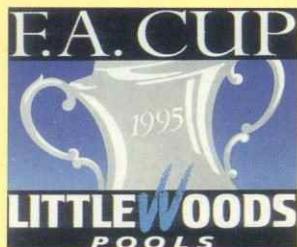


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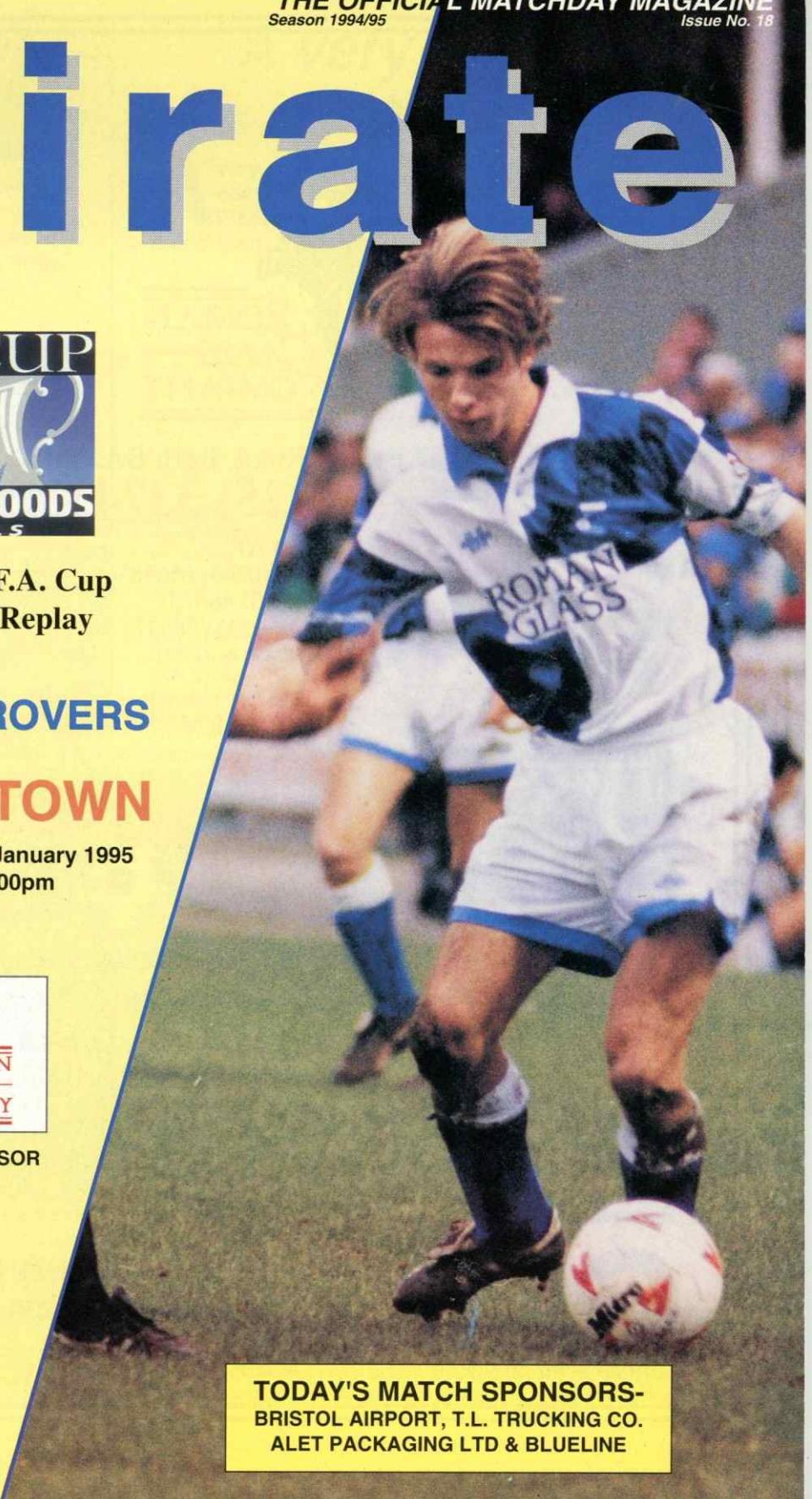


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A great reflection on Tony Gill, our Youth Team Manager who is charged with coaching and training these lads, and is a vital member of our club's coaching staff working to save us thousands of pounds in the volatile transfer market. Actually, Tony himself is only 27 years of age and has a very sound future ahead of him.

Enjoy tonight's game - after three away draws, let's make the most of this one!



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*Today's Opponents .....*

# LUTON TOWN



Our visitors from Bedfordshire this evening were beaten FA Cup Semi-Finalists last season and are led by one of the most respected managers in the game.

David Pleat returned to manage Town for the second time in 1991 after the club had avoided the drop from Division One for the third season in succession on the final day. It was a time of great change. The plastic pitch was replaced by new grass and the ban on away supporters was lifted.

Unfortunately for the Hatters, the budgeting process was unchanged - shoestring - and the struggle to retain top flight status was lost.

Hopes of a quick return did not materialise as further relegation was twice narrowly

avoided. A host of playing talent was sold to balance the books. Now, with a new batch of youngsters coming through to blend with a core of experience, Luton are within reach of a play-off berth providing their home results can be improved.

Nobody on the field this evening can match the experience of captain and central defender, **Trevor Peake**. Trevor is 38 next

month and was a late comer to the League when Lincoln City persuaded him to leave Nuneaton Borough where David Pleat had begun his managerial career. Four years and 194 games later, **Bobby Gould** took him to Coventry City where he made over 300 appearances before joining Luton in 1991. At City he enjoyed the highest and lowest that the FA Cup can offer. The 1987 Final victory will remain his greatest football memory but the giant killing by Sutton will be just as hard to forget.

Trevor's normal partners in defence are Star Profile man **Mitchell Thomas**, **Marvin Johnson** and **Julian James**. Marvin will have the incentive of playing to remedy his penalty miss in the first tie. The Wembley born ex-Luton apprentice made his League debut in 1988 and has been ever present this season. Julian has a similar background with the addition of a couple of England U.21 caps and an impending two match suspension. **Des Linton** and **David Greene** are potential deputies. Des was signed from manager Pleat's previous club, Leicester City in 1991 but has recently been sidelined with a groin strain. Local boy Greene made his debut at Grimsby in March, 1993 after graduating from the youth scheme.

Goalkeeper, **Jurgen Sommer**, was a member of

team in 1990. Despite so few games, he has scored twice this season.

The main playmaker is **David Preece**. He played a century of matches at Walsall, where he had been an apprentice, and is nearing 400 for the Hatters. During October and November he hit a goalscoring purple patch. It began at Stoke City with a penalty miss compensated by a simple tap in to grab a late 2 - 1 maximum. A week later a powerful volley helped see off Middlesbrough 5 - 1. Wolves were on the receiving end of a 20 - yard firework on Bonfire Day for a 3 - 2 win at Molineux. A rebound was then knocked back into the net to seal a 2 - 0 victory over Portsmouth and complete the most prolific six weeks of David's career.

**Gary Waddock** must have been amazed to see such finishing. He has not bagged as many League goals in the last decade with Queens Park Rangers, Millwall, Swindon Town and, of course, Bristol Rovers. He can argue a seriously ruptured medial knee ligament injury and a period with Belgian first Division Charleroi as partial explanation. It will be good to see Gary back at Twerton.

