

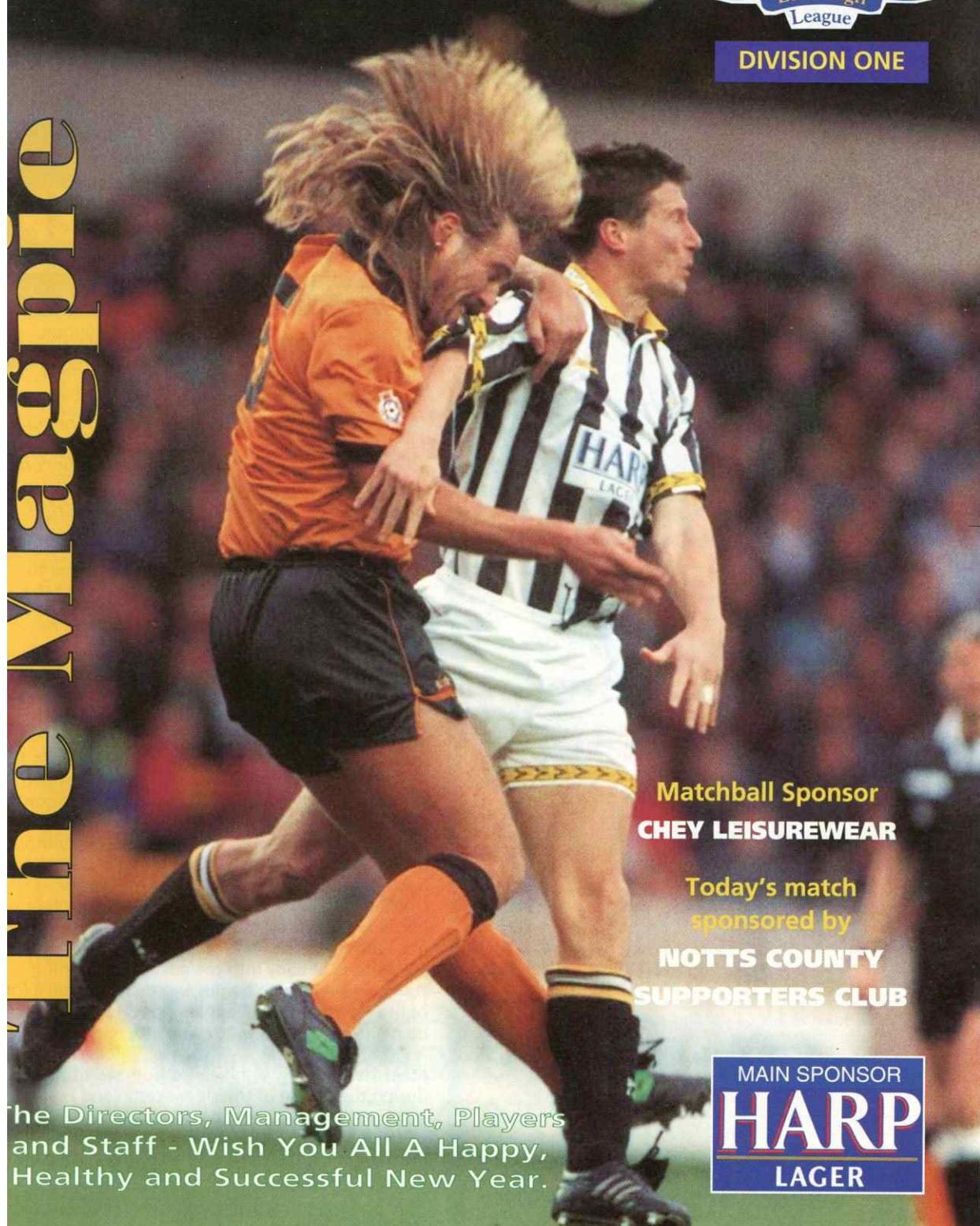
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GARY LUND... battles with Wolves' Dutch international John De Wolf at Molineux.



On the RECORD

By NEAL HOOK

ONE way or another, I'm pleased to see the back of 1994 and I confidently expect things to get better over the next 12 months.

In fact, I'm going to make a couple of predictions which you may think are outrageous ...

- *On condition that everyone pulls together on and off the field - and that's very important - I believe we will eventually fight our way clear of relegation.*
- *And this time next year, we will be poised to mount a genuine challenge to win a place in the Premiership.*

No doubt my post-bag will be much heavier than normal over the next few days because I can well imagine that many supporters must be thinking I've had a drop too much of the Christmas spirit.

But my feeling is that if you fed everything that's happened at Meadow Lane over the past 12 months into a computer and asked it to plot our future, it would tell us this club has every reason to be optimistic.

The most significant event during 1994, without doubt, was the building of a new Main Stand and it was inevitable that it would dominate our thinking and, let's remember, we had to replace our old Main Stand for the safety and comfort of our supporters.

We were already into the advanced planning stage when the year began and there are still a lot of little jobs which have to be done - and bills to be paid - before it is fully complete.

No other club has ever attempted to build a Main Stand of any significance from start to finish during the course of the close-season and I cannot imagine that it will ever be done again.

It was an incredible feat and of course it gives me a lot of satisfaction to be able to say: "We did it".

If I'm honest though, I have to say that it was a nightmare year from my point of view and the pressures that we've had to contend with must have had an influence on other areas of the club.

Every day for months just seemed to be one problem after another. For example, fresh accommodation had to be found for most departments of the club while the stand was being built. That sounds simple enough but I can't begin to tell you what troubles that caused.

Please understand that I'm not looking for excuses because they won't get us away from the bottom of the First Division. We are where we are because we got it wrong somewhere along the line.

We were determined not to allow the stand development to affect other aspects of day to day life at Meadow Lane but maybe that was asking the impossible.

Such a major project was bound to dominate our attention and simply because there were not enough hours in a day and not enough energy to go around, it was inevitable that some things were done at the expense of others.

Anyway, we now have a stadium to be proud of and as the chairman regularly pointed out while the task of totally redeveloping the ground was underway, once it was complete our full attention would be devoted to the team.

You don't need me to tell you that things have not exactly gone according to plan on the field but having said that, it's important to remember that we were only one place away from a play-off spot last season and did get to the Final of the Anglo-Italian Cup.

A Meadow Lane meeting with Luton Town automatically brings back memories of the days when we rubbed shoulders with the best in the country.

It was here, of course, in May 1992 that we both made our farewell appearances in the top flight and since then, we've both been through our share of upheaval.

Patience was seen to be a virtue at Kenilworth Road while experience and now, as they strive to mount a promotion challenge, their transitional period seems to be almost over.

We're still in the middle of ours, it seems. But a New Year 1995 the year when the proud Magpie begins to soar again.

Whether the Stand is to blame for the fact that we failed to build on those achievements on the

"It was inevitable the Stand would dominate our thinking"

field, no one will ever know. But there's nothing to be gained from thinking in those terms.

All that matters is where we go from here and now that we've had chance to catch our breath and recover from the considerable exertions of the summer, I'm confident that we will start moving forward again in 1995.

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TIME FOR A SHARP EXIT



WE'VE had an interesting couple of matches against the "form" team of the First Division and the runaway leaders and now it's the turn of Luton Town to provide our opposition - the side with the best away record in our league.

It's a daunting prospect, especially in our current situation, but as we showed at Ayresome Park on Wednesday, we have nothing to fear from anyone in this division.

As the loyalists who made the trip to Middlesbrough will tell you, it was inconceivable that there was the length of the league between the two clubs.

In fact, there were long periods of the game when we were the better side and make no mistake about it, there's no way we will be relegated if we play like that in all our remaining games.

We were back to the standards we produced during a five-match spell before the depressing home defeat by Portsmouth - a spell which gave us genuine hope that things were on the mend.

It's stating the obvious to say that the two home defeats by Portsmouth and Millwall were a major setback to our recovery plans and there's no point in trying to make excuses.

In both cases, I felt they came to Meadow Lane content to sit back and hit us on the break and we simply didn't have enough imagination to break them down.

In situations like that, you have to be prepared to grind out a result and make sure that if you can't win the game, you certainly don't lose it.

But we let ourselves down badly - as you were quick to tell us - and I didn't feel that certain individuals did enough to try and recover the situation once we fell behind against Millwall.

You could almost see the confidence - what bit they had left - drain out of the players when Dave Mitchell scored but they cannot afford to let that happen.

We've spoken about it at length and the response was clear at Middlesbrough - where they were much more prepared to take setbacks in their stride.

