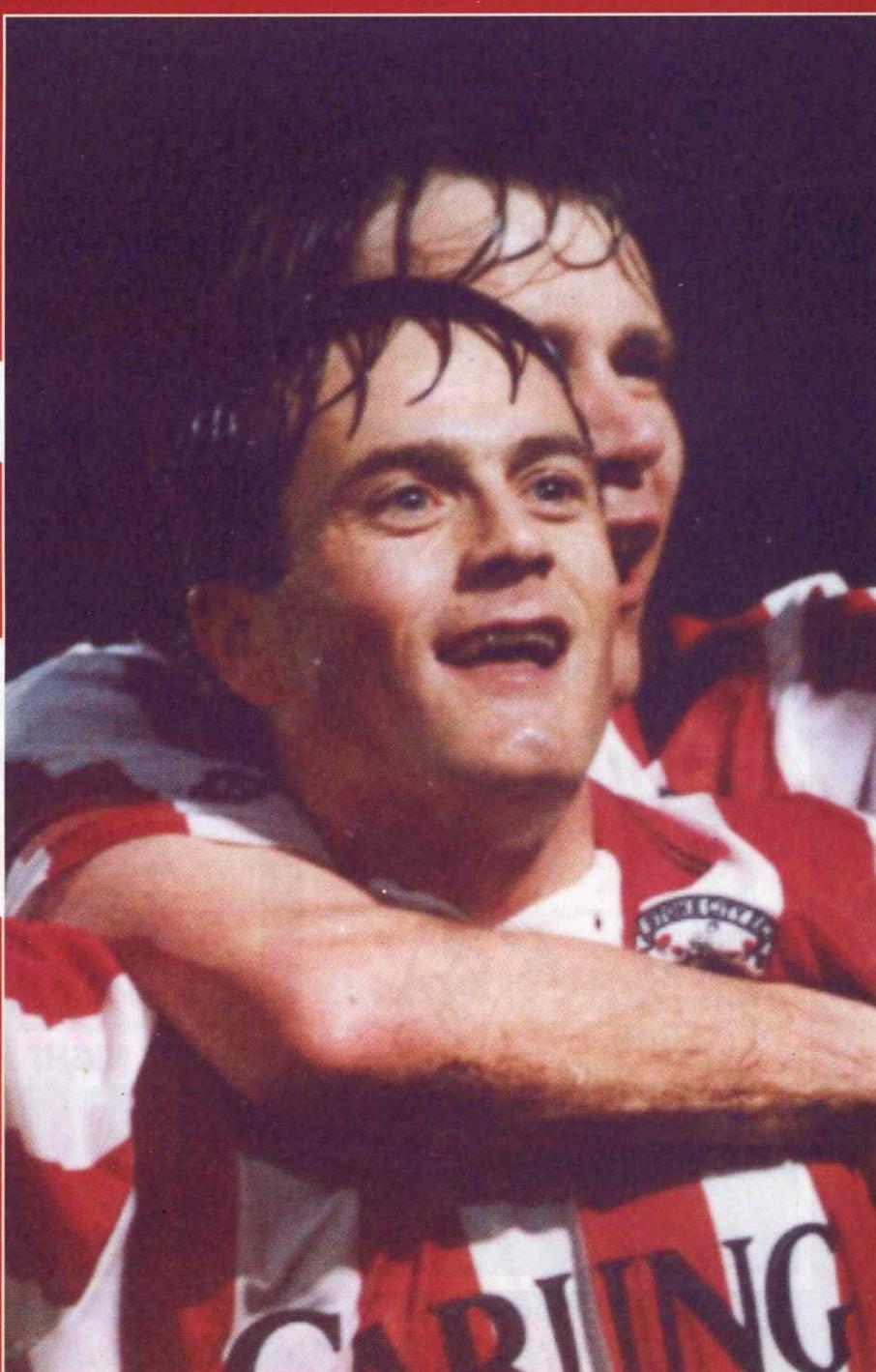
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REVIEW

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"We were the better side at Filbert Street and should have won the game."

The records show that in seventeen league visits to Leicester City in over twenty years, Stoke City have failed to gain a single victory. Last Saturday we went for a victory at Filbert Street to keep our mathematical chances of making the promotion play-offs. Our ten goal attempts, to the home sides four backs this up, and I was bitterly disappointed that we only came away with one point.

After we had taken the lead, I could not see Leicester getting back into the game, and it was all the more disappointing that we gave away a soft goal to allow them back into the match. On reflection it is these sort of results when we have dominated the game, but only come away with a point, which have cost us the chance of the play-offs. The two points we dropped



at home to Notts County cost us dear. Today is still a big game for us we have as duty to go for a victory which would leave us in a commendable league position, after promotion last term.

FROM THE BENCH

Our visitors today Luton had a magnificent F.A. Cup run, they were in a precarious position in the league table, but the 3-2 victory over West Brom at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday has staved off the threat of relegation. They finish with a visit to Bolton Wanderers on Thursday evening, before arriving at the Victoria Ground today. Manager David Pleat's blend of youth and experience has seen Luton play a very exciting brand of football, and we should see a good game of football today. Almost 2,500 of our supporters travelled to Filbert Street, they gave the team a magnificent non stop vocal backing and deserved better result. Throughout the season you have given the team so much and it was a pleasure to bring the players over and acknowledge that fact at Leicester last Saturday rest assured that throughout the summer we will be working hard to make sure that we are ready for another promotion next season.



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MATCH FACTS versus NOTTS CO. - 23.4.94

The visitor's following was 1,199 made up of 927 standing and 272 seated. The Boothen End support for this fixture was 7,331 out of a total attendance of 16,470.

DON'T FORGET

....the Stoke City Encyclopaedia which is scheduled for publication in late October/early November of this year. The book will cost £17.95 and orders are now being taken by Tony Tams in the Stoke City Promotions Department.

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Dear Sirs,
On Saturday (16.4.94) we were privileged to be visited by a number of your supporters prior to the game at Sunderland. Being a football fan myself, it was a pleasure to mix with these supporters and enjoy the good humour and camaraderie that should exist between so called rivals. A lot of bad press is written about the bad things in football but there are signs that the good is starting to outshine what has been said in the past. May I wish you all the success in the current campaign and wish those supporters who visited us best wishes also, they were a credit to your club.

Yours sincerely
N. Pulling (Manager)



unharmed and made it to the ground where again he got drenched, along with a few other Stokies! He knows who all the players are and which numbers they wear. His favourite player is goalkeeper Mark Prudhoe: 'He's my hero' says Leigh. Leigh is a Stoke City fanatic....he must take after his big brother, Craig, who is 13, and has been to 76 League grounds so far, having missed only three Stoke matches in the last eight seasons.



Newcastle Adult Training Centre'...free meal at 'Pizza Hut' (part of the Community Programme Sponsorship)...and Stoke City star Nigel Gleghorn is serving the pizza.

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The latest Stoke City £1,000 Lottery winner was Mrs. C. Meadows from Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, who is pictured here with agent, Andrew Birks and Tony Tams, who presented the cheque.



Two under 15 players from the Manchester area, Andy Simpson and Dave Dicken, who were both spotted by Mike Walker, are seen here receiving their Stoke City official sweatshirts from manager Joe Jordan.

The two young lads play for Thameside, who are in the E.S.F.A. Cup Final against Sheffield. Andy is a creative left-footed midfielder while Dave is very quick and clever, and enjoys playing wide on the left-wing.

Both are rated as 'excellent' prospects who have become involved with our strong Under 15 squad.

Also in the picture are, extreme left, Mr. Simpson (Andy's father), Mike Walker (club scout) and Joe Dicken, father of Dave.

Player of the season awards 1993/94
There will be presentations made before
today's game tby:-

Stoke City F.C. Supporters Club

The Junior Potters

The Stoke City Southern Supporters Club.

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP FINAL

The second leg against Nottingham Forest will take place at the Victoria Ground on WEDNESDAY 11th May with a 7.00pm K.O. Please come along and support Brian Caswell's team, who have had a very successful season.

WORK TO BE DONE ON THE PLAYING SURFACE

The club are spending £6,000 to improve the drainage and the ability of the grass to cope with wear and tear.

Work will start later this month using the latest 'Gravel Banding' technology pioneered by Leicester firm Hewitts.

KNYERSLEY AND BIDDULPH STOKE CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Dear Sir,

The membership of Knypersley and Biddulph Stoke City Supporters Club have recently been balloted for the Club's Player of the Year. Members were requested to vote for their three top players with 5 points being awarded for the first, 3 for the second and one for the third. The result of the ballot was announced at the Club's end of season disco held on Saturday 23rd April, which was attended by Club President Dave Regis.

The Club's Player of the Year for 1993 is Ian Cranson with Lee Sandford in second place

and Toddy Orlygsson third. All together, nine players received votes.

The Club, formed at the start of the season, has now more than 200 members and travel is arranged to all away fixtures. A highly successful 'Meet the Players' evening has been held, along with other social events. During the season £150 has been donated to local charities.

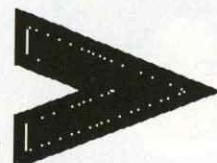
Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact Membership Secretary Eric Cooper on 0782 512692

NEXT SEASON IN DIVISION ONE

Only the champions will be automatically promoted. The clubs finishing second down to fifth spot will contest the play-offs, while four teams will be relegated. This is due to the Premiership being slimmed down to twenty clubs (four relegated)

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• 2ND AND 3RD REVIEW
WITH DENNIS ROFE (LEFT) & BRIAN CASWELL



PONTINS LEAGUE

Wed 20th April Stoke City 2 Preston North End 1

Scorers - Bannister (2) **Lineup** - Straney, Clarkson, Potter, Ware, Davies, Brunton, King, Reid, Bannister, Leslie, Winstone

Subs - Green, Macari.

Thurs 28th April Stoke City 2 West Brom 0

Scorers - Reid, Brunton. **Lineup** - Straney, Clarkson, Potter, Ware, Davies, Brunton, King, Shaw, P. Macari, Leslie, Winstone.

Subs - Reid, Pick. (Both used)

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE Sat 23rd April - Stoke City 4 Birmingham City 1

Scorers - Bailey (2) Miles (1) P. Macari (1)

Lineup - Steadman, Blair, Woods, Birch, Miles, Bailey, Leslie, Holden, Callan, Talbot, P. Macari.

Subs - Allerton, Hawkes - (Not used)

Mon 25th April Stoke City 3 West Brom 0

Scorers - Miles, Leslie (2)

Lineup - Steadman, Blair, Woods, Birch, Miles, Bailey, Leslie, Holden, Callan, Talbot, P. Macari. **Subs** - Allerton, Hawkes

Dennis Rofe

After two home wins against Preston and West Brom one victory from our midweek games at Port Vale and Middlesbrough at home would ensure promotion. Four teams go up from the Pontins League Division Two, and only Oldham and Rotherham who would both have to win their last four games to have a chance of catching us. Our victory over a useful West Brom side was very pleasing. They enjoyed the majority of possession but failed to dominate the game, or create many chances. We battled away and an early goal from Steve Davies, and a late one from substitute Mark Reid gave us a well earned 2-0 win.