Ex-trainees, **Aaron Skelton** and **Paul Telfer** are at different stages of their develop-

## Scott Oakes



Dangerman up front .

the USA World Cup squad during the summer. The New Yorker signed for Luton in 1991 but saw League action only on loan at Brighton and Torquay until last season when he established his position from the start of the campaign. He stepped down for the final game to give teenager, **Kelvin Davis**, his first chance at Stoke City. Further cover is provided by the experienced **Fred Barber**, signed from Peterborough in the close season.

Injuries have restricted full Welsh International, **Ceri Hughes**, to a mere eleven appearances this season. He missed only a handful last term. The ex-trainee from Pontypridd broke into the first

ment. Aaron made his League bow on the opening day but has been unable to hold a regular place, while Paul has made the number seven shirt his own after missing only one League game last season. Paul is a Scottish U.21 international.

**Martin Williams** and **Scott Oakes** followed David Pleat from Leicester City where Martin failed to make the first eleven and Scott played just four times. Williams sat out our Kenilworth Road tie on the bench while Oakes failed to add to his FA Cup goal haul from last season. His hat-trick in the sixth round replay against West Ham not only earned Luton their Wembley Semi-Final but also made him more famous than his Showaddywaddy father - well at least in Bedfordshire under the moon of love!

**Scott Oakes** leads the Luton scoring charts but is closely challenged by the experienced **Kerry Dixon**, Welsh U.21 international teenager, **John Hartson** and two new summer signings, **Paul Adcock** from Peterborough and **Dwight Marshall** from Plymouth.

Dixon is best remembered for his days at Reading, Chelsea where he scored 191 times from 421 games and Southampton. Hartson is a newcomer in a similar mould to ex-Luton favourite, **Mick Harford**. His equaliser against Rovers ten days ago was his sixth from twelve starts this season and his last for the Hatters. He was transferred at the end of last week to Arsenal for a fee of £2.5 million. Adcock has been unfit until the new year but is now keen to add to the 212 goals scored for Colchester, Manchester City,

Northampton, Bradford City and the Posh. Marshall is Jamaica born and was signed for Plymouth by **David Kemp** from Grays Athletic. In his first professional season, 14 goals almost saved Argyle from relegation and won him the club "Player of the Year" award. Following his six figure transfer in July he will be aiming for a repeat performance with the Hatters.

With such a mouth-watering selection of strikers to choose from, it is as well for Luton's opponents that Mr Pleat cannot pick them all at once.

## STAR PROFILE MITCHELL THOMAS

**T**he wanderer returned to his home town club in November 1993 after seven years south down the M1 at Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United.

During his first spell at Kenilworth Road, Mitchell made over a hundred Division One appearances after completing an apprenticeship. His performances earned international recognition at U.21 level for England against Turkey, Denmark and Italy.

When manager David Pleat replaced Peter Shreeves at White Hart Lane, in the summer of 1986, he went back to his previous employers to capture the adventurous defender for £233,000. It proved to be a very good piece of business.

Close on 200 outings for Spurs included an FA Cup final in 1987 losing 2-3 in extra time to a Coventry City side adeptly



Marvin Johnson... early penalty miss in the first game.

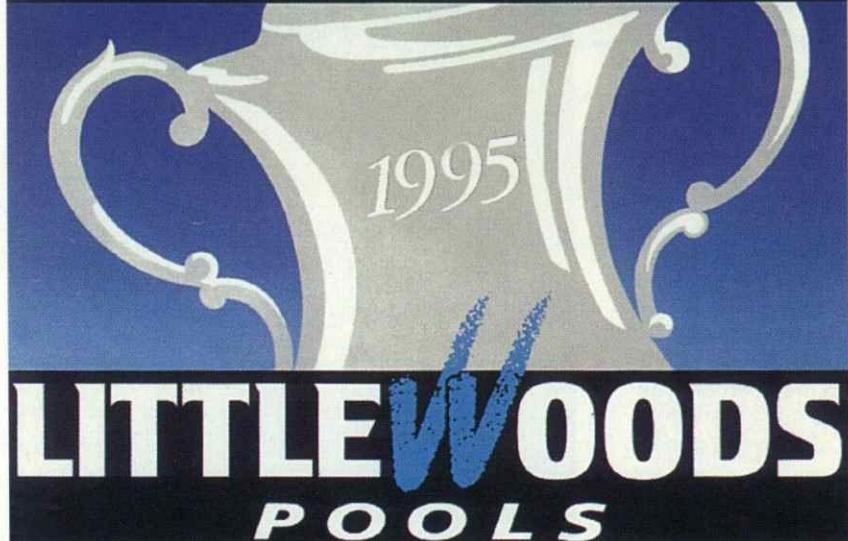


marshalled at the back by current Luton colleague, Trevor Peake. After five years service he was sold on to West Ham for double the original outlay.

The move coincided with the most troubled period in the history of the Hammers. A season long struggle on the pitch ended with relegation after finishing bottom of the First Division and supporters objected to a proposed bond scheme for ground development.

Appearances dwindled the following term as promotion was won. There was a free transfer back to Luton and regular first team football was eagerly accepted.

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## COMMENTS

### International

Terry Venables' England are favourites to win EURO '96 according to odds provided by official bookmakers, Ladbrokes. After qualifying group games in November, England, the host nation, were listed at 9 - 2 to take the trophy, ahead of Germany, who were 5 - 1.

Odds on the beaten World Cup Finalists lengthened after a surprise defeat by Croatia. The former joint favourites were 6 - 1 ahead of Holland 10 - 1, Spain 12 - 1, and Romania and France 14 - 1.

Rank outsiders are Faroe Islands, Liechtenstein and San Marino all at 5000 - 1.

EURO '96 promises to be more than just a great sporting spectacular. This was the clear message from a conference of local council representatives from the venue cities who met in Birmingham.

Plans are being drawn up to entertain and look after up to a quarter million visitors from all over Europe. The councils want to co-ordinate their preparations with each other, The Football Association and the Supporters Organisations.

Councils intend to decorate the streets, parks, buses and trains. In addition :-

**Leeds have announced a ban on roadworks during EURO '96.**

**Birmingham is planning a music and fireworks extravaganza for 80,000 people which will involve the city's famous symphony orchestra.**

**The London borough of Brent - which includes Wembley - is drawing up a schedule of children's entertainment to coincide with the tournament.**

Creating the buzz and the international flavour that existed last summer in America is the aim. **Steve Beauchamp** from the Football Supporters Association says that the task of dealing with so many visitors is awesome.

**Glen Kirton**, Director of **Euro '96**, stresses the need for partnership as the whole nation shows the rest of Europe what can be done.

Every effort is being made to put on a friendly face for the visitors. Fences will come down at the grounds to reinforce the warm welcome to followers of all the qualifying teams.

Organisers will be placing emphasis on a discreet but effective security operation to ensure supporters are able to watch some of the world's finest players in safety and comfort without threat of intimidation.

One important point is the new British legislation on ticket touting. Since November, the re-sale of tickets outside grounds has become illegal, making it less likely that fans will get into parts of grounds set aside for supporters of opposing teams.