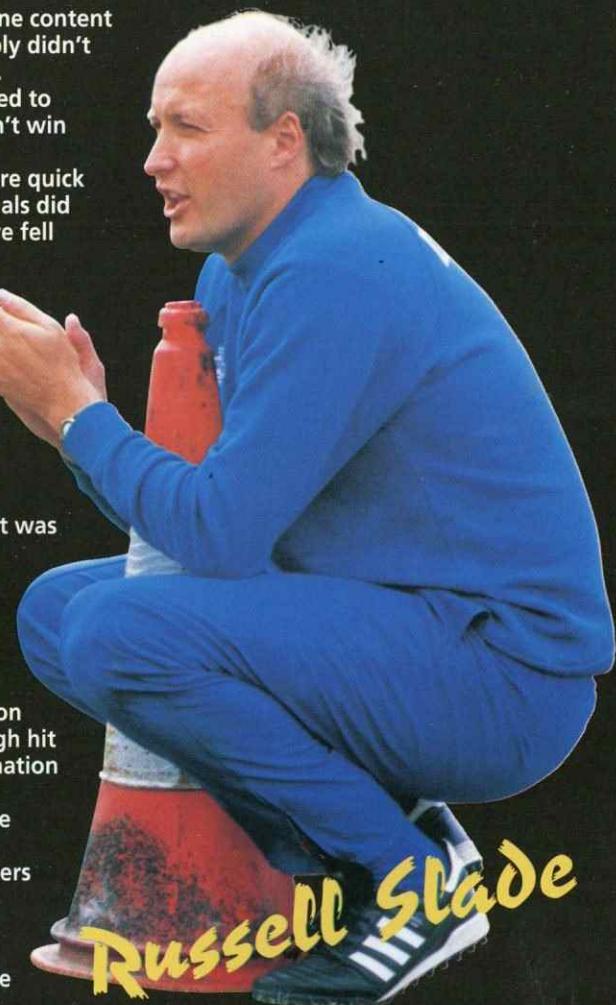
The way he's been playing in recent weeks, it was a big blow to have to go into action without Dean Yates and having made it clear that we were not going to lie down for Bryan Robson's side, we then lost Tony Agana though injury.

It was the sort of situation where we had cause to feel sorry for ourselves. But our reaction was to score a goal and although Middlesbrough hit back swiftly, we stuck at it with great determination and were never out of contention.

Despite what people might think, I can assure you that we certainly haven't conceded that relegation is inevitable and I just hope the players underline that this afternoon by continuing where they left off against Middlesbrough.

On behalf of everyone in the dressing room ...thanks very much for your support and I hope you have a happy and healthy New Year.

"There's no point in trying to make excuses"



A welcome break for John and Karen

THE CHRISTMAS and New Year period is the most hectic of the season busy for most people in football... but it's a time of some peace and tranquility for youth team coach John Gaunt.

With many of the young trainees going home to spend part of the holiday with their families, the youth hostel which is run by John and his

wife Karen is a deserted place.

And although there's still plenty to be done, it does give the Gaunts a little bit of a break and the chance to spend some time at their home in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

"It's important that the younger lads have an opportunity to go home for a few days at this time of the year and be with their families because

we don't want them feeling homesick at a vital stage of their development," explained John.

"In that respect, we're lucky because it eases the workload on Karen and myself and means we get a chance to have some time with our own families, which, of course, for a lot of people in this business isn't the case at Christmas.

"Not that running the

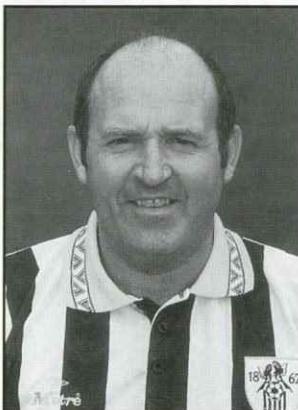
THINGS THEY SAID...

"I sincerely hope County get out of trouble and from what I saw of them in my month at Meadow Lane, I'm sure they will. Nevertheless, it was good to come back and play well. We stopped County doing what they're good at and my inside information helped."

Recent loan signing **RAY DANIEL** on his winning return with Portsmouth.

"Jim Smith has just told me that the Portsmouth supporters booed him and his Directors after their last match, but now they're singing their praises. That's how it is in this business."

RUSSELL SLADE on the reaction of some supporters to the



JOHN GAUNT... a chance to relax.

hostel presents any major problems, because even though we have about 14 lads staying here, they mix very well and the place runs smoothly."

He added: "We have a rota for all the chores that need to be done at the ground throughout the season, but we tend to work it out so that the lads who still live at home are on duty over this period, even though they get some time off as well."

"We deliberately organise it so that there's a break in the fixtures at this time because it's important for the lads to get away from football for a few days and re-charge the batteries."

John and his wife value the chance to go back home themselves to Sutton-in-Ashfield and spend some time with their own families, saying: "There aren't an awful lot of other chances over the course of the season, and so this gives a chance to catch up one or two things."

"Having said that, the house is in good hands and is well looked after when we're not around, so we do actually get the opportunity to relax.

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disappointing defeat inflicted by Portsmouth.

"The boy has a lot of talent, but there's much more to winning matches than just that. He didn't do what I wanted him to do so I took him off. We were down to 10 men and he should have used the ball more intelligently and never stopped running. He'll have to learn."

Portsmouth boss **JIM SMITH** on his decision to replace substitute Paul Hall with Alan McLoughlin after only nine minutes on the pitch.

"Every game's going to be like a battle for us because we need the points so desperately, so it isn't going to be the prettiest of stuff and it could get frustrating at times. But we've fought well over the last couple of months and if we continue to do that, we should be okay."

Goalkeeper **STEVE CHERRY** - assessing the struggle for survival that lies ahead.

Make someone happy? It didn't work for Wayne

WITH the birth of mobile telephones, communication has improved out of all recognition because people are so much more accessible these days.



PAUL COX... couldn't be raised.

That may well be true where most people are concerned but as assistant-manager Wayne Jones discovered last week, mobile phones can also be a source of immense frustration.

After Paul Cox had impressed while playing for the Reserves at Rotherham, Hull City asked if they could take the young defender on a month's loan and Russell Slade agreed.

It was then a matter of explaining the situation to Paul and asking him to make contact with City boss Terry Dolan, so that he could be registered in time to play in the promotion clash with Oxford United.

That all seemed straight-forward enough but Wayne explained: "The Reserves were given the day off after the game at Rotherham and although Paul is not on the telephone at home, he does have a mobile.

"That was switched off when I first started to call him on the Wednesday morning but I wasn't concerned because I assumed he was just having a lay-in after the game.

"But it got to the stage where I was ringing him every 10 minutes. It seemed to dominate my entire day... and I never did raise him!"

Hull's interest was eventually relayed to Paul when he reported for training the following morning and the young central defender, who is anxious to get his career moving again after a succession of injury problems, set off immediately for Boothferry Park.



DEAN THOMAS... still positive.

Still smiling... but it's not easy

DEAN THOMAS has always managed to strike an optimistic note to lift any descending gloom but that cheerful exterior has been stretched to breaking point recently.

Our former skipper suffered another setback in his long battle to overcome a serious knee ligament injury, one which has now involved three major operations.

It would have been easy for him then to spend the festive period feeling sorry for himself.

Far from it though. As hard as it might have seemed, Dean still managed to look at this latest blow and the prolonged lay-off in a positive light.

"I don't want people feeling sorry for me," he said. "I've just got to keep my head up, be positive and look forward to when I can start playing again."

Dean, who had surgery to clean out the joint and shave away some bone, added: "The encouraging thing is that the surgeon says the cartilages and cruciate ligaments are fine and there is no sign of arthritis."

"And as things stand, the knee is in good shape considering all that has been done to it."

"I've got to keep off it for three months so far as running and twisting in training is concerned because it needs time to settle down. That means I'm back to the cycling, swimming and weights to build it up."

Joining Huddersfield is like home from home for Chris

SETTLING in with a new club is always something of a traumatic experience but Chris Short seems to have developed the knack of doing it the easy way.

Big brother Craig was waiting to greet him when he made the first major move of his career - the £100,000 trip from Scarborough to Meadow Lane.

And there was no shortage of familiar faces around when Chris returned to Yorkshire last week to start a month's loan with Huddersfield Town.

The Second Division promotion chasers are, of course, led by our former management duo of Neil Warnock (who signed Short for us from Scarborough) and Mick Jones.

On the playing staff is our former goalkeeper Kevin Blackwell and defender Tom Cowan, who had a trial at Meadow Lane last season when he was on Sheffield United's books.

Then there's physio David Wilson, who tended the aches and strains of our players under Warnock, and winger Gary Crosby, who made Chris' acquaintance during his time with Nottingham Forest.

"Joining a new club can be quite a daunting experience when you don't know anyone but I've been very fortunate in that respect where-ever I've been," said Chris.

"It's a bit like home from home at Huddersfield and I've got a great opportunity to play regular first team football and prove once and for all that I've got over my problems of the past year."

Short was sidelined for 12 months with a mysterious ailment that was eventually diagnosed as a stomach complaint and he added: "I suppose a lot of people may have forgotten about me and what I'm capable of doing."

"Neil Warnock knows all about that, though and he's given me the chance to jog a few memories. I have a completely open mind about my future - all I care about at the moment is to get playing regularly again."



MEADOW LANE Gazette

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Community team on course for more recognition

WE CAN justifiably claim to be one of the best football clubs in the country when it comes to community work - and we're hoping to receive further recognition of that fact.

Having been acclaimed by the Football League two years ago when we won the runners-up prize in their Community Awards Scheme, we also received a special commendation in 1993.

And now the aim is to continue that run of success with our submission for the 1995 awards, one which has even amazed those who are closely involved in all this work over the past 12 months.

The judging for the Community Awards is split into five categories: facilities within the ground, match day activities, outside community work, supporters involvement and other activities.

The Community Programme staff, who are led by Alan Young, drew up a list of all their activities and it proved to be an impressive one that we hope will catch the eye of the judges on the Football League panel.

The Littlewoods Community Awards scheme is worth £20,000 to each divisional winner, plus a runner-up prize of £5,000 and an overall winner that collects a further £20,000.