Brian Caswell

Four games in ten days, have seen us push for a top three league placing and gain a vital win in the first leg of the Midlands "Youth Cup". A 4-1 home win over Birmingham City was followed by a 3-0 home win over West Brom. Our defeat was at Coventry on Friday 29th April when we went down 2-1 (Scorer Blair). Last Monday we were at the City Ground Nottingham for the first leg of the Midlands Youth

Cup. We came away with a 1-0 lead thanks to Aiden Callan. But we know that we still face a very tough game at the Victoria Ground next Wednesday Evening the youngsters have had a magnificent season, and would appreciate your vocal encouragement.

Tony Lacey

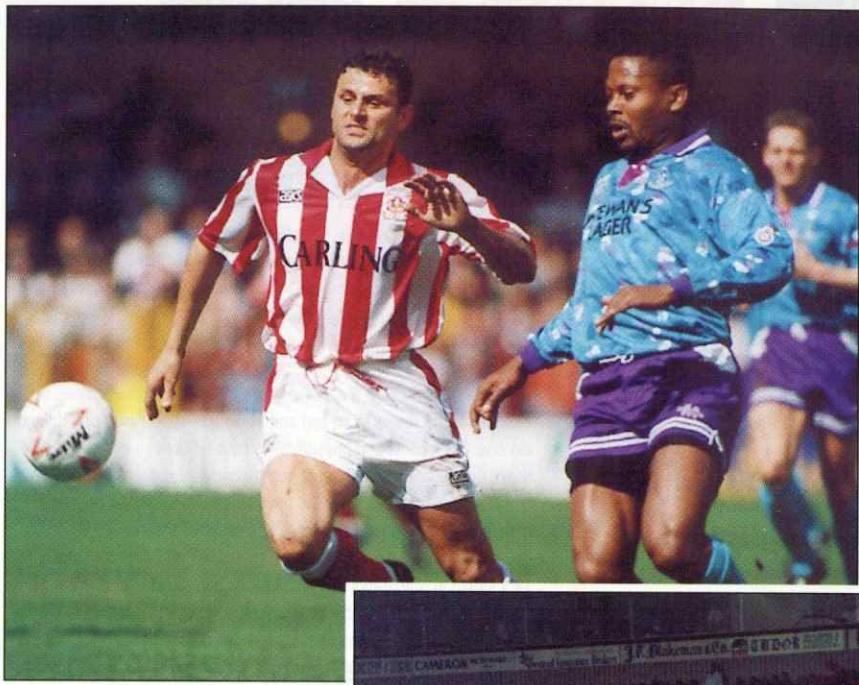
1993/94 season draws to an end and I take this opportunity of thanking the coaches, scouts and physio's who have worked so diligently for Stoke City F.C.. The coaching at our "School of Excellence" has been first class, and the quality of the boys continues to remain at a very high level in the Under 11's, Under 12's and Under 13's.

Our concentration over the next few weeks will reinforce the Under 14's squad in preparation for next season and our Under 15's are developing into a formidable group of players. Our Under 16's had a fine season, and I am very pleased with the quality of our YTS for next season, and I predict another successful season for our Youth Team. I feel that the levels we have from Under 11's to under 16's and in the present staff working at these age groups, we have a set-up better than most Premier League Clubs. Next season sees the start of our U-13's Conference team, which is a major step in the right direction. This means the Club have an U-16's / U-15's / U-14's and a U-13's team competing on a Sunday mornings. Obviously, if club's wish to remain with the elite they must continue to make strides at grass-level, which means financing facilities to play, transport, officials and equipment. This, plus financing the Schools of Excellence, which again involves facilities, equipment and staff etc, will test the resources of the smaller club, who I feel may eventually lose touch. Unfortunately, this will mean the big clubs will get bigger, and the smaller Clubs? It is imperative that Stoke City Football Club match the top Clubs at this level. I should like to congratulate the Youth Squad and Brian Caswell, who has done a grand job this season. I feel the lads have emerged as possibly the best in the Midlands, finishing in the top few of the league, reaching the quarter-finals of the F.A. Youth Cup, and the final of the Midland Youth Cup. They have proved to be a talented squad, and I predict with the present set-up of coaches and scouting staff we shall continue to be amongst the best at 18 years of age and below for years to come. Dennis Rofe and the reserves also, have had a very good season, and look almost certain to gain promotion. The pleasing factor for me is to see a few of the younger pro's making their mark, and of late, one or two of the talented YTS lads.

Lastly, I should like to congratulate Joe and Asa on guiding the First Team to near play-off position and establishing Stoke City Football Club as a good First Division Club in the first year. Obviously, the next step is the biggest and the most difficult, and presents the club with its greatest challenge.

For me, on all fronts it has been a very good progressive season, and hopefully the Club will continue to gain momentum from the base provided.

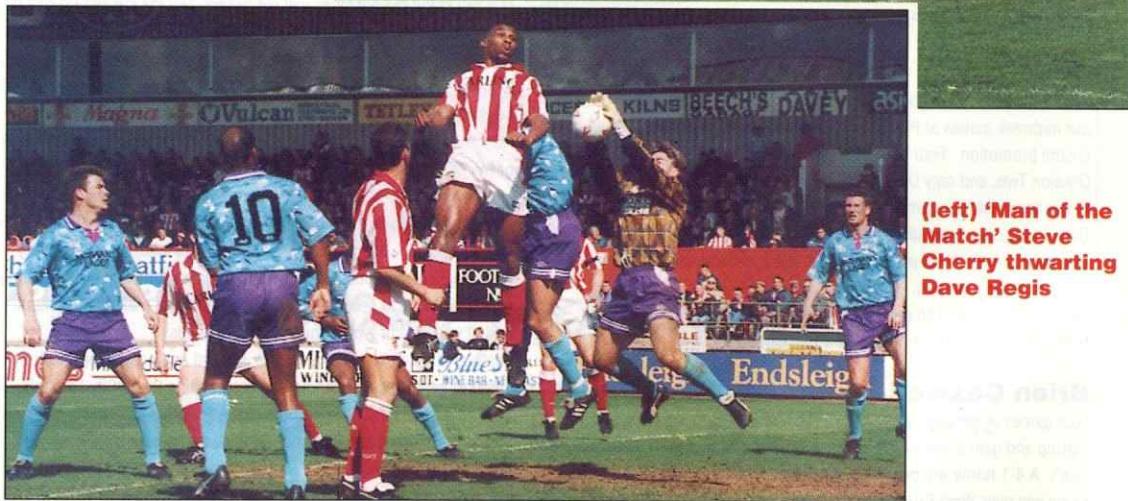
Dateline: Saturday, 23rd April, 1994
Scoreline: Stoke City 0 Notts County 0
Bottomline: Steve Cherry earned a point for County!



Despite having the lion's share of the play we failed to get the vital breakthrough against a rugged, determined Notts County side. Our three pictures show (Below) Micky Adams firing in a left-footer;



(above) Wayne Biggins hoping for a break with Charlie Palmer close at hand,



(left) 'Man of the Match' Steve Cherry thwarting Dave Regis



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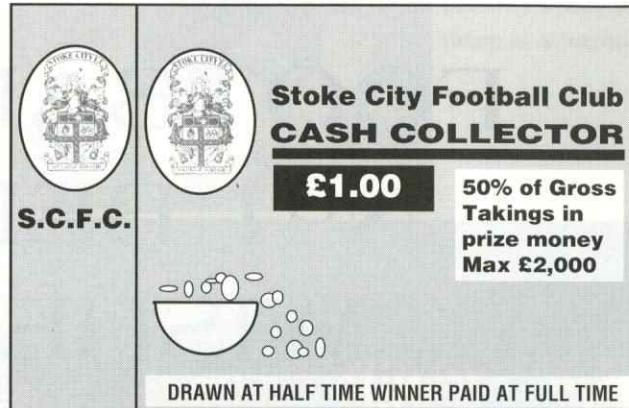
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PRICES

A single match ticket to witness the excitement of Euro 96 can cost as little as £15. It is also possible



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to see, for example, six matches during Euro 96 (three group games, a Quarter-Final, a Semi-Final and the Final) for just £160. This is good value by any standards and exceptional when compared with a similar package on offer at this year's World Cup currently costing more than £300.

A direct debit scheme specially created for Euro 96 will also enable football fans to spread the cost of tickets over a period of six months.



APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION

Ticket application forms for Euro 96 are available now from all FA Premier League Club and Football League Club ticket offices for season ticket holders and club members. For further information telephone Euro 96 on 078 274 1996.

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CHARLTON REDUCE PRICES

First Division Charlton Athletic are to reduce admission prices next year in a major drive by the South London club to fill the increased capacity Valley. With the recent opening of the new East Stand and works planned for the summer, Charlton's home will seat nearly 15,000 next season.

Prices in a number of areas in the ground will be cut by £2, with members able to watch games from the popular North Stand for just £8. Primary Junior Reds will once again be able to obtain free season tickets.

ALBION FACE ROVERS IN WEMBLEY SHOWDOWN

West Bromwich Albion will play Tranmere Rovers in the First Division final of the Endsleigh Insurance League Supporters'

Challenge at Wembley Stadium in May. Albion and Rovers booked their Wembley showdown after winning their respective groups in the last final qualifying stage of the Endsleigh Supporters' Challenge, which was held recently at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

The two sides now meet on the hallowed turf at the 'Venue of Legends' immediately prior to the First Division Play-Off final on May 30th. The other Supporters' Challenge finals, which will be played immediately prior to the corresponding Play-Off finals will feature Burnley and Fulham in Division Two (May 29th) and Gillingham and Mansfield Town in Division Three (May 28th).