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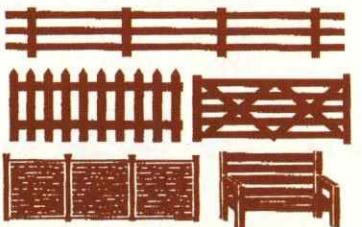


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# SPOTLIGHT

## ON THIS DAY.....

### January 18 1902.

Rovers' inside - forward, Sam Spencer, was born on this day in Middlesbrough. A tall attacking player, Spencer appeared in first - class football in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. He played in sixteen League games in two spells for New Brighton and once as an amateur for Stoke City. Despite only making nine appearances for Aberdeen in the Scottish League, he played for a Scottish League XI on their tour of South Africa in 1926. Spencer also played Southern League football for the Welsh side, Mid Rhondda United and Irish football with Newry Town. Joining Rovers in June 1928, he played in only two League games, a 1-0 defeat at Watford and a 2-0 defeat at Coventry City. Spencer was a hard-working supporter of youth football on Merseyside, where he died on 3rd January, 1987 at the age of 84.

### January 18 1968.

Arthur Wainwright, a pre-war Rovers forward, died in Barnsley on this day, aged 73. Wainwright had been on the books of Leeds City when they were forced to

resign from the Football League in October 1919. He made his League debut while at Grimsby Town but, after eight League games and two goals, joined non-league Gresley Rovers. In May 1922 he arrived at Eastville, playing for Rovers in sixteen League games over two seasons. Wainwright never scored for Rovers, although he had a "goal" disallowed for off-side in an FA Cup-tie at Stalybridge Celtic in December 1922. He subsequently appeared in 34 League games for Barrow, scoring four goals, before spending several years in senior non-league football in the Midlands.

penalty shoot-outs, a second replay was played at Villa Park. Forest beat Rovers 6-0 with two goals from Tony Woodcock and one each from John O'Hare, Ian Bowyer, Peter Withe and Viv Anderson.

### January 18 1986.

Rovers recorded a much needed home win, beating Darlington 3-1 in front of a crowd of 3,395. Carl Airey scored the visitors' goal while the match was a personal success for Rovers' Steve White, who scored a hat-trick. White was in his second spell with the club after returning from Charlton Athletic. He scored 44 goals for Rovers in 135 (16 sub) League appearances before joining Swindon Town on a free transfer in July 1986.

Stephen Byrne.



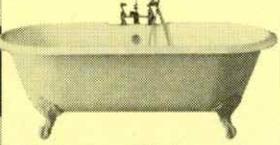
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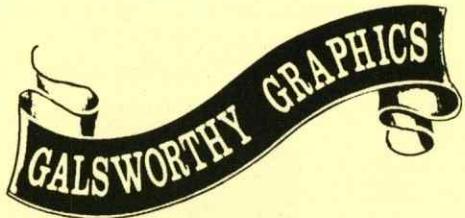
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# BACK IN TIME

The FA Cup gives us all an opportunity to look back at previous exploits in the competition. Luton fans will no doubt recall their appearance in the Final of 1958 - 59 and the run to last season's semi-final.

For us Gasheads, we can only point to two appearances in the sixth round. In 1950 - 51, when we lost to Newcastle, having beaten Luton at Kenilworth Road in Round Four, and 1957 - 58, a season I'll be looking at today.

In the Third Round of the competition that year, Rovers were drawn at home to Mansfield and ran out comfortable winners, by 5 - 0. The goals came from **Peter Hooper** (2), **Alfie Biggs**, **George Petherbridge** and **Dai Ward**. The reward was a home tie with Burnley and a **Paddy Hale** goal, together with an own goal by **Shannon**, secured a 2 - 2 draw.

Against all the odds, Rovers pulled off a 3 - 2 win in the replay at Turf Moor, with two goals from **Dai Ward** and another from **Norman**

It was off to Ashton Gate for Round Five and an epic encounter against Bristol City. In a game which saw City take the lead after four minutes, Rovers raced into a 3 - 1 half-time lead and keeper, **Ron Nicholls** saved a penalty. The second half saw City draw level at 3 - 3, only for **Geoff Bradford** to net the winner, with just seven minutes remaining. Rovers' other

scorers that day were **Barrie Meyer**, **Norman Sykes** and **Dai Ward**.

It was off to Craven Cottage for Round Six, but in spite of a Geoff Bradford goal, Rovers went down 1 - 3 to a Fulham side which included **George Cohen**, **Johnny Haynes** and **Jimmy Hill**.

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Reserves in a Combination fixture at Eastville. The single sheet programme for the game, reproduced here, was edged in black and carried a message of sympathy, to Manchester United, from the Directors and staff of the club. I'm not sure of the result of the game, but looking at the lineups of both teams will surely evoke memories amongst both sets of fans here tonight.

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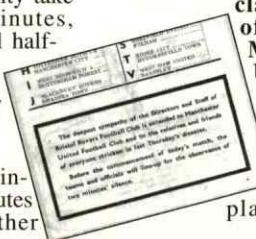
Finally, I'll end on a lighter note. As you know, the FA Cup is being sponsored by Littlewoods Pools this season and the Pools firm have produced a very humorous calendar for 1995. Favourite has to be July, shown here. Bristol Rovers meet Lincoln. One for John Ward to smile about!



programme covers from the games at Burnley and Fulham are reproduced here - let's hope we can make further progress today. With the recent trips to Anfield and Villa Park still fresh in the memory, it's something to dream about.

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**E**xperience over the last two weeks regarding matches called off after pitch inspections have inspired the Club to make an approach to the Football League requesting an 11.00a.m. deadline on the day of the game for final pitch inspections.

Should the match referee have any doubts at this stage, we recommend that he should err on the side of caution and cancel the game.

Such an inspection will allow clubs time to cancel their stewards, police and catering which are costly items to the club and inform match sponsors. Most importantly, however, it would provide an opportunity to prevent away fans from travelling (if you look at the 2,000 Rovers fans travelling to Plymouth and costed their travel at £5.00 per head, you are talking about a commitment by our supporters of £10,000 which could have been saved).

Whilst clubs may have games cancelled which could possibly have been played had there been a later inspection, it must surely be correct to put the supporters first, especially those travelling to away matches.. More consideration must be given to the paying customer if the game, and indeed clubs, are to survive. Supporters are the life blood of the game and with-

out their continuing commitment there can be no future.

The decision to call the game off at Plymouth on Boxing Day after a 12.00 noon inspection by the referee, meant we were able to contact the Supporters Club at Taunton to intercept the coaches. This was the result of good communication between the Club and the Supporters Club. However, many hundreds of supporters who were not on official Supporters' Club buses still arrived at Plymouth before they realised the match was cancelled. All of this could be avoided by an 11.00a.m. inspection.

The situation at Leyton Orient on 2nd January 1995 was more critical. The referee had inspected the pitch and although there were one or two areas of concern, he was happy for the game to proceed. However, at the request of the managers, the referee decided to take

another look at the pitch at 2.30p.m. and decided that conditions had deteriorated to such an extent that the match was called off. This again is a totally unacceptable situation as apart from fans travelling to the game, many had already entered the ground and had to queue to obtain a refund of the admission money.

Many fans rang the Club offices last week to see if the Cup-tie with Luton was going ahead, just proving that the confidence of the average supporter has been eroded after their experiences of the past two weeks.

We hope the Football League and other clubs will accept our proposal for the 11.00a.m. deadline, which, in turn, will show that we do care and value supporters commitment and devotion to their respective clubs.