The results will be known in the New Year, so please keep your fingers crossed for us, because any award that we receive has to be ploughed back into projects that will benefit you, whether as our supporters or members of the local community.



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CUP TICKETS UPDATE

THERE'S nothing quite like the FA Cup to stimulate interest and we're expecting another big crowd when Manchester City come to Meadow Lane for our attractive third-round tie next Sunday (3pm).

Tickets are now on general sale for the Jimmy Sirrel and Family Stands, priced £10 each (£5 for juveniles and senior citizen), while it will cost £12 to watch the match from the Derek Pavis Stand. Members seats in the Derek Pavis Stand are also available, priced £14.

Please note that although the game is not all ticket, the Family Stand will be reserved seating only. No tickets will be available at the turnstiles for that section of the ground on the day of the game.

The Family Magpie 10 and Under scheme and UB40 concessions will not be applicable for this match.

CALLING ALL QUIZ FANS

WE ARE still taking entries for the annual Lifeline Quiz Night, which will take place on Wednesday, January 18 in the County Suite at Meadow Lane.

We are looking for teams of four - which must be made up of at least two Lifeline members - or individual members who are willing to be added to teams.

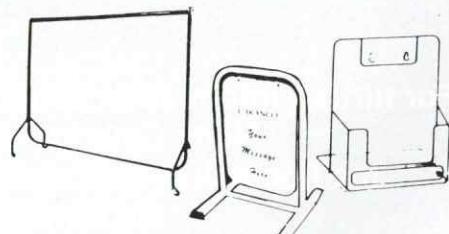
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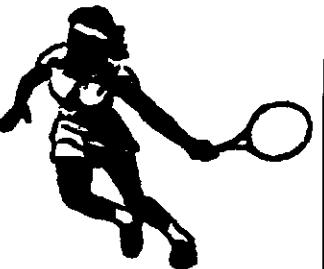
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CHANGE OF PLAN FOR FAMILY NIGHTS

WE are changing the emphasis of our Pontins League Family Nights in the New Year in a bid to encourage more families and school parties to come along to reserve games at Meadow Lane.

Chief Executive Neal Hook outlined the reasons behind the change in his programme notes for the Portsmouth game but basically, we are now looking

just one game a month will be accompanied by our own brand of razzmatazz.

This arrangement will, we hope, suit those supporters who enjoy the Family Nights and the purists who would rather see reserve games revert to their old format.

We have chosen games which we believe will be particularly attractive

concessions.

Admission is by paying at the turnstiles on the day of the game only and supporters should use turnstiles 5-14 on Constitution Avenue and turnstiles 15-18 on Harrington Street.

A PHONE CALL AWAY

DETAILS of all our future away trips are now just a phone-call away - thanks to our Supporters Club.

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And don't forget the other way to keep in touch with all the latest news and views from Meadow Lane is County Clubline on 0891 88 86 84.

PETER'S WINDFALL

by Gordon Fisher

PETER Giles was as disappointed as the rest of us when Portsmouth prevented us from climbing off the foot of the First Division but at least he had something to ease the "pain".

Mr. Giles, who lives in Woodthorpe, emerged as the winner of our 50-50 lottery that afternoon and carried off a tidy pre-Christmas cash bonus.

In fact, Mr. Giles won £785 and that represented a handsome return for his 50p investment in a 50-50 ticket.

It also means we have now paid out more than £9,000 in prize money on the 50-50 draw this season and, of course, there will be another lucky winner today.

So look out for our 50-50 ticket sellers around the ground today. They can't be missed as they are all 'decked out' in distinctive yellow sweatshirts.

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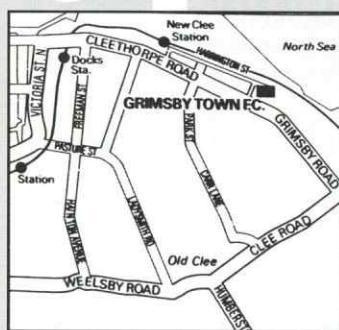
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High praise from a "satisfied customer"

IT was gratifying to receive another letter of praise about the quality of facilities and the back-up service we provide at Meadow Lane after our marvellous Coca Cola Cup victory over Premiership Tottenham Hotspur.

Law student Shaun Parry-Jones, who is wheelchair bound after a rugby accident 14 years ago, wrote to pass on his thanks after being "amazed" by the efficiency and friendliness of staff in getting him to the game at short notice.

Mr Parry-Jones, who is currently studying at the Nottingham Law School, decided at the eleventh hour

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

BOB HARRIS, a claims assessor in the motor industry from Oxford, takes charge of this afternoon's Endsleigh Insurance League Division One game against Luton Town.

A married man with three children, Mr. Harris began his career as a referee in 1975 when he took charge of matches in the Oxfordshire Youth League.

He has progressed to such an extent since then that he joined the Football League linesman's list in 1988 and the FIFA equivalent in 1992.

Mr. Harris ran the line in both the FA Cup Final and the European Cup Final last season and is now in his first season on the Football League referee's list. His interests include following most sports and vintage sports cars.

that he would like to attend the cup tie against Spurs.

"A colleague and myself wished we'd had the foresight to get some tickets, but I suggested it might be worth a phone call and within two hours we were at the ground witnessing a famous victory," he wrote in his letter.

"The facilities were marvellous and the helpfulness, from the telephone call to the gentleman who helped us to our position, was fantastic."

He continued: "People nowadays are very quick to criticise when facilities are not provided but are perhaps not so hasty in praise."

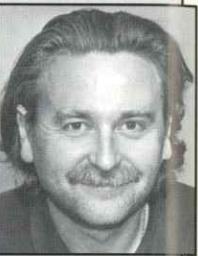
"I would like to redress the balance a little by saying a very big thank you for a very enjoyable trip to Meadow Lane."

ON THE SPOT

THE local media will be put 'on the spot' before this afternoon's kick-off when they take part in a special festive penalty shoot-out competition.

Providing the opposition for the media will be a Notts County Celebrity Team, including top TV writer and former Coronation Street star Billy Ivory.

Among the media men taking part is David Stapleton, who follows our fortunes for the Nottingham Evening Post, and Dave McVay (pictured), one of our former players who is now a feature writer for the paper.



Dave McVay...
back in the
spotlight today.



Historically Speaking...

BY RADIO NOTTINGHAM'S COLIN SLATER

BRINGING his Luton Town team here this afternoon means a

homecoming for manager David Pleat. Though aware of his managerial career at Luton, Leicester and Spurs, I guess there are many people unaware of his Nottingham origins.

It is very nearly 33 years since Pleat, then 17, made a quite sensational League debut in Forest's team in a First Division match against Cardiff City at the City Ground.

Forest had several players competing for the right wing spot, notably Trevor Hockey, who had cost £15,000 from Bradford City, and youth prodigy John Rowland being the most regular wearers of the number seven Jersey.

On 17 February, 1962 the Forest manager, Andy Beattie, handed the role to Pleat, who rewarded him by scoring the winning goal in Forest's 2-1 success as they battled for points to stay in the First Division. John Quigley was Forest's other scorer.

The only record I can find of Pleat appearing against Notts was in that season's County Cup final, which Forest won 2-1.

You may have raised an eyebrow over the modesty of the Hockey fee, quoted above, so it's worth adding that when Forest attracted a 46,000 all-ticket gate to a fourth round FA Cup tie against Sheffield Wednesday

the record receipts at the City Ground were £8,700! That was on 27 January, 1962 - and Wednesday won 2-0.

This is the fourth time inside 20 years that 31 December has fallen on a Saturday and clubs have seen out an old year with a full programme of matches.

Notts bade farewell to 1977 by entertaining Bristol Rovers and beating them 3-2, with two goals from Les Bradd and one from Paul Hooks. Kevin Keegan provided the Sunday papers' headlines, being sent off in a friendly in West Germany!

On to 1983 when, on this date, County travelled to Ipswich Town in desperate need of First Division points but lost to a Paul Mariner goal. Off the field, Bertie Mee (like Pleat, Nottingham-born) celebrated the award of the OBE in the New Year Honours; he was then a Watford director having enjoyed a hugely successful spell as Arsenal manager.

And, finally, to 1988 when goals by Gary Lund and Nicky Law gave Notts a 2-0 win over Bolton Wanderers, who lost for the fourth game in a row.

I am grateful to Fred Poole, of Carlton, for writing to point out a silly error which crept on to this page in the programme for the recent match against Tranmere Rovers. I said (wrongly)

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that before Notts won at Villa Park in August, 1981, their first time in the (old) First Division for over 50 years, Villa paraded the European Cup. So let's set the record straight.

The trophy which Villa showed off that day was actually the Football League championship, which they had won the previous Spring.

I mentioned in that same programme piece that so many of you fans continue to amaze me by the hours you spend, carefully researching past results and deeds of the club. In Fred's case, he says he is able to memorise details of virtually all County's games throughout the last 40 years, which makes him a sort of modern-day Leslie Welch.

He recalls that, on his wedding day, Notts won 2-1 at Barrow with goals from Tony Hateley and Les Bradd. I'm hardly surprised that the recollection does not altogether please his wife!

According to my records it means they were married on 19 December, 1970 and will be looking forward in a year's time to their 25th anniversary. That will fall on a Tuesday. Will Fred have the choice between a celebratory party and a Notts evening match? Perhaps he could combine the two at Meadow Lane! Happy New Year to him... and you all.