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 1994

Today's Endsleigh Insurance League Division One fixtures:
Bolton Wanderers v Barnsley
Bristol City v Peterborough United

Division One Table 1993/94

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C. Palace	45	16	4	2	39	16	11	5	7	34	28	90
Nottm For.	45	12	8	2	36	20	11	5	7	36	27	82
Millwall	45	14	8	1	36	17	5	8	9	22	32	73
Tranmere	45	15	3	4	47	21	6	6	11	21	30	72
Leicester C.	45	11	9	3	45	30	8	6	8	26	28	72
Derby Co.	45	15	3	5	44	25	5	8	9	26	39	71
Notts Co	45	16	3	4	43	26	4	5	13	21	41	68
Wolves	45	10	9	3	33	18	7	7	9	26	28	67
Stoke City	45	14	3	5	33	17	4	9	10	22	40	66
Charlton A.	45	14	3	5	37	17	5	5	13	22	36	65
Middlesboro	45	12	6	5	40	19	5	7	10	21	33	64
Sunderland	45	14	2	7	35	22	5	5	12	17	33	64
Bristol City	45	10	7	5	23	17	5	9	9	20	32	61
Peterborough	45	10	6	6	29	21	5	7	11	23	36	58
Grimsby T.	45	7	13	2	26	16	6	6	11	26	31	58
Southend	45	9	5	8	30	25	7	3	13	29	39	56
Bolton W.	44	9	8	4	36	27	5	6	12	23	33	56
Barnsley	45	9	3	11	25	26	6	4	12	27	39	52
Luton T.	44	12	4	7	38	25	2	6	13	15	31	52
Watford	45	10	5	8	39	35	4	4	14	25	45	51
West Brom	45	9	7	7	38	31	3	5	14	21	38	48
Birmingham	45	9	7	7	28	29	3	5	14	22	39	48
Oxford	45	9	5	8	31	32	3	5	15	21	42	46
Peterborough	45	6	9	8	31	30	2	4	16	16	42	37

Charlton Athletic v Middlesbrough
Crystal Palace v Watford
Grimsby Town v Millwall
Nottingham Forest v Sunderland
Oxford United v Notts County
Portsmouth v West Brom
Southend United v Derby County
Tranmere Rovers v Birmingham
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Leicester City

AVOIDING THE FIRST

It's not only the club's at the top and bottom of the First Division who will be keeping an eye on the results in the last week of the season. Because of the structure of The Football League, a finish in the top fourteen of the first Division guarantees that a club does not have to play in the First Round of next season's Coca-Cola Cup. And of the three clubs promoted this year into the First, only the Second Division Champions will be exempt until the Third round stage of next season's F. A. Cup.

SUNDERLAND'S MILLION POUND SIGNING

Vaux Breweries and Sunderland Football Club have announced a new four year sponsorship agreement. The deal, which is valued at £1 million, will extend Vaux Breweries affiliation with the club to 13 years, the longest continuous sponsorship in the First Division. The package includes advertising, promotion, hospitality, employee benefits, community projects and branding on the famous Sunderland shirt. John Featherstone, Chairman of Sunderland, said: "We are delighted that Vaux have renewed their sponsorship and I would like to pay tribute to Vaux on their impeccable contribution to the club and the community."

TERRACE TALK ...

WITH DAVE COXON

Right award time at Terrace Talk H.Q. Firstly the programme awards in 3rd spot I choose Sunderland a colourful programme that gave excellent value at just £1. In second spot came Portsmouth a mag full of colour backed up with lots of good reading. The winner well that honour goes to the publication from Leicester City quite simply it had the lot. The wooden spoon was fought out between Southend and Peterborough with Southend just getting the nod to take the worst programme of the season award.

On the fanzine front in 3rd spot comes Nottingham Forest 'Tricky Tree', second spot goes to Crystal Palace's 'Eagle Eye' and the winner I give the 1993-94 Fanzine of the season to (cue trumpets) The Fox from Leicester City. I know what you're thinking but know I'm not a secret Leicester supporter it seems to me that they've got the best of both worlds. This close season should be very interesting for it seems that in Bob Kenyon we have someone with the financial clout to take the club forward. Yes I know I've said in the past that money guarantees nowt and I still stand by that, but to go forward we need to be able to compete financially with the Derbys and Wolves of this world. all we can hope now is that all is sorted out amicably in the Board Room and that next season we can make a concerted effort for a Premier League place. It's certainly going to be an interesting summer. Just a quickie before I shoot off to my sunbed and that is to remind everyone to get down to the Vic on Wednesday to cheer Youth side on to victory in the Midlands Youth Cup Final. For those who haven't seen the youngsters yet get yourself down you won't regret it.

Well that's if folks have a good summer and I'll see you all in August.

The winner of my quiz in the Charlton Athletic programme was Joanne Brand from Orpington Kent. Here you see Joanne and her husband, Stuart, preparing to dine in the Sir Stanley Matthews prior to our last home League game with Notts County.

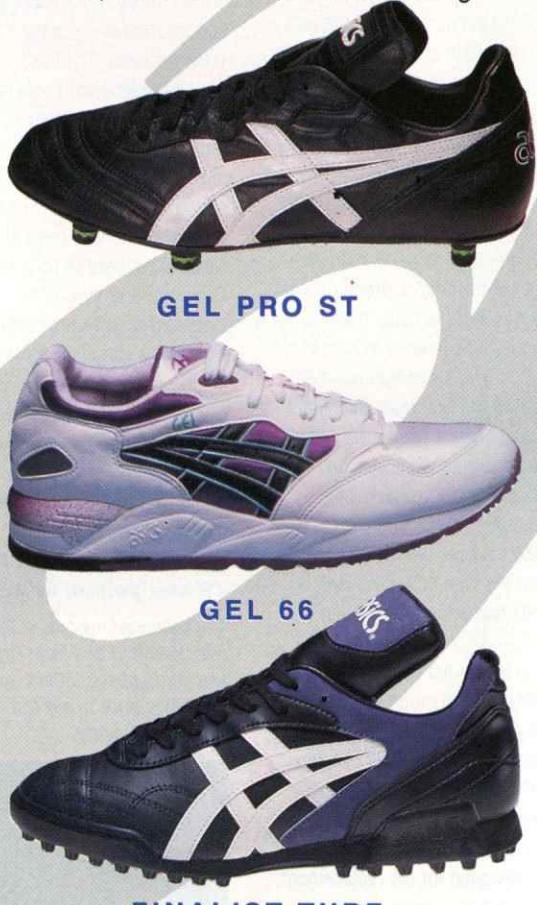


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A landmark was reached last weekend in the Endsleigh Insurance League when the 10 millionth spectator passed through the turnstiles for the current campaign. Gates are on course to smash the 11 million barrier for the season and thus register the 8th successive annual increase for Football League attendances.

With crowds again set to exceed those in the Premier League (last year over a million more fans attended Football League games than they did Premiership matches) the Endsleigh Insurance League is now amongst the top five football competitions in Europe in terms of the number of paying spectators attracted each season.

TOP PRIZE FOR TOP TEAM

A £50,000 incentive is on offer for the Endsleigh Insurance League champions as part of the £150,000 prize confirmed for the season's competition. The winners of the E.I.L. 2nd and 3rd Divisions will collect cheques for £25,000. Additional cash incentives, shown below, are also provided for all automatic promotion places.

Endsleigh Insurance League Prize Fund

	Champions	Runners-Up	Third Place
Division One	£50,000	£25,000	
Division Two	£25,000	£10,000	
Division Three	£25,000	£10,000	£5,000

RETURN TICKET

Exeter are set to cash in on their relegation problems after some quick thinking by Commercial Director Steve Birley. Several hundred car stickers celebrating City's promotion into the old 3rd Division in 1990 have been rescued from the filing cabinet and are to go back on sale. This time around, the Devon club are heading into Division 3 from the opposite direction! Said Birley: "Four years ago when we were set for promotion, the stickers were selling at £1. Four years on we have re-packaged them for our imminent relegation and have sold the lot at £1.50 each. We feel that Exeter City will attract a great deal more interest as prominent Third Division club than a struggling Second division outfit. Amazingly, this week we have attracted two new sponsors for next season."

IN FOR A POUND

Second Division Bradford City have announced a new initiative to encourage more children to watch the Bantams next season at Valley Parade, with all supporters under the age of sixteen admitted to the ground for just £1 for each game. The new scheme will build on the success of a free admission policy operated at a number of matches this season for the city's youngsters.

Chairman Geoffrey Richmond said: "I strongly believe that the future of a football club lies with the children within its local area. There is considerable evidence to suggest that if you can attract supporters at an early age, you have invariably got them for life. This initiative will be of great benefit to Bradford City for many years to come."

WALSALL TOP THE JEWSON FAMILY FOOTBALL TREE

Walsall have named Britain's top family football club following the presentation of this season's Jewson National Excellence Award, the Saddlers received a cheque for £25,000 to further their outstanding work in attracting family football fans to the Bescot Stadium.

For the third annual awards presentation Jewson, Britain's largest timber and building materials supplier, gave out cash prizes totalling £75,000 encompassing nine awards in addition to the excellence awards. They recognise clubs both for their progress in attracting family supporters and for their work in developing facilities for disabled spectators.

1994 JEWSON FAMILY FOOTBALL AWARDS: National winners - WALSALL

Division One - Bristol City; Division Two - Leyton Orient and Division Three - Walsall.

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FREE TRANSFERS LIKELY TO SOAR

As current campaign edges towards a climax, many clubs are already beginning to make plans for next season and during the next few weeks they will be faced with a number of tough decisions. Not least of these problems will be the re-engagement of players or, more pointedly, whom to release. Last season saw a record number of players given free transfers with 302 released by Football League clubs and a further 69 Premier League sides.

Similar numbers are expected to be laid off at the end of the current season as the harsh realities of professional sport take their toll. Football in particular still faces the daunting task of meeting the requirements of the Taylor Report with League clubs in the First Division having to convert grounds into all-seater stadia and Second and Third Division sides being required to meet tough new 'safe seating' criteria. Economies will, therefore, have to be made and payrolls reduced as clubs wrestle with limited budgets. Operations will inevitably have to be leaner at least in the short term and so more players may find themselves joining the dole queue.

Perhaps the most significant statistic, however, to emerge from the League's file of player registrations is that fifty per cent of that record number of players given free transfers at the end of last season ultimately failed to find a new club. And whilst additional expenditure on grounds is a significant factor in how individual deal with this situation, the players cause is not helped by a prohibitive and burdensome requirement upon employers to offer terms which are not less favourable than a professional player's previous contract - this despite the fact that the value of a player to his particular club may have fallen considerably since he last negotiated a contract. The casualties of this out-dated system which can no longer be justified in the changing circumstances that League clubs find themselves are the weakest amongst the playing fraternity.

If this practice persists, therefore, then we can expect the annual clear-out of players to escalate further, bringing even greater uncertainty to an already hazardous profession.

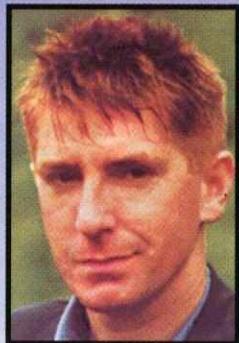
Fans today have the chance to salute Ian Cranson, whose magnificent form has been recognised with two Player of the Year trophies. City's 29 year old defender is the landslide winner of the Supporters Player of the Year award, and he's also collecting the Knypersley and District branch trophy.