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**Past Encounters**  
by Mike Jay

## The PIRATES versus The Hatters

All Our E.A. Cup Meetings

Season	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance	Comments
7.1.95 (Third Round)	Luton 1 Rovers 1	John Hartson Marcus Stewart		Rovers goalkeeper Brian Parkin saved a penalty from Marvin Johnson after four minutes. The match involves four players to have played in F.A. cup Finals, namely Hardiman, Waddock, Thomas and Peake.
25.1.86 (Fourth Round)	Luton 4 Rovers 0	Ricky Hill Mick Harford Mark North Tim Parkin og	7,571 12,463	First Division Town humbled Third Division Rovers on the artificial pitch at Kenilworth road. Luton defeated Arsenal (after 3 games) before losing to Cup Finalists Everton in the quarter-final.
7.1.67 (Third Round)	Rovers 3 Luton 2	John Williams Harold Jarman Joe Davis Derek Kevan 2		Luton were a Division Two club, while Rovers were in the Third. In the next round, Rovers were beaten 3-0 by Arsenal at Eastville.
27.1.51 (Fourth Round)	Luton 1 Rovers 2	Charlie Watkins Vic Lambden George Petherbridge	8,480 26,586	Luton were a Second Division club, while Third Division Rovers reached the quarter-finals before losing to eventual Cup Winners, Newcastle United.
5.1.01 (Fifth Qual. Round)	Luton 1 Rovers 2	(unknown) Jack Jones Tommy Boucher	4,000	Both were Southern League clubs. Rovers had beaten Weymouth 5-1 and Swindon 5-1 in the previous rounds, but went out 2-0 at Reading in next round.



George Petherbridge (left)  
and  
Harold Jarman (right)  
both scorers in F.A. Cup  
ties against The Hatters.

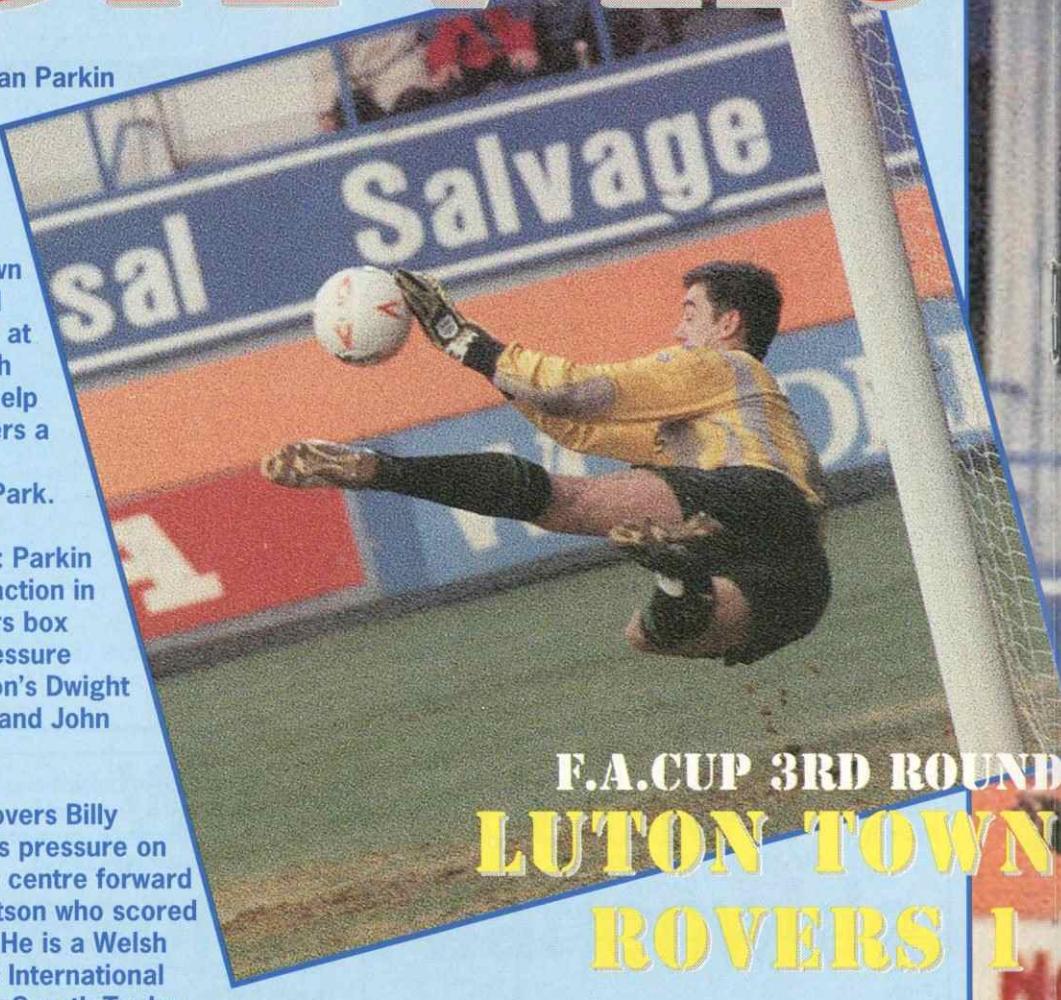


# SAVE!

Right: Brian Parkin makes a superb penalty save against Luton Town in the 3rd Round tie at Kenilworth Road to help give Rovers a replay at Twerton Park.

Far Right: Parkin again in action in the Rovers box under pressure from Luton's Dwight Marshall and John Hartson.

Below: Rovers Billy Clark puts pressure on the Luton centre forward John Hartson who scored the goal. He is a Welsh Under-23 International alongside Gareth Taylor



F.A.CUP 3RD ROUND  
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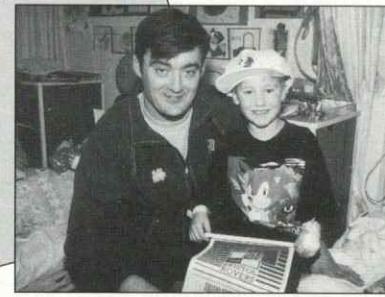
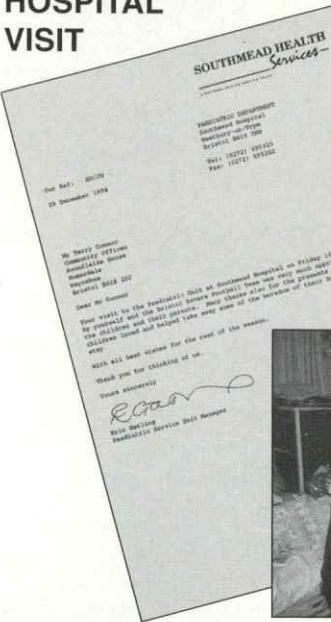
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Prior to Christmas we organised a visit to the Children's Wards of Southmead Hospital, (in conjunction with The Bristol Evening Post), where a number of first team players met and distributed presents to all the children. Rovers captain Andy Tillson, who led the party of first team players, said "Seeing all those youngsters in hospital really puts things into perspective - especially for someone like me who has a couple of young children. It really cheered the kids up and all the players were delighted to help out."

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## LADY ON THE LINE

**I**t may have been the first game involving Bristol Rovers, but when she ran the line in our home game against Chester City on 31 December, Wendy Toms was officiating at Twerton Park for the third time.