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IT REQUIRES 'something special' for a manager to reject one of the most glamorous jobs in English football and stay put with a smaller club - which is why Luton Town were thankful they had such an ace up their sleeve.

David Pleat's decision to turn his back on a return to Spurs in favour of remaining at Kenilworth Road was largely due to the nature of the role on offer at White Hart Lane.

But another key factor tugging at his emotions throughout the affair was the promising future which he has been chiefly responsible for creating at Luton.

Pleat bristles with excitement at the wealth of young talent which has emerged at Kenilworth Road since he returned to the club for a second spell as manager in 1991.

Luton gave a clear indication of what the future could hold in store in last season's FA Cup, reaching the semi-finals when they beat Newcastle and West Ham along the way.

And in establishing themselves in a respectable mid-table position this term, not too far off the promotion race, they have made quite an impact on occasions.

None more so indeed, than the 5-1 drubbing of high flying Middlesbrough in one of the shock results of the season so far, while they also won 3-2 at Wolves at a time when Pleat was thinking over his future with the club.

The fact that Luton are handily placed at the halfway point in the season represents quite a recovery after they made an uneasy start to the campaign and crashed out of

The *Away* Team

the Coca-Cola Cup to Third Division Fulham.

One victory in eight games left them in the wrong half of the table and was notable for a shortage of goals as the Hatters scored only seven times.

Although it was the hammering of Middlesbrough which really



DAVID PLEAT

made people sit up and take note, the recovery was already well underway after they had gained a creditable 2-1 victory at Stoke City six days earlier.

While financial limitations have forced Pleat to place great emphasis on the younger generation, he has succeeded in striking a good blend between youth and experience, with some old heads in the backbone of the

ticket holder for many years.

He went on to serve Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Leicester in the top flight and after a loan spell with us during Ron Fenton's time in charge, he joined us for a modest fee in 1977.

The classy midfielder played a key role in our successful fight to avoid relegation and although he left early that season for a spell in America, he returned to play for Blackburn before finishing his career with an eight-game spell at Luton.

LINKMAN

ALAN BIRCHENALL is perhaps best remembered as one of central figures of that character-packed Leicester City side in the 1970s. But Luton and Notts County also appear on the lengthy list of clubs that the former England Under-21 man served during a long and eventful career.

Although born in East Ham, "Birch" was brought up in Nottingham and even when he chose to launch his career with Sheffield United, his father remained a Meadow Lane season-



ALAN BIRCHENALL

The *Away* Team Profile

JUERGEN SOMMER (Goalkeeper)

American international who pipped Millwall's highly-rated 'keeper Kasey Keller for a place in his country's World Cup Finals squad in the summer, but had to wait until the September friendly against England for his first cap. Now established as first choice at Kenilworth Road.

FRED BARBER (Goalkeeper)

Vastly-experienced and much travelled goalkeeper who was signed in a £15,000 deal in the summer to operate as understudy to Juergen Sommer. Began his career at Darlington, where his outstanding progress led to a short stint at Everton, before spells at Walsall and Peterborough.

JULIAN JAMES (Defender)

A former England Under-21 international who was a regular at left back last season but has made a successful switch to the other full back position this term. Joined the club as a trainee and was first introduced to League football more than five seasons ago.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

Wembley-born defender who has played most of his football in the full back positions, but has made a successful transition to a central defensive role more recently. Made his League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, although his career has

been disrupted by injuries.

MITCHELL THOMAS (Defender)

The England Under-21 international is now in his second spell with Luton, having made more than 100 first team appearances at the beginning of his career. Followed David Pleat to Tottenham and played in the 1987 FA Cup Final before joining West Ham, during which time he turned down the chance of a loan spell at Meadow Lane.

TREVOR PEAKE (Defender)

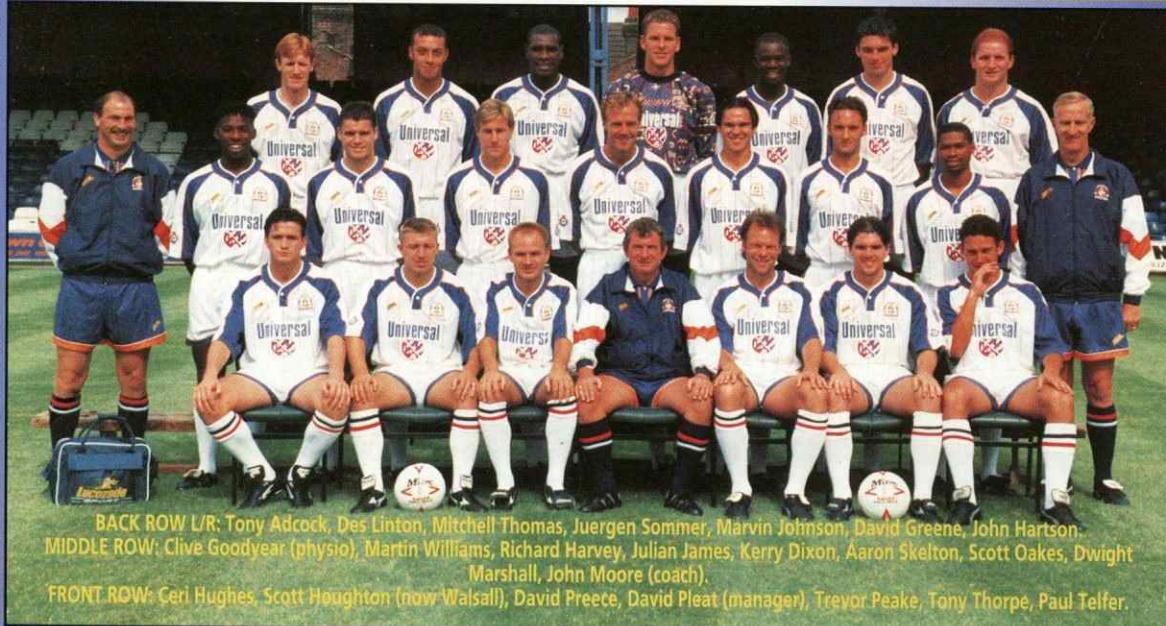
The 37-year-old club captain has proved to be a shrewd signing, having cost only £100,000 when he arrived from Coventry City three years ago. Won an FA Cup winners medal during his long spell at Highfield Road after beginning his career with Lincoln City.

DES LINTON (Defender)

The 23-year-old Birmingham born defender was signed from Leicester City along with Scott Oakes as part of the deal which took Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. A regular at right back last season, he has been hampered by injury problems since the start of this season.

GARY WADDOCK (Midfielder)

A free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers in the summer after a successful three month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. The



Republic of Ireland international has completed a remarkable comeback after being forced to retire because of a knee injury during his time at Queen's Park Rangers.

SCOTT OAKES (Midfielder)

Highly-rated England Under-21 international midfielder who shot to prominence in Luton's FA Cup escapade last season when he hit a hat-trick against West Ham and went on to finish as the club's leading scorer with 13 goals. Joined Luton from Leicester City in October 1991.

PAUL TELFER (Midfielder)

The 23-year-old Edinburgh-born midfielder's emergence has led to him being capped at Under-21 and B levels by Scotland in recent years. A product of the club's youth system, he made his first team debut at the end of the 1990-91 season and has since become a key figure.

DAVID PREECE (Midfielder)

Long-serving midfielder who has been at Kenilworth Road for the past 10 years after completing a £150,000 move from Walsall. Has now made over 300 appearances for the Hatters and his form in the late eighties led to him being capped at B level by England.

TONY THORPE (Midfielder)

The talented youngster made an immediate impact when he was called into the first team last season, scoring on his full debut in the FA Cup fourth round tie at Newcastle United. Joined Luton at the start of the 1992/93 season after serving his apprenticeship at Leicester City.

AARON SKELTON (Midfielder)

Promising midfielder who has bounced back well after having his progress disrupted by a serious thigh injury last season. Signed professional forms for the Hatters two years ago, but made his League debut on the opening day of this season against West Brom.

KERRY DIXON (Striker)

Former England international striker who has been a prolific goalscorer throughout his career, particularly in spells with Reading and Chelsea. After a £575,000 move to Southampton, he joined the Hatters in October last year following a productive loan spell with the club.

JOHN HARTSON (Striker)

A consistent goalscorer at youth and reserve team level, the 19-year-old striker scored on his first team debut early last season against Nottingham Forest. Has represented Wales at



youth and Under-21 levels, but his season has been hit by injuries and suspensions so far.

DWIGHT MARSHALL (Striker)

A £150,000 signing from Plymouth Argyle in the summer, the 29-year-old striker has made an impressive start to his Luton career, hitting a hat-trick in the 5-1 demolition of Middlesbrough, while also scoring in away wins at Stoke and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

TONY ADCOCK (Striker)

Experienced striker who was snapped up for a nominal fee during the summer, having been the leading scorer for Peterborough in each of his previous two seasons. Began his career with Colchester, and apart from two spells with Northampton, also played for Manchester City.