They are fitting accolades for a player who has done so much to re-establish Stoke as a First Division force. This afternoon should also mark another milestone in the career of a superb



IN FOCUS

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professional - his 200th appearance for the club since his record transfer move from Sheffield Wednesday in July 1989. Few fans would now doubt, that Ian Cranson has been worth the £450,000 former boss Mick Mills paid for him nearly five years ago,

though it's been a long and often hard battle. Two seasons ruined by knee ligament problems were troubled times, but the dark days are now well and truly behind him.

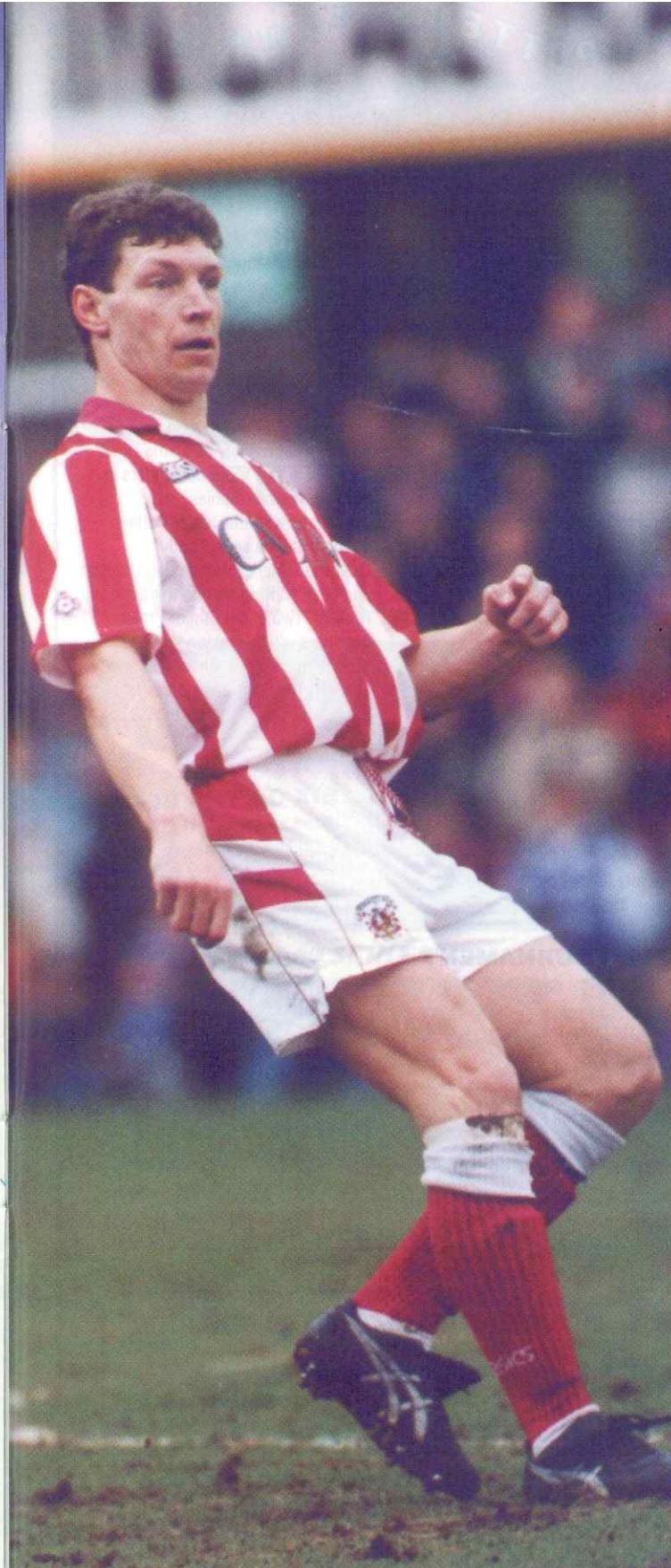
"I had a reputation as an injury-jinxed player," says Ian. "But it's all behind me now and I reckon I've laid that ghost to rest. The tag stuck with me for a while, but I've played over 50 games in each of the last three seasons and I feel I've got better each year."

Cranson polled 48 per cent of the fans' votes, surging clear of the rest of the field in the last couple of weeks, with the ever popular Toddie Orlygsson coming home second with 28 per cent. But there contribution has been only part of the story which helped City to consolidate their new status after promotion last season.

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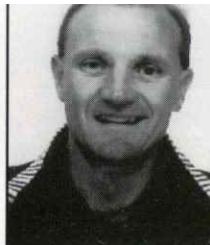
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"The team as a whole has adjusted well this term, says Ian "though in the end we are disappointed not to be going into today's game with promotion still in our sight's. Nine months ago, most people would have settled for a top ten placing, but as the season wore on it became apparent we could aim higher. We are all disappointed in missing out on the play-offs, the players would have loved a crack at getting into the Premiership and it would have been a terrific finish to the season. But we've come a long way together in the last nine months, and hopefully laid some good foundations to have another crack at it next time."

It's been an exciting campaign, and Stoke can look forward to more of the same come August. Even though the Midlands dominated division is losing promoted Nottingham Forest, and either West Brom or Birmingham look doomed to relegation, there are still plenty of big games in store next season. Wolves are still around. Leicester could be if they fail again in the play-offs as could Derby. The presence of an Everton or a Tottenham in the Division, depending on yesterday's results, what about neighbours Port Vale? Add the thought of two Potteries derbies to the above and you've got a cracking season in store. Here's to it.



JUNIOR POTTERS NEWS DESK

WITH PHIL MEESON

AND FINALLY!

May I take this opportunity of thanking all Junior potters and their families for the unwavering support you have given our organization throughout the season. Enjoy your holidays wherever you may go, enjoy the World Cup, but most of all please take care, lets have everybody back here again in August!

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR HATTER'S

For our final home game of the season it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Junior Hatters of Luton Town, who this morning have been playing five-a-side football with the Junior Potter's at our usual Knutton Recreation Centre venue. I think I can safely say that it's the very first time we have entertained a visiting group on a Sunday! I do hope everyone enjoyed the morning's football session hopefully we shall be doing many more next season, our guests today will be sitting in our Family Stand for this afternoon's game which we hope they thoroughly enjoy. My own personal view is that we shall be meeting up again with Gary Hooper and his Luton Juniors next season, so to everyone who's travelled up from Bedfordshire today do have a safe and pleasant journey back home after the match!

SAFARI PARK SUMMER TRIP!

We have now finalized a date for the Junior Potters trip to the West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park at Bewdley in Worcestershire. We will be running a coach to the Park on Sunday June 12th departing from the Stoke

FIVE-A-SIDE CONTINUES

As you may have read in your Newsletters our weekly five-a-side night will continue up to Tuesday June 28th, after which there will be a Summer break until Monday August 15th. I would therefore like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Juniors who have come along and supported the night's during the season, we've had some good sessions with the loads of fun, so hopefully we can continue with the popular evenings for the foreseeable future, although we might be having a change of venue so keep in touch with your Newsletter for up to date information.

JUNIOR POTTERS "PLAYER OF THE SEASON"

Before the afternoon's game, we shall as usual be having the various supporters awards for Stoke City "Player of the Season", among these of course will be our own Junior Potters choice. Last season with the exception of Lee Sandford, it was Mark Stein who picked up every award, this season will probably be a little closer with one or two more contenders in the hunt for the trophies, early indications with the Junior Potters voting this time sees, Toddy Orlygsson, Mark Prudhoe, Ian Cranson and Lee Sandford among the front runners. Two of our Junior Potters members will be making the presentation to the winner just before kick-off. To everyone who has taken the trouble to vote a very big thank you!

SIX OF THE BEST

Here's six of the best to end our Quiztime for this season!

1. Which Scottish club play at "Rugby Park"?
2. Who has resigned at Ayresome Park?
3. Which league have Farnborough Town just won?
4. Alan Little manages which Second Division Club?
5. Where will the 1998 World Cup be staged?
6. Which Premier League side are sponsored by "Thistle Hotels"?

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6. Leeds United



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Wayne Biggins in action during our 1-1 draw at promotion-chasing Leicester last Saturday.



Dave Regis swinging over a right wing cross in the battle at Filbert Street.

WITH TONY MATTHEWS

• Inter Milan have taken one step towards winning this season's UEFA Cup. They gained a vital 1-0 lead from the first leg against Salzburg (in Austria) and are now firm favourites to finish off the job when the teams meet again in Milan this coming Wednesday.

• The European Champions Cup Final in Athens on 18th May, will be between the favourites AC Milan and CF Barcelona. In the semi-finals, the Italian giants, despite having defender Sandro Costacurta sent-off after 29 minutes, destroyed the French side, Monaco, 3-0 with goals by Marcel Desailly (14 mins.) and Demetrio Albertini and Daniele Massaro in the second-half. The Spaniards defeated Bobby Robson's FC Porto by the same score; Bulgaria's Hristo Stoichkov scoring twice with Ronald Koeman firing in the other. Costacurta will now miss the final along with the experienced figure of Franco Baresi who collected his third yellow card of this season's tournament.

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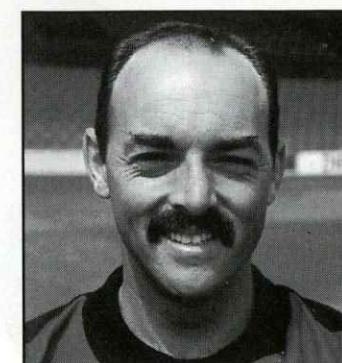
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• UEFA have ruled that Olympique Marseille will be eligible to compete in Europe next season - if they qualify for either the Cup Winners Cup or the UEFA Cup - despite having been sentenced to relegation from the French First Division as punishment for the match-fixing scandal which took place within the club in 1992-93.

• It's now pretty tight at the top in quite a few of the European League competitions. In Belgium, RSC Anderlecht and CF Bruges are the two pacesetters with the former holding the upper hand at the minute. Bayern Munich, FC Kaiserslautern and Karlsruhe are contesting the German Bundesliga - and on paper it looks as though Franz Beckenbauer's men from Bayern might well pinch the star award, which would give them their 13th League success. It's between Deportivo la Coruna and CF Barcelona for the Spanish crown and with the latter concentrating on this season's Champions' Cup, Deportivo could well capture the coveted title for the first time in their history.

Benfica and Sporting Lisbon are neck and neck in Portugal while in Switzerland it's a four-horse race between Sion, Servette, Zurich Grasshoppers and Aarau. Linfield have won the Smirnoff Irish League, from Portadown, and Glenavon; Ajax of Amsterdam have taken the League title in Holland, Paris St. Germain clinched the French prize last weekend with a 1-0 win over Toulouse while AC Milan have already captured the crown in Italy. Incidentally, Paris St. Germain, the French Cup holders, who recently drew 0-0 with the Brazilian national team, were dumped out of this season's Cup competition by FC Lens. Following on from their Cup Winners Cup exit at the hands of Arsenal, some P.S.G. players have now decided to change their home telephone numbers to counter abusive calls from irate fans.



• Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar (pictured here) made a typical boob allowing South Africa to pip Zimbabwe 1-0 in a recent international in Mmabatho. 'Grobb' had flown overnight from England for the game and on 70 minutes he badly sliced his clearance into the path of Philip Masinga who fired in the winner. Also playing in this friendly was Peter Ndlovu of Coventry City.

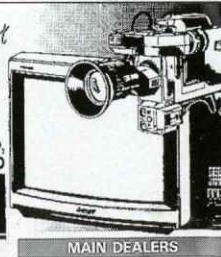
• England striker Karen Walker scored the winning goal of the 1994 Women's F.A. Cup Final at Glanford Park, Scunthorpe to give Doncaster Belles a hard-earned but deserved 1-0 victory over Knowsley. This was the Belles' sixth Final success.

News-reel

Wimbledon can still make it into Europe (via the UEFA Cup) if the clubs from Yugoslavia are banned....Torino could be severely punished if they are found guilty of corruption. Two years ago it is alleged that the Italian club provided prostitutes for the match officials in their UEFA Cup tie 2nd leg clash with AEK Athens (won 1-0)....Dutch mid-fielder Jan Wouters has joined PSV Eindhoven from Bayern Munich for £500,000....top French clubs Monaco and Paris St. Germain are showing interest in Anders Limpar who two months ago left Arsenal for relegation-threatened Everton.

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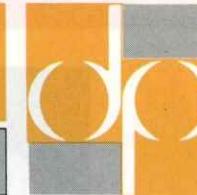
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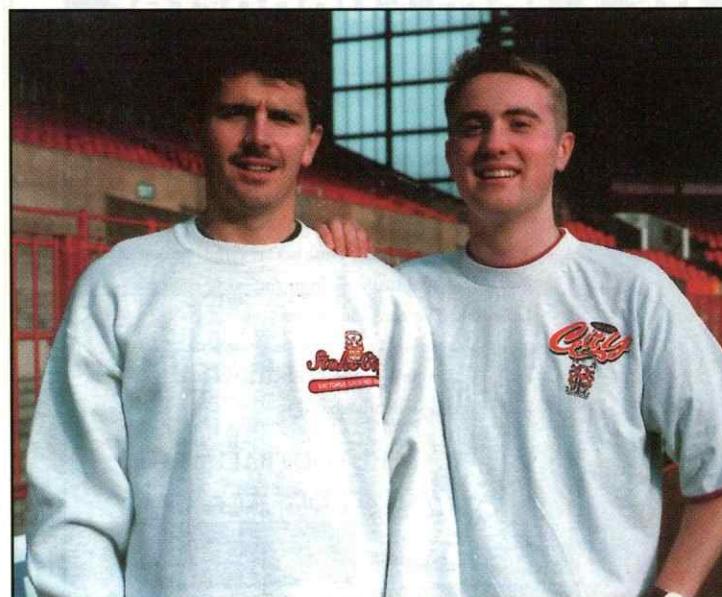
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Did You Know?

- Luton Town Football Club was formed in the town hall on 11th April 1885.
- In season 1891-92 Luton Town players were paid half-a-crown (approx. 12p) with sixpence (3p) extra for away games.
- In the club's early days all Luton Town players wore blue and pink caps. Unfortunately this didn't help them when heading the ball - for it never went in the right direction!
- Luton Town are proud of their

nickname 'The Hatters'. In fact, in years gone by, glass ash trays designed as miniature straw hats were made for use in the club's boardroom.

- In season 1958-59 Luton Town reached the F.A. Cup Final (where they lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest). En route to Wembley the 'Hatters' fielded an unchanged side - Baynham; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Forest also relied on the same team for every round.

Team from the past

This is the Luton Town team of 1970-71. **Back row:** Ken Goodeve (Manchester-born substitute); Viv Busby (who scored 9 goals in 50 League games for Stoke - 1977-80), 'keeper Tony Read (who actually scored 12 goals when playing as a centre-forward in 28 of his 198 League games during his time at Kenilworth Road); Chris Nicholl (the former Aston Villa, Grimsby Town, Southampton and Northern Ireland defender); John Ryan (who played for 10 different clubs in 20 years: 1964-84); John Moore (a defender who had 272 League outings for the 'Hatters') and Alan Slough (who appeared in 540 League games in his career (1965-81). **Front row:** Don Givens (Ex-Manchester United, Birmingham City and once Eire's top-scorer); Jim Ryan (who was at Old Trafford with Givens: 1966-70); Mike Keen (who led Q.P.R. to victory in the 1967 League Cup Final); Malcolm Macdonald (also of Arsenal, Fulham, Newcastle and England, and scorer of more than 250 goals at club and international level between 1968-79 including 49 in 88 League games for Luton) and Peter Anderson (midfielder who also served with Tampa Bay Rowdies, Sheffield United and Millwall).



STOKE CITY AT WAR 1939-45

Season 1941-42 (continued)

November 22

The forthcoming War Cup games were attracting keen interest with the Stoke board determined to field a side as strong as they could. The series of games start on December 27th and there are strong hopes that Kirton, Steele, Soo and Franklin will all be available. Mould, Peppitt and Ormston will not as they are in Ulster. Stoke have the permission of Bolton to play Hamlett and Northampton to play Blunt. Bolton had, in fact, wanted Hamlett themselves but they were prevented by employment difficulties. For the visit of Tranmere Rovers, Stoke played Blunt for Kirton and Mountford for Steele. They easily ran out winners 9-0 with Sale netting his fifth hat-trick of the season. Frank Mountford badly bruised his shoulder and would be out for a few weeks.

November 29

The season was going quite well for Stoke who were chasing Blackpool in the League. Off the field Fred Basnett was about to be called into the R.A.F., Eric Hampson, who was already in the R.A.F., was granted permission to play for Fulham and Patsy Gallacher for Dundee. Albert Basnett and Stan Clewlow were lined up to sign as professionals. It was to be a fitting farewell for Basnett as Stoke beat Tranmere 7-2 with hat-tricks for him and Sale (again).

December 6

Tommy Sale's scoring exploits were hitting the headlines as he chased Jack Rowley (Manchester United) and Ephraim 'Jock' Dodds (Blackpool) for the country's top-scorer tag. Basnett's exit from the City was shortlived as he was almost immediately returned to a home base. Fred Steele's scoring record for the Army unit hit the headlines again, as he netted 17 goals in a 24-0 win! He was also playing for Northampton on Saturdays. With three weeks to go before the Cup games start, the League decrees that a player will not be cup-tied if he appears in the Cup for another side. Stoke field the same team for their visit to Stockport and win 6-1 with Sale scoring his fourth hat-trick in successive games and his eighth of the season so far. The leading scorers list now read: Rowley 33, Sale 28 and Dodds 26.

December 13

Franklin plays for Mould (unavailable) with

Kirton moving to left-half. Frank Soo was playing for an R.A.F. XI and either Blunt as it turned out, Frank Mountford deputising. As the second-half of the match with Stockport was to be broadcast on national radio, the kick-off was brought forward to 2.45pm. Stoke won 3-1. The League also brought forward all the Boxing Day fixtures to Christmas Day.

December 25

Stoke complete their League fixtures with a 4-3 home win over Liverpool and finish fifth in the North Regional League and runners-up in the group in which they figured (i.e. those sides that had played each other). Those positions would have improved by one place in each case had the club's goal-average been better than Manchester United's Fred Steele missed the game as he was best man at his sister's wedding.

December 27

Stoke start their War Cup games with a 4-1 win at Walsall. Steele was back in the side at inside-left with Blunt switching to left-half in place of Harrison. Sale scored yet another hat-trick. Clewlow played on the left-wing in place of Fred Basnett who was unfit.

January 3

For the home game against Walsall Basnett was looking to be fit - but wasn't! The only change was Soo for Blunt with the Northampton guest switching to inside-left in place of an unavailable Steele. The game turned out to be a landmark for the scoring prowess of Tommy Sale who netted six goals (a hat-trick in each half) as well as missing a penalty, saved at full length by Walsall's 'keeper Fred Biddlestone. Sale was now firmly established as the country's leading scorer. Despite the Wartime difficulties, Stoke completed the Loving Cup ceremony as usual.

January 10

A tougher game was in prospect for the visit of West Brom again in the War Cup. A further insight into the limitations of censorship both official and self-imposed was the news that Kirton had been 'removed' to a far more distant part of the country and was now likely to play only when on leave. Steele was still unavailable for the Albion game (as he and Kirton were required for an Army game at York) and Stoke lost the match 4-0 (their first defeat in 10 games). Edwin Blunt twisted his knee and would miss 3/4 weeks. The crowd of 7,320 was Albion's best of the season and Stoke's best away gate. Stoke seemed to lose heart in the second-half at The Hawthorns when the 4th goal went in.

January 17

Stoke won the return game with Albion by 2-1 thanks to goals by Bert Mitchell and Sale. It was a keenly fought match with Kirton, Steele, McCue and Mitchell all drafted into the side looking for revenge from the previous week. Kirton and Steele both hitch-hiked to get to The Victoria Ground from their units. Kirton arrived 30 minutes before kick-off, Steele five minutes. Liverpool were now the only side with a better record than Stoke in the War Cup. Bert Mitchell caught the eye in his first game of the season with the officials of the club saying they would redouble their efforts to ensure his availability later in the campaign. Elsewhere George Antonio was playing at, and scoring for, Wrexham whilst Peppitt, Baker and Ormston were all scorers for Linfield and Stan Glover was recovering well from an ankle injury.

January 31

Stoke entertained Chesterfield in the Cup with Franklin, Soo and Steele all notifying the club that they were available. So it turned out but Kirton, also said to be available, failed to arrive on time and missed the 2-1 win with Sale doing the honours again! The scoreline flattered Chesterfield as Stoke missed a bagful of chances in the second-half.

February 7

The game at Chesterfield was postponed and rescheduled for March 14.

February 14

Stoke announced that they may stage a game at The Victoria Ground between Birmingham and the Army, originally planned for St. Andrews. The Blues' stand had, however, burned down. If the game proceeds the Army side was likely to include six Stoke players. For the home match with Bolton, Stoke hoped to include Peppitt (on leave) but Steele and Soo's hopes of a game were dashed, the former was called into the regimental side.

Stoke won 3-1 with another hat-trick for hot-shot Sale. Off the field there was plenty of news....the directors were hopeful that Ormston may well be available for a couple of games before the end of the season; Albert Basnett was poised to sign full 'pro' forms and Bristol City were given permission to play Stanley Harrison who was now in the R.A.F.