Her first visit was on 12 April 1993, for the derby game involving Bath City and Yeovil and she was also on the line when our landlords played host to Woking on 12th April 1994.

In case it's escaped your notice, Wendy is the first female official to be appointed in the history of the Football League and, this season, she is eligible to run the line in all three divisions of the Endsleigh League.

Thirty-one-year-old Wendy hails from Poole in Dorset and always took a keen interest in football. She played the game at youth level and later played in goal for both the Bournemouth and Southampton Ladies teams. Her interest in refereeing came when she moved to live in Cyprus. On discovering there were no ladies teams on the island, she took a referees course and took charge of some games out there

before returning to live in Dorset.

After a year's break from the game, she began refereeing in the Dorset League, progressed to the Wessex League and, five years ago, was promoted to the line in the Great Mills Western League.

She then moved on to refereeing in that league and was promoted to the line in The Conference and was a reserve official at some Endsleigh League games last season.

She has, she says, met opposition from some club officials and players during her 10 years as a referee, who do not agree with the appointment of female officials. However, she has overcome all opposition by proving that she is good enough and her aim is to referee at the highest level.

There are, of course, some embarrassing moments. There are always players who go to shake her hand after a game and then put their arm around her and give her a kiss and those who offer to let her share their shower, providing they win the game! (though I'm sure this doesn't happen in the Endsleigh League). Wendy takes it all in her stride and thoroughly enjoys her

involvement in football.

A firm believer in letting the game flow, Wendy holds down a full-time position as an administrative officer and this, combined with her football duties, leaves no time for any other interests or hobbies. Her love of the game is such that, given the opportunity, she would willingly take charge of a match every evening of the week.

She is determined and ambitious and has already had a taste of officiating at Wembley, as she refereed the game between the youth teams of Oldham and Manchester United, which was the curtain raiser to last season's FA Cup semi-final.

Don't bet against her becoming the first female referee on the Endsleigh League or the Premiership, or even an FA Cup Final.

Before the start of this season, she told me she was looking forward to "listening to all the new abuse I'll get from the fans in the Endsleigh League!"

If her performance the other week is anything to go by, I suspect she has won over her critics and will receive far more praise than abuse.

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**SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY** - As supporters will be aware at the time of going to press it is uncertain as to whether there will be another F.A. Cup match here on this date, an Endsleigh League game against Birmingham or nothing at all. In the circumstances we would request that you refer to the local press for further information regarding ticket arrangements.

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## More Cup Action!

It's now down to the F.A. Cup if we are to see the twin towers in a Cup competition. Last Tuesday, we went out on penalties to Leyton Orient who have failed to score in open play for the seventh consecutive match. That's life!

Luton are our opponents this evening, and if it is all square after 90 minutes and extra time we'll have

## Future Star



**T**onight's mascot is one to watch. He is 12 years old **Stephen Smith**, who lives in Henleaze. Stephen attends Henbury School where his favourite subjects are Maths and Technology, (he's going to be an Architect?). His favourite hobbies are football and squash. He leads an active life and is busy between the sticks on the weekend - yes, he plays in goal for Bromley Heath Under 12s on Saturday mornings

another shoot out. We had a good match between the two teams at Kenilworth Road, so expect the same tonight. Of course, the added advantage is both managers know their next opponents, SOUTHAMPTON. So let's cheer the lads on tonight. Luton have had a better time of it away from home this season, and we know how far they went last season in the Cup. We would like to wish all connected with Luton Town Football Club a pleasant evening and a safe journey home.

and Shirehampton Colts on Sunday. When does he find time to do his homework?

Stephen names Brian PARKIN, Marcus STEWART and Worrell STERLING as his favourite players. Enjoy the night and let's hope we see Southampton on January 28th at Twerton Park.

## REFRESHMENTS

*On a cold night, you need something warm and tasty before you can watch a football match, so why not pop in to the Young Pirates Room and have a nice cup of tea or coffee, soup and biscuits?*

*Also while you are there, have a look at the souvenirs we have on show. Remember as a Young Pirate you can claim a discount on all goods shown.*

## REPORTER FOR THE DAY

We will be looking at taking another four lucky Young Pirates to the training ground to interview a Rovers player.

You may have seen the excellent reports we have been running in the last four programmes, and I feel it has been a great success.

We will be drawing the four lucky entries at our next home match, so if you wish to enter, start getting your names in tonight. We will make the draw at approximately 2.30p.m., so you will have until then to enter.

GOOD LUCK!

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## Supporters Club NEWS...

Following our elimination from the Auto Windscreen Shield last Tuesday tonight's replay presents us with a last opportunity for Cup glory this season. A home-tie with Matthew Le Tissier's Southampton awaits the winners but, any of you two thousand fans who made the trip to Kenilworth Road will be well aware of what a difficult task is facing the 'Gas' tonight!

The 'Hatters' have an excellent away record in Division One this season and, being Cup semi-finalists last term, will know exactly what is required to repeat the feat. What Rovers need is your maximum vocal support, just like we had at Luton, but even more so tonight. A 'full house' often turns out to provide less noise than when only us regulars are here. So if you are one of the casuals, don't be shy - get behind the boys in blue and perhaps there will be some more class opposition to whet your appetite at Twerton in the coming weeks!

There were some totally unnecessary evictions at Kenilworth Road when a few 'Gasheads' felt they just had to celebrate Marcus Stewart's goal on the pitch! Let's not have any repeats tonight please - it usually means missing the rest of the match under lock and key!

I am, however, pleased to report the other side of the coin on the same Luton trip when all seven Supporters' Club coaches were thoroughly searched by Police on entering the town. Although we were carrying many fans for the first time this season, not a single drop of alcohol, (or anything else illegal for that matter), was found on board any of the coaches! I thank all of you who travelled on our transport for helping to maintain Rovers' reputation for well-behaved as well as vociferous support!

More good news for Supporters' Club coach travellers is that they are always guaranteed their money back in the event of a match postponed after the official departure time. Such was the case, of course, for the last two away League trips to Plymouth and Leyton, which both suffered very late cancellations. If you were one of those concerned, but have not yet claimed a refund, then call in to the Shop or see Ralph Shaw in the Social Club today for your money back or a discount on future trips. Travel BRSC for security!

Finally congratulations to all our Man-of-the-Match winners in the home games held over the holiday period - each of which resulted in victory for Rovers! Well played to the Marcusses - Stewart against Peterborough and Browning versus Bournemouth and, last but not least, Lee Archer in the win over Chester which wrapped up 1994 in the best possible way!

Enjoy the match, get 'Up for the Cup' and keep off the pitch!

Jim Chappell

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# IN RESERVE



## NEWS FROM THE AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

Next week's opponents at Yate are Brighton, with whom we drew 1-1 only last Wednesday in West Sussex.