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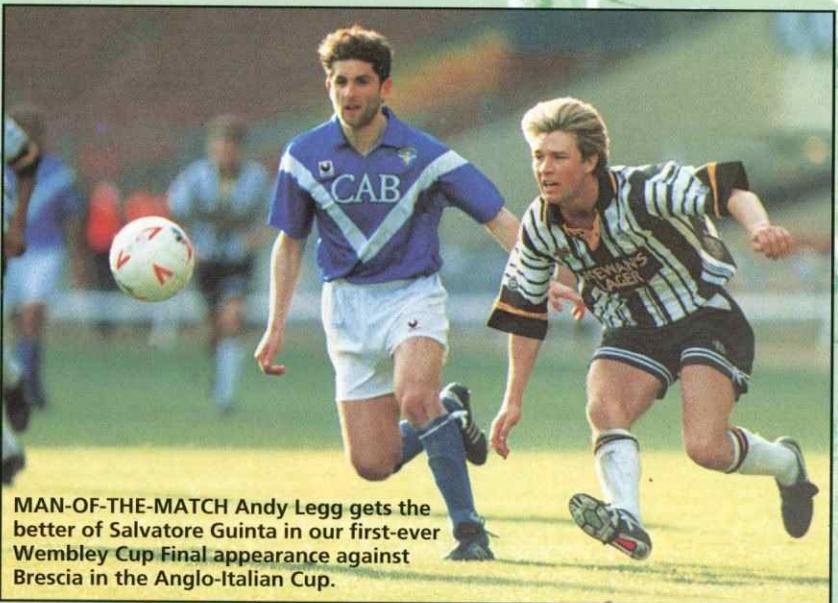
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MAN-OF-THE-MATCH Andy Legg gets the better of Salvatore Guinta in our first-ever Wembley Cup Final appearance against Brescia in the Anglo-Italian Cup.

too well, the story now is about fighting to avoid the drop into Division Two.

Here's a list of the more significant events which have happened during the past 12 months...

JANUARY

5 - Former Barnet midfielder Paul Harding links up again with Barry Fry when he joins Birmingham City for a fee of £40,000.
6 - Our bid to loan Gary Strodder collapses when West Brom ask for a swap deal with Andy Legg.

FEBRUARY

1 - Peter Reid, the 37-year-old former Manchester City player-manager, signed for the rest of the season on a pay-as-you-play basis.
12 - Charlie Palmer heads a late winner before a capacity crowd to clinch our first League win over Forest for 12 years.
14 - Kevin Wilson returns to Bradford, Jim Gannon makes an early return to Stockport.
28 - Mick Walker wins the First Division "Manager of the Month" award for February.

MAY

10 - Bob Catlin, Neil Glasser, Phil Hill and Brian Horseman are given free transfers.
14 - Mick Walker is voted the third-best manager in the First Division - behind Alan Smith and Johnny King - by members of the League Managers' Association.
27 - Ronnie Whelan, given a free transfer by Liverpool, comes to Meadow Lane for talks but says he will defer his decision until he

MARCH

11 - Colin Foster returns to West Ham after failing to agree terms for a £150,000 permanent move.
14 - Sheffield United full back Tom Cowan starts a week's "trial" at Meadow Lane.
20 - We make our first-ever Wembley Cup Final appearance and go down 1-0 against Brescia in the Anglo-Italian Cup Final.
24 - Dave Robinson, a £425,000 signing from Peterborough, finally concedes defeat after 18 months battling to overcome a knee injury and announces his retirement.

APRIL

16 - Dave Smith announces his retirement after failing to overcome a knee injury and goes to live in Norway.
16 - The Main Stand at Meadow Lane, built in 1910, is used for the last time for the game against Wolves.
30 - Dean Yates, out of League action for 25 months after undergoing "total knee re-build" is named as substitute against Charlton. Two goals in the last seven minutes wrecked our chances of reaching the play-offs.

returns from the World Cup.

28 - Mick Walker speaks to Port Vale's Peter Swan and Peterborough pair Darren Bradshaw and Tony Adcock.

JUNE

14 - With 18 players' contracts set to expire and none of them so far accepting new terms, we step up our search for new players by speaking to Tony Cascarino.

JULY

5 - Former Leicester defender Alan Paris announces his retirement after two years fighting a knee injury.
11 - Paul Devlin rejects the chance to join Watford and agrees a new two-year deal while Gary Lund, wanted by Port Vale, signs for three years.

11 - Mark Draper has transfer-talks with Premiership new-boys Leicester City.

11 - Teenage goalkeeper Malcolm Rigby joins Forest for £50,000.
13 - Colin Hoyle signs on a free transfer from Bradford City.
14 - Charlie Palmer, Meindert Dijkstra and Kevin Wilson are given free transfers.

17 - We set off for a four-day trip to the Czech Republic without Mark Draper, who is still involved in talks with Leicester.

22 - Draper finally puts pen to paper with Leicester but the fee must be set by a transfer tribunal.

26 - Nottingham-born goalkeeper Paul Reece signs on a free transfer from Oxford United.

27 - Nigerian World Cup star Michael Emenalo arrives at Meadow Lane on trial.

28 - Mick Walker has transfer talks with Birmingham striker Paul Peschisolido, who is also wanted by Stoke.

AUGUST

1 - We pull out of the race for Peschisolido after failing to agree

terms.

8 - Walker confirms an interest in Swansea's John Cornforth, and completes the signing of Emenalo on a free transfer from Belgium club Moelenbeek.

10 - Tottenham striker John Hendry comes to Meadow Lane for a week's trial.

19 - A transfer tribunal in Sheffield orders Leicester to pay £1.25 million for Mark Draper, plus 50 per cent of any sell-on profit.

21 - Our new £3million Main Stand is in use for the first time against Wolves.

26 - Derek Pavis calls off a proposed £650,000 deal for an unnamed Dutch midfielder.

SEPTEMBER

7 - Nigel Jemson is signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £300,000.

9 - Martin Kuhl signs on a month's loan from Derby but returns five days later after being sent off at Barnsley.

14 - Mick Walker is sacked following an emergency Board meeting. Russell Slade is appointed team manager with Wayne Jones as his assistant.

25 - Gary Mills returns from Leicester for £50,000.

30 - Former manager Jimmy Sirrel, now 72, returns to Meadow Lane as chief scout.

OCTOBER

3 - Colin Hoyle joins Mansfield Town on loan.

4 - Peter Butler is signed from West Ham for £350,000.

7 - John Williams signs on loan from Coventry City.

11 - Stars in Stripes Family Night scheme, launched for home game against Manchester United, attracts a crowd of 3,331.

21 - Port Vale's £200,000 bid for Andy Legg is rejected.

22 - Steve Cherry puts in a transfer

request, which is accepted.

28 - Ray Daniel signed on a month's loan from Portsmouth.

31 - A busy day on the transfer front as Steve Slawson and Gavin Worboys go on loan to Shrewsbury and Darlington respectively while Hoyle's loan to Mansfield is extended.

NOVEMBER

6 - John Williams returns to Coventry

11 - Chris Marsden arrives from Wolves for £250,000 and Tony Agana signs a new contract.

17 - Worboys completes a free transfer move to Darlington.

20 - Finland goalkeeper Petri



GARY MILLS



TONY AGANA

Jakonen arrives at Meadow Lane for a week's trial.

27 - Ray Daniel returns to Fratton Park when Portsmouth refuse to extend his loan.

DECEMBER

5 - Hereford utility player Gareth Davies comes to Meadow Lane for a week's trial.

14 - Queen's Park Rangers reject our bid for Devon White.

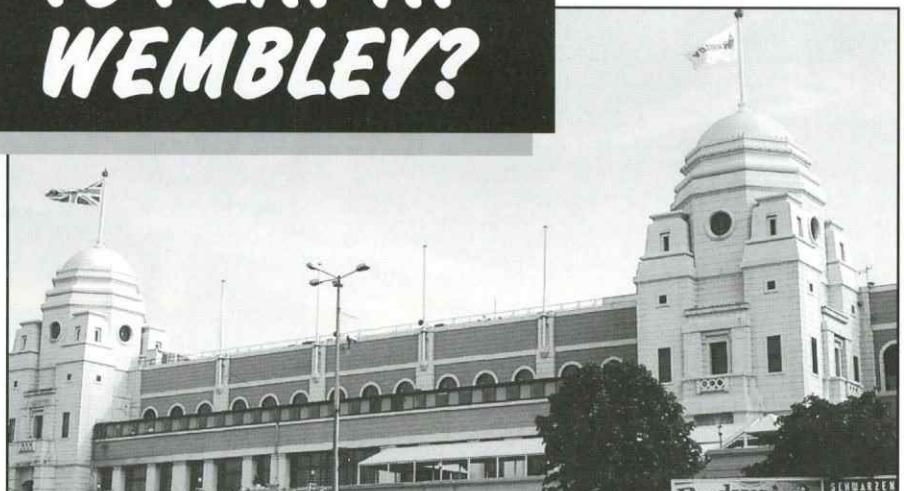
23 - Chris Short links up again with Neil Warnock when he joins Huddersfield on a month loan.

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THE SUN may have been blazing down on Wembley's hallowed turf when Tommy Johnson set us on the way to promotion glory in 1990 but it was on a bleak November day in Mansfield that he gave an indication of what was to come.

That is the firm belief of lifelong supporter Richard Lewis, who vividly recalls a 3-1 victory at Field Mill as a significant step in the two successive promotion triumphs enjoyed when Neil Warnock was in charge.