February 21

The question of whether players were setting records by playing in War football was frequently discussed and it was really only later that war football was denied true first-class status. However, the fact that Sale had 10 hat-tricks to his credit was claimed as a

record although denied official recognition. Stoke appealed again for clothing coupons from their supporters (one from each) to supplement their dwindling stocks of kit. It was reported that in 1939 Stoke, along with other clubs, were asked to donate kit to the Forces and did so generously. The visit to Forest in the Cup saw Stoke lose 1-0 with Sale closely marked by the home defence. The crowd was reported as less than a thousand.

February 28

For the home game with Forest, Steele and Kirton were both expected although the latter didn't arrive. Stoke lost 3-1. Off the field the League allowed an extension of the War Cup Qualifying Group games to March 28 because of the number of postponements leaving Stoke with two free dates. Stoke reported that 30 clothing coupons were handed in which allowed them to purchase six pairs of boots. Albert Basnett signed full forms.

March 7

Eric Hampson was likely to be posted abroad and Eric Longland was map-making for the Army in Iceland.

March 14

The League decides there will be no games on Good Friday after an official approach from the Ministry of Labour to ensure that War work is not interrupted. The F.A. agree to extend the season to May 30th. The game at Chesterfield was not a happy occasion as Stoke lost 2-1. Herod punched a clearance onto the back of Blunt's head and the ball went into goal for Chesterfield's opener. Stoke's forwards failed to convert good opportunities. Already without one full-back (Brigham), another (McCue) failed to turn up for the game and Hamlett deputised with Blunt at right-half.

March 21

For their final Cup Qualifying game at Bolton, Stoke hoped for the return of Brigham. They were also making plans for the Cup proper where they had all but qualified for the first round. They wrote to Stan Matthews to say that they wished to avail themselves of his services (he had been playing for Blackpool). As Stoke were also uncertain of Steele and Kirton, who were only available on a week-to-week basis, they also sought the services of Eric Hayward (Blackpool) who was working locally. Soo was expected to be available and Jim Westland may also appear. The League Committee also flagged that they would be at next week's Blackpool-Stoke game to draw the First Round Proper of the War Cup, directly after the match. Stoke drew 1-1 at Bolton to assure themselves of a place in the

draw. Brigham was, indeed, back in the side as was Eric Hayward (for Kirton) and Alec Ormston (for Steele).

March 28

For the home game v. Blackpool in the Second North Regional League competition, Matthews played for the 'Seasiders' and helped them win 4-0! Soo played (John Jackson had been on stand by all week to deputise). It was revealed that during the week Matthews had visited The Victoria Ground in an effort to sort out his Cup commitments. The biggest problem seemed to be his release from the R.A.F.

April 4

Easter weekend saw the First Round Proper of the War Cup with Stoke facing West Brom at home on the Saturday and away at the Hawthorns on Easter Monday. Matthews was unavailable for the games. The Stoke directors announced that at Blackpool the previous week they had tried to thrash matters out with the League Management Committee and thought they had made progress. They selected him to play only to find that the R.A.F. declined to give their permission because of travel restrictions.

Joe Johnson was in the Albion side, but Stoke won 5-3 with Sale netting two (including his 50th goal of the season).

April 6

Stoke made just one change (Kirton for Hayward) for the second leg at The Hawthorns. However, Stoke lost their way and the match by 6-1, Sale scoring again in front of a 13,864 crowd.

April 11

After their exit from the Cup Stoke now had some blank Saturdays to fill. Birmingham and Preston both offered them games although Preston can only play at home and of bomb damage at St. Andrews, Blues can only play away. Stoke lose 1-0 at Walsall with the attack firing blanks. For this game Mould was at centre-half with Franklin moving over to left-half while Mountford replaced Jim Westland in attack.

April 18

There were reports of Stoke players doing well elsewhere: Soo was playing (and scoring) for Millwall; Peppitt and Ormston were on the scoresheet for Linfield and along with Baker and Mould were in the Irish Cup Final, and Doug Westland was reported to be in top form for Derry City. For the League visit of Walsall, Brigham was ill and Glover came in at right-back. Franklin and Harry Griffiths were in the half-back line - but Stoke's poor form continued and they lost 3-2.

April 25

The Stoke officials completed their fixture arrangements for the rest of the season with two games against Northampton, leaving on May 15th blank. Brigham was again in the news....whilst he missed the visit to Chester due to a family illness, he was selected for the Football League XI against the Western Command. Stoke's travelling problems intensified for that trip to Chester. They went by train and arrived at Chester station only to realise there was no transport to take them to the ground. The players had to walk two miles and needless to say arrived late. Fred Basnett was taken ill on the journey but had to play anyway as there was no reserve. Stoke fielded Emlyn Williams, the Preston full-back, and Eric Hampson, who was on leave. They won 4-2 after initially going one down. Basnett scored despite his difficulties.

May 2

Stoke players were in the representative news with Frank Soo selected to play for England against Wales the following Saturday and Jock Kirton chosen for a Scottish Army XI. This was a particular honour for Soo who had regularly appeared in R.A.F. XIs during the War. For the home game with Chester both were expected to be available with McCue on partner Williams. Stoke shared the honours 2-2 with both goals coming from Bobby Liddle.

May 9

During the week Stoke and Port Vale drew 2-2 in the Sentinel Cup Final at Vale's Hanley ground. Stoke visited Preston without Soo (on England duty) and with Basnett and Kirton unavailable. Steele was at centre-forward and it was Liddle who again scored both goals in a 2-1 win.

May 16

Herod and Franklin played for Wrexham and Soo for Everton.

May 23

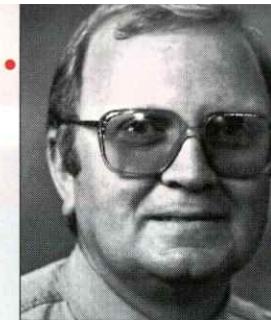
A horror show for the 'Potters'....Northampton Town 10 (TEN) Stoke City 0. Longland, Steele and Kirton were all on home leave and played.

May 25 (Monday)

Stoke lose 2-1 in a friendly at Derby.

May 30

For the return game with Northampton, Stoke made changes in every department except goal and ran out winners by 3-2 to wrap up an eventful season.



• 1993-94 CITY STATISTICS •

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA	ATT	PTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	REF	
Aug. 14	Millwall	H	* 1-2	18,766	0	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Harbey	Overson	Lowe	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Bannister	Gleghorn	Gynn (7 s)	Carruthers (10s)	Muggleton	J. A. Kirby
18	Mansfield T. (CCC1/1)	H	2-2	8,976	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Kevan	Overson	Lowe	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn 1	Gynn (8 s)	Carruthers 1 (10s)	Muggleton	D. B. Allison
21	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-1	11,328	1	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Lowe	Williams	Foley	Stein 1	Regis	Gleghorn	Orlygsson (6 s)	Carruthers (10s)	Muggleton	J. Watson
24	Mansfield T. (CCC1/2)	A	3-1*	4,214	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Lowe	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein 2	Regis 1	Gleghorn	Gynn (5 s)	Carruthers	Muggleton	T. Holbrook
28	West Brom. Albion	H	1-0	17,948	4	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Lowe	Gynn	Foley	Stein 1	Regis	Gleghorn	Orlygsson (8 s)	Carruthers (6s)	Muggleton	J. Lloyd
31	Wolverhampton (A/C)	A	3-3	9,092	-	Muggleton	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein	Carruthers 2	Gleghorn 1	Shaw (10 s)	Kevan (5s)	Prudhoe	J. Worrall
Sept. 4	Portsmouth	A	3-3	12,552	5	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Williams	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein 2	Regis 1	Gleghorn	Carruthers (6s)	Lowe (5s)	Muggleton	R. Groves
7	Birmingham City (A/C)	H	2-0	8,633	-	Muggleton	Butler	Sandford	Cranson1	Harbey	Lowe	Gynn	Foley	Stein 1p	Regis	Gleghorn	Kelly (6s)	Carruthers (9s)	Prudhoe	K. Hackett
11	Tranmere Rovers	H	+1-2	17,296	5	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Orlygsson	Kevan	Gynn	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Bannister (2s)	Carruthers (10s)	Muggleton	P. Jones
14	Middlesbrough	A	2-1	13,189	8	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Harbey	Orlygsson	Carruthers 1	Foley 1	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Lowe (9s)	Kevan	Muggleton	R. Poulain
19	Nottingham Forest	A	3-2	20,843	11	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Orlygsson	Carruthers 1	Foley 1	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Carruthers (9s)	Lowe (9s)	Muggleton	K. Lupton	
22	Man.Utd. (CCC) Rd 2(1)	H	2-1	23,327	-	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein 2,1p	Regis 1	Gleghorn	Carruthers	Orlygsson (9s)	Muggleton	Man.Utd. (CCC) Rd 2(1)	
25	Southend United	H	0-1	16,145	11	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein 1	Regis	Gleghorn	Sturridge (7s)	Lowe (3s)	Muggleton	K. Leach	
Oct. 2	Crystal Palace	A	1-4	12,880	11	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Shaw (7s)	Sturridge (8s)	Muggleton	R. Bigger	
7	Man.Utd. (CCC) Rd 2(2)	A	0-2	41,387	-	Muggleton	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Kevan	Carruthers (10s)	Prudhoe	D. Elleray	
10	Oxford United	A	0-1	6,489	11	Muggleton	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Bannister (7s)	Carruthers (7s)	Prudhoe	P. Wolstenholme	
13	Cosenza (A/C)	H	2-1	5,183	-	Prudhoe	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson 1	Sturridge	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (11s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
16	Grimsby Town	H	1-0	14,696	14	Muggleton	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sandford (6s)	Butler (10s)	Prudhoe	P. Harrison	
23	Wolverhampton Wds.	A	1-1	20,421	15	Muggleton	Clarkson	Cowan	Cranson	Orlygsson	Foley	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sturridge	Gleghorn (8s)	Prudhoe	R. Gifford	
30	Barnsley	H	=5-4	14,674	18	Muggleton	Butler	Cowan	Cranson	Overson 1	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Bannister (8s)	Gynn	Prudhoe	T. Lunt	
Nov. 3	Sunderland	H	1-0	13,551	21	Muggleton	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sturridge	Gleghorn (11s)	Prudhoe	G. Willard	
6	Watford	A	3-1	7,767	24	Muggleton	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (11s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	G. Willard	
10	Fiorentina (A/C)	H	0-0	8,616	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sandford (6s)	Butler (10s)	Prudhoe	P. Wolstenholme	
14	Leicester City	H	1-0	15,984	27	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sandford (6s)	Butler (10s)	Prudhoe	P. Harrison	
17	Padova (A/C)	A	0-3	1,500	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sturridge	Gleghorn (8s)	Prudhoe	R. Gifford	
20	Notts County	A	0-2	9,815	27	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Bannister (8s)	Gynn	Prudhoe	T. Lunt	
27	Luton Town	A	\$2-6	7,384	27	Marshall	Butler	Sandford	Ware	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Sturridge	Gleghorn (8s)	Prudhoe	G. Willard	
Dec. 4	Watford	H	2-0	13,465	30	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (11s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
11	Middlesbrough	H	3-1	13,777	33	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 2	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (6s)	Bannister	Sinclair	E. Parker	
19	Millwall	A	0-2	8,930	33	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 2	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Bannister (8s)	Sinclair, Lowe, Kevan, Clarkson	R. Hart	E. Parker	
22	Pescara (A/C)	A	1-2	1,850	-	Marshall	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn	Bannister (7s)	Sinclair	K. Lynch	
26	Birmingham City	H	2-1	16,584	36	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford 1	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (8s)	Bannister (8s)	Sinclair	K. Cooper	
29	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2	8,416	36	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (6s)	Bannister	Sinclair	R. Bigger	
Jan. 1	Derby County	H	2-1	20,307	39	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley 1	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
3	Bristol City	A	0-0	11,132	40	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
8	Bath City (FAC 3)	H	0-0	14,159	-	Marshall	Clarkson	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
15	Grimsby Town	A	0-0	8,577	41	Marshall	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
18	Bath City (FAC 3 R)	A	4-1	6,213	-	Marshall	Butler	Sandford	Cranson1	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
22	Oxford United	H	1-1	14,689	42	Marshall	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
29	Oldham A (FAC 4)	A	0-0	14,465	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
Feb. 5	Wolverhampton Wds.	H	1-1	22,579	43	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson 1	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
9	Oldham A. (FAC 4R)	H	0-1	19,871	-	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
12	Barnsley	A	0-3	7,561	43	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
19	Peterborough United	A	1-1	7,428	44	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
23	Boil顿 Wanderers	H	2-0	14,257	47	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
26	Portsmouth	H	2-0	14,506	50	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1p	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
Mar. 5	West Brom. Albion	A	0-0	16,060	51	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1p	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
12	Nottingham Forest	H	0-1	20,550	51	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
15	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-2	6,346	51	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
19	Southend United	A	0-0	4,542	52	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Gynn	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
26	Crystal Palace	H	0-2	18,071	52	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Adams	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
30	Bristol City	H	3-0	13,208	55	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Adams	Orlygsson 2	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
Apr. 2	Birmingham City	A	1-3	13,568	55	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Adams	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
4	Charlton Athletic	H	1-0	13,569	58	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson 1	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
9	Derby County	A	2-4	16,593	58	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
13	Peterborough Utd.	H	3-0	10,181	61	Prudhoe	Butler	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Foley	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn	Gynn (10s)	Foley, Ware (9s), Bannister, Muggleton, V. Fucc	Prudhoe	J. Key	
16	Sunderland	A	1-0	17,406	64	Prudhoe	Clark	Sandford	Cranson	Overson	Orlygsson	Gynn	Stein	Regis	Gleghorn					