A player who made his mark in the Avon Insurance Combination

### THE AVON INSURANCE FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION 1 1994-95

DATE	VERSUS	H/A	RESULT
15 Aug.	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-0
22 Aug.	WEST HAM UTD.	H	1-4
30 Aug.	QPR	A	0-9
7 Sept.	Norwich	A	1-7
14 Sept.	LUTON TOWN	H	3-1
19 Sept.	TOTTENHAM	H	0-7
26 Sept.	WATFORD	H	1-0
5 Oct.	Oxford Utd	A	3-3
10 Oct.	Tottenham	A	0-0
17 Oct.	SWINDON TOWN	H	0-1
26 Oct.	Luton Town	A	2-2
3 Nov.	QPR	H	0-3
7 Nov.	Portsmouth	A	1-2
14 Nov.	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3-1
22 Nov.	Watford	A	1-5
28 Nov.	NORWICH	H	0-1
12 Dec.	OXFORD UTD.	H	2-1
21 Dec.	Wimbledon	A	1-3
4 Jan.	ARSENAL	H	2-3
11 Jan.	Brighton	A	
16 Jan.	Chelsea	A	
23 Jan.	BRIGHTON	H	
30 Jan.	Millwall	A	
6 Feb.	CHELSEA	H	
14 Feb.	Ipswich	A	
20 Feb.	IPSWICH TOWN	H	
27 Feb.	MILLWALL	H	
8 Mar.	WIMBLEDON	H	
15 Mar.	Southampton	A	
20 Mar.	BRISTOL CITY	H	
27 Mar.	CHARLTON	H	
5 Apr.	Swindon Town	A	
8 Apr.	Arsenal	A	
11 Apr.	Bristol City	A	
18 Apr.	Crystal Palace	A	
25 Apr.	West Ham Utd.	A	
3 May	Charlton	A	
8 May	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	

earlier in the season is Ade Akinbiyi. The Norwich striker scored eight goals for the Canaries in the Combination, but is now on loan at the Goldstone Ground. It's unlikely he will be playing at Yate next week, although he made a scoring debut for Brighton's reserves, netting the winner against Charlton Athletic. However, since then, he has found the net for the first team in Division Two action.

The following Monday, Rovers Reserves are away to Millwall. Their most recent signing, Damian Webber, from Bognor Regis Town has been turning in impressive performances for the Lions at reserve level, and was called up for first team action last Wednesday. The League Cup quarter-final with Swindon was his first team debut, but their was no happy ending - the Lions went out 3-1 to the Wiltshire side.

On February 6th, last season's winners of the Combination, Chelsea, provide the opposition at Yate. They have had an epidemic of injuries in the club which has forced them

to introduce a number of YTS players into the team.

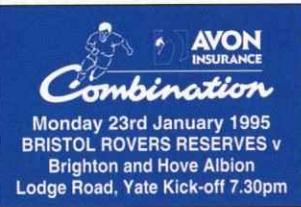
A player to watch is Muzzie Izzet who was switched up front against Spurs Reserves from his normal midfield position and responded with two goals. The champions will badly miss another front player Neil Shipperley, who in fact, was their top scorer with eight goals, including a four-goal haul against Portsmouth. He recently moved to Southampton for £1 million fee.

After a re-arranged match away to Ipswich Town, they are at Yate the following week, on February 20th.

Chris Kiwomya, out of first team action for eight games through injury, proved his fitness by scoring four goals in the Avon Insurance Combination games at Southampton and Wimbledon but by the time you read this article, he could be an Arsenal player.

The final February game will be a week later, on February 27th against Millwall

Yate regulars should note that the new date for the re-arranged match with Charlton Athletic will be Monday, 27th March.



Monday 23rd January 1995  
BRISTOL ROVERS RESERVES v  
Brighton and Hove Albion  
Lodge Road, Yate Kick-off 7.30pm

# THE YOUNG ONES

## HALF-TIME REPORT

How are the trainees doing? Very well thank you, but could do better.

The assessment is based on the development of players and the progress of the older trainees when they compete at the higher standard of reserve team football. An opening game 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Ashton Gate side followed by a 5-2 hammering by Swindon left supporters in restrained mood.

However, the early season reverses have been followed by much more determined displays. As a unit, the trainees have been knocked into shape by Youth Team Manager, Tony Gill. Although the improved team efforts and individual performances have not been translated into winning results, the players are now competing and matching their counterparts.

The true measure of the progress of the trainees is the number and quality of players that go on to play first team football. There are several who are staking strong claims for full professional contracts.

After Steve, Marcus, Lee, Marcus, Lee, Paul, Andy, Martin, Matt, Tom and Marcus in recent years there will be..... Look in your crystal ball!

### MATT PARKINSON PROFILE

Matthew Parkinson from Weston-Super-Mare has been linked with the club since he was 10 years old.

He missed all of the 1993-94 season with a serious injury sustained in pre-season training. As a schoolboy, Matt made eight appearances for Rovers youth team in the 1992-93 season and is the only ever present this year. Faced with a year out of the game, the first six months of this current season have been particularly tough. Matt has had to struggle with both the mental and physical demands of football at a truly demanding and competitive level.

There can be no doubt that Matt Parkinson is a skilful, composed and intuitive midfield general who deserves to succeed. Before joining Rovers he played for Milton Nomads, Whitchurch, the County of Avon Schools side and the West of England. A fine reader of the game and an excellent passer of the ball, Matt has been working especially hard on the physical aspects of his game. Much of this season, he has been struggling to regain his match fitness and gain the confidence to play his preferred passing game.

Born in Weston-Super-Mare in September 1976, Matthew attended Banwell School and Churchill School where he especially enjoyed the sports of Rugby, Tennis, Skiing and Swimming. Among the important career influences to date, Matt names Tony Pickering, from Lilleshall, Steve Yates and his ever supportive parents. Matt is a great admirer of Ian Molby, Chris Waddle and Glenn Hoddle; stars he would love to emulate.

Matt is hoping to become a professional footballer and play at the highest level. He has a full year left to prove his qualities and has every chance of realising his dream. Recovery from career threatening injuries takes time and patience. The real Matt Parkinson is on his way back. With patience, support and guidance, it will all be worthwhile for him and Rovers. Matt deserves good fortune and his dream could come true.

### Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers

Player	Apps	Goals
David Atkinson	4+2	2
Ian Barritt	0+2	0
Ryan Bartlett	4	0
Jon Barton	16	1
Dylan Dale	21	12
Nick Delong	0+2	0
Jamie Dibble	18+2	1
Lee Fox	5+4	0
Marlon Francis	18	6
Jon French	20	4
Tim Goddard	2+3	0
Stuart Harte	16+1	0
Shane Higgs	17	0
Matt Hope	0+3	1
Gavin Morgan	3	0
Ryan Morgan	3	0
Nicky Mills	10+2	0
Matt Parkinson	22	0
Justin Pritchard	8+3	1
Sheridan Sefton	18	4
Phile Sergeant	17+2	0
Paul Uren	18	0
Tristan Westlake	1	0
Own Goals	-	-

### THE SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 1994-95

DATE	VERSUS	H/A	RESULT
13 Aug.	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-6
20 Aug.	Swindon Town	A	2-5
27 Aug.	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	0-0
3 Sept.	Tottenham	A	1-3
10 Sept.	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1-3
17 Sept.	Wycombe Wanderers (LC1)	A	3-3
24 Sept.	WYCOMBE WANDERERS (LC1)	H	4-1
1 Oct.	BRIGHTON	H	3-3
8 Oct.	Luton Town	A	1-2
15 Oct.	READING	H	1-1
22 Oct.	Bristol City (LC2)	A	0-3
29 Oct.	Southampton	A	1-1
5 Nov.	OXFORD UTD.	H	0-3
19 Nov.	Colchester	A	0-0
26 Nov.	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	6-2
10 Dec.	Brentford	A	1-1
17 Dec.	BRENTFORD	H	0-1
14 Jan.	AFC Bournemouth	A	
21 Jan.	TOTTENHAM	H	
28 Jan.	Crystal Palace	A	
11 Feb.	Brighton	A	
18 Feb.	LUTON TOWN	H	
25 Feb.	Reading	A	
4 Mar.	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
11 Mar.	Oxford Utd.	A	
25 Mar.	COLCHESTER	H	
1 Apr.	Wimbledon	A	
TBA	WIMBLEDON	H	
TBA	Bristol City	A	
TBA	SWINDON TOWN	H	



## FROM DOWN UNDER

The photograph opposite appeared in the Evening Standard on the 4th Jan. 1995 showing some very happy Rovers fans down under. Cliffe Chermside who has supported the Rovers for the last 35 years sent the cutting to us, and we thank the Evening Standard for sending us the photograph to reproduce here.