Two well-taken goals from Johnson set up that win, and it was the quality of the finishing in one particular instance which sticks in the memory of Mr Lewis, who comes from Kimberley.

"He cut inside from the right, drew the 'keeper and then carefully bent it round him," recalled the mechanical engineer who has supported us ever since he was a young lad.

"It was a quality goal because he didn't just blast it when he got clean through on the 'keeper. He kept a cool nerve and knew exactly where he intended to put it.

"That, of course, became such a common feature of our success that season, and indeed in the following one as well, with Tommy contributing so many vital goals."

In an exciting local derby, Mansfield took a first half lead when Steve Wilkinson struck after 13 minutes to jeopardise our hopes of climbing to the fringe of the promotion in what was then the Third Division.

But Phil Robinson equalised shortly after the break - it was his first League goal for us - and that set the stage for Johnson to

emerge as the matchwinner.

"There was an enormous feeling of relief, as much as anything. We'd just let Gary Chapman go back to Bradford after his successful loan spell, and there were question marks hanging over our goalscoring ability.

"Indeed, we missed a hatful of chances in the first half of the Mansfield match. But everything came good in the end, thanks to Tommy, to give us our first away win in the League since the opening day of the season.

"It was, in fact, the first of three successive away wins and that really got the promotion bandwagon rolling after our form had been somewhat patchy."

MATCH FACTS:

Mansfield Town: Cox, Hunt, Prindiville, Christie, Foster, Gray, Kent, Lowery (Stringfellow), Wilkinson, Charles, Hathaway.

Notts County: Cherry, Palmer, Platnauer, Short, Yates, Robinson, Draper, Turner, Lund, Johnson, Barnes (Stant).

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THE Reserves completed the first half of their Pontins League programme with a 1-0 defeat at Anfield - but deserved better.

According to assistant-manager Wayne Jones, the general performance against a powerful Liverpool side was as good as any we have produced this season.

But, dare we say it, the pattern of the game was identical to so many which have featured the first-team in recent weeks... good football, lots of possession, chances created but no goals to show for it.

Said Jones: "I was really pleased at the way we passed

the ball around and the result was very disappointing because we deserved better.

"In fairness to the strikers, I'm always stressing the importance of hitting the target and they did that. Mark Prudhoe made five outstanding saves and in some cases it was good goalkeeping more than poor finishing."

Gary McSwegan made his comeback in the game at Anfield but was withdrawn as a precautionary measure after 65 minutes because his hamstring was again causing problems.

Our team was:

Reece, Sherlock, Emenalo, Hoyle, Murphy, Simpson, Needham, McSwegan (Burke), Galloway, Jemson, Ridgway. Subs: Matthews, Kelly.

PONTINS LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

P W D L F APTS

Bolton Wanderers	15	11	1	3	38	22	34
Everton	15	10	2	3	34	15	32
Sheffield United	14	10	2	2	29	14	32
Aston Villa	16	7	2	7	21	22	23
Notts County	16	8	1	7	23	27	23
West Bromwich	14	7	1	6	27	22	22
Manchester United	15	7	1	7	21	18	22
Leeds United	14	7	1	6	23	21	22
Liverpool	15	6	5	4	19	18	21
Derby County	13	6	1	6	23	22	19
Stoke City	15	5	3	7	20	22	18
Rotherham United	15	5	2	8	17	18	17
Blackburn Rovers	15	4	5	6	12	18	17
Tranmere Rovers	15	4	5	6	21	28	17
Sunderland	16	4	4	8	20	27	16
Wolves	15	4	3	8	19	34	15
Nottm. Forest	16	4	3	9	17	25	15
Coventry City	15	4	2	9	16	25	14

ROB MISSES OUT

ROB MATTHEWS was just a phone call away from making an appearance at Anfield last week but in this instance, it cost him the chance to play.

The former Loughborough University student has been attracting considerable interest from lower division clubs and one of them made

an acceptable offer for him on the day we went to Liverpool.

Explained Jones: "I got a call on the team coach to say that the club concerned had asked us not to play Rob at Anfield in case he got injured.

"Consequently, he spent the evening sitting alongside me on



ROB MATTHEWS... sat it out.

the bench and was twitching most of the time. He could see us playing well and creating chances and must have been wishing he was on the end of them."

HIGH STANDARDS

COLIN HOYLE returned to the fold at Anfield following his extended spell on loan to Mansfield Town and set himself high standards.

The former Arsenal and Barnsley defender, who joined us on a free transfer from Bradford during the summer, is convinced that he can still have a future at Meadow Lane.

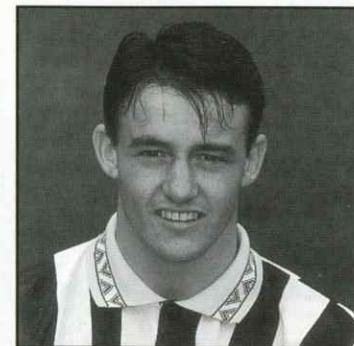
And Jones admitted: "If he uses his performance at Anfield as a starting point and builds on that, he could well have a future.

"It was the best I've seen Colin play since he joined us. He slotted in alongside Shaun Murphy at the back, looked very composed and pacey and was always willing to carry the ball out from the back and make things happen."

WAYNE'S CHALLENGE

WITH 23 points to show from the first 16 games of the season, the Reserves are well on course for their highest-ever placing in the Pontins League.

But while that is an obvious cause for satisfaction to assistant-manager Wayne Jones, he is equally concerned with the progress of individuals like Paul



MICHAEL SIMPSON... told to stake a claim.

Sherlock, Michael Simpson, Tommy Gallagher, Shaun Murphy and Michael Galloway.

He said: "We have six or seven young professionals who are now getting a regular taste of the Pontins League action and they have now reached the stage where they have to raise their sights.

"Just to get a game in the Reserves is not good enough any more and their target during the second half of the season must be to stake a genuine claim for first-team places.

"The most important thing is to find a level of consistency -

a good standard that they never drop below. They need to give me reasons to come back every week and tell that manager how well they have played... that's what it's all about."

PRAISE FOR PAUL

PAUL SHERLOCK again demonstrated his versatility when he figured at right back in the defeat at Anfield.

And his value to the side doesn't end there because as Jones explained, he's the long-serving captain of the Reserves - and carries out his duties admirably.

"Paul takes his responsibility seriously and is an ideal man for the job," he said. "He's a reliable lad, tremendously enthusiastic and he has the respect of the others.

"Despite what people might



PAUL SHERLOCK... admirable captain.

IN THE WINGS

think, the captain does have more to do than just flipping the coin - on and off the field - and Paul does the job well."

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Sat	Oct 15	Birmingham City
Sat	Oct 29	Derby County
Sat	Nov 5	Shrewsbury Town
Sat	Nov 12	Grimsby Town
Sat	Nov 19	Leicester City
Sat	Dec 3	Mansfield Town
Wed	Dec 6	Coventry City
Sat	Dec 17	Northampton Town
Sat	Jan 7	Northampton Town
Sat	Jan 14	Wolves
Sat	Jan 21	Forest
Sat	Feb 4	Peterborough United
Sat	Feb 11	Port Vale
Sat	Feb 18	Stoke City
Sat	Feb 25	Walsall
Sat	Mar 4	West Bromwich Albion
Sat	Mar 11	Aston Villa
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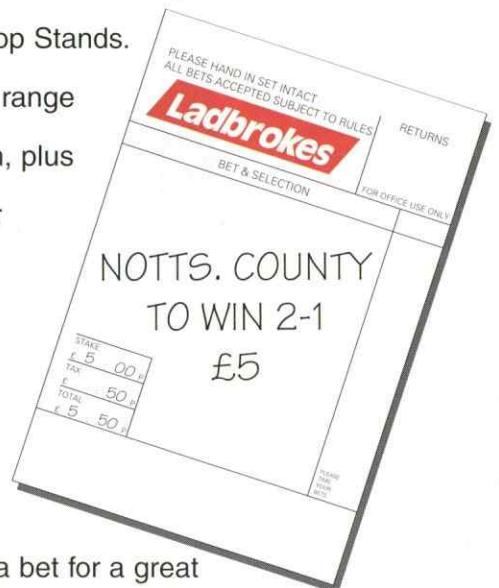
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

The first-team lads had the day off - apart from Gary McSwegan, who reported for treatment after "tweaking" a hamstring in the final minutes against Tranmere. Russell set off early for London to watch a Football Combination game in the afternoon while I organised training for the Reserves - then went north in the evening to see Runcorn play Telford.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

Russell stayed at Meadow Lane because he had some important calls to make and receive so I took the first-team session indoors at Players. Chris Short also underwent a fitness test on his hamstring. It was decided not to risk him against Blackburn that evening, when we ended a run of three successive defeats with a 1-1 draw.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

Phil Turner was available again when we trained on the Embankment and was immediately pencilled in to play at Molineux - a game which had taken on added significance with the news that Wolves had signed Don Goodman and John De Wolf.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

All of our scouts were out watching players and there's no prize for guessing what the main target was! The problems were underlined when we did enough to beat Wolves - and came away with nothing because we couldn't turn our chances into goals.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

Russell spent the morning ringing

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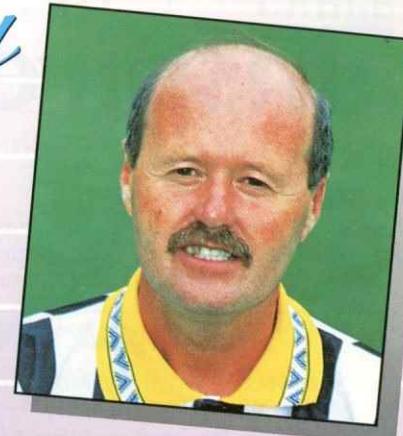
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Wayne Jones' Diary



round the scouts, anxious to know whether their missions had been worthwhile, and although I had the day off - you are never far away from "work". I was especially interested in seeing how Luton performed in the televised match, knowing we would be playing them at the end of the month.