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• AWAY THE POTTERS

Season's Snippets

Excellent finale to the season at Filbert Street with a magnificent away following backing the team. Unfortunately the point was not enough to place us into the play-offs places even if today's results go our way. Nice to see Joe and the players come over to the fans to acknowledge their tremendous support. For the record, 3 Executive and 8 Standard coaches made the trip for the Travel Club.

A word of thanks to the Stoke fans who made the trip to the City Ground Nottingham to support the Youth Team against Forest last Monday. Their efforts were rewarded with a sterling performance enabling the lads to return home with a 1-0 victory setting up a grand-stand finish to the season with the second leg at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday 11th May (7.00pm) for the Midland Purity Youth League Cup.

Former team-coach driver Denis Durber sends his best wishes to all friends and acquaintances at Stoke City. Denis took early retirement due to ill-health from Bostocks Coaches but looked well when I met him last week. The Durber Dynasty live on, of course, with son Dave now the regular Stoke City team driver and other son Cliff a regular driver of our supporters coaches.

The past season has again

proved extremely busy for the Travel Club. For all fixtures including Coca-Cola and F.A. Cup away ties, 5,520 miles have been covered. Add to this a further 6,000 miles for the two Anglo-Italian away fixtures and some of you will have journeyed half way around the world this season in support of your team. Longest U.K. distance was 408 mile round trip to Portsmouth and the shortest the 68 miles to Wolves and Derby. Next season we lose once more Palace and Forest but will be visiting the County Ground at Swindon and possibly Goodison Park and or White Hart Lane. Coming up from the Second Division are Reading and possibly Plymouth Argyle - the other two contenders shall remain nameless. It is also farewell to Peterboro' and maybe Oxford United and Birmingham City.

Next season will see further stadium re-development in the Endsleigh League. The Smethwick End at West Brom is due for completion and reconstruction at St Andrews, Birmingham, has already commenced on two sides of the ground. The Jack Harris stand (formerly the South Bank) at Milineux is now in use, completing the re development at Wolves.

One glaring omission from the otherwise magnificent Carling Stand at Leicester City was the lack of a disabled facility with

wheelchair bound fans having to be situated on the running track alongside the pitch.

Anyone wishing to take in some close-season football can travel down to Wembley on the Supporters Club Executive travel excursion for the England v Norway game on Sunday 22 May. Contact Ken Marek on 0782 812388 (evenings only please).

The 1994-95 season opens on Saturday 13 August 1994. In the meantime - enjoy the summer!

John Lawson.

John Clarke Testamontial Game

**Dundee United v.
Stoke City
Saturday 6th August
1994 3.00pm Kick Off**

We are looking to run executive coaches (with a stop) for this game. At the moment we have enough bookings to run one coach, please contact the Promotions Department as soon as possible if you are interested in the above trip.

For the 650 mile journey coaches would have to leave at approximately 6.00am and return to the Victoria Ground at around midnight.

The cost is £15 for adults £10 for children. (Match still to be confirmed)

**LOOKING AHEAD
TO '94-95.....**

Well we shall be watching First Division football once more at The Victoria Ground next season when the likes of relegated Swindon Town and promoted Reading, along with the familiar names of Middlesbrough, Charlton Athletic, Sunderland, Bristol City, Portsmouth, Grimsby Town, Southend United and Bolton Wanderers will be visiting the Potteries.

Those whose fates have yet to be decided for 1994-95 include Southampton, Oldham Athletic, Everton and Sheffield United, all of whom are still hoping to be in the Premiership; Tranmere Rovers, Derby County, Leicester City, and Millwall who are seeking to climb up into the top grade and Plymouth Argyle, our neighbours Port Vale, Stockport County, Burnley and York City who are hopeful of getting promotion from Division Two.

The new season is scheduled to start on Saturday 13th August with the annual F.A. Charity Shield taking place at Wembley the week before.

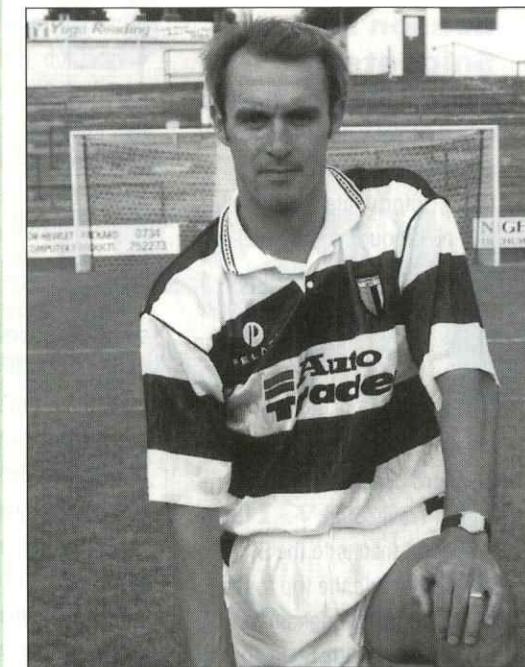
Stoke City could well be away from home on the opening day of the new campaign - remember we started this season by playing hosts to Millwall.

Over the Christmas period it is anticipated that we shall be away on Boxing Day (which falls on a Monday) and also away on the New Year Bank Holiday as well as Easter Monday, although occasionally clubs do get similar home fixtures season after season.

We are, of course, all now looking forward to the summer break when hopefully the sun will shine brightly throughout - at home and abroad - and when the 1994-95 season starts up again in August everyone will be as keen as they were last year to get back into the routine of attending Stoke City's home matches here at The Victoria Ground.

The support this term has again be excellent with home gates averaging around the 16,000 mark - only Nottingham Forest, Wolves, Crystal Palace, Sunderland, West Bromwich Albion, Derby County and Leicester City have had better turnouts - and it is clear that a winning team will certainly attract large crowds. So let's hope that come August the players (and management) are all geared up to launch another serious charge at trying to win promotion to the FA Carling Premiership.

It's been ten years since we last played in the top flight - and with the new book 'The Encyclopaedia of Stoke City F.C.' due out before Christmas, it would be great if the 'Potters' could get back amongst the elite to celebrate the occasion.



Jimmy Quinn (Reading)



Steve White (Swindon)

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SEASON SUMMARY

I suspect that, if they were being honest to themselves, most Stoke supporters would have been willing to settle for a respectable position in the top half of the First Division this season. A consolidation following last year's Second division Championship win, hopefully helping to provide a firm foundation for a full-blooded assault on the promotion places next term.

Well, that's just what we've had! Despite losing a manager, and top striker, bringing in a new manager and the upheaval that causes, plus recent back-room speculation, City will finish in the top ten. Two cracking games (Notts County & Leicester) recently have shown promise for just what the 'Potters' can do next season! We hope that we will see you all then!

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The Stoke City Southern Supporters' Club was formed in 1968 to keep exiled Stokies in touch with the football club. Now 26 years old the SCSSC boasts 500+ members from more than 10 different countries. Membership of the club entitles supporters to a Potters Monthly, their official magazine. Running from 40 to 48 pages this 'mag' is produced 10 times throughout the season.

With a full-time cartoonist now employed (free of charge - as he's a Stokie too!) the magazine has a professional look and the reading material covers such regular features as 'City Chat' - vital if you live in 'Stoke free' areas outside of the Potteries; a regular monthly column from the club president, ooh Georgie Berry; 'Where Are They Now?' - news of former Stokies, the most obscure of which was that Mrs. John Devine is now dating a certain Van Morrison (not the Dutch international or vehicle hire Co. but the musician who has the ability to fill Wembley with cardigans at a stroke); 'Potters Diary' - info called from all points around the globe in a daily format; a regular player interview - April's issue told of the rise and rise of Graham 'Junior' Potter; regular humorous

articles - April's included a translation from the original Norwegian Comic Strip 'Ray of the Fjords'; match reports, information of forthcoming fixtures and a regular drinking column - Hogshead reviewing where to get the best real ale from when visiting the next ground where the Potters are due to play.

Next season's guide may include a regular eating feature - where to get the best Balti etc.! - plus P.M.'s very own World of Sport, an A-Z of inferior sports nowhere near as good as football, along with regular reviews, letters etc. In fact, everything that the exiled Stoke City fan could ever want and need.