Martin and Kevin Willmott with Jason Dunn all from Oldland Common, Bristol.

## YOUR SAY

Dear Rovers,  
May I support John Ward's comments in the programme for the Chester game? Rovers' positive approach to supporting good public relations deserves praise.

I took my son to the "Quid a Kid" enclosure and the behaviour of the fans was exemplary - especially as we had a female linesman, who could have been open to abuse. The club has taken one of my pupils on work experience and she had a superb time because the shop and players were so supportive and friendly.

The School of Excellence is providing brilliant training for other pupils hoping to become professional footballers - proof again that Rovers have always been a family club.

May the club continue to win in style and gain deserved promotion.

Yours sincerely  
**GORDON WILLIAMS**  
Malmesbury School.

Dear Mr Ward,

I wrote this poem about Bristol Rovers. I hope you like it:-

*Andy Gurney is a perfect fullback.  
He plays with such style.  
And who else but Brian Parkin in goal,  
He can see the ball coming for miles.*

*Marcus Stewart and Paul Miller,  
The goalie's got no chance with these two.  
Scoring goals from left, right and centre  
Is what they do.*

*Wingers such as Lee Archer and Worrell Sterling,  
Nothing can go wrong.  
With vital tackles and accurate crosses,  
Goals just come along.*

*Defenders such as Billy Clark and Andy Tillson,  
With such powerful heads.  
They both give hundred per cent commitment,  
They often save the game, it's said.*

*The sub goalie, Marcus Law,  
A fine shot-stopper, the perfect stand-in,  
And Ian Wright for defence,  
He could never commit a sin.*

*Justin Channing in midfield, pushing for goal,*

*Doing the same is Justin Skinner.  
Sub strikers, Gareth Taylor and Martin Paul,  
One day they will be a real winner.*

*Another midfielder,  
Marcus Browning,  
A local lad who works hard for his place.  
And a full back, Lee Maddison,  
Who has amazing talent and pace.*

*David Pritchard, nicknamed "Pit Bull",  
The perfect person for right-back.  
Paul Hardyman's making a comeback,  
After an injury he's out to prove he's not slack.*

*Then there's the supporters,  
They stick with the team through good and bad.  
Giving the lads encouragement,  
A lot of people would say we're mad.*

*But we are loyal supporters,  
And you can guarantee we'll always be there.  
Singing and shouting,  
Supporters like this are very rare.*

Sent in by **SOPHIE DYER**, aged 13, of Bishopsworth, Bristol.  
Well done, Sophie and thanks from everyone at Rovers.

## JUSTIN SKINNER

### ON THE SPOT

Which team did you support as a boy?

I supported Liverpool, though I regularly watched Queens Park Rangers and remember Gary Waddock playing for them...

**Who was your favourite player?**

I had two favourite players - Glenn Hoddle for his skill and touch and Kevin Keegan for his enthusiasm and determination.

**Which current team/player do you admire?**

Manchester United and all of their players. I think they are the best team around at the moment and so many of their players are class.

**Your best moment in football so far?**

Captaining Rovers for a time last season is the highlight to date but I'm hoping there are more highlights to come.

**Your biggest disappointment?**

Losing in the Third Division play-offs when I played for Fulham against Rovers and relegation with Rovers in 1992-93.

**Biggest influence on your career?**

Every manager I've played under. It's important to listen to all the advice and opinions offered and act on what you consider to be the best advice...

**Who is the toughest opponent you have faced?**

Jan Molby of Liverpool.

**In your opinion, who is the best player you have seen?**

From video footage, I would say Michael Platini of France and Zico of Brazil.

**Your most prized football possession?**

I'm still waiting to win it, though I did win the Young Player of the Year award whilst at Fulham.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

I enjoy playing golf and spending as much time as possible with my son, Jack.

**Your ambitions?**

To win promotion with Rovers and to play at Wembley.

**If not involved in football, what would you be doing?**

Having always played football, I'm not certain. It would have to be a job involving sport.

**Other results you look for?**

Fulham and any teams featuring players I know.



## PERFAX

**Full Name:** Justin Skinner  
**Date of Birth:** 30th January 1969  
**Place of Birth:** Chiswick  
**Height:** 6' 0'  
**Weight:** 12 St  
**Nickname:** "Skins"  
**Family:** Wife Jane and son, Jack

## CAREER UPDATE

Joined Fulham as an apprentice after leaving school and signed his first full time contract in November 1986. Made his first team debut on 17th February 1987 in a 1 - 1 draw with Rotherham at Craven Cottage. Became a regular in the Fulham side over the course of the next few years and played against Rovers in the Third Division play-offs in 1988-89. Joined Rovers for £130,000 in August 1991 and made his debut when coming on as a second half substitute in a 2 - 1 home defeat by Newcastle that month. By scoring Rovers goal that day, he became the clubs first player to score on his league debut as substitute. Suffered from injury and loss of form during the 1992-93 campaign, but since the beginning of last season has been one of the club's most consistent players with over 100 appearances.

## FAVOURITES

**T.V. Programme:** Most comedy programmes  
**Film:** Cape Fear  
**Music:** Simply Red/Deacon Blue  
**Actor/Actress:** Robert de Niro  
**Food:** Curry  
**Drink:** Lager  
**Resort or Country:** Florida  
**Football Ground:** Twerton Park

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## ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1994/95



ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1994/95 TABLE													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Birmingham C.	25	7	4	1	29	8	7	4	2	18	9	50	
Huddersfield T	26	9	2	2	24	13	4	6	3	22	19	47	
Crewe Alex.	26	9	1	3	30	18	5	3	5	22	27	46	
Oxford United	25	8	2	2	18	11	6	2	5	25	20	46	
Brentford	25	8	1	4	24	9	6	2	4	22	14	45	
Wycombe W	24	7	4	1	18	9	6	2	4	17	18	45	
Hull City	26	8	2	3	26	13	4	4	5	16	23	42	
<b>BRISTOL ROV</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	
Blackpool	26	8	1	4	25	18	4	2	7	16	26	39	
Stockport Co	25	7	1	5	22	15	5	2	5	17	18	39	
Bradford City	26	5	3	5	16	17	6	3	4	19	19	39	
York City	25	7	2	3	22	12	4	3	6	14	13	38	
Wrexham	23	7	3	2	26	14	3	4	4	16	18	37	
Swansea City	25	5	5	2	13	7	4	5	4	19	19	37	
Rotherham Utd.	25	8	2	3	23	15	1	3	8	8	16	32	
Peterborough U.	25	2	7	4	15	22	5	3	4	16	21	31	
Brighton & H.A.	25	5	5	2	13	8	2	4	7	13	25	30	
Cambridge Utd.	25	5	4	3	22	18	1	4	8	12	25	26	
Shrewsbury T.	25	5	3	4	19	15	2	2	9	12	19	26	
Plymouth Argyle	23	3	2	6	12	24	3	2	7	11	24	22	
Cardiff City	26	2	4	8	13	18	3	2	7	14	22	21	
Bournemouth	26	3	3	7	14	24	1	3	9	9	26	18	
Leyton Orient	25	4	4	4	11	10	0	1	12	6	29	17	
Chester City	25	3	2	7	12	25	0	2	11	4	22	13	