MONDAY DECEMBER 12

A straight-forward day with nothing unusual to report but knowing that the first-team were without a midweek fixture, we organised a training schedule with the emphasis on hard work.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13

The Reserves had the morning off because they were playing at night and by way of a change, we took the first-team lads to Breadsall Priory, where they worked out in the weight-room, enjoyed a swim and had lunch together.

Because of the pouring rain, I half expected the Pontins League game at Rotherham to be called off but it went ahead as planned and Nigel Jenson's goal gave us a 1-0 win. We were aware that at least half a dozen clubs would be represented, taking a look at our players, and Russell chatted with several managers.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14

The players had the day off but Russell was busy trying to tie up a deal to bring in a new player and my biggest problem was trying to find Paul Cox! We had agreed with Terry Dolan that he could join Hull City for a month - but we couldn't track him down to tell him.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

Just when we thought we had landed "our man", the offer for a new striker was turned down. That was a big disappointment but life must go on and we had organised to stage a full-scale practise match at Gedling Town's ground. Apart from a change of scenery, it gave the training ground pitches a welcome rest. Incidentally, we eventually caught up with Paul Cox and after a quick phone call to Terry Dolan, he immediately set off for Hull.

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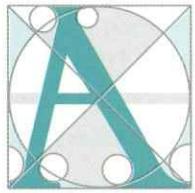
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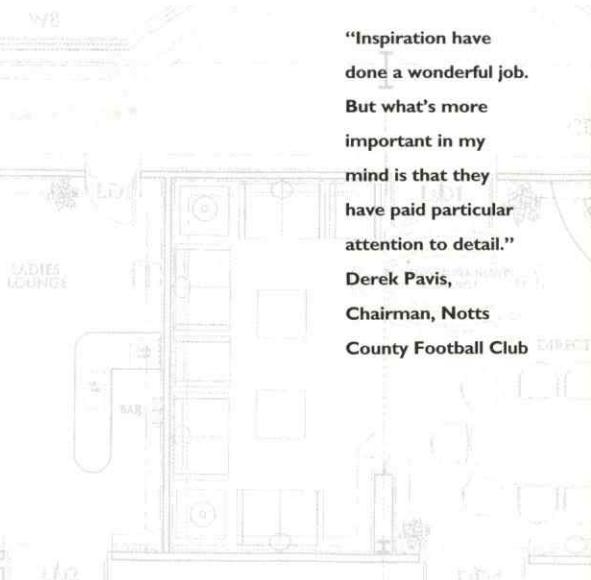
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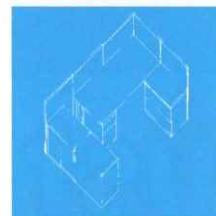
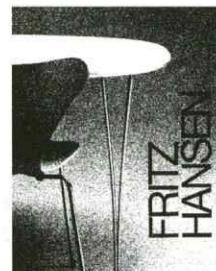


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AUGUST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAY we take this opportunity to wish all our Magpie Family Club members a very happy and prosperous 1995.

Thank you for your support - may it continue happily throughout the new year.

UPDATE ON THE TYLERS

ABOUT a year ago we updated you on the Tyler family who were very active Family Magpie members until they left Nottingham for a new life in Canada.

We're delighted to tell you that we've had a lovely letter from John, Hilary, Emma and Gary telling us something of their first year as residents in British Columbia.

Young Gary was a regular member of the Family Magpie football team and hasn't wasted any time settling in with a soccer team over there. He plays for 'Port Coquitlam Strikers', an under elevens team whose record this season so far is lost one, drawn one and won the rest with Gary scoring ten goals already!

Mum and Dad, John and Hilary, have supported Notts for 36 and 20 years respectively and the children since they were born and although they love their new life in Canada they all miss the visits to Meadow Lane but have such great memories of games and 'Notts' friends. They still support the Magpies as best they can and have family and friends who keep them up-to-date with newspaper cuttings etc. Each Wednesday they read the International Express which has all the previous Saturday's results.

The Tylers are planning a holiday in Nottingham in 1996 and are arranging it to coincide with a part of the football season so that they can not only see a game or two but probably more important - catch up with their many Family Magpie friends.

They finish their letter by sending everyone their best wishes and good luck to the team.

Many of you will recognise Gary Tyler (third from left on front row) seen here with his new team mates from Port Coquitlam Soccer Association, British Columbia, Canada.

NEW YEAR DIARY

FEBRUARY - Behind the Scenes Tour of Manchester United

This visit has proved extremely popular with everyone and at the time of going to press with this edition of 'The Magpie' there are only a few places available but don't worry if you would like to come with us on Thursday, 23rd February (school half term holidays) to Manchester and you let Annette Chantrey know early enough we can extend the tour to accommodate.

APRIL - Magpie Family Club Soccer School

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Ian has been supporting Notts since his first game when he saw Notts v Forest at the City Ground when he was a young lad of seven years - it was a testimonial game for Alan Hill. Ian's father, who had taken him to the match, had hoped that his son would take up a red and white scarf but Notts lost 4-1 and Ian took pity on them and has supported them ever since.

The whole Padley family have been Magpie Family Club supporters for the last four seasons and never miss a home game. They even take in some away matches when they can.

One thing they are unable to agree on is who is the best Notts player. Richard's favourite is Gary McSwegan, Aimee loved Mark Draper but since his move to Leicester she favours Richard Walker. Mum, Lisa, is a big fan of Steve Cherry but dad, Ian, still lives with the dream of Iain McCulloch and Don Masson!

The Padley's most memorable game is as you would expect one of the Wembley finals but what will surprise you is that it was the Anglo-Italian final, despite the result. The reason they enjoyed it so much? - their son, Richard, was involved in the pre-match penalty shoot out!

BALL BOYS AND GIRLS

THANK you to today's ball boys and girls who are: Danielle Taylor, Michelle Baxter, Sarah Smith, James Whaley, Mathew Barnes, Mark Williamson, Jake Worthington and Kevin Carter.

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QUIZ

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3. Which former League club played at Watling Street?
4. Which Japanese club did Gary Lineker join from Spurs in 1992?
5. Who were the last English club to win the European Cup in successive seasons?
6. Which Premier League club won the F.A. Cup in 1980?
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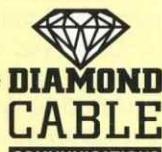
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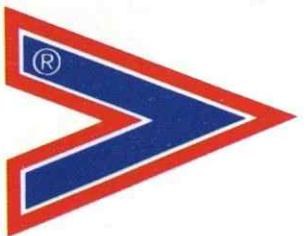


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MILLWALL	24	6	4	2	21	13	3	3	6	10	16	34
STOKE CITY	24	6	3	3	20	10	3	4	5	7	18	34
SOUTHEND UNITED	24	8	1	3	16	9	2	3	7	10	28	34
GRIMSBY	24	6	4	2	19	12	2	5	5	15	22	33
WATFORD	24	6	5	1	16	9	2	4	6	9	17	33
DERBY COUNTY	23	5	4	2	14	8	3	3	6	10	14	31
CHARLTON	23	5	3	4	19	15	2	5	4	16	20	29
SUNDERLAND	24	2	7	3	11	11	4	4	4	14	13	29
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	24	7	2	2	13	8	0	4	9	8	24	27
PORTSMOUTH	24	3	4	5	14	17	3	4	5	11	18	26
SWINDON	24	5	5	3	19	17	1	2	8	12	23	25
PORT VALE	23	5	3	4	17	14	1	4	6	9	17	25
BURNLEY	21	2	5	3	12	14	3	4	4	9	14	24
BRISTOL CITY	24	4	3	5	12	16	2	1	9	8	18	22
NOTTS COUNTY	24	3	4	5	13	16	1	2	9	9	19	18