For a sample copy and details of next year's subscription, please write to me, enclosing four first-class stamps: Julian Boodell, 13 Glenhurst, 52 Foxgrove Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2DB (Tel. 081 658 4050).

NB - I am always on the look out for old Stoke City programmes etc, especially pre 1955. Good prices paid.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Stoke City Southern Supporters Club 'Player of the Year' award, who after a very hard fought contest, is defender Ian Cranson. Not surprisingly it was Toddy Orlygsson who was a close second. Gary Bannister even polled a vote from one Scandinavian based fan who chose him as he is the only Stoke player who has been sent off this season! Nice one Lars!



INTRODUCING THE "HATTERS"



Luton Town, our final League opponents for this season, have had a mixed campaign - but last Tuesday night they secured their First Division status for another season by beating West Bromwich Albion 3-2 at Kenilworth Road.

Manager David Pleat has done a good job at Luton, taking them into the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, and he will surely be hoping to hold onto his quality players, anticipating that next season could be a far better one for the 'Hatters'. We shall see.

The players who have given the Kenilworth Road club excellent service this term are as follows:-

Goalkeepers Juergen Sommer and Andy

Pettersen are both foreigners and both aged 24. The former was born in New York, stands 6ft. 5ins tall, weighs over 16 stone and joined Luton in 1991 from Indiana University, while

Pettersen comes from Freemantle in Australia. He's 6ft. 2ins. tall, weighs 13 stone and spent some time with Swindon and Ipswich,

before making his debut for Luton two years ago. Defensive king-pin **John Dreyer**, ex-Oxford, cost £140,000 in 1988 and the experienced

Trevor Peake, his partner at the back, was signed from Coventry City for £100,000 in 1991. Full-back **Des Linton**, 22, was bought from Leicester three years whereas his partner,

Julian James (23) has England Under 21 caps to his credit.

Richard Harvey (24) a former England Youth international; **Mary Johnson** (also 24), the fans' favourite player and young **David Greene** (19) are three other defenders with talent.

Midfield grafters **David Preece**, secured from Walsall for £150,000 in 1984, has been capped by England at Under 21 and 'B' team levels and played over 130 games for the 'Saddlers'. Experienced 'Scouser' **Alan Harper** has been around a bit, serving in the past with Liverpool, Everton (two spells), Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City, failing to get a game at Anfield. He can play in midfield or defence.

Trevor Peake



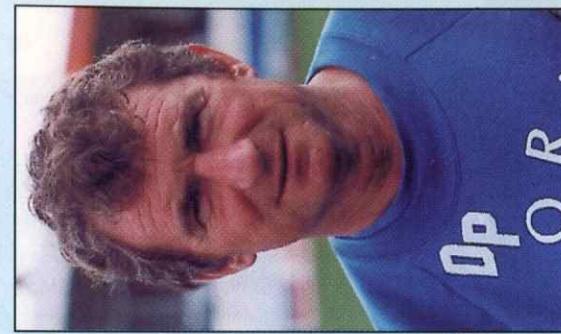
Ceri Hughes, 22, who has represented Wales at three different levels and Scotsman **Paul Telfer** (21) who earned an U/21 call-up, assist in centre-field, along with **Neil Ryan** (18) the son of ex-Luton winger and manager, **Jim Ryan**.

Midfield-attacker **Scott Oakes** (21) the son of a member of the pop group, Showaddywaddy, was signed from Leicester in 1991 in a player/exchange deal. He had a successful time with the England U/21's in Toulon in June 1992, and was a hat-trick hero in Luton's superb F.A. Cup win over West Ham earlier this year.

Kerry Dixon, the former England international striker, has scored over 200 goals in a career which has seen him play for Reading (1980-84), Chelsea, Southampton and Luton, whom he joined earlier this season.

Forward **John Hartson** (18) has deputised for **Dixon** in attack; **Tony Thorpe** (18) arrived from Leicester with midfielder **Martin Williams** after spending some time in Finland while **Scott Houghton** (22) joined Luton soon after the start of this season on a performance-related transfer from Tottenham.

M A N A G E R



DAVID PLEAT began his career at Nottingham Forest for whom he had only a few games before joining Luton in 1964. Three years later he went to Shrewsbury and later served with Exeter and Peterborough, retiring in 1971. In 1974 he returned to Luton as coach and after managing Nunheath he took over at Kenilworth Road in 1978. Eight years later he went to Spurs, then to Leicester, returning to Luton for a third time in June 1991.

Scott Oakes



SID OWEN

Centre-half Sid Owen played in more than 400 League and Cup games for Luton Town between 1947 and 1959. In the game today he would be described by his fellow professionals as a 'player's player' always giving a sound performance in the No.5 shirt, hardly ever committing a bad foul, a true sportsman in every sense of the word. Sid started his career with Birmingham City towards the end of the Second World War and was transferred to Luton in June 1947. Capped three times by England he was voted 'Footballer of the Year' in the same season he skippered the Hatters to the F.A. Cup Final (1959). He retired in the summer after his Wembley appearance to take over as manager at Kenilworth Road (1959-60).

DO YOU REMEMBER? . . .

PAST ENCOUNTERS

There have been 23 previous League games between the 'Potters' and the 'Hatters' and at the moment we have slightly the better overall record with one more win under our belts than our visitors. These are the results of those previous meetings (Stoke's score given first in each case)...

Season	H	A
1953-54	1-1	1-0
1954-55	0-0	1-3
1960-61	3-0	1-4
1961-62	2-1	0-0
1962-63	2-0	0-0
1974-75	4-2	0-0
1977-78	0-0	2-1
1978-79	0-0	0-0
1982-83	4-4	0-0
1983-84	2-4	1-0
1984-85	0-4	0-2
1993-94	—	2-6

Summary:

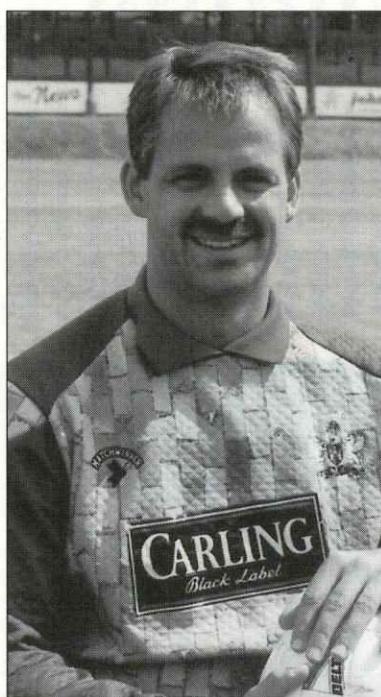
Stoke have seven wins to their credit, Luton six, with 10 draws including eight goalless. A total of 58 goals have been scored in the previous 23 tussles and bearing in mind that almost a third of these matches failed to produce a goal, that gives an average of almost four per game when goals have materialised.

As you can see Luton have scored four goals in each of their last three visits to The Victoria Ground!

Stoke City-Luton Town fixtures have created a number of high points in the games played over the last 40 years. Perhaps most symbolic was the contest staged here at The Victoria Ground on 18th May 1963, this being Stoke's last home game of a season



Mark Stein



Peter Fox

that had been extended because of the ferocious winter.

Stoke needed to win to be promoted and that is just what they achieved. On a watered surface to slow down the Luton team, the Stoke side inspired by Stanley Matthews, Jackie Mudie and Jimmy McIlroy set about the task and goals from Mudie and Mattjhews saw us home 2-0 to herald one of the best pitch invasions ever seen at Stoke! The Stoke team, led by skipper Eddie Stuart, took a well deserved salute from the front of the directors' box and Stoke were duly crowned Second Division champions.

More recently one of the finest games seen at The Victoria Ground was that 4-4 draw in season 1982-83.

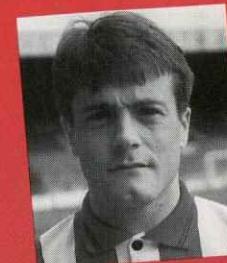
Peter Fox was sent-off and Stoke, down to 10 men, produced one of their most rugged displays, the highlights being the pace and crosses of Mark Chamberlain who on the day was at his best. David Pleat was in charge of Luton at that time and his experienced side gave everything they had to sneak a victory, but Stoke came bouncing back every time to earn a draw.

Mark Stein (pictured here) and many of his brothers, emerged through the youth ranks of Kenilworth Road. In season 1987-88 Mark was top scorer in League games at Luton with a total of 11. It was a golden year for the 'Hatters' with Stein helping them to Wembley twice in the Simod Cup (lost 4-1 to Reading) and in the League Cup (beat favourites Arsenal 2-1).

Incidentally, such was the shirt numbering at Luton that term that on Stein's back was the number '5'! Earlier this season Stoke forego a two-goal lead at Kenilworth Road and crashed to a disastrous 6-2 defeat on Gordon Marshall's debut day!

Today's teams

STOKE CITY



Micky Adams

Red & white striped shirts,
white shorts

1 MARK PRUDHOE
2 JOHN BUTLER
3 LEE SANDFORD
4 IAN CRANSON
5 VINCE OVERSON
6 TODDY ORLYGSSON
7 MICKY GYNN
8 WAYNE BIGGINS
9 DAVE REGIS
10 MICKY ADAMS
11 MARK WALTERS
12 GARY BANNISTER
14 NIGEL GLETHON
GK PAUL STRANEY

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Mr. J. M. Key (Sheffield)

John Key is an electrical clerk of works, married with a grown up family. He started refereeing in Rotherham 24 years ago and progressed through County Senior and Yorkshire Leagues, the N.P.L. to reach the full Football League List in 1981. He has taken charge of two matches at Wembley and does fitness training at Body-Tec in Rotherham. His hobbies include picture framing.

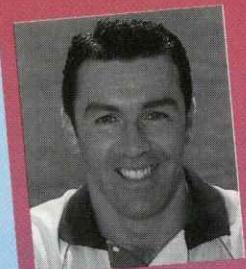
Linesmen: **Mr. J. Barlow (red trim flag) & Mr. B. Bello (yellow/red trim flag).**

Reserve Official: **Mr. C. T. Nicholls (Walsall)**

LUTON TOWN

White shirts, blue trimmings, blue shorts

From
JUERGEN SOMMER (GK) 13
DES LINTON 19
ALAN HARPER 27
JULIAN JAMES 4
TREVOR PEAKE 5
JOHN DREYER 6
PAUL TELFER 7
SCOTT OAKES 8
DAVID PREECE 10
CERI HUGHES 12
JOHN HARTSON 14
TONY THORPE 15
DAVID GREENE 11
SCOTT HOUGHTON 26
MITCHELL THOMAS 30
ANDY PETTERSON (GK) 1



John Dreyer

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