Up to and including games played 14th Jan. 1995

## APPEARANCE RECORD 1994/95

	Lge Apps	Goals	Cup Apps	Goals	Lge Apps	Goals	Car.
Archer	18+3	3	7+1	0	55+6	9	
Browning	13+6	1	5+1	0	65+16	6	
Channing	19	1	6	0	70+3	9	
Clark	23	4	9	1	152+11	9	
Collett**	4	0	1	0	4	0	
Davis	0+1	0	-	-	2+10	1	
Gurney	21+1	1	8	0	23+2	1	
Hayfield	-	-	-	-	0	0	
Hardyman	1+4	-	2+1	-	54+13	5	
Law	2	-	-	-	2	0	
Maddison	3+2	0	2+1	0	59+5	0	
McLean	0+1	0	0+1	-	17+11	2	
Miller	19	9	8	5	19	9	
Parkin	17	0	8	0	198	0	
Paul	2+1	0	2+1	0	2+5	0	
Pritchard	20	0	7	0	31	0	
Skinner	21	1	8+1	2	101+3	8	
Sterling	23	0	8	0	66	6	
Stewart	14	13	7	8	81+33	34	
Taylor G	9+9	4	2+2	0	10+9	4	
Tillson	19	2	8	1	60+1	2	
Tovey	0+1	0	-	-	0+2	0	
Waddock+	1	0	-	-	71	1	
White	-	-	-	-	0	0	
Wright	4+1	-	1	0	33+1	1	
Own Goals	-	1	-	-	-	-	
+ Now Luton Town							
**On loan from Middlesbrough							

Date	Opponents	V	F-A	Att	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	S
<b>AUGUST</b>																				
13th	Peterborough United	A	0-0	5695	13	Parkin	Pritchard	Maddison	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Stewart*	Paul	Skinner	Archert	Taylor	Browning*	Law	
20th	<b>YORK CITY</b>	H	3-1	3957	8	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	<b>Clark 1</b>	Tillson	Sterling	<b>Miller 1</b>	<b>Stewart 1</b>	Skinner	Archer*	Taylor*	Browning*	Law	
27th	Wycombe Wanderers	A	0-0	5895	11	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	Stewart*	Skinner	Archert	Taylor*	Browning*	Law	
31st	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	H	0-0	3762	12	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	Taylor	Waddock	Archer	Taylor	Browning	Law	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																				
3rd	<b>STOCKPORT COUNTY</b>	H	2-2	4263	13	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	<b>Tillson 1</b>	Sterling	Miller	Taylor	Skinner*	Archer 1	Browning*	Paul	Law	
10th	Rotherham United	A	3-0	2596	12	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	<b>Miller 2</b>	Taylor*	Skinner	Archer	Tovey*	Law	
13th	Swansea City	A	0-0	3226	12	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	Taylor	Skinner	Archer	Browning	Stewart	Law	
17th	<b>WREXHAM</b>	H	4-2	4441	6	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	<b>Clark 2</b>	Tillson	Sterling	<b>Miller 1</b>	<b>Taylor 1</b>	Skinner	Archer	Browning	Paul	Law	
24th	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-1	4596	11	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	Taylor*	Skinner	Archer	Browning*	Wright	Law	
<b>OCTOBER</b>																				
1st	<b>CREWE ALEXANDRA</b>	H	2-2	4862	12	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Wright	Sterling	Miller	<b>Taylor 2</b>	Skinner*	Archer	Browning*	Maddison	Law	
8th	Brentford	A	0-3	5330	15	Law	Pritchard	Gurney*	Channing	Clark	Wright	Sterling	Browning	<b>Pault</b>	Skinner	Archer	Maddison*	Davist	Higgs	
15th	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	H	2-2	3936	13	Law	Pritchard	Maddison	<b>Channing 1</b>	<b>Clark 1</b>	Tillson	Sterling	Browning	Taylor	Skinner*	Archer	Gurney*	McLeant	Higgs	
22nd	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE</b>	H	3-0	4107	12	Collett	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	<b>Miller 2*</b>	<b>Stewart 1</b>	Skinner	Browning	McLean	Taylor*	Law	
29th	Birmingham City	A	0-2	15886	13	Collett	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	Stewart*	Skinner*	Archer	Taylor*	Taylor	Law	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																				
1st	Cambridge United	A	1-1	2328	12	Collett	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing	Clark	<b>Tillson 1</b>	Sterling	Miller	Stewart	Skinner	Browning	Archer	Taylor	Law	
5th	<b>BRADFORD CITY</b>	H	4-0	4247	12	Collett	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing*	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	<b>Stewart 2</b>	Skinner	Browning	Archer*	Taylor	Law	
19th	Hull City	A	2-0	4450	10	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Channing*	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Taylor	<b>Stewart 2</b>	Skinner	Browning	Archer*	Pault	Law	
26th	<b>HUDDERSFIELD TOWN</b>	H	1-1	5679	12	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Browning	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	<b>Miller 1*</b>	Stewart	Skinner	Archer	Taylor*	Paul	Law	
<b>DECEMBER</b>																				
10th	York City	A	3-0	3094	9	Parkin	Pritchard	Gurney	Browning	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	<b>Stewart 2</b>	Skinner 1	Archer*	Hardyman*	Taylor	Law	
17th	<b>PETERBOROUGH UTD</b>	H	3-1	4635	7	Parkin	Channing	Gurney 1	Browning	Clark	Wright	Sterling	Miller	<b>Stewart 2</b>	Skinner	Archer*	Hardyman*	Taylor	Law	
26th	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b>	H	2-1	6913	7	Parkin	Gurney	Maddison	Browning	Clark	Wright	Sterling	<b>Miller 1</b>	<b>Stewart 1</b>	Skinner	Archer*	Hardyman*	Taylor	Higgs	
31st	<b>CHESTER CITY</b>	H	3-0	5629	8	Parkin	Pritchard*	Gurney	Browning	Clark	Tillson	Sterling	Miller	<b>Stewart 1</b>	Skinner	Archer	Hardyman*	Taylor	Higgs	
<b>JANUARY</b>																				
14th	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	H</td																		

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Worrell STERLING  
Paul MILLER  
Marcus STEWART  
Paul HARDYMAN  
Lee ARCHER

### LUTON TOWN

1 Juergen SOMMER  
2 Julian JAMES  
3 Marvin JOHNSON  
4 Gary WADDOCK  
5 Mitchell THOMAS  
6 Trevor PEAKE  
7 Paul TELFER  
8 Scott OAKES  
9 Kerry DIXON  
10 David PREECE  
11 Dwight MARSHALL

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Martin PAUL  
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Shane HIGGS

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