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	SEASON'S TALLY				MAGPIE'S TALLY				
	APPS	SUB	GLS	ASSTS	APPS	SUB	GLS		
TONY AGANA	27	2	4	5	91	(12)	12		
PETER BUTLER	16	-	-	-	16	-	-		
STEVE CHERRY	24	-	-	-	319	-	-		
PAUL COX	3	1	-	-	46	(7)	3		
RAY DANIEL	6	-	-	-	6	-	-		
PAUL DEVILIN	27	-	6	6	113	(7)	18		
MICHAEL EMINALO	9	-	-	-	9	-	-		
TOMMY GALLAGHER	9	-	-	-	25	-	-		
COLIN HOYLE	3	-	-	-	3	-	-		
NIGEL JEMSON	7	6	2	-	7	6	2		
MICHAEL JOHNSON	24	-	-	1	117	-	-		
MARTIN KUHL	2	-	-	-	2	-	-		
ANDREW LEGG	23	-	1	6	63	(2)	6		
GARY LUND	20	4	6	1	276	(34)	79		
GARY MCSWEGAN	18	1	6	1	56	(10)	22		
CHRIS MARDEN	6	-	1	1	6	-	1		
ROB MATTHEWS	8	6	-	-	22	(22)	7		
GARY MILLS	16	-	-	1	112	-	8		
SHAUN MURPHY	15	6	-	1	32	(7)	3		
PAUL REECE	8	-	-	1	8	-	-		
PAUL SHERLOCK	4	3	1	-	13	(4)	1		
CHRIS SHORT	-	-	-	-	81	(13)	3		
MICHAEL SIMPSON	6	1	1	-	13	(5)	2		
STEVE SLAWSON	-	-	-	-	20	(29)	5		
DEAN THOMAS	-	-	-	-	156	(8)	8		
PHIL TURNER	30	-	2	6	251	(17)	21		
RICHARD WALKER	7	1	-	-	49	(2)	4		
JOHN WILLIAMS	3	2	2	-	3	(2)	2		
DEAN YATES	29	-	-	1	392	(2)	37		
Own goals					2		1		

COMING NEXT

FA CUP THIRD ROUND... SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH 1995 KICK-OFF 3PM
NOTTS COUNTY V MANCHESTER CITY

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	V	Opponents	Result	Att	SUBSTITUTES											
Aug 13	A	Portsmouth	1 - 2	10,487	CHERRY	HOYLE	JOHNSON*	TURNER	MURPHY	YATES	AGANA	LEGG	LUND	MCSWEGAN	SIMPSON	SHERLOCK/COX/REECE
Aug 21	H	Wolves	1 - 1	8,569	CHERRY	HOYLE	EMENALO	TURNER	MURPHY	YATES	AGANA	LEGG	LUND	MCSWEGAN	SIMPSON*	MATTHEWS/SHERLOCK/REECE
Aug 24	A	Ascoli AIC	1 - 1	1,307	CHERRY	HOYLE*	EMENALO	TURNER	MURPHY	YATES	DEVLIN	SHERLOCK*	LUND	AGANA	SIMPSON	MATTHEWS/COX/WALKER/JONES/REECE
Aug 27	A	Sheffield United	3 - 1	15,307	CHERRY	COX	EMENALO	TURNER	MURPHY	YATES*	AGANA	LEGG	LUND	MCSWEGAN ²	DEVLIN	MATTHEWS/SIMPSON/REECE
Aug 30	H	Oldham Athletic	1 - 3	6,603	CHERRY	SHERLOCK	EMENALO	TURNER	MURPHY	COX	AGANA	LEGG	LUND*	MCSWEGAN	DEVLIN	MATTHEWS/SIMPSON/REECE
Sep 3	H	Swindon Town	0 - 1	6,537	CHERRY	COX*	EMENALO	TURNER	MURPHY	YATES	DEVLIN	LEGG	LUND	MCSWEGAN	MATTHEWS	AGANA/JOHNSON/REECE
Sep 6	H	Lecce AIC	1 - 0	2,495	REECE	GALLAGHER	EMENALO	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	DEVLIN	LEGG*	MATTHEWS	MCSWEGAN	AGANA	MATTHEWS/COX/KELLY
Sep 10	A	Bristol City	1 - 2	6,670	CHERRY	GALLAGHER	EMENALO	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	JEMSON*	LEGG	MATTHEWS	MCSWEGAN	KUHL	LUND/MURPHY/REECE
Sep 13	A	Barnsley	1 - 1	3,928	CHERRY	GALLAGHER	WALKER	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	JEMSON*	LEGG	DEVLIN	MCSWEGAN	KUHL	LUND/COX/REECE
Sep 17	H	Stoke City	0 - 2	8,281	CHERRY	GALLAGHER	EMENALO	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	JEMSON*	LEGG	DEVLIN	MCSWEGAN	SIMPSON	LUND/WALKER/REECE
Sep 20	A	Bristol City CCC2 (1)	1 - 0	2,546	CHERRY	SHERLOCK	MURPHY	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	DEVLIN	LEGG	LUND*	MCSWEGAN*	SIMPSON	JEMSON/AGANA/REECE
Sep 24	H	Charlton Athletic	3 - 3	5,728	CHERRY	SHERLOCK	MURPHY	TURNER	JOHNSON	YATES	DEVLIN	LEGG	LUND*	JEMSON	AGANA	MCSWEGAN/MATTHEWS/REECE
Sep 27	H	Bristol City CCC2 (2)	3 - 0	2,721	CHERRY	MILLS	JOHNSON	TURNER	YATES	MURPHY	DEVLIN	LEGG	LUND*	JEMSON*	AGANA	MATTHEWS/WALKER/REECE
Oct 1	A	Reading	0 - 2	7,465	CHERRY	MILLS	JOHNSON	TURNER	YATES	MURPHY	DEVLIN	LEGG	LUND	JEMSON*	AGANA	MATTHEWS/WALKER/REECE
Oct 5	A	Atlanta AIC	1 - 1	2,300	CHERRY	MILLS	EMENALO*	TURNER	YATES	MURPHY	MATTHEWS	WALKER	LUND	JEMSON	AGANA	LEGG/JOHNSON/SHERLOCK/REECE
Oct 8	H	Port Vale	2 - 2	6,903	CHERRY	MILLS	JOHNSON	TURNER	YATES	MURPHY	DEVLIN	WALKER	LUND	WILLIAMS	AGANA*	MATTHEWS/JEMSON/REECE
Oct 15	A	Watford	1 - 3	7,008	CHERRY	MILLS	JOHNSON	SIMPSON*	YATES	MURPHY	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LUND*	WILLIAMS	AGANA	JEMSON/WALKER/REECE
Oct 23	H	Derby County	0 - 0	6,389	REECE	MILLS	WALKER	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LUND*	WILLIAMS	AGANA	JEMSON/MURPHY/CHERRY
Oct 26	H	Tottenham CCC3	3 - 0	16,952	REECE	MILLS	WALKER	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON*	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LEGG	MCSWEGAN*	AGANA	MATTHEWS/MURPHY/CHERRY
Oct 29	A	Burnley	1 - 2	12,876	REECE	GALLAGHER	DANIEL	TURNER	YATES	WALKER	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LEGG*	MCSWEGAN	AGANA	WILLIAMS/MURPHY/CHERRY
Nov 1	A	Southend United	0 - 1	4,302	REECE	GALLAGHER	DANIEL	TURNER	YATES	WALKER*	DEVLIN	BUTLER	MATTHEWS	MCSWEGAN*	AGANA	SHERLOCK/WILLIAMS/KELLY
Nov 5	H	Sunderland	3 - 2	8,890	REECE	GALLAGHER	DANIEL	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN ²	BUTLER	MATTHEWS*	LEGG	AGANA	SHERLOCK/WILLIAMS/CHERRY
Nov 15	H	Venezia AIC	3 - 3	2,861	REECE	GALLAGHER	DANIEL	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	MATTHEWS*	MARSDEN	AGANA	MURPHY/SIMPSON/JEMSON/LEGG/CHERRY
Nov 19	A	Bolton Wanderers	0 - 2	11,698	REECE	MILLS	DANIEL	TURNER*	MURPHY	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	MATTHEWS	MARSDEN	AGANA	LUND/SHERLOCK/CHERRY
Nov 26	H	West Bromwich Albion	2 - 0	10,088	CHERRY	MILLS	DANIEL	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LUND	GALLAGHER	AGANA	MARSDEN/MCSWEGAN/REECE
Nov 30	A	Norwich City CCC4	0 - 1	14,030	CHERRY	MILLS	LEGG	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LUND	MCSWEGAN	AGANA	MARSDEN/MURPHY/REECE
Dec 3	A	Derby County	0 - 0	14,278	CHERRY	MILLS	LEGG	TURNER	YATES	JOHNSON	DEVLIN	BUTLER	LUND*	MCSWEGAN	AGANA	MURPHY/MARSDEN/REECE
Dec 6	H	Tranmere Rovers	1 - 0	4,703	CHERRY	MILLS	LEGG	MARSDEN	YATES							

On the Pitch Today

NOTTS COUNTY

LUTON TOWN

1	STEVE CHERRY	JUERGEN SOMMER	1
2	GARY MILLS	JULIAN JAMES	2
3	ANDY LEGG	MARVIN JOHNSON	3
4	PHIL TURNER	GARY WADDOCK	4
5	DEAN YATES	MITCHELL THOMAS	5
6	MICHAEL JOHNSON	TREVOR PEAKE	6
7	PAUL DEVLIN	PAUL TELFER	7
8	PETER BUTLER	SCOTT OAKES	8
9	GARY LUND	KERRY DIXON	9
10	CHRIS MARSDEN	DAVID PREECE	10
11	TONY AGANA	DES LINTON	11
Sub			Sub
Sub			Sub
GK			GK

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(Walsall)

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(Oxford)

Linesman

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(Birmingham)

Fourth Official Mr T Cook (Nottingham)

LINDSEY
WEBSTER

OUR MASCOT



Eight year old Lindsey, who lives in Wilford and attends the Wilford Endowed Church of England School, leads the Magpies out for this New Year's Eve encounter with Luton. Lindsey likes swimming, reading and playing her recorder but dislikes Notts losing. Her favourite players are Gary McSwegan, Gary Lund and Steve Cherry.